

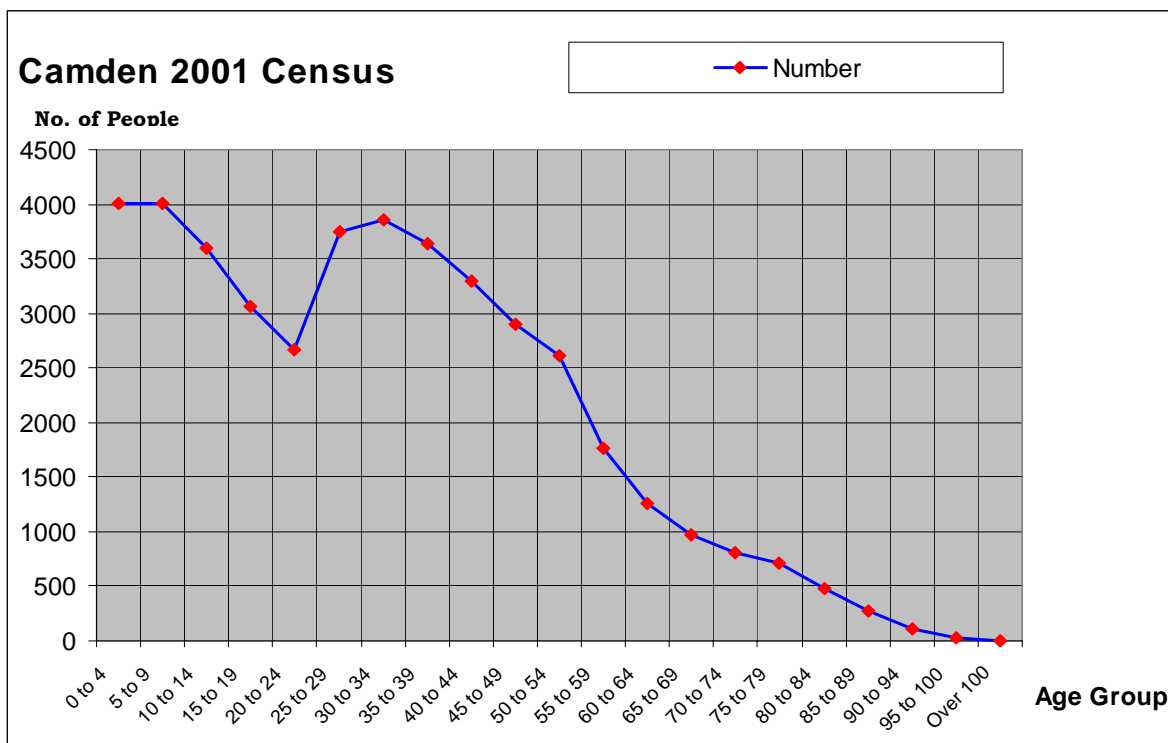
3. Our community - the people

Camden, located on the South West fringe of Sydney, has experienced dramatic population growth over the past 15 years. Camden has experienced considerable urban development through the 1990's. This development consisting of large housing estates to the north of Camden itself has included new suburban centres such as Mount Annan and Narellan, and has accommodated population growth from 23,000 to 44,000 between the 1991 and 2001 census.

Camden 2025 outlines the expected population growth to approximately 70,000 by 2025. Further to this document the release of new estates in Elderslie and Spring Farm, and possibly Harrington Park, will likely enable development to accommodate a population of 75,000 by 2015. With the State Government also investigating further land release to the north at Bringelly, the eventual population of Camden at 2025 may exceed 150,000.

- **Age profile**

The following table highlights the rapidly growing younger population in the Camden Local Government Area.



The following table provides a snapshot of where people are living in the Camden Local Government Area.

Camden Council Population Estimates as at 31 March 2003

LOCALITY	1996 Census		Current estimates	
	Occupied Dwellings	Population	Occupied Dwellings	Population
Bickley Vale/Cawdor	163	317	170	331
Bringelly	148	444	174	522
Camden	1,245	3,056	1,287	3,155
Camden South	1,588	4,917	1,605	4,971
Catherine Field	259	859	294	975
Cobbitty	194	603	218	678
Currans Hill	620	1,911	1,509	4,601
Elderslie	907	2,608	1,012	2,927
Ellis Lane	201	714	236	838
Grasmere	179	655	244	893
Harrington Park	145	473	1,293	4,218
Kirkham/Smeaton Grange	137	398	316	918
Leppington	620	1,841	660	1,961
Mount Annan	907	2,915	2,043	6,608
Narellan	1,212	3,811	1,242	3,905
Narellan Vale (including Spring Farm)	1,310	4,115	2,886	9,081
Oran Park	280	967	299	1,033
Rossmore	256	900	270	949
Total for Camden LGA	10,371	31,504	15,758	48,564

• Statistics of People with a Disability in Camden

Disability status is measured on the impact it has on the individual's ability to participate in daily activities such as self-maintenance, productivity and leisure.

The following highlights the percentage of people with a disability in Camden:

- The estimated number of people with a disability in Camden in 2001 was 6973 or 15.9% of Camden's population. (see table below)
- The estimated number of people with a moderate/ severe/profound disability in Camden in 2001 was: 3272 or 7.4% of Camden's population

(Census 2001)

- People with profound intellectual disability (eg IQ under 20): 1.6%, 697 people
- People with severe Intellectual Disability (eg IQ 20-34): 3.1%, 1343 people
- People with moderate intellectual disability (eg IQ 30-55): 2.8% 1232 people
- People with mild intellectual disability (eg IQ 55-70): 4.7% 2082 people
- People with other impairment: 1.6% 695 people
- People with no restriction (People are fully mobile whether they have a disability eg, HIV or not): 2.1% 924 people