

Census fact sheet

Central Highlands Regional Council

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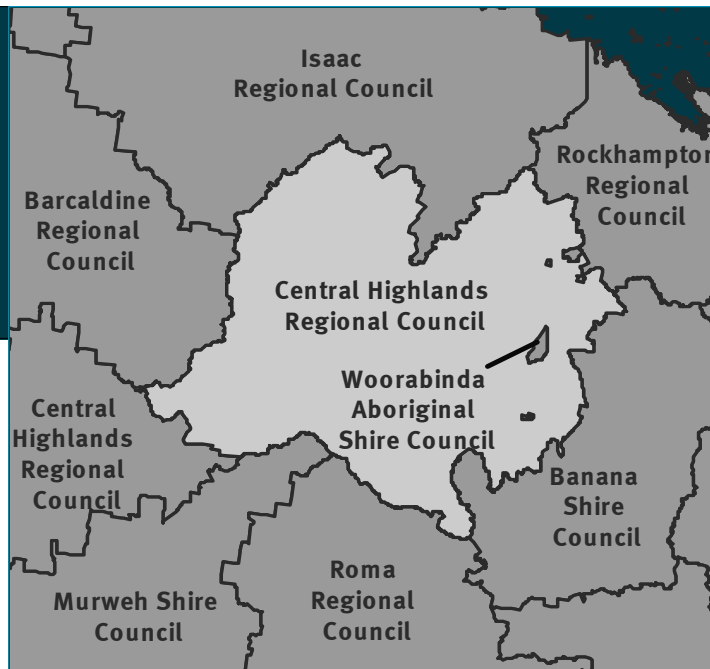
Based on local government boundaries effective March 2008

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	14,244	12,231	26,475	13,351	11,833	25,184
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	12,977	11,331	24,308	12,605	11,279	23,884
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	135	77	212	121	137	258
Total visitors counted in area(a)	4,691	1,686	6,377	2,563	1,558	4,121
Total persons counted in area(a)	17,668	13,017	30,685	15,168	12,837	28,005
Estimated resident population (30 June)	15,309	12,967	28,276	13,411	11,650	25,061

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

- The median age in the Central Highlands region of 31 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 \$501 a week higher on average in the Central Highlands region, while the median mortgage payment is \$32 a month higher. The median rent is \$110 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 1.9% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

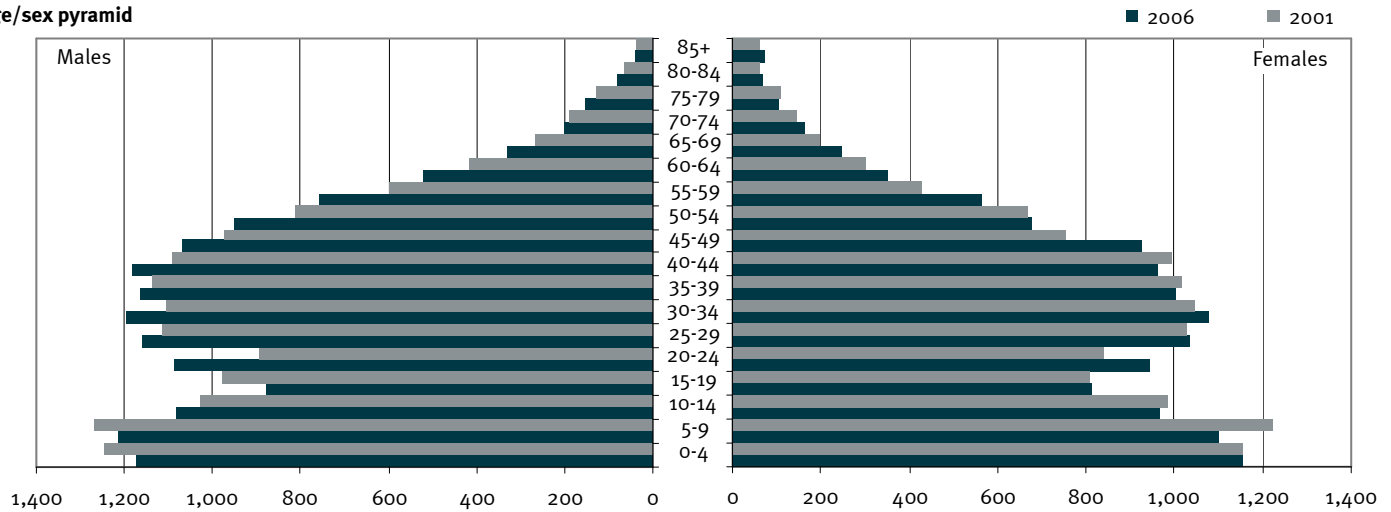
	LGA	QLD
Median age	31	36
% of population aged under 15	25.3%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	5.5%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	1.9%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$635	\$476
Family income	\$1,732	\$1,154
Household income	\$1,534	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,332	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$90	\$200
Average persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1
Average household size	2.6	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	3,469	3,222	6,691	25.3	3,543	3,365	6,908	27.4
15-24	1,967	1,758	3,725	14.1	1,868	1,650	3,518	14.0
25-34	2,356	2,115	4,471	16.9	2,222	2,075	4,297	17.1
35-44	2,345	1,967	4,312	16.3	2,228	2,010	4,238	16.8
45-54	2,022	1,605	3,627	13.7	1,786	1,425	3,211	12.8
55-64	1,274	916	2,190	8.3	1,013	731	1,744	6.9
65-74	532	409	941	3.6	460	340	800	3.2
75-84	237	172	409	1.5	191	170	361	1.4
85+	43	70	113	0.4	34	63	97	0.4
Total	14,245	12,234	26,479	100.0	13,345	11,829	25,174	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	250	230	480	238	250	488
Infants/primary – government	1,208	1,130	2,338	1,370	1,309	2,679
Infants/primary – non government	333	293	626	260	274	534
Infants/primary – total	1,791	1,653	3,444	1,868	1,833	3,701
Secondary – government	503	529	1,032	569	531	1,100
Secondary – non government	176	210	386	149	195	344
Secondary – total	679	739	1,418	718	726	1,444
Technical or further educational institution	211	248	459	240	289	529
University or other tertiary Institution	147	235	382	181	257	438
Other and not stated	1,419	929	2,348	799	547	1,346
Total attending	4,497	4,034	8,531	4,044	3,902	7,946

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	11,816	10,420	22,236	11,436	10,378	21,814
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	1,174	1,038	2,212	1,033	908	1,941
Language spoken at home – English only	12,820	11,333	24,153	12,399	11,160	23,559
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	343	303	646	243	231	474
Indigenous persons	447	448	895	843	854	1,697
Australian citizens	12,358	10,877	23,235	12,132	10,943	23,075
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	14,306	12,568	26,874	13,816	12,484	26,300
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	3,229	370	3,599	1,352	353	1,705

(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 217 (3.1%) and the proportion of these children in the population fell from 27.4% to 25.3%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 64 (14%) and grew from 1.8% of the population in 2001 to 2.0% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 7.4% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 23.8% in 2001 to 27.2% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 72.4% to 67.9% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 13.0%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Central Highlands region who were born in Australia declined from 91.8% to 91.0%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 160.
- In 2006 11.8% 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 32.9% to 33.4%.
- Married persons increased in number by 637, but as a share of total persons declined from 54.8% to 53.8%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 16.9%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 19.8% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 0.7% 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)	5,454	5,180	10,634	5,087	4,910	9,997
Separated	382	243	625	324	281	605
Divorced	829	575	1,404	637	494	1,131
Widowed	148	371	519	141	370	511
Never married	3,966	2,632	6,598	3,598	2,412	6,010
Total (aged 15+)	10,779	9,001	19,780	9,787	8,467	18,254

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	4,440	4,604	9,044	4,426	4,552	8,978
Married (de facto)	1,147	1,179	2,326	965	977	1,942
Not married	3,120	2,144	5,264	3,119	2,228	5,347
Total (aged 15+)	8,707	7,927	16,634	8,510	7,757	16,267

(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	2,442	2,140	302
1	969	903	66
2	2,463	2,282	181
3	1,841	1,690	151
4	893	861	32
5	329	322	7
6 or more	210	269	-59
Not stated	637	384	253
Total females aged 15+	9,784	8,851	933

(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	4,691	4,249	442
Couple family with children	13,552	14,008	-456
One parent family	1,554	1,828	-274
Other family(a)	145	162	-17
Total members of families	19,942	20,247	-305

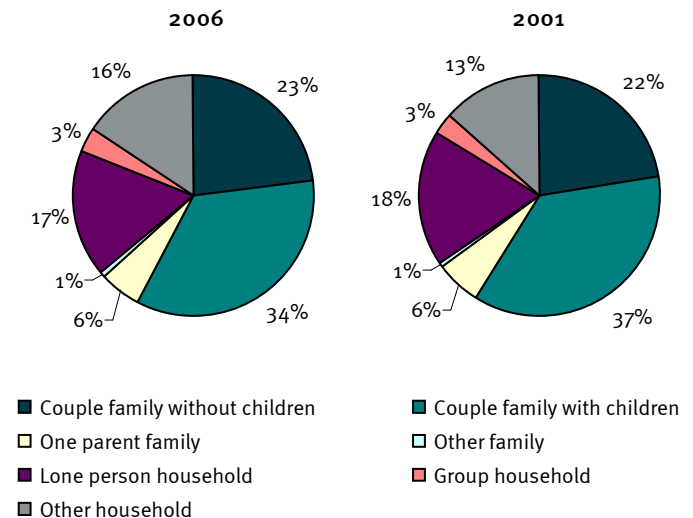
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	2,353	2,111	242
Couple family with children	3,495	3,394	101
One parent family	565	573	-8
Other family(a)	79	69	10
Lone person household	1,725	1,714	11
Group household	339	294	45
Other household	1,626	1,242	384
Total households	10,182	9,397	785

(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 25.0% compared to 24.2% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 35.5% in 2001 to 33.5% in 2006.
- Over the five years to 2006 there was a decrease of 456 in the number of persons in families with children, while the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 21.0% to 23.5%.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 11 (0.6%) lone person households in the Central Highlands region. One parent families decreased by 8 (1.4%) while the number of couples without children increased by 242 (11.5%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Separate house	8,015	7,364	651
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	154	198	-44
Flat, unit or apartment	637	570	67
Other dwelling(a)	1,364	1,173	191
Dwelling structure not stated	9	92	-83
Total occupied private dwellings	10,179	9,397	782
Unoccupied private dwelling	1,867	1,878	-11
Total private dwellings	12,046	11,275	771
Non-private dwelling	84	77	7

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Fully owned	2,771	2,943	-172
Being purchased	2,431	1,698	733
Rented	4,043	4,102	-59
Other incl. rent-free	174	205	-31
Tenure not stated	761	455	306
Total occupied private dwellings	10,180	9,403	777

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 44 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 23.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings fell from 6.8% in 2001 to 6.6% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant declined from 16.7% to 15.5% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 43.6% in 2001 to 39.7% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 18.1% to 23.9%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 733.

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