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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

DEMAND AND SUPPLY BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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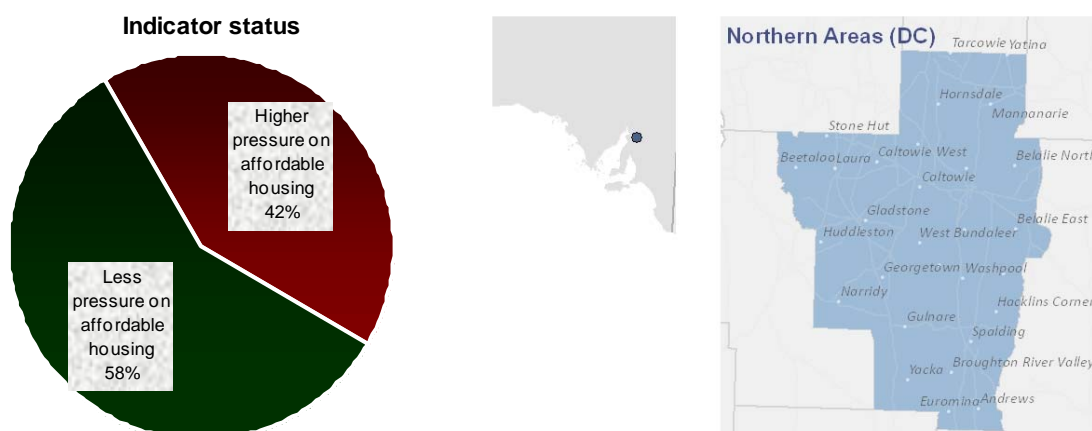
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Housing Affordability - Northern Areas (DC)

The complexity surrounding affordability means that there is no one best measure for assessing the nature and degree of housing affordability problems.

This report describes the extent and general nature of local housing needs. A summary of the report is provided below.



Housing Demand Northern Areas (DC)		Less pressure on affordable housing market = 
		More pressure on affordable housing market = 
		Stable pressure on affordable housing market = 
1	Low and moderate income households Percentage of low income households (less than 80% of state median) 2011: 42.8%. [Rest of State: 41.1%]	
2	Household and family types Percentage change in the number of households between 2006 and 2011: 1.1%. [Rest of State: 5.7%]	
3	Age of household reference person Percentage of households where the household reference person is aged 60 years or over: 38.8%. [Rest of State: 36.5%]	
4	Housing stress, 2011 Percentage of private renter households paying more than 25% of their weekly gross household income on housing: 32.8%. [Rest of State: 56.5%]	
5	Recent movers (2006 - 2011) Percentage of people who were living at a different address five years ago (2011 data): 27.2%. [Rest of State: 32.7%]	
6	Indigenous persons (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders) Indigenous persons by age group, 2011: 1.2%. [Rest of State: 4.0%]	
Housing Supply Northern Areas (DC)		
7	Dwelling prices Average annual percentage change in median dwelling prices, 2003-04 to 2011-12: 6.6%. [Rest of State: 6.9%]	
8	Tenure Diversity, 2011 Percentage of households who own, or are purchasing their dwelling, 2011: 76.3%. [Rest of State: 66.2%]	
9	Affordable house sales Proportion of dwelling sales that were affordable to low income households between July 2006 and June 2012 : 48.2%. [Rest of State: 16.8%]	
10	Affordable private rents Proportion of private rents that were affordable to low income households between July 2006 and June 2012 : 80.0%. [Rest of State: 61.7%]	
11	Dwelling type Percentage of dwellings with one or two bedrooms: 19.9%. [Rest of State: 20.2%]	
12	Recent development trends by dwelling type Percentage of new residential dwellings which were flats, units or apartments, July 2008 to June 2012: 0.0%. [Rest of State: 10.8%]	
13	Social housing stock Social housing stock (number of dwellings): 52	n/a

1 Low and moderate income households

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What is the desired trend?

A mix of household incomes is desirable in any location.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

Very Low and Low income households are defined as those households earning up to 80% of the State's median income. In 2011 80% of the State's median income was \$835 per week.

In 2011, Northern Areas (DC) has a greater proportion of very low and low income households (42.8%) compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area (33.1%).

The number of very low and low income households in Northern Areas (DC) was 788.

What is the current trend?

South Australia is a lower income state, with lower median household incomes than the eastern states.

As affordability declines, lower income households concentrate in areas which are less well located, often further from employment, education and other services.

Why use this information?

Understanding the mix of household types in a community informs the demand and need for housing.

The median household income is the household income at which half the households have more income and half have less income.

The low and moderate income households indicator uses the following widely used description for very low, low and moderate income households.

- Very low income – 50% of median household income
- Low income – 80% of median household income
- Moderate income – 120% of median household income

As housing markets operate regionally, calculations of very low, low and moderate income households are based on two medians – one for metropolitan and one for rest of state.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

A vibrant and healthy community needs a broad social mix - in terms of family types, family backgrounds, incomes, ages, etc. A wide mix of people in a community will result in a greater diversity of activities and ideas.

A larger concentration of higher income households and people in stable employment will drive up house prices and rents beyond the affordability of lower income households and those employed on a flexible basis.

Household income by tenure type, 2011

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Tenure type	Very low income (<50% of median)		Low income (50%-80% of median)		Moderate income (80%-120% of median)		High income (>120% of median)		Income not stated		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Being purchased (incl rent/buy)	95	20.8	83	25.0	116	35.2	222	41.3	67	36.0	583	31.7
Rented: Public	31	6.8	9	2.7	0	0.0	3	0.6	0	0.0	43	2.3
Rented: Private and not stated	69	15.1	42	12.7	41	12.4	43	8.0	19	10.2	214	11.6
Rented: Other landlord	7	1.5	3	0.9	11	3.3	15	2.8	3	1.6	39	2.1
Other tenure types	254	55.7	195	58.7	162	49.1	254	47.3	97	52.2	962	52.3
Total	456	100.0	332	100.0	330	100.0	537	100.0	186	100.0	1,841	100.0

Source: Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data, 2011 Census of Population and Housing Data based on Place of Usual Residence

2 Household and family types Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

A mix of household sizes and types is desirable in all locations.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

Between 2006 and 2011 the percentage change in total households for Northern Areas (DC) was 1.1%. This rate of change was lower than that in the Rest of State Statistical Area which experienced a 5.7% increase.

What is the current trend?

Household formation rates continue to exceed population growth.

National household size is reducing and there are less people living in each home. This decline has been attributed to declining fertility rates, ageing of the population, higher divorce rates and preferences for living alone.

The exception to this trend is the Indigenous community. The average household size with at least one Indigenous person was 3.5 people.

Why use this information?

Informs the extent of the demand and need for different housing types.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

Housing demand is fuelled more by household formation rates than it is by growth of total population. This means that there is often a continued growth for housing, even in areas of no or low population growth.

Nationally, single person households are the fastest growing household type. There is limited housing stock affordable for them, even in lower demand areas.

Household and Family types	2011		2006		Change 2006 to 2011	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Couple Families with Children 15 or over	120	9.6	130	10.0	-10	-7.7
Couple Families with Children under 15	355	28.3	379	29.2	-24	-6.3
Total couples with child(ren)	475	37.9	509	39.2	-34	-6.7
One Parent Families with Children 15 or over	63	5.0	58	4.5	5	8.6
One Parent Families with Children under 15	63	5.0	91	7.0	-28	-30.8
Total one parent families	126	10.0	149	11.5	-23	-15.4
Other Families	10	0.8	11	0.8	-1	-9.1
Couple Families with No Children	643	51.3	628	48.4	15	2.4
Total families	1,254	100.0	1,297	100.0	-43	-3.3
One Family Households	1,242	65.2	1,286	68.3	-44	-3.4
Two or more family households	8	0.4	10	0.5	-2	-20.0
Total family households	1,250	65.7	1,296	68.8	-46	-3.5
Lone person household	549	28.8	500	26.5	49	9.8
Group household	38	2.0	27	1.4	11	40.7
Other Households	67	3.5	61	3.2	6	9.8
Total households	1,904	100.0	1,884	100.0	20	1.1
Average household size (Average number of people per household)	2.3		2.4		-0.1	-4.2

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing Household Data based on Place of Enumeration (Place on Census night), Family Data based on Place of Usual Residence

3 Age of household reference person

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

A mix of age groups is desirable for any location.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

In 2011, Northern Areas (DC) had a greater proportion of households with a household reference person (or "head") aged 60 years or older (38.8%) compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area (36.5%). The number of "older" households in Northern Areas (DC) was 740.

What is the current trend?

SA is ageing faster than the rest of Australia and 22.2% of its population is expected to be aged 65 or more by 2021 compared to 18.7% nationally.

Age profiles vary across housing tenures, with older persons predominately in outright homeownership.

Why use this information?

The indicator provides an age profile of heads of households and its influence on housing need and demand.

Data on the age profile of the population (as opposed to head of household) is available from the ABS.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

An age profile of a community effects relative housing need. Age cohorts provide an indication of likely housing demand.

- Young people (typically 15-24 years) often experience the highest incidence of housing stress and require housing options that support a transition to independence.
- Households in the mid 20s to 40s are often starting a family and seeking opportunities to enter homeownership.
- Mature aged householders in their 50s and 60s are more likely to be outright owners. Those in private rental are unlikely to enter homeownership at this stage in life.
- Older households (over 65) are often asset rich but income poor and looking for housing options which enable ageing within their community or support services that assists them to age in place.

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Age of household reference persons	2011	
	number	%
15-29 years	161	8.4
30-44 years	376	19.7
45-59 years	565	29.6
60-74 years	471	24.7
75 and over	269	14.1
No Matches	65	3.4
Total	1,907	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing
Data based on Place of Usual Residence

4 Housing Stress, 2011

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

Reduction in the proportion of households, particularly private renters, in housing stress and extreme stress.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

In 2011, Northern Areas (DC) had a lower proportion of private renter households (includes those with a landlord type of 'other') who were earning a moderate income or less and paying more than 25% of their income on housing (48.0%) compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area (56.5%). The number of private renter households earning a moderate income or less which are in housing stress in Northern Areas (DC) was 83.

What is the current trend?

While increasing in total numbers, the proportion of households in housing stress increased in SA from 2006 to 2011.

Housing stress affects some tenures disproportionately, with private tenants bearing the brunt of declining housing affordability, and increasingly first homebuyers.

Why use this information?

Housing stress is an indicator of housing need, which was initially developed by the National Housing Strategy in 1990/91 and is widely used across Australia.

The South Australian Strategic Plan sets a target to lead the nation over the period to 2020 in the proportion of low income households not experiencing housing stress. It describes housing stress as low income households (lowest 40% of incomes) paying more than 25% of gross household income for private rental or 30% for mortgage repayments.

Low and moderate income households paying more than 50% of their gross household income on housing are often considered to be in extreme housing stress.

Housing stress calculations are limited to the proportion of income paid on rent and mortgage payments, as reported through the Census. Affordability issues are compounded often by associated energy and water consumption and transport costs. However these are difficult to quantify, given variations in household type, health and lifestyle preferences and employment patterns and have therefore been excluded.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

A household that is in stress is less likely to be able to contribute to community life, either due to the need to work longer hours to pay the bills, or simply because there isn't enough money for other activities.

The housing stress problem manifests itself in different ways, such as moving to a lower priced area (and hence often away from job opportunities), postponement of child bearing or family breakdown.

As alternative housing forms and tenures increase, providing greater opportunities for a range of more affordable housing options, the level of housing stress in the community should decline.



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Housing stress, 2011	Very low income <50%		Low income <80%		Moderate income <120%		Total households
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Households paying more than 25% of income on housing							
Being purchased (incl rent/buy)	61	13.4	98	12.4	134	12.0	159
Rented: Public	7	1.5	10	1.3	10	0.9	10
Rented: Private and not stated	60	13.2	76	9.6	76	6.8	76
Rented: Other landlord	7	1.5	7	0.9	7	0.6	7
Rented: TOTAL	74	16.2	93	11.8	93	8.3	93
Other tenure types	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Total households	135	29.6	191	24.2	227	20.3	252
Households paying more than 30% of income on housing							
Being purchased (incl rent/buy)	45	9.9	74	9.4	93	8.3	106
Rented: Public	4	0.9	4	0.5	4	0.4	4
Rented: Private and not stated	55	12.1	61	7.7	61	5.5	61
Rented: Other landlord	4	0.9	4	0.5	4	0.4	4
Rented: TOTAL	63	13.8	69	8.8	69	6.2	69
Other tenure types	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Total households	108	23.7	143	18.1	162	14.5	175
Households paying more than 50% of income on housing							
Being purchased (incl rent/buy)	28	6.1	36	4.6	43	3.8	43
Rented: Public	4	0.9	4	0.5	4	0.4	4
Rented: Private and not stated	16	3.5	16	2.0	16	1.4	16
Rented: Other landlord	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Rented: TOTAL	20	4.4	20	2.5	20	1.8	20
Other tenure types	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Total households	48	10.5	56	7.1	63	5.6	63
Total households renting or purchasing							
Being purchased (incl rent/buy)	95	20.8	178	22.6	294	26.3	583
Rented: Public	31	6.8	40	5.1	40	3.6	43
Rented: Private and not stated	69	15.1	111	14.1	152	13.6	214
Rented: Other landlord	7	1.5	10	1.3	21	1.9	39
Rented: TOTAL	107	23.5	161	20.4	213	19.1	296
Other tenure types	254	55.7	449	57.0	611	54.7	962
Total households	456	100.0	788	100.0	1,118	100.0	1,841

Source: Based on [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) data, 2011 Census of Population and Housing
Data based on Place of Usual Residence

5 Recent movers (2006 -2011)

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

A mix of household sizes and types is desirable in all locations.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

In 2011, Northern Areas (DC) had a lower proportion of people who were living at a different address five years ago (27.2)% compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area (32.7%). The number of recent movers in Northern Areas (DC) was 1,225.

What is the current trend?

Migration trends influence the housing form and demand and movement across the metropolitan area is important factor in residential planning.

Non metropolitan areas often have a net migration of young adults from the areas in search of educational and employment opportunities. There is also a 'sea-change' and 'tree-change' phenomenon nationally with older households moving outside inner metropolitan areas, placing greater demands on physical and social infrastructure for the destination communities.

Why use this information?

This indicator provides a measure of recent movers into the Council area and therefore likely future housing need through identifying population and demographic trends that can influence housing demand.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

Developing a broad picture of future household profile will assist in determining the likely demand for housing in the future, as differing groups, household types and sizes have differing housing needs.

It also can inform local housing strategies which may promote certain population groups into the community, eg younger workforce in an ageing community.

Northern Areas (DC)

Age of persons who had a different address in the 2006 Census	Moved between 2006 and 2011			
	number	%		
5-9 years	94	7.7		
10-14 years	81	6.6		
15-29 years	296	24.2		
30-44 years	270	22.0		
45-59 years	234	19.1		
60-74 years	163	13.3		
75 and over	87	7.1		
Total persons	1,225	100.0		

Households who had a different address in the 2006 Census by current tenure	Moved between 2006 and 2011		Households who had a different address in the 2006 Census by household income	Moved between 2006 and 2011	
	number	%		number	%
Fully owned	133	23.1	Very low income	140	24.3
Being purchased (incl rent/buy)	237	41.1	Low income	94	16.3
Rented (incl rent-free)	196	34.0	Moderate income	105	18.2
Other tenure type (incl life tenure)	8	1.4	High income	190	32.9
Not stated	3	0.5	One or more incomes not stated	48	8.3
Total households	577	100.0	Total households	577	100.0

Source: Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data, 2011 Census of Population and Housing Data based on Place of Usual Residence

6 Indigenous persons

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

A mix of population groups is desirable in any location, promoting tolerance and providing choice for a diversity of people.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

In 2011, Northern Areas (DC) had a lower proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (1.2%) compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area (66.2%). The number of "indigenous persons in Northern Areas (DC) was 65.

What is the current trend?

Nationally, proportions of households with an Indigenous person continues to grow. Over the last 5 years the median age of Indigenous people has increased and the median household size has decreased.

Why use this information?

Across Australia, Indigenous people experience higher levels of housing need. Indigenous homelessness is 3.5 times and overcrowding almost 6 times the national figures. Indigenous home ownership is less than half the national figure.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

A diversity of dwelling types and sometimes specialised services are needed to support a diversity of population groups. Indigenous people, for example typically have larger households and often experience discrimination in the private rental market.

Indigenous persons (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders)

Northern Areas (DC)

Age group (years)	2011		2006	
	number	%	number	%
0 to 9	11	13.5	14	18.7
10 to 19	19	23.4	16	21.3
20 to 29	13	16.0	3	4.0
30 to 39	8	9.8	9	12.0
40 to 49	6	7.4	6	8.0
50 to 59	0	0.0	6	8.0
60 and over	8	9.8	6	8.0
Total	65	80.0	60	80.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing
Data based on Place of Enumeration (Place on Census night)

7 Dwelling prices

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

Stable house and rent prices rising proportionate to household income growth.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

The median house price in Northern Areas (DC) for the financial year 2011-12 was \$139,750. Between July 2003 and June 2012 the average annual change in median house prices for Northern Areas (DC) was 6.6%. This rate of change is lower when compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area with 6.9%.

What is the current trend?

House and land prices have nearly doubled over the past decade across Australia.

Rental prices have been more stable although steadily increasing, in excess of household income growth. Tight vacancy rates and the recent upswing in house prices indicate further price rises in coming years.

Why use this information?

Median prices provide an indication of accessibility of home ownership and rental options.

One of the most pertinent factors preventing households in the private rental market from leaving the tenure and entering home ownership is the rapid increase in house prices.

House prices are derived from data held by the Valuer General and are calculated based on all sales for the previous year.

Median rent prices are made available from the Residential Tenancies Branch in South Australia and is derived from new rent bonds lodged.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

Increases in median house and rent prices in excess of household income growth have a negative impact on housing affordability.

Median dwelling prices, 2003 to 2012

Financial year ending June 30	Dwelling type			Total
	Detached house	Attached dwelling <i>(Maisonettes / Row Houses)</i>	Flat/Unit <i>(Home units / Flats / Townhouses)</i>	
	median price \$	median price \$	median price \$	
2003 to 2004	84,500	5,000		84,000
2004 to 2005	97,025	75,000		96,550
2005 to 2006	110,000			110,000
2006 to 2007	125,000			125,000
2007 to 2008	135,000			135,000
2008 to 2009	153,000			153,000
2009 to 2010	160,000			160,000
2010 to 2011	179,500			179,500
2011 to 2012	139,750	110,000	300,000	139,750

Source: Valuer Generals Office

8 Tenure Diversity, 2011

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

A mix of housing tenure options with a strong level of home ownership.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

In 2011, Northern Areas (DC) had a greater proportion of households purchasing or owning their dwelling (76.3%) compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area (66.2%). The number of households purchasing and owning their dwelling in Northern Areas (DC) was 1,455.

What is the current trend?

While home ownership rates in SA and nationally have been relatively static since the mid 1980s, there has been an increase in outright ownership and a decrease in those purchasing their home.

The national and South Australian trends indicate a decline in home purchase rates for 25 to 44 year olds. It is unclear at this stage whether the decline among younger households represents a deferral or permanent reduction in purchase and hence ownership rates.

Nationally, there is a substantially lower level of homeownership among the Indigenous population (less than half the national rate).

Why use this information?

Tenure profile provides an indication of housing choices available within a community.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

A variety of housing tenures will encourage a mix of people in a community. A vibrant and healthy community needs a wide social mix, in terms of family types, family backgrounds, ages, etc. A wide mix of people in a community will result in a greater diversity of activities and ideas.

Whilst the "Great Australian Dream" of home ownership remains a real goal for most, at some stages in life, there is a need for alternative forms of accommodation. For example, students and other young single people leaving home or older persons wish to downsize but remain within the local community.

Providing greater choice in housing tenure results in greater affordability of housing for all. A wide mix of housing provision in an area will provide a sense of security to existing residents that they and their children can afford to live in their community through all stages of life, should they choose to do so.

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Tenure type	Separate house		Medium density		High density		Other Dwelling Structure		Not stated		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Fully Owned	854	47.3	3	5.6	0	0.0	15	31.9	0	0.0	872	45.8
Being Purchased (incl rent/buy)	572	31.7	3	5.6	0	0.0	8	17.0	0	0.0	583	30.6
Rented from State/Territory Housing Authority	16	0.9	28	51.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	44	2.3
Rented from other landlord	243	13.5	6	11.1	0	0.0	20	42.6	0	0.0	269	14.1
Rented and landlord type not stated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Occupied rent free	48	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	48	2.5
Other Tenure Type	21	1.2	7	13.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	28	1.5
Tenure Not Stated	51	2.8	7	13.0	0	0.0	4	8.5	0	0.0	62	3.3
Total	1,805	100.0	54	100.0	0	100.0	47	100.0	0	100.0	1,906	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing Data based on Place of Enumeration (Place on Census Night)

9 Affordable house sales

Northern Areas (DC)

➔ What is the desired trend?

Increased proportion of house sales which are affordable for low and moderate income households.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

There were 415 dwelling sales in the period 2006-2012 in Northern Areas (DC). The proportion of dwelling sales that were affordable to low income households was 48.2%. This was greater compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area with 16.8%.

➔ What is the current trend?

The percentage of sales affordable for low and moderate income households has declined dramatically such that only a small percentage of sales are within an affordable range.

➔ Why use this information?

This is an indicator of the feasibility of attaining the Australian dream of home ownership for low and moderate income households.

House prices provide a good indicator of home purchase affordability for a local area.

House prices are derived from data held by the Valuer General.

➔ What does this mean for affordability in the area?

Low and moderate income households represent 60% of households in the state. With access to a limited percentage of the sales, there will be greater pressure on the private rental market and people's aspirations for home ownership will not be realised.

Price Points - Home purchase	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009	
	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State
Very Low Income	\$91,000	\$79,000	\$88,000	\$79,000	\$106,000	\$98,000
Low Income	\$145,000	\$127,000	\$141,000	\$126,000	\$170,000	\$157,000
Median Income	\$181,000	\$158,000	\$176,000	\$158,000	\$212,000	\$196,000
Moderate Income	\$218,000	\$190,000	\$211,000	\$189,000	\$255,000	\$235,000

Price Points - Home purchase	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State
Very Low Income	\$120,000	\$102,000	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$113,000	\$89,000
Low Income	\$192,000	\$182,000	\$161,000	\$128,000	\$180,000	\$142,000
Median Income	\$240,000	\$227,000	\$201,000	\$160,000	\$225,000	\$177,000
Moderate Income	\$288,000	\$273,000	\$241,000	\$192,000	\$271,000	\$213,000

Please note: based on current RBA bank rate and 5% deposit



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All percentage figures refer to the percentage of the total sales for that year.

Affordable house sales Year ending June 30	Detached and semi-detached houses		Flats, units and apartments		Total private sales	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
very low income households (up to 50% of the median income)						
2006-07	19	21.1	0	0.0	20	22.2
2007-08	15	20.0	0	0.0	15	20.0
2008-09	9	16.4	0	0.0	10	18.2
2009-10	15	21.4	0	0.0	15	21.4
2010-11	7	11.7	0	0.0	5	8.3
2011-12	8	12.3	0	0.0	10	15.4
Total	75	18.1	0	0.0	75	18.1
low income households (up to 80% of the median income)						
2006-07	47	52.2	0	0.0	45	50.0
2007-08	36	48.0	0	0.0	35	46.7
2008-09	28	50.9	0	0.0	30	54.5
2009-10	41	58.6	0	0.0	40	57.1
2010-11	17	28.3	0	0.0	15	25.0
2011-12	30	46.2	0	0.0	30	46.2
Total	200	48.2	0	0.0	200	48.2
moderate income households (up to 120% of the median income)						
2006-07	77	85.6	0	0.0	75	83.3
2007-08	54	72.0	0	0.0	55	73.3
2008-09	49	89.1	0	0.0	50	90.9
2009-10	57	81.4	0	0.0	55	78.6
2010-11	37	61.7	0	0.0	35	58.3
2011-12	51	78.5	0	0.0	50	76.9
Total	325	78.3	0	0.0	325	78.3
Total properties						
2006-07	90	100.0	0	0.0	90	100.0
2007-08	75	100.0	0	0.0	75	100.0
2008-09	55	100.0	0	0.0	55	100.0
2009-10	70	100.0	0	0.0	70	100.0
2010-11	60	100.0	0	0.0	60	100.0
2011-12	65	100.0	*	1.5-7.7	65	100.0
Total	410	98.8	*	0.2-1.2	415	100.0

Source: South Australian Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, 2013

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10 Affordable private rents

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

An increase in the percentage of rental properties which have affordable rents.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

The proportion of private rents that were affordable to low income households between July 2006 and June 2012 in Northern Areas (DC) was 80.0%. This was greater compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area with 61.7%, and represented 325 private rentals in Northern Areas (DC) during the period.

What is the current trend?

While the SA private rental market continues to grow (17.0% of all dwellings in 2006 to 19.3% in 2011), the proportion of low cost private rental stock has decreased at a time when the proportion of low income private renters has increased.

Why use this information?

An affordable rent is calculated to be 30% of weekly gross income.

Household incomes, the bases for determining very low, low and moderate income households, have been calculated from Census data and indexed by CPI in gap years.

The data is made available from the Residential Tenancies Branch in South Australia and is derived from new rent bonds lodged.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

Private rental market continues to grow in South Australia, particularly as social housing stock levels and home purchase opportunities decline. Renters are also in the private rental market for longer periods of time with around 40% renting for longer than 10 years. The most dramatic change in the private rental market in South Australia has been the increase in low income households. Access into low cost stock by low income people is further limited as more than half of low cost rental properties are being occupied by households who could afford to pay more(a).

(a) Yates J., Wulff M., and Burke T. (2000) *Low Rent Housing in Australia 1986 - 1996 and 2001*

Price Points - Rental	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009	
	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State
Very Low Income	\$145	\$127	\$152	\$136	\$159	\$147
Low Income	\$232	\$202	\$243	\$218	\$255	\$235
Median Income	\$290	\$253	\$304	\$273	\$318	\$294
Moderate Income	\$348	\$304	\$365	\$327	\$382	\$353

Price Points - Rental	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State	Capital City	Rest of State
Very Low Income	\$167	\$142	\$166	\$132	\$172	\$135
Low Income	\$267	\$253	\$265	\$211	\$275	\$216
Median Income	\$334	\$317	\$332	\$264	\$344	\$271
Moderate Income	\$400	\$380	\$398	\$317	\$413	\$325



Northern Areas (DC)

All percentage figures refer to the percentage of the total private rentals for that year.

Affordable private rents Year ending June 30	Detached and semi-detached houses		Flats, units and apartments		Total private rentals	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
very low income households (up to 50% of the median)						
2006-07	16	29.1	0	0.0	15	27.3
2007-08	12	26.7	*	2.2-11.1	15	33.3
2008-09	11	22.0	*	2.0-10.0	10	20.0
2009-10	9	15.0	0	0.0	10	16.7
2010-11	*	1.7-8.3	0	0.0	*	1.7-8.3
2011-12	*	1.8-9.1	0	0.0	*	1.8-9.1
Total	50	15.4	*	0.3-1.5	55	16.9
low income households (up to 80% of the median income)						
2006-07	50	90.9	0	0.0	50	90.9
2007-08	35	77.8	*	2.2-11.1	35	77.8
2008-09	47	94.0	*	2.0-10.0	50	100.0
2009-10	48	80.0	*	1.7-8.3	50	83.3
2010-11	38	63.3	*	1.7-8.3	40	66.7
2011-12	36	65.5	*	1.8-9.1	35	63.6
Total	255	78.5	10	3.1	260	80.0
moderate income households (up to 120% of the median income)						
2006-07	54	98.2	0	0.0	55	100.0
2007-08	39	86.7	*	2.2-11.1	40	88.9
2008-09	50	100.0	*	2.0-10.0	50	100.0
2009-10	57	95.0	*	1.7-8.3	60	100.0
2010-11	55	91.7	*	1.7-8.3	60	100.0
2011-12	50	90.9	*	1.8-9.1	55	100.0
Total	305	93.8	15	4.6	320	98.5
Total properties						
2006-07	55	100.0	0	0.0	55	100.0
2007-08	40	88.9	*	2.2-11.1	45	100.0
2008-09	50	100.0	*	2.0-10.0	50	100.0
2009-10	60	100.0	*	1.7-8.3	60	100.0
2010-11	55	91.7	*	1.7-8.3	60	100.0
2011-12	50	90.9	*	1.8-9.1	55	100.0
Total	310	95.4	15	4.6	325	100.0

Source: South Australian Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, 2013

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11 Dwelling type

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

Dwelling types which reflect the changing nature of households in South Australia, particularly the prevalence of single and smaller households.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

In 2011, Northern Areas (DC) had a lower proportion of dwellings with only one or two bedrooms (19.9)% compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area (20.2%). The number of one and two bedroom dwellings in Northern Areas (DC) was 379.

What is the current trend?

The market is supplying more large (3 and 4 bedroom) stock and less small stock (1 and 2 bedroom), even though household size is decreasing, both nationally and in SA.

While the size of the average new house continues to increase, the average household size in South Australia continues to decline.

Why use this information?

Dwelling types and size provides an indication of housing choice in the area.

Combined with recent development data, it provides a useful profile of the community's housing supply.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

Providing greater choice in housing types and sizes results in greater levels of social mix and enhanced community sustainability as people, across all stages of life can find suitable and affordable housing within the community.

Dwelling type by number of bedrooms, 2011

Number of bedrooms	Separate house		Medium density		High density		Other Dwelling Structure		Not stated		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
None (includes bedsitters)	6	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	14.0	0	0.0	12	0.6
1 bedroom	27	1.5	26	47.3	0	0.0	16	37.2	0	0.0	69	3.6
2 bedrooms	289	16.0	15	27.3	0	0.0	6	14.0	0	0.0	310	16.3
3 bedrooms	977	54.1	8	14.5	0	0.0	4	9.3	0	0.0	989	51.9
4 bedrooms	402	22.3	6	10.9	0	0.0	5	11.6	0	0.0	413	21.7
5+ bedrooms	57	3.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	60	3.1
Not stated	47	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	14.0	0	0.0	53	2.8
Total	1,805	100.0	55	100.0	0	100.0	43	100.0	0	100.0	1,906	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing
Data based on Place of Enumeration (Place on Census night)

12 Recent development trends by dwelling type

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

Increasing diversity of housing type, particularly around transport nodes and activity centres.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

The percentage of new residential dwellings which were flats, units or apartments in Northern Areas (DC) between July 2008 and June 2012 was 0.0%. This was lower compared to the Rest of State Statistical Area with 10.8%, and represented new flats, units or apartments approved in Northern Areas (DC) during the period.

What is the current trend?

SA has been dominated by detached dwellings with 2 or more bedrooms. The changing ageing demographic profile of SA and average number of people per household suggests a need for a greater diversity of housing and specifically smaller dwellings to accommodate smaller households.

Why use this information?

Residential development trends can inform the adoption of strategic priorities for the future.

Comparing current profile of the community with recent movers as well as recent development trends describes the future trajectory for the Council.

Building approval data is collected by the ABS.

Recent residential development by type, 2008 to 2012 (financial years)

Financial year ending June 30	Northern Areas (DC)							
	Dwelling type						Total	
	Separate houses		Medium density		High density		number	%
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
2008 to 2009	19	24.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	19	24.4
2009 to 2010	24	30.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	30.8
2010 to 2011	22	28.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	28.2
2011 to 2012	13	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	16.7
Total 2008 to 2012	78	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	78	100.0

Source: [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#)

13 Social housing stock

Northern Areas (DC)

What is the desired trend?

A proportion of local social housing stock relative to housing need.

What is the current situation in Northern Areas (DC)?

As at June 2012 the total stock of social housing in Northern Areas (DC) was 52 dwellings. This comprised of:

- Community Housing: 6
- Public Housing: 46

What is the current trend?

Consistent with national trends, South Australia public housing stock numbers continues to decline, while Community and Indigenous managed social housing stock has increased.

Why use this information?

Stock levels are an indication of the availability of publicly funding housing options available to the local community.

Data is sourced from the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion. Public housing figures vary from those reported in the Census making calculations of proportion to all households difficult.

What does this mean for affordability in the area?

The provision of publicly funded social housing within the community provides housing opportunities for those people who have needs in addition to affordability and links the housing response to other support services necessary for them to maintain their tenancy.

Areas with a low percentage of publicly funded housing will mean that family or community members who require such assistance will need to move out of the community to access appropriate housing.

There are also a number of urban renewal areas across the state that have had a higher concentration of public housing stock and efforts are progressing to reconfigure housing stock to meet the current needs of the community.

Social housing stock

Northern Areas (DC)

As at June 2012	Northern Areas (DC)		Rest of SA Statistical Area
	number	% Rest of SA Statistical Area total	number
Community Housing	6	0.9	685
Public Housing	46	0.5	9,358
Total social housing stock	52	0.5	10,043

Source: [South Australian Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, 2012](#)