

Background

The Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR), a portfolio office of Queensland Treasury, is the principal economic, demographic and social research agency for the Queensland Government. OESR provides expert services to support national, whole-of-Government and agency policies, programs, and service delivery decisions.

OESR maintains a strong customer focus and provides high levels of regional service delivery through offices located in Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns.

The head office in Brisbane incorporates the Office of the Government Statistician. The Government Statistician is responsible for representing the Queensland Government on statistical matters, as determined by legislation under the Statistical Returns Act 1896 (Qld).

OESR Vision Statement

*Knowledge leaders
for smarter decision making*

The OESR vision is realised through a commitment to knowledge sharing and enabling access to information products and services. OESR provides information and advice to government agencies, business, the education sector and the community through partnering with these sectors, and contributing to specialised interest networks.

Our Services

As the principal economic, demographic and social research agency for the Queensland Government, OESR delivers a range of expert services under the following key areas.

Statistical services

OESR provides a range of statistical services from business and household surveys, to training, analysis and advice.

Modelling and research

Conducting economic, demographic and statistical modelling and research on issues of importance to Queensland is a key focus of OESR, through partnering with Queensland Government agencies and universities, and contributing to specialist interest networks.

Policies and guidelines

OESR is responsible for providing policies and guidelines for access to and use of information, including spatial information, to support business activities of government, industry and community.

Access to data

Providing access to a broad range of economic, demographic and social data relating to Queensland is a key priority for OESR.

OESR is committed to providing quality information products and services and contributes to data standards and definitions for national and Queensland Government statistics. OESR is a quality endorsed organisation, with all its products and services complying with the international quality assurance standard AS/NZS ISO 9001:2000.

Selected Projects

- Development of online products and services delivered to the public through the OESR website and across Government through GovNet.
- Conducting the Queensland Household Survey twice a year, a community survey covering a range of different topics.
- Client-based statistical surveys assessing economic, social and environmental issues of interest to Queensland Government agencies.
- Conducting research and analysis of macroeconomic conditions and monitoring the performance of the Queensland economy.
- Modelling the economy-wide impacts of economic factors, such as petrol prices, and industry reforms, such as the sugar industry.

Selected Publications

- Population Projections to 2051
Queensland and Statistical Divisions
- Index of Retail Prices in Regional Centres, May 2006
- Productivity and Regional Economic Performance in Australia, 2003
- Queensland Economic Review (monthly)
- Queensland Regional Profiles (online)
- Indigenous Regional Profiles
- QSI*Connection* newsletter of the Queensland Spatial Information Council
- Queensland State Accounts (quarterly)
- Census 2001 Bulletin Series

OESR online products

OESR Website

The OESR website provides access to a range of publications, data and services offered by the Office. It also includes dynamic statistical products that allow tailored reports to be produced, including Local Government Area (LGA) Profiles. The LGA Profiles are standardised statistical reports based on a region of your choice. You can select a single LGA, or several LGAs to create your own user-defined region. A customised report based on the selected region is then generated using the most recent available data for each topic. Topics including population (including growth rates), business, building activity, agriculture and employment are covered in each report.

Data Hub

The Data Hub is an information gateway on GovNet and is available to Queensland state and local government employees. The Data Hub offers desk-top access to a range of information services including ABS publications, thematic maps, regional data and training. Data directories provide a comprehensive listing of data sources through user-friendly search functionality. Data Smart is the events and meeting 'market place' of Data Hub. It provides access to information about professional development, news and networking regarding information products and services.

statistics@queensland

statistics@queensland is a weekly information service highlighting upcoming economic and statistical publications, events and whole-of-Government activities. It can be accessed from the 'quick links' menu on the OESR website.

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