



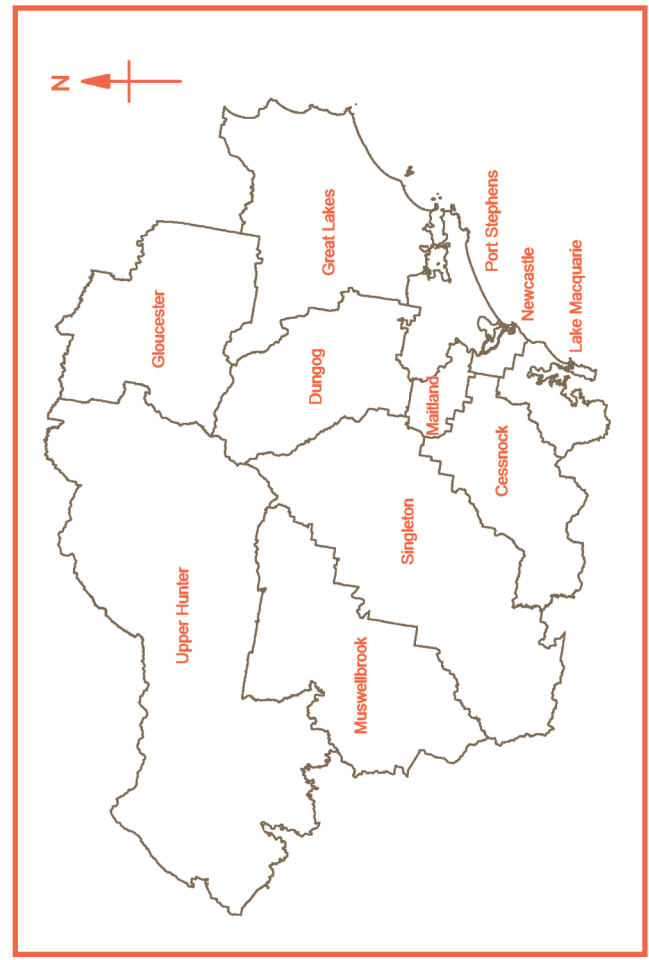
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THE HUNTER REGION AT A GLANCE 2008

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UNOFFICIAL LABOUR MARKET (2006)				
	Males- Hunter	Females- Hunter	Total- Hunter	Total- NSW
By age groups				
Volunteer				
15-34	11%	16%	13%	13%
35-64	17%	23%	20%	20%
65+	15%	16%	16%	16%
All age groups	15%	19%	17%	17%
Unpaid assistance to disabled person				
15-34	5%	8%	7%	6%
35-64	12%	19%	16%	14%
65+	10%	10%	10%	9%
All age groups	9%	14%	12%	10%
Unpaid childcare				
15-34	21%	37%	29%	24%
35-64	33%	42%	38%	35%
65+	8%	9%	9%	10%
All age groups	25%	33%	29%	27%

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2006

CORE ACTIVITY NEED FOR ASSISTANCE (2006)				
% of population				
Age group	Males- Hunter	Females- Hunter	Total- Hunter	Total- NSW
0-4	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.06
5-14	0.49	0.23	0.32	0.25
15-19	0.18	0.11	0.13	0.09
20-24	0.13	0.09	0.10	0.07
25-34	0.24	0.20	0.20	0.16
35-44	0.43	0.38	0.36	0.26
45-54	0.63	0.58	0.54	0.40
55-64	0.98	0.70	0.75	0.56
65-74	0.71	0.69	0.63	0.56
75-84	1.04	1.68	1.22	1.02
85+	0.55	1.58	0.96	0.81
Total persons	259,892	268,507	589,238	6,549,177

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2006

People with a profound or severe disability needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication because of a disability, long term health condition (lasting six months or more), or old age.

POST-SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2006)		
% of population 15 and over	Hunter	NSW
Certificate - not defined	2.0	1.9
Certificate I/II	1.4	1.2
Certificate III/IV	18.0	13.7
Advanced Diploma/Diploma	6.4	7.4
Bachelor Degree or above	10.6	16.5
Other*	12.4	13.8
No post-school qualification	49.1	45.5
Total persons	472,679	5,250,261

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2006
*Level not stated or inadequately described

TERTIARY STUDENTS				
	2005	2006	2007	
University of Newcastle	No.	26,384	26,871	28,513
Callaghan Campus	No.	23,779	23,767	25,055
Ourimbah Campus	No.	2,605	3,104	3,458
	%	9.9	11.6	12.1
Hunter Institute of Technology	No.	56,400	55,247	55,437
Hunter campuses	No.	44,159	43,142	43,589
Central Coast campuses	No.	12,241	12,105	11,848
	%	21.7	21.9	21.4

Source: University of Newcastle; Hunter Institute of Technology

CLIMATE DATA (2004)										
	Maryville*	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Average annual rainfall	mm	945	1,094	544	828	453	786	507	1,714	623
Average daily hours of sunshine	hrs	6.3	7.2	6.4	8.2	7.6	8.8	6.3	8.5	7.6
Temperature - January av. max.	°C	28.5	26.3	26.0	29.0	27.8	31.6	22.4	31.8	27.8
Temperature - January av. min.	°C	19.7	18.7	13.5	20.9	15.7	16.9	11.9	24.8	13.0
Temperature - July av. max.	°C	17.1	16.9	13.0	20.7	14.9	17.8	12.4	30.5	11.3
Temperature - July av. min.	°C	7.7	6.9	5.3	8.8	6.9	8.1	4.0	19.3	-0.2
Average wind speed at 3 pm	km/hr	10.5	21.2	21.7	21.2	20.4	18.3	19.4	17.6	17.1

Source: Hunter Valley Research Foundation, Bureau of Meteorology

* Maryville Weather Station, located in the Newcastle Local Government Area, is operated by the Hunter Valley Research Foundation – current data is available

HUNTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL (February 2008)

Council	Mayor	General Manager	Corporate/ Business	Community/ Operations	Strategy/Works/ Environment	Council Meetings
Cessnock	John Clarence	B. Mortomore	R. Gallagher	J. Lantz	L. Oldfield	1 st /3 rd Wednesday
Dungog	Glenn Wall	C. Deasey	S. Chandler	G. McDonald	T. Kavanagh	3 rd Tuesday
Gloucester	Julie Lyford	N. McLeod	P. Sheridan	G. Gendron	G. Wilcox	3 rd Wednesday
Great Lakes	John Chadban	K. O'Leary	G. Collins	R. Hartley	G. Handford	4 th Tuesday
Lake Macquarie	Greg Piper	B. Bell	C. Irvine	M. Cameron/A. Colbey	T. Farrell	2 nd /4 th Monday
Maitland	Peter Blackmore	D. Evans	G. Tolhurst	B. Everett	W. Cone	2 nd /4 th Tuesday
Muswellbrook	John Colvin	S. McDonald	R. Esdaile	N. Pope	C. Gidney	2 nd Monday
Newcastle	John Tate	G. Clarke (acting)	M. McMahon/J. Walsh	M. Dial (acting)	B. Knowles	Monthly Tuesday
Port Stephens	Ron Swan	P. Gesling	S. Murrell	M. Trigar	D. Broyd	4 th Tuesday
Singleton	Fred Harvison	S. McGrath	B. Charlton	G. Woodman		4 th Monday
Upper Hunter	Barry Rose	D. Dutton	W. Cossens		D. Casson	4 th Monday

Source: NSW Department of Local Government; Newcastle Council

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Note: ABS = Australian Bureau of Statistics. ANZSIC = Australia and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification.

Any discrepancies are due to rounding.

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POPULATION ON NIGHT OF CENSUS

	1996	2001	2006
Cessnock	44,735	45,377	46,206
Lake Macquarie	172,725	180,315	183,139
Maitland	50,324	54,390	61,881
Newcastle	133,589	136,621	141,752
Port Stephens	51,146	56,771	60,484
Lower Hunter	452,519	473,474	493,462
Dungog	7,720	8,037	8,062
Gloucester	4,886	4,751	4,800
Great Lakes	28,086	31,201	32,764
Muswellbrook	15,364	14,703	15,236
Singleton	19,757	20,509	21,940
Upper Hunter	14,071	11,844	12,976
Hunter Balance	89,884	91,045	95,778
Hunter total	542,403	564,519	589,240

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 1996, 2001 and 2006

AGE DISTRIBUTION (2006)

		Lower Hunter*	Hunter Balance	Hunter Total	NSW
0-14 years	%	19.7	20.4	19.8	19.8
15-24 years	%	13.4	11.2	13.1	13.3
25-39 years	%	18.7	16.6	18.4	20.9
40-54 years	%	20.9	21.0	20.9	21.2
55-64 years	%	11.7	12.9	11.9	11.0
65+ years	%	15.6	17.8	15.9	13.8
Total	No.	493,462	95,778	589,240	6,549,179

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2006

* Lower Hunter includes Cessnock, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Newcastle and Port Stephens Local Government Areas (LGAs)

HUNTER REGION POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

Age group	1996	2001	2006	Average annual growth '96 - '06
0-14 years	118,267	117,858	116,560	-0.10%
15-24 years	74,617	73,373	77,103	0.30%
25-39 years	117,010	111,968	108,281	-0.80%
40-54 years	106,246	118,525	123,402	1.50%
55-64 years	48,181	57,379	69,948	3.80%
65+ years	78,082	85,416	93,946	1.90%
Total	542,403	564,519	589,240	0.80%

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 1996, 2001 and 2006

HUNTER LABOUR FORCE

		Av. 2006	Av. 2007
Labour force	- Total	'000 298.2	297.7
	- Males	'000 164.6	165.5
	- Females	'000 133.6	132.2
Male participation rate	%	68.2	67.7
Female participation rate	%	53.5	52.3
Employed persons	- Total	'000 279.7	283.2
	- Males	'000 153.6	157.4
	- Females	'000 126.0	125.9
Unemployed persons	'000	18.5	14.5
Unemployment rate	- Persons	% 6.2	4.9

Source: ABS Monthly Labour Force Survey

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION (2007)

% Total Employment	Hunter	Australia
Average		
Managers	9.3	12.9
Professionals	17.0	20.2
Technicians and trades workers	18.0	15.3
Community and personal service workers	11.0	8.7
Clerical and administrative workers	13.7	15.5
Sales workers	10.6	9.5
Machinery operators and drivers	9.7	6.9
Labourers	10.8	11.0

Source: ABS Monthly Labour Force Survey

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (2007)

% Total Employment	Hunter	Australia
Average		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.8	3.4
Mining	3.8	1.3
Manufacturing	9.0	9.9
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1.3	1.0
Construction	10.0	9.0
Wholesale trade	4.2	3.7
Retail trade	12.7	11.5
Accommodation and food services	8.5	6.7
Transport, postal and warehousing	4.5	5.1
Information media and telecommunications	1.1	2.3
Financial and insurance services	2.7	3.8
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1.8	1.9
Professional, scientific and tech. services	5.5	7.1
Administrative and support services	3.0	3.4
Public administration and safety	5.4	6.1
Education and training	6.2	7.4
Health care and social assistance	12.4	10.3
Arts and recreation services	0.9	1.8
Other services	5.1	4.2

Source: ABS Monthly Labour Force Survey (ANZSIC 2006)

WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2006)

Occupied Private Dwellings	Hunter		NSW	
	No.	%	No.	%
Negative/Nil	1,783	0.8	28,841	1.2
\$1 - \$249	16,375	7.4	156,029	6.7
\$250 - \$349	19,197	8.7	162,152	7.0
\$350 - \$799	54,146	24.6	493,127	21.2
\$800 - \$1,699	64,087	29.1	668,074	28.7
\$1,700 or more	40,442	18.4	558,819	24.0
Income not stated	23,860	10.9	261,176	11.2

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2006

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (\$) (2006)

Main Job	Hunter	NSW
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	645	691
Mining	1,681	1,636
Manufacturing	1,025	984
Electricity, gas and water supply	1,112	1,204
Construction	858	915
Wholesale trade	1,029	1,001
Retail trade	478	538
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	557	511
Transport and storage	1,065	987
Communication services	768	1,019
Finance and insurance	919	1,311
Property and business services	922	1,077
Government administration and defence	859	1,029
Education	885	918
Health and community services	660	797
Cultural and recreational services	602	847
Personal and other services	1,015	863
Average weekly earnings (all industries)	836	889

Source: ABS Cat. No. 6302.0 and unpublished data (ANZSIC 1993)

HOTELS, MOTELS and SERVICED APARTMENTS

		Dec 06	Mar 07	Jun 07	Sep 07	Dec 06-Sep 07
Establishments	No.	136	138	140	140	140 *
Bed spaces	No.	16,355	16,349	16,557	16,539	16,539 *
Guest rooms	No.	5,285	5,335	5,365	5,354	5,354 *
Employment	No.	2,841	2,822	2,741	2,851	2,814 #
Takings per room	\$	128	144	121	120	128 #
Gross takings	\$m	36.9	37.8	33.0	35.3	143.0 ^

Source: ABS Cat. No. 8635.1.55.001

Annual figures calculated on the following basis: * end of period; # period average; ^period total

HUNTER BUILDING APPROVALS

		2005	2006	2007
New houses	No.	2,492	2,300	2,191
	\$m	491.1	473.8	470.9
New other residential	No.	1,372	1,845	985
	\$m	238.3	341.7	167.0
Alterations and additions	\$m	145.1	165.0	125.5
Total residential	\$m	874.4	980.6	763.4
Total non-residential	\$m	523.0	612.6	529.4
Total new residential	No.	3,864	4,145	3,176
Change from previous year	%	-13.5	7.3	-23.4

Source: ABS Cat. No. 8731.1

AVERAGE MEDIAN WEEKLY RENTS (2007)

		Hunter	NSW	Sydney
Single dwellings (3 bedrooms)	\$	254	259	291
Flats and units (2 bedrooms)	\$	213	285	335

Source: NSW Department of Housing: Rent and Sales Report

AVERAGE SALE PRICE (2006-07)

		Hunter	NSW	Sydney
All dwellings	\$ '000	333	431	522

Source: NSW Department of Housing: Rent and Sales Report

SELECTED SMALL INDUSTRIAL SITES (2007)

Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong			
Suburb	Area (sq. m)	Total \$ Value	\$ per sq. m
Alexandria	2,200	3,000,000	1,364
Blacktown	3,142	1,040,000	331
Botany	2,321	1,570,000	676
Campbelltown	2,004	658,000	328
Cardiff	2,305	331,000	144
Carrington	2,024	370,000	183
Unanderra	2,037	355,000	174

Source: NSW Department of Lands

SELECTED LARGE INDUSTRIAL SITES (2007)

Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong			
Suburb	Area (ha)	Total \$ Value	\$ per ha
Alexandria	2.00	20,000,000	10,000,000
Blacktown	3.40	7,280,000	2,141,176
Botany	2.18	11,300,000	5,183,486
Campbelltown	2.90	5,510,000	1,900,000
Carrington	2.81	2,000,000	711,744
Port Kembla	0.76	1,500,000	1,973,684
Unanderra	1.26	1,200,000	952,381

Source: NSW Department of Lands

HUNTER PRIMARY PRODUCTION

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Hay	'000 t.	46.7	58.9	76.0
Wheat	'000 t.	15.9	51.1	60.2
Sorghum	'000 t.	39.6	69.6	83.0
Barley	'000 t.	9.5	37.7	39.1
Grapes for wine	'000 t.	23.0	28.5	23.7
Sunflower oilseeds	'000 t.	2.0	1.5	5.2
Potatoes	'000 t.	5.4	5.0	4.4
Sheep for wool	'000	378.5	485.9	394.9
Meat cattle	'000	473.8	548.9	491.0
Milk cattle	'000	63.5	55.0	39.6
Chicken for meat	'000	6,019.0	4,045.4	3,213.7
Chicken for eggs	'000	604.4	712.1	616.7

Source: ABS Cat. No. 1329.0; ABS Agricultural Commodity Survey

HUNTER EXPORTS (Port of Newcastle)

Exports Overseas	Tonnes	% Total 2006	Tonnes	% Total 2007	Change %
Coal	79,735,660	96.8	84,555,060	98.2	6.0
Grains	1,084,090	1.3	89,611	0.5	-91.7
Woodchips	420,714	0.5	445,621	0.15	5.9
Aluminium	140,132	0.2	128,394	0.10	-8.4
Zinc ore	46,164	0.1	47,704	0.06	3.3
Sands	21,434	0.03	26,395	0.03	23.1
Refined oil	12,748	0.02	11,188	0.01	-12.2
Other	455,009	0.6	498,541	0.6	9.6
Coastal	331,395	0.4	305,481	0.4	-7.8
Total	82,395,177	100.0	86,107,995	100.00	4.5

Source: Newcastle Port Corporation

COAL MINING - Northern District

PRODUCTION (Year ending June)	2005	2006	2007
Raw coal production	'000 t. 127,213	133,596	134,205
% of NSW production	80.1	80.0	78.2

Source: Coal Services Pty Ltd

INTERNET CONNECTION BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE (2006)

Occupied Private Dwellings	Family Household-Hunter*	Non Family Household-Hunter**	Total-Hunter	Total-NSW
No Internet	31.8	63.1	40.6	35.1
Broadband	38.5	15.4	32.0	40.5
Dial Up	27.2	14.7	23.7	20.3
Other	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6
Not stated	2.1	6.3	3.2	3.4
Total persons	157,841	62,047	219,888	2,328,218

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2006

* More than 2 persons ** One person or group household