

Census fact sheet

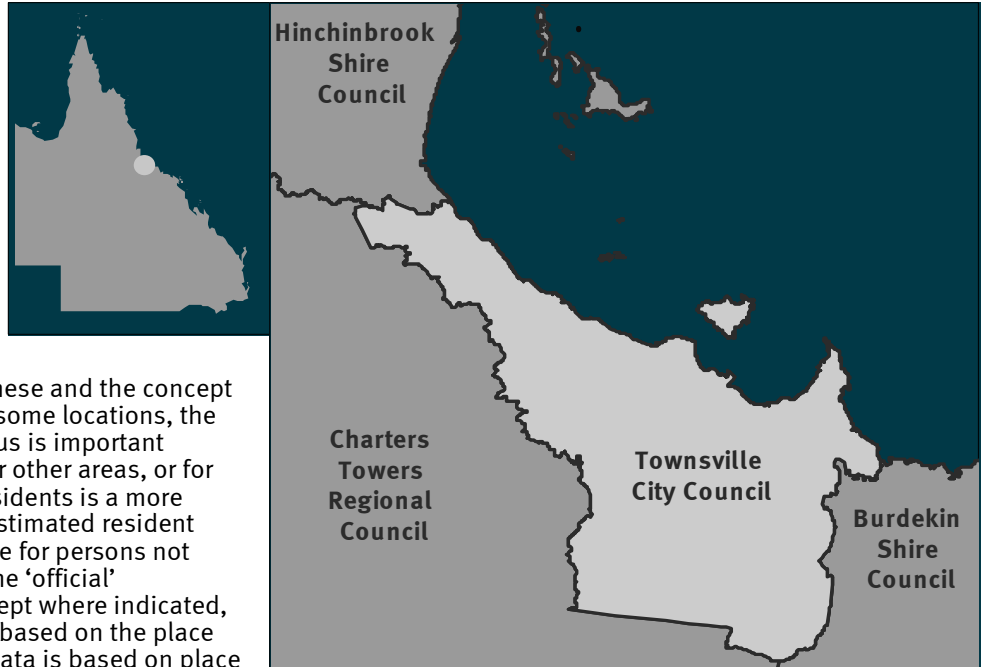
Townsville City Council

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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	77,757	76,870	154,627	70,440	69,199	139,639
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	72,097	73,433	145,530	66,625	66,654	133,279
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	874	981	1,855	977	1,235	2,212
Total visitors counted in area(a)	8,003	6,610	14,613	6,318	6,282	12,600
Total persons counted in area(a)	80,100	80,043	160,143	72,943	72,936	145,879
Estimated resident population (30 June)	83,594	81,361	164,955	73,367	71,422	144,789

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

- The median age in Townsville City of 32 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 \$67 a week higher on average in Townsville City, while the median mortgage payment is \$70 a month lower. The median rent is \$11 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 3.5% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

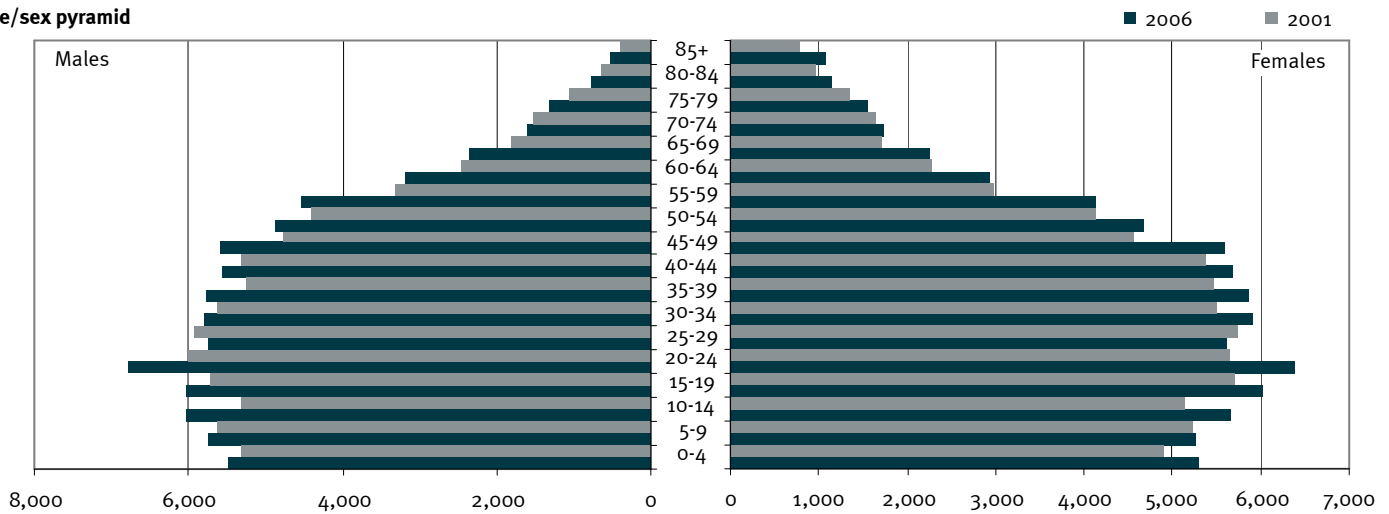
	LGA	QLD
Median age	32	36
% of population aged under 15	21.7%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	9.3%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	3.5%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$530	\$476
Family income	\$1,237	\$1,154
Household income	\$1,100	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,230	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$189	\$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	17,274	16,235	33,509	21.7	16,233	15,305	31,538	22.6
15-24	12,830	12,415	25,245	16.3	11,722	11,361	23,083	16.5
25-34	11,552	11,525	23,077	14.9	11,540	11,237	22,777	16.3
35-44	11,353	11,569	22,922	14.8	10,574	10,842	21,416	15.3
45-54	10,440	10,266	20,706	13.4	9,175	8,705	17,880	12.8
55-64	7,708	7,077	14,785	9.6	5,765	5,265	11,030	7.9
65-74	3,969	4,008	7,977	5.2	3,332	3,378	6,710	4.8
75-84	2,108	2,699	4,807	3.1	1,720	2,324	4,044	2.9
85+	524	1,075	1,599	1.0	378	782	1,160	0.8
Total	77,758	76,869	154,627	100.0	70,439	69,199	139,638	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	1,179	1,091	2,270	1,141	1,035	2,176
Infants/primary – government	5,041	4,536	9,577	5,250	4,970	10,220
Infants/primary – non government	2,497	2,304	4,801	2,167	2,052	4,219
Infants/primary – total	8,717	7,931	16,648	8,558	8,057	16,615
Secondary – government	2,891	2,802	5,693	2,932	2,817	5,749
Secondary – non government	2,021	2,244	4,265	1,578	1,775	3,353
Secondary – total	4,912	5,046	9,958	4,510	4,592	9,102
Technical or further educational institution	1,054	1,593	2,647	1,202	1,544	2,746
University or other tertiary Institution	2,859	4,686	7,545	3,168	4,699	7,867
Other and not stated	7,188	6,386	13,574	3,759	3,376	7,135
Total attending	25,909	26,733	52,642	22,338	23,303	45,641

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	63,234	62,982	126,216	58,462	57,809	116,271
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	9,010	8,988	17,998	8,180	7,897	16,077
Language spoken at home – English only	69,182	69,042	138,224	63,952	62,947	126,899
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	3,413	3,778	7,191	2,959	3,302	6,261
Indigenous persons	4,139	4,388	8,527	3,459	3,722	7,181
Australian citizens	68,465	68,423	136,888	64,094	63,226	127,320
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	73,602	75,719	149,321	68,104	69,102	137,206
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	5,624	3,342	8,966	4,840	3,834	8,674

(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 1,971 (6.2%) but the proportion of these children in the population fell from 22.6% to 21.7%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 1,202 (23.1%) and grew from 3.7% of the population in 2001 to 4.1% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 15.3% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 36.8% in 2001 to 42.8% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 61.5% to 57.5% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 4.0%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in Townsville City who were born in Australia declined from 87.9% to 87.5%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 9,568.
- In 2006 5.7% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 5.9% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 36.5% to 37.9%.
- Married persons increased in number by 4,122, but as a share of total persons declined from 47.2% to 45.6%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 15.4%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 29.8% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 4.6% 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)	27,495	27,687	55,182	25,314	25,746	51,060
Separated	1,852	2,189	4,041	1,941	2,198	4,139
Divorced	4,843	5,823	10,666	3,994	4,616	8,610
Widowed	1,137	4,175	5,312	1,064	3,818	4,882
Never married	25,161	20,760	45,921	21,896	17,517	39,413
Total (aged 15+)	60,488	60,634	121,122	54,209	53,895	108,104

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	23,672	25,264	48,936	22,871	23,920	46,791
Married (de facto)	6,271	6,862	13,133	4,901	5,213	10,114
Not married	20,447	21,833	42,280	19,409	19,945	39,354
Total (aged 15+)	50,390	53,959	104,349	47,181	49,078	96,259

(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	19,147	15,631	3,516
1	7,029	5,937	1,092
2	14,858	11,483	3,375
3	9,758	7,977	1,781
4	4,531	3,907	624
5	1,697	1,538	159
6 or more	1,313	1,332	-19
Not stated	4,429	2,998	1,431
Total females aged 15+	62,762	50,803	11,959

(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	28,879	24,970	3,909
Couple family with children	68,303	65,647	2,656
One parent family	17,752	16,133	1,619
Other family(a)	1,474	1,389	85
Total members of families	116,408	108,139	8,269

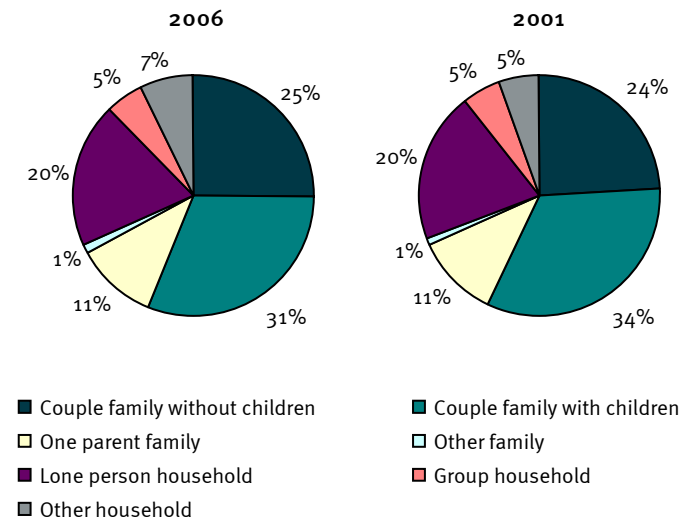
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	14,507	12,487	2,020
Couple family with children	17,685	16,815	870
One parent family	6,358	5,770	588
Other family(a)	700	649	51
Lone person household	11,400	10,425	975
Group household	2,810	2,644	166
Other household	4,197	2,771	1,426
Total households	57,657	51,561	6,096

(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 30.5% compared to 30.8% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 29.0% in 2001 to 27.6% in 2006.
- Despite an increase of 2,656 in the number of persons in families with children, the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 23.1% to 24.8% over the five years to 2006.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 975 (9.4%) lone person households in Townsville City. One parent families increased by 588 (10.2%) while the number of couples without children increased by 2,020 (16.2%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Separate house	45,521	40,047	5,474
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	2,541	2,669	-128
Flat, unit or apartment	8,063	6,979	1,084
Other dwelling(a)	1,513	1,545	-32
Dwelling structure not stated	9	321	-312
Total occupied private dwellings	57,647	51,561	6,086
Unoccupied private dwelling	5,200	4,267	933
Total private dwellings	62,847	55,828	7,019
Non-private dwelling	189	171	18

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Fully owned	14,337	15,330	-993
Being purchased	19,755	14,851	4,904
Rented	19,106	18,509	597
Other incl. rent-free	437	697	-260
Tenure not stated	4,018	2,186	1,832
Total occupied private dwellings	57,653	51,573	6,080

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 128 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 956.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings fell from 17.3% in 2001 to 16.9% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 7.6% to 8.3% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 35.9% in 2001 to 33.1% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 28.8% to 34.3%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 4,904.

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