

# Population and Dwelling Profile

Townsville City Council

Updated April 2012

## Estimated resident population

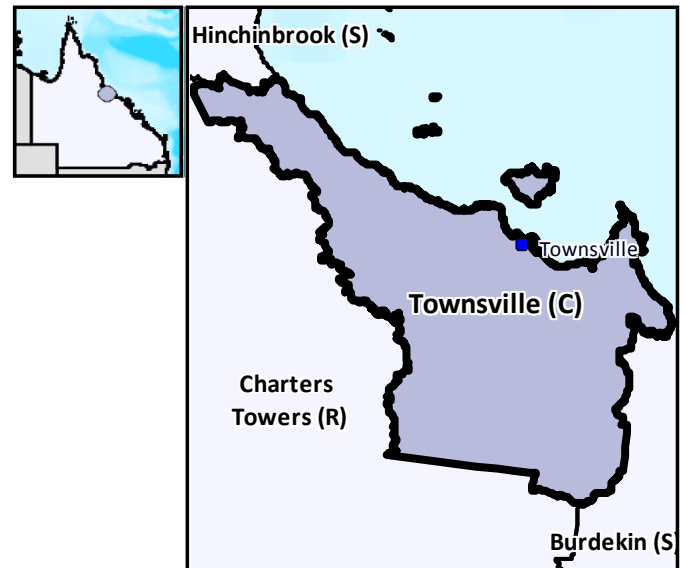
The preliminary estimated resident population of Townsville City Council at 30 June 2011 was 189,931 persons, an increase of 4,511 persons or 2.4 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 3,680 persons or 2.0 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

## Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 2,013 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 3,590 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

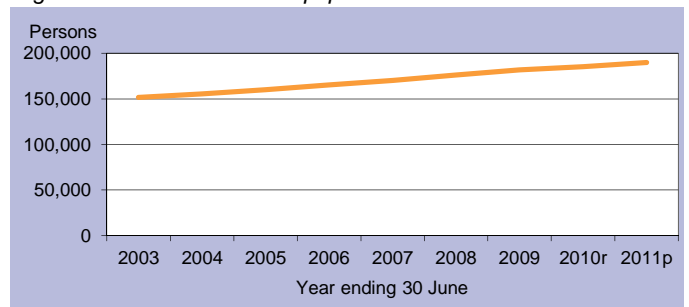
## Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Townsville City Council will be between 209,472 and 223,808 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 263,870 and 325,929 persons (low and high series).



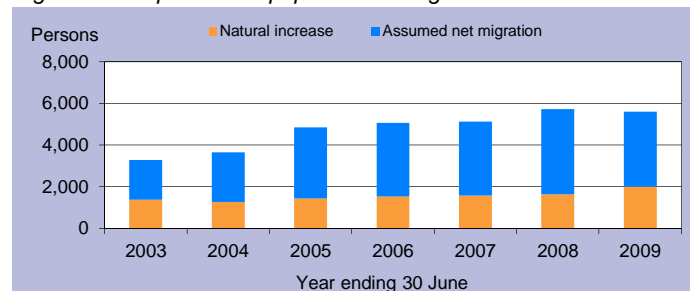
C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council T = Town

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

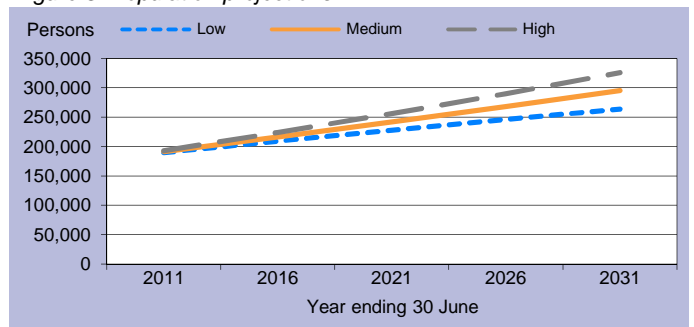


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

Population trends		Annual population change				
As at 30 Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30 Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Annual change Total	Annual change Per cent
2003	151,720	2,003	1,383	1,902	3,285	2.2
2004	155,367	2004	1,269	2,378	3,647	2.4
2005	160,220	2005	1,433	3,420	4,853	3.1
2006	165,278	2006	1,533	3,525	5,058	3.2
2007	170,408	2007	1,582	3,548	5,130	3.1
2008	176,137	2008	1,636	4,093	5,729	3.4
2009	181,740	2009	2,013	3,590	5,603	3.2
2010r	185,420	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3,680	2.0
2011p	189,931	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	4,511	2.4

p = preliminary r = revised n.y.a. = not available

Table 2: Population projections

	Projected population			Average annual change (medium series)	
	Low series	Medium series	High series	Number	Per cent
2011	189,843	191,119	192,723	5,168	2.9
2016	209,472	216,524	223,808	5,081	2.5
2021	227,566	241,684	255,834	5,032	2.2
2026	246,091	268,330	290,104	5,329	2.1
2031	263,870	295,578	325,929	5,450	2.0

Table 3: Population by age group, Townsville (C)

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	35,341	27,624	49,998	37,424	14,891	32.7
	21.4%	16.7%	30.3%	22.6%	9.0%	
2031*	54,622	42,256	77,023	70,439	51,234	38.4
	18.5%	14.3%	26.1%	23.8%	17.3%	

\* Medium series

### Age structure

The median age of Townsville City Council's population is projected to increase by 5.7 years from a median age of 32.7 years in 2006 to a median age of 38.4 years in 2031 (Table 3 and Figure 4). The median age of Queensland in 2031 is projected to be 40.2 years, under the medium series (Table 4).

### Dwelling approvals

There were 1,707 new dwelling approvals in Townsville City Council over the year ending December 2011, an increase of 19.7 per cent from the previous year (1,426) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 58.8 per cent of all new dwelling approvals over the year ending December 2011 (Figure 5).

Table 5: New dwelling approvals\*

Year ending	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
December			
2005	1,551	574	2,125
2006	1,454	500	1,954
2007	1,713	827	2,540
2008	1,289	608	1,897
2009	1,336	257	1,593
2010	1,113	313	1,426
2011	1,004	703	1,707
Mar qtr 2011	208	46	254
Jun qtr 2011	274	19	293
Sep qtr 2011	270	632	902
Dec qtr 2011	252	6	258

\* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

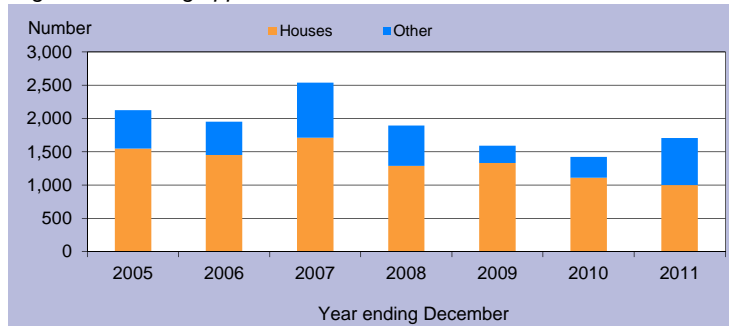
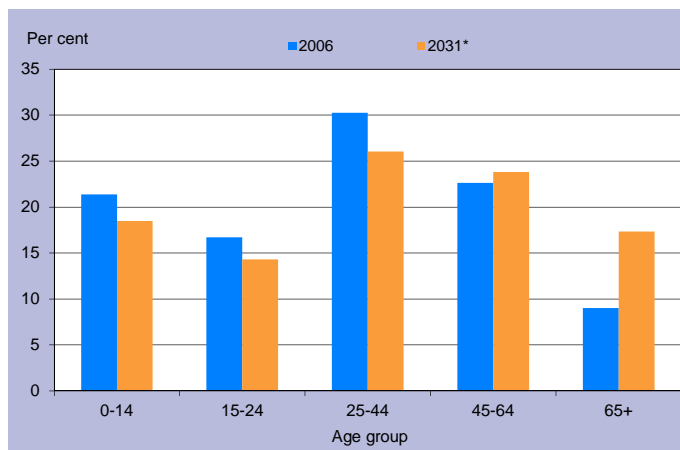


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	834,682	578,600	1,169,244	1,013,986	494,396	36.1
	20.4%	14.1%	28.6%	24.8%	12.1%	
2031*	1,205,836	814,688	1,703,235	1,578,741	1,290,350	40.2
	18.3%	12.4%	25.8%	23.9%	19.6%	

\* Medium series

Figure 4: Age distribution, Townsville (C), 2006 and 2031\*



\* Medium series

### Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Townsville City Council was 2.6 persons. This compares with an average household size of 2.6 for all of Queensland in the same year (Table 6).

Table 6: Average household size by dwelling type

Dwelling type	Average household size			
	Townsville (C)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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