

Census fact sheet

Gympie Regional Council

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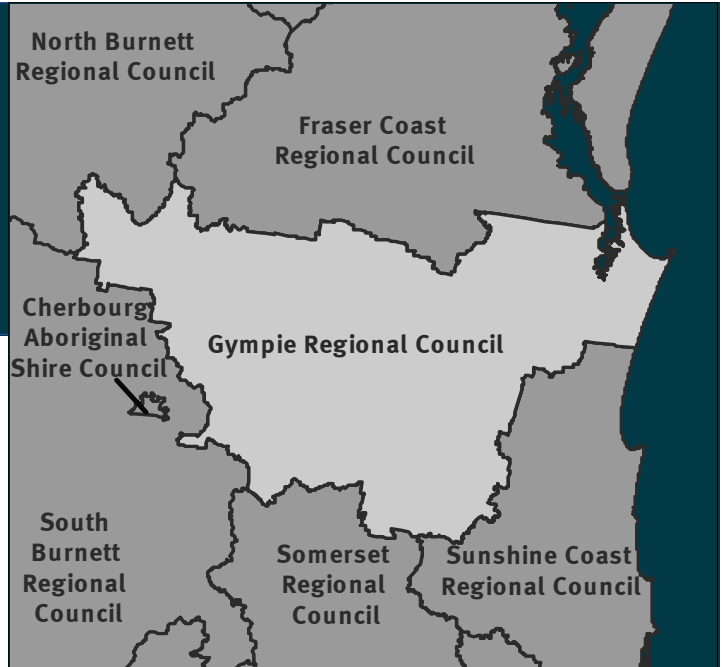
Based on local government boundaries effective March 2008

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	20,719	20,844	41,563	18,631	18,600	37,231
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	19,451	19,853	39,304	17,617	17,782	35,399
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	128	193	321	105	148	253
Total visitors counted in area(a)	1,542	1,541	3,083	1,361	1,250	2,611
Total persons counted in area(a)	20,993	21,394	42,387	18,978	19,032	38,010
Estimated resident population (30 June)	22,069	21,917	43,986	19,483	19,121	38,604

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

- The median age in the Gympie region of 41 years was higher than the Queensland median. There is a larger proportion of the population aged under 15 and a larger proportion aged over 65.
- Household income is \$356 a week lower on average in the Gympie region, while the median mortgage payment is \$378 a month lower. The median rent is \$43 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 6.1% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

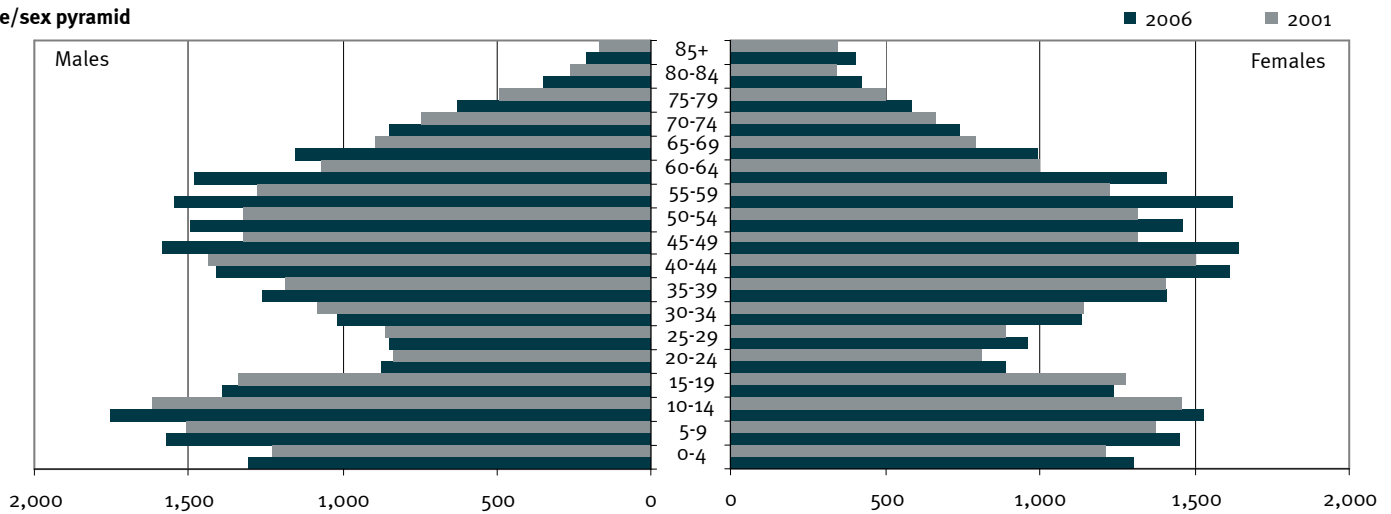
	LGA	QLD
Median age	41	36
% of population aged under 15	21.5%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	15.2%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	6.1%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$348	\$476
Family income	\$848	\$1,154
Household income	\$677	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$922	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$157	\$200
Average persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1
Average household size	2.5	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	4,636	4,284	8,920	21.5	4,354	4,038	8,392	22.5
15-24	2,263	2,133	4,396	10.6	2,176	2,096	4,272	11.5
25-34	1,862	2,097	3,959	9.5	1,945	2,038	3,983	10.7
35-44	2,668	3,028	5,696	13.7	2,625	2,911	5,536	14.9
45-54	3,080	3,111	6,191	14.9	2,642	2,638	5,280	14.2
55-64	3,028	3,041	6,069	14.6	2,339	2,228	4,567	12.3
65-74	2,001	1,733	3,734	9.0	1,636	1,458	3,094	8.3
75-84	974	1,012	1,986	4.8	751	847	1,598	4.3
85+	205	406	611	1.5	167	346	513	1.4
Total	20,717	20,845	41,562	100.0	18,635	18,600	37,235	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	308	327	635	306	262	568
Infants/primary – government	1,766	1,543	3,309	1,780	1,612	3,392
Infants/primary – non government	380	344	724	325	293	618
Infants/primary – total	2,454	2,214	4,668	2,411	2,167	4,578
Secondary – government	1,097	991	2,088	1,048	998	2,046
Secondary – non government	303	327	630	241	244	485
Secondary – total	1,400	1,318	2,718	1,289	1,242	2,531
Technical or further educational institution	235	379	614	293	401	694
University or other tertiary Institution	137	267	404	137	215	352
Other and not stated	1,477	1,521	2,998	887	1,015	1,902
Total attending	6,011	6,026	12,037	5,323	5,302	10,625

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	17,477	17,480	34,957	15,990	15,918	31,908
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	2,064	2,192	4,256	1,732	1,824	3,556
Language spoken at home – English only	19,481	19,619	39,100	17,569	17,497	35,066
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	397	447	844	321	387	708
Indigenous persons	443	469	912	359	367	726
Australian citizens	18,853	19,139	37,992	17,274	17,257	34,531
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	20,435	20,683	41,118	18,581	18,617	37,198
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	433	513	946	396	415	811

(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 increased by 528 (6.3%) but the proportion of these children in the population fell from 22.5% to 21.5%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 486 (23%) and grew from 5.7% of the population in 2001 to 6.2% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 13.3% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 19.2% in 2001 to 23.2% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 74.1% to 70.9% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 2.7%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Gympie region who were born in Australia declined from 90.0% to 89.1%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 3,461.
- In 2006 2.2% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 2.1% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 25.5% to 25.9%.
- Married persons increased in number by 1,606, but as a share of total persons declined from 55.8% to 54.2%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 27.5%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 37.6% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 8.8% 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)	8,819	8,870	17,689	8,022	8,061	16,083
Separated	553	667	1,220	521	599	1,120
Divorced	1,580	1,724	3,304	1,170	1,259	2,429
Widowed	448	1,531	1,979	425	1,437	1,862
Never married	4,690	3,762	8,452	4,148	3,202	7,350
Total (aged 15+)	16,090	16,554	32,644	14,286	14,558	28,844

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	8,004	8,178	16,182	7,372	7,499	14,871
Married (de facto)	1,408	1,440	2,848	1,026	1,044	2,070
Not married	5,048	5,501	10,549	4,548	4,849	9,397
Total (aged 15+)	14,460	15,119	29,579	12,946	13,392	26,338

(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	3,506	2,886	620
1	1,682	1,381	301
2	4,479	3,251	1,228
3	3,338	2,725	613
4	1,772	1,538	234
5	675	647	28
6 or more	584	583	1
Not stated	851	782	69
Total females aged 15+	16,887	13,793	3,094

(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	10,444	8,717	1,727
Couple family with children	17,599	16,952	647
One parent family	4,908	4,289	619
Other family(a)	223	220	3
Total members of families	33,174	30,178	2,996

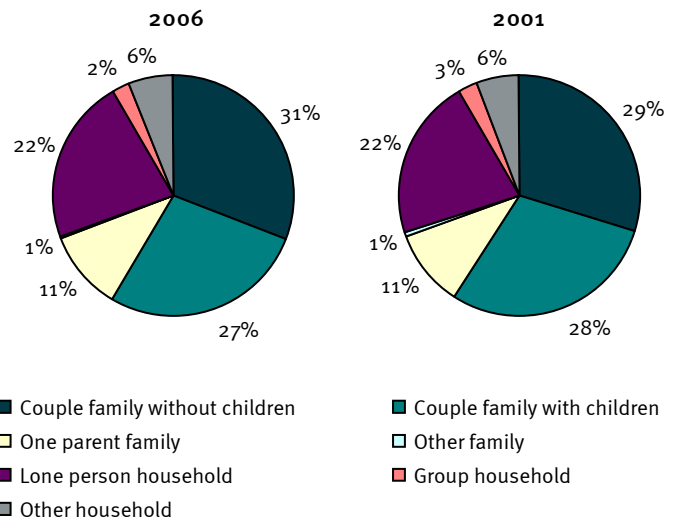
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	5,178	4,364	814
Couple family with children	4,490	4,265	225
One parent family	1,763	1,548	215
Other family(a)	102	103	-1
Lone person household	3,694	3,194	500
Group household	412	374	38
Other household	970	835	135
Total households	16,609	14,683	1,926

(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 20.8% compared to 20.9% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 39.8% in 2001 to 37.7% in 2006.
- Despite an increase of 647 in the number of persons in families with children, the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 28.9% to 31.5% over the five years to 2006.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 500 (15.7%) lone person households in the Gympie region. One parent families increased by 215 (13.9%) while the number of couples without children increased by 814 (18.7%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



Dwelling structure			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Separate house	14,394	12,948	1,446
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	716	142	574
Flat, unit or apartment	589	707	-118
Other dwelling(a)	883	737	146
Dwelling structure not stated	28	149	-121
Total occupied private dwellings	16,610	14,683	1,927
Unoccupied private dwelling	2,246	2,001	245
Total private dwellings	18,856	16,684	2,172
Non-private dwelling	51	70	-19

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Fully owned	6,722	6,623	99
Being purchased	5,099	3,583	1,516
Rented	3,785	3,631	154
Other incl. rent-free	126	220	-94
Tenure not stated	877	621	256
Total occupied private dwellings	16,609	14,678	1,931

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 574 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 456.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 5.1% in 2001 to 6.9% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant declined from 12.0% to 11.9% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 24.7% in 2001 to 22.8% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 24.4% to 30.7%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 1,516.

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