

Census fact sheet

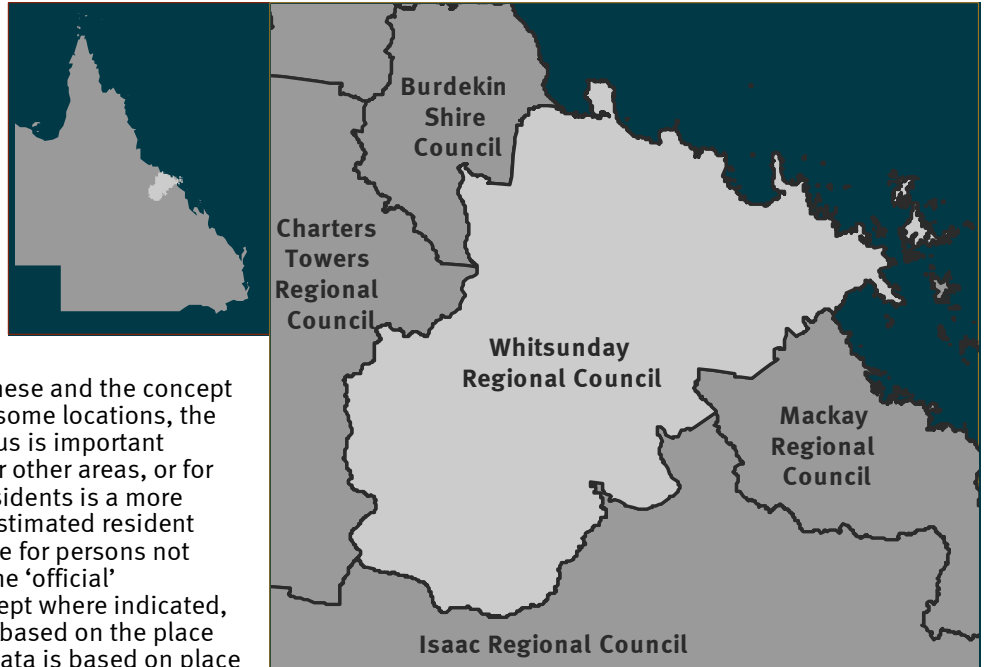
Whitsunday Regional Council

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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	15,525	13,810	29,335	14,066	12,934	27,000
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	14,381	13,058	27,439	13,213	12,290	25,503
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	1,337	1,436	2,773	1,376	1,553	2,929
Total visitors counted in area(a)	5,966	5,024	10,990	4,770	4,415	9,185
Total persons counted in area(a)	20,347	18,082	38,429	17,983	16,705	34,688
Estimated resident population (30 June)	16,687	14,632	31,319	14,650	13,281	27,931

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

- The median age in the Whitsunday region of 37 years was slightly higher than the Queensland median. There is a smaller proportion of the population aged under 15 and a smaller proportion aged over 65.
- Household income is \$29 a week lower on average in the Whitsunday region, while the median mortgage payment is \$149 a month lower. The median rent is \$29 a week lower compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 3.9% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

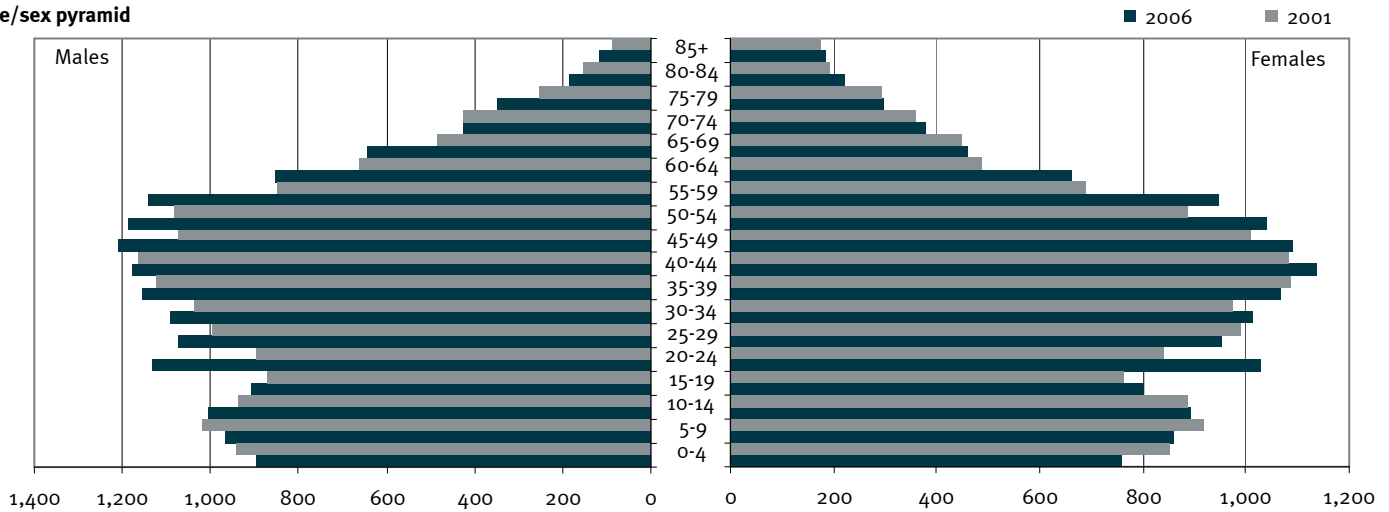
	LGA	QLD
Median age	37	36
% of population aged under 15	18.4%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	11.1%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	3.9%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$493	\$476
Family income	\$1,128	\$1,154
Household income	\$1,004	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,151	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$171	\$200
Average persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1
Average household size	2.2	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	2,869	2,514	5,383	18.4	2,903	2,653	5,556	20.6
15-24	2,039	1,833	3,872	13.2	1,768	1,602	3,370	12.5
25-34	2,166	1,968	4,134	14.1	2,034	1,964	3,998	14.8
35-44	2,334	2,208	4,542	15.5	2,287	2,172	4,459	16.5
45-54	2,394	2,135	4,529	15.4	2,154	1,895	4,049	15.0
55-64	1,997	1,610	3,607	12.3	1,509	1,178	2,687	10.0
65-74	1,069	837	1,906	6.5	910	808	1,718	6.4
75-84	536	517	1,053	3.6	409	489	898	3.3
85+	120	187	307	1.0	88	174	262	1.0
Total	15,524	13,809	29,333	100.0	14,062	12,935	26,997	100.0

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	194	159	353	191	144	335
Infants/primary – government	980	836	1,816	1,091	1,025	2,116
Infants/primary – non government	261	225	486	202	208	410
Infants/primary – total	1,435	1,220	2,655	1,484	1,377	2,861
Secondary – government	695	666	1,361	674	650	1,324
Secondary – non government	45	48	93	26	16	42
Secondary – total	740	714	1,454	700	666	1,366
Technical or further educational institution	204	275	479	209	359	568
University or other tertiary Institution	91	153	244	92	157	249
Other and not stated	2,225	1,665	3,890	1,089	933	2,022
Total attending	4,889	4,186	9,075	3,765	3,636	7,401

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	11,496	10,510	22,006	10,991	10,264	21,255
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	1,940	1,886	3,826	1,797	1,683	3,480
Language spoken at home – English only	13,079	12,021	25,100	12,420	11,530	23,950
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	566	557	1,123	512	495	1,007
Indigenous persons	571	557	1,128	472	516	988
Australian citizens	12,665	11,639	24,304	12,140	11,321	23,461
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	16,248	14,821	31,069	15,176	14,281	29,457
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	2,766	1,823	4,589	2,807	2,424	5,231

(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 decreased by 173 (3.1%) and the proportion of these children in the population fell from 20.6% to 18.4%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 200 (17.2%) and grew from 4.3% of the population in 2001 to 4.6% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 22.6% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools rose from 3.1% in 2001 to 6.4% in 2006 while for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 74.0% to 68.4% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university decreased by 11.5%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in the Whitsunday region who were born in Australia declined from 85.9% to 85.2%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 843.
- In 2006 12.9% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 15.1% in 2001.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 32.0% to 35.3%.
- Married persons increased in number by 340, but as a share of total persons declined from 50.0% to 46.2%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 21.2%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 27.0% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 0.7% 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)	5,581	5,475	11,056	5,406	5,310	10,716
Separated	448	372	820	415	385	800
Divorced	1,379	1,055	2,434	1,061	823	1,884
Widowed	330	848	1,178	308	869	1,177
Never married	4,921	3,547	8,468	3,964	2,884	6,848
Total (aged 15+)	12,659	11,297	23,956	11,154	10,271	21,425

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	4,573	4,691	9,264	4,563	4,640	9,203
Married (de facto)	1,292	1,347	2,639	1,033	1,045	2,078
Not married	3,776	3,269	7,045	3,584	3,077	6,661
Total (aged 15+)	9,641	9,307	18,948	9,180	8,762	17,942

(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	3,751	3,504	247
1	1,385	1,265	120
2	3,233	2,677	556
3	2,229	1,981	248
4	978	998	-20
5	364	388	-24
6 or more	272	352	-80
Not stated	1,718	877	841
Total females aged 15+	13,930	12,042	1,888

(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	6,511	5,776	735
Couple family with children	10,819	11,070	-251
One parent family	2,352	2,287	65
Other family(a)	213	191	22
Total members of families	19,895	19,324	571

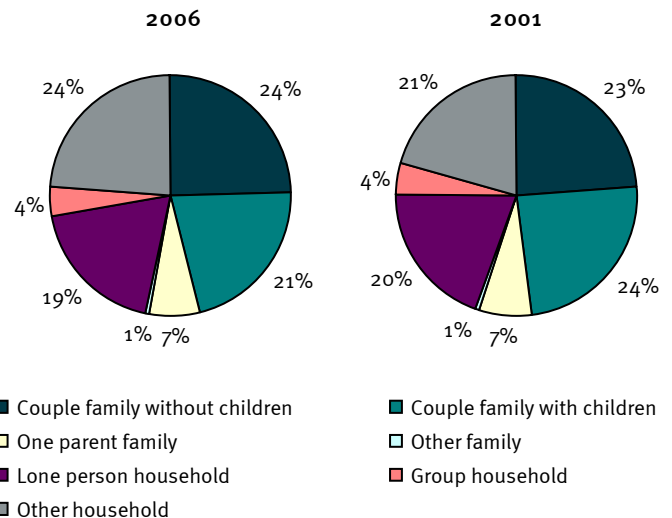
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Household composition (households)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	3,266	2,901	365
Couple family with children	2,831	2,855	-24
One parent family	873	851	22
Other family(a)	103	82	21
Lone person household	2,462	2,381	81
Group household	534	491	43
Other household	3,166	2,515	651
Total households	13,235	12,076	1,159

(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 26.9% compared to 29.1% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 30.9% in 2001 to 27.6% in 2006.
- Over the five years to 2006 there was a decrease of 251 in the number of persons in families with children, while the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 29.9% to 32.7%.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 81 (3.4%) lone person households in the Whitsunday region. One parent families increased by 22 (2.6%) while the number of couples without children increased by 365 (12.6%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



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Dwelling structure	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Separate house	8,102	7,711	391
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	1,066	515	551
Flat, unit or apartment	1,994	1,561	433
Other dwelling(a)	2,058	2,085	-27
Dwelling structure not stated	15	204	-189
Total occupied private dwellings	13,235	12,076	1,159
Unoccupied private dwelling	1,628	1,424	204
Total private dwellings	14,863	13,500	1,363
Non-private dwelling	134	108	26

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Fully owned	4,166	4,599	-433
Being purchased	2,985	2,060	925
Rented	4,063	3,983	80
Other incl. rent-free	173	316	-143
Tenure not stated	1,848	1,122	726
Total occupied private dwellings	13,235	12,080	1,155

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 551 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 984.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings rose from 15.4% in 2001 to 20.6% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 10.5% to 11.0% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 33.0% in 2001 to 30.7% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 17.1% to 22.6%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 925.

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