

Census fact sheet

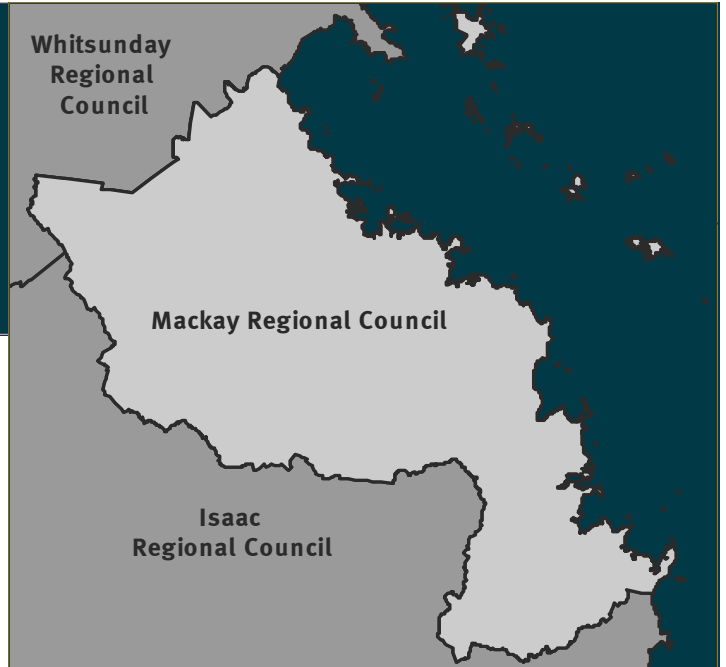
Mackay Regional Council

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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	51,479	49,536	101,015	43,961	43,559	87,520
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	46,538	47,134	93,672	41,271	41,846	83,117
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	334	358	692	230	286	516
Total visitors counted in area(a)	4,320	3,443	7,763	3,531	3,229	6,760
Total persons counted in area(a)	50,858	50,577	101,435	44,802	45,075	89,877
Estimated resident population (30 June)	55,147	52,225	107,372	46,112	44,972	91,084

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

- The median age in the Mackay region of 36 years was the same as the Queensland median. There is a larger proportion of the population aged under 15 and a smaller proportion aged over 65.
- Household income is \$93 a week higher on average in the Mackay region, while the median mortgage payment is \$11 a month higher. The median rent is about the same as for Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 3.4% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

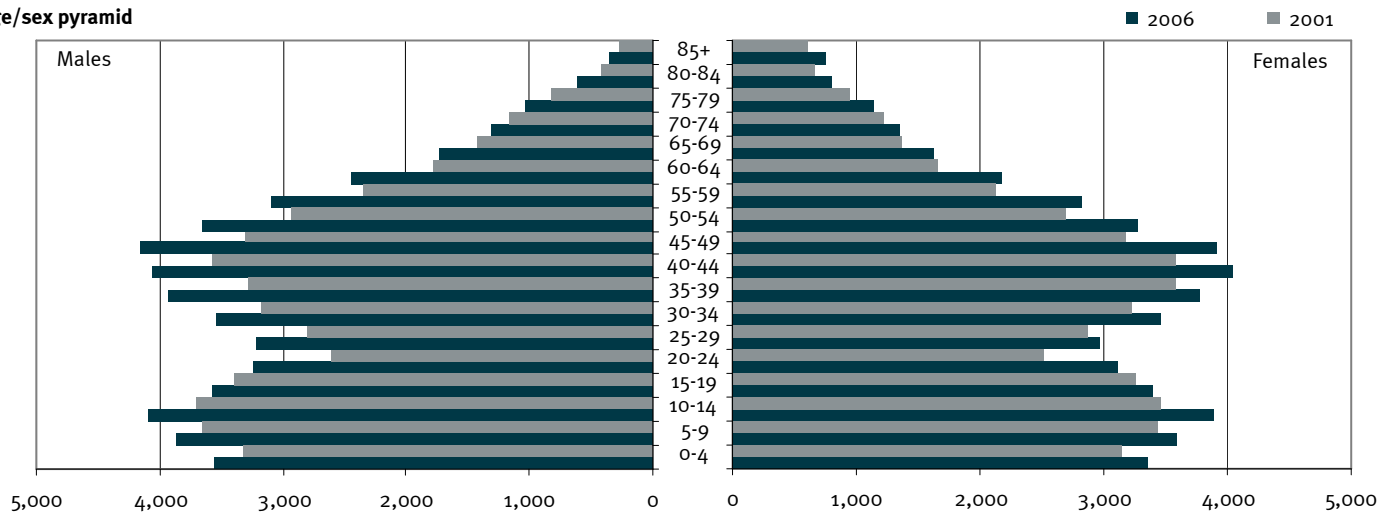
	LGA	QLD
Median age	36	36
% of population aged under 15	22.1%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	10.6%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	3.4%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$511	\$476
Family income	\$1,276	\$1,154
Household income	\$1,126	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,311	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$192	\$200
Average persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1
Average household size	2.7	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	11,514	10,834	22,348	22.1	10,676	10,053	20,729	23.7
15-24	6,808	6,516	13,324	13.2	6,006	5,780	11,786	13.5
25-34	6,767	6,433	13,200	13.1	5,981	6,083	12,064	13.8
35-44	7,991	7,833	15,824	15.7	6,850	7,167	14,017	16.0
45-54	7,820	7,197	15,017	14.9	6,225	5,877	12,102	13.8
55-64	5,537	5,009	10,546	10.4	4,117	3,785	7,902	9.0
65-74	3,035	2,991	6,026	6.0	2,578	2,599	5,177	5.9
75-84	1,653	1,957	3,610	3.6	1,243	1,606	2,849	3.3
85+	355	766	1,121	1.1	283	610	893	1.0
Total	51,480	49,536	101,016	100.0	43,959	43,560	87,519	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	791	695	1,486	638	632	1,270
Infants/primary – government	3,588	3,307	6,895	3,740	3,442	7,182
Infants/primary – non government	1,421	1,359	2,780	1,261	1,189	2,450
Infants/primary – total	5,800	5,361	11,161	5,639	5,263	10,902
Secondary – government	1,939	2,028	3,967	2,076	2,012	4,088
Secondary – non government	1,157	1,240	2,397	1,058	1,123	2,181
Secondary – total	3,096	3,268	6,364	3,134	3,135	6,269
Technical or further educational institution	670	907	1,577	676	985	1,661
University or other tertiary Institution	625	1,190	1,815	785	1,180	1,965
Other and not stated	5,603	4,575	10,178	1,916	1,896	3,812
Total attending	16,585	15,996	32,581	12,788	13,091	25,879

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	41,907	40,942	82,849	37,914	37,663	75,577
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	4,671	4,750	9,421	3,718	3,830	7,548
Language spoken at home – English only	45,841	45,019	90,860	41,133	40,643	81,776
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	1,380	1,471	2,851	1,029	1,228	2,257
Indigenous persons	1,927	2,007	3,934	1,679	1,633	3,312
Australian citizens	44,566	43,919	88,485	40,800	40,502	81,302
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	48,515	48,790	97,305	43,318	43,772	87,090
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	2,013	1,432	3,445	1,484	1,303	2,787

(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 1,619 (7.8%) but the proportion of these children in the population fell from 23.7% to 22.1%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 989 (26.4%) and grew from 4.3% of the population in 2001 to 4.7% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 25.9% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 34.8% in 2001 to 37.7% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 65.9% to 61.8% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 6.5%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Mackay region who were born in Australia declined from 90.9% to 89.8%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 7,183.
- In 2006 3.4% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 3.1% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 29.7% to 31.2%.
- Married persons increased in number by 5,402, but as a share of total persons declined from 53.7% to 52.4%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 18.5%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 45.2% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 8.4% 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)	20,660	20,595	41,255	17,761	18,092	35,853
Separated	1,144	1,200	2,344	1,081	1,312	2,393
Divorced	3,272	3,240	6,512	2,486	2,592	5,078
Widowed	834	3,163	3,997	717	2,932	3,649
Never married	14,052	10,509	24,561	11,240	8,591	19,831
Total (aged 15+)	39,962	38,707	78,669	33,285	33,519	66,804

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	17,119	18,481	35,600	15,972	16,865	32,837
Married (de facto)	3,639	4,022	7,661	2,550	2,725	5,275
Not married	12,127	11,807	23,934	11,259	11,338	22,597
Total (aged 15+)	32,885	34,310	67,195	29,781	30,928	60,709

(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	9,572	8,025	1,547
1	3,980	3,345	635
2	9,943	7,539	2,404
3	7,191	6,013	1,178
4	3,432	3,131	301
5	1,302	1,289	13
6 or more	1,036	1,217	-181
Not stated	2,911	1,932	979
Total females aged 15+	39,367	32,491	6,876

(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	19,837	16,373	3,464
Couple family with children	48,198	44,728	3,470
One parent family	9,338	9,479	-141
Other family(a)	633	595	38
Total members of families	78,006	71,175	6,831

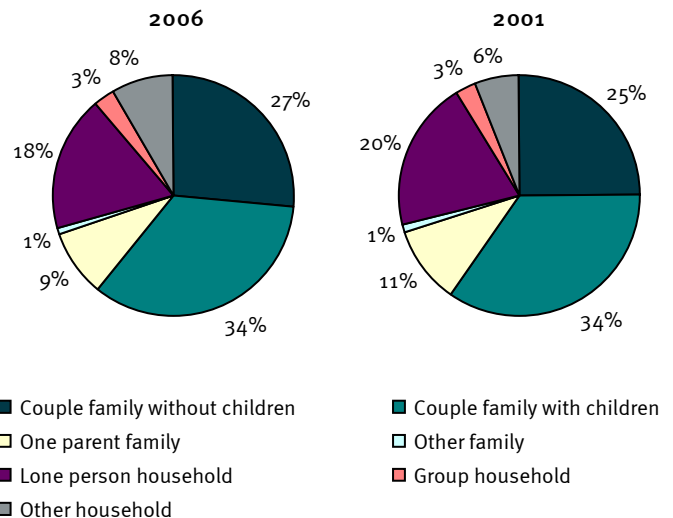
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	9,905	8,250	1,655
Couple family with children	12,531	11,483	1,048
One parent family	3,408	3,499	-91
Other family(a)	302	288	14
Lone person household	6,762	6,771	-9
Group household	1,062	931	131
Other household	3,074	1,914	1,160
Total households	37,044	33,136	3,908

(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 24.3% compared to 24.7% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 35.9% in 2001 to 32.9% in 2006.
- Despite an increase of 3,470 in the number of persons in families with children, the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 23.0% to 25.4% over the five years to 2006.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was a decrease of 9 (0.1%) lone person households in the Mackay region. One parent families decreased by 91 (2.6%) while the number of couples without children increased by 1,655 (20.1%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



Dwelling structure	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Separate house	30,190	27,226	2,964
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	1,562	1,258	304
Flat, unit or apartment	3,574	2,711	863
Other dwelling(a)	1,697	1,638	59
Dwelling structure not stated	23	303	-280
Total occupied private dwellings	37,046	33,136	3,910
Unoccupied private dwelling	3,577	4,028	-451
Total private dwellings	40,623	37,164	3,459
Non-private dwelling	122	123	-1

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Fully owned	11,740	12,834	-1,094
Being purchased	12,111	8,438	3,673
Rented	9,941	10,032	-91
Other incl. rent-free	303	437	-134
Tenure not stated	2,950	1,372	1,578
Total occupied private dwellings	37,045	33,113	3,932

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 304 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 1,167.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 10.7% in 2001 to 12.6% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant declined from 10.8% to 8.8% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 30.3% in 2001 to 26.8% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 25.5% to 32.7%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 3,673.

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