

# Census fact sheet

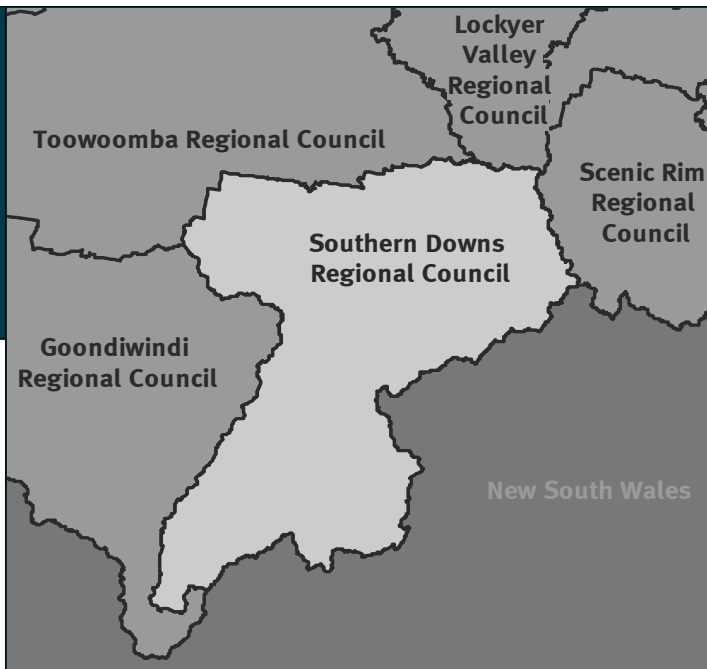
# Southern Downs Regional Council

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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	15,614	16,042	31,656	15,170	15,381	30,551
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	14,688	15,220	29,908	14,386	14,712	29,098
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	58	78	136	64	63	127
Total visitors counted in area(a)	769	708	1,477	852	604	1,456
Total persons counted in area(a)	15,457	15,928	31,385	15,238	15,316	30,554
Estimated resident population (30 June)	16,682	16,891	33,573	15,856	15,816	31,672

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

- The median age in the Southern Downs 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 \$337 a week lower on average in the Southern Downs region, while the median mortgage payment is \$375 a month lower. The median rent is \$59 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 5.3% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

## Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

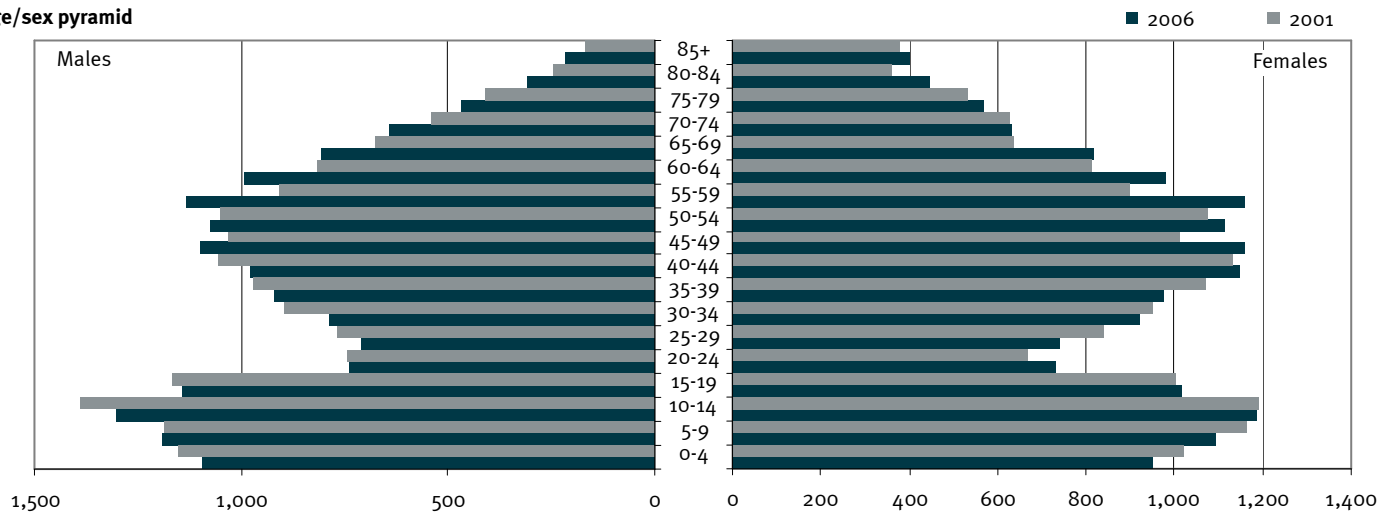
	LGA	QLD
Median age	41	36
% of population aged under 15	21.6%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	16.7%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	5.3%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$367	\$476
Family income	\$911	\$1,154
Household income	\$696	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$925	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$141	\$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	3,586	3,237	6,823	21.6	3,729	3,376	7,105	23.3
15-24	1,881	1,746	3,627	11.5	1,911	1,673	3,584	11.7
25-34	1,497	1,663	3,160	10.0	1,666	1,794	3,460	11.3
35-44	1,903	2,120	4,023	12.7	2,026	2,203	4,229	13.8
45-54	2,177	2,276	4,453	14.1	2,086	2,087	4,173	13.7
55-64	2,127	2,140	4,267	13.5	1,719	1,710	3,429	11.2
65-74	1,448	1,448	2,896	9.1	1,212	1,262	2,474	8.1
75-84	775	1,012	1,787	5.6	652	895	1,547	5.1
85+	219	400	619	2.0	170	379	549	1.8
Total	15,613	16,042	31,655	100.0	15,171	15,379	30,550	100.0

- Over the five years to 2006 the number of children aged 0-14 years decreased by 282 (4%) and the proportion of these children in the population fell from 23.3% to 21.6%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 310 (14.8%) and grew from 6.9% of the population in 2001 to 7.6% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 5.7% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools declined from 33.3% in 2001 to 30.6% in 2006 and for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 66.1% to 65.5% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 13.6%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Southern Downs region who were born in Australia declined from 91.0% to 90.4%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 511.
- In 2006 3.2% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 3.6% in 2001.

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	232	206	438	262	218	480
Infants/primary – government	1,211	1,093	2,304	1,284	1,183	2,467
Infants/primary – non government	372	404	776	380	405	785
Infants/primary – total	1,815	1,703	3,518	1,926	1,806	3,732
Secondary – government	747	751	1,498	809	687	1,496
Secondary – non government	366	295	661	389	357	746
Secondary – total	1,113	1,046	2,159	1,198	1,044	2,242
Technical or further educational institution	240	326	566	298	387	685
University or other tertiary Institution	118	203	321	137	205	342
Other and not stated	1,080	1,154	2,234	632	627	1,259
Total attending	4,598	4,638	9,236	4,453	4,287	8,740

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	13,358	13,646	27,004	13,199	13,363	26,562
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	1,353	1,516	2,869	1,263	1,357	2,620
Language spoken at home – English only	14,415	14,791	29,206	13,985	14,150	28,135
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	573	671	1,244	629	682	1,311
Indigenous persons	402	414	816	355	303	658
Australian citizens	14,381	14,851	29,232	14,241	14,480	28,721
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	14,912	15,344	30,256	14,623	14,844	29,467
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	480	510	990	615	474	1,089

(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 25.9% to 26.5%.
- Married persons increased in number by 378, but as a share of total persons declined from 55.9% to 54.3%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 20.6%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 26.6% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 1.1% 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)	6,701	6,786	13,487	6,536	6,573	13,109
Separated	375	435	810	375	443	818
Divorced	976	1,135	2,111	752	853	1,605
Widowed	340	1,513	1,853	324	1,526	1,850
Never married	3,637	2,938	6,575	3,458	2,610	6,068
Total (aged 15+)	12,029	12,807	24,836	11,445	12,005	23,450

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	6,100	6,202	12,302	6,032	6,134	12,166
Married (de facto)	934	972	1,906	745	761	1,506
Not married	3,668	4,311	7,979	3,594	4,098	7,692
Total (aged 15+)	10,702	11,485	22,187	10,371	10,993	21,364

(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	2,776	2,516	260
1	1,178	1,102	76
2	3,008	2,498	510
3	2,535	2,196	339
4	1,371	1,255	116
5	563	526	37
6 or more	482	550	-68
Not stated	713	693	20
Total females aged 15+	12,626	11,336	1,290

(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	7,519	6,550	969
Couple family with children	13,852	14,765	-913
One parent family	3,284	3,073	211
Other family(a)	204	223	-19
Total members of families	24,859	24,611	248

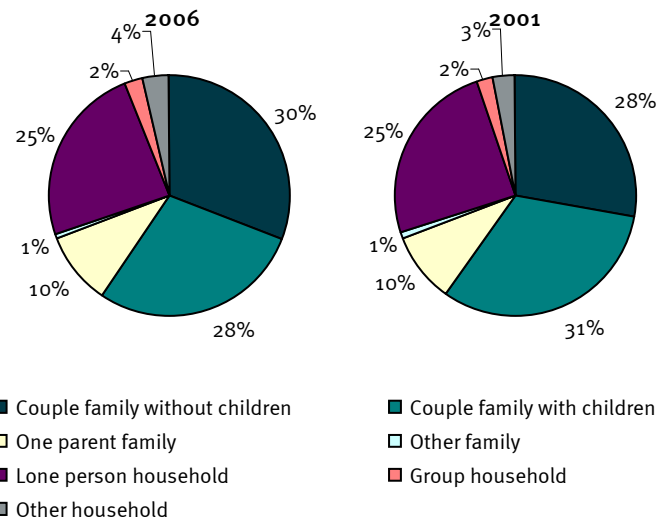
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	3,769	3,270	499
Couple family with children	3,463	3,675	-212
One parent family	1,195	1,106	89
Other family(a)	99	101	-2
Lone person household	2,998	2,888	110
Group household	262	219	43
Other household	436	370	66
Total households	12,222	11,629	593

(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 22.0% compared to 22.2% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 39.9% in 2001 to 39.2% in 2006.
- Over the five years to 2006 there was a decrease of 913 in the number of persons in families with children, while the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 26.6% to 30.2%.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 110 (3.8%) lone person households in the Southern Downs region. One parent families increased by 89 (8.0%) while the number of couples without children increased by 499 (15.3%).

## Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Separate house	11,163	10,621	542
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	215	161	54
Flat, unit or apartment	634	491	143
Other dwelling(a)	195	282	-87
Dwelling structure not stated	14	74	-60
Total occupied private dwellings	12,221	11,629	592
Unoccupied private dwelling	1,794	1,627	167
Total private dwellings	14,015	13,256	759
Non-private dwelling	70	76	-6

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Fully owned	5,031	5,528	-497
Being purchased	3,387	2,500	887
Rented	3,094	2,998	96
Other incl. rent-free	85	141	-56
Tenure not stated	622	466	156
Total occupied private dwellings	12,219	11,633	586

## 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 197.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 4.9% in 2001 to 6.1% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 12.3% to 12.8% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 25.8% in 2001 to 25.3% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 21.5% to 27.7%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 887.

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