

Census fact sheet

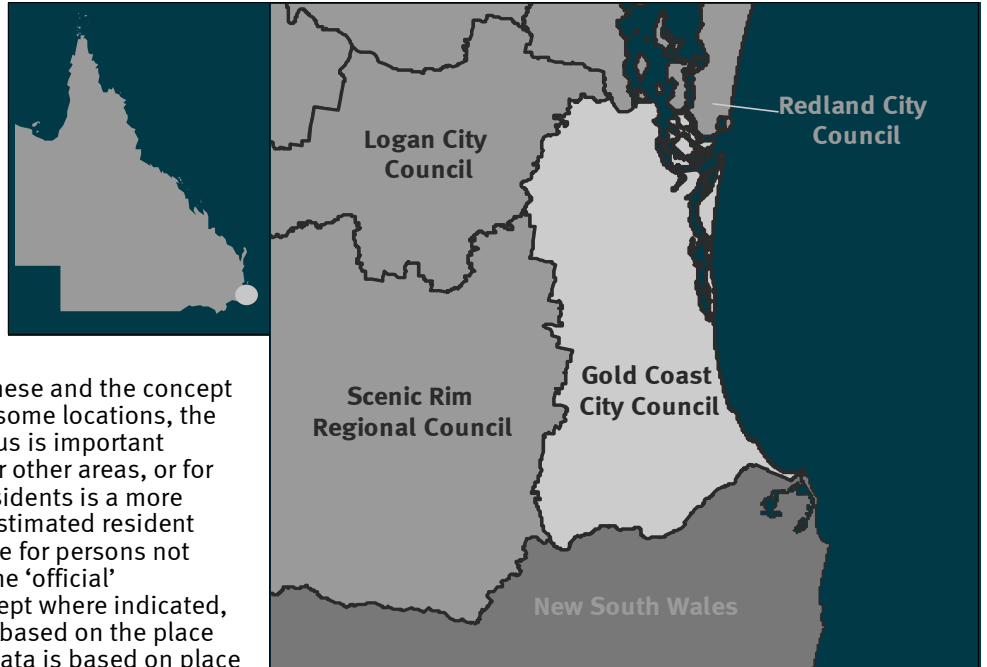
Gold Coast City Council

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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	213,400	220,552	433,952	181,500	189,569	371,069
Total persons counted at home on Census night(a)	204,474	212,598	417,072	174,071	183,005	357,076
Overseas visitors counted in area(a)	6,836	7,289	14,125	6,995	7,910	14,905
Total visitors counted in area(a)	25,616	27,039	52,655	23,366	25,387	48,753
Total persons counted in area(a)	230,090	239,637	469,727	197,437	208,392	405,829
Estimated resident population (30 June)	231,538	235,113	466,651	191,102	196,000	387,102

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

- The median age in Gold Coast City of 37 years was slightly higher than the Queensland median. There is a smaller proportion of the population aged under 15 and a larger proportion aged over 65.
- Household income is the about the same on average in Gold Coast City, while the median mortgage payment is \$212 a month higher. The median rent is \$68 a week higher compared to Queensland in general.
- The proportion of the population with a severe or profound disability is 3.7% compared with the state average of 4.0%.

Comparisons to Queensland (2006)(a)

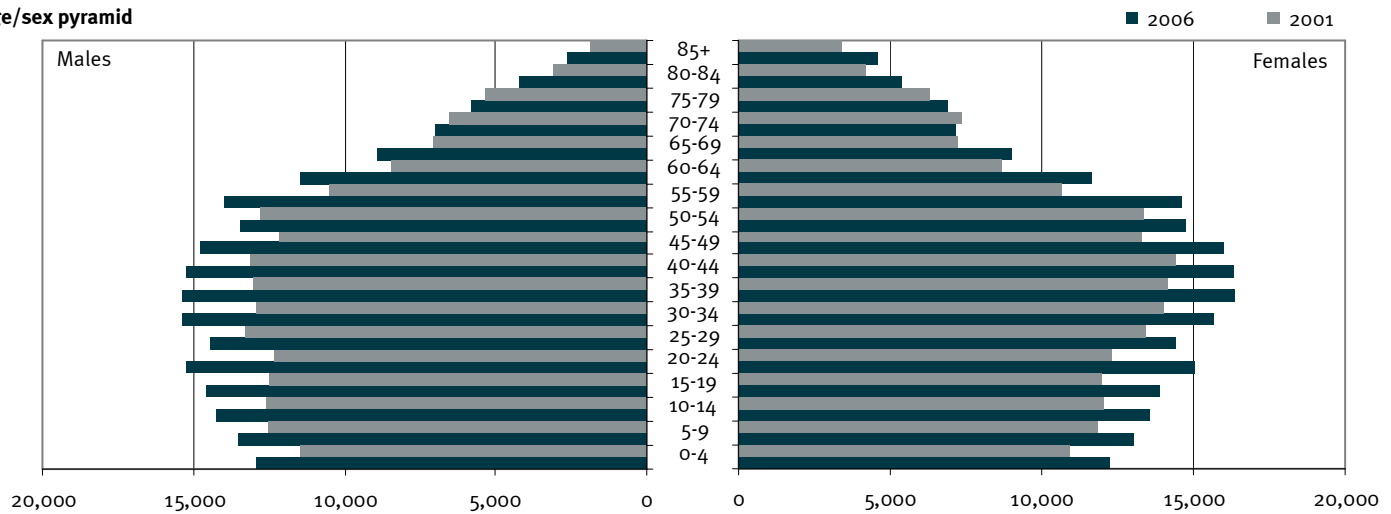
	LGA	QLD
Median age	37	36
% of population aged under 15	18.3%	20.7%
% of population aged 65 and over	14.2%	12.4%
% with profound or severe disability	3.7%	4.0%
Median income (weekly)(b)		
Individual income	\$480	\$476
Family income	\$1,140	\$1,154
Household income	\$1,024	\$1,033
Median housing loan repayment (monthly)(b)	\$1,512	\$1,300
Median rent (weekly)(b)	\$268	\$200
Average persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1
Average household size	2.4	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	40,770	38,829	79,599	18.3	36,630	34,800	71,430	19.2
15-24	29,802	28,982	58,784	13.5	24,831	24,325	49,156	13.2
25-34	29,845	30,046	59,891	13.8	26,161	27,385	53,546	14.4
35-44	30,625	32,690	63,315	14.6	26,163	28,526	54,689	14.7
45-54	28,265	30,723	58,988	13.6	24,933	26,677	51,610	13.9
55-64	25,523	26,229	51,752	11.9	18,950	19,364	38,314	10.3
65-74	15,855	16,216	32,071	7.4	13,610	14,594	28,204	7.6
75-84	10,038	12,255	22,293	5.1	8,414	10,508	18,922	5.1
85+	2,673	4,583	7,256	1.7	1,820	3,393	5,213	1.4
Total	213,396	220,553	433,949	100.0	181,512	189,572	371,084	100.0

- Over the five years to 2006 the number of children aged 0-14 years increased by 8,169 (11.4%) but the proportion of these children in the population fell from 19.2% to 18.3%. The population aged 75 and over increased by 5,414 (22.4%) and grew from 6.5% of the population in 2001 to 6.8% in 2006.
- The number of persons attending an educational institution increased by 29.3% over the 2001-06 period.
- The proportion of secondary students attending non-government schools declined from 40.2% in 2001 to 39.4% in 2006 and for infant and primary students the proportion in government schools fell from 59.3% to 56.1% over the same period.
- The number of students at TAFE or university increased by 12.4%.
- In the five years to 2006 the proportion of persons in Gold Coast City who were born in Australia declined from 73.4% to 72.4%. During this period the population who were Australian citizens increased by 41,271.
- In 2006 2.6% of persons were counted in non-private dwellings, compared with 3.7% in 2001.

Current education status	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre-school	3,315	3,089	6,404	2,665	2,454	5,119
Infants/primary – government	11,660	11,011	22,671	11,446	10,803	22,249
Infants/primary – non government	5,693	5,629	11,322	5,150	4,989	10,139
Infants/primary – total	20,668	19,729	40,397	19,261	18,246	37,507
Secondary – government	7,502	7,153	14,655	6,328	6,085	12,413
Secondary – non government	4,680	4,837	9,517	4,240	4,104	8,344
Secondary – total	12,182	11,990	24,172	10,568	10,189	20,757
Technical or further educational institution	3,392	3,936	7,328	3,080	3,591	6,671
University or other tertiary Institution	5,810	8,248	14,058	5,386	6,968	12,354
Other and not stated	23,288	22,798	46,086	11,808	12,840	24,648
Total attending	68,655	69,790	138,445	52,768	54,288	107,056

Population characteristics	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Birthplace – Australia	140,444	145,827	286,271	124,116	129,648	253,764
Birthplace – Elsewhere(a)	52,761	56,501	109,262	44,749	47,364	92,113
Language spoken at home – English only	178,240	185,105	363,345	155,867	162,283	318,150
Language spoken at home – Other language(b)	17,444	20,150	37,594	14,696	16,049	30,745
Indigenous persons	2,236	2,319	4,555	1,828	1,838	3,666
Australian citizens	170,069	178,565	348,634	150,131	157,232	307,363
Count of persons in occupied private dwellings(c)	217,456	226,126	443,582	190,177	200,688	390,865
Count of persons in other dwellings(c)(d)	5,782	6,236	12,018	7,260	7,704	14,964

(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.

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- From 2001 to 2006 the proportion of persons who had never been married increased from 30.6% to 32.9%.
- Married persons increased in number by 20,497, but as a share of total persons declined from 49.3% to 47.4%.
- The number who were separated or divorced increased by 18.1%.
- The number of persons living in a de facto relationship increased by 41.1% between 2001 and 2006 compared with an increase of 11.9% 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)	83,721	84,403	168,124	73,466	74,161	147,627
Separated	5,471	6,820	12,291	5,447	7,071	12,518
Divorced	16,079	21,114	37,193	12,684	16,705	29,389
Widowed	4,228	15,952	20,180	3,846	14,742	18,588
Never married	63,122	53,454	116,576	49,456	42,108	91,564
Total (aged 15+)	172,621	181,743	354,364	144,899	154,787	299,686

Social marital status(a)	2006			2001		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Married (registered)	75,177	76,383	151,560	67,249	68,190	135,439
Married (de facto)	16,700	16,833	33,533	11,869	11,893	23,762
Not married	59,259	69,356	128,615	52,571	61,749	114,320
Total (aged 15+)	151,136	162,572	313,708	131,689	141,832	273,521

(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	55,105	39,695	15,410
1	23,524	17,559	5,965
2	49,662	35,349	14,313
3	28,590	21,775	6,815
4	11,270	9,348	1,922
5	3,734	3,464	270
6 or more	2,248	2,326	-78
Not stated	18,014	10,210	7,804
Total females aged 15+	192,147	139,726	52,421

(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	95,268	82,461	12,807
Couple family with children	177,585	152,727	24,858
One parent family	48,620	44,061	4,559
Other family(a)	3,687	3,445	242
Total members of families	325,160	282,694	42,466

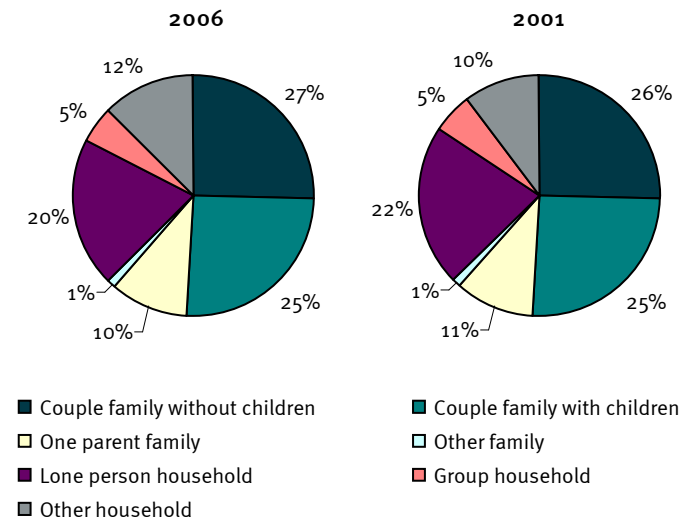
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Household composition (households)	Change		
	2006	2001	2001-2006
One family household			
Couple family without children	46,483	40,607	5,876
Couple family with children	46,308	39,655	6,653
One parent family	18,639	16,747	1,892
Other family(a)	1,762	1,668	94
Lone person household	36,905	34,388	2,517
Group household	9,369	8,671	698
Other household	22,758	16,349	6,409
Total households	182,224	158,085	24,139

(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 28.7% compared to 28.4% in 2001. Those who had borne three or more children fell from 26.4% in 2001 to 23.9% in 2006.
- Despite an increase of 24,858 in the number of persons in families with children, the proportion of persons in couples without children increased from 29.2% to 29.3% over the five years to 2006.
- Between 2001 and 2006 there was an increase of 2,517 (7.3%) lone person households in Gold Coast City. One parent families increased by 1,892 (11.3%) while the number of couples without children increased by 5,876 (14.5%).

Household composition (occupied private dwellings)



Dwelling structure	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Separate house	103,833	89,298	14,535
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.	31,442	26,531	4,911
Flat, unit or apartment	43,187	36,729	6,458
Other dwelling(a)	3,636	3,019	617
Dwelling structure not stated	145	2,508	-2,363
Total occupied private dwellings	182,243	158,085	24,158
Unoccupied private dwelling	23,981	15,099	8,882
Total private dwellings	206,224	173,184	33,040
Non-private dwelling	237	252	-15

(a) Includes caravans, cabins and improvised dwellings.

Tenure (occupied dwellings)	2006	2001	Change 2001-2006
Fully owned	49,617	53,495	-3,878
Being purchased	53,594	34,943	18,651
Rented	58,142	56,225	1,917
Other incl. rent-free	2,041	3,143	-1,102
Tenure not stated	18,818	10,315	8,503
Total occupied private dwellings	182,212	158,121	24,091

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 4,911 while the number of attached dwellings increased by 11,369.
- As a proportion of occupied private dwellings, attached dwellings fell from 36.5% in 2001 to 36.2% in 2006.
- The proportion of all private dwellings that were vacant increased from 8.7% to 11.6% over the same period.
- The proportion of households renting their home decreased from 35.6% in 2001 to 31.9% in 2006, while the proportion of households paying off their home rose from 22.1% to 29.4%. The number of dwellings being purchased increased by 18,651.

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