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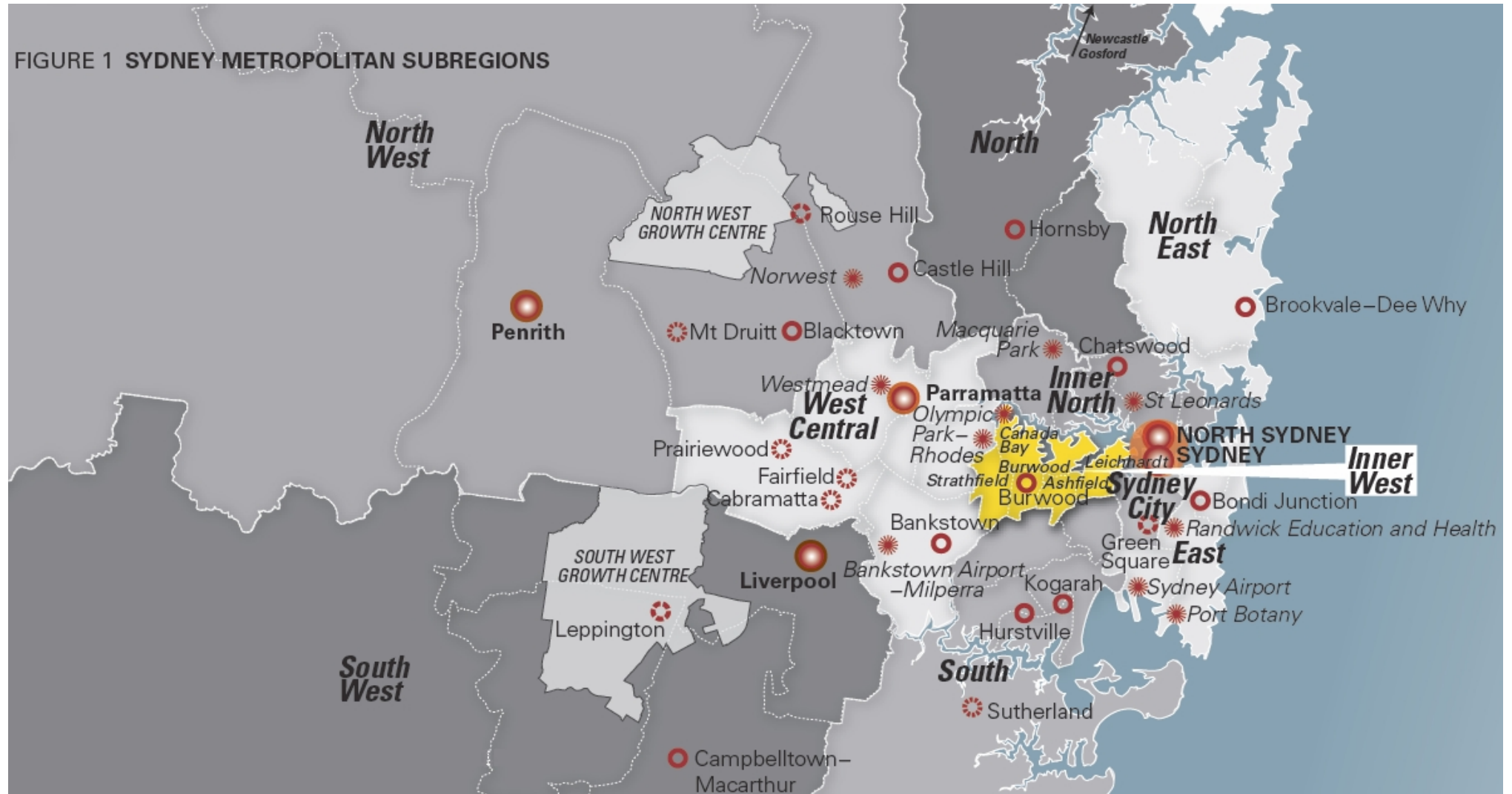
Inner West Sydney Subregion

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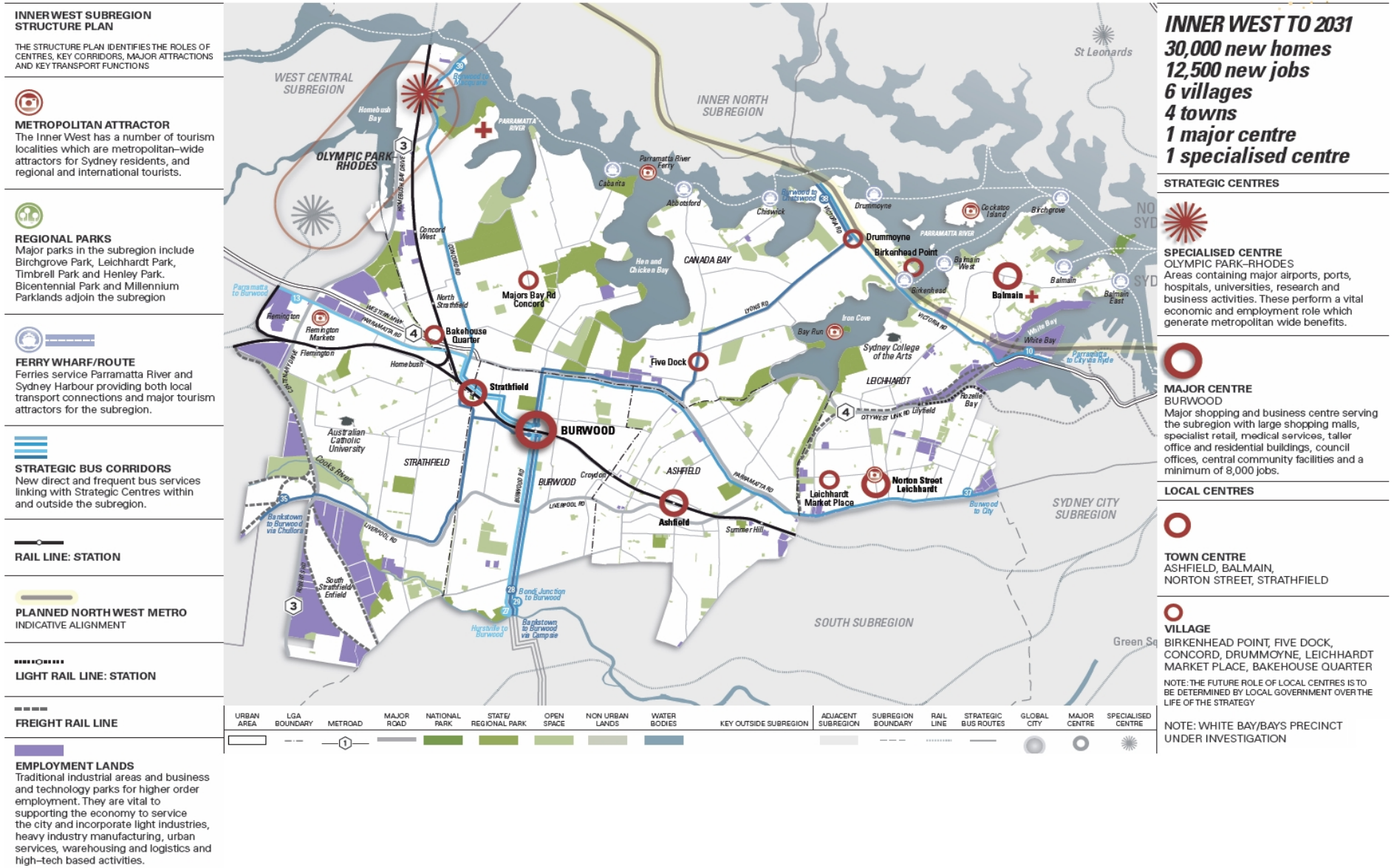
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FIGURE 1: SYDNEY METROPOLITAN SUBURBS



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FIGURE 2: INNER WEST METROPOLITAN SUBREGION



ABOUT THIS PROFILE

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to better understand the skills and labour make-up of the Inner West Metropolitan Subregion (the subregion) as part of the broad goal of achieving economic development objectives, such as attracting and retaining investment and fostering job growth.

State Plan priorities P1 (increased investment) and E3 (jobs closer to home) are supported by the contribution this profile makes to the evidence base for policy.

This profile outlines the labour force characteristics of the subregion. The subregion is made up of the following local government areas (LGAs):

- Ashfield
- Burwood
- Canada Bay
- Strathfield
- Leichhardt.

The profile looks at the size of the labour force, skills, and labour availability and capacity in the subregion.

Data source

Data in this profile is sourced from the 2006 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The Census provides the most accurate and detailed picture of the labour force.

The profile focuses on the labour characteristics of subregions, which usually take many years to change in essence. This iteration of the profile does not include information from the quarterly ABS Labour Force Survey, which is not always compatible with the subregions in this profile series and does not cover the range of labour market aspects available from the Census.

Reference period

All data in this profile refers to the position as at August 2006. Specifically, the 2006 Census was held on 8 August 2006 and labour data generally pertains to the ‘last week’ prior to Census night. The labour force status of a person is also derived by looking at whether work was sought in the ‘last four weeks’ prior to Census night.

Presentation of results

The profile compares labour force indicators in Inner West to the Sydney average and indicates its position among Sydney metropolitan subregions.

The subregions covered in these profiles are consistent with the planning areas in the “City of Cities” Metropolitan Strategy, which sets out the framework and growth strategy for employment, transport, infrastructure and housing in Sydney. The metropolitan area of Sydney has been arranged into 11 subregions that combine local government areas with similar issues and challenges.

The profile looks at labour indicators in both proportional and absolute terms. For example, the profile provides data on both the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed people. Inner West's position, relative to other Sydney subregions, is expressed in terms of quartiles (divisions of 25%). The first quartile represents a position in the top 25% of subregions and the fourth quartile represents a position in the bottom 25% of subregions. Quartile analysis allows for a top level understanding of how the subregion's labour force relates to the other subregions in Sydney.

Statistical tables of all regions by labour force characteristic are provided in the appendix to the report to allow readers to view and compare all subregions.

More information

The Census provides a rich dataset of demographic information. This profile is intended as an introduction to the labour force of the subregion and may point to specific areas of further investigation.

The profile is based on broad level data that is readily available in standard tables. More detailed data is available. Data can be provided at more detailed categories for items including industry, occupation, age and sex, which can focus analysis to a greater degree. Tables can also be customised to include different cross-tabulation of variables than those presented in standard tables.

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GLOSSARY

Employed, worked part-time	Worked less than 35 hours in the last week.
Employed, worked full-time	Worked 35 hours or more in the last week
Field of Study – society and culture	Includes law and economics, as well as humanities disciplines.
Labour Force	Number of persons over 15 years who are either employed or are unemployed and looking for work.
Metropolitan Subregion	The composition of Sydney subregions is set out by the NSW Department of Planning. Further information on the subregions can be found in the publication <i>City of Cities – A Plan for Sydney’s Future</i> .
Participation Rate	Employed plus unemployed (labour force) as a proportion of the total population aged 15 plus.
Proportions, totals and “inadequately described/not stated” categories	Inadequately and not stated categories are excluded in the derivation of proportions. For example, the unemployment rate is derived as (number unemployed/number employed and employed) – the number of persons whose labour force status is not stated or inadequately described is excluded from the total labour force. Similarly, all totals in tables, unless indicated otherwise, exclude inadequately described and not stated figures.
Underutilisation (assumed)	A measure of potentially unused labour capacity. The number of underutilised persons is the sum of unemployed and part-time employed persons. It is assumed in this profile that all part-time employees are able and willing to work full-time. This assumption is necessary because it is not possible to readily identify part-time workers who are unable or unwilling to work more hours from standard Census tables.
Usual Residence/Place of employment	Most of the data in this profile is based on the usual residence of persons to reflect the labour available in the subregion. In contrast, data for place of work is based on the location of persons’ workplace. The different bases allow a comparison of the labour available in the subregion and the number of people who work in the subregion.
% pts	Percentage points. The simple difference between two percentage values, for example, the difference between 7.5% and 6.5% is 1% pt.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Size and composition

Inner West is one of the smaller subregions in Sydney, making up 5.7% of the total Sydney labour force. Due to its relatively small size, the subregion is ranked in the lower quartiles in absolute terms for most categories covered in this profile. However, it is represented above its size in many labour force indicators because of its particular compositional characteristics.

The unemployment rate in Inner West is 4.4%, nearly 1% pt lower than the Sydney average and in the third quartile of Sydney subregions (rank 7/11).

Inner West is a moderate net exporter of employed people, with about 25% fewer people working in the subregion than employed residents living in the subregion. The subregion is a large exporter of professionals and managers, with a net 15,000 or 40% of professionals working outside the subregion. This is somewhat offset by the fact that Inner West is a net importer of machinery operators and drivers.

Skills

The subregion has a relatively high concentration of managers and professionals, although it is not ranked in the top quartile of subregions for these occupations. The subregion is ranked in the first quartile for the proportion of people employed in the arts and recreation services, and education and training. The subregion's high ranking in these industries reflects, in part at least, its proximity to educational institutions and performance spaces in the city.

The occupation and industry concentrations in the subregion are reflected in the educational profile of the subregion. The proportion of people in the subregion with a bachelor's degree or higher is 10% pts above the Sydney average, while the proportion with a certificate or diploma is in the bottom quartile. The subregion has a high concentration of people with qualifications in creative arts and information technology, which are both in the top quartile, and society and culture, which is just outside the top quartile. The subregion has a low concentration of graduates with engineering and related technologies qualifications.

Nearly a third of Inner West residents, or 64,000 people, speak another language and speak English well or very well, which ranks the subregion second among Sydney subregions. The top languages spoken in Inner West are Chinese languages and Italian.

Labour participation and capacity

Inner West enjoys a high participation rate of 68.2%, which is 2.5% pts above that of Sydney and in the second quartile of subregions. As a result of the low unemployment rate in Inner West, the subregion has the third lowest underutilisation rate of the Sydney subregions. The subregion has a higher proportion of resident technicians and trades workers, and labourers who work less than 25 hours per week than the Sydney average, perhaps reflecting the higher demand for these occupations in the outer regions of Sydney, where there is a greater distribution of manufacturing and construction businesses.

Inner West has a high proportion of students and is in the top quartile for the concentration of both part-time and full-time students. The subregion is ranked seventh for the number of full-time students despite its small population size.

A: SIZE AND COMPOSITION

Population

The total population over 15 years of age in Inner West is 182,595 people, which is 5.5% of the total population of Sydney over 15 years.

Size of the labour force

The size of the labour force is the total number of people over the age of 15 who are employed or unemployed but looking for work.

Inner West has one of the smallest labour forces among Sydney subregions, with 114,171 people or 5.7% of the Sydney labour force, which places the subregion in the bottom quartile (rank 10/11).

Employment

The number of people who are working as a proportion of people who want to work in Inner West is 95.6%. This is 0.9 percentage points (% pts) higher than the Sydney employment rate of 94.7% (Table 1.1). The Inner West employment rate is in the second quartile of subregions (rank 5/11).

Table 1.1

	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% rank	Persons	Persons	Persons rank
Employed	95.6	94.7	5	109,153	1,903,525	10

There are 109,153 people employed in Inner West, which places the subregion in the bottom quartile of subregions (rank 10/11) (Table 1.1).

Unemployment

The unemployment rate for Inner West is 4.4%, nearly 1% pts lower than the Sydney unemployment rate of 5.3% (Table 1.2). The Inner West unemployment rate is in the third quartile of all subregions in Sydney (rank 7/11).

Table 1.2

	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Unemployed	4.4	5.3	7	5,018	106,490	8

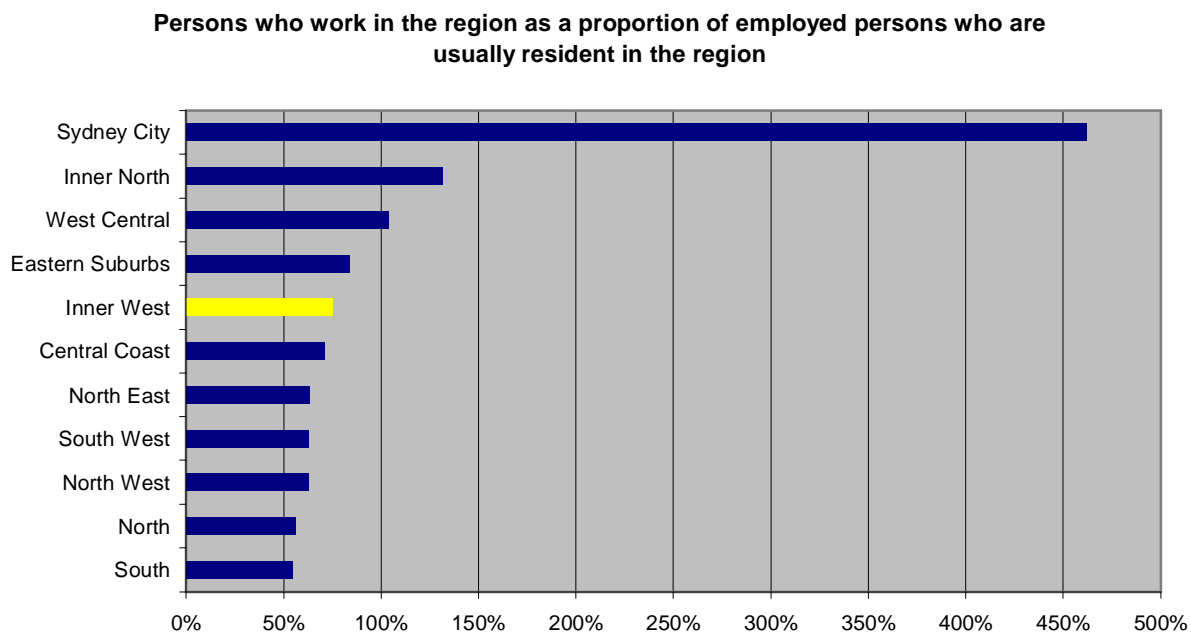
There are 5,018 unemployed people in Inner West, putting it in the third quartile of subregions for this category (rank 8/11) (Table 1.2).

The Subregion as a place of employment

This section is based on a comparison of where people live and where people work. This comparison highlights whether a subregion draws workers from other subregions or supplies workers to other subregions. This profile does not include ‘journey to work’ data, which reveals exactly how many people in the subregion work outside the subregion. Nevertheless, this comparison provides useful information on the ‘net trade’ in employment between the subregion and external areas.

The number of people who work in Inner West is about 25% pts less than the resident employed people in the area and the subregion is ranked 5/11 among subregions for this proportion. Overall, the subregion is a moderate net exporter of employed people.

Figure 1.3



Employment by occupation: place of work vs place of residence

Inner West is a large net exporter of professionals and managers. In net terms, more than 40% of professionals and 30% of managers work outside the subregion. In absolute terms, the number of exported professionals is also large, with a net 15,000 people in this occupation working outside the subregion.

The only occupation imported into Inner West is machinery operators and drivers (Figure 1.4, Table 1.5), although the net number is small.

Figure 1.4

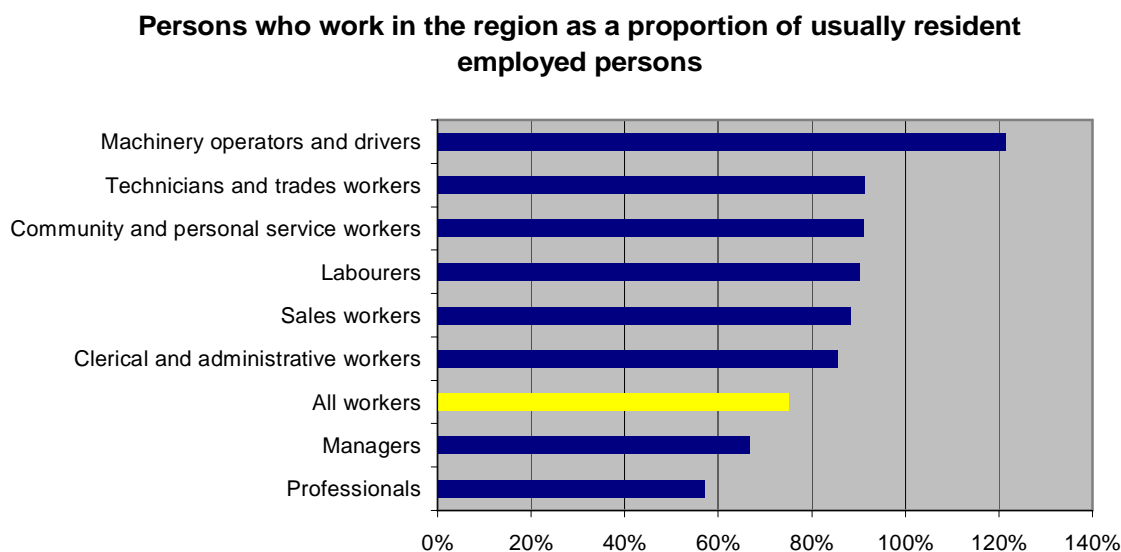


Table 1.5

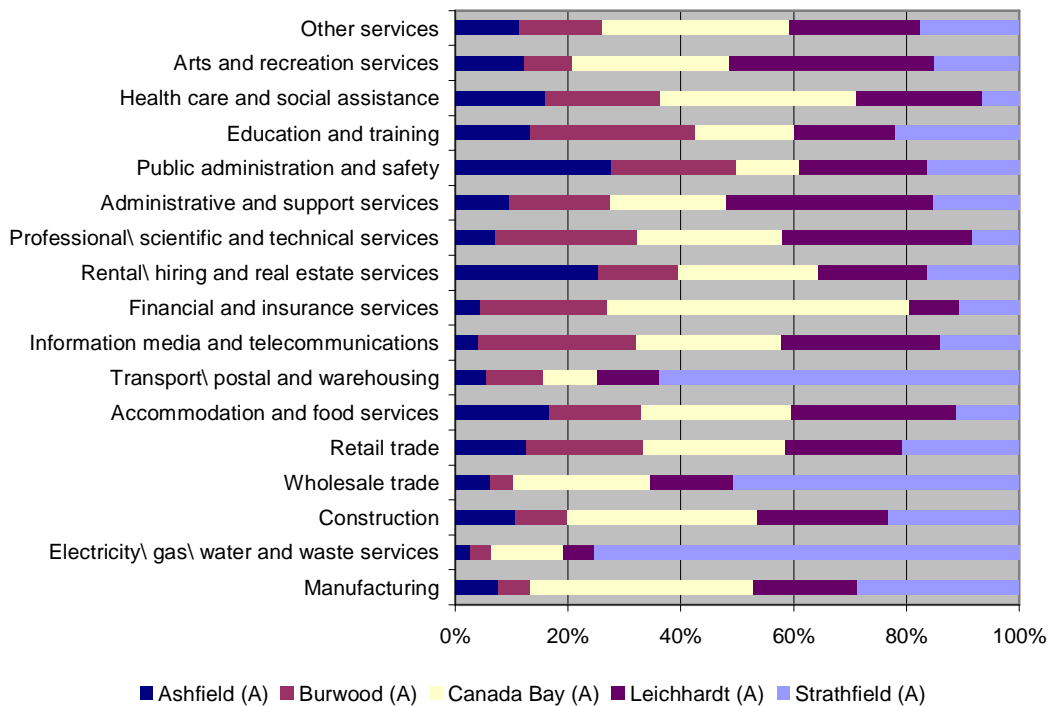
Occupation	Work in Inner West	Live in Inner West	Difference	
			%	Persons
Managers	11,559	17,301	-33.2	-5,742
Professionals	20,099	35,136	-42.8	-15,037
Technicians and trades workers	9,423	10,310	-8.6	-887
Community and personal service workers	6,863	7,528	-8.8	-665
Clerical and administrative workers	14,908	17,420	-14.4	-2,512
Sales workers	8,736	9,894	-11.7	-1,158
Machinery operators and drivers	4,091	3,367	21.5	724
Labourers	5,389	5,966	-9.7	-577
All workers (includes occupation not stated)	82,063	109,153	-24.8	-27,090

Place of employment by industry: LGAs within subregion

The most conspicuous feature of the distribution of employment by LGA within Inner West is the dominance of Strathfield in electricity, gas, water and waste services (75% of subregion employment), transport, postal and warehousing (64%) and wholesale trade (50%).

Canada Bay has the bulk of employment in finance and insurance services (53%) and leads employment in health care and social assistance. Leichhardt has the highest number of workers in administrative and support services.

Place of employment by industry: Inner Western Sydney LGAs



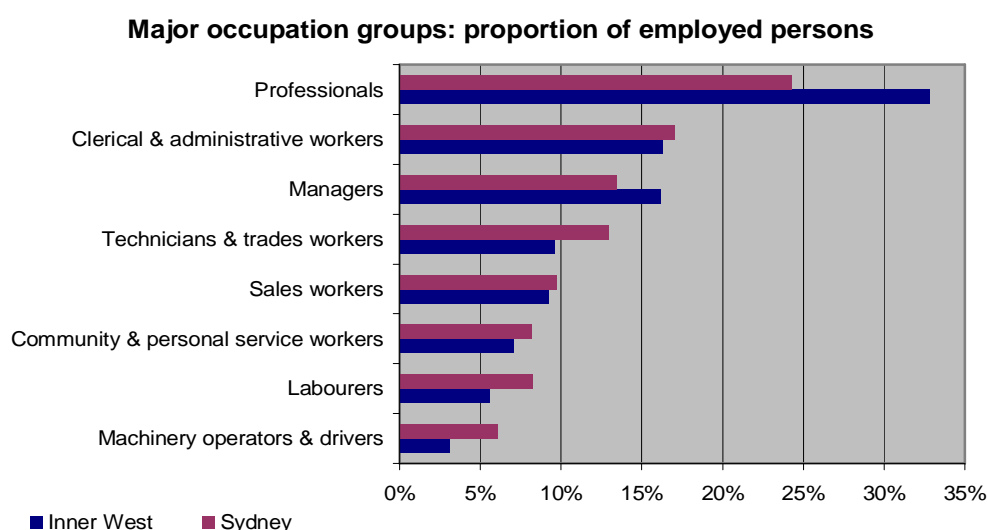
B: SKILLS

Employment by occupation

Professionals make up the largest occupation group in Inner West, accounting for 32.9% of employed people. The next most popular occupation groups are clerical and administrative workers (16.3%) and managers (16.2%) (Figure 2.1).

Inner West has no concentration of occupation groups that are ranked in the top quartile of subregions. However, the subregion is relatively over-represented by professionals and managers, each of which has a concentration at least 2% pts greater than the Sydney average and a location quotient¹ of at least 1.1% (Table 2.2). The subregion is in the bottom quartile for the concentration of community and personal service workers.

Figure 2.1



The subregion is under-represented in the proportion of technicians and trades workers, machinery operators and drivers, and labourers.

Inner West is in the bottom quartile for almost all occupations in absolute terms, which is unsurprising given the subregion's size (Table 2.2). The exception is the number of professionals, which is in the third quartile rank (7/11), and reflects the high over-representation of this occupation group in the subregion (Table 2.2).

Table 2.2

Occupation	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Managers	16.2	13.5	5	17,301	250,976	9
Professionals	32.9	24.3	5	35,136	452,283	7
Technicians & trades workers	9.6	13.0	7	10,310	241,725	10
Community & personal service workers	7.0	8.2	9	7,528	152,711	10
Clerical & administrative workers	16.3	17.1	5	17,420	318,013	10
Sales workers	9.3	9.7	7	9,894	181,401	10
Machinery operators & drivers	3.1	6.1	8	3,367	113,669	8
Labourers	5.6	8.2	7	5,966	153,457	8

¹ The ratio of the concentration of an occupation in a subregion (IWS) to the concentration of an occupation in Sydney.

Employment by industry

The industries with the largest proportion of workers in Inner West are professional, scientific and technical services (12.2%, rank 6/11), health care and social assistance (10.8%) and retail trade (9.7%) (Table 2.3, Figure 2.4).

Inner West is ranked in the first quartile of subregions for the proportion of workers in education and training (8.5%, rank 2/11), and arts and recreation services (1.8%, rank 3/11).

Although not ranked in the first quartile, the subregion also has a relatively high concentration of workers in the information media and telecommunications industry (4.3%, rank 4/11) and the rental, hiring and real estate services industry (2.1%, rank 4/11) (Table 2.3).

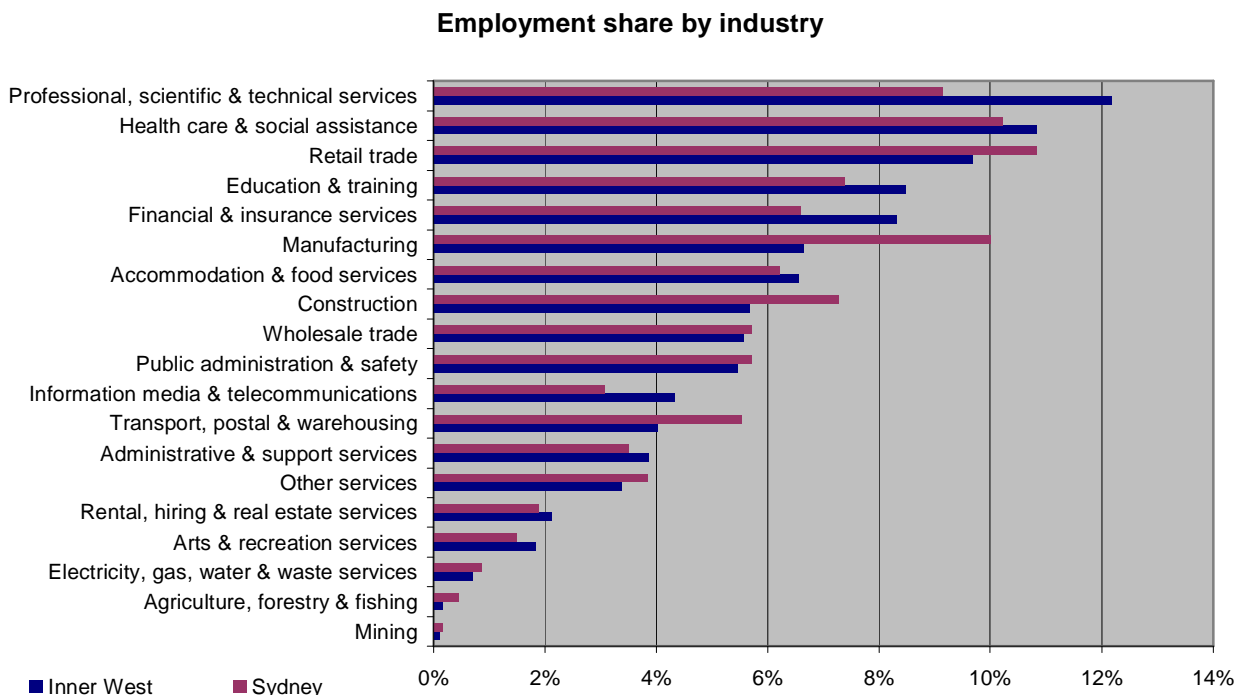
Table 2.3

Industry	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	0.2	0.5	9	182	8,559	10
Mining	0.1	0.2	9	112	3,162	10
Manufacturing	6.7	10.0	7	7,077	184,993	9
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	0.7	0.9	7	746	15,939	9
Construction	5.7	7.3	7	6,036	134,629	10
Wholesale trade	5.6	5.7	6	5,916	105,842	9
Retail trade	9.7	10.8	8	10,310	200,291	10
Accommodation & food services	6.6	6.2	5	6,974	115,027	9
Transport, postal & warehousing	4.0	5.5	7	4,289	102,512	8
Information media & telecommunications	4.3	3.1	4	4,596	56,857	7
Financial & insurance services	8.3	6.6	5	8,852	122,164	7
Rental, hiring & real estate services	2.1	1.9	4	2,257	35,116	10
Professional, scientific & technical services	12.2	9.2	6	12,948	169,351	8
Administrative & support services	3.9	3.5	4	4,113	64,878	8
Public administration & safety	5.5	5.7	7	5,810	105,692	8
Education & training	8.5	7.4	2	9,019	136,623	8
Health care & social assistance	10.8	10.2	4	11,533	189,211	9
Arts & recreation services	1.8	1.5	3	1,953	27,698	7
Other services	3.4	3.9	7	3599	71302	10

Inner West has a relatively low proportion of people employed in the manufacturing industry, 3.3% pts below the Sydney average and in the third quartile (rank 7/11).

In terms of absolute numbers, Inner West is in the third or fourth quartile of subregions for all the major industry divisions.

Figure 2.4



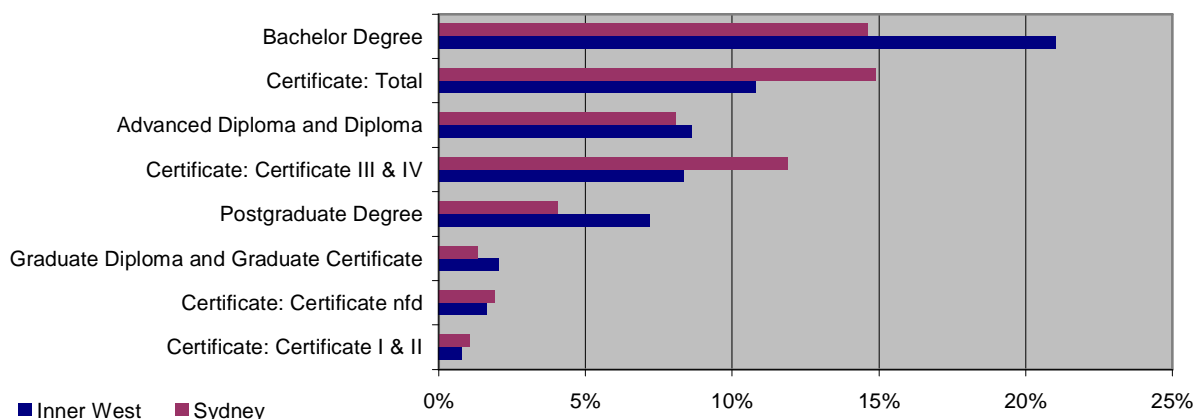
Educational attainment

The proportion of people over 15 years of age in Inner West that have attained a non-school qualification is 63.9%, which is 6.6% pts higher than for Sydney (57.3%). Inner West is in the middle rank of subregions for the number of people with tertiary qualifications (rank 6/11).

The proportion of people in Inner West whose highest qualification is a Bachelor’s degree or higher is 30.2%, which is 10% pts above the figure for Sydney (20.0%) and ranks the subregion fourth among subregions (Figure 2.5, Table 2.6). Conversely, the proportion of people whose highest qualification is a certificate or diploma is in the bottom quartile (rank 9/11). This is consistent with the occupation mix in the Inner West, which is dominated by professionals and managers.

Figure 2.5

Persons with a non-school qualification as a proportion of total population over 15 years



Inner West is in the fourth quartile of subregions for the number of people with a diploma or certificate, with less than 20% of people in the area holding a certificate or diploma as their highest non-school qualification (Table 2.6).

Table 2.6

Qualification	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Postgraduate Degree	7.2	4.1	4	13,156	134,905	6
Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate	2.0	1.3	3	3,718	44,347	6
Bachelor Degree	21.0	14.6	5	38,351	484,227	7
Advanced Diploma and Diploma	8.6	8.1	4	15,745	267,647	10
Certificate: Total	10.8	14.9	8	19,709	493,123	10
Bachelor or Higher	30.2	20.0	4	55,225	663,479	7
Certificate or Diploma	19.4	23.0	9	35,454	760,770	10
Total non-school qualification ⁽¹⁾	63.9	57.3	6	116,645	1,897,509	10

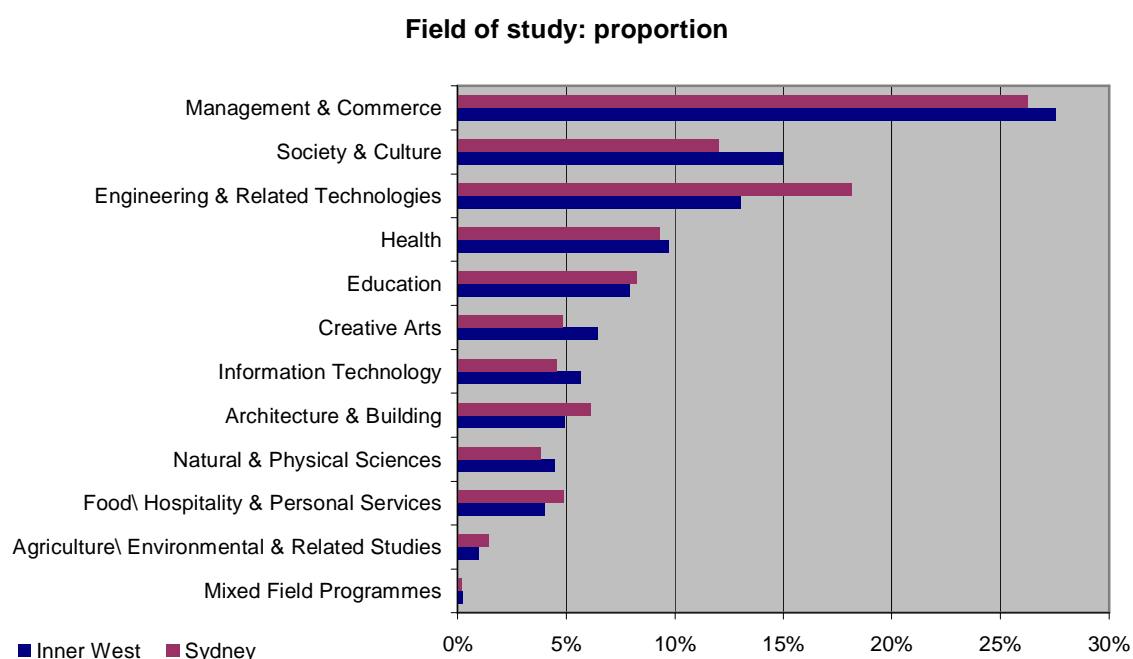
(1) Includes non-stated and inadequately described

Study fields

The most popular field of study completed by residents of Inner West is management and commerce, which accounts for 27.6% of all qualifications awarded (Figure 2.7). This is more than 10% pts ahead of the next most popular study fields, society and culture (15.0%) and engineering and related technologies (13.1%).

The concentration of people with qualifications in information technology and creative arts is in the first quartile of subregions (both ranked 3/11). The subregion also has a high concentration of people with qualifications in society and culture, being almost 3% pts above the Sydney average.

Figure 2.7



Inner West ranks in the bottom quartile for the proportion of people with graduates in agriculture, environmental and related studies (ranked 10/11) (Table 2.8). The subregion is also under-represented by qualified graduates in engineering and related technologies, where it is 5.1% pts below the Sydney average (rank 8/11).

Table 2.8

Field of Study	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Natural & Physical Sciences	4.5	3.8	4	4,170	56,618	7
Information Technology	5.7	4.6	3	5,301	67,437	6
Engineering & Related Technologies	13.1	18.2	8	12,151	268,334	10
Architecture & Building	4.9	6.2	8	4,592	91,091	10
Agriculture\ Environmental & Related Studies	1.0	1.4	10	890	21,138	10
Health	9.7	9.3	5	9,033	137,701	9
Education	7.9	8.3	7	7,384	122,074	10
Management & Commerce	27.6	26.3	5	25,665	388,300	8
Society & Culture	15.0	12.1	4	13,930	178,193	7
Creative Arts	6.5	4.8	3	6,034	71,311	6
Food\ Hospitality & Personal Services	4.0	4.9	9	3,737	72,410	9
Mixed Field Programmes	0.2	0.2	6	206	3,118	6
Field of study inadequately described				1,667	23,647	8
Field of study not stated				21,883	396,135	9
Total				116,643	1,897,507	10

Inner West is in the bottom quartile for the number of people with qualifications in half of the major study fields, reflecting mainly its relatively small size. The subregion has a significantly lower concentration of engineering and architectural graduates. The subregion is ranked highest for the number of graduates in information technology and creative arts (rank 6/11) (Table 2.8).

School qualifications

In Inner West, 77.6% of all people over 15 years have completed schooling to Year 10 or higher, 1.5% pts higher than the proportion for Sydney and in the second quartile of subregions (rank 5/11) (Table 2.9).

Table 2.9

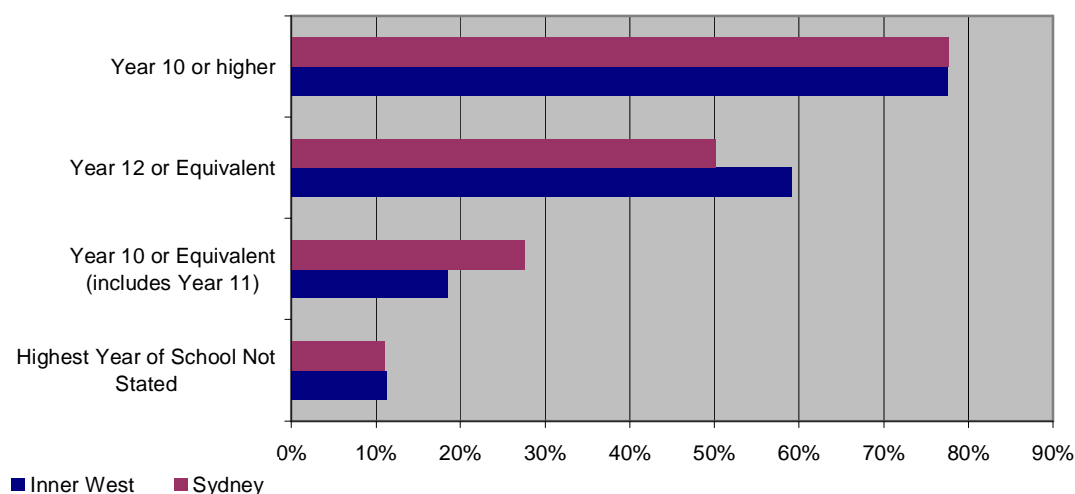
School Qualification	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Year 10 or higher	77.6	76.1	5	141,739	2,523,109	10
Year 10 or Equivalent (includes Year 11)	18.5	27.0	8	33,763	894,747	10
Year 12 or Equivalent	59.1	49.1	4	107,976	1,628,362	8
Highest Year of School Not Stated	11.3	10.8	4	20,554	357,930	9

The proportion of people who have completed Year 12 or equivalent is 59.1%, which is 10% pts higher than the figure for Sydney (49.1%) (Table 2.9). The proportion of students in Inner West who have completed Year 10 that have also completed Year 12 as at August 2006 is almost 12% pts higher than the Sydney average.

The total number of people who have completed Year 10 or higher in Inner West is in the bottom quartile of Sydney subregions (rank 10/11) (Table 2.9). However, Inner West is ranked higher for the number of people who have completed Year 12, reflecting the relatively high concentration of this level of schooling in the subregion.

Figure 2.10

School qualifications as a proportion of total population over 15 years



Languages

The proportion of total people who speak another language and speak English well or very well in Inner West is 32.1% of the total population, which is more than 6% pts above the Sydney average and ranks the subregion in the first quartile (2/11) (Table 2.11).

Table 2.11

Proficiency in spoken English	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Speaks English only	60.4	68.7	10	121,151	2,636,010	10
Speaks other Language and Speaks English Well/Very Well	32.1	25.5	2	64,320	977,380	5
Speaks other Language and Speaks English Not Well or Not Well At All	7.5	5.8	3	15,121	224,447	5
Speaks Other Language and Speaks English Total	39.6	31.3	2	79,441	1,201,827	5

The most popular languages spoken at home in Inner West by people who speak English well or very well are Chinese languages, followed by and Italian, Korean and Greek (Table 2.12).

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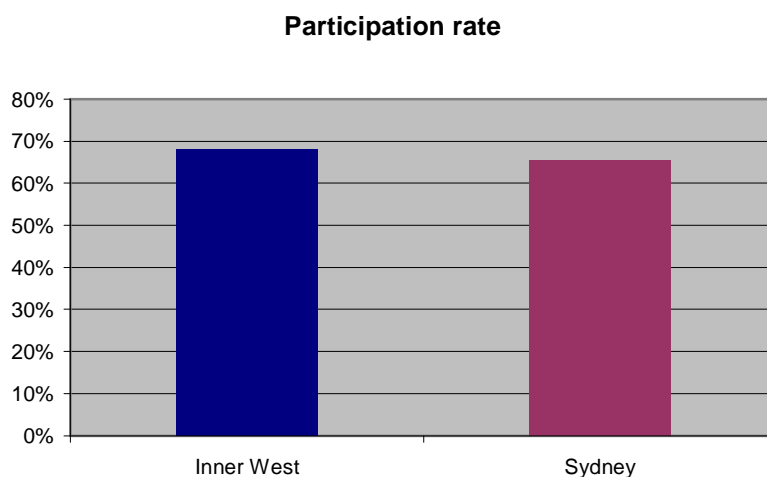
Languages	Speaks English only	Speaks other language and speaks English			Not stated	Total
		Very well or well	Not well or not at all	Total		
Speaks other language:						
Chinese languages:		16,010	5,459	21,469	184	21,653
Mandarin		8,012	2,655	10,667	89	10,756
Cantonese		7,229	2,529	9,758	70	9,828
Italian		11,362	2,864	14,226	182	14,408
Arabic		4,705	623	5,328	75	5,403
Greek		4,349	1,031	5,380	47	5,427
Korean		3,839	2,256	6,095	81	6,176
Tamil		2,402	177	2,579	28	2,607
Spanish		1,861	314	2,175	30	2,205
Hindi		1,779	66	1,845	29	1,874
Vietnamese		1,117	271	1,388	14	1,402
Croatian		927	154	1,081	18	1,099
Total (includes languages not shown and not stated)	121,143	64,322	15,124	79,446	16,509	217,098

C: LABOUR PARTICIPATION AND CAPACITY

Participation rate

The participation rate for Inner West subregion is 68.2%. This is 2.5% pts higher than the participation rate for Sydney, which is 65.6% (Figure 3.1). Inner West is in the second quartile of subregions for the participation rate (rank 5/11).

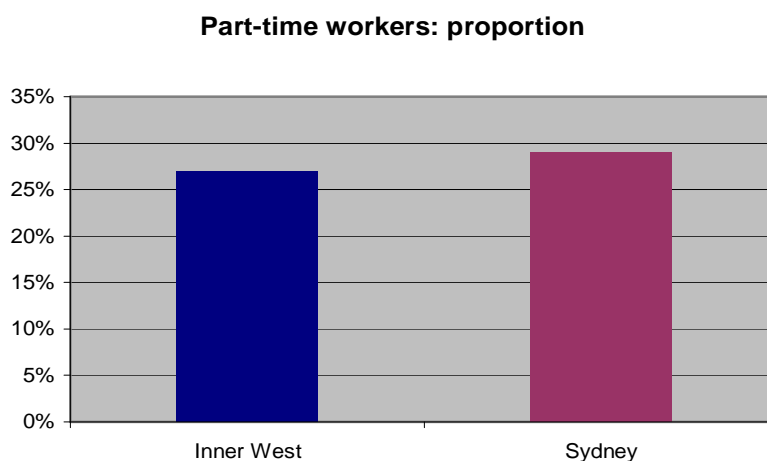
Figure 3.1



Part-time employment

The proportion of employed people who are working part-time in Inner West is 27.0%, below the proportion for Sydney (29.0%) (Figure 3.2). This places Inner West in the bottom quartile of subregions for the proportion of workers that are employed on a part-time basis (rank 9/11).

Figure 3.2



Inner West is also in the fourth quartile of subregions for the number of part-time workers in the subregion (rank 10/11) (Table 3.3).

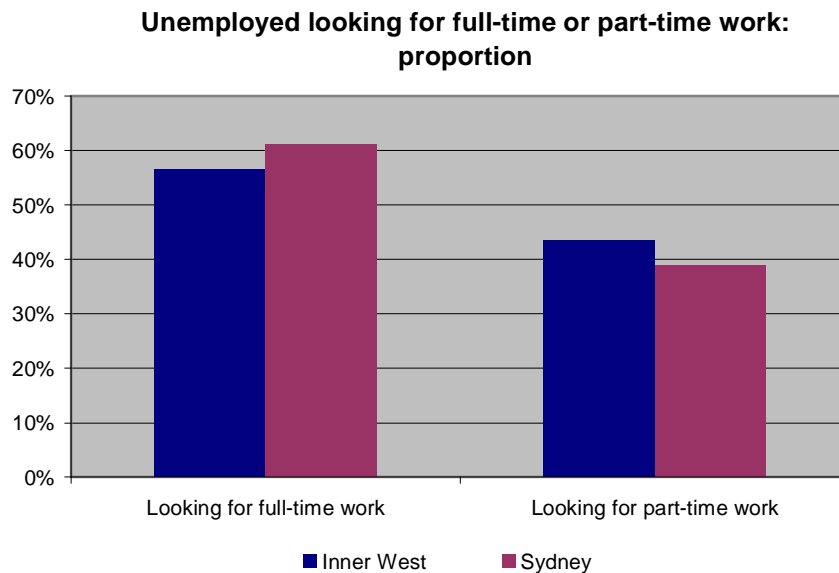
Table 3.3

	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Part-time employment	27.0	29.0	9	27,721	516,784	10

Unemployed people: type of work sought

The proportion of unemployed people looking for full-time work in Inner West is 56.5%, 4.7% pts below the proportion in Sydney (61.1%) and in the middle rank of subregions (rank 6/11) (Table 3.5).

Figure 3.4



The number of unemployed people looking for full-time work in Inner West is around 2,800, which puts the subregion in the third quartile for this characteristic (rank 8/11). The number of unemployed people looking for part-time work in Inner West is in the bottom quartile of subregions (rank 9/11).

Table 3.5

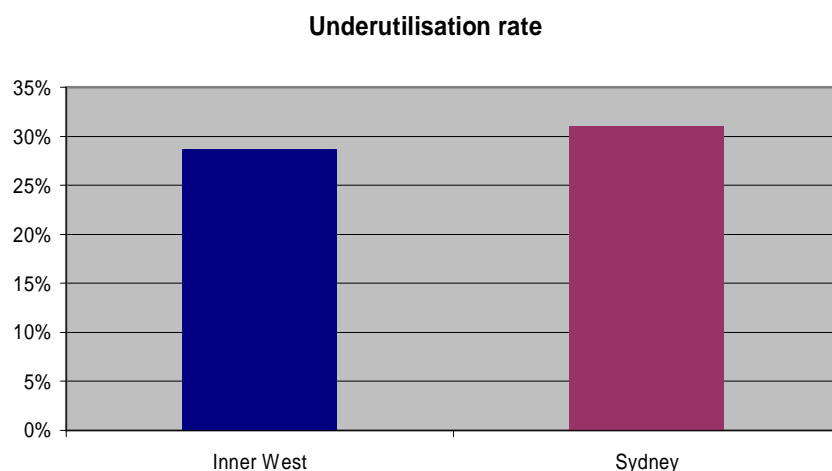
	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Looking for full-time work	56.5	61.1	6	2,834	65,112	8
Looking for part-time work	43.5	38.9	6	2,184	41,378	9

Assumed underutilisation

Underutilisation can be defined as the sum of unemployed and part-time workers who can work full-time in the labour force. Part-time workers are defined as people employed less than 35 hours per week. It is not possible from Census data to readily exclude part-time workers who do not want to work full-time. It is therefore assumed that all part-time workers are able and willing to work full-time.

The assumed underutilisation rate in Inner West is relatively low at 28.7%, 2.3% pts below the rate for Sydney and in the bottom quartile (10/11) (Figure 3.6, Table 3.7).

Figure 3.6



The number of underutilised people in Inner West is about 33,000 and ranks the subregion in the bottom quartile (rank 10/11) (Table 3.7).

Table 3.7

	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Underutilisation	28.7%	31.0%	9	32739	623274	10

Hours worked by occupation: less than 25 hours

The proportion of workers employed for less than 25 hours per week in Inner West is 21.5%, which is 1% pt below the proportion for Sydney (22.5%) and ranks the subregion in the third quartile (rank 8/11).

Inner West is home to a much higher proportion of machinery operators and drivers, technicians and trades workers and labourers who worked less than 25 hours compared to the Sydney average (Table 3.8). This is probably a reflection of the distribution of demand for these occupations, with most businesses in industry (manufacturing, construction, utilities) in the outer ring of Sydney.

Table 3.8

Occupation: worked less than 25 hours	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Managers	8.8	9.5	8	1,498	23,311	8
Professionals	16.7	18.3	8	5,802	81,396	8
Technicians & trades workers	15.2	12.9	3	1,524	30,272	10
Community & personal service workers	38.9	38.2	6	2,842	56,556	10
Clerical & administrative workers	23.2	24.8	8	3,976	77,406	10
Sales workers	39.0	41.6	8	3,757	73,404	10
Machinery operators and drivers	17.3	13.1	3	564	14,337	8
Labourers	37.7	34.0	5	2,170	50,264	10
Total	21.2	22.5	8	22,600	415,004	10

In terms of absolute numbers, Inner West is in the bottom quartile of subregions for all major occupation groups except for the number of managers, professionals, and machinery operators and drivers (Table 3.8).

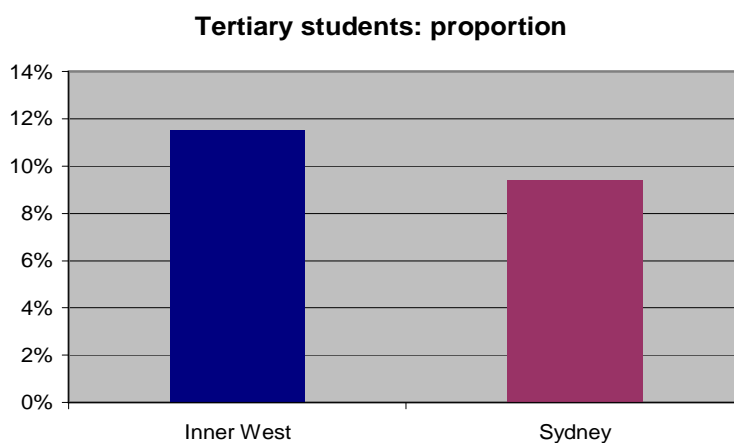
Students

The number of non-school students provides an indication of the pipeline of tertiary educated employees that could be available from a subregion.

Census statistics on the full/part-time status of students by educational institution should be treated with caution. The type of educational institution attended was not stated for a large proportion of total students, and the full/part-time status of these students could not be assigned to the type of institution they were attending.

The number of non-school students as a proportion of the population over 15 years in Inner West is more than 2% pts higher than the Sydney average and places the subregion in the top quartile (rank 3/11) (Table 3.10). This is due in part to the proximity of the subregion to universities and other tertiary institutions located in central Sydney.

Figure 3.9



Overall Inner West has over 21,000 tertiary students, and this puts the subregion in the bottom quartile of subregions for this characteristic (rank 9/11) (Table 3.10).

Table 3.10

	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West	Inner West	Sydney	Inner West
	%	%	% Rank	Persons	Persons	Persons Rank
Part-time students	4.8	4.4	3	8,825	144,207	8
Full-time students	6.6	4.9	3	12,055	163,968	7
Total tertiary students	11.6	9.4	3	21,108	312,339	9

APPENDIX 1

Statistical tables: all subregions

