

Census fact sheet

Balonne Shire Council

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Based on local government boundaries effective March 2008

First release 2006 Census data

Most data from the 2006 Census will be released on a 'place of usual residence' basis – that is, according to where people normally live. For the 2001 Census most data was released on a 'place of enumeration' basis – that is, according to where people were on Census night. However, data on both bases are available from both Census years.



The figures in the table below illustrate the differences between these concepts, and the difference between these and the concept of 'estimated resident population'. For some locations, the number of persons counted at the Census is important because that figure includes visitors. For other areas, or for other purposes, the number of usual residents is a more appropriate measure. In all cases, the estimated resident population (which includes an allowance for persons not counted at the Census) is regarded as the 'official' population (see explanatory notes). Except where indicated, the population data in this fact sheet is based on the place of usual residence, while all dwellings data is based on place of enumeration.



Population summary

	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Total usual residents	2,370	2,255	4,625	2,793	2,531	5,324
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	2,127	2,037	4,164	2,547	2,270	4,817
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	11	19	30	3	3	6
Total visitors counted in area(a)	269	196	465	380	223	603
Total persons counted in area(a)	2,396	2,233	4,629	2,927	2,493	5,420
Estimated resident population (30 June)	2,549	2,387	4,936	2,951	2,629	5,580

(a) This data is based on place of enumeration.

- The median age in Balonne Shire of 33 years was lower than the Queensland median. There is a larger proportion of the population aged under 15 and a smaller proportion aged over 65.
- Household income is \$66 a week lower on average in Balonne Shire, while the median mortgage payment is \$372 a month lower. The median rent is \$107 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 3.1% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

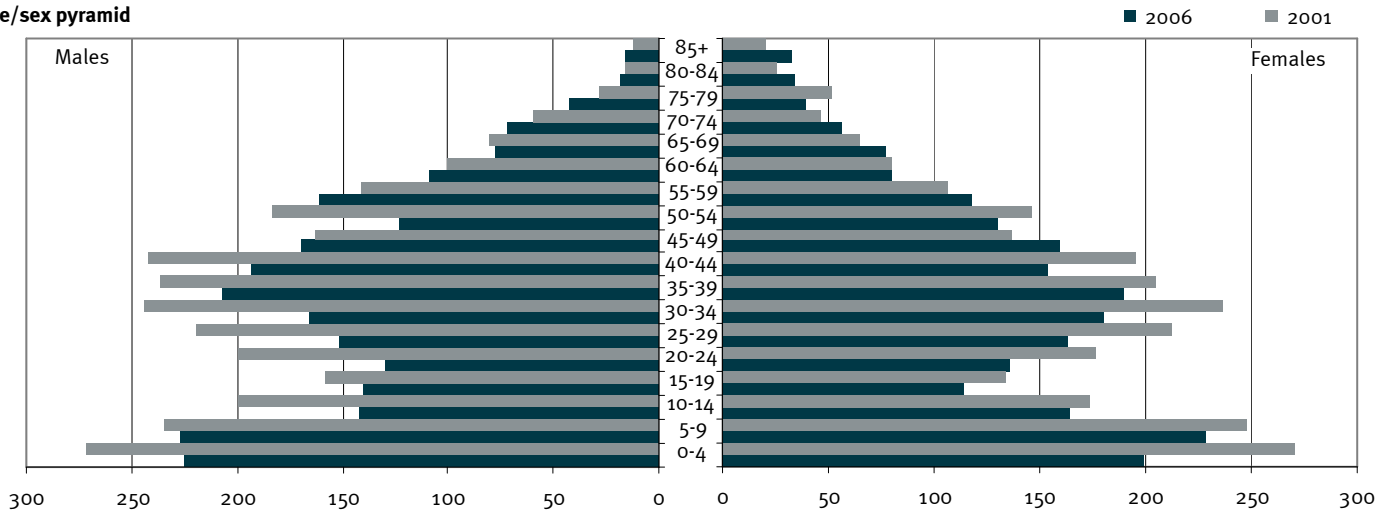
	LGA	QLD
Median age	33	36
% of population aged under 15	25.6%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	10.1%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	3.1%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$495	\$476
Family income	\$1,083	\$1,154
Household income	\$967	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$928	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$93	\$200
Average persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1
Average household size	2.8	2.6

(a) For detailed explanatory notes refer to Australian Bureau of Statistics, Basic Community Profile, Table 2.

(b) Median values derived by PIFU by assuming that persons falling in the median range are distributed equally across \$ values in that range.

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Age/sex pyramid



Age group	2006				2001			
	Males	Females	Persons	%	Males	Females	Persons	%
0-14	594	591	1,185	25.6	707	693	1,400	26.3
15-24	270	250	520	11.2	358	310	668	12.5
25-34	317	343	660	14.3	464	449	913	17.2
35-44	400	344	744	16.1	479	400	879	16.5
45-54	292	289	581	12.6	347	283	630	11.8
55-64	270	198	468	10.1	241	187	428	8.0
65-74	150	134	284	6.1	140	111	251	4.7
75-84	61	74	135	2.9	44	77	121	2.3
85+	16	33	49	1.1	12	21	33	0.6
Total	2,370	2,256	4,626	100.0	2,792	2,531	5,323	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	61	46	107	60	53	113
Infants/primary – government	168	159	327	219	219	438
Infants/primary – non government	86	111	197	84	88	172
Infants/primary – total	315	316	631	363	360	723
Secondary – government	90	89	179	98	113	211
Secondary – non government	10	9	19	8	3	11
Secondary – total	100	98	198	106	116	222
Technical or further educational institution	8	30	38	29	33	62
University or other tertiary Institution	10	38	48	22	44	66
Other and not stated	183	186	369	142	130	272
Total attending	677	714	1,391	722	736	1,458

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	2,148	2,023	4,171	2,510	2,253	4,763
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	86	92	178	109	114	223
Language spoken at home – English only	2,205	2,122	4,327	2,638	2,371	5,009
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	36	28	64	30	33	63
Indigenous persons	333	356	689	340	391	731
Australian citizens	2,180	2,073	4,253	2,601	2,353	4,954
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	2,231	2,102	4,333	2,703	2,385	5,088
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	154	113	267	224	108	332

(a) Includes responses that could not be coded to a specific country but excludes 'not stated'.

(b) Includes responses that could not be coded to a specific language but excludes 'not stated'.

(c) This data is based on place of enumeration.

(d) Includes persons counted in 'migratory, offshore and shipping' Collection Districts as well as those in non-private dwellings such as hotels and hospitals.

- Over the five years to 2006 the number of children aged 0-14 years decreased by 215 (15.4%) and the proportion of these children in the population fell from 26.3% to 25.6%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 30 (19.5%) and grew from 2.9% of the population in 2001 to 4.0% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution decreased by 4.6% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 5.0% in 2001 to 9.6% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 60.6% to 51.8% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 32.8%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in Balonne Shire who were born in Australia increased from 95.5% to 95.9%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens decreased by 701.
- In 2006 5.8% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 6.1% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 32.2% to 32.7%.
- Married persons decreased in number by 312, and as a share of total persons declined from 54.2% to 52.7%.
- The number who were separated or divorced decreased by 5.4%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship decreased by 6.8% between 2001 and 2006 compared with a decrease of 16.7% for those living in a registered marriage.
- Social marital status is generally assumed to more closely reflect current living arrangements than do figures for formal registered marital status.

Marital status (registered)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (excl. de facto)	909	906	1,815	1,076	1,051	2,127
Separated	62	43	105	72	61	133
Divorced	117	91	208	122	76	198
Widowed	41	149	190	49	152	201
Never married	646	480	1,126	768	494	1,262
Total (aged 15+)	1,775	1,669	3,444	2,087	1,834	3,921

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	772	784	1,556	927	940	1,867
Married (de facto)	189	192	381	206	203	409
Not married	545	450	995	665	448	1,113
Total (aged 15+)	1,506	1,426	2,932	1,798	1,591	3,389

(a) This data is derived from analysis of relationships within households in private dwellings and so are on a different basis to the figures reported for registered marital status.

Number of children ever born (a)(b)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
0	336	315	21
1	174	169	5
2	394	369	25
3	313	329	-16
4	186	205	-19
5	72	75	-3
6 or more	74	87	-13
Not stated	104	80	24
Total females aged 15+	1,653	1,629	24

(a) This data is based on place of enumeration.

(b) Refers to live births only.

Family composition (persons)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Couple family without children	873	916	-43
Couple family with children	2,198	2,738	-540
One parent family	386	350	36
Other family(a)	23	32	-9
Total members of families	3,480	4,036	-556

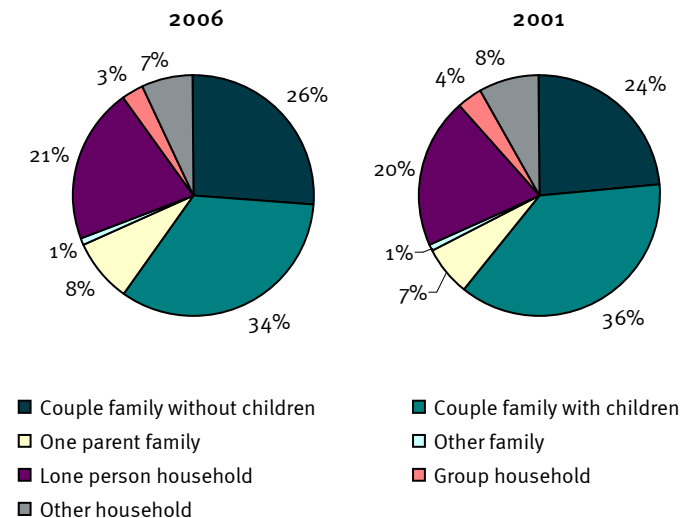
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	442	458	-16
Couple family with children	556	715	-159
One parent family	140	128	12
Other family(a)	15	16	-1
Lone person household	351	395	-44
Group household	51	70	-19
Other household	115	156	-41
Total households	1,670	1,938	-268

(a) This data is based on place of enumeration.

- The proportion of females aged 15 or more in 2006 who had never borne children was 20.3% compared to 19.3% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 42.7% in 2001 to 39.0% in 2006.
- Over the five years to 2006 there was a decrease of 540 in the number of persons in families with children, while the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 22.7% to 25.1%.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was a decrease of 44 (11.1%) lone person households in Balonne Shire. One parent families increased by 12 (9.4%) while the number of couples without children decreased by 16 (3.5%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Separate house	1,509	1,613	-104
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	7	43	-36
Flat, unit or apartment	58	85	-27
Other dwelling(a)	100	184	-84
Dwelling structure not stated	0	13	-13
Total occupied private dwellings	1,674	1,938	-264
Unoccupied private dwelling	528	290	238
Total private dwellings	2,202	2,228	-26
Non-private dwelling	29	31	-2

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Fully owned	503	724	-221
Being purchased	383	318	65
Rented	635	759	-124
Other incl. rent-free	33	44	-11
Tenure not stated	126	92	34
Total occupied private dwellings	1,680	1,937	-257

Explanatory notes

- Estimated Resident Population (ERP) is derived from census usual residence counts, by making three adjustments: (a) an adjustment for persons in Australia at the time of the Census who were not counted; (b) inclusion of an estimated number of Australian residents who were temporarily overseas on Census night, and (c) an adjustment for births, deaths and migration between 30 June and the Census date (8 August 2006).
- 'Family' is defined as two or more persons (at least one aged 15+) related to each other who are usually resident in the same household, even if one or more (but not all) are temporarily absent, whereas a 'household' comprises all usual residents of a private dwelling. Thus a couple where one partner was temporarily away would be classed as a couple family, not as a lone person.
- Where local government area (LGA) boundaries have changed since 2001, the 2006 and 2001 Census data presented here have been estimated by apportioning statistical local area (SLA) level Census data. The apportionment ratios are based on an analysis of collection district (CD) population, dwellings and land parcels.
- Where indigenous LGAs have been established since 2001, no 2001 Census data are available for these areas. Note that the 2001 data for the LGAs from which they were created are not directly comparable to the 2006 Census data for these LGAs. It is not possible to accurately adjust the 2001 data for these 'parent' LGAs to allow for the separation of the indigenous areas.
- Data on persons by family type are presented on a place of enumeration basis, as the family data on a place of usual residence basis exclude individuals temporarily absent on Census night, although they are taken into account in determining family type, and are included in the usual resident population for the area.
- In making comparisons between 2001 and 2006 for individual categories in a classification, the size of the not stated category should be considered, as in some cases the real change may be obscured or distorted. Likewise the exclusion of some categories of households may distort the change in household characteristics or size.

Sources

ABS, *Census of Population and Housing*, 2001 and 2006, published and unpublished data. ABS, *Regional Population Growth*, ABS Cat. No. 3218.0

- Between 2001 and 2006 the number of separate houses fell by 36 while the number of attached dwellings decreased by 63.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings fell from 5.7% in 2001 to 3.0% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 13.0% to 24.0% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 39.2% in 2001 to 37.8% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 16.4% to 22.8%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 65.

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