

Census fact sheet

Longreach 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 | 2,015 | 2,042 | 4,057 | 2,294 | 2,166 | 4,460 |
| Total persons counted at home on Census night(a) | 1,790 | 1,878 | 3,668 | 2,056 | 2,016 | 4,072 |
| Overseas visitors counted in area(a) | 20 | 13 | 33 | 21 | 18 | 39 |
| Total visitors counted in area(a) | 598 | 540 | 1,138 | 548 | 417 | 965 |
| Total persons counted in area(a) | 2,388 | 2,418 | 4,806 | 2,604 | 2,433 | 5,037 |
| Estimated resident population (30 June) | 2,167 | 2,157 | 4,324 | 2,393 | 2,233 | 4,626 |

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

- The median age in the Longreach region of 34 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 \$72 a week lower on average in the Longreach region, while the median mortgage payment is \$403 a month lower. The median rent is \$101 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 2.4% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

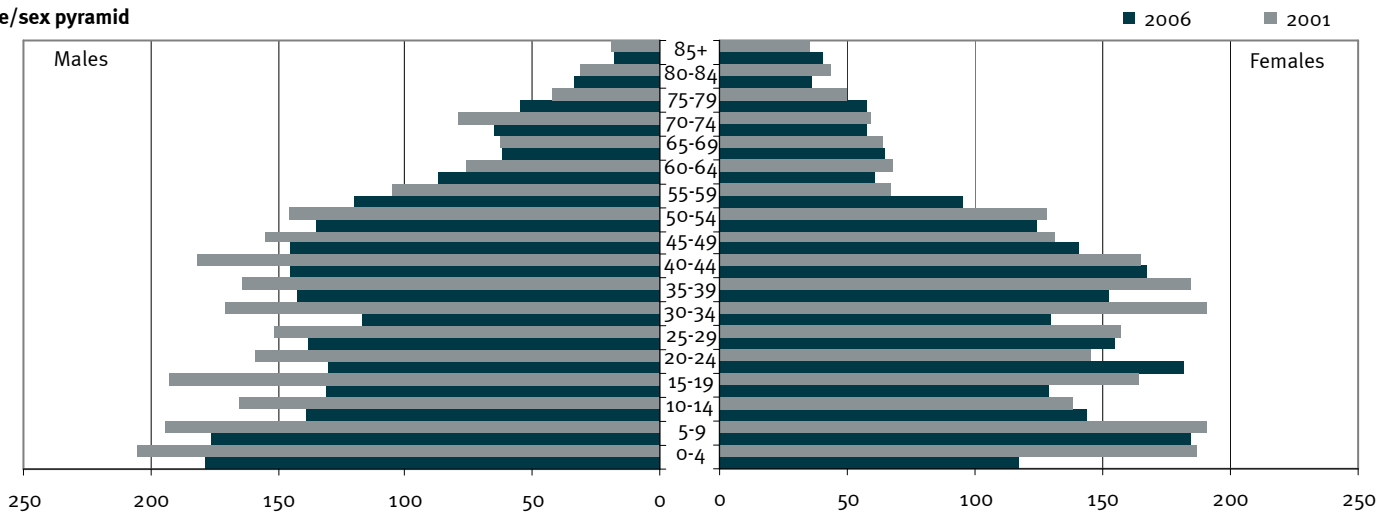
| | LGA | QLD |
|--|---------|---------|
| Median age | 34 | 36 |
| % of population aged under 15 | 23.1% | 20.7% |
| % of population aged 65 and over | 12.1% | 12.4% |
| % with profound or severe disability | 2.4% | 4.0% |
| Median income (weekly)(b) | | |
| Individual income | \$509 | \$476 |
| Family income | \$1,153 | \$1,154 |
| Household income | \$961 | \$1,033 |
| Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b) | \$897 | \$1,300 |
| Median rent (weekly)(b) | \$99 | \$200 |
| Average persons per bedroom | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Average household size | 2.3 | 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 | 494 | 445 | 939 | 23.1 | 564 | 516 | 1,080 | 24.2 |
| 15-24 | 261 | 311 | 572 | 14.1 | 352 | 309 | 661 | 14.8 |
| 25-34 | 255 | 285 | 540 | 13.3 | 322 | 348 | 670 | 15.0 |
| 35-44 | 288 | 319 | 607 | 15.0 | 346 | 349 | 695 | 15.6 |
| 45-54 | 280 | 265 | 545 | 13.4 | 301 | 259 | 560 | 12.5 |
| 55-64 | 207 | 156 | 363 | 8.9 | 181 | 135 | 316 | 7.1 |
| 65-74 | 127 | 123 | 250 | 6.2 | 142 | 123 | 265 | 5.9 |
| 75-84 | 89 | 94 | 183 | 4.5 | 73 | 94 | 167 | 3.7 |
| 85+ | 18 | 41 | 59 | 1.5 | 19 | 35 | 54 | 1.2 |
| Total | 2,019 | 2,039 | 4,058 | 100.0 | 2,300 | 2,168 | 4,468 | 100.0 |

| Current education status | 2006 | | | 2001 | | |
|--|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| Pre-school | 37 | 28 | 65 | 44 | 34 | 78 |
| Infants/primary – government | 152 | 153 | 305 | 176 | 164 | 340 |
| Infants/primary – non government | 64 | 62 | 126 | 83 | 72 | 155 |
| Infants/primary – total | 253 | 243 | 496 | 303 | 270 | 573 |
| Secondary – government | 84 | 89 | 173 | 109 | 102 | 211 |
| Secondary – non government | 0 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Secondary – total | 84 | 94 | 178 | 112 | 108 | 220 |
| Technical or further educational institution | 38 | 45 | 83 | 60 | 52 | 112 |
| University or other tertiary Institution | 10 | 42 | 52 | 25 | 49 | 74 |
| Other and not stated | 209 | 198 | 407 | 113 | 99 | 212 |
| Total attending | 631 | 650 | 1,281 | 657 | 612 | 1,269 |

| Population characteristics | 2006 | | | 2001 | | |
|---|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| Birthplace – Australia | 1,733 | 1,758 | 3,491 | 2,018 | 1,927 | 3,945 |
| Birthplace – Elsewhere(a) | 120 | 129 | 249 | 125 | 130 | 255 |
| Language spoken at home – English only | 1,851 | 1,889 | 3,740 | 2,163 | 2,059 | 4,222 |
| Language spoken at home – Other language(b) | 31 | 26 | 57 | 23 | 18 | 41 |
| Indigenous persons | 86 | 77 | 163 | 59 | 38 | 97 |
| Australian citizens | 1,807 | 1,831 | 3,638 | 2,115 | 2,019 | 4,134 |
| Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c) | 2,117 | 2,175 | 4,292 | 2,296 | 2,229 | 4,525 |
| Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d) | 251 | 233 | 484 | 308 | 204 | 512 |

(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 141 (13.1%) and the proportion of these children in the population fell from 24.2% to 23.1%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 21 (9.5%) and grew from 4.9% of the population in 2001 to 6.0% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 0.9% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools declined from 4.1% in 2001 to 2.8% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools increased from 59.3% to 61.5% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 27.4%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Longreach region who were born in Australia declined from 93.9% to 93.3%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens decreased by 496.
- In 2006 10.1% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 10.2% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 33.9% to 35.1%.
- Married persons decreased in number by 180, and as a share of total persons declined from 51.1% to 49.7%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 0.7%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship decreased by 2.1% between 2001 and 2006 compared with a decrease of 11.5% 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) | 774 | 770 | 1,544 | 868 | 856 | 1,724 |
| Separated | 45 | 37 | 82 | 47 | 38 | 85 |
| Divorced | 108 | 94 | 202 | 107 | 90 | 197 |
| Widowed | 40 | 147 | 187 | 58 | 165 | 223 |
| Never married | 553 | 538 | 1,091 | 637 | 506 | 1,143 |
| Total (aged 15+) | 1,520 | 1,586 | 3,106 | 1,717 | 1,655 | 3,372 |

| Social marital status(a) | 2006 | | | 2001 | | |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| Married (registered) | 644 | 676 | 1,320 | 733 | 758 | 1,491 |
| Married (de facto) | 132 | 146 | 278 | 138 | 146 | 284 |
| Not married | 438 | 509 | 947 | 520 | 519 | 1,039 |
| Total (aged 15+) | 1,214 | 1,331 | 2,545 | 1,391 | 1,423 | 2,814 |

(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 | 502 | 495 | 7 |
| 1 | 148 | 158 | -10 |
| 2 | 432 | 372 | 60 |
| 3 | 388 | 376 | 12 |
| 4 | 202 | 197 | 5 |
| 5 | 76 | 80 | -4 |
| 6 or more | 66 | 82 | -16 |
| Not stated | 121 | 125 | -4 |
| Total females aged 15+ | 1,935 | 1,885 | 50 |

(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 | 756 | 785 | -29 |
| Couple family with children | 1,740 | 2,046 | -306 |
| One parent family | 342 | 398 | -56 |
| Other family(a) | 52 | 31 | 21 |
| Total members of families | 2,890 | 3,260 | -370 |

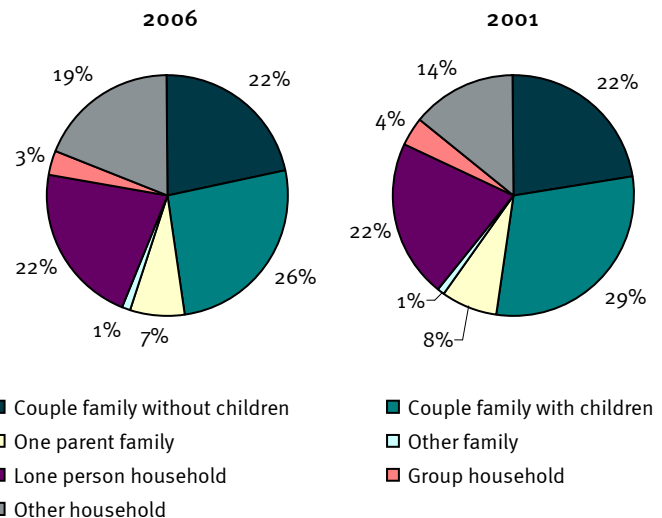
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| Household composition (households) | 2006 | 2001 | Change 2001-2006 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| One family household | | | |
| Couple family without children | 388 | 403 | -15 |
| Couple family with children | 463 | 530 | -67 |
| One parent family | 126 | 137 | -11 |
| Other family(a) | 23 | 13 | 10 |
| Lone person household | 392 | 386 | 6 |
| Group household | 60 | 66 | -6 |
| Other household | 336 | 256 | 80 |
| Total households | 1,788 | 1,791 | -3 |

(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 25.9% compared to 26.3% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 39.0% in 2001 to 37.8% in 2006.
- Over the five years to 2006 there was a decrease of 306 in the number of persons in families with children, while the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 24.1% to 26.2%.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 6 (1.6%) lone person households in the Longreach region. One parent families decreased by 11 (8.0%) while the number of couples without children decreased by 15 (3.7%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



| Dwelling structure | 2006 | 2001 | Change 2001-2006 |
|--|-------|-------|---------------------|
| Separate house | 1,359 | 1,395 | -36 |
| Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc. | 20 | 40 | -20 |
| Flat, unit or apartment | 105 | 102 | 3 |
| Other dwelling(a) | 303 | 242 | 61 |
| Dwelling structure not stated | 0 | 12 | -12 |
| Total occupied private dwellings | 1,787 | 1,791 | -4 |
| Unoccupied private dwelling | 404 | 256 | 148 |
| Total private dwellings | 2,191 | 2,047 | 144 |
| Non-private dwelling | 28 | 30 | -2 |

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

| Tenure (occupied dwellings) | 2006 | 2001 | Change 2001-2006 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|
| Fully owned | 682 | 744 | -62 |
| Being purchased | 366 | 260 | 106 |
| Rented | 588 | 649 | -61 |
| Other incl. rent-free | 27 | 40 | -13 |
| Tenure not stated | 124 | 85 | 39 |
| Total occupied private dwellings | 1,787 | 1,778 | 9 |

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 20 while the number of attached dwellings decreased by 17.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings fell from 6.9% in 2001 to 5.7% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 12.5% to 18.4% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 36.5% in 2001 to 32.9% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 14.6% to 20.5%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 106.

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