

Census fact sheet

Toowoomba Regional Council

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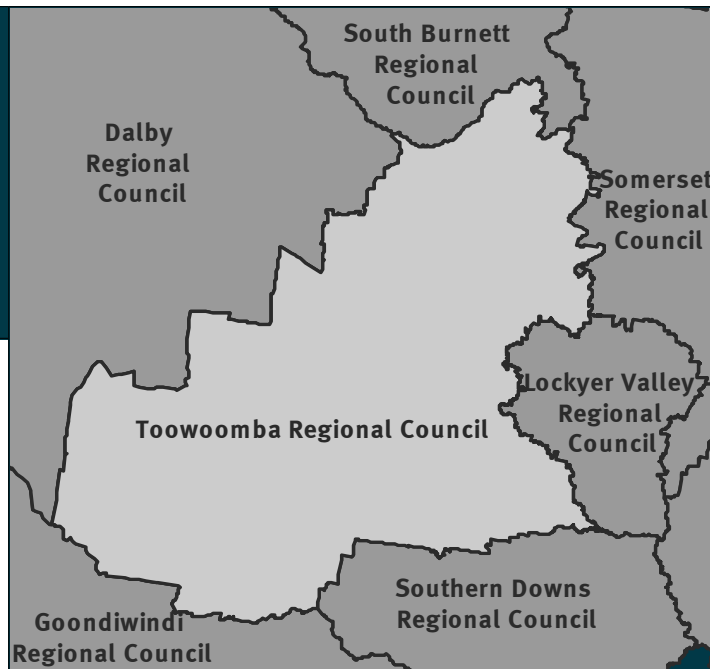
Based on local government boundaries effective March 2008

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	69,263	73,022	142,285	64,279	68,000	132,279
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	65,222	69,696	134,918	60,977	65,338	126,315
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	407	451	858	337	405	742
Total visitors counted in area(a)	3,657	3,311	6,968	3,436	3,117	6,553
Total persons counted in area(a)	68,879	73,007	141,886	64,413	68,455	132,868
Estimated resident population (30 June)	74,213	77,063	151,276	67,286	70,307	137,593

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

- The median age in the Toowoomba region of 36 years was the same as the Queensland median. There is a larger proportion of the population aged under 15 and a larger proportion aged over 65.
- Household income is \$102 a week lower on average in the Toowoomba region, while the median mortgage payment is \$210 a month lower. The median rent is \$32 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 4.6% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

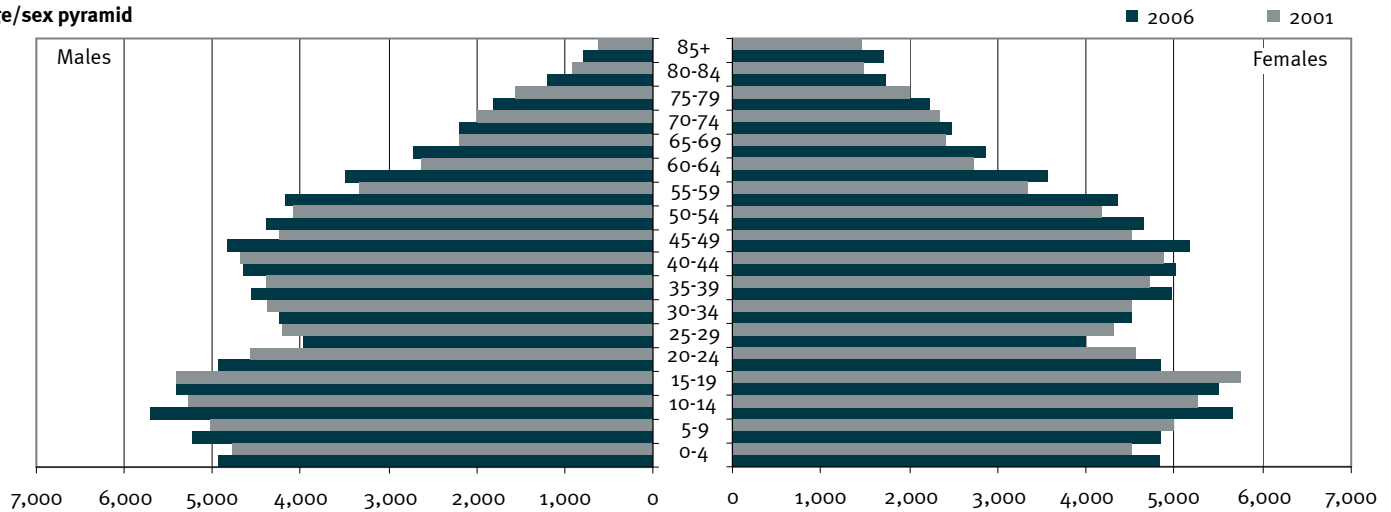
	LGA	QLD
Median age	36	36
% of population aged under 15	22.0%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	13.9%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	4.6%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$436	\$476
Family income	\$1,092	\$1,154
Household income	\$931	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,090	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$168	\$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	15,883	15,355	31,238	22.0	15,084	14,761	29,845	22.6
15-24	10,356	10,375	20,731	14.6	10,009	10,326	20,335	15.4
25-34	8,221	8,513	16,734	11.8	8,594	8,830	17,424	13.2
35-44	9,193	9,972	19,165	13.5	9,067	9,587	18,654	14.1
45-54	9,221	9,829	19,050	13.4	8,304	8,703	17,007	12.9
55-64	7,658	7,937	15,595	11.0	5,958	6,077	12,035	9.1
65-74	4,926	5,359	10,285	7.2	4,181	4,747	8,928	6.7
75-84	3,016	3,972	6,988	4.9	2,470	3,503	5,973	4.5
85+	787	1,709	2,496	1.8	614	1,467	2,081	1.6
Total	69,261	73,021	142,282	100.0	64,281	68,001	132,282	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	1,155	1,039	2,194	1,050	1,013	2,063
Infants/primary – government	4,668	4,426	9,094	4,754	4,599	9,353
Infants/primary – non government	2,393	2,429	4,822	2,082	2,132	4,214
Infants/primary – total	8,216	7,894	16,110	7,886	7,744	15,630
Secondary – government	2,459	2,449	4,908	2,275	2,308	4,583
Secondary – non government	2,335	2,782	5,117	2,531	2,931	5,462
Secondary – total	4,794	5,231	10,025	4,806	5,239	10,045
Technical or further educational institution	1,070	1,399	2,469	1,079	1,269	2,348
University or other tertiary Institution	2,415	3,284	5,699	2,635	3,547	6,182
Other and not stated	5,097	5,100	10,197	2,751	3,119	5,870
Total attending	22,747	23,947	46,694	20,207	21,931	42,138

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	59,141	62,908	122,049	56,182	59,533	115,715
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	6,349	6,530	12,879	5,235	5,367	10,602
Language spoken at home – English only	63,567	67,837	131,404	60,299	63,785	124,084
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	2,519	2,368	4,887	1,530	1,597	3,127
Indigenous persons	1,993	2,128	4,121	1,685	1,745	3,430
Australian citizens	62,615	66,899	129,514	59,719	63,426	123,145
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	65,014	69,081	134,095	60,769	64,851	125,620
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	3,452	3,470	6,922	3,644	3,604	7,248

(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 1,393 (4.7%) but the proportion of these children in the population fell from 22.6% to 22.0%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 1,430 (17.8%) and grew from 6.1% of the population in 2001 to 6.7% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 10.8% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools declined from 54.4% in 2001 to 51.0% in 2006 and for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 59.8% to 56.4% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 4.2%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Toowoomba region who were born in Australia declined from 91.6% to 90.5%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 6,369.
- In 2006 4.9% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 5.5% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married remained unchanged.
- Married persons increased in number by 3,711, but as a share of total persons declined from 53.1% to 52.3%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 19.0%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 37.5% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 4.5% 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)	28,950	29,147	58,097	27,058	27,328	54,386
Separated	1,538	1,889	3,427	1,553	1,912	3,465
Divorced	3,647	5,097	8,744	2,860	3,905	6,765
Widowed	1,297	5,712	7,009	1,194	5,494	6,688
Never married	17,961	15,823	33,784	16,542	14,614	31,156
Total (aged 15+)	53,393	57,668	111,061	49,207	53,253	102,460

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	25,909	26,736	52,645	24,864	25,529	50,393
Married (de facto)	3,902	4,072	7,974	2,847	2,954	5,801
Not married	16,706	20,578	37,284	15,940	19,553	35,493
Total (aged 15+)	46,517	51,386	97,903	43,651	48,036	91,687

(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)	Change		
	2006	2001	2001-2006
0	15,622	14,252	1,370
1	5,560	4,615	945
2	13,580	10,619	2,961
3	10,383	8,501	1,882
4	5,266	4,489	777
5	2,078	1,910	168
6 or more	1,718	1,769	-51
Not stated	2,948	3,413	-465
Total females aged 15+	57,155	49,568	7,587

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

(b) Refers to live births only.

Family composition (persons)	Change		
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Couple family without children	29,364	25,330	4,034
Couple family with children	64,268	63,513	755
One parent family	14,920	13,288	1,632
Other family(a)	1,338	1,354	-16
Total members of families	109,890	103,485	6,405

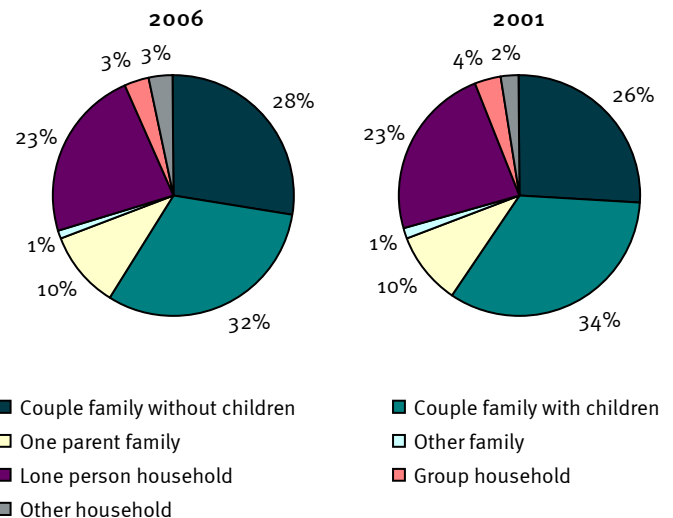
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Household composition (households)	Change		
	2006	2001	2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	14,664	12,697	1,967
Couple family with children	16,273	15,987	286
One parent family	5,443	4,899	544
Other family(a)	639	649	-10
Lone person household	12,172	11,233	939
Group household	1,824	1,835	-11
Other household	1,764	1,193	571
Total households	52,779	48,493	4,286

(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 27.3% compared to 28.8% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children increased from 33.6% in 2001 to 34.0% in 2006.
- Despite an increase of 755 in the number of persons in families with children, the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 24.5% to 26.7% over the five years to 2006.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 939 (8.4%) lone person households in the Toowoomba region. One parent families increased by 544 (11.1%) while the number of couples without children increased by 1,967 (15.5%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Separate house	45,023	41,733	3,290
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	2,596	1,603	993
Flat, unit or apartment	4,620	4,085	535
Other dwelling(a)	532	718	-186
Dwelling structure not stated	10	354	-344
Total occupied private dwellings	52,781	48,493	4,288
Unoccupied private dwelling	4,815	4,094	721
Total private dwellings	57,596	52,587	5,009
Non-private dwelling	195	187	8

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)			Change
	2006	2001	2001-2006
Fully owned	18,110	19,303	-1,193
Being purchased	16,654	12,731	3,923
Rented	14,921	14,262	659
Other incl. rent-free	472	647	-175
Tenure not stated	2,614	1,566	1,048
Total occupied private dwellings	52,771	48,509	4,262

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 993 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 1,528.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 10.8% in 2001 to 12.5% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 7.8% to 8.4% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 29.4% in 2001 to 28.3% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 26.2% to 31.6%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 3,923.

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