

Census fact sheet

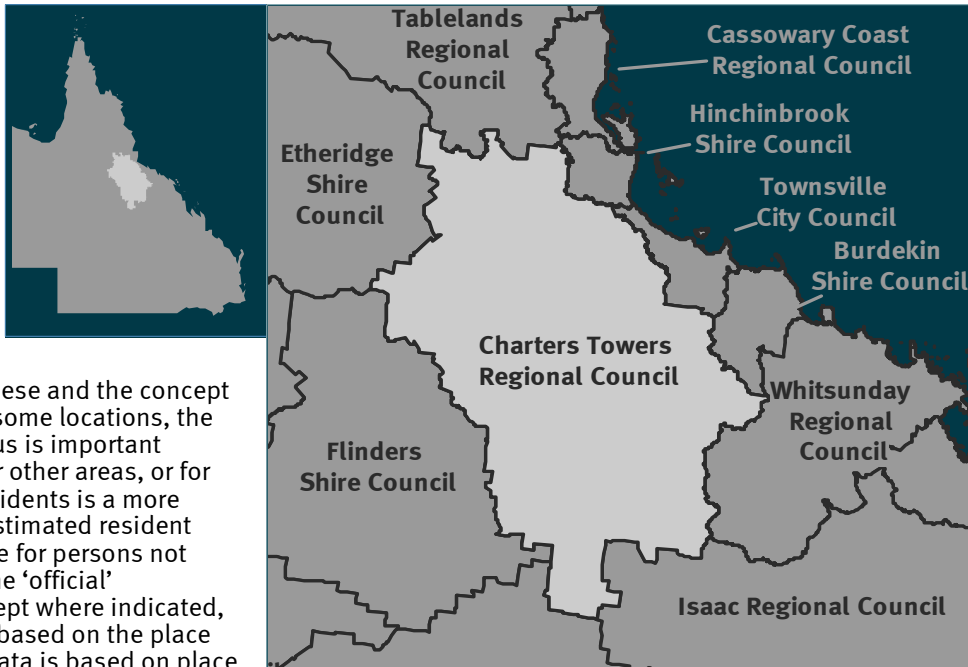
Charters Towers Regional Council

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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	5,728	5,755	11,483	5,948	5,852	11,800
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	5,164	5,372	10,536	5,554	5,566	11,120
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	44	34	78	47	59	106
Total visitors counted in area(a)	776	625	1,401	699	526	1,225
Total persons counted in area(a)	5,940	5,997	11,937	6,253	6,092	12,345
Estimated resident population (30 June)	6,117	6,063	12,180	6,224	6,018	12,242

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

- The median age in the Charters Towers region of 36 years was the same as the Queensland median. There is a larger proportion of the population aged under 15 and a larger proportion aged over 65.
- Household income is \$175 a week lower on average in the Charters Towers region, while the median mortgage payment is \$393 a month lower. The median rent is \$74 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 4.9% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

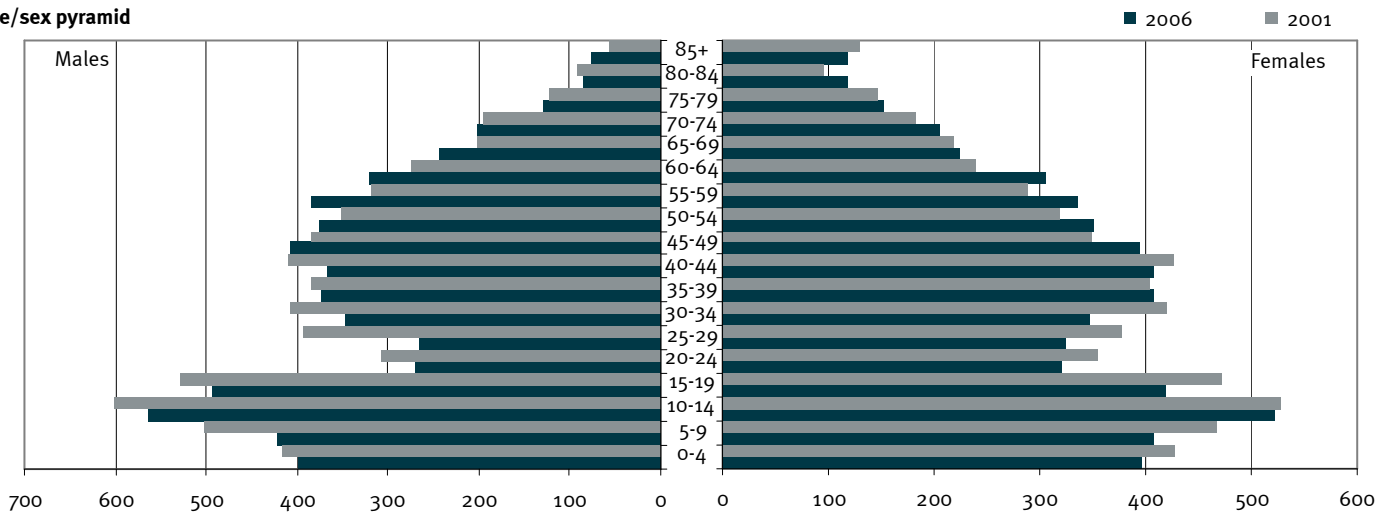
	LGA	QLD
Median age	36	36
% of population aged under 15	23.6%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	13.6%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	4.9%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$392	\$476
Family income	\$1,050	\$1,154
Household income	\$858	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$907	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$126	\$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	1,386	1,325	2,711	23.6	1,522	1,425	2,947	25.0
15-24	764	739	1,503	13.1	835	827	1,662	14.1
25-34	613	671	1,284	11.2	800	797	1,597	13.5
35-44	739	814	1,553	13.5	794	830	1,624	13.8
45-54	785	745	1,530	13.3	734	668	1,402	11.9
55-64	705	641	1,346	11.7	594	529	1,123	9.5
65-74	444	430	874	7.6	397	402	799	6.8
75-84	215	272	487	4.2	215	244	459	3.9
85+	77	118	195	1.7	56	131	187	1.6
Total	5,728	5,755	11,483	100.0	5,947	5,853	11,800	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	79	65	144	107	98	205
Infants/primary – government	386	381	767	474	459	933
Infants/primary – non government	231	189	420	194	167	361
Infants/primary – total	696	635	1,331	775	724	1,499
Secondary – government	170	189	359	216	211	427
Secondary – non government	352	302	654	373	342	715
Secondary – total	522	491	1,013	589	553	1,142
Technical or further educational institution	57	80	137	48	100	148
University or other tertiary Institution	27	71	98	39	81	120
Other and not stated	451	430	881	331	304	635
Total attending	1,832	1,772	3,604	1,889	1,860	3,749

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	5,051	5,092	10,143	5,270	5,214	10,484
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	312	339	651	313	340	653
Language spoken at home – English only	5,361	5,395	10,756	5,577	5,528	11,105
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	94	100	194	76	81	157
Indigenous persons	471	466	937	396	419	815
Australian citizens	5,240	5,300	10,540	5,497	5,419	10,916
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	5,312	5,565	10,877	5,572	5,622	11,194
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	586	396	982	681	470	1,151

(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 236 (8%) and the proportion of these children in the population fell from 25.0% to 23.6%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 36 (5.6%) and grew from 5.5% of the population in 2001 to 5.9% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution decreased by 3.9% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 62.6% in 2001 to 64.6% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 62.2% to 57.6% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 12.3%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Charters Towers region who were born in Australia declined from 94.1% to 94.0%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens decreased by 376.
- In 2006 8.3% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 9.3% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married decreased from 32.7% to 32.2%.
- Married persons decreased in number by 109, and as a share of total persons declined from 50.2% to 49.5%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 11.7%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 3.2% between 2001 and 2006 compared with a decrease of 4.0% 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)	2,161	2,176	4,337	2,205	2,241	4,446
Separated	125	123	248	147	142	289
Divorced	380	395	775	319	308	627
Widowed	120	461	581	124	476	600
Never married	1,551	1,275	2,826	1,641	1,262	2,903
Total (aged 15+)	4,337	4,430	8,767	4,436	4,429	8,865

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	1,825	1,957	3,782	1,914	2,027	3,941
Married (de facto)	376	419	795	369	401	770
Not married	1,335	1,485	2,820	1,354	1,448	2,802
Total (aged 15+)	3,536	3,861	7,397	3,637	3,876	7,513

(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	1,085	1,159	-74
1	446	485	-39
2	1,106	961	145
3	836	769	67
4	485	429	56
5	219	222	-3
6 or more	199	203	-4
Not stated	261	340	-79
Total females aged 15+	4,637	4,568	69

(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	2,255	2,146	109
Couple family with children	4,806	5,349	-543
One parent family	1,254	1,243	11
Other family(a)	80	92	-12
Total members of families	8,395	8,830	-435

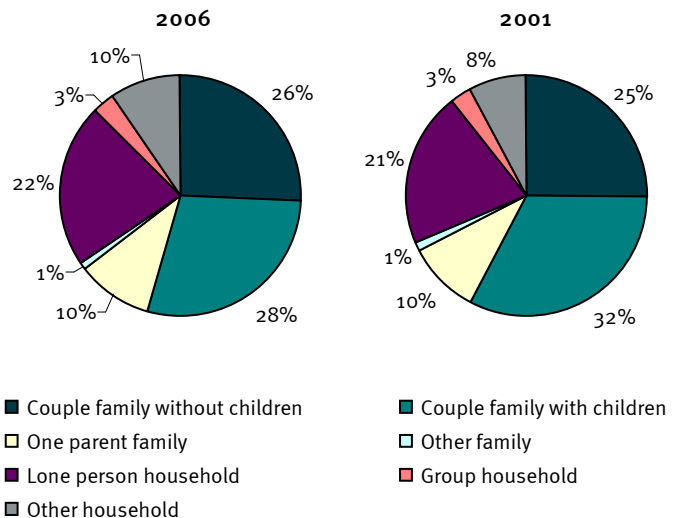
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	1,138	1,080	58
Couple family with children	1,249	1,374	-125
One parent family	449	418	31
Other family(a)	38	41	-3
Lone person household	974	900	74
Group household	134	121	13
Other household	422	333	89
Total households	4,404	4,267	137

(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 23.4% compared to 25.4% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children increased from 35.5% in 2001 to 37.5% in 2006.
- Over the five years to 2006 there was a decrease of 543 in the number of persons in families with children, while the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 24.3% to 26.9%.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 74 (8.2%) lone person households in the Charters Towers region. One parent families increased by 31 (7.4%) while the number of couples without children increased by 58 (5.4%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Separate house	3,687	3,777	-90
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	128	74	54
Flat, unit or apartment	191	111	80
Other dwelling(a)	390	271	119
Dwelling structure not stated	6	34	-28
Total occupied private dwellings	4,402	4,267	135
Unoccupied private dwelling	739	619	120
Total private dwellings	5,141	4,886	255
Non-private dwelling	35	43	-8

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Fully owned	1,676	1,915	-239
Being purchased	1,126	805	321
Rented	1,223	1,235	-12
Other incl. rent-free	54	68	-14
Tenure not stated	323	242	81
Total occupied private dwellings	4,402	4,265	137

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 54 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 134.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 3.8% in 2001 to 6.2% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 12.7% to 14.4% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 29.0% in 2001 to 27.8% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 18.9% to 25.6%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 321.

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