

Population and Dwelling Profile

Weipa Town

Updated April 2012

Estimated resident population

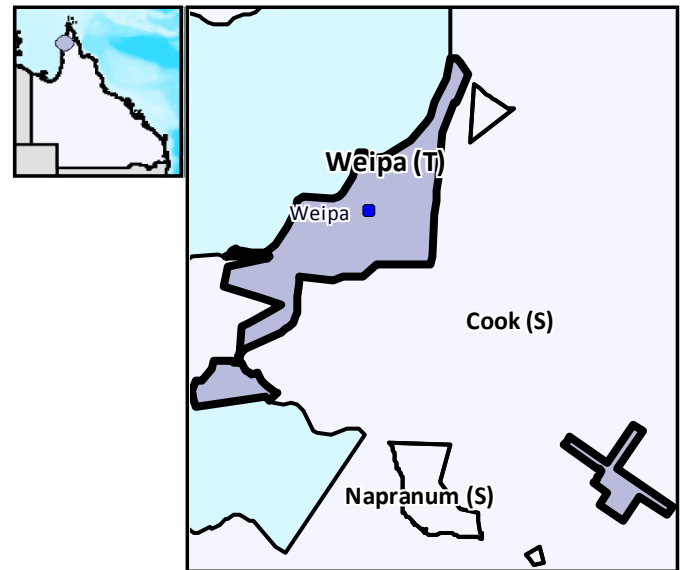
The preliminary estimated resident population of Weipa Town at 30 June 2011 was 3,400 persons, an increase of 66 persons or 2.0 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 14 persons or 0.4 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 64 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a loss of 35 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

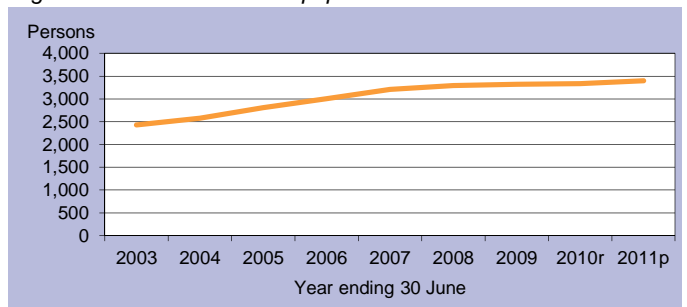
Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Weipa Town will be between 3,921 and 4,338 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 4,244 and 5,464 persons (low and high series).



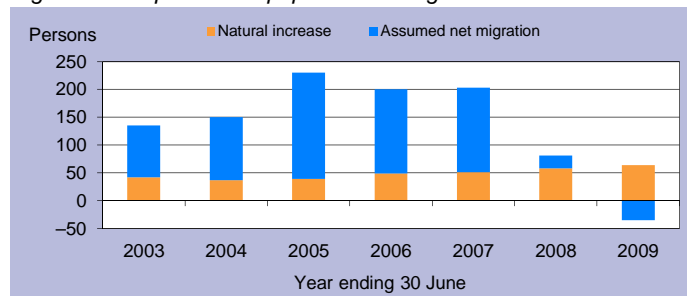
C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council T = Town

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

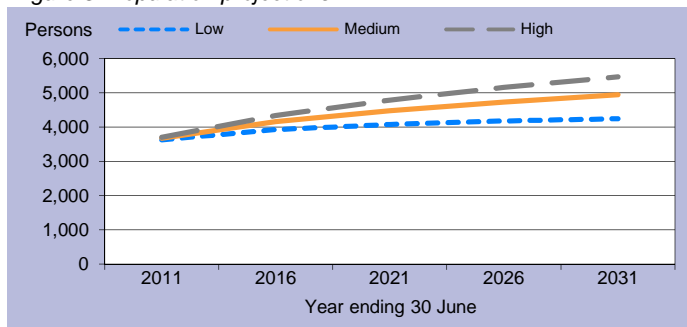


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

Population trends		Annual population change				
As at 30 Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30 Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Annual change	
					Total	Per cent
2003	2,427	2,003	42	93	135	5.9
2004	2,577	2004	37	113	150	6.2
2005	2,807	2005	39	191	230	8.9
2006	3,007	2006	49	151	200	7.1
2007	3,210	2007	51	152	203	6.8
2008	3,291	2008	58	23	81	2.5
2009	3,320	2009	64	-35	29	0.9
2010r	3,334	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14	0.4
2011p	3,400	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	66	2.0

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	3,625	3,673	3,696	133	4.1
2016	3,921	4,157	4,338	97	2.5
2021	4,071	4,471	4,784	63	1.5
2026	4,172	4,726	5,152	51	1.1
2031	4,244	4,940	5,464	43	0.9

Table 3: Population by age group, Weipa (T)

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	839	356	1,131	644	37	31.0
	27.9%	11.8%	37.6%	21.4%	1.2%	
2031*	1,166	539	1,696	1,162	378	33.7
	23.6%	10.9%	34.3%	23.5%	7.7%	

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Weipa Town's population is projected to increase by 2.7 years from a median age of 31.0 years in 2006 to a median age of 33.7 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 46 new dwelling approvals in Weipa Town over the year ending December 2011, an increase of 1,050.0 per cent from the previous year (4) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 58.7 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	7	6	13
2006	16	4	20
2007	3	50	53
2008	15	18	33
2009	4	0	4
2010	4	0	4
2011	27	19	46
Mar qtr 2011	0	0	0
Jun qtr 2011	4	10	14
Sep qtr 2011	5	7	12
Dec qtr 2011	18	2	20

* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

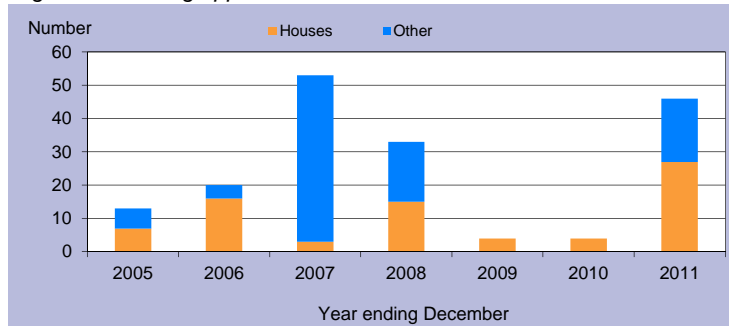
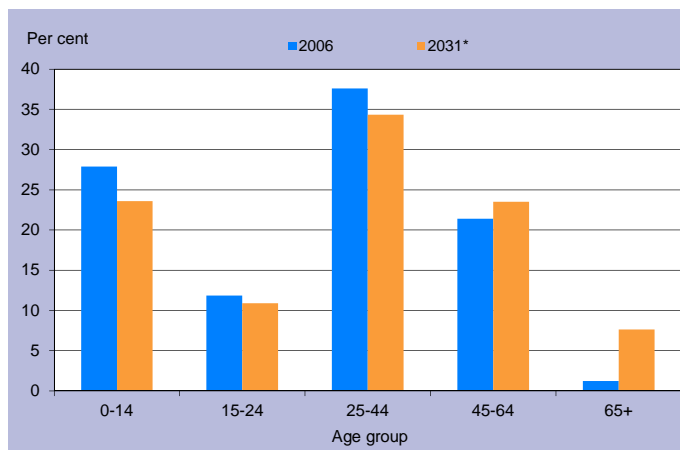


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	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, Weipa (T), 2006 and 2031*



* Medium series

Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Weipa Town was 2.8 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			
	Weipa (T)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	3.3	3.7	3.3	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.6	2.3	1.9	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.8	3.2	2.8	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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