

# Census fact sheet

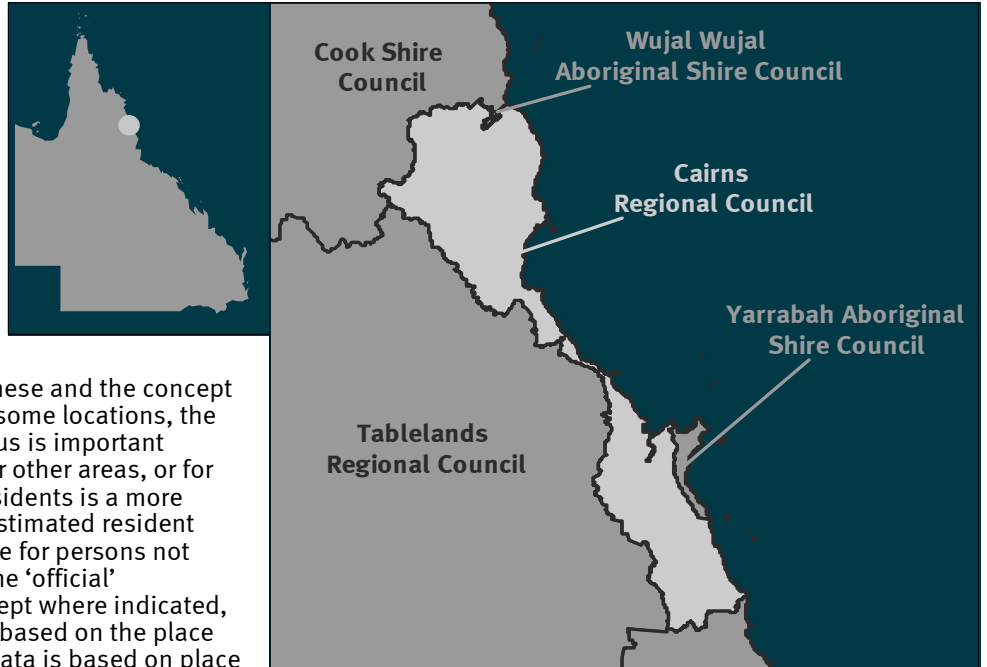
# Cairns Regional Council

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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	68,964	68,667	137,631	62,785	62,404	125,189
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	64,815	65,594	130,409	59,450	59,962	119,412
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	6,777	7,753	14,530	6,960	8,103	15,063
Total visitors counted in area(a)	16,855	17,751	34,606	15,426	16,248	31,674
Total persons counted in area(a)	81,670	83,345	165,015	74,876	76,210	151,086
Estimated resident population (30 June)	74,487	73,018	147,505	64,797	63,298	128,095

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

- The median age in the Cairns region of 35 years was slightly 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 \$13 a week higher on average in the Cairns region, while the median mortgage payment is \$45 a month lower. The median rent is about the same as for 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)

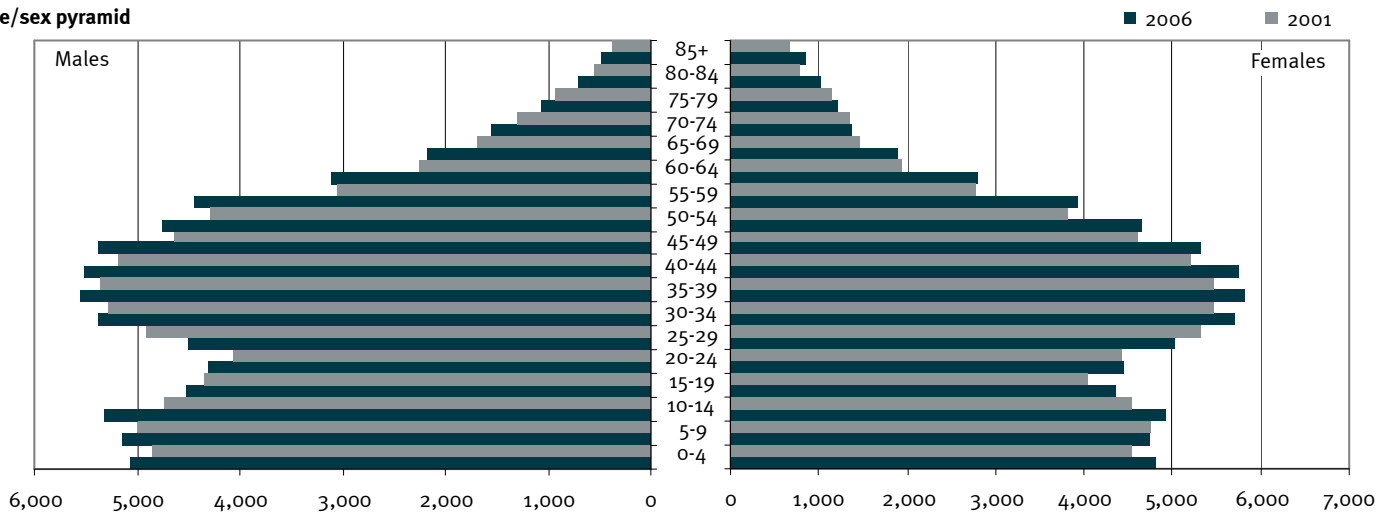
	LGA	QLD
Median age	35	36
% of population aged under 15	21.8%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	9.0%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	3.1%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$528	\$476
Family income	\$1,171	\$1,154
Household income	\$1,046	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,255	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$197	\$200
Average persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1
Average household size	2.4	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	15,544	14,484	30,028	21.8	14,591	13,859	28,450	22.7
15-24	8,824	8,805	17,629	12.8	8,410	8,463	16,873	13.5
25-34	9,873	10,735	20,608	15.0	10,177	10,797	20,974	16.8
35-44	11,071	11,578	22,649	16.5	10,548	10,700	21,248	17.0
45-54	10,122	9,970	20,092	14.6	8,921	8,416	17,337	13.8
55-64	7,561	6,730	14,291	10.4	5,297	4,713	10,010	8.0
65-74	3,725	3,267	6,992	5.1	2,991	2,810	5,801	4.6
75-84	1,762	2,237	3,999	2.9	1,472	1,957	3,429	2.7
85+	482	861	1,343	1.0	376	688	1,064	0.8
Total	68,964	68,667	137,631	100.0	62,783	62,403	125,186	100.0

- Over the five years to 2006 the number of children aged 0-14 years increased by 1,578 (5.5%) but the proportion of these children in the population fell from 22.7% to 21.8%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 849 (18.9%) and grew from 3.6% of the population in 2001 to 3.9% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 19.3% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 34.0% in 2001 to 34.6% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 57.8% to 55.3% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 4.8%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Cairns region who were born in Australia declined from 80.8% to 79.8%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 6,288.
- In 2006 5.8% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 9.8% in 2001.

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	1,046	949	1,995	999	907	1,906
Infants/primary – government	4,127	3,763	7,890	4,289	4,008	8,297
Infants/primary – non government	2,296	2,096	4,392	2,080	2,067	4,147
Infants/primary – total	7,469	6,808	14,277	7,368	6,982	14,350
Secondary – government	2,699	2,558	5,257	2,466	2,386	4,852
Secondary – non government	1,385	1,398	2,783	1,291	1,210	2,501
Secondary – total	4,084	3,956	8,040	3,757	3,596	7,353
Technical or further educational institution	897	1,312	2,209	1,071	1,536	2,607
University or other tertiary Institution	1,206	2,239	3,445	1,216	2,117	3,333
Other and not stated	8,130	7,803	15,933	4,436	4,495	8,931
Total attending	22,832	23,067	45,899	18,847	19,633	38,480

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	49,914	49,302	99,216	47,077	46,393	93,470
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	11,961	13,092	25,053	10,800	11,395	22,195
Language spoken at home – English only	56,927	56,461	113,388	53,565	52,648	106,213
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	5,744	6,773	12,517	4,914	5,701	10,615
Indigenous persons	5,099	5,641	10,740	5,613	6,079	11,692
Australian citizens	57,320	57,048	114,368	54,386	53,694	108,080
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	70,205	71,504	141,709	67,511	68,739	136,250
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	4,693	4,085	8,778	7,365	7,471	14,836

(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.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 37.6% to 38.3%.
- Married persons increased in number by 3,508, but as a share of total persons declined from 44.6% to 43.3%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 17.8%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 22.5% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 6.7% 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)	23,178	23,464	46,642	21,364	21,770	43,134
Separated	1,839	2,105	3,944	1,853	2,109	3,962
Divorced	5,142	5,917	11,059	4,196	4,582	8,778
Widowed	1,003	3,707	4,710	1,024	3,494	4,518
Never married	22,265	18,983	41,248	19,759	16,585	36,344
Total (aged 15+)	53,427	54,176	107,603	48,196	48,540	96,736

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	20,111	20,877	40,988	18,898	19,499	38,397
Married (de facto)	6,451	6,598	13,049	5,280	5,373	10,653
Not married	18,668	20,082	38,750	18,420	19,061	37,481
Total (aged 15+)	45,230	47,557	92,787	42,598	43,933	86,531

(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
	2006	2001	2006	2001	
0	18,211	16,812	18,211	16,812	1,399
1	7,219	5,958	7,219	5,958	1,261
2	14,101	10,946	14,101	10,946	3,155
3	8,623	7,204	8,623	7,204	1,419
4	3,718	3,472	3,718	3,472	246
5	1,320	1,353	1,320	1,353	-33
6 or more	1,222	1,149	1,222	1,149	73
Not stated	6,175	4,222	6,175	4,222	1,953
Total females aged 15+	60,589	51,116	60,589	51,116	9,473

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

(b) Refers to live births only.

Family composition (persons)	2006		2001		Change 2001-2006
	2006	2001	2006	2001	
Couple family without children	26,379	22,986	26,379	22,986	3,393
Couple family with children	55,827	53,126	55,827	53,126	2,701
One parent family	16,952	16,440	16,952	16,440	512
Other family(a)	1,251	1,343	1,251	1,343	-92
Total members of families	100,409	93,895	100,409	93,895	6,514

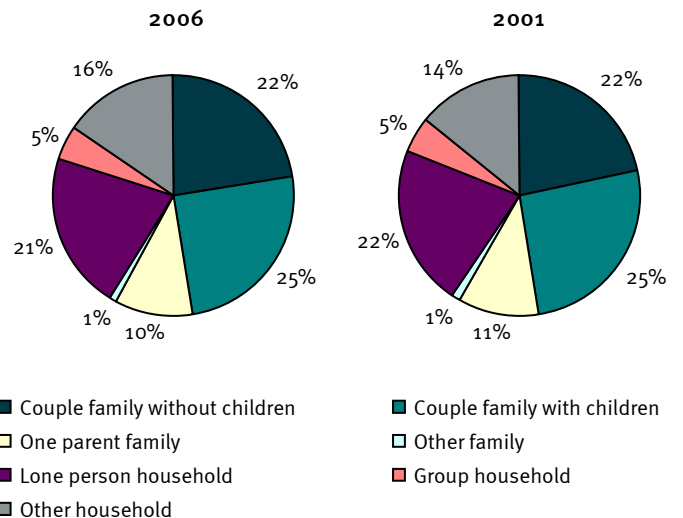
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Household composition (households)	2006		2001		Change 2001-2006
	2006	2001	2006	2001	
One family household					
Couple family without children	13,130	11,416	13,130	11,416	1,714
Couple family with children	14,473	13,423	14,473	13,423	1,050
One parent family	6,128	5,696	6,128	5,696	432
Other family(a)	591	603	591	603	-12
Lone person household	12,351	11,328	12,351	11,328	1,023
Group household	2,684	2,752	2,684	2,752	-68
Other household	9,163	7,393	9,163	7,393	1,770
Total households	58,520	52,611	58,520	52,611	5,909

(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 30.1% compared to 32.9% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 25.8% in 2001 to 24.6% in 2006.
- Despite an increase of 2,701 in the number of persons in families with children, the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 24.5% to 26.3% over the five years to 2006.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 1,023 (9.0%) lone person households in the Cairns region. One parent families increased by 432 (7.6%) while the number of couples without children increased by 1,714 (15.0%).

## Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



Dwelling structure	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Separate house	38,379	33,587	4,792
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	4,798	4,145	653
Flat, unit or apartment	12,725	11,068	1,657
Other dwelling(a)	2,591	3,154	-563
Dwelling structure not stated	35	657	-622
Total occupied private dwellings	58,528	52,611	5,917
Unoccupied private dwelling	6,210	4,722	1,488
Total private dwellings	64,738	57,333	7,405
Non-private dwelling	252	261	-9

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Fully owned	13,559	14,475	-916
Being purchased	17,004	12,289	4,715
Rented	20,477	20,549	-72
Other incl. rent-free	809	1,113	-304
Tenure not stated	6,680	4,175	2,505
Total occupied private dwellings	58,529	52,601	5,928

#### 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 rose by 653 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 2,310.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 26.5% in 2001 to 27.1% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 8.2% to 9.6% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 39.1% in 2001 to 35.0% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 23.4% to 29.1%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 4,715.

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