

Census fact sheet

Rockhampton 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	50,632	50,538	101,170	46,733	47,623	94,356
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	46,425	48,023	94,448	44,054	45,690	89,744
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	491	511	1,002	441	536	977
Total visitors counted in area(a)	4,612	4,068	8,680	3,866	4,118	7,984
Total persons counted in area(a)	51,037	52,091	103,128	47,920	49,808	97,728
Estimated resident population (30 June)	54,249	53,381	107,630	48,658	49,567	98,225

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

- The median age in the Rockhampton region of 37 years was slightly 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 \$119 a week lower on average in the Rockhampton region, while the median mortgage payment is \$273 a month lower. The median rent is \$44 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 4.2% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

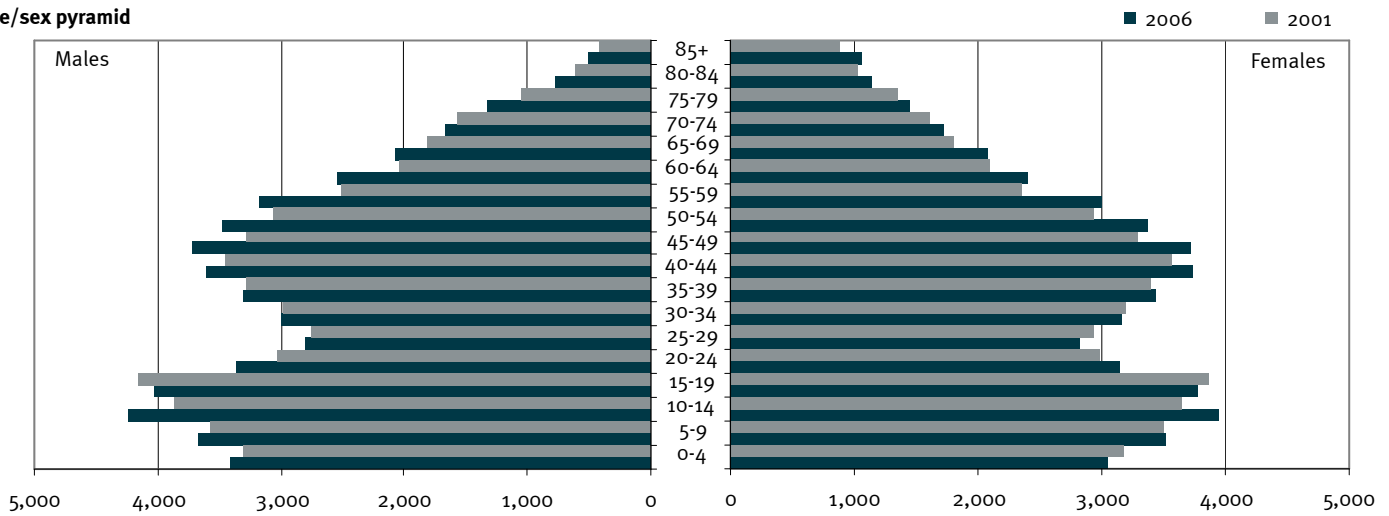
	LGA	QLD
Median age	37	36
% of population aged under 15	21.6%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	13.6%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	4.2%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$433	\$476
Family income	\$1,090	\$1,154
Household income	\$914	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,027	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$156	\$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	11,311	10,521	21,832	21.6	10,751	10,302	21,053	22.3
15-24	7,392	6,929	14,321	14.2	7,180	6,854	14,034	14.9
25-34	5,800	5,978	11,778	11.6	5,734	6,121	11,855	12.6
35-44	6,898	7,177	14,075	13.9	6,722	6,974	13,696	14.5
45-54	7,198	7,091	14,289	14.1	6,340	6,227	12,567	13.3
55-64	5,710	5,391	11,101	11.0	4,545	4,453	8,998	9.5
65-74	3,727	3,801	7,528	7.4	3,382	3,414	6,796	7.2
75-84	2,098	2,587	4,685	4.6	1,666	2,386	4,052	4.3
85+	499	1,064	1,563	1.5	418	892	1,310	1.4
Total	50,633	50,539	101,172	100.0	46,738	47,623	94,361	100.0

- Over the five years to 2006 the number of children aged 0-14 years increased by 779 (3.7%) but the proportion of these children in the population fell from 22.3% to 21.6%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 886 (16.5%) 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 52.2% in 2001 to 53.5% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 64.9% to 61.3% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 20.0%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Rockhampton region who were born in Australia declined from 92.6% to 91.9%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 2,224.
- In 2006 5.6% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 5.7% in 2001.

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	684	586	1,270	642	636	1,278
Infants/primary – government	3,386	3,201	6,587	3,616	3,502	7,118
Infants/primary – non government	1,447	1,434	2,881	1,299	1,280	2,579
Infants/primary – total	5,517	5,221	10,738	5,557	5,418	10,975
Secondary – government	1,687	1,622	3,309	1,709	1,743	3,452
Secondary – non government	1,872	1,933	3,805	1,952	1,819	3,771
Secondary – total	3,559	3,555	7,114	3,661	3,562	7,223
Technical or further educational institution	629	986	1,615	803	1,075	1,878
University or other tertiary Institution	1,229	1,738	2,967	1,718	2,130	3,848
Other and not stated	5,439	4,556	9,995	2,359	2,193	4,552
Total attending	17,057	16,642	33,699	14,740	15,014	29,754

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	42,750	43,198	85,948	41,018	41,960	82,978
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	3,805	3,757	7,562	3,316	3,318	6,634
Language spoken at home – English only	45,387	46,422	91,809	43,526	44,620	88,146
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	1,270	1,232	2,502	873	993	1,866
Indigenous persons	2,643	2,640	5,283	2,171	2,216	4,387
Australian citizens	44,343	45,513	89,856	43,213	44,419	87,632
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	47,352	49,117	96,469	45,114	47,028	92,142
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	3,207	2,464	5,671	2,806	2,780	5,586

(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.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 31.9% to 32.8%.
- Married persons increased in number by 1,999, but as a share of total persons declined from 50.2% to 48.9%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 14.9%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 34.8% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 0.5% 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)	19,444	19,319	38,763	18,331	18,433	36,764
Separated	1,286	1,441	2,727	1,340	1,512	2,852
Divorced	3,192	3,592	6,784	2,483	2,941	5,424
Widowed	1,118	3,896	5,014	1,044	3,838	4,882
Never married	14,291	11,762	26,053	12,785	10,598	23,383
Total (aged 15+)	39,331	40,010	79,341	35,983	37,322	73,305

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	16,454	17,302	33,756	16,490	17,082	33,572
Married (de facto)	3,311	3,559	6,870	2,511	2,587	5,098
Not married	12,687	14,355	27,042	12,507	14,185	26,692
Total (aged 15+)	32,452	35,216	67,668	31,508	33,854	65,362

(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	10,341	10,489	-148
1	4,188	3,948	240
2	9,856	8,347	1,509
3	7,113	6,420	693
4	3,671	3,523	148
5	1,459	1,468	-9
6 or more	1,285	1,375	-90
Not stated	3,026	2,205	821
Total females aged 15+	40,939	37,775	3,164

(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	20,070	18,120	1,950
Couple family with children	42,425	42,585	-160
One parent family	12,170	11,678	492
Other family(a)	897	1,011	-114
Total members of families	75,562	73,394	2,168

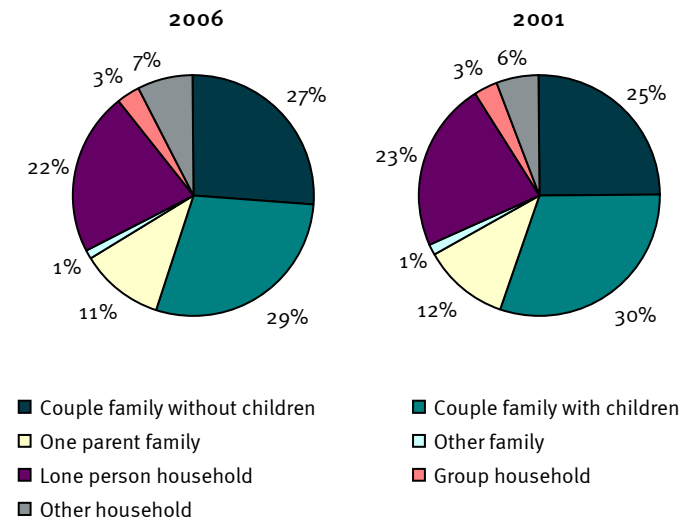
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	10,058	9,038	1,020
Couple family with children	10,887	10,736	151
One parent family	4,320	4,164	156
Other family(a)	417	485	-68
Lone person household	8,518	8,313	205
Group household	1,202	1,202	0
Other household	2,861	2,019	842
Total households	38,263	35,957	2,306

(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 25.3% compared to 27.8% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 33.8% in 2001 to 33.0% in 2006.
- Over the five years to 2006 there was a decrease of 160 in the number of persons in families with children, while the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 24.7% to 26.6%.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 205 (2.5%) lone person households in the Rockhampton region. One parent families increased by 156 (3.7%) while the number of couples without children increased by 1,020 (11.3%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Separate house	32,634	30,553	2,081
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	1,226	820	406
Flat, unit or apartment	2,633	2,772	-139
Other dwelling(a)	1,722	1,481	241
Dwelling structure not stated	55	331	-276
Total occupied private dwellings	38,270	35,957	2,313
Unoccupied private dwelling	3,965	4,107	-142
Total private dwellings	42,235	40,064	2,171
Non-private dwelling	153	163	-10

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Fully owned	13,016	14,524	-1,508
Being purchased	11,483	8,904	2,579
Rented	10,775	10,596	179
Other incl. rent-free	245	421	-176
Tenure not stated	2,743	1,518	1,225
Total occupied private dwellings	38,262	35,963	2,299

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 406 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 267.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 9.0% in 2001 to 9.1% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant declined from 10.3% to 9.4% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 29.5% in 2001 to 28.2% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 24.8% to 30.0%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 2,579.

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