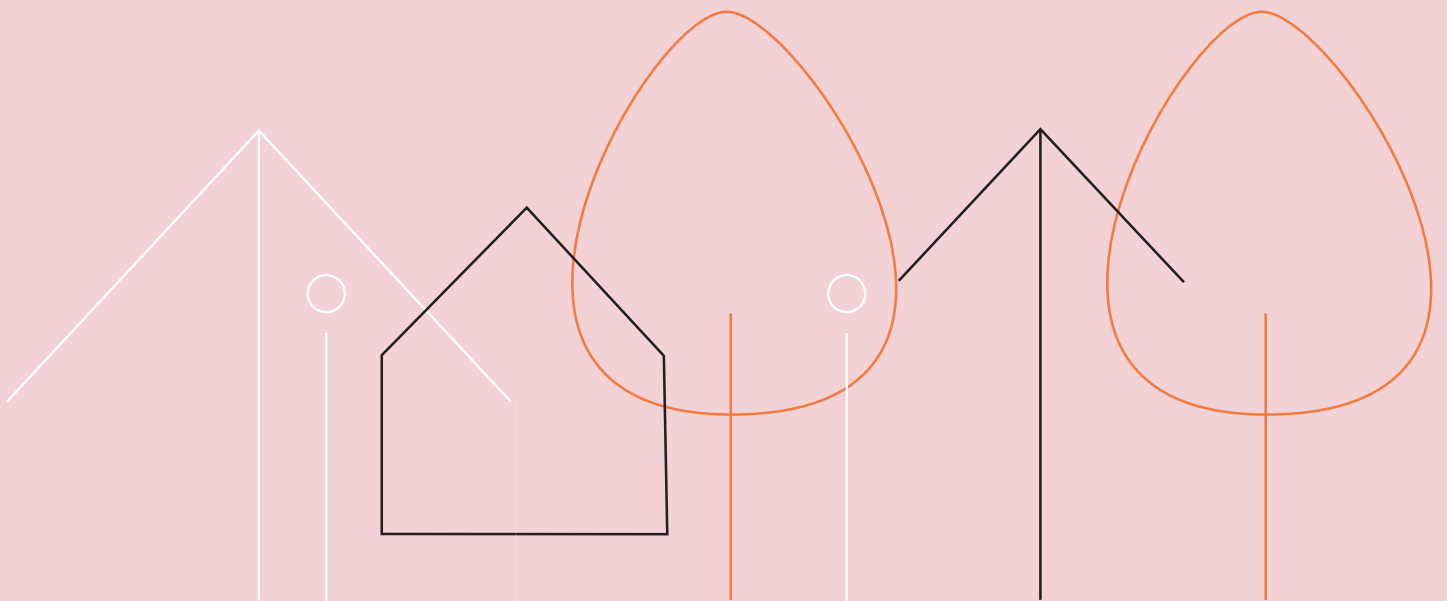


# Toowoomba Regional Council

Toowoomba Regional Council area  
2011 Census results

Comparison year: 2006  
Benchmark area: Regional QLD

community profile



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# Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

The Estimated Resident Population is the OFFICIAL Toowoomba Regional Council area population for 2012.

Populations are counted and estimated in various ways. The most comprehensive population count available in Australia is derived from the Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics every five years. However the Census count is NOT the official population of Toowoomba Regional Council area. To provide a more accurate population figure which is updated more frequently than every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics also produces "Estimated Resident Population" (ERP) numbers for Toowoomba Regional Council area.

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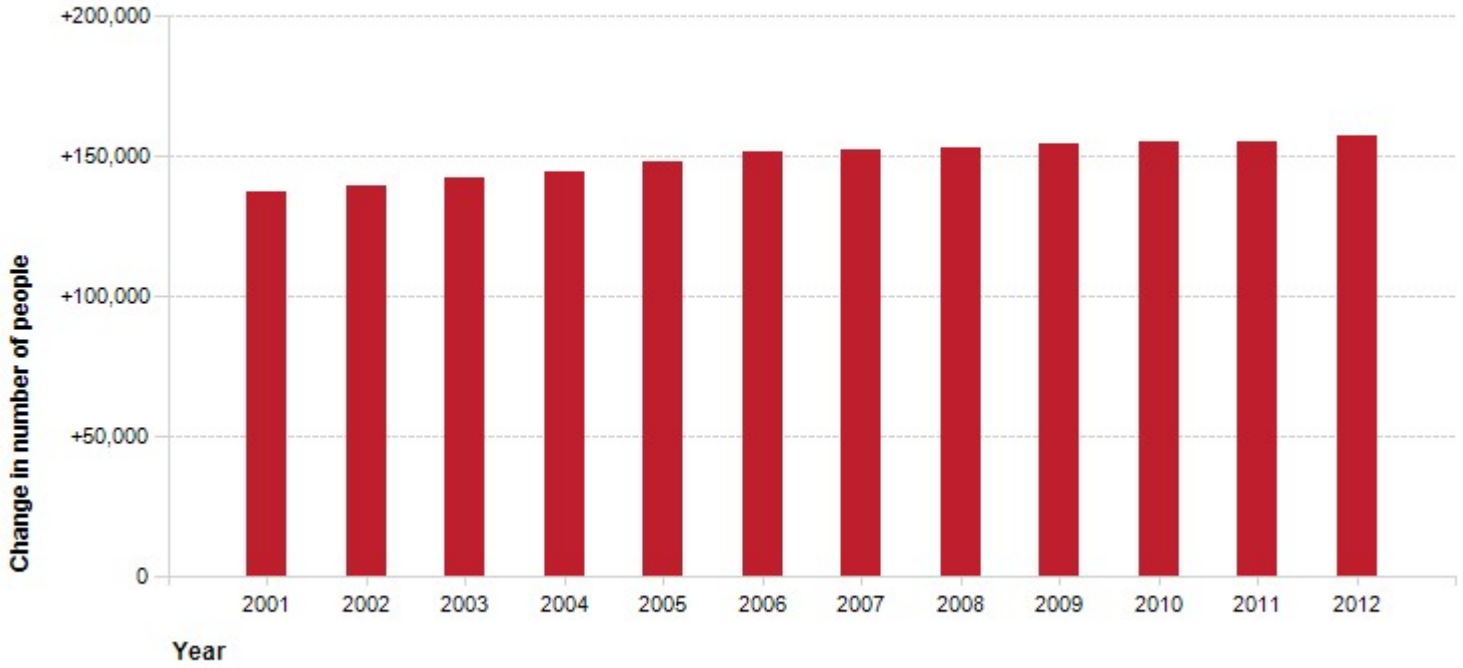
## Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

Toowoomba Regional Council area			
Year (ending June 30)	Number	Change in number	Change in percent
2001	137,593	--	--
2002	139,747	+2,154	+1.57
2003	142,010	+2,263	+1.62
2004	144,702	+2,692	+1.90
2005	148,305	+3,603	+2.49
2006	151,297	+2,992	+2.02
2007	151,965	+668	+0.44
2008	152,928	+963	+0.63
2009	154,262	+1,334	+0.87
2010	154,919	+657	+0.43
2011	154,931	+12	+0.01
2012	157,023	+2,092	+1.35

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# Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

Toowoomba Regional Council area

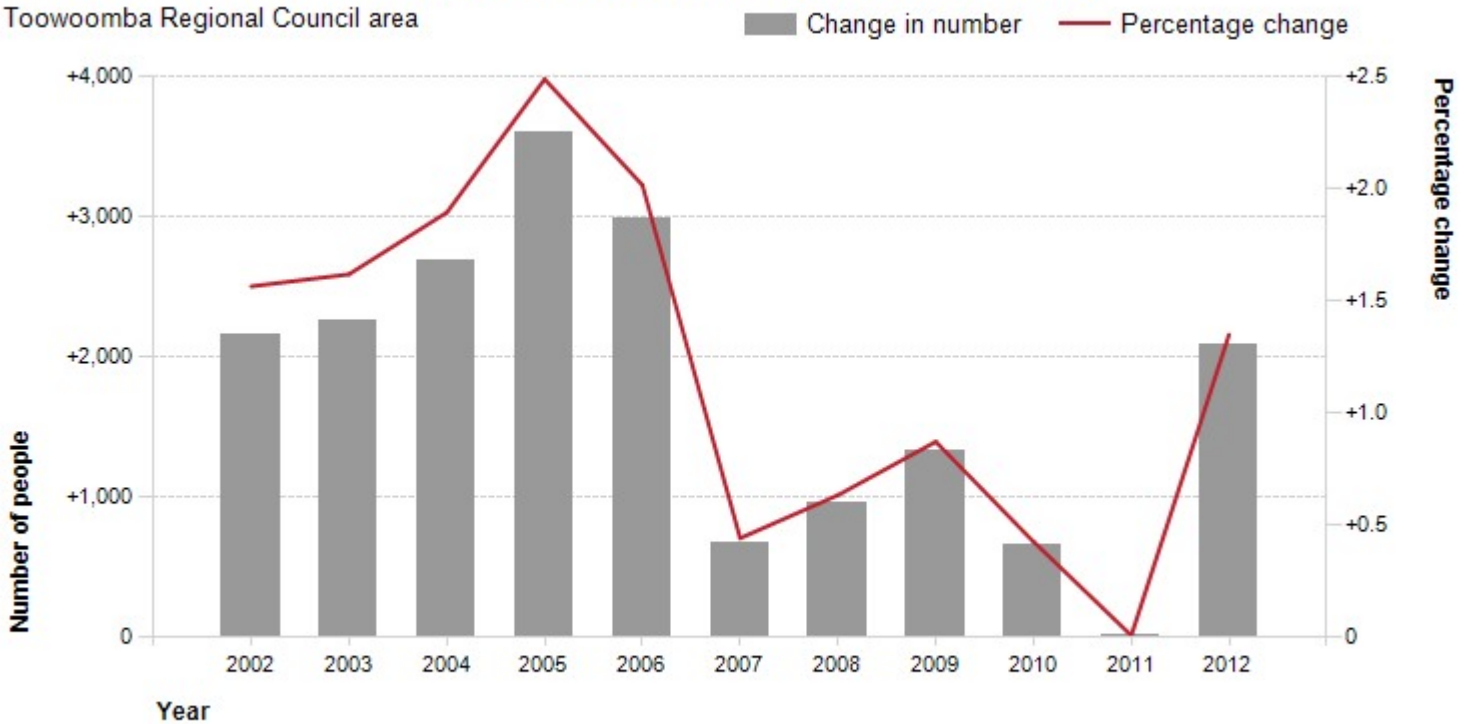


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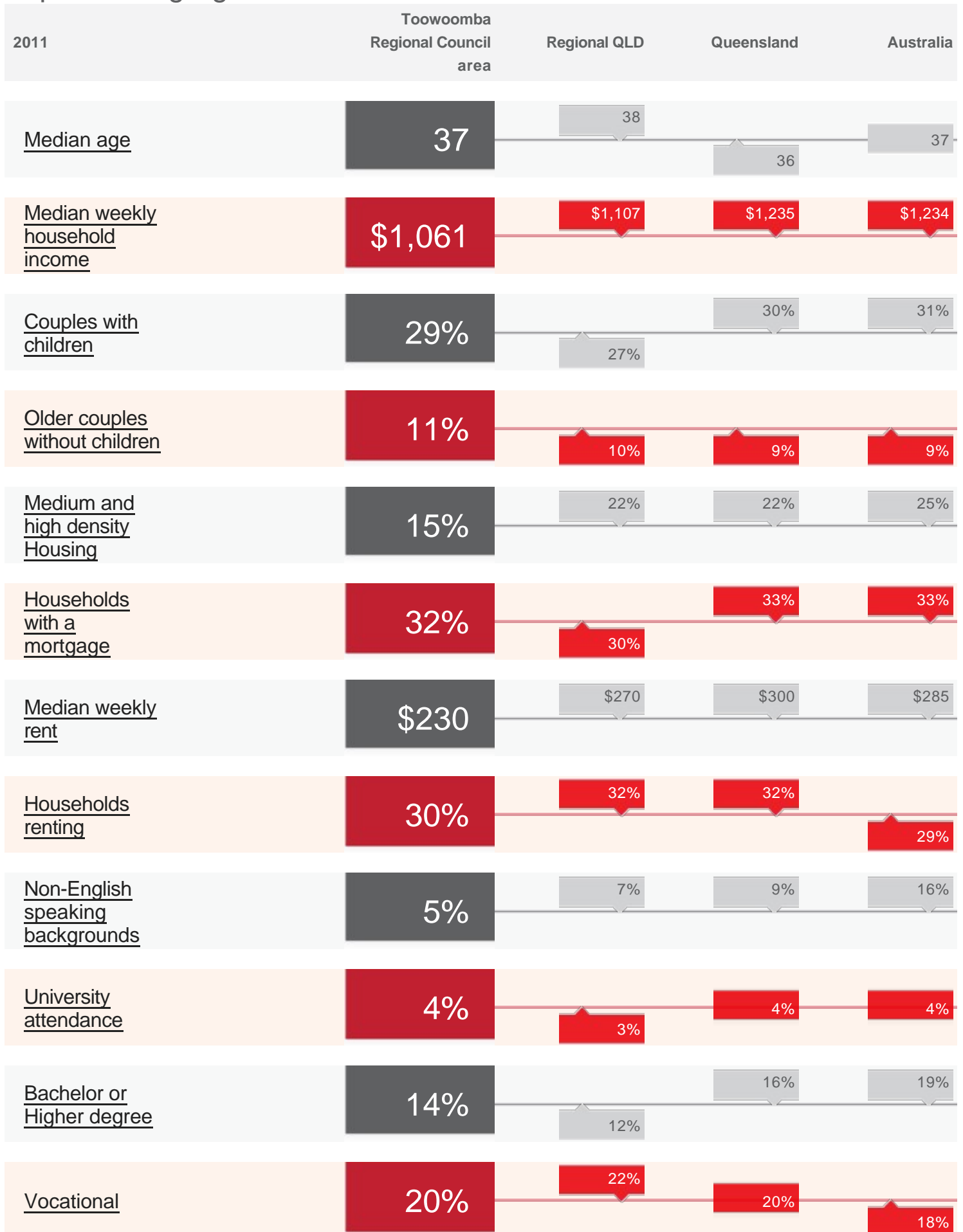
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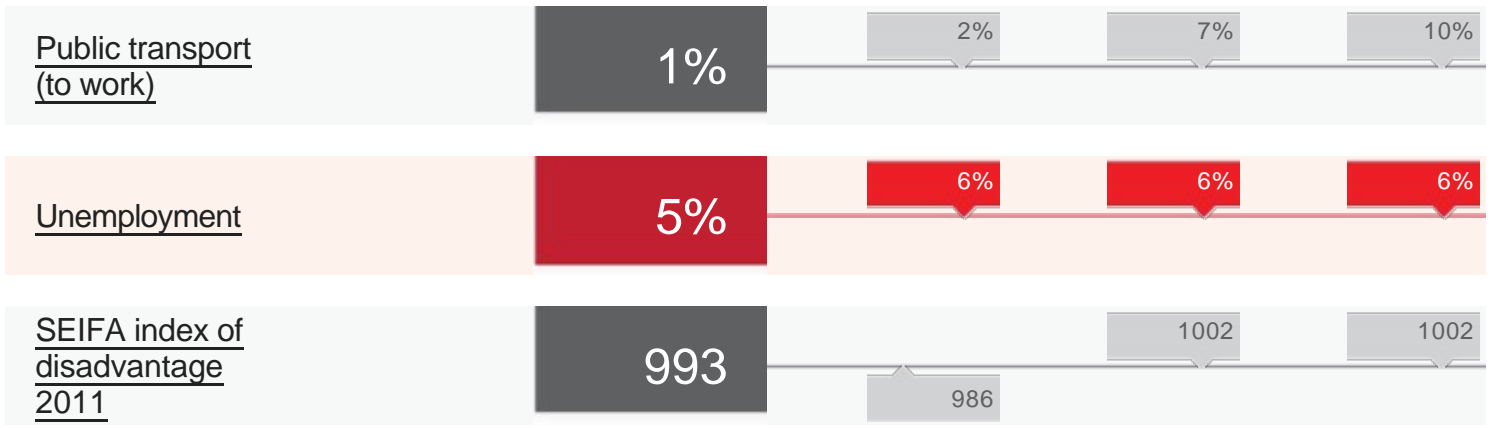


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# Population highlights





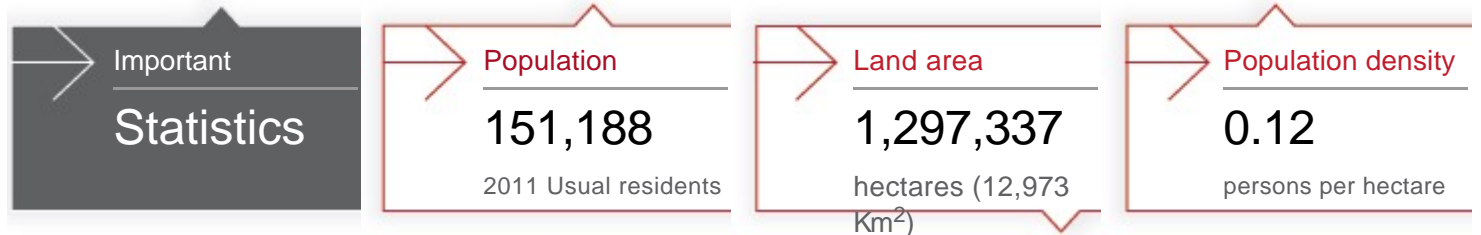
## About the area

### Location and boundaries

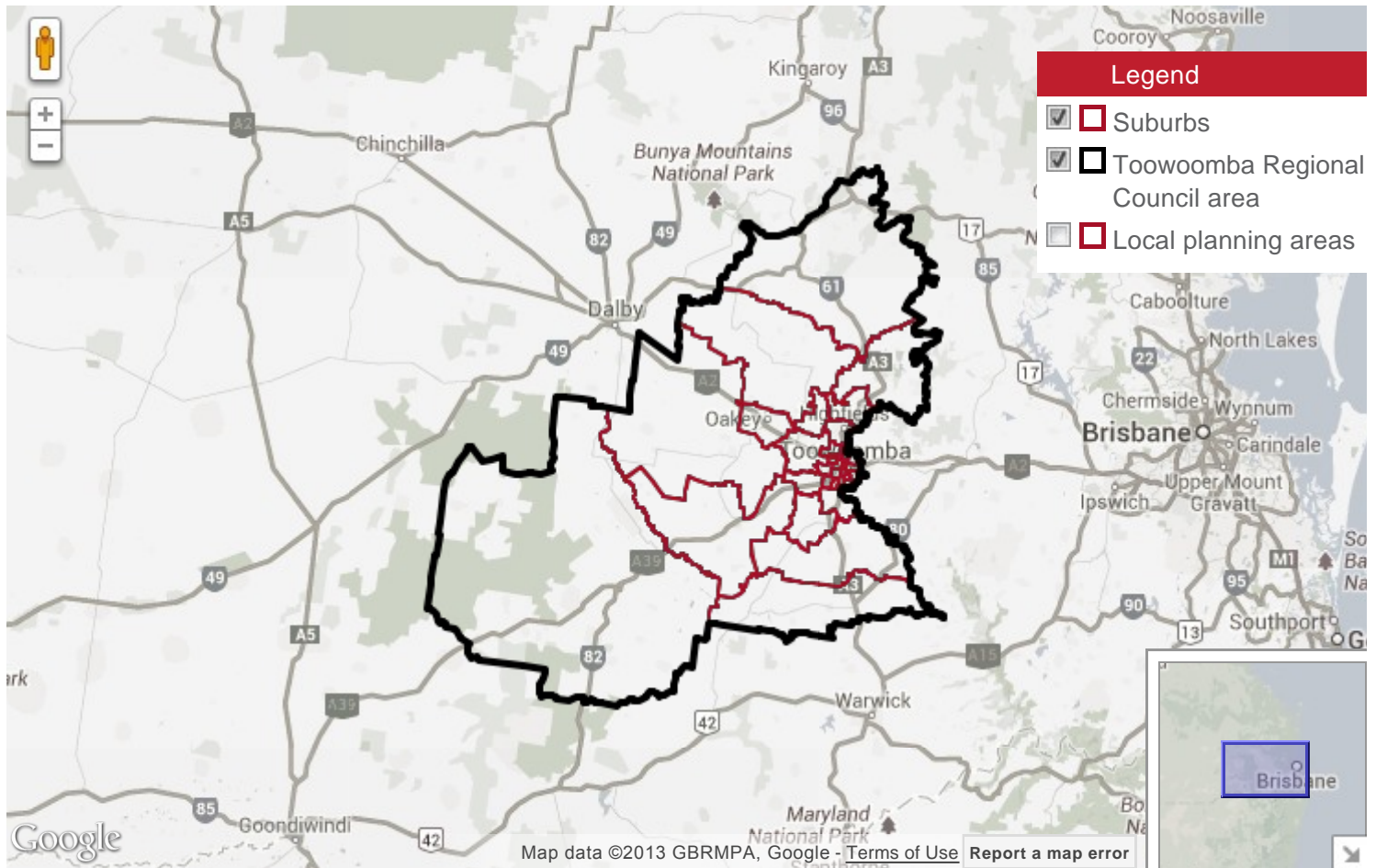
The Toowoomba Region is located in south-east Queensland, about 125 kilometres west of Brisbane. The Toowoomba Region is bounded by the South Burnett Region in the north, the Somerset Region and the Lockyer Valley Region in the east, the Southern Downs Region and the Goondiwindi Region in the south, and the Dalby Region in the west.

### Name origin

Toowoomba is thought to be named either after a property in the area in the 1850s, or from an Aboriginal word meaning "place where water sits" or "place of melon" or "place where reeds grow" or "berries place" or "white man".



### Toowoomba Regional Council area



## Settlement history

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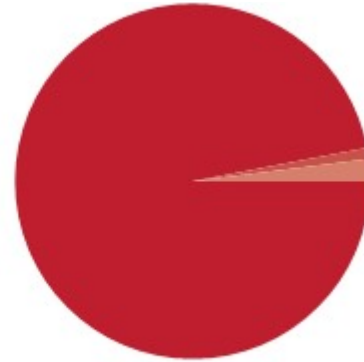
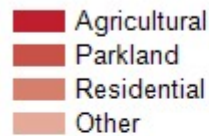
European settlement dates from the 1840s, with land used mainly for cattle and sheep grazing. Population was minimal until the 1860s. Growth took place during the late 1800s, with land also becoming used for cereal growing and dairy farming, with some timber-milling in the northern areas, and some coal mining. Growth took place through to the early 1900s, particularly along the railway lines. More substantial development took place from the post-war years, with the population of the Region growing from about 57,000 in 1933 to about 70,000 in 1954, then continuing to increase to 82,000 in 1966, and to 92,000 in 1976. Significant development occurred from the 1980s, with the population rising from about 95,000 in 1981 to about 117,000 in 1991, and then to about 149,000 in 2011.

## Land use

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The Toowoomba Region is a growing residential area, with significant rural and rural-residential areas, and some industrial and commercial land use. The Toowoomba Region encompasses a total land area of about 13,000 square kilometres. The main urban centre is Toowoomba, with smaller urban areas in the townships of Clifton, Crows Nest, Goombungee, Millmerran, Oakey, Pittsworth and Yarraman, and numerous villages. Rural land is used largely for beef and dairy cattle, crop and cereal growing, vegetable growing and sheep grazing, with some energy production, forestry and tourism.

## Land use



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## Transport

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The Toowoomba Region is served by the Daguilar Highway, the Gore Highway, the New England Highway, the Warrego Highway, the Westlander train and Toowoomba Airport.

## Major features

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Major features of the Region include the Toowoomba CBD, Clifton Historical Museum, Cobb & Co Museum, Crows Nest Folk Museum & Village, Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery, Darling Downs Zoo, Highfields Pioneer Village, Jondaryan Woolshed, Maclagan Memories Museum, Milne Bay Military Museum, Museum of Australian Army Flying, Oakey Army Aviation Centre, Pittsworth Pioneer Historical Village, Yarraman Heritage Centre, Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Cooby Creek Dam, Perseverance Dam, Clifford Park Racecourse, Echo Valley Motor Sports Complex, Crows Nest National Park, Ravensbourne National Park, The Palms National Park, Wondul Range National Park, Irongate Conservation Park, Milne Bay Aquatic Centre, Highfields Cultural Centre, Oakey Cultural Centre, Ju-Raku Garden (Japanese Garden), Jubilee Park, Queens Park, Redwood Park, State Rose Garden, Toowoomba Bicentennial Waterbird Habitat, Toowoomba Showgrounds, Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (Toowoomba Campus), University of Southern Queensland (Toowoomba Campus), Baillie Henderson Hospital, St Andrew's Toowoomba Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital, Toowoomba Base Hospital, Millmerran Power Station, New Acland Coal Mine, various state forests and numerous wineries.

## Indigenous background

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The original inhabitants of the Toowoomba area were various Aboriginal tribes.



## Included areas

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The Toowoomba Region includes the suburbs, townships and localities of Acland, Anduramba, Ascot, Athol, Aubigny, Back Plains, Balgowan, Bergen, Biddeston, Birnam, Blue Mountain Heights, Bongeene, Boodua, Bowenville, Branchview, Bringalily, Brookstead, Broxburn, Brymaroo, Budgee, Bulli Creek, Cabarlah, Cambooya, Canning Creek, Captains Mountain, Cattle Creek, Cawdor, Cecil Plains, Centenary Heights, Charlton, Cherry Creek, Clifton, Clontarf, Coalbank, Condamine Farms, Condamine Plains, Cooyar, Cotswold Hills, Cranley, Cressbrook Creek, Crows Nest, Cutella, Cypress Gardens, Darling Heights, Devon Park, Djuan, Doctor Creek, Domville, Douglas, Drayton, Dunmore, East Cooyar, East Greenmount, East Toowoomba, Ellangowan, Elphinstone, Emu Creek, Evanslea, Evergreen, Felton, Felton South, Finnie, Forest Ridge, Formartin, Geham, Gilla, Glenaven, Glencoe, Glenvale, Googa Creek, Goombungee, Gowrie Junction, Gowrie Little Plain, Gowrie Mountain, Grapetree, Grassdale, Grays Gate, Greenmount, Greenwood, Groomsville, Haden, Hampton, Harlaxton, Harristown, Headington Hill, Highfields, Highgrove, Highland Plains, Hirstglen, Hodgson Vale, Irongate, Irvingdale, Jondaryan, Jones Gully, Kearneys Spring, Kelvinhaugh, Kilbirnie, Kincora, Kings Creek, Kings Siding, Kingsthorpe, Kleinton, Kooralgin, Kooroongarra, Kulpi, Kurrowah, Lavelle, Lemontree, Leyburn, Lilyvale, Linthorpe, Maclagan, Malling, Malu, Manapouri, Meringandan, Meringandan West, Merritts Creek, Middle Ridge, Millmerran, Millmerran Downs, Millmerran Woods, Millwood, Missen Flat, Motley, Mount Binga, Mount Darry, Mount Emlyn, Mount Irving, Mount Kynoch, Mount Lofty, Mount Luke, Mount Molar, Mount Moriah, Mount Rascal, Mount Tyson, Mountain Camp, Muldu, Muniganeen, Nangwee, Narko, Nevilton, Newtown, Nobby, North Branch, North Maclagan, North Toowoomba, Norwin, Nutgrove, Oakey, Palmtree, Pampas, Pechey, Peranga, Perseverance, Pierces Creek, Pilton, Pinelands, Pittsworth, Plainby, Preston, Prince Henry Heights, Punchs Creek, Purrawunda, Quinalow, Ramsay, Rangemore, Rangeville, Ravensbourne, Redwood, Rockville, Rocky Creek, Rosalie Plains, Rossvale, Ryeford, Sabine, Sandy Camp, Scrubby Mountain, Silverleigh, South Toowoomba, Southbrook, Spring Bluff, Spring Creek, Springside, St Aubyn, St Helens, St Ruth, Stonehenge, Stoneleigh, The Bluff, The Pines, Thornville, Tipton, Toowoomba City, Top Camp, Torrington, Tummaville, Turallin, Umbiram, Upper Cooyar Creek, Upper Pilton, Upper Pinelands, Upper Yarraman, Vale View, Victoria Hill, Wainui, Wattle Ridge, Wellcamp, West Haldon, West Prairie, Westbrook, Western Creek, Whichello, Wilsonton, Wilsonton Heights, Woodleigh, Woolmer, Woondul, Wutul, Wyreema, Yalangur, Yandilla, Yargullen, Yarraman and Yarranlea.

## Five year age groups

The Age Structure of Toowoomba Regional Council area provides key insights into the level of demand for age based services and facilities such as child care. It is also an indicator of Toowoomba Regional Council area's residential role and function and how it is likely to change in the future.

Five year age groups present a classic age profile of the population. Each age group covers exactly five years, which enables direct comparison between each group.

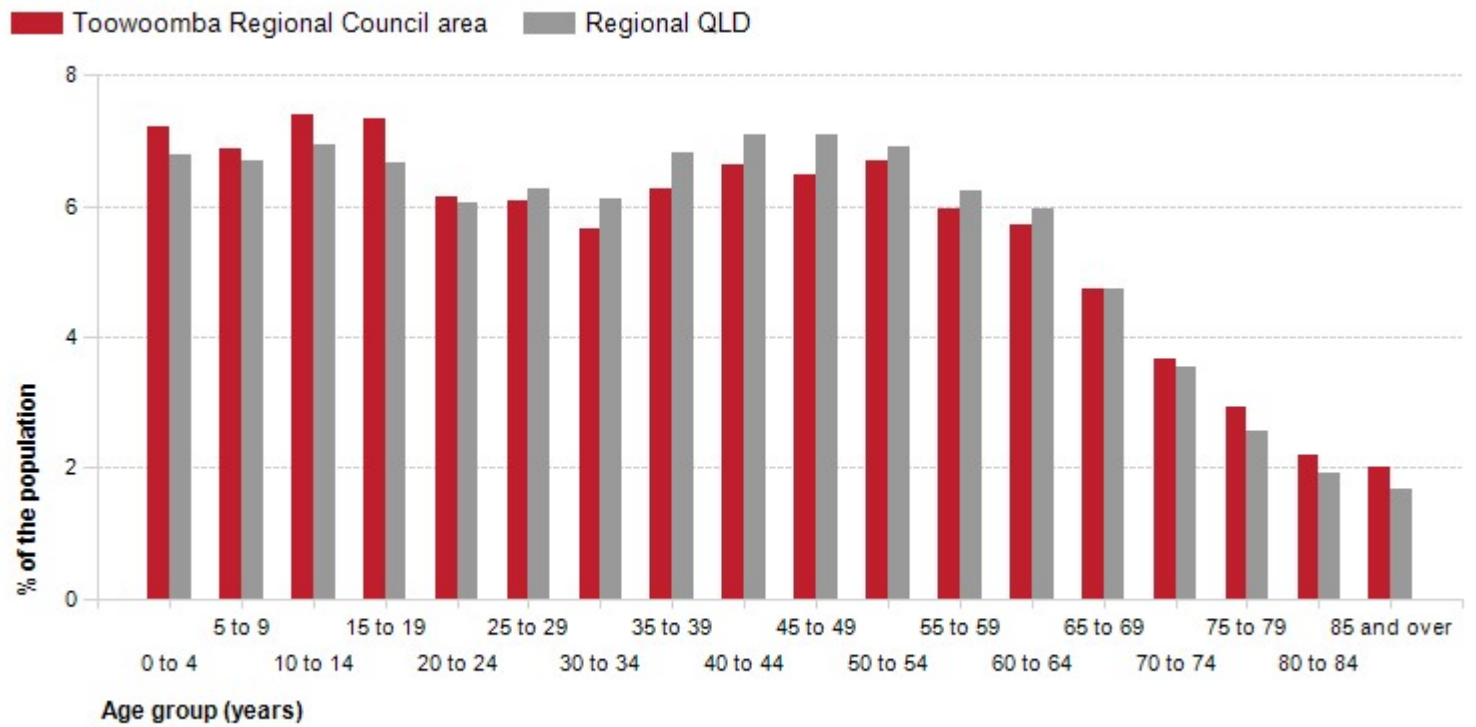
To get a more complete picture Toowoomba Regional Council area's Age Structure should be viewed in conjunction with [Household Types](#) and [Dwelling Types](#).

### Age structure - Five year age groups

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Five year age groups (years)	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
0 to 4	10,925	7.2	6.8	9,758	6.9	6.5	+1,167
5 to 9	10,398	6.9	6.7	10,099	7.1	7.0	+299
10 to 14	11,173	7.4	6.9	11,394	8.0	7.4	-221
15 to 19	11,102	7.3	6.7	10,932	7.7	6.7	+170
20 to 24	9,287	6.1	6.0	9,806	6.9	6.2	-519
25 to 29	9,170	6.1	6.3	7,968	5.6	5.9	+1,202
30 to 34	8,540	5.6	6.1	8,778	6.2	6.6	-238
35 to 39	9,488	6.3	6.8	9,499	6.7	7.1	-11
40 to 44	10,043	6.6	7.1	9,650	6.8	7.4	+393
45 to 49	9,797	6.5	7.1	10,003	7.0	7.4	-206
50 to 54	10,124	6.7	6.9	9,045	6.4	6.7	+1,079
55 to 59	9,022	6.0	6.2	8,526	6.0	6.5	+496
60 to 64	8,655	5.7	6.0	7,065	5.0	5.2	+1,590
65 to 69	7,165	4.7	4.7	5,592	3.9	4.1	+1,573
70 to 74	5,544	3.7	3.5	4,695	3.3	3.2	+849
75 to 79	4,419	2.9	2.6	4,044	2.8	2.7	+375
80 to 84	3,299	2.2	1.9	2,931	2.1	1.9	+368
85 and over	3,037	2.0	1.7	2,499	1.8	1.5	+538
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,188</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>142,284</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+8,904</b>

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## Five year age structure, 2011

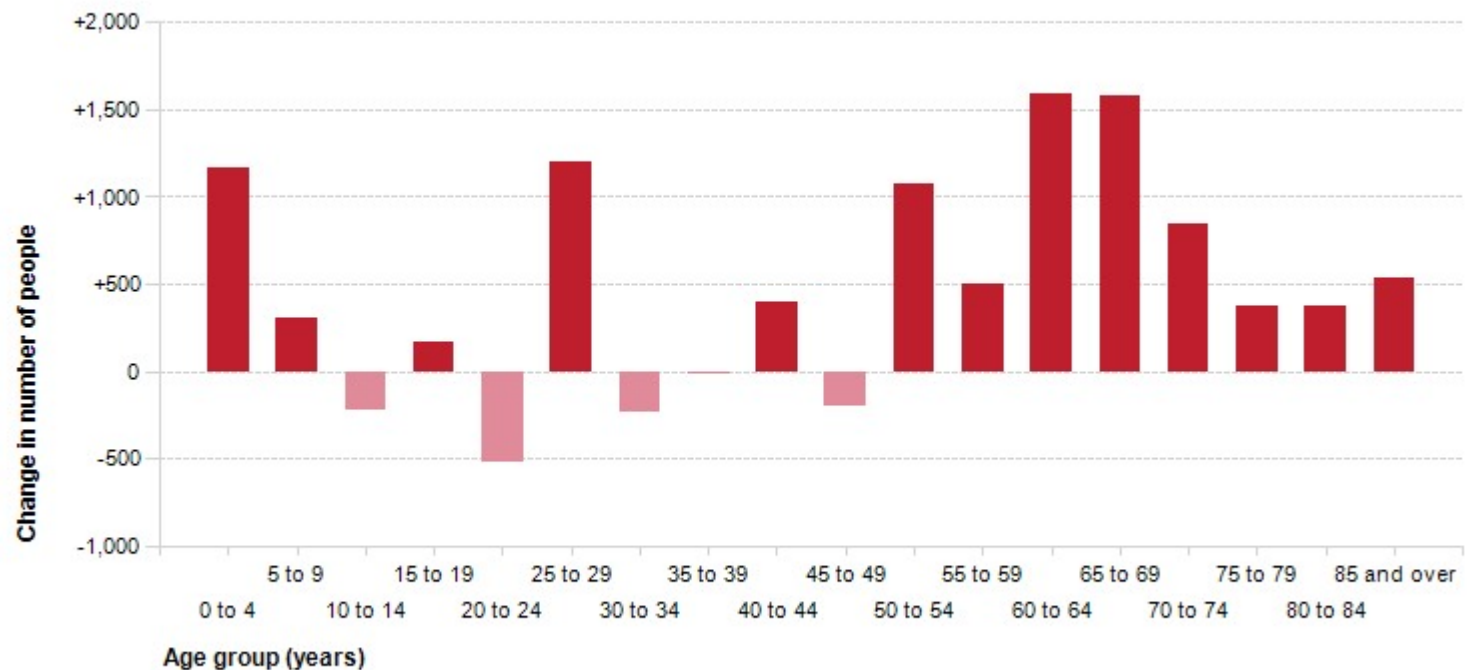


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## Change in five year age structure, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the five year age groups of Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (under 15) as well as a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (65+).

Overall, 21.5% of the population was aged between 0 and 15, and 15.5% were aged 65 years and over, compared with 20.4% and 14.4% respectively for Regional QLD.

The major differences between the age structure of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 15 to 19 (7.3% compared to 6.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 45 to 49 (6.5% compared to 7.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 35 to 39 (6.3% compared to 6.8%)

## Emerging groups

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From 2006 to 2011, Toowoomba Regional Council area's population increased by 8,904 people (6.3%). This represents an average annual population change of 1.22% per year over the period.

The largest changes in age structure in this area between 2006 and 2011 were in the age groups:

- 60 to 64 (+1,590 persons)
- 65 to 69 (+1,573 persons)
- 25 to 29 (+1,202 persons)
- 0 to 4 (+1,167 persons)

# Ancestry

Ancestry defines the cultural association and ethnic background of an individual going back three generations. Ancestry is a good measure of the total size of cultural groups in Toowoomba Regional Council area regardless of where they were born or what language they speak.

Ancestry data, should be combined with data on Birthplace, Language Spoken at Home and Religion for a more complete picture of Toowoomba Regional Council area's ethnic characteristics.

## Ancestry - ranked by size

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Ancestry	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Australian	63,571	42.0	38.6	66,946	47.1	42.4	-3,375
English	57,668	38.1	38.5	49,895	35.1	35.6	+7,773
Irish	19,233	12.7	10.9	17,111	12.0	10.2	+2,122
German	17,348	11.5	6.5	15,720	11.1	6.4	+1,628
Scottish	15,456	10.2	9.7	13,081	9.2	8.7	+2,375
Italian	1,972	1.3	2.9	1,747	1.2	2.9	+225
Dutch	1,959	1.3	1.5	1,801	1.3	1.5	+158
Chinese	1,464	1.0	1.1	1,280	0.9	1.0	+184
New Zealander	971	0.6	1.3	922	0.6	1.2	+49
Filipino	893	0.6	0.8	509	0.4	0.6	+384

Excludes ancestries with fewer than 20 responses, or less than 0.1% of the total population.

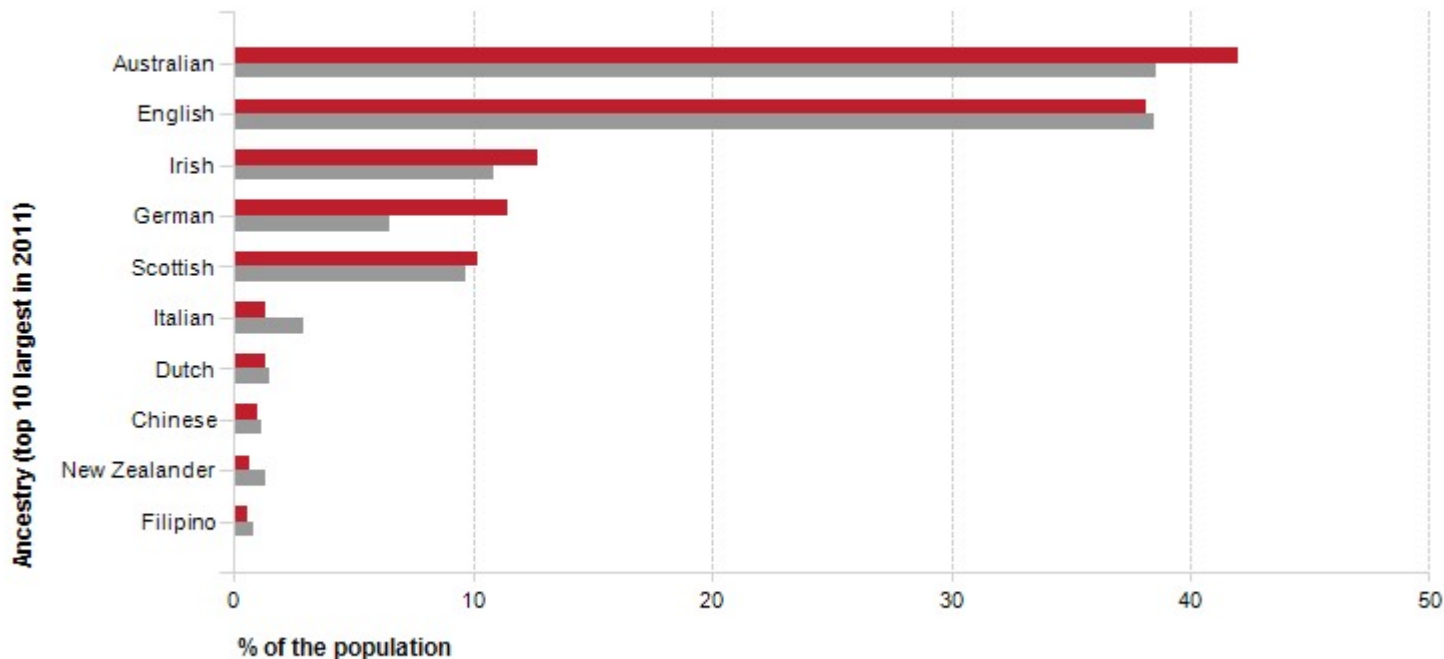
## Ancestry - totals

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Ancestry totals	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Not stated	10,219	6.8	8.0	9,793	6.9	8.9	+426
Total People	151,188	100.0	100.0	142,257	100.0	100.0	+8,931
Total responses	204,218	-	-	189,456	-	-	+14,762

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# Ancestry, 2011

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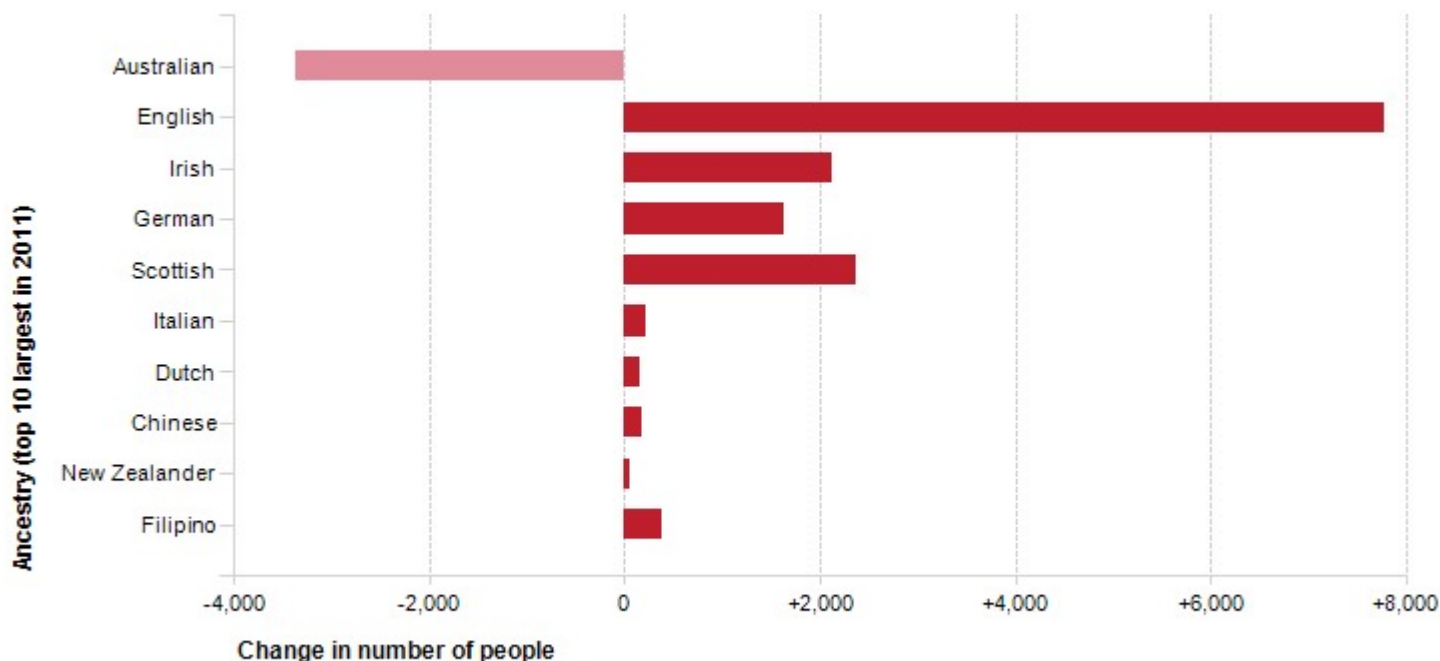


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# Change in ancestry, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the ancestry responses of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 shows that the top five ancestries nominated were:

- Australian (63,571 people or 42.0%)
- English (57,668 people or 38.1%)
- Irish (19,233 people or 12.7%)
- German (17,348 people or 11.5%)
- Scottish (15,456 people or 10.2%)

In combination these five ancestries account for 173,276 responses in total, or 114.61% of all responses.

**The major differences between the ancestries of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:**

- A *larger* percentage of people with German ancestry (11.5% compared to 6.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of people with Australian ancestry (42.0% compared to 38.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of people with Irish ancestry (12.7% compared to 10.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people with Italian ancestry (1.3% compared to 2.9%)

## Emerging groups

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**The largest changes in the reported ancestries of the population in this area between 2006 and 2011 were:**

- English (+7,773 persons)
- Australian (-3,375 persons)
- Scottish (+2,375 persons)
- Irish (+2,122 persons)

## Birthplace

Country of Birth data identifies where people were born and is indicative of the level of cultural diversity in Toowoomba Regional Council area. The mix of Country of Birth groups is also indicative of historical settlement patterns, as source countries for Australia's immigration program have varied significantly over time.

To get a more complete picture of cultural and ethnic characteristics, Toowoomba Regional Council area's Country of Birth data should be viewed together with [Ancestry](#), [Language Spoken at Home](#) and [Religion](#).

### Birthplace - ranked by size

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Country of birth	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
United Kingdom	3,924	2.6	4.6	3,795	2.7	4.5	+129
New Zealand	2,290	1.5	4.1	1,823	1.3	3.5	+467
South Africa	824	0.5	0.7	541	0.4	0.5	+283
Philippines	715	0.5	0.6	364	0.3	0.4	+351
India	573	0.4	0.4	294	0.2	0.2	+279
Zimbabwe	527	0.3	0.2	439	0.3	0.1	+88
Sudan	431	0.3	0.0	431	0.3	0.0	0
Germany	426	0.3	0.5	396	0.3	0.5	+30
China	416	0.3	0.3	315	0.2	0.2	+101
Netherlands	412	0.3	0.3	414	0.3	0.4	-2

Excludes countries with fewer than 20 people, or less than 0.1% of the total population.

### Birthplace - summary

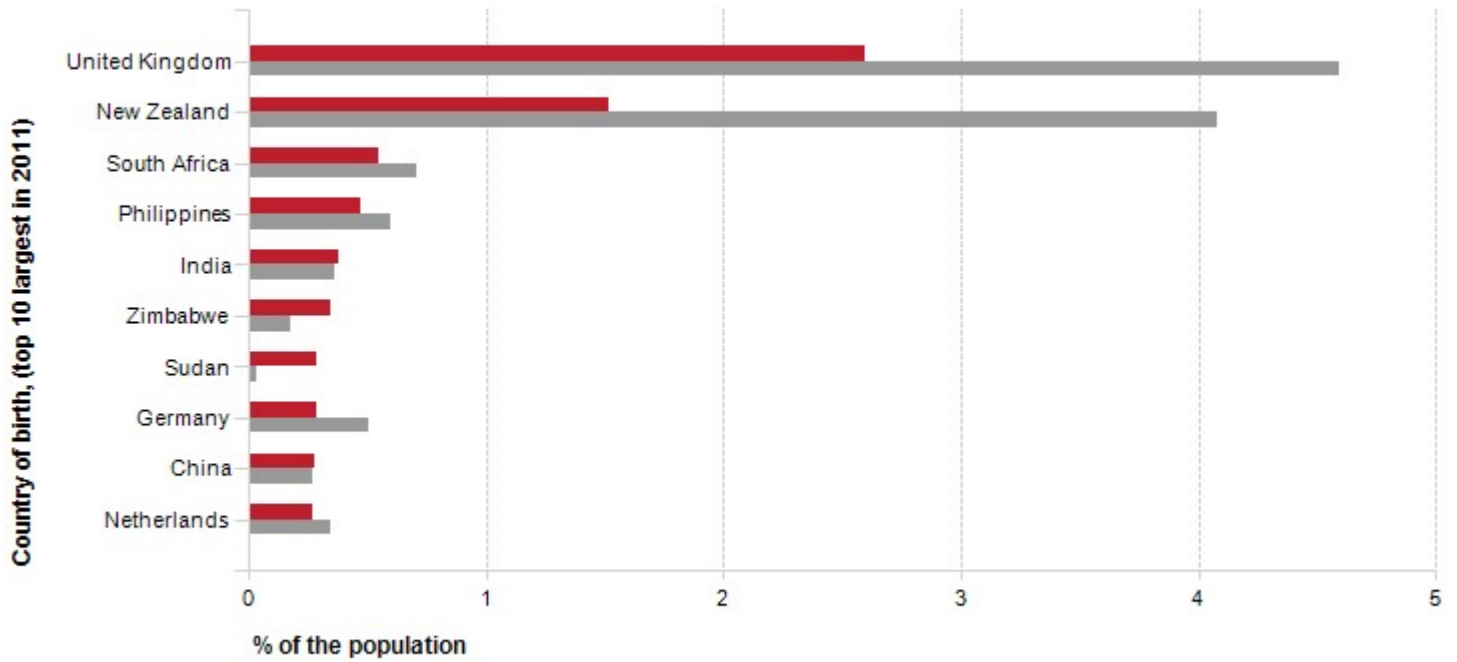
Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Birthplace	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Total Overseas born	15,753	10.4	16.7	12,838	9.0	14.8	+2,915
▪ Non-English speaking backgrounds	7,995	5.3	6.6	6,029	4.2	5.7	+1,966
▪ Main English speaking countries	7,758	5.1	10.1	6,809	4.8	9.1	+949
Australia	127,652	84.4	76.8	122,045	85.8	77.8	+5,607
Not Stated	7,785	5.1	6.5	7,395	5.2	7.4	+390
Total Population	151,190	100.0	100.0	142,278	100.0	100.0	+8,912

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## Country of birth, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD

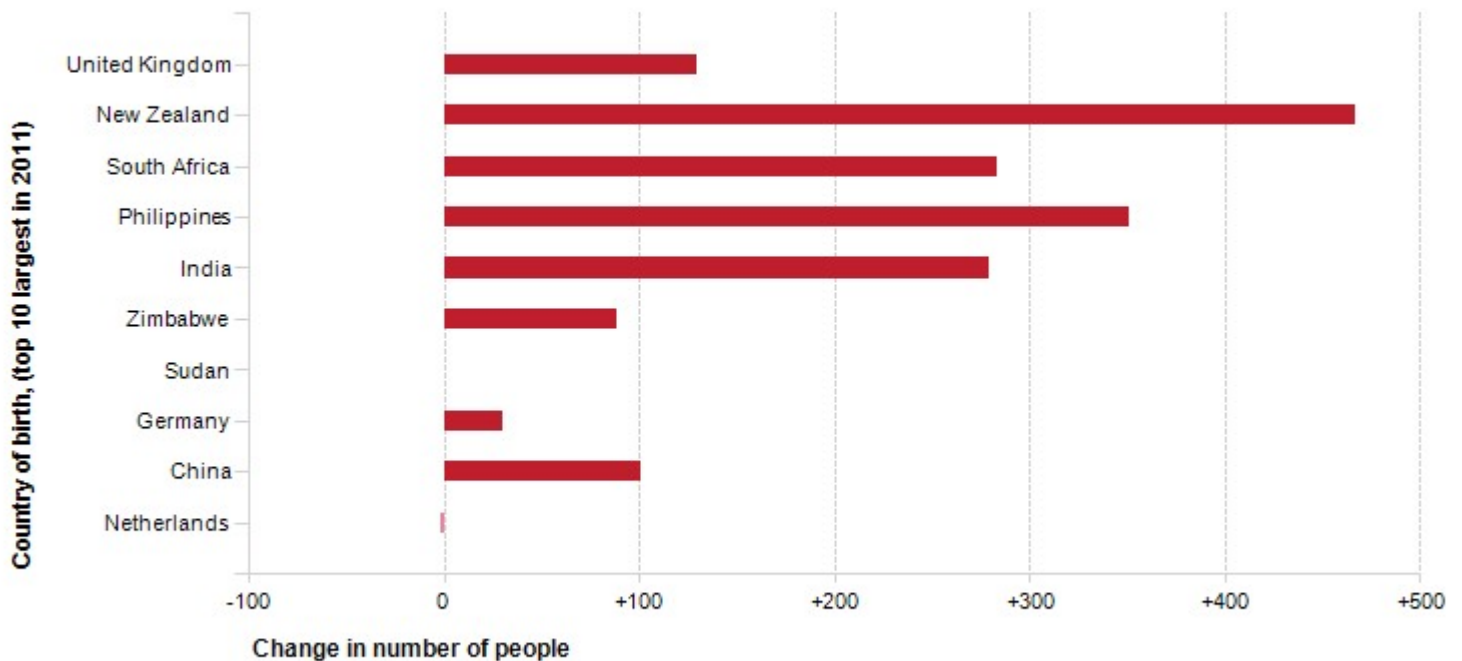


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## Change in country of birth, 2006 to 2011

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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the country of birth of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a smaller proportion of people born overseas, as well as a smaller proportion of people from a non-English speaking background.

Overall, 10.4% of the population was born overseas, and 5.3% were from a non-English speaking background, compared with 16.7% and 6.6% respectively for Regional QLD.

The largest non-English speaking country of birth in Toowoomba Regional Council area was South Africa, where 0.5% of the population, or 824 people, were born.

**The major differences between the countries of birth of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:**

- A *smaller* percentage of people born in New Zealand (1.5% compared to 4.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people born in United Kingdom (2.6% compared to 4.6%)

## Emerging groups

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Between 2006 and 2011, the number of people born overseas increased by 2,915 or 22.7%, and the number of people from a non-English speaking background increased by 1,966 or 32.6%.

**The largest changes in birthplace countries of the population in this area between 2006 and 2011 were for those born in:**

- New Zealand (+467 persons)
- Philippines (+351 persons)
- South Africa (+283 persons)
- India (+279 persons)

## Year of arrival in Australia

The Year of Arrival data records when the overseas born population arrived in Australia. The data shows the degree to which areas are 'ports' for new overseas migrants and reveals the role of Toowoomba Regional Council area in housing the overseas-born. The number of recent arrivals in an area is often determined by housing affordability, employment opportunities and pre-existing communities located in the area.

Toowoomba Regional Council area's Year of Arrival data, when used with Birthplace, Religion and Language Spoken at Home data, is a good indicator of the likely need for services in migrant communities.

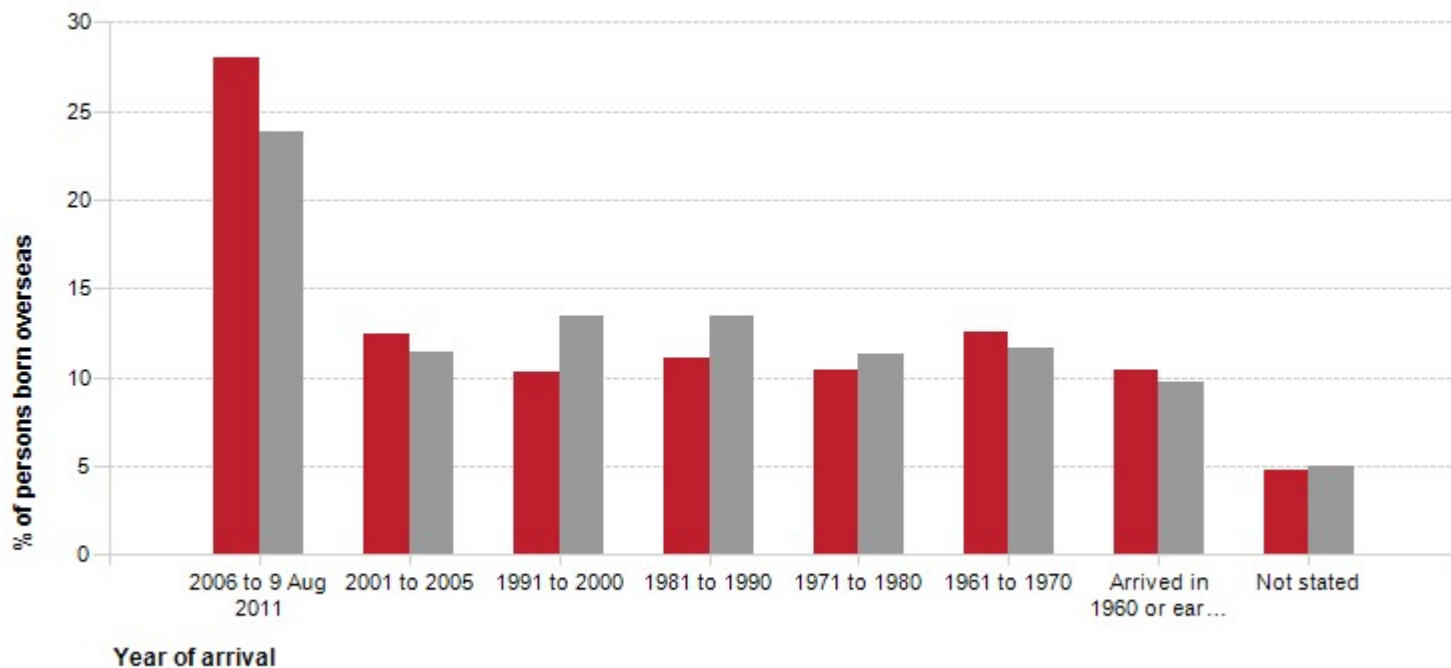
### Year of arrival in Australia

Toowoomba Regional Council area		2011		
Year of arrival in Australia	Number	%	Regional QLD	
2006 to 9 Aug 2011	4,429	28.1	23.9	
2001 to 2005	1,968	12.5	11.5	
1991 to 2000 (10 year period)	1,626	10.3	13.5	
1981 to 1990 (10 year period)	1,758	11.1	13.5	
1971 to 1980 (10 year period)	1,645	10.4	11.3	
1961 to 1970 (10 year period)	1,972	12.5	11.7	
Arrived in 1960 or earlier	1,642	10.4	9.7	
Not stated	745	4.7	5.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,785</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

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## Year of arrival in Australia, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the year of arrival for the overseas born population of Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a smaller proportion of people who arrived before 2001, and a larger proportion of recent arrivals (those who arrived between 2006 and 2011).

Overall, 54.8% of the overseas born population arrived before 2001, and 28.1% arrived during or after 2006, compared with 59.7% and 23.9% respectively for Regional QLD.

**The major differences between the year of arrival data of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:**

- A *larger* percentage of arrivals between 2006 and 9 Aug 2011 (28.1% compared to 23.9%)
- A *larger* percentage of arrivals between 2001 and 2005 (12.5% compared to 11.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of arrivals between 1961 and 1970 (12.5% compared to 11.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of arrivals between 1991 and 2000 (10.3% compared to 13.5%)

# Proficiency in English

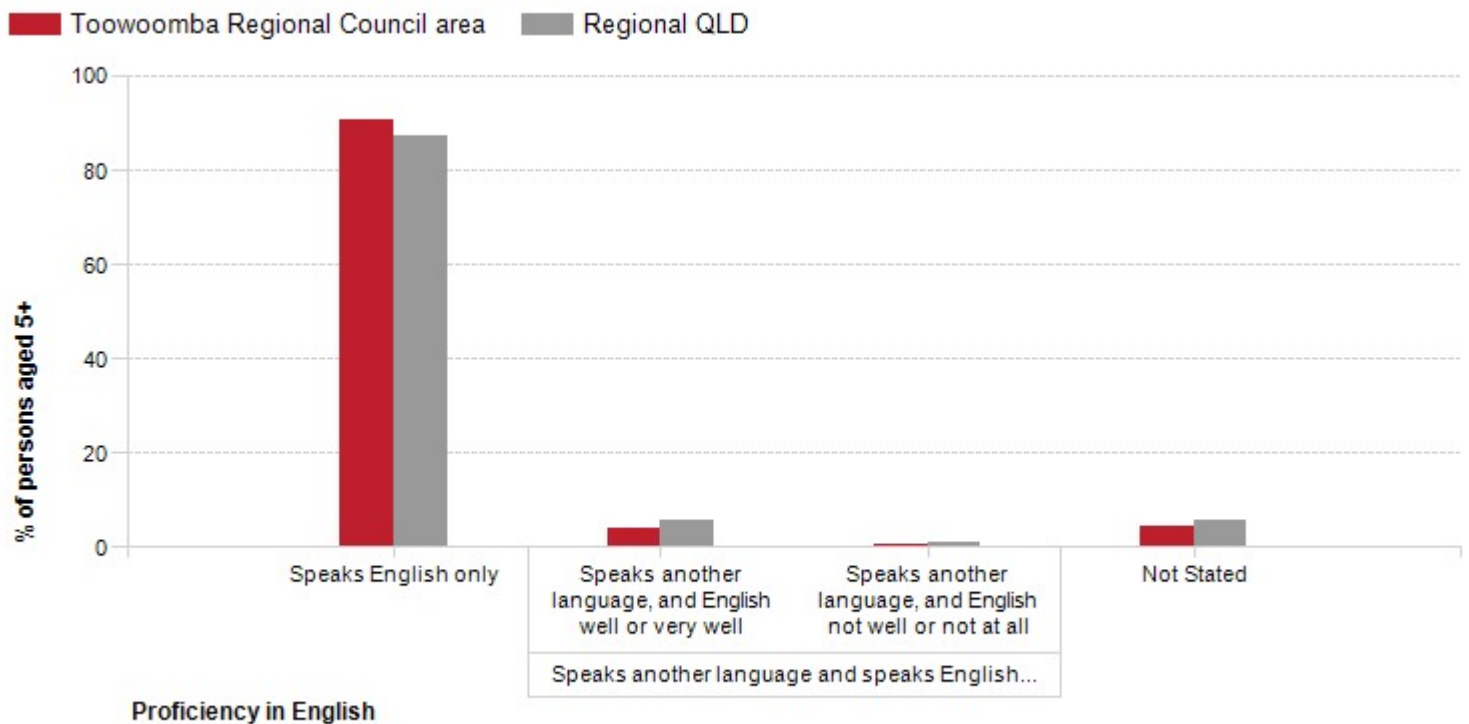
Proficiency in English measures the self-assessed proficiency in spoken English of people who speak a language other than English at home. The data, when viewed with other ethnic and cultural indicators, such as Ancestry, Country of Birth, Language Spoken at Home and Religion, reflects Toowoomba Regional Council area's ethnic composition and how long the overseas born have been in Australia. This helps service providers determine whether they need to communicate with the local population in languages other than English.

## Proficiency in English

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
English proficiency	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Speaks English only	137,410	90.9	87.4	131,398	92.4	88.3	+6,012
Speaks another language, and English well or very well	6,012	4.0	5.9	4,268	3.0	4.8	+1,744
Speaks another language, and English not well or not at all	1,181	0.8	0.9	779	0.5	0.7	+402
Not Stated	6,586	4.4	5.8	5,835	4.1	6.2	+751
Total population	151,189	100.0	100.0	142,280	100.0	100.0	+8,909

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## Proficiency in English, 2011

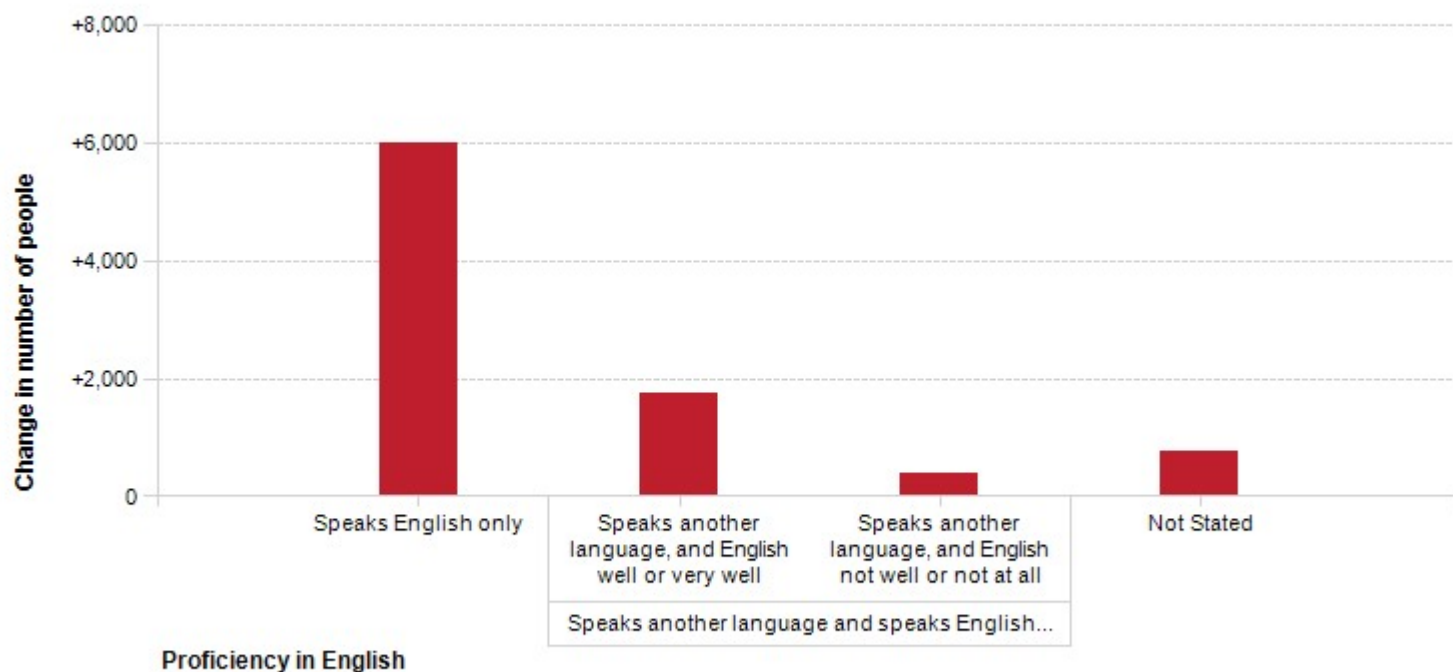


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# Change in proficiency in English, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the proficiency in English data for Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of persons who spoke English only, and a similar proportion of persons who spoke another language and English not well or not at all.

Overall, 90.9% of persons spoke English only, and 0.8% spoke another language and English not well or not at all, compared with 87.4% and 0.9% respectively for Regional QLD.

## Emerging groups

The most significant changes in the proficiency in English of the population in this area between 2006 and 2011 were in those speaking:

- Speaks English only (+6,012 persons)
- Speaks another language, and English well or very well (+1,744 persons)
- Speaks another language, and English not well or not at all (+402 persons)

## Language spoken at home

Toowoomba Regional Council area's language statistics show the proportion of the population who speak a language at home other than English. They indicate how culturally diverse a population is and the degree to which different ethnic groups and nationalities are retaining their language.

Toowoomba Regional Council area's language statistics should be analysed in conjunction with Country of Birth and Proficiency in English to assist in identifying specific cultural and ethnic groups in the area and the services required by the multicultural community.

### Language spoken at home - ranked by size

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Language (excludes English)	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Arabic	688	0.5	0.1	278	0.2	0.1	+410
Mandarin	580	0.4	0.3	492	0.3	0.2	+88
Filipino/Tagalog	511	0.3	0.4	208	0.1	0.2	+303
Afrikaans	389	0.3	0.2	193	0.1	0.1	+196
German	300	0.2	0.4	306	0.2	0.4	-6
Dinka	297	0.2	0.0	325	0.2	0.0	-28
Cantonese	224	0.1	0.2	233	0.2	0.2	-9
Italian	211	0.1	0.5	192	0.1	0.6	+19
French	182	0.1	0.2	95	0.1	0.2	+87
Dutch	163	0.1	0.2	162	0.1	0.2	+1

Excludes languages with fewer than 20 people speaking them at home, or less than 0.1% of the total population.

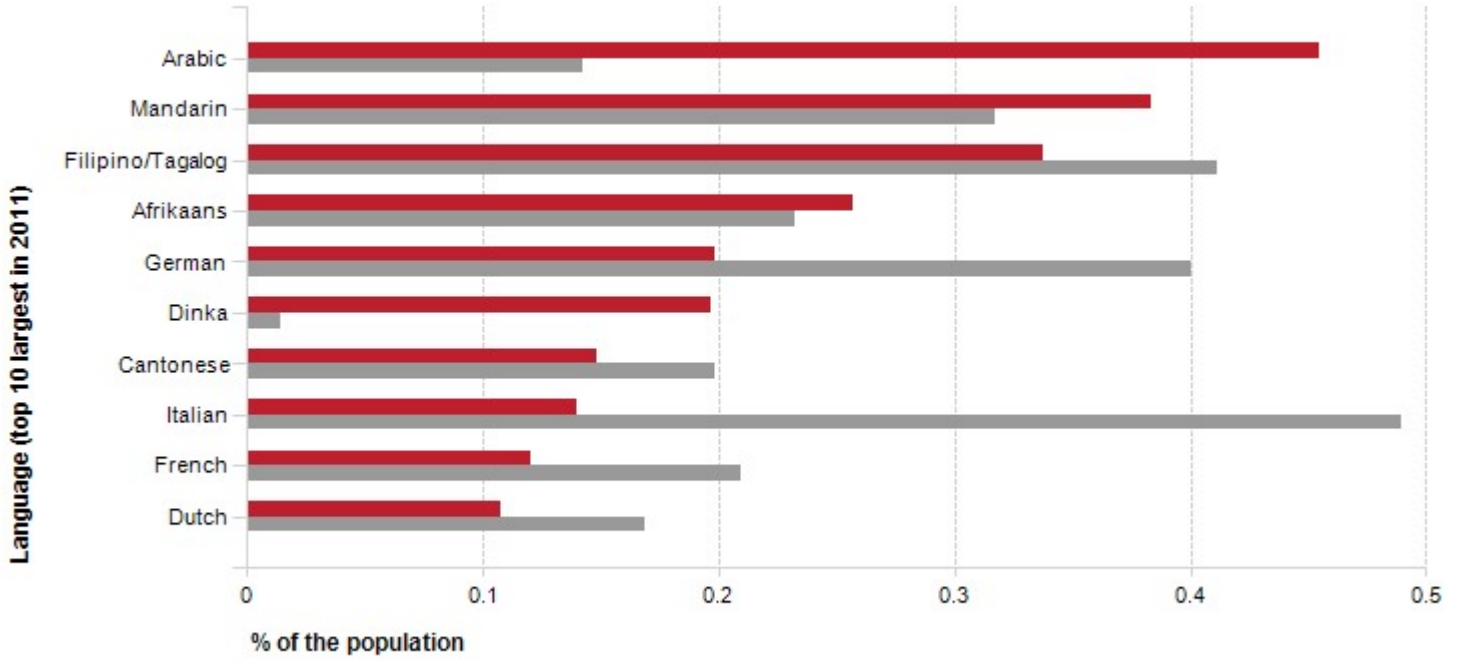
### Language - summary

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Language summary	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Speaks English only	137,406	90.9	87.4	131,395	92.4	88.3	+6,011
Non-English total	6,986	4.6	6.6	4,868	3.4	5.4	+2,118
Not stated	6,803	4.5	6.0	6,010	4.2	6.3	+793
Total Population	151,195	100.0	100.0	142,273	100.0	100.0	+8,922

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# Language spoken at home, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD

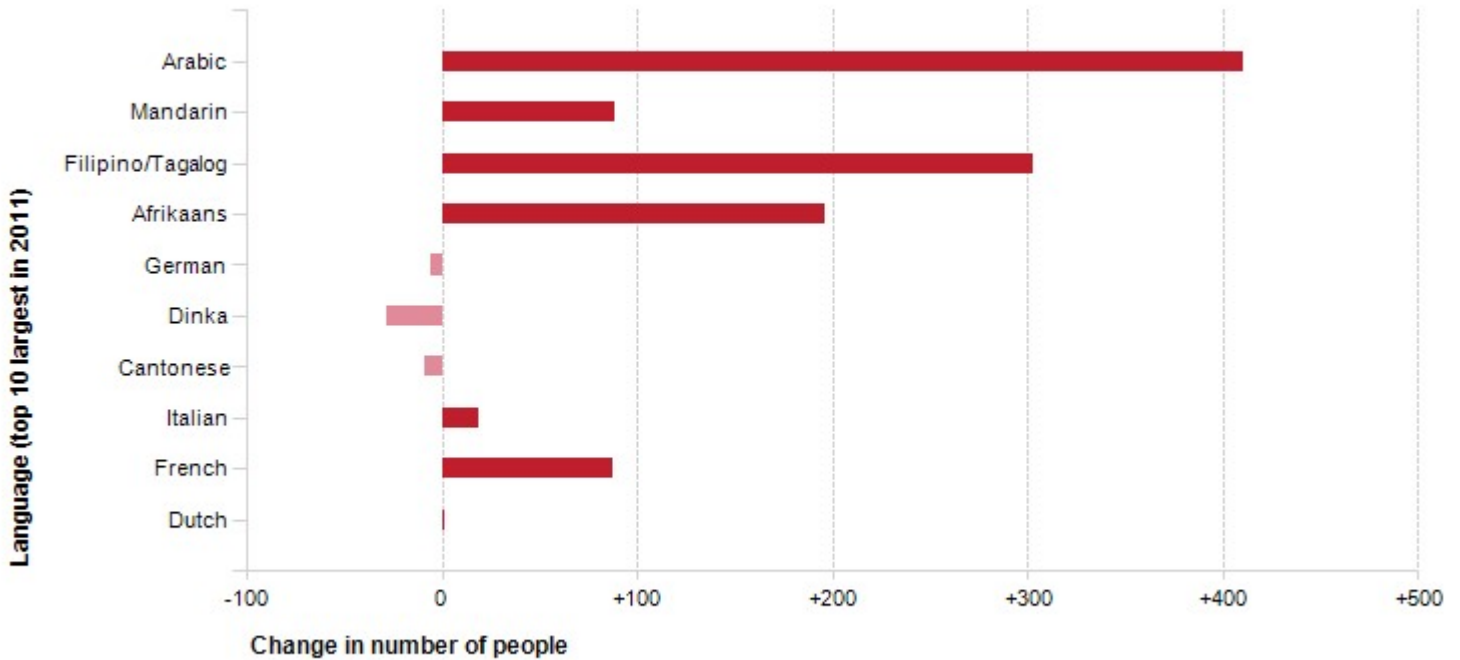


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# Change in language spoken at home, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the language spoken at home by the population of Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a larger proportion of people who spoke English only, and a smaller proportion of those speaking a non-English language (either exclusively, or in addition to English).

Overall, 90.9% of the population spoke English only, and 4.6% spoke a non-English language, compared with 87.4% and 6.6% respectively for Regional QLD.

The dominant language spoken at home, other than English, in Toowoomba Regional Council area was Arabic, with 0.5% of the population, or 688 people speaking this language at home.

*There were no major differences between Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD in 2011.*

## Emerging groups

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Between 2006 and 2011, the number of people who spoke a language other than English at home increased by 2,118 or 43.5%, and the number of people who spoke English only increased by 6,011 or 4.6%.

**The largest changes in the spoken languages of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were for those speaking:**

- Arabic (+410 persons)
- Filipino/Tagalog (+303 persons)
- Afrikaans (+196 persons)
- Mandarin (+88 persons)

# Religion

Toowoomba Regional Council area's religion statistics provide an indicator of cultural identity and ethnicity when observed in conjunction with other key variables. Religion data reveal the major concentrations of religions as well as revealing the proportion of people with no religious affiliation. There are a number of reasons for different religious compositions across areas including the country of birth and ethnic background of the population, the age of the population (belief in religion is generally stronger, the older the population) and changes in values and belief systems.

Toowoomba Regional Council area's religion statistics should be analysed in conjunction with other ethnicity statistics such as Country of Birth data and Language Spoken data to assist in identifying specific cultural and ethnic groups.

## Religions - ranked by size

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Religion	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Western (Roman) Catholic	37,332	24.7	23.6	35,674	25.1	23.5	+1,658
Anglican	33,279	22.0	20.5	33,217	23.3	21.7	+62
Uniting Church	10,272	6.8	6.7	10,920	7.7	7.5	-648
Lutheran	8,040	5.3	2.0	8,210	5.8	2.1	-170
Presbyterian and Reformed	6,415	4.2	3.8	6,497	4.6	4.0	-82
Christian,nfd	6,408	4.2	2.9	4,317	3.0	1.9	+2,091
Pentecostal	2,811	1.9	1.5	2,907	2.0	1.5	-96
Baptist	2,413	1.6	1.7	2,154	1.5	1.6	+259
Churches of Christ	1,734	1.1	0.3	1,793	1.3	0.3	-59
Buddhism	1,065	0.7	1.0	687	0.5	0.7	+378

Excludes religions with fewer than 20 adherents, or less than 0.1% of the total population.

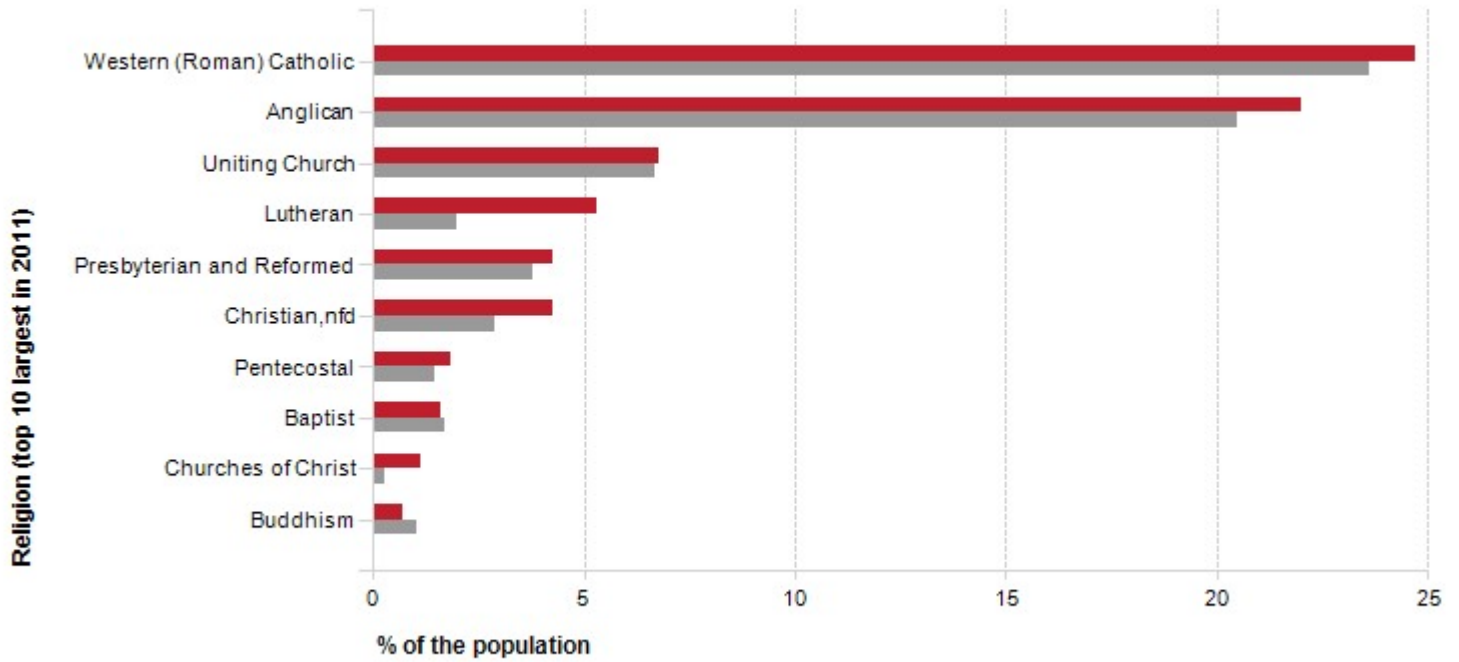
## Religions - summary

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Religion totals	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Christian total	112,641	74.5	65.7	109,515	77.0	67.0	+3,126
Non Christian total	3,222	2.1	2.4	1,878	1.3	1.7	+1,344
Non-classifiable religious belief	926	0.6	0.8	742	0.5	0.7	+184
No religion	22,725	15.0	21.3	17,419	12.2	18.4	+5,306
Not stated	11,674	7.7	9.8	12,727	8.9	12.3	-1,053
Total Population	151,188	100.0	100.0	142,281	100.0	100.0	+8,907

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# Religion, 2011

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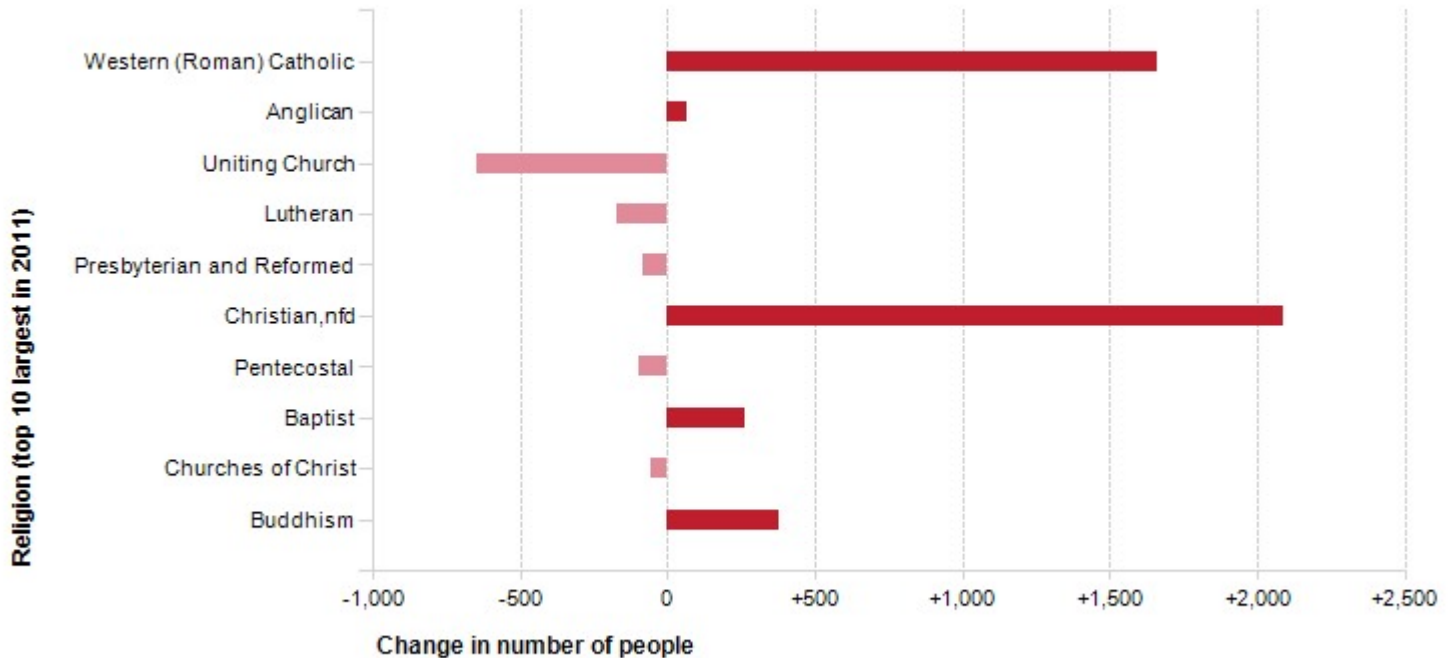


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# Change in religion, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the religious affiliation of the population of Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of people who professed a religion and a lower proportion who stated they had no religion.

Overall, 76.6% of the population nominated a religion, and 15.0% said they had no religion, compared with 68.1% and 21.3% respectively for Regional QLD.

The largest single religion in Toowoomba Regional Council area was Western (Roman) Catholic, with 24.7% of the population or 37,332 people as adherents.

**The major differences between the religious affiliation for the population of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:**

- A *larger* percentage who nominated Lutheran (5.3% compared to 2.0%)
- A *larger* percentage who nominated Anglican (22.0% compared to 20.5%)
- A *larger* percentage who nominated Christian,nfd (4.2% compared to 2.9%)
- A *larger* percentage who nominated Western (Roman) Catholic (24.7% compared to 23.6%)

## Emerging groups

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**The largest changes in the religious affiliation of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were for those who nominated:**

- Christian,nfd (+2,091 persons)
- Western (Roman) Catholic (+1,658 persons)
- Uniting Church (-648 persons)
- Islam (+556 persons)

# Qualifications

Educational Qualifications relate to education outside of primary and secondary school and are one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as [Employment Status](#), [Income](#) and [Occupation](#), Toowoomba Regional Council area's Educational Qualifications help to evaluate the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of the area and identify skill gaps in the labour market.

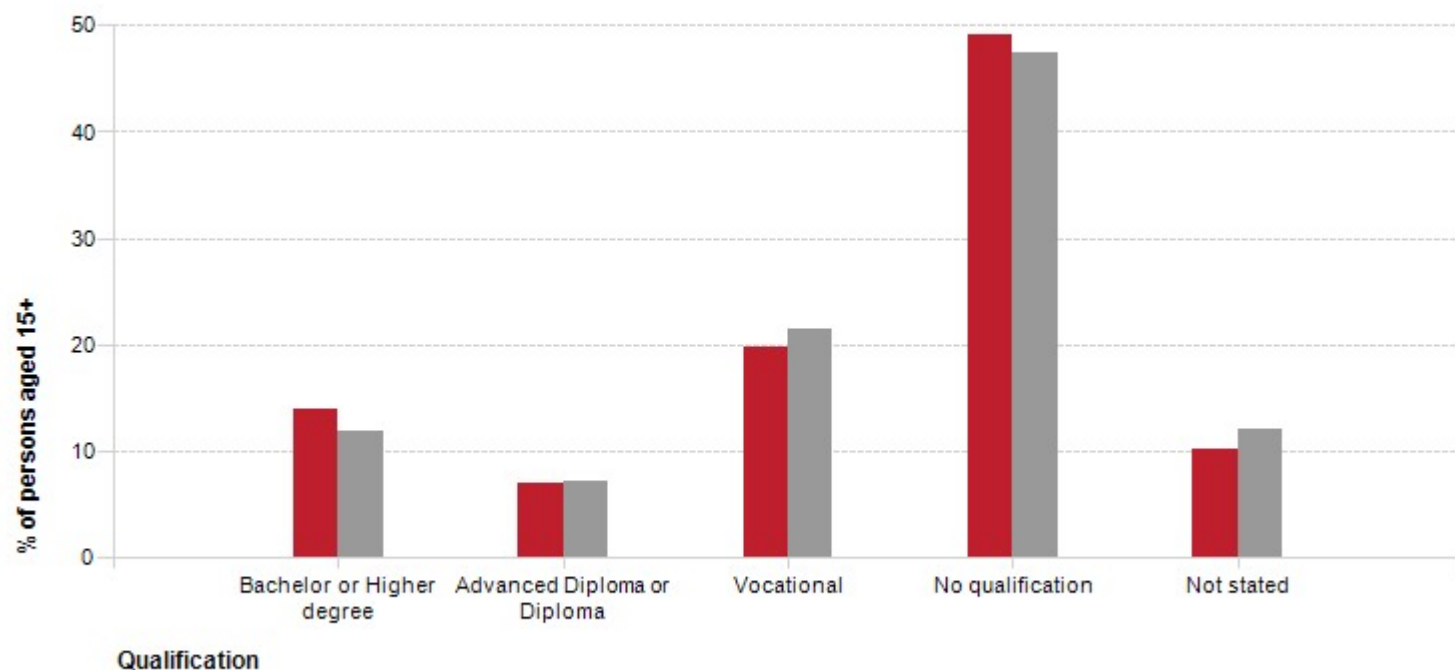
## Highest qualification achieved

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	
Bachelor or Higher degree	16,473	13.9	12.0	13,257	11.9	9.9	+3,216
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	8,347	7.0	7.1	7,030	6.3	6.1	+1,317
Vocational	23,519	19.8	21.5	19,173	17.3	19.1	+4,346
No qualification	58,353	49.2	47.4	59,608	53.7	51.2	-1,255
Not stated	12,001	10.1	12.0	11,965	10.8	13.7	+36
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>118,693</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,033</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+7,660</b>

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## Highest qualification achieved, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD

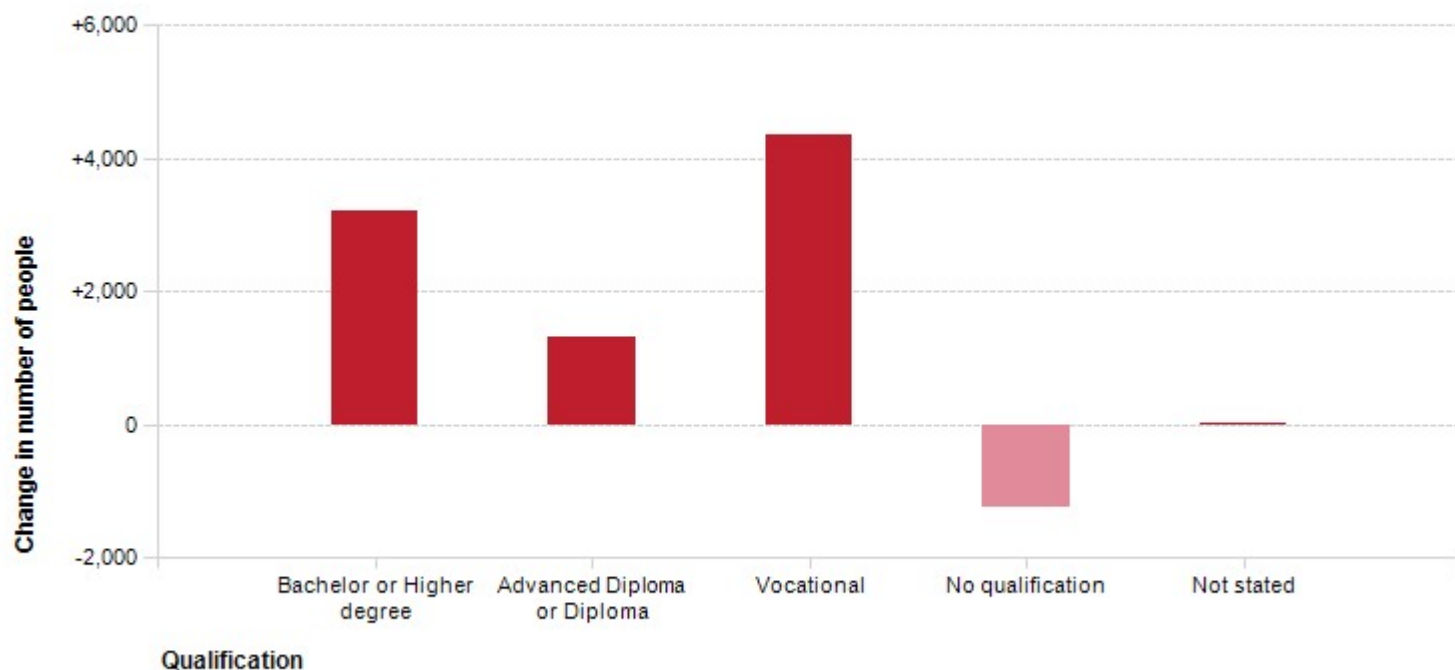


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# Change in highest qualification achieved, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the qualifications of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a similar proportion of people holding formal qualifications (Bachelor or higher degree; Advanced Diploma or Diploma; or Vocational qualifications), and a higher proportion of people with no formal qualifications.

Overall, 40.7% of the population aged 15 and over held educational qualifications, and 49.2% had no qualifications, compared with 40.6% and 47.4% respectively for Regional QLD.

The major differences between qualifications held by the population of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons with Bachelor or Higher degrees (13.9% compared to 12.0%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons with No qualifications (49.2% compared to 47.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons with Vocational qualifications (19.8% compared to 21.5%)

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in the qualifications of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were in those with:

- Vocational qualifications (+4,346 persons)
- Bachelor or Higher degrees (+3,216 persons)
- Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (+1,317 persons)
- No qualifications (-1,255 persons)

## Highest level of schooling

Toowoomba Regional Council area's school completion data is a useful indicator of socio-economic status. With other indicators, such as Proficiency in English, the data informs planners and decision-makers about people's ability to access services. Combined with Educational Qualifications it also allows assessment of the skill base of the population.

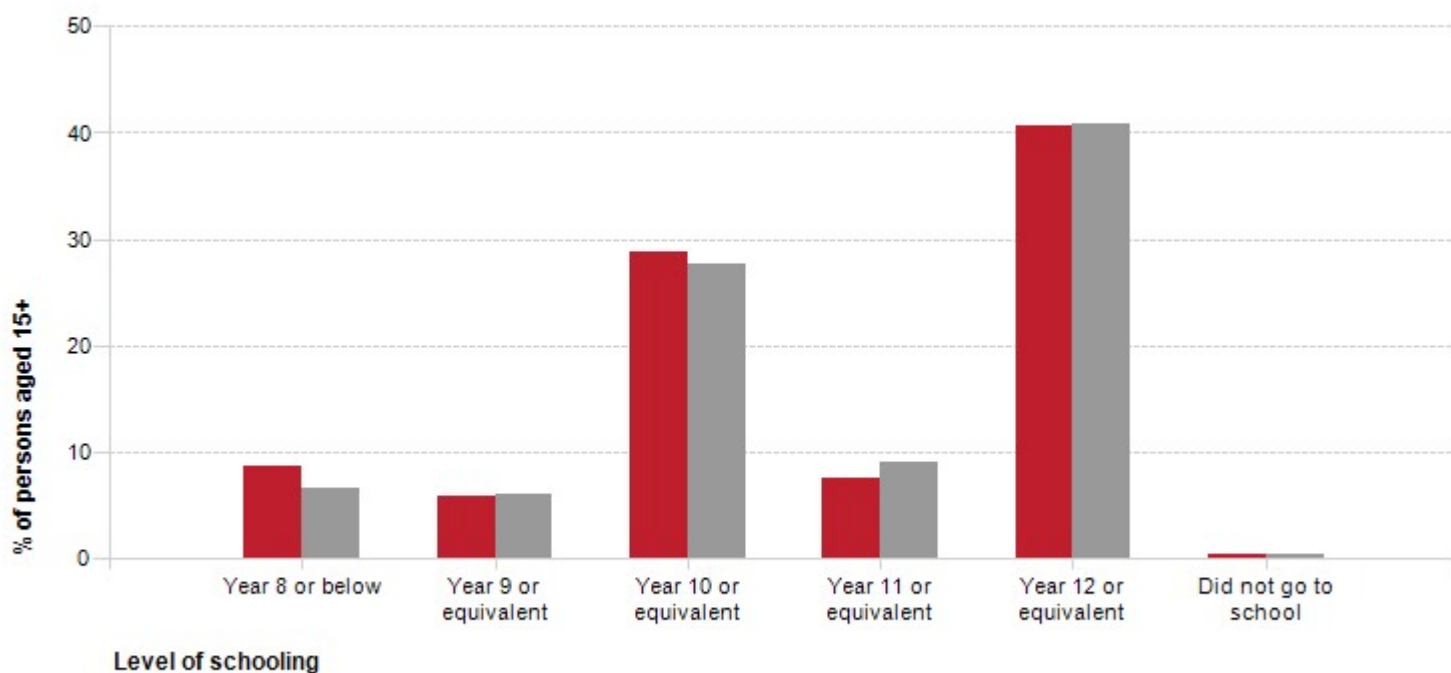
### Highest level of secondary schooling completed

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Level of schooling	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Year 8 or below	10,269	8.7	6.6	11,614	10.5	8.2	-1,345
Year 9 or equivalent	7,068	6.0	6.1	7,097	6.4	6.6	-29
Year 10 or equivalent	34,190	28.8	27.6	33,784	30.4	29.3	+406
Year 11 or equivalent	8,901	7.5	9.0	8,019	7.2	8.8	+882
Year 12 or equivalent	48,228	40.6	40.9	41,021	36.9	36.1	+7,207
Did not go to school	542	0.5	0.4	516	0.5	0.4	+26
Not stated	9,487	8.0	9.5	9,012	8.1	10.6	+475
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>118,685</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,063</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+7,622</b>

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## Highest level of schooling completed, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD

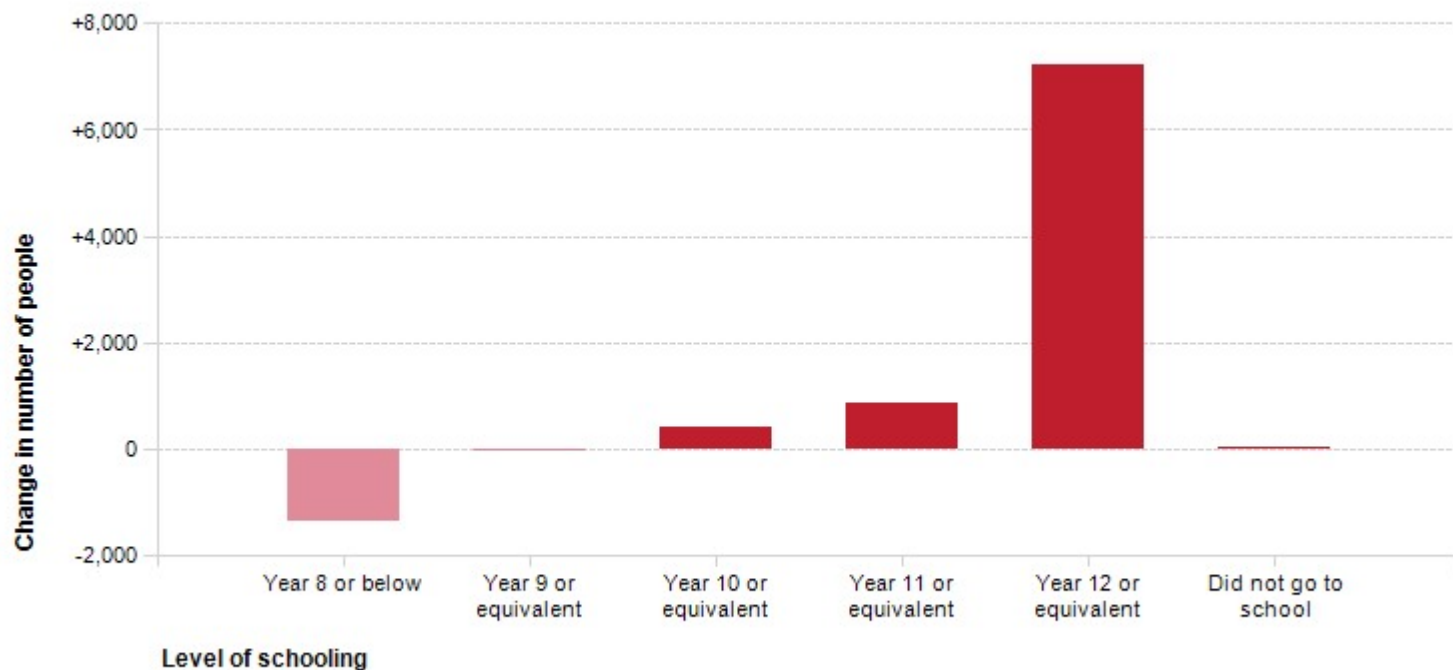


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# Change in highest level of schooling completed, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the highest level of schooling attained by the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of people who had left school at an early level (Year 10 or less) and a similar proportion of people who completed Year 12 or equivalent.

Overall, 43.9% of the population left school at Year 10 or below, and 40.6% went on to complete Year 12 or equivalent, compared with 40.7% and 40.9% respectively for Regional QLD.

The major differences between the level of schooling attained by the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 8 or below (8.7% compared to 6.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 10 or equivalent (28.8% compared to 27.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 11 or equivalent (7.5% compared to 9.0%)

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in the level of schooling attained by the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area, between 2006 and 2011 were:

- Year 12 or equivalent (+7,207 persons)
- Year 8 or below (-1,345 persons)
- Year 11 or equivalent (+882 persons)
- Year 10 or equivalent (+406 persons)



## Education institution attending

The share of Toowoomba Regional Council area's population attending educational institutions reflects the age structure of the population, which influences the number of children attending school; proximity to tertiary education, which can mean young adults leaving home to be nearer to educational facilities and; the degree to which people are seeking out educational opportunities in adulthood, especially in their late teens and early twenties.

This data is often combined with [Age Structure](#) to identify areas with significant university student populations.

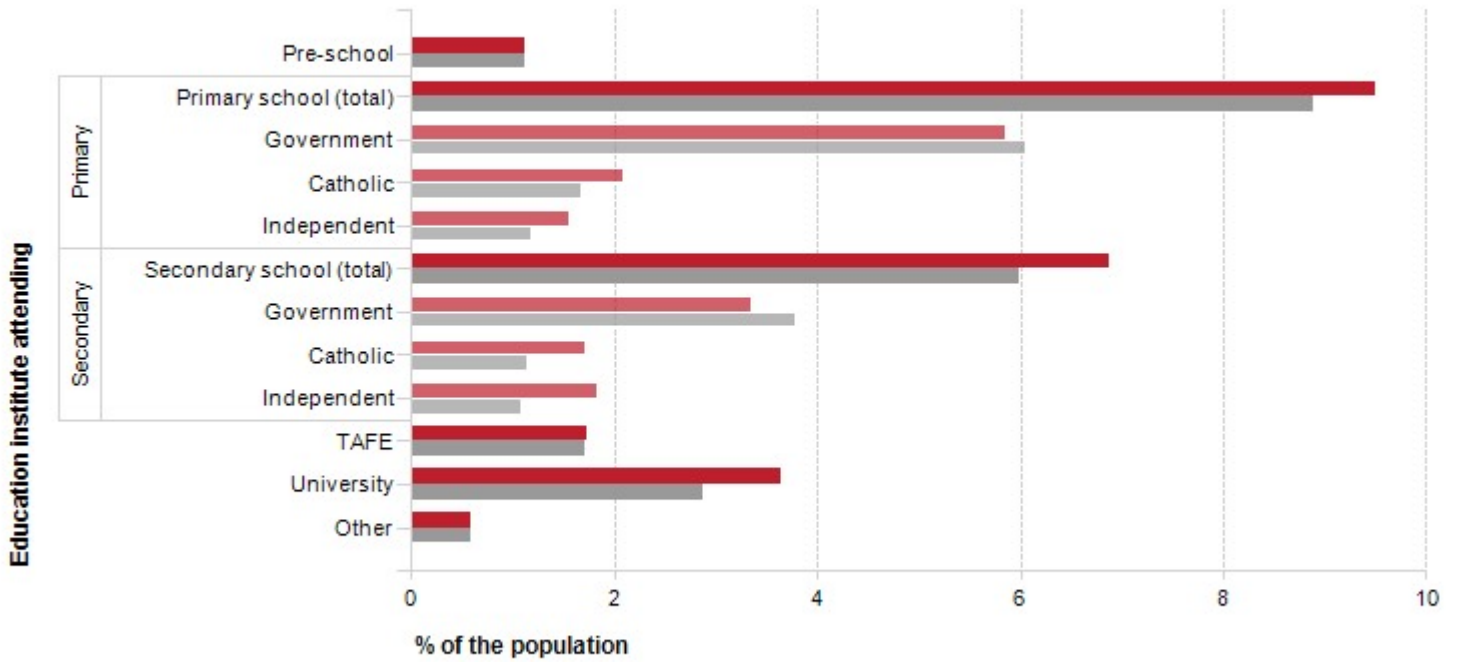
### Education institute attending

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Type of institute	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Pre-school	1,700	1.1	1.1	2,191	1.5	1.5	-491
Primary school	14,357	9.5	8.9	13,915	9.8	9.1	+442
▪ Primary - Government	8,858	5.9	6.0	9,084	6.4	6.5	-226
▪ Primary - Catholic	3,141	2.1	1.7	2,701	1.9	1.5	+440
▪ Primary - Independent	2,358	1.6	1.2	2,130	1.5	1.1	+228
Secondary school	10,405	6.9	6.0	10,021	7.0	6.0	+384
▪ Secondary - Government	5,070	3.4	3.8	4,916	3.5	3.9	+154
▪ Secondary - Catholic	2,587	1.7	1.1	2,700	1.9	1.1	-113
▪ Secondary - Independent	2,748	1.8	1.1	2,405	1.7	1.0	+343
TAFE	2,609	1.7	1.7	2,484	1.7	1.6	+125
University	5,501	3.6	2.9	5,695	4.0	2.5	-194
Other	882	0.6	0.6	769	0.5	0.5	+113
Not attending	106,080	70.2	70.9	97,785	68.7	69.9	+8,295
Not stated	9,653	6.4	7.9	9,424	6.6	8.9	+229
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>142,284</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+8,903</b>

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# Education institute attending, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD

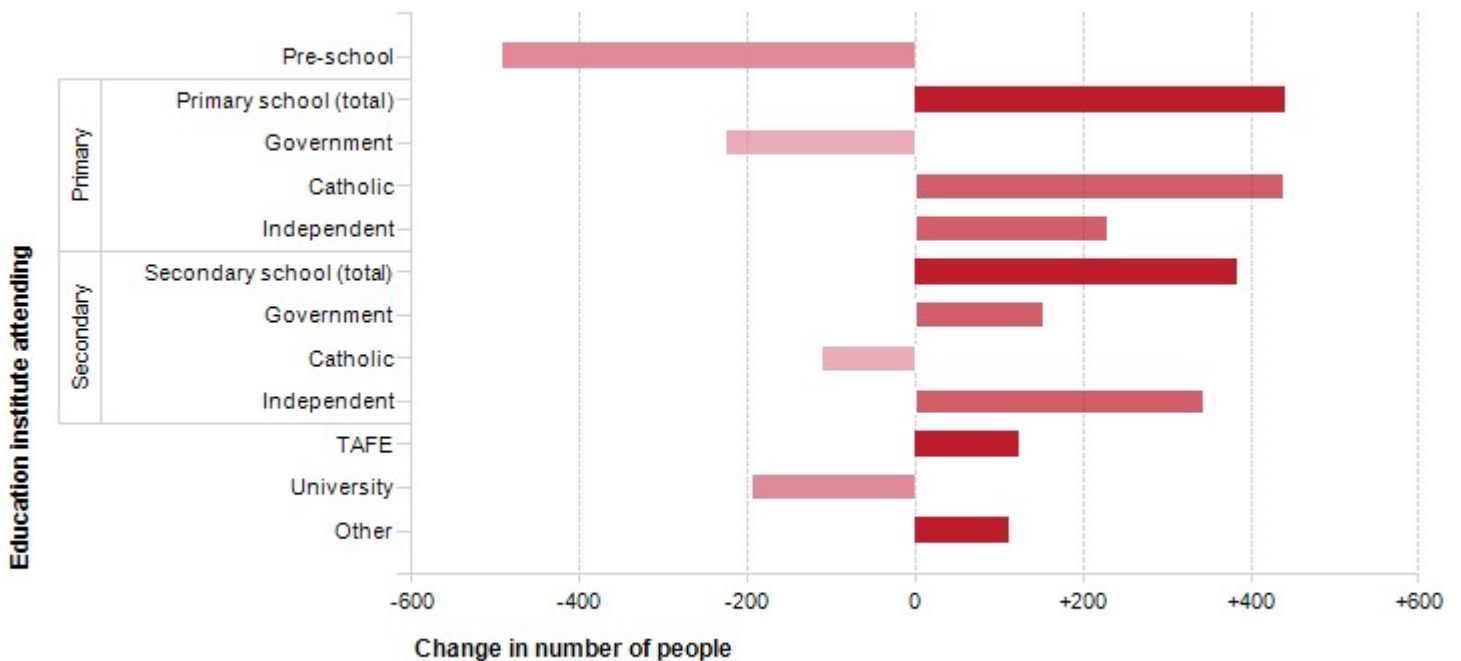


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# Change in education institute attending, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the share of the population attending educational institutions in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion attending primary school, a higher proportion attending secondary school, and a higher proportion engaged in tertiary level education.

Overall, 9.5% of the population were attending primary school, 6.9% of the population were attending secondary institutions, and 5.4% were learning at a tertiary level, compared with 8.9%, 6.0% and 4.6% respectively for Regional QLD.

*There were no major differences between Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD in 2011.*

## Emerging groups

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From 2006 to 2011, Toowoomba Regional Council area's population aged 15 years and over increased by 8,903 people (+6.3%). This represents an average annual change of 1.22% per year over the period.

**The largest changes in the number of people attending education institutions in Toowoomba Regional Council area, between 2006 and 2011 were in those who nominated:**

- Pre-school (-491 persons)
- Primary school (+442 persons)
- Primary - Catholic (+440 persons)
- Secondary school (+384 persons)

## Need for assistance

Toowoomba Regional Council area's disability statistics relate directly to need for assistance due to a severe or profound disability. The information may be used in the planning of local facilities, services such as day-care and occasional care and in the provision of information and support to carers. Toowoomba Regional Council area's disability statistics help in understanding the prevalence of people who need support in the community, and along with information on [Unpaid Care](#) to a person with a disability, how that support is provided.

*Please note: A person's reported need for assistance is based on a subjective assessment and should therefore be treated with caution. See the [specific data notes](#) for further detail.*

### Need for assistance with core activities

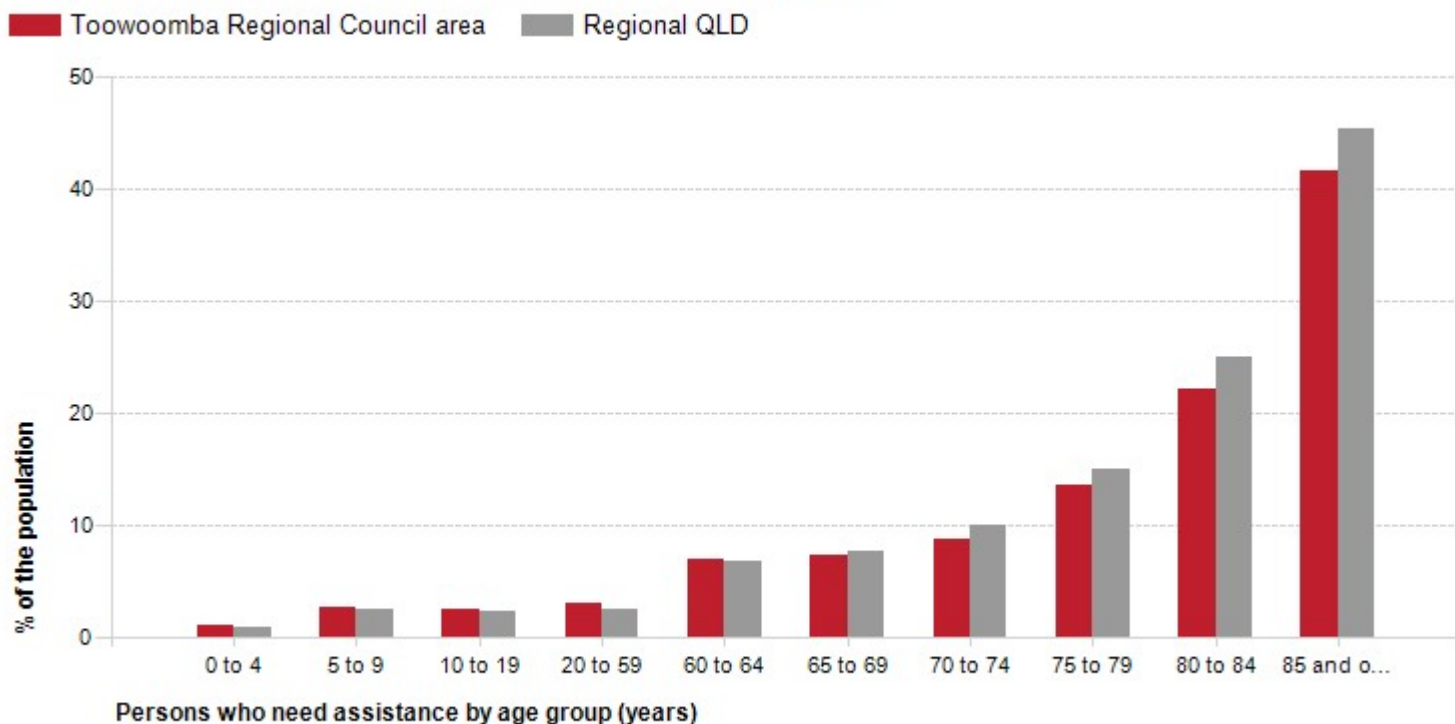
Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Assistance needed by age group (years)	Number	% of total age group	Regional QLD	Number	% of total age group	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
0 to 4	114	1.0	1.0	93	1.0	0.8	+21
5 to 9	284	2.7	2.5	218	2.2	2.0	+66
10 to 19	550	2.5	2.4	411	1.8	1.8	+139
20 to 59	2,348	3.1	2.6	1,971	2.7	2.4	+377
60 to 64	598	6.9	6.8	428	6.1	6.2	+170
65 to 69	530	7.4	7.7	361	6.5	6.2	+169
70 to 74	488	8.8	10.0	428	9.1	8.5	+60
75 to 79	600	13.6	15.0	602	14.9	14.4	-2
80 to 84	735	22.2	25.0	797	27.0	25.9	-62
85 and over	1,268	41.6	45.4	1,291	51.5	46.7	-23
Total persons needing assistance	7,515	5.0	4.7	6,600	4.6	4.1	+915

### Need for assistance with core activities

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Assistance needed by age group (years)	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Total persons needing assistance	7,515	5.0	4.7	6,600	4.6	4.1	+915
Total persons not needing assistance	135,895	89.9	88.7	128,881	90.6	88.8	+7,014
Not stated	7,774	5.1	6.6	6,802	4.8	7.1	+972
Total population	151,184	100.0	100.0	142,283	100.0	100.0	+8,901

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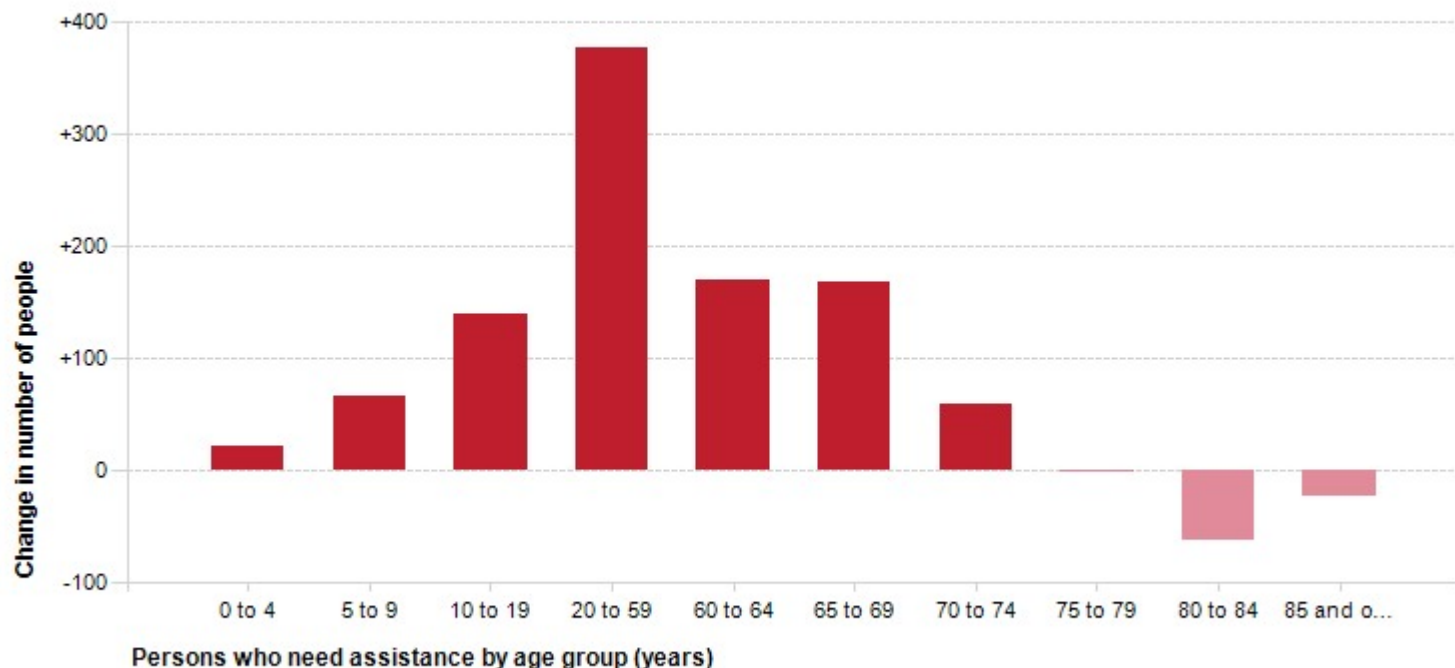


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## Change in need for assistance with core activities, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the need for assistance of persons in Toowoomba Regional Council area compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a similar proportion of persons who reported needing assistance with core activities.

Overall, 5.0% of the population reported needing assistance with core activities, compared with 4.7% for Regional QLD.

The major differences in the age groups reporting a need for assistance in Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 85 and over (41.6% compared to 45.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 80 to 84 (22.2% compared to 25.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 75 to 79 (13.6% compared to 15.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 70 to 74 (8.8% compared to 10.0%)

## Emerging groups

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The major differences in the age groups reporting a need for assistance between 2006 and 2011 in Toowoomba Regional Council area were in the age groups:

- 20 to 59 (+377 persons)
- 60 to 64 (+170 persons)
- 65 to 69 (+169 persons)
- 10 to 19 (+139 persons)

## Employment status

Toowoomba Regional Council area's employment statistics are an important indicator of socio-economic status. The levels of full or part-time employment, unemployment and labour force participation indicate the strength of the local economy and social characteristics of the population. Employment status is linked to a number of factors including Age Structure, which influences the number of people in the workforce; the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area and; the education and skill base of the population (Occupations, Industries, Qualifications).

### Employment status

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Employment status	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Employed	68,813	95.2	93.8	64,754	95.6	94.9	+4,059
▪ Employed full-time	43,750	60.5	59.1	42,173	62.3	60.7	+1,577
▪ Employed part-time	23,561	32.6	32.5	21,040	31.1	31.5	+2,521
▪ Hours worked not stated	1,502	2.1	2.2	1,541	2.3	2.7	-39
Unemployed	3,446	4.8	6.2	2,991	4.4	5.1	+455
▪ Looking for full-time work	2,036	2.8	4.0	1,724	2.5	3.2	+312
▪ Looking for part-time work	1,410	2.0	2.2	1,267	1.9	1.9	+143
<b>Total Labour Force</b>	<b>72,259</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,745</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+4,514</b>

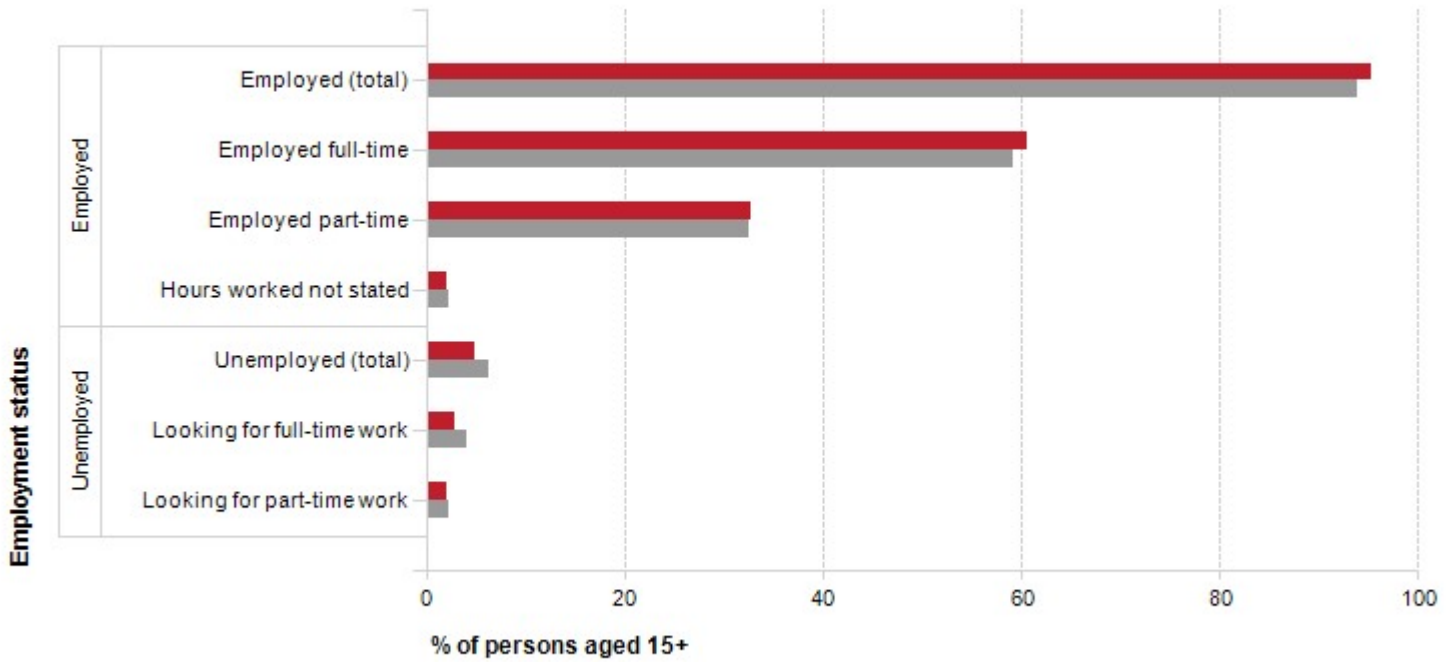
### Labour force status

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Labour force status	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Total Labour force	72,259	60.9	60.9	67,745	61.0	60.0	+4,514
Not in the labour force	40,108	33.8	32.3	37,743	34.0	32.5	+2,365
Labour force status not stated	6,328	5.3	6.7	5,575	5.0	7.4	+753
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>118,695</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,063</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+7,632</b>

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# Employment status, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area    ■ Regional QLD

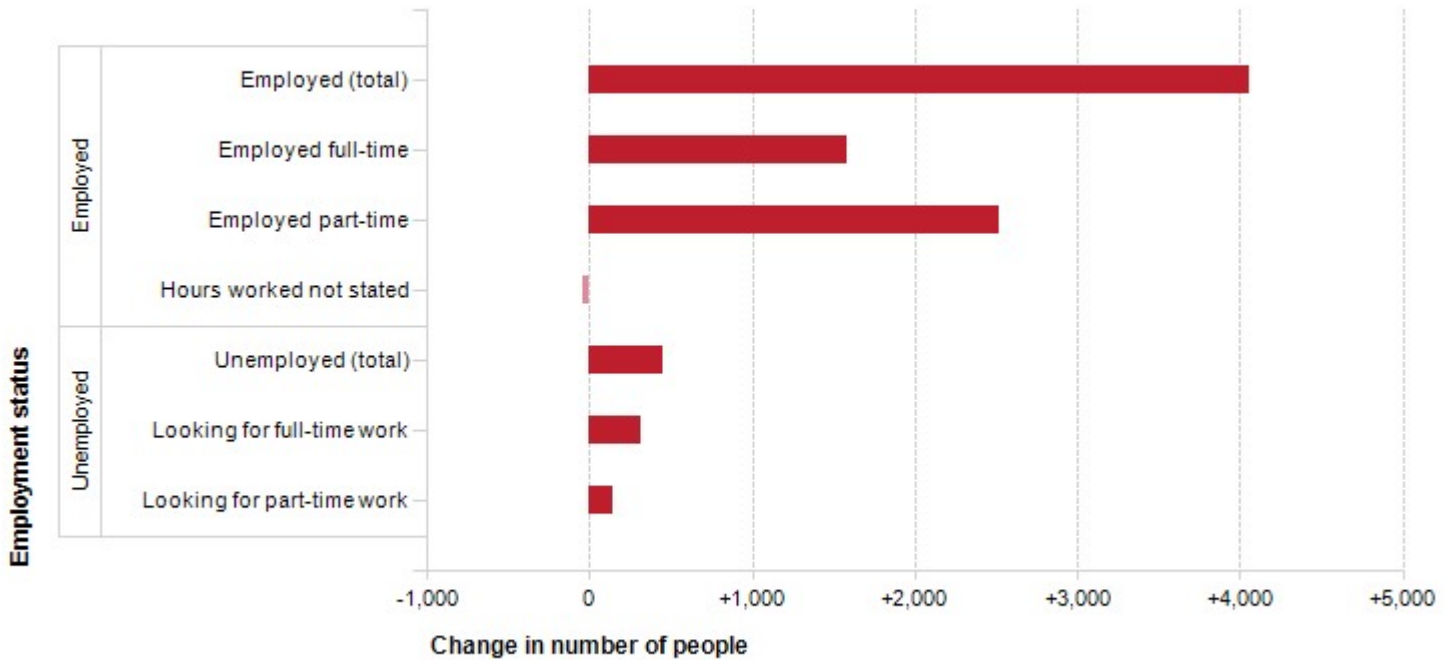


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# Change in employment status, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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The size of Toowoomba Regional Council area's labour force in 2011 was 72,259 persons, of which 23,561 were employed part-time and 43,750 were full time workers.

Analysis of the employment status (as a percentage of the labour force) in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion in employment, and a lower proportion unemployed. Overall, 95.2% of the labour force was employed (58.0% of the population aged 15+), and 4.8% unemployed (2.9% of the population aged 15+), compared with 93.8% and 6.2% respectively for Regional QLD.

The labour force participation rate refers to the proportion of the population over 15 years of age that was employed or actively looking for work. *"The labour force is a fundamental input to domestic production. Its size and composition are therefore crucial factors in economic growth. From the viewpoint of social development, earnings from paid work are a major influence on levels of economic well-being."* (Australian Social Trends 1995).

Analysis of the labour force participation rate of the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 shows that there was a similar proportion in the labour force (60.9%) compared with Regional QLD (60.9%).

## Emerging groups

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Between 2006 and 2011, the number of people employed in Toowoomba Regional Council area showed an increase of 4,059 persons and the number unemployed showed an increase of 455 persons. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed an increase of 4,514 persons, or 6.7%.

## Industry sectors of employment

Toowoomba Regional Council area's industry statistics identify the industry sectors in which the residents work (which may be within the residing area or elsewhere). This will be influenced by the skill base and socio-economic status of the residents as well as the industries and employment opportunities present in the region.

When viewed in conjunction with [Residents Place of Work](#) data and [Method of Travel to Work](#), industry sector statistics provide insights into the relationship between the economic and residential role of the area.

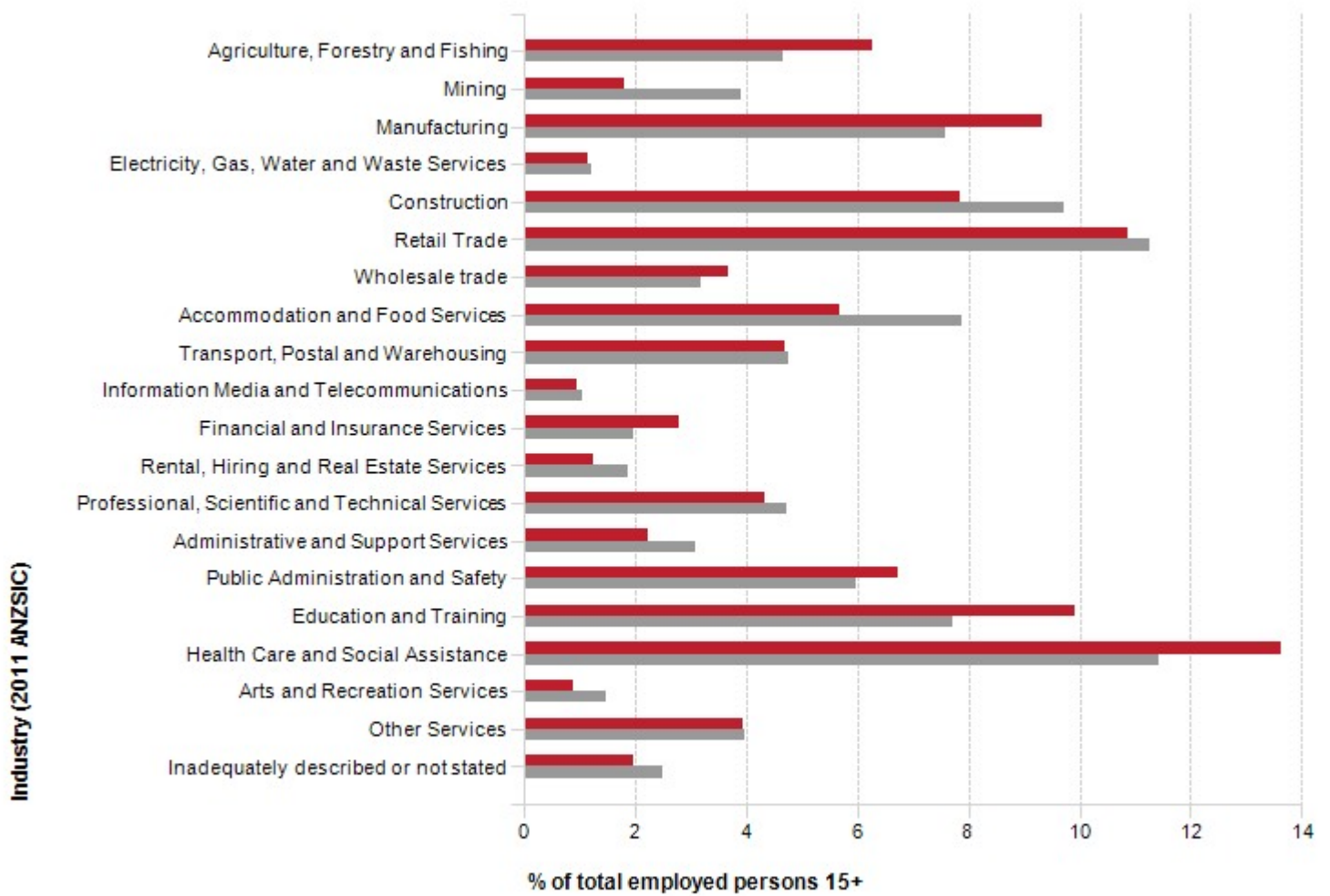
### Industry sector of employment

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Industry sector	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4,320	6.3	4.6	4,675	7.2	5.8	-355
Mining	1,245	1.8	3.9	465	0.7	2.7	+780
Manufacturing	6,413	9.3	7.6	7,619	11.8	8.7	-1,206
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	783	1.1	1.2	656	1.0	1.0	+127
Construction	5,401	7.8	9.7	4,774	7.4	9.9	+627
Retail Trade	7,481	10.9	11.3	7,544	11.6	12.1	-63
Wholesale trade	2,529	3.7	3.2	2,461	3.8	3.4	+68
Accommodation and Food Services	3,915	5.7	7.9	3,397	5.2	8.1	+518
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3,234	4.7	4.8	2,875	4.4	4.6	+359
Information Media and Telecommunications	655	1.0	1.1	696	1.1	1.2	-41
Financial and Insurance Services	1,926	2.8	2.0	1,935	3.0	2.1	-9
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	868	1.3	1.9	924	1.4	2.2	-56
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2,993	4.3	4.7	2,407	3.7	4.1	+586
Administrative and Support Services	1,545	2.2	3.1	1,283	2.0	2.9	+262
Public Administration and Safety	4,622	6.7	6.0	4,598	7.1	6.3	+24
Education and Training	6,832	9.9	7.7	6,212	9.6	7.4	+620
Health Care and Social Assistance	9,368	13.6	11.4	7,755	12.0	9.6	+1,613
Arts and Recreation Services	616	0.9	1.5	545	0.8	1.4	+71
Other Services	2,711	3.9	4.0	2,600	4.0	3.7	+111
Inadequately described or not stated	1,361	2.0	2.5	1,339	2.1	2.8	+22
<b>Total employed persons aged 15+</b>	<b>68,818</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>64,760</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+4,058</b>

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# Industry sector of employment, 2011

■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD

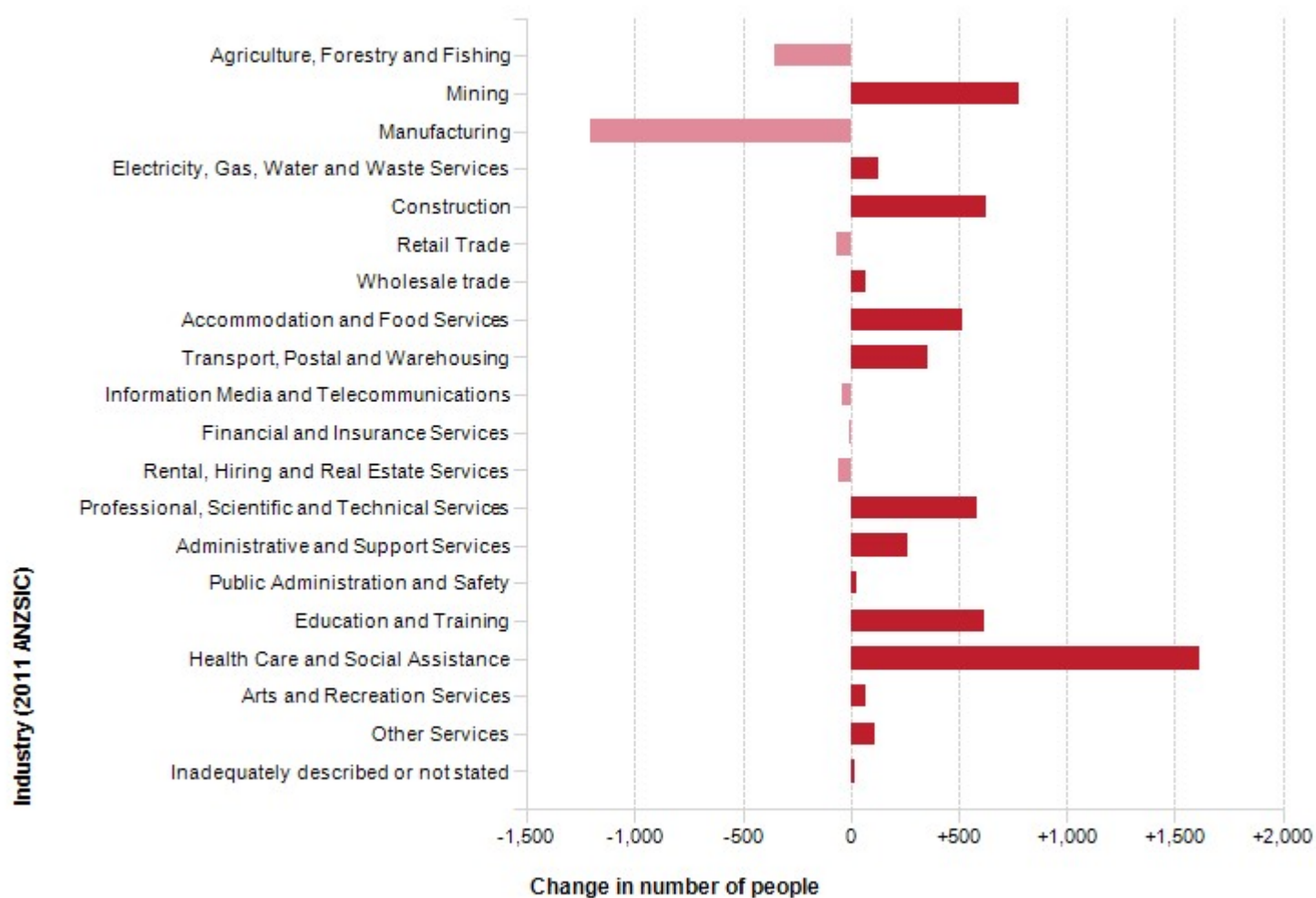


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# Change in industry sector of employment, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Occupations of employment

Toowoomba Regional Council area's occupation statistics quantify the occupations in which the residents work (which may be within the residing area or elsewhere). This will be influenced by the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area, education levels, and the working and social aspirations of the population. When viewed with other indicators, such as [Educational Qualifications](#) and [Individual Income](#), Occupation is a key measure for evaluating Toowoomba Regional Council area's socio-economic status and skill base.

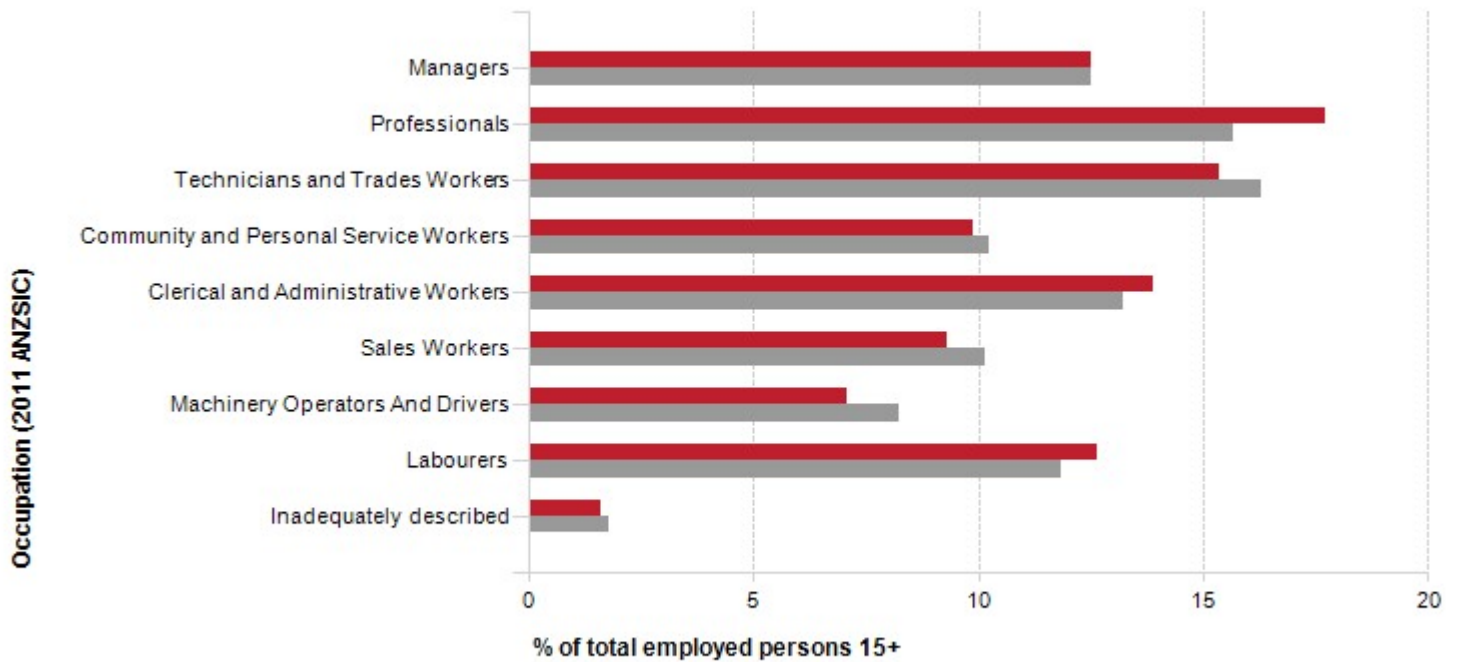
### Occupation of employment

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Occupation	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Managers	8,620	12.5	12.5	8,678	13.4	13.3	-58
Professionals	12,193	17.7	15.6	10,578	16.3	14.2	+1,615
Technicians and Trades Workers	10,571	15.4	16.3	9,982	15.4	16.5	+589
Community and Personal Service Workers	6,800	9.9	10.3	5,753	8.9	9.4	+1,047
Clerical and Administrative Workers	9,559	13.9	13.2	8,796	13.6	13.1	+763
Sales Workers	6,404	9.3	10.2	6,418	9.9	10.6	-14
Machinery Operators And Drivers	4,889	7.1	8.2	4,397	6.8	7.8	+492
Labourers	8,688	12.6	11.9	9,207	14.2	13.4	-519
Inadequately described	1,096	1.6	1.8	946	1.5	1.8	+150
<b>Total employed persons aged 15+</b>	<b>68,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>64,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+4,065</b>

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## Occupation of employment, 2011

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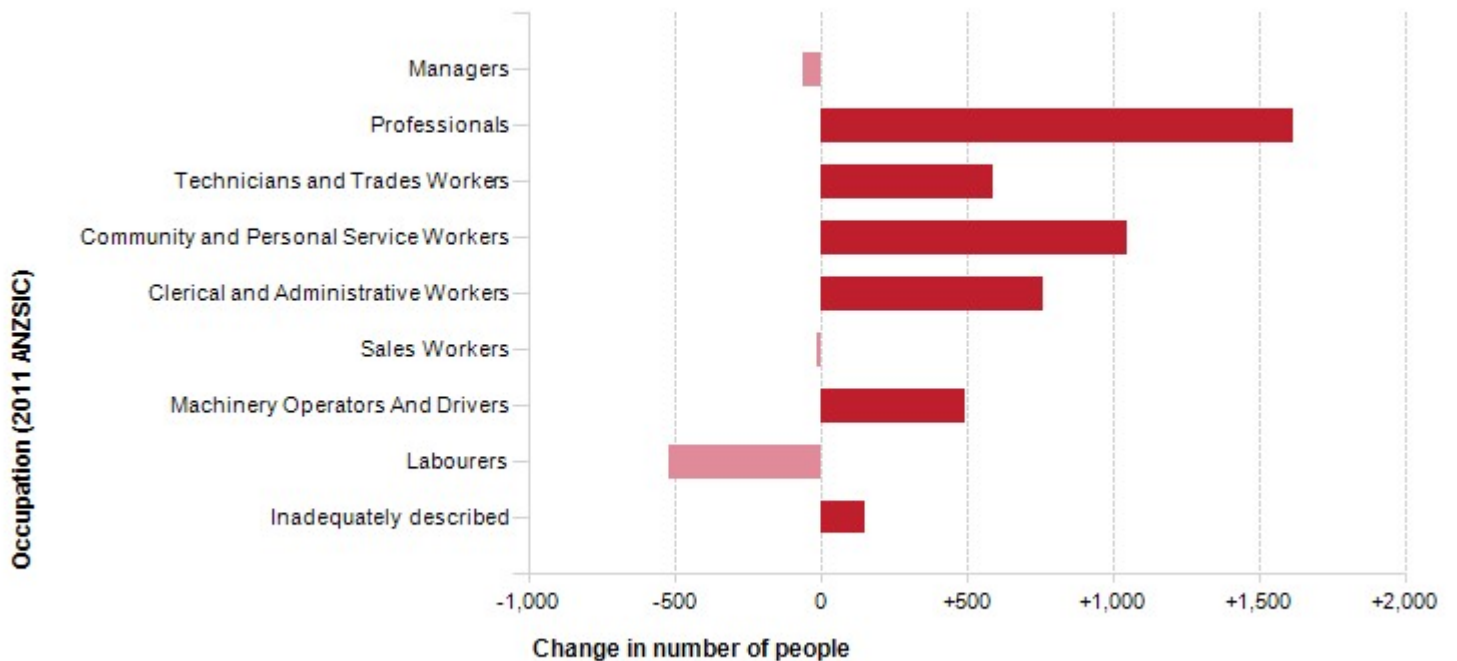


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## Change in occupation of employment, 2006 to 2011

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## Dominant groups

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An analysis of the jobs held by the resident population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 shows the three most popular occupations were:

- Professionals (12,193 people or 17.7%)
- Technicians and Trades Workers (10,571 people or 15.4%)
- Clerical and Administrative Workers (9,559 people or 13.9%)

In combination these three occupations accounted for 32,323 people in total or 47.0% of the employed resident population.

In comparison, Regional QLD employed 15.6% in Professionals; 16.3% in Technicians and Trades Workers; and 13.2% in Clerical and Administrative Workers.

**The major differences between the jobs held by the population of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:**

- A *larger* percentage of persons employed as Professionals (17.7% compared to 15.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed as Machinery Operators And Drivers (7.1% compared to 8.2%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 4,065 between 2006 and 2011.

**The largest changes in the occupations of residents between 2006 and 2011 in Toowoomba Regional Council area were for those employed as:**

- Professionals (+1,615 persons)
- Community and Personal Service Workers (+1,047 persons)
- Clerical and Administrative Workers (+763 persons)
- Technicians and Trades Workers (+589 persons)

## Method of travel to work

Toowoomba Regional Council area's commuting statistics reveal the main modes of transport by which residents get to work. There are a number of reasons why people use different modes of transport to get to work including the availability of affordable and effective public transport options, the number of motor vehicles available within a household, and the distance travelled to work.

Commuting data is very useful in transport planning as it informs decision-makers about the availability, effectiveness and utilisation of local transport options, particularly when analysed with Residents Place of Work data and Car Ownership.

### Method of travel to work

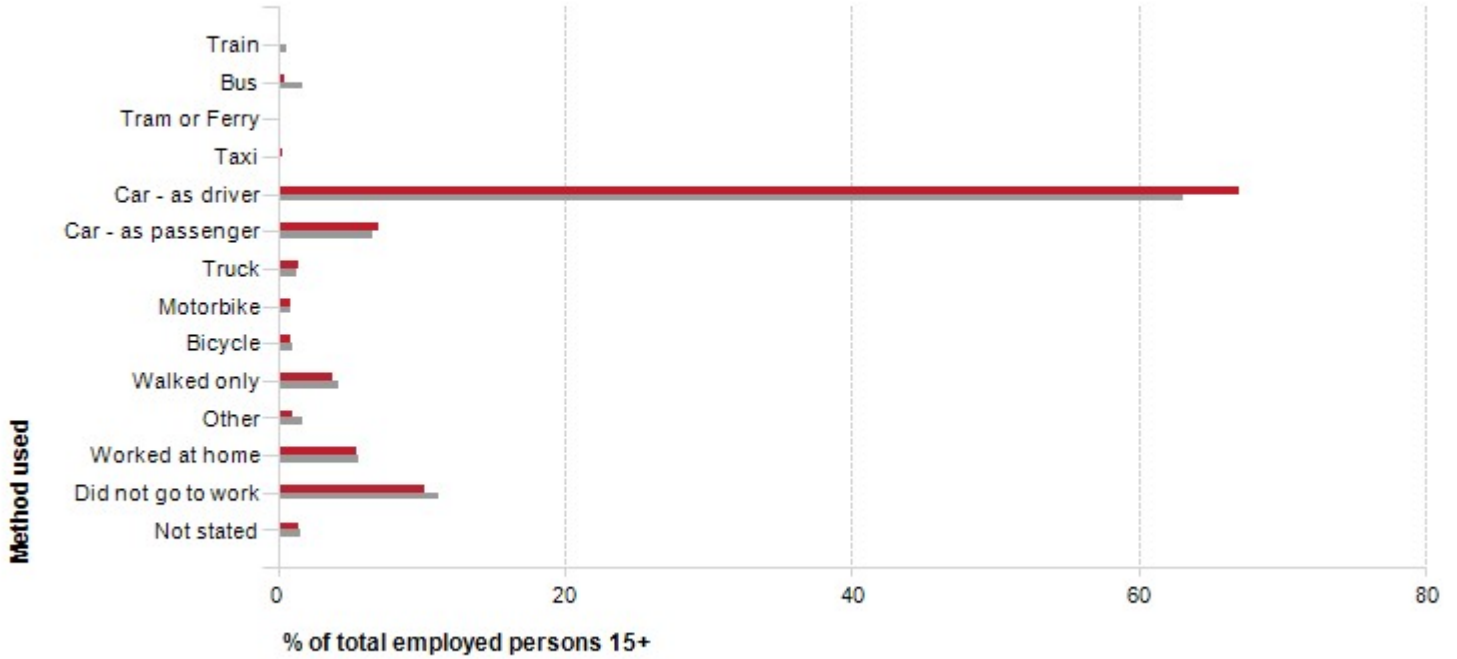
Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Main method of travel	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	2006 to 2011	
Train	22	0.0	0.6	18	0.0	0.4	+4
Bus	339	0.5	1.8	386	0.6	1.5	-47
Tram or Ferry	0	0.0	0.0	12	0.0	0.1	-12
Taxi	195	0.3	0.2	218	0.3	0.2	-23
Car - as driver	45,327	67.0	63.0	40,821	63.9	60.3	+4,506
Car - as passenger	4,779	7.1	6.7	4,960	7.8	7.2	-181
Truck	959	1.4	1.4	1,034	1.6	1.7	-75
Motorbike	565	0.8	0.9	677	1.1	1.1	-112
Bicycle	560	0.8	1.1	700	1.1	1.3	-140
Walked only	2,599	3.8	4.2	2,708	4.2	4.8	-109
Other	742	1.1	1.7	709	1.1	1.5	+33
Worked at home	3,730	5.5	5.6	3,904	6.1	6.1	-174
Did not go to work	6,890	10.2	11.3	6,749	10.6	11.9	+141
Not stated	961	1.4	1.6	1,036	1.6	1.8	-75
<b>Total employed persons aged 15+</b>	<b>67,668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,932</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+3,736</b>

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# Method of travel to work, 2011

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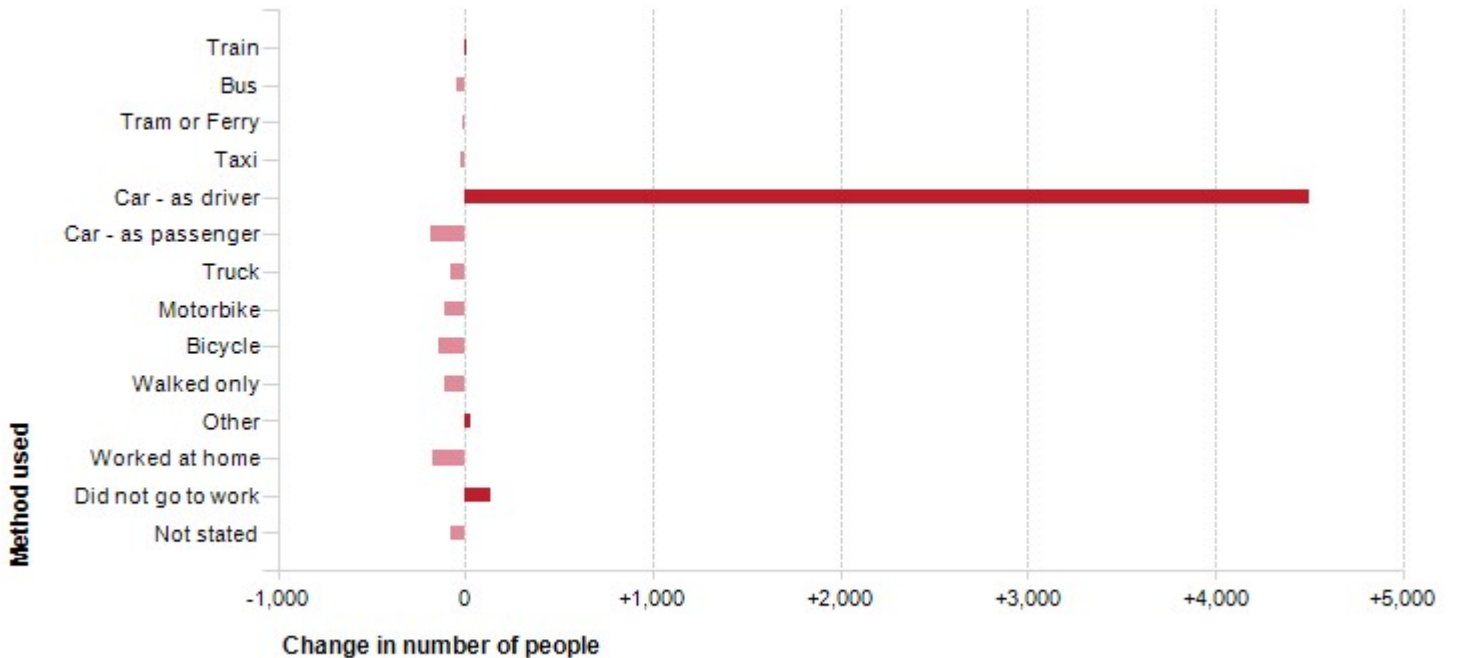


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# Change in method of travel to work, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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In 2011, there were 361 people who caught public transport to work (train, bus, tram or ferry) in Toowoomba Regional Council area, compared with 51,630 who drove in private vehicles (car – as driver, car – as passenger, motorbike, or truck).

Analysis of the method of travel to work of the residents in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that 0.5% used public transport, while 76.3% used a private vehicle, compared with 2.4% and 72.0% respectively in Regional QLD.

**The major differences between the method of travel to work of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:**

- A *larger* percentage of persons who travelled by car (as driver) (67.0% compared to 63.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who travelled by bus (0.5% compared to 1.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who did not go to work (10.2% compared to 11.3%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 3,736 between 2006 and 2011.

**The largest changes in the method of travel to work by resident population in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were for those nominated:**

- Car - as driver (+4,506 persons)
- Car - as passenger (-181 persons)
- Worked at home (-174 persons)
- Did not go to work (+141 persons)

# Volunteer work

The voluntary work sector is an important part of Australia's economy. The level of volunteering can indicate the cohesiveness of the community and how readily individuals are able to contribute to that community. Factors impacting on the level of volunteering in Toowoomba Regional Council area include the Age Structure of the population, the level of Proficiency in English, Income and Education levels.

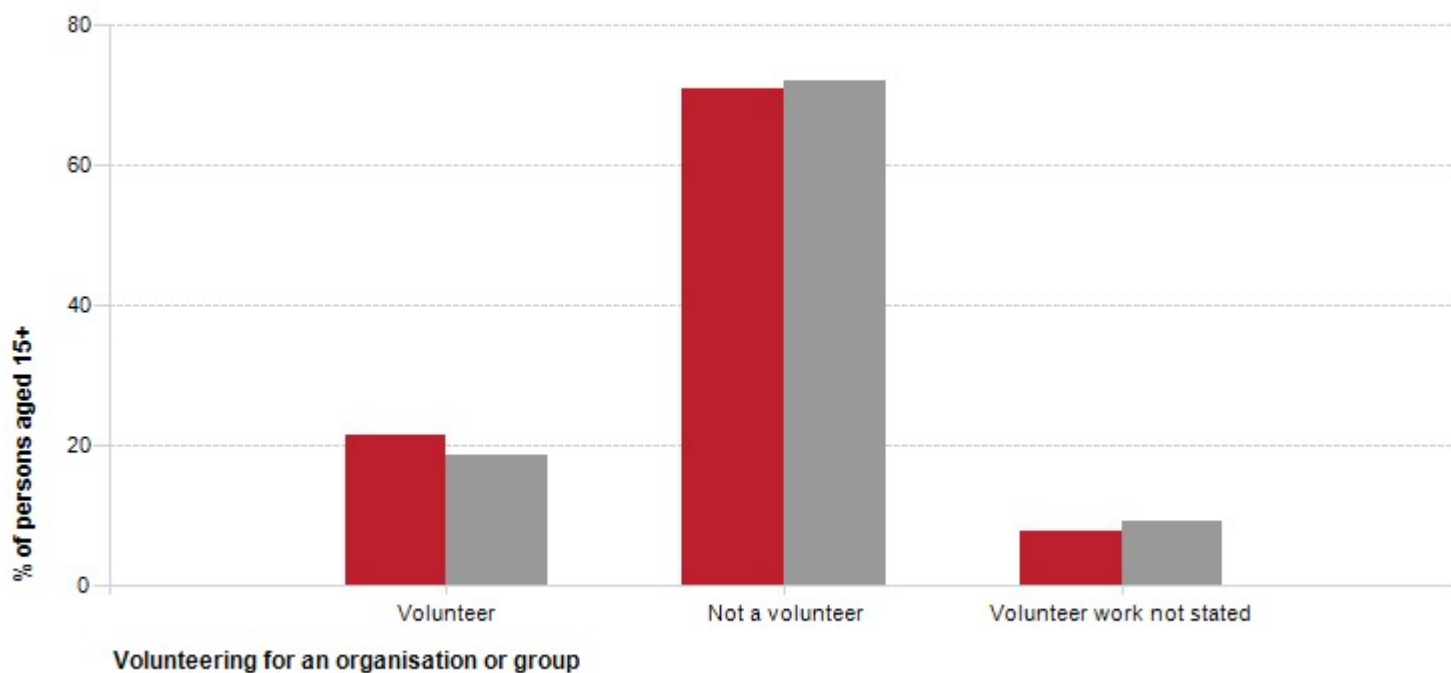
## Voluntary work

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Volunteer status	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Volunteer	25,314	21.3	18.6	24,846	22.4	19.0	+468
Not a volunteer	84,048	70.8	72.2	77,595	69.9	70.7	+6,453
Volunteer work not stated	9,324	7.9	9.2	8,621	7.8	10.3	+703
Total persons aged 15+	118,686	100.0	100.0	111,062	100.0	100.0	+7,624

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## Voluntary work, 2011

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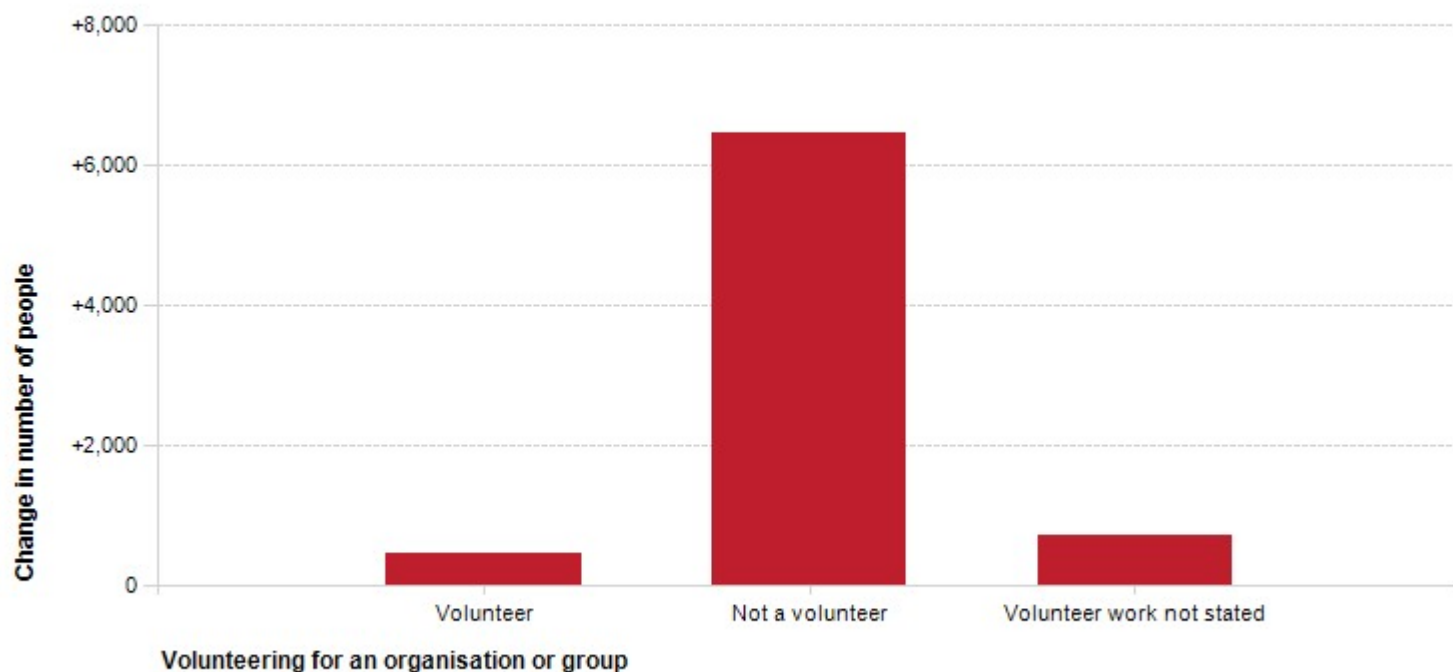


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## Change in voluntary work, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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### Dominant groups

Analysis of the voluntary work performed by the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of persons who volunteered for an organisation or group.

Overall, 21.3% of the population reported performing voluntary work, compared with 18.6% for Regional QLD.

### Emerging groups

The number of volunteers in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 468 people between 2006 and 2011.

## Unpaid care

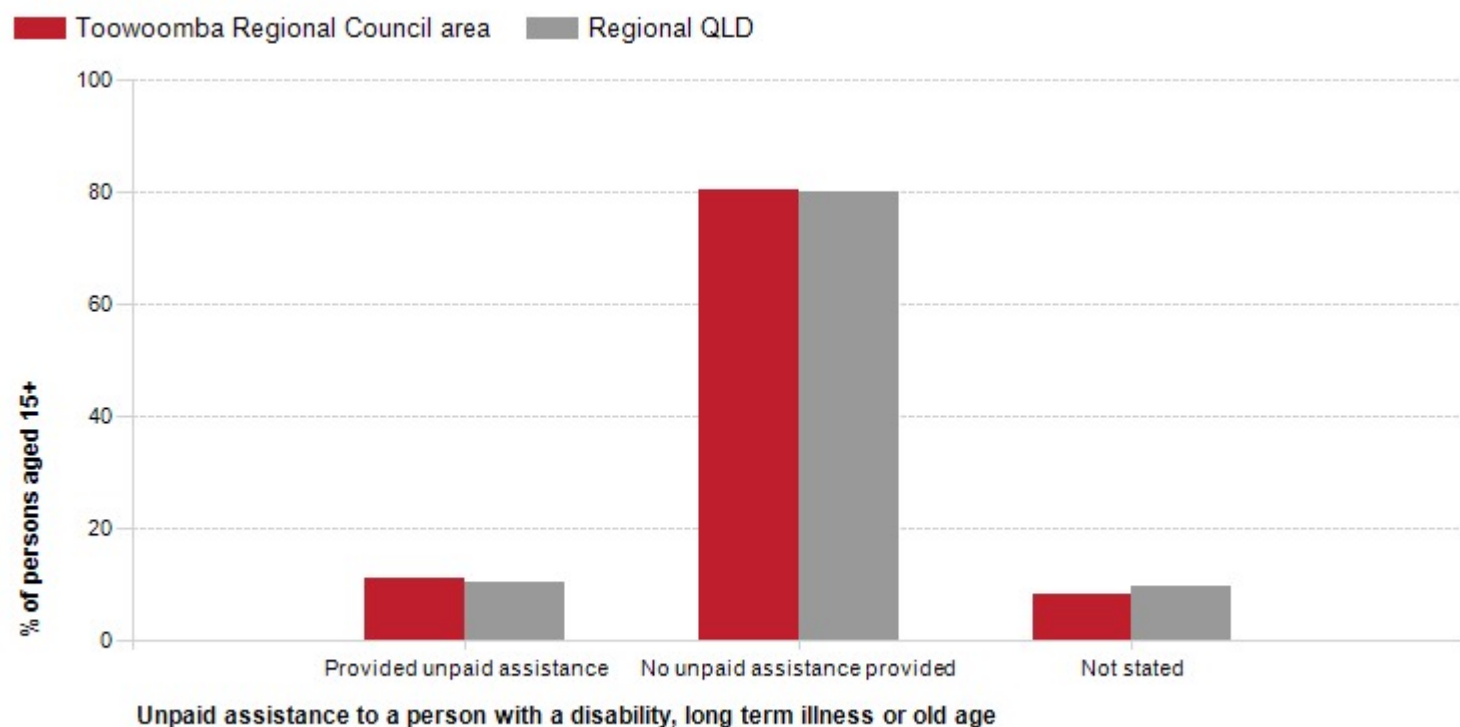
The proportion of people providing unpaid care for the aged and disabled in Toowoomba Regional Council area can be an important indicator of the level of demand for aged care services and facilities by local and state governments. An increasing proportion of carers among the population may indicate inadequate aged care provision, or the need for in-home support, or support for the carers themselves. The level of care provided by individuals is likely to be affected by Household Income, Age Structure and the ethnic makeup of the community (Language Spoken), as well as the sense of community cohesiveness.

### Unpaid care

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Provided unpaid assistance	13,188	11.1	10.2	11,410	10.3	9.3	+1,778
No unpaid assistance provided	95,656	80.6	80.1	90,423	81.4	79.7	+5,233
Not stated	9,839	8.3	9.6	9,230	8.3	11.0	+609
Total persons aged 15+	118,683	100.0	100.0	111,063	100.0	100.0	+7,620

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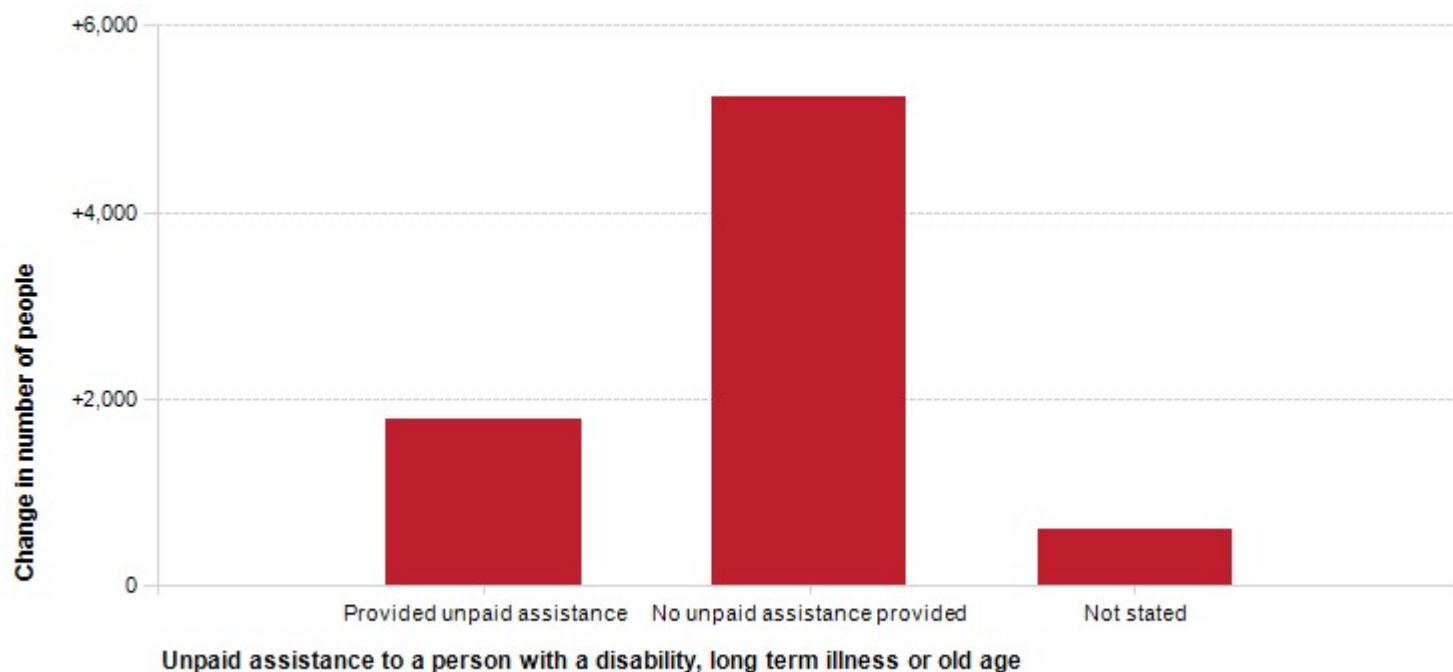
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## Change in unpaid care, 2006 to 2011

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### Dominant groups

Analysis of the unpaid care provided by the population in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of persons who provided unpaid care either to family members or others.

Overall, 11.1% of the population provided unpaid care, compared with 10.2% for Regional QLD.

### Emerging groups

The number of people who provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 1,778 people between 2006 and 2011.

## Individual income

Individual Income statistics are an indicator of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as [Household Income](#), [Educational Qualifications](#) and [Occupation](#), they help tell the story of the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of Toowoomba Regional Council area. The amount of income an individual receives is linked to a number of factors including [employment status](#), [age](#) (as for instance students and retirees often receive a lower income), qualifications and type of employment.

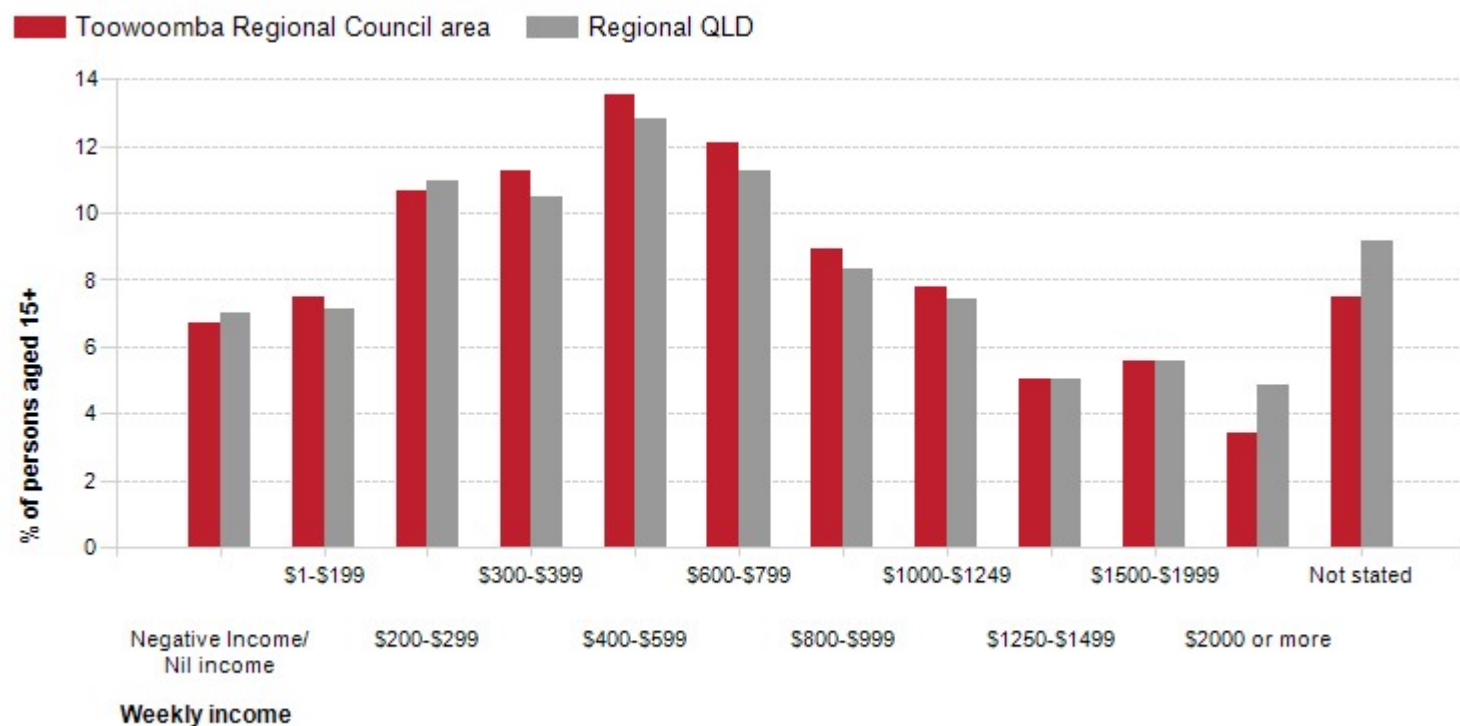
The incomes presented on this page are for the latest Census year only. For comparison of incomes over time, go to [Individual Income Quartiles](#).

### Weekly individual gross income

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011		
Weekly income	Number	%	Regional QLD
Negative Income/ Nil income	7,962	6.7	7.0
\$1-\$199	8,918	7.5	7.1
\$200-\$299	12,686	10.7	10.9
\$300-\$399	13,344	11.2	10.5
\$400-\$599	16,084	13.6	12.8
\$600-\$799	14,360	12.1	11.3
\$800-\$999	10,613	8.9	8.3
\$1000-\$1249	9,229	7.8	7.5
\$1250-\$1499	5,959	5.0	5.0
\$1500-\$1999	6,601	5.6	5.6
\$2000 or more	4,064	3.4	4.8
Not stated	8,870	7.5	9.2
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>118,690</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Weekly individual gross income, 2011



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2011 (Usual residence data)  
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## Dominant groups

Analysis of individual income levels in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a lower proportion of persons earning a high income (those earning \$1,500 per week or more) and a higher proportion of low income persons (those earning less than \$400 per week).

Overall, 9.0% of the population earned a high income, and 36.2% earned a low income, compared with 10.4% and 35.6% respectively for Regional QLD.

**The major differences between Toowoomba Regional Council area's individual incomes and Regional QLD's individual incomes were:**

- A *larger* percentage of persons who earned \$600-\$799 (12.1% compared to 11.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who earned \$2000 or more (3.4% compared to 4.8%)



## Household income

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. Toowoomba Regional Council area's Household Income is one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as [Educational Qualifications](#) and [Occupation](#), it helps to reveal the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of Toowoomba Regional Council area. It is important to note that income data is not necessarily a measure of wealth. For example, if an area has a large number of retirees this will produce a higher proportion of households with low income but the retirees may have large capital wealth. For this reason, household income should be viewed in conjunction with [Age](#) and [Household Composition](#).

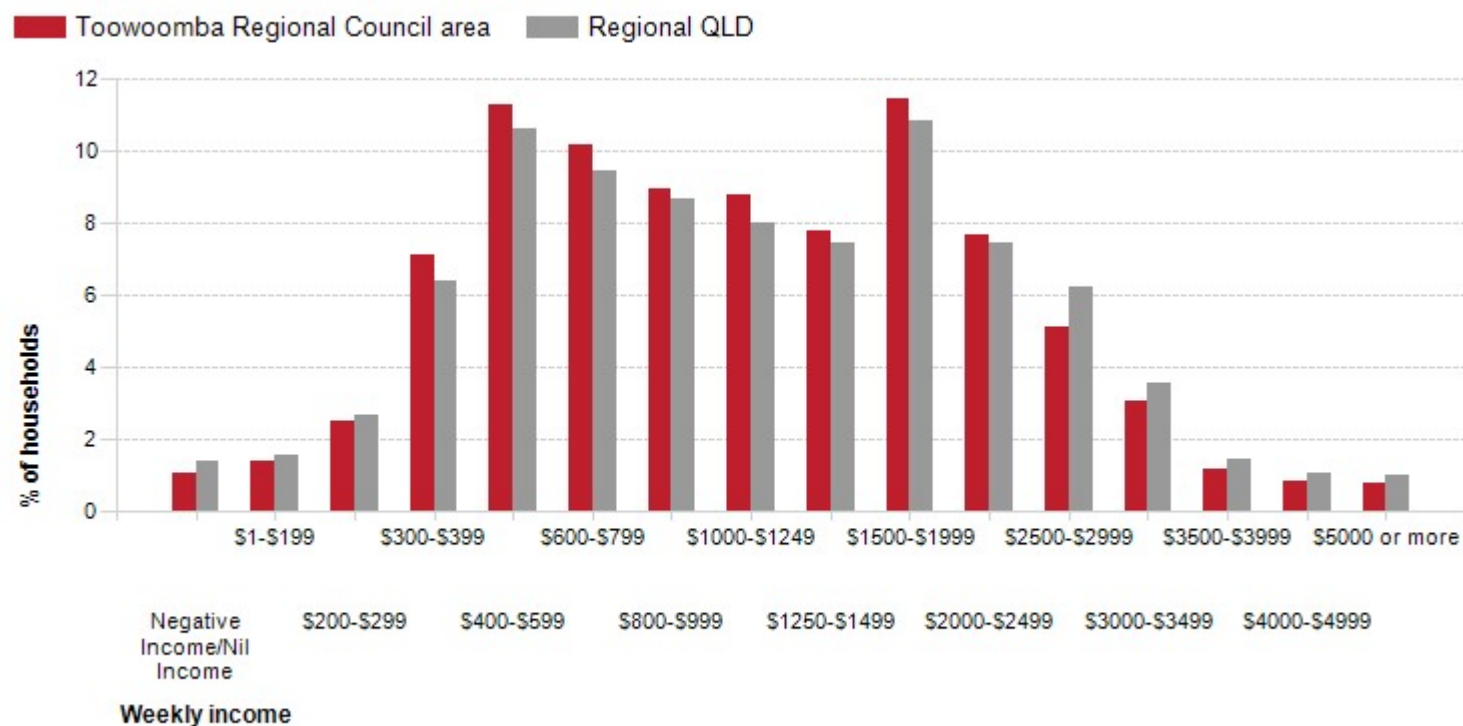
The incomes presented on this page are for the latest Census year only. For comparison of incomes over time, go to [Household Income Quartiles](#).

### Weekly household income

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011		
Weekly income	Number	%	Regional QLD
Negative Income/Nil Income	590	1.1	1.3
\$1-\$199	771	1.4	1.5
\$200-\$299	1,394	2.5	2.7
\$300-\$399	3,958	7.1	6.4
\$400-\$599	6,315	11.3	10.6
\$600-\$799	5,688	10.2	9.5
\$800-\$999	4,980	8.9	8.7
\$1000-\$1249	4,905	8.8	8.0
\$1250-\$1499	4,355	7.8	7.4
\$1500-\$1999	6,395	11.5	10.9
\$2000-\$2499	4,292	7.7	7.5
\$2500-\$2999	2,850	5.1	6.2
\$3000-\$3499	1,711	3.1	3.5
\$3500-\$3999	636	1.1	1.4
\$4000-\$4999	465	0.8	1.0
\$5000 or more	415	0.7	1.0
Not stated	6,097	10.9	12.3
<b>Total households</b>	<b>55,817</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Weekly household income, 2011



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of household income levels in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a smaller proportion of high income households (those earning \$2,500 per week or more) and a higher proportion of low income households (those earning less than \$600 per week).

Overall, 10.9% of the households earned a high income, and 23.3% were low income households, compared with 13.2% and 22.6% respectively for Regional QLD.

**The major differences between the household incomes of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:**

- A *smaller* percentage of households who earned Not stated (10.9% compared to 12.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who earned \$2500-\$2999 (5.1% compared to 6.2%)

## Households summary

Toowoomba Regional Council area's household and family structure is one of the most important demographic indicators. It reveals the area's residential role and function, era of settlement and provides key insights into the level of demand for services and facilities as most are related to age and household types.

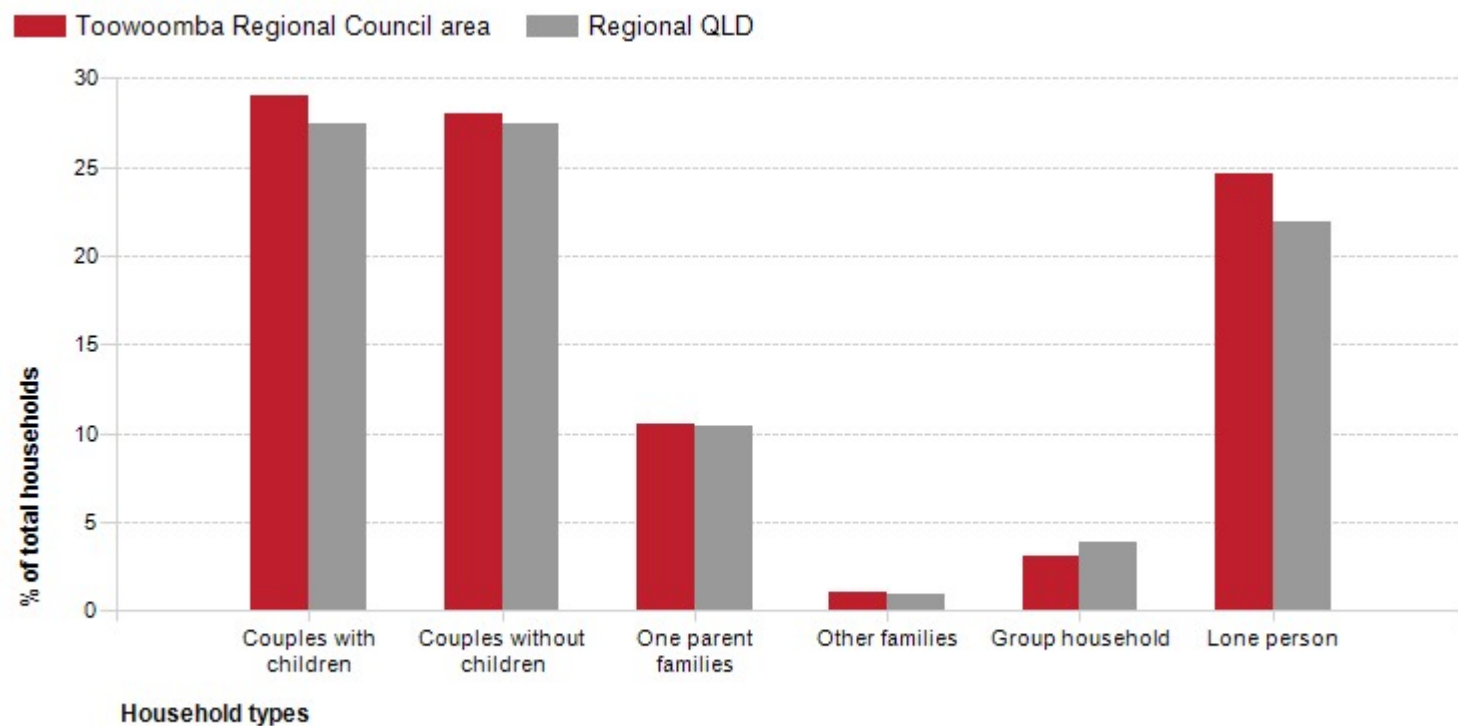
To continue building the story, Toowoomba Regional Council area's Household Summary should be viewed in conjunction with [Households with Children](#), [Households without Children](#), [Household Size](#), [Age Structure](#) and [Dwelling Type](#).

### Household types

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	
Couples with children	16,613	29.0	27.4	16,272	30.8	27.4	+341
Couples without children	16,073	28.0	27.5	14,696	27.8	26.9	+1,377
One parent families	6,010	10.5	10.4	5,418	10.3	10.0	+592
Other families	609	1.1	1.0	646	1.2	0.9	-37
Group household	1,780	3.1	3.9	1,805	3.4	3.7	-25
Lone person	14,106	24.6	21.9	12,170	23.1	20.8	+1,936
Other not classifiable household	1,518	2.6	3.9	1,306	2.5	4.8	+212
Visitor only households	647	1.1	4.1	479	0.9	5.3	+168
Total households	57,356	100.0	100.0	52,792	100.0	100.0	+4,564

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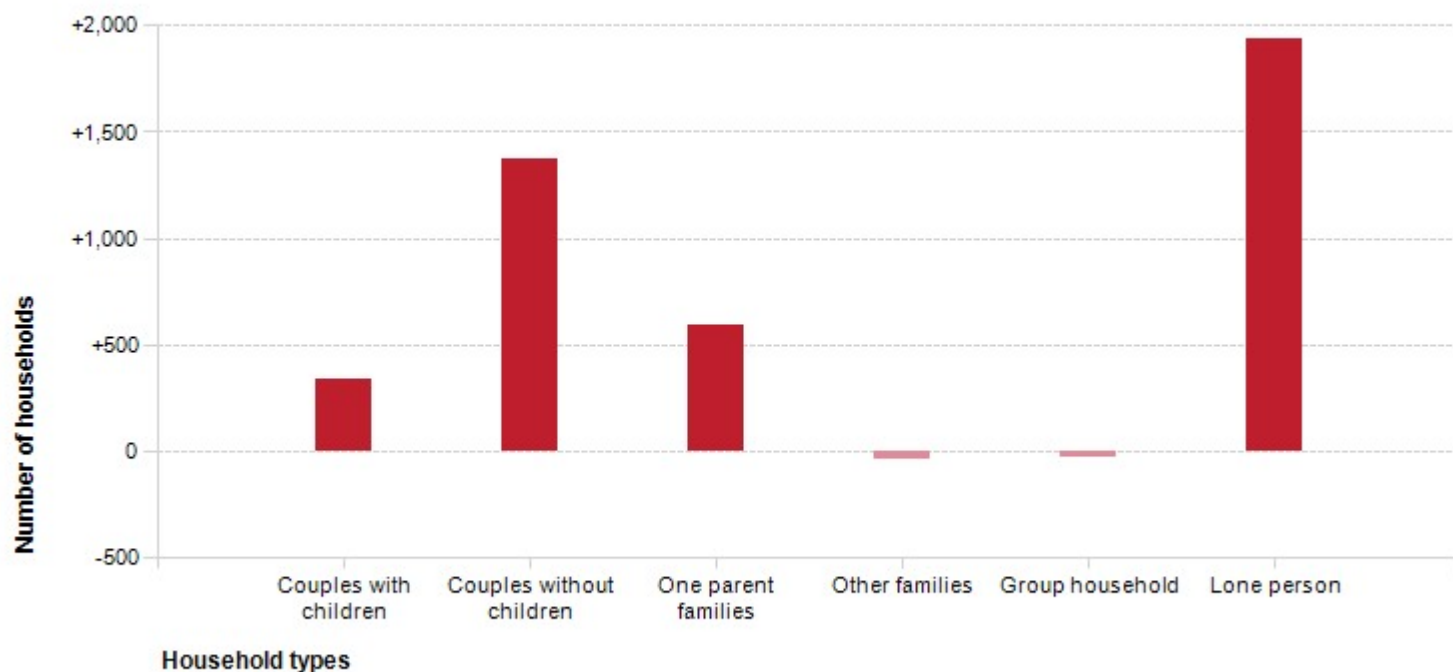
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# Change in household types, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the household/family types in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of couple families with child(ren) as well as a similar proportion of one-parent families. Overall, 29.0% of total families were couple families with child(ren), and 10.5% were one-parent families, compared with 27.4% and 10.4% respectively for Regional QLD.

There were a higher proportion of lone person households and a higher proportion of couples without children. Overall, the proportion of lone person households was 24.6% compared to 21.9% in Regional QLD while the proportion of couples without children was 28.0% compared to 27.5% in Regional QLD.

## Emerging groups

The number of households in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 4,564 between 2006 and 2011.

The largest changes in family/household types in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were:

- Lone person (+1,936 households)
- Couples without children (+1,377 households)
- One parent families (+592 households)
- Couples with children (+341 households)

## Household size

The size of households in general follows the life-cycle of families. Households are usually small at the stage of relationship formation (early marriage), and then increase in size with the advent of children. They later reduce in size again as these children reach adulthood and leave home. Household size can also be influenced by a lack (or abundance) of affordable housing. Overseas migrants and indigenous persons often have a tradition of living with extended family members which significantly affects household size.

Household size in Australia has declined since the 1970s but between 2006 and 2011, the average household size remained stable for the nation as a whole.

An increasing household size in an area may indicate a lack of affordable housing opportunities for young people, an increase in the birth rate or an increase in family formation in the area. A declining household size may indicate children leaving the area when they leave home, an increase in retirees settling in the area, or an attraction of young singles and couples to the area.

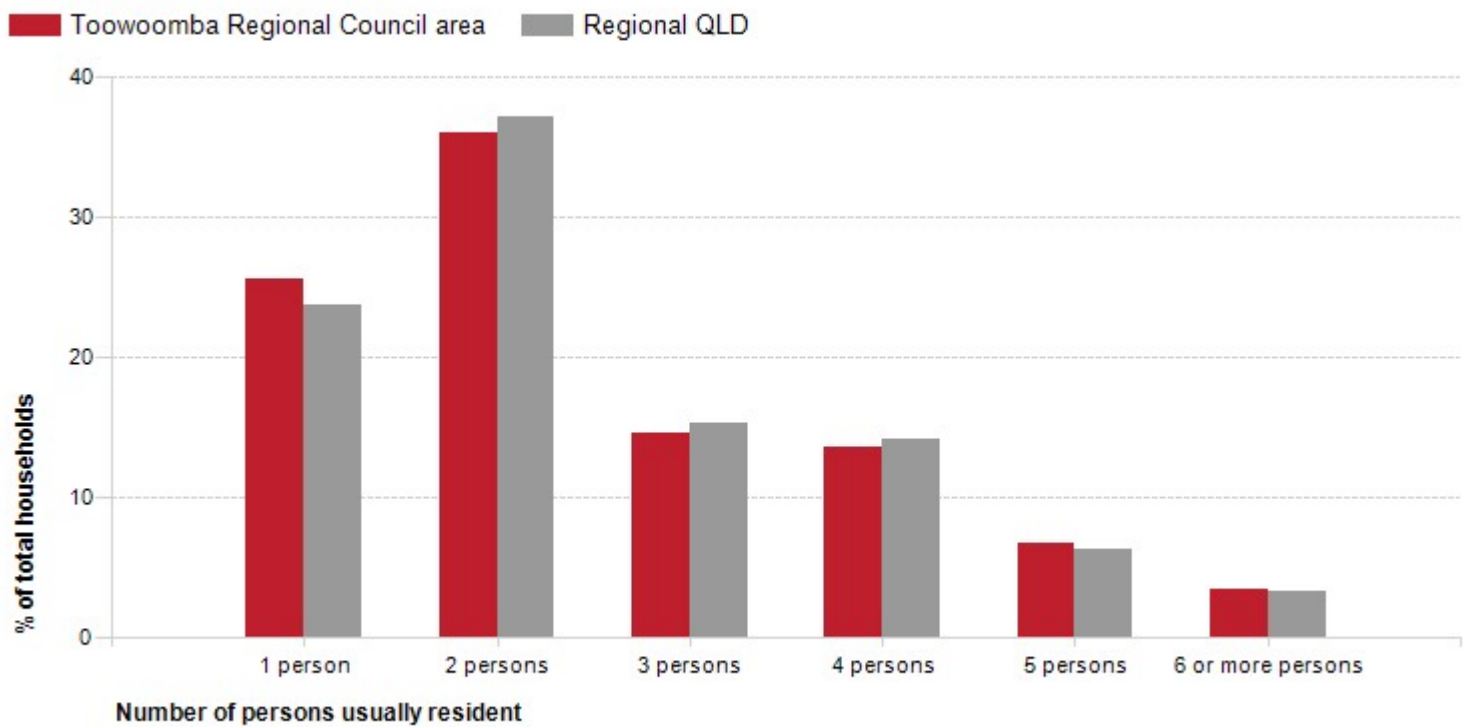
For greater insight, Toowoomba Regional Council area's Household Size data should be viewed in conjunction with [Household Summary](#), [Age Structure](#), [Dwelling Type](#), [Household Income](#) and [Language Spoken at Home](#).

### Household size

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	
Number of persons usually resident							2006 to 2011
1 person	14,099	25.6	23.8	12,165	23.8	23.2	+1,934
2 persons	19,914	36.1	37.2	18,424	36.1	37.3	+1,490
3 persons	8,019	14.5	15.3	7,625	14.9	15.3	+394
4 persons	7,478	13.6	14.2	7,460	14.6	14.5	+18
5 persons	3,735	6.8	6.3	3,610	7.1	6.5	+125
6 or more persons	1,932	3.5	3.3	1,723	3.4	3.2	+209
Total classifiable households	55,177	100.0	100.0	51,007	100.0	100.0	+4,170

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## Household size, 2011

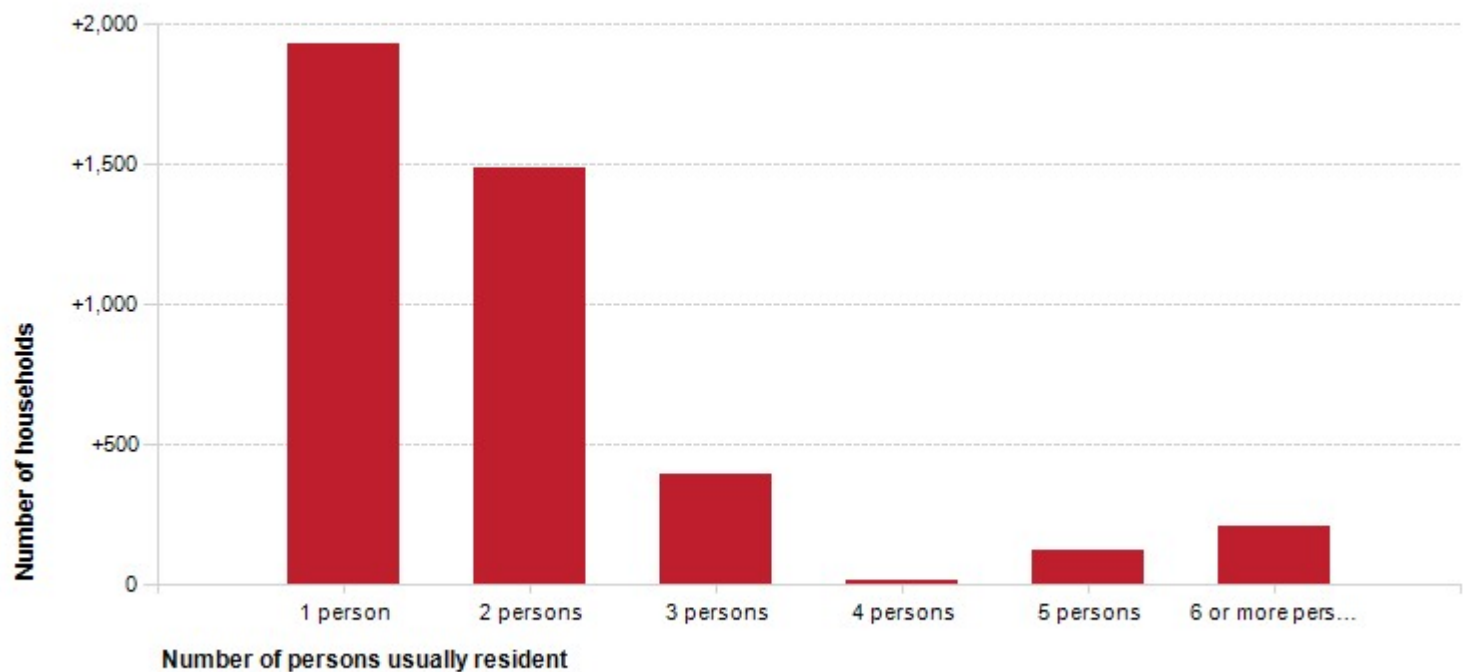


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## Change in household size, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the number of persons usually resident in a household in Toowoomba Regional Council area compared with Regional QLD shows that there were a higher proportion of lone person households, and a similar proportion of larger households (those with 4 persons or more). Overall there were 25.6% of lone person households, and 23.8% of larger households, compared with 23.8% and 23.7% respectively for Regional QLD.

The major differences in the household size for Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A *larger* percentage of households with 1 person usually resident (25.6% compared to 23.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households with 2 persons usually resident (36.1% compared to 37.2%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of households in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 4,170 between 2006 and 2011.

The largest changes in the number of persons usually resident in a household in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were:

- 1 person (+1,934 households)
- 2 persons (+1,490 households)
- 3 persons (+394 households)
- 6 or more persons (+209 households)

## Dwelling type

Dwelling Type is an important determinant of Toowoomba Regional Council area's residential role and function. A greater concentration of higher density dwellings is likely to attract more young adults and smaller households, often renting. Larger, detached or separate dwellings are more likely to attract families and prospective families. The residential built form often reflects market opportunities or planning policy, such as building denser forms of housing around public transport nodes or employment centres.

Dwelling Type statistics should be viewed in conjunction with [Household size](#), [Household Types](#), [Housing Tenure](#) and [Age Structure](#) for a more complete picture of the housing market in Toowoomba Regional Council area.

### Dwelling structure

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change 2006 to 2011
	Dwelling type	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	Regional QLD	
Separate house	53,213	84.4	74.1	48,804	84.7	72.8	+4,409
Medium density	8,775	13.9	15.4	8,005	13.9	15.7	+770
High density	412	0.7	6.4	182	0.3	7.3	+230
Caravans, cabin, houseboat	376	0.6	3.2	414	0.7	3.4	-38
Other	176	0.3	0.6	176	0.3	0.7	0
Not stated	67	0.1	0.2	9	0.0	0.1	+58
<b>Total Private Dwellings</b>	<b>63,019</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57,590</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+5,429</b>

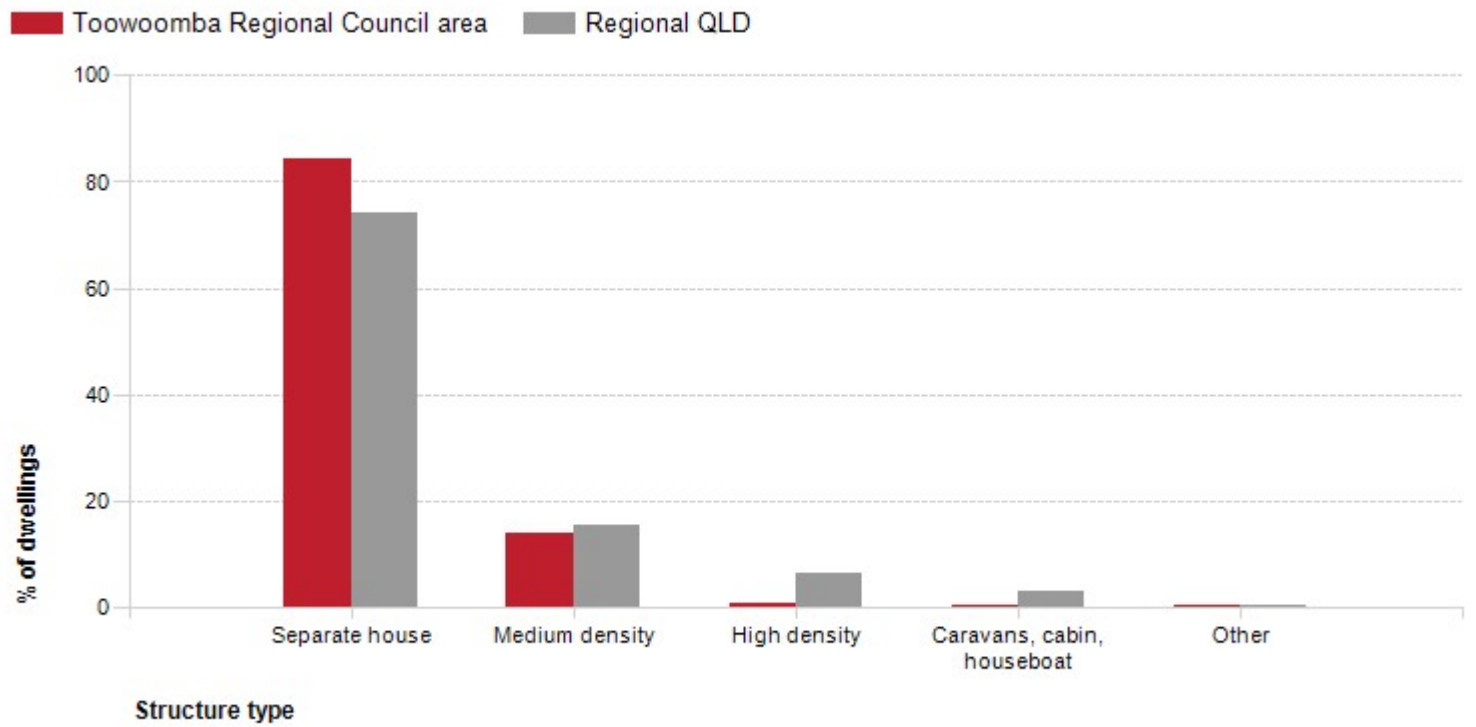
### Dwelling type

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change 2006 to 2011
	Dwelling type	Number	% Regional QLD	Number	% Regional QLD	Regional QLD	
Occupied private dwellings	57,366	90.8	87.7	52,776	91.4	88.4	+4,590
Unoccupied private dwellings	5,648	8.9	11.9	4,818	8.3	11.3	+830
Non private dwellings	188	0.3	0.4	177	0.3	0.3	+11
<b>Total Dwellings</b>	<b>63,202</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57,771</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+5,431</b>

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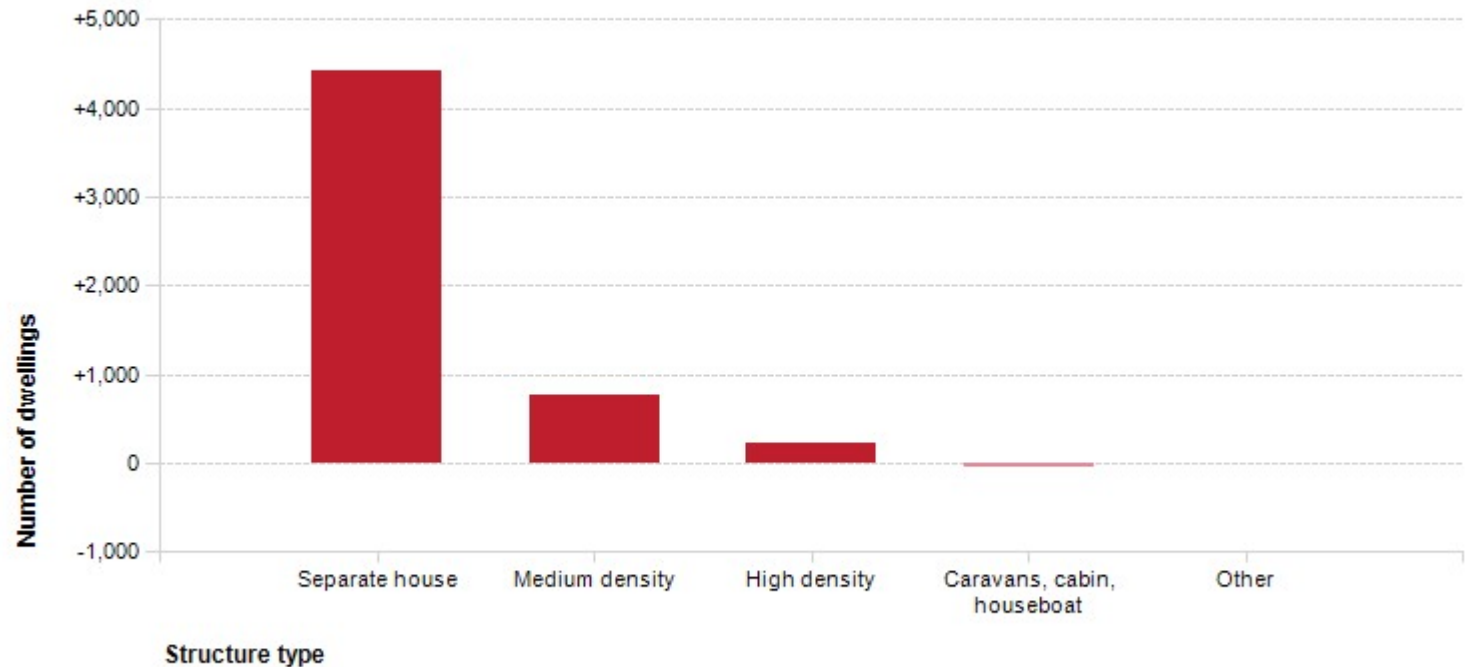


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## Change in dwelling structure, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

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In 2011, there were 53,213 separate houses in the area, 8,775 medium density dwellings, and 412 high density dwellings.

Analysis of the types of dwellings in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 shows that 84.4% of all dwellings were separate houses; 13.9% were medium density dwellings, and 0.7% were high density dwellings, compared with 74.1%, 15.4%, and 6.4% in the Regional QLD respectively.

In 2011, a total of 90.8% of the dwellings in Toowoomba Regional Council area were occupied on Census night, compared to 87.7% in Regional QLD. The proportion of unoccupied dwellings was 8.9%, which is smaller compared to that found in Regional QLD (11.9%).

## Emerging groups

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The total number of dwellings in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 5,431 between 2006 and 2011.

**The largest changes in the type of dwellings found in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were:**

- Separate house (+4,409 dwellings)
- Medium density (+770 dwellings)
- High density (+230 dwellings)

## Number of bedrooms per dwelling

The Number of Bedrooms in a dwelling is an indicator of the size of dwellings, and when combined with dwelling type information, provides insight into the role Toowoomba Regional Council area plays in the housing market. For example, an area of high density dwellings that are predominantly 1-2 bedroom are likely to attract students, single workers and young couples, whereas a high density area with dwellings that are predominantly 2-3 bedroom may attract more empty nesters and some families.

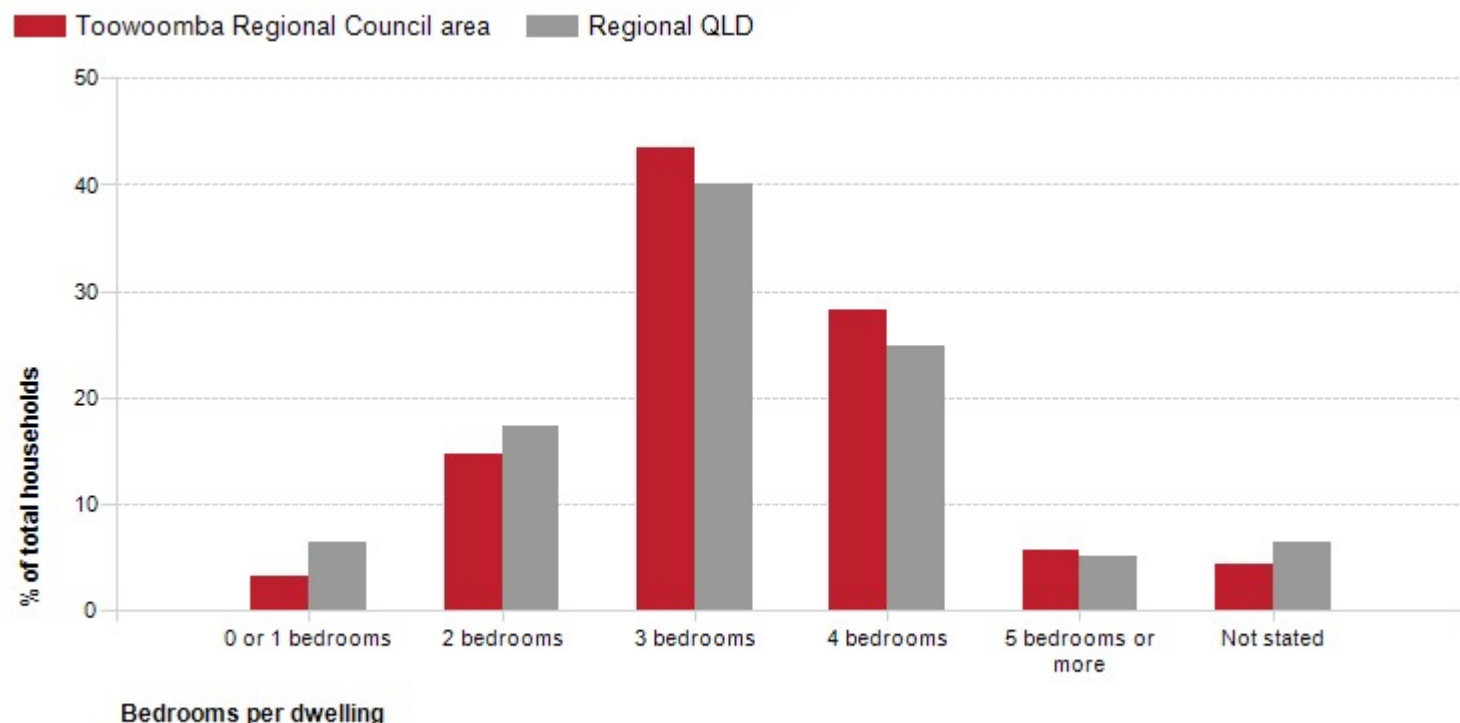
In combination with Household type and Household size, the Number of Bedrooms can also indicate issues around housing affordability, overcrowding and other socio-economic factors.

### Number of bedrooms per dwelling

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Number of bedrooms	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
0 or 1 bedrooms	1,859	3.2	6.4	1,513	2.9	6.4	+346
2 bedrooms	8,460	14.7	17.4	7,762	14.7	18.3	+698
3 bedrooms	24,981	43.6	40.0	24,480	46.4	41.8	+501
4 bedrooms	16,227	28.3	24.8	14,123	26.8	21.8	+2,104
5 bedrooms or more	3,314	5.8	5.0	2,720	5.2	4.3	+594
Not stated	2,518	4.4	6.4	2,193	4.2	7.4	+325
Total households	57,359	100.0	100.0	52,791	100.0	100.0	+4,568

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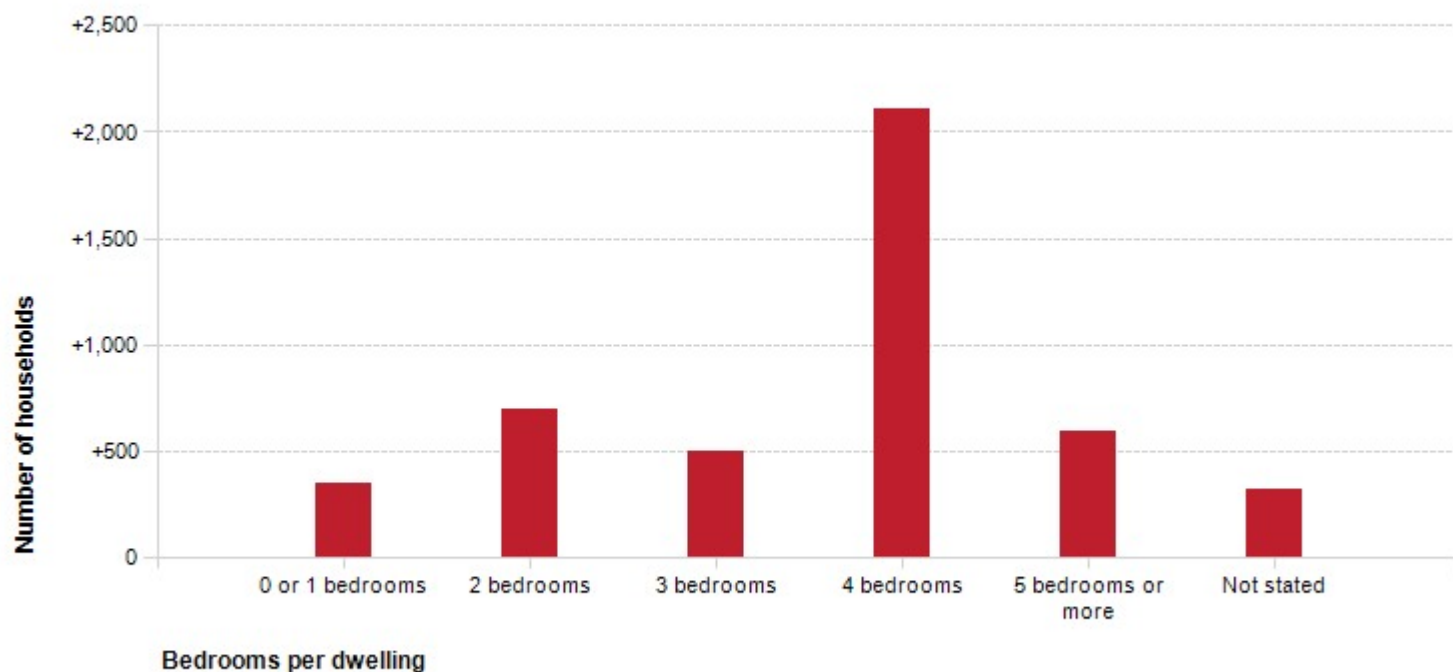
## Number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2011



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# Change in number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the number of bedrooms in dwellings in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a lower proportion of dwellings with 1 and 2 bedrooms, and a higher proportion of dwellings with 4 or more bedrooms.

Overall, 18.0% of households were in 1-2 bedroom dwellings, and 34.1% of 4-plus bedroom dwellings, compared with 23.8% and 29.8% for Regional QLD respectively.

The major differences between the number of bedrooms per dwelling of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A *larger* percentage of 3 bedroom dwellings (43.6% compared to 40.0%)
- A *larger* percentage of 4 bedroom dwellings (28.3% compared to 24.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of dwellings with no bedrooms (includes bedsitters) (3.2% compared to 6.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 2 bedroom dwellings (14.7% compared to 17.4%)

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in the number of bedrooms per dwelling in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were:

- 4 bedrooms (+2,104 dwellings)
- 2 bedrooms (+698 dwellings)
- 5 bedrooms or more (+594 dwellings)
- 3 bedrooms (+501 dwellings)

## Internet connection

A fast Internet Connection is increasingly required for accessing essential information and undertaking domestic and non-domestic business. Households with dial-up or no internet service are being left behind in the digital divide' as both government and the private sector are increasingly conducting their business, or aspects of it, on-line.

Internet connectivity in Toowoomba Regional Council area can be affected by availability of connection, Education, Household Income and Age Structure.

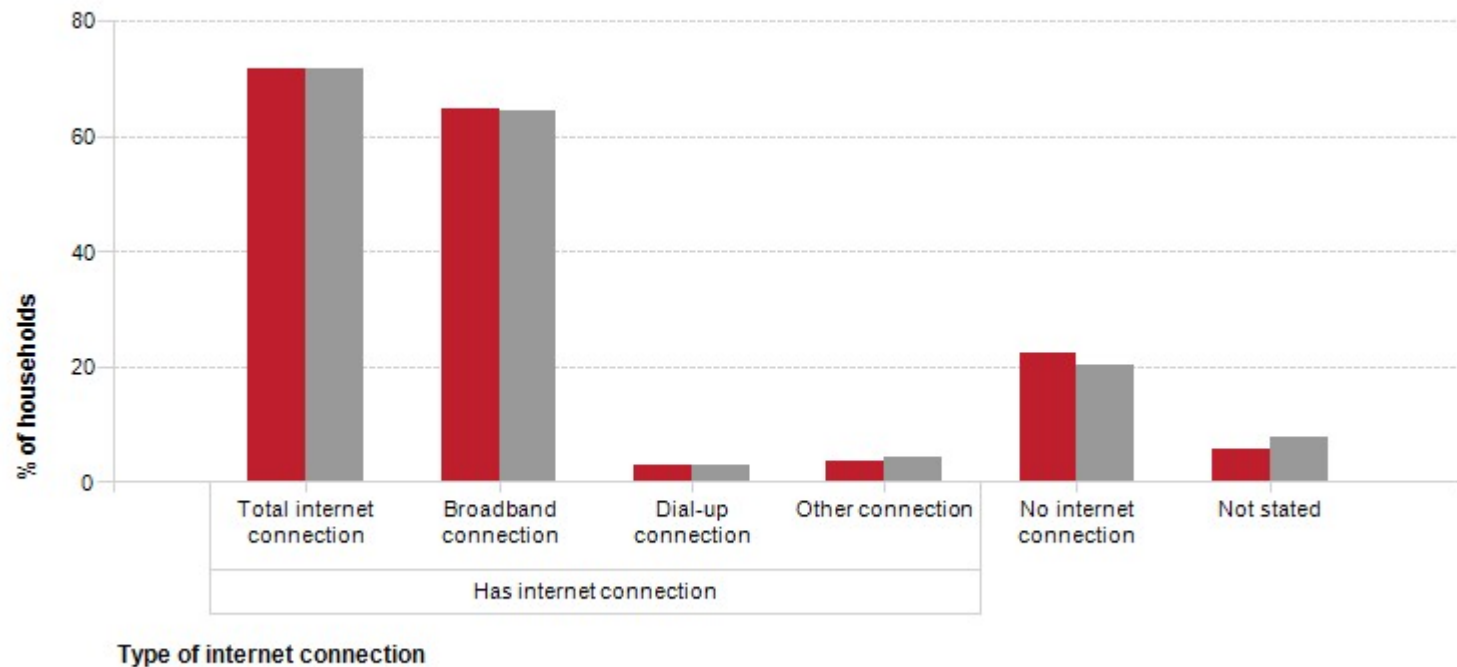
### Type of internet connection

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Connection type	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
Total internet connection	41,081	71.6	71.8	29,499	55.9	54.9	+11,582
▪ Broadband connection	37,162	64.8	64.6	16,994	32.2	32.4	+20,168
▪ Dial-up connection	1,776	3.1	3.0	12,216	23.1	21.8	-10,440
▪ Other connection	2,143	3.7	4.3	289	0.5	0.6	+1,854
No internet connection	12,895	22.5	20.2	20,528	38.9	36.6	-7,633
Not stated	3,385	5.9	8.0	2,750	5.2	8.5	+635
Total households	57,361	100.0	100.0	52,777	100.0	100.0	+4,584

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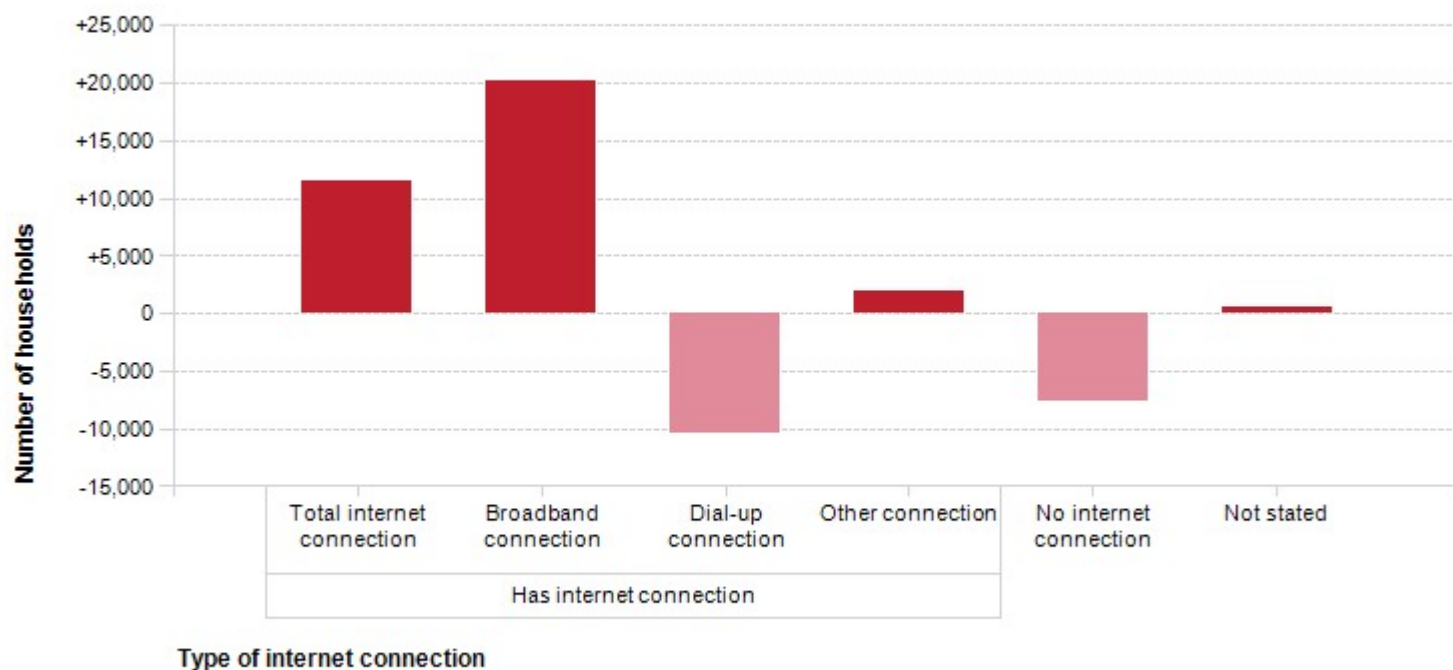
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# Change in type of internet connection, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the type of internet connection of households in Toowoomba Regional Council area compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a higher proportion of households with either no internet connection or a dial up connection, and a similar proportion of households with broadband connectivity.

Overall 25.6% of households had no internet connection or a dial up connection, and 64.8% had broadband connectivity, compared with 23.2% and 64.6% respectively in Regional QLD.

## Emerging groups

Between 2006 and 2011 the number of households with an internet connection increased by 11,582.

The largest changes in the internet connectivity in Toowoomba Regional Council area, between 2006 and 2011 were:

- Broadband connection (+20,168 households)
- Total internet connection (+11,582 households)
- Dial-up connection (-10,440 households)

## Number of cars per household

The ability of the population to access services and employment is strongly influenced by access to transport. The number of motor vehicles per household in Toowoomba Regional Council area quantifies access to private transport and will be influenced by Age Structure and Household Type, which determine the number of adults present; access to Public Transport; distance to shops, services, employment and education; and Household Income. Depending on these factors, car ownership can be seen as a measure of advantage or disadvantage, or a neutral socio-economic measure, which impacts on the environment and quality of life.

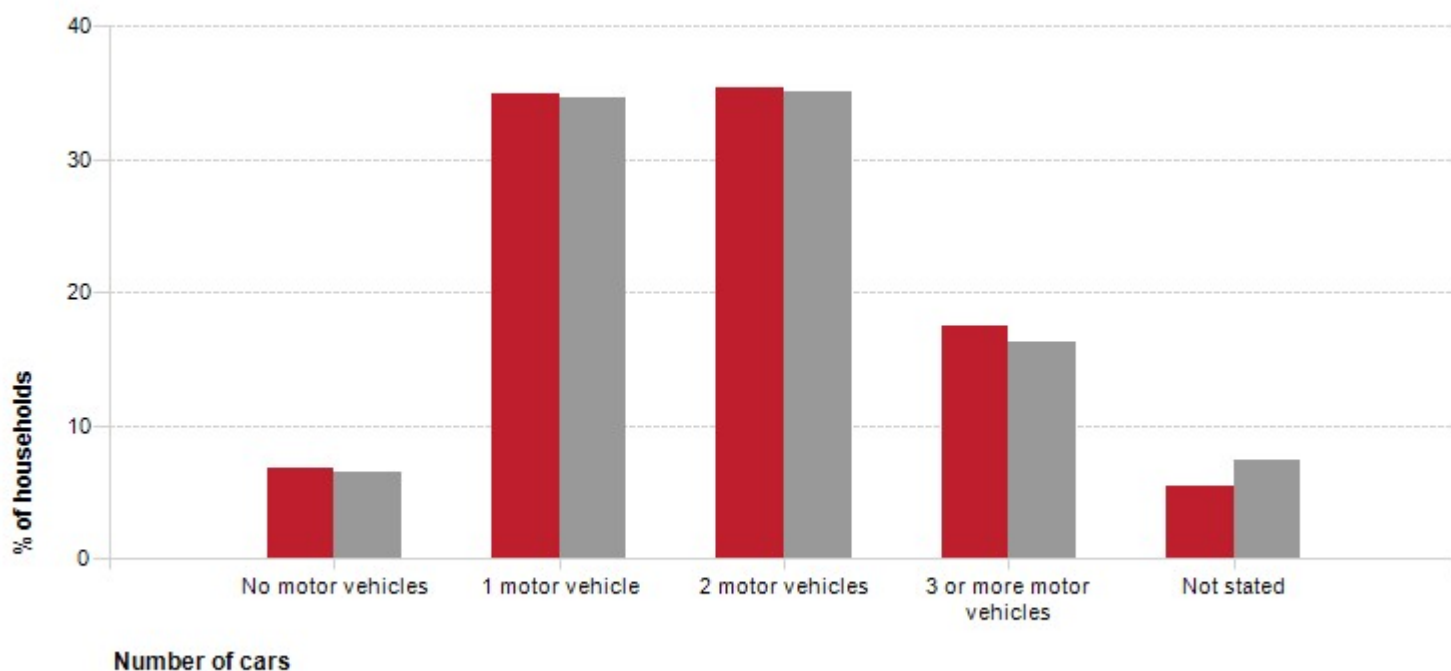
### Car ownership

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
Number of cars	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	2006 to 2011
No motor vehicles	3,901	6.8	6.5	3,899	7.4	7.5	+2
1 motor vehicle	20,072	35.0	34.7	18,726	35.5	35.8	+1,346
2 motor vehicles	20,257	35.3	35.1	18,782	35.6	33.6	+1,475
3 or more motor vehicles	10,003	17.4	16.2	8,546	16.2	14.4	+1,457
Not stated	3,130	5.5	7.5	2,827	5.4	8.7	+303
Total households	57,363	100.0	100.0	52,780	100.0	100.0	+4,583

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## Car ownership, 2011

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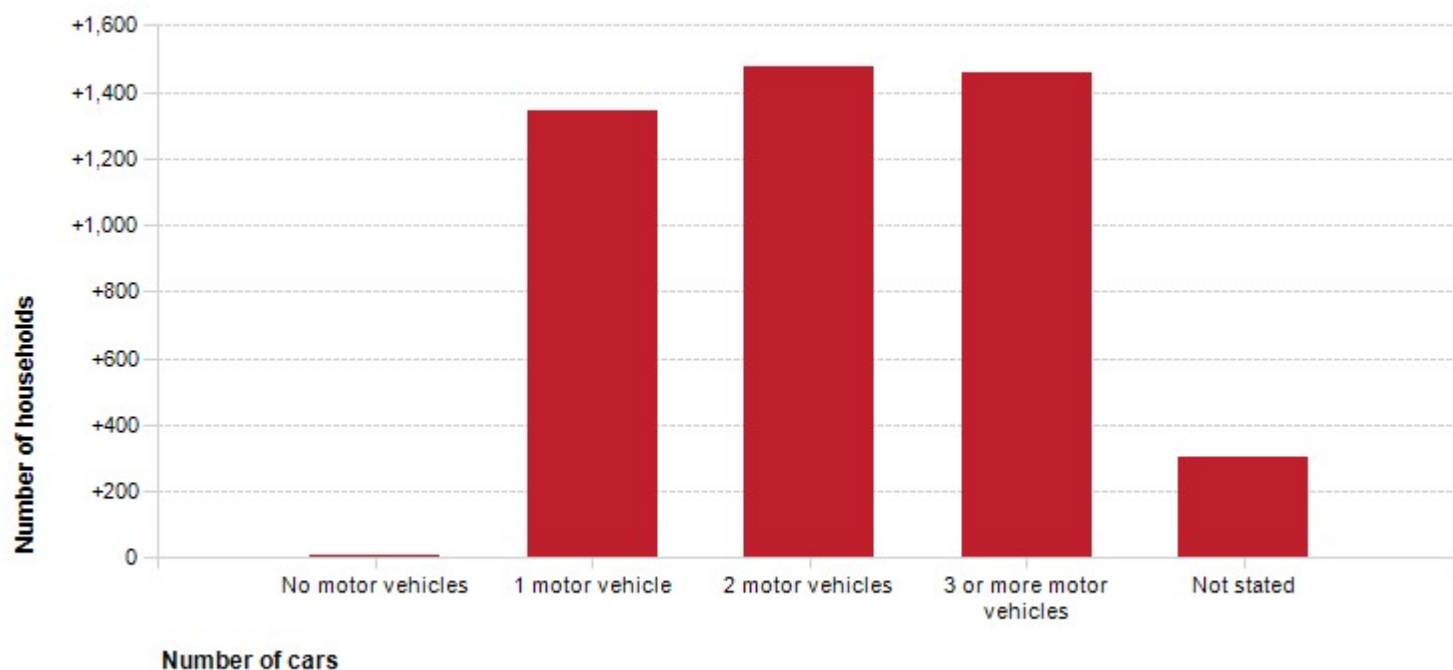


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## Change in car ownership, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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### Dominant groups

Analysis of the car ownership of the households in Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that 87.7% of the households owned at least one car, while 6.8% did not, compared with 86.0% and 6.5% respectively in Regional QLD.

Of those that owned at least one vehicle, there was a similar proportion who owned just one car; a similar proportion who owned two cars; and a larger proportion who owned three cars or more.

Overall, 35.0% of the households owned one car; 35.3% owned two cars; and 17.4% owned three cars or more, compared with 34.7%; 35.1% and 16.2% respectively for Regional QLD.

### Emerging groups

The largest changes in the household car ownership in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were:

- 2 motor vehicles (+1,475 households)
- 3 or more motor vehicles (+1,457 households)
- 1 motor vehicle (+1,346 households)



## Housing tenure

Toowoomba Regional Council area's Housing Tenure data provides insights into its socio-economic status as well as the role it plays in the housing market. For example, a high concentration of private renters may indicate a transient area attractive to young singles and couples, while a concentration of home owners indicates a more settled area with mature families and empty-nester [Household Summary](#). Tenure can also reflect built form ([Dwelling Type](#)), with a significantly higher share of renters in high density housing and a substantially larger proportion of home-owners in separate houses, although this is not always the case.

In conjunction with other socio-economic status indicators in Toowoomba Regional Council area, Tenure data is useful for analysing housing markets, housing affordability and identifying public housing areas.

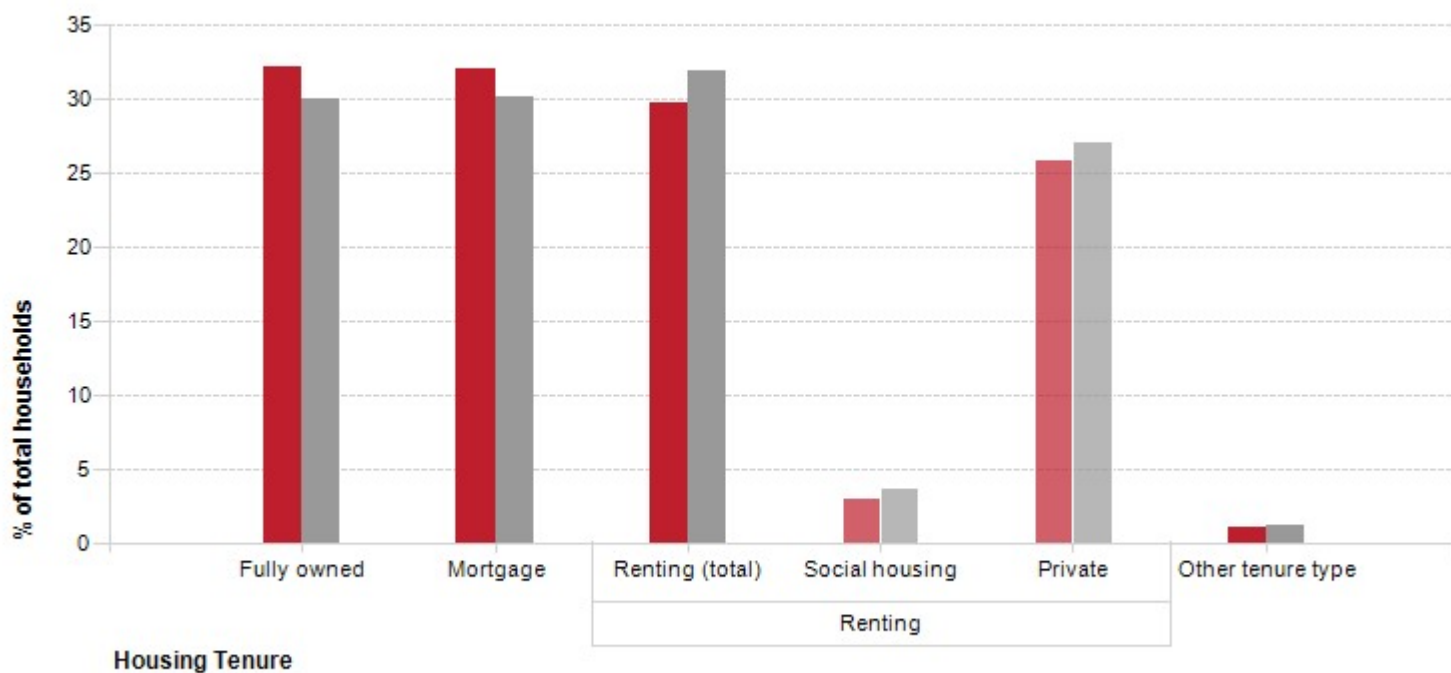
### Housing tenure

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011			2006			Change
	Number	%	Regional QLD	Number	%	Regional QLD	
Fully owned	18,445	32.2	30.0	18,103	34.3	31.9	+342
Mortgage	18,389	32.1	30.1	16,653	31.6	28.6	+1,736
Renting	17,062	29.7	31.9	14,938	28.3	30.2	+2,124
▪ Renting - Social housing	1,770	3.1	3.7	1,505	2.9	3.7	+265
▪ Renting - Private	14,871	25.9	27.2	12,916	24.5	25.3	+1,955
▪ Renting - Not stated	421	0.7	0.9	517	1.0	1.2	-96
Other tenure type	602	1.0	1.1	479	0.9	1.2	+123
Not stated	2,870	5.0	6.9	2,602	4.9	8.1	+268
Total households	57,368	100.0	100.0	52,775	100.0	100.0	+4,593

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2006 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#), the population experts.

## Housing tenure, 2011

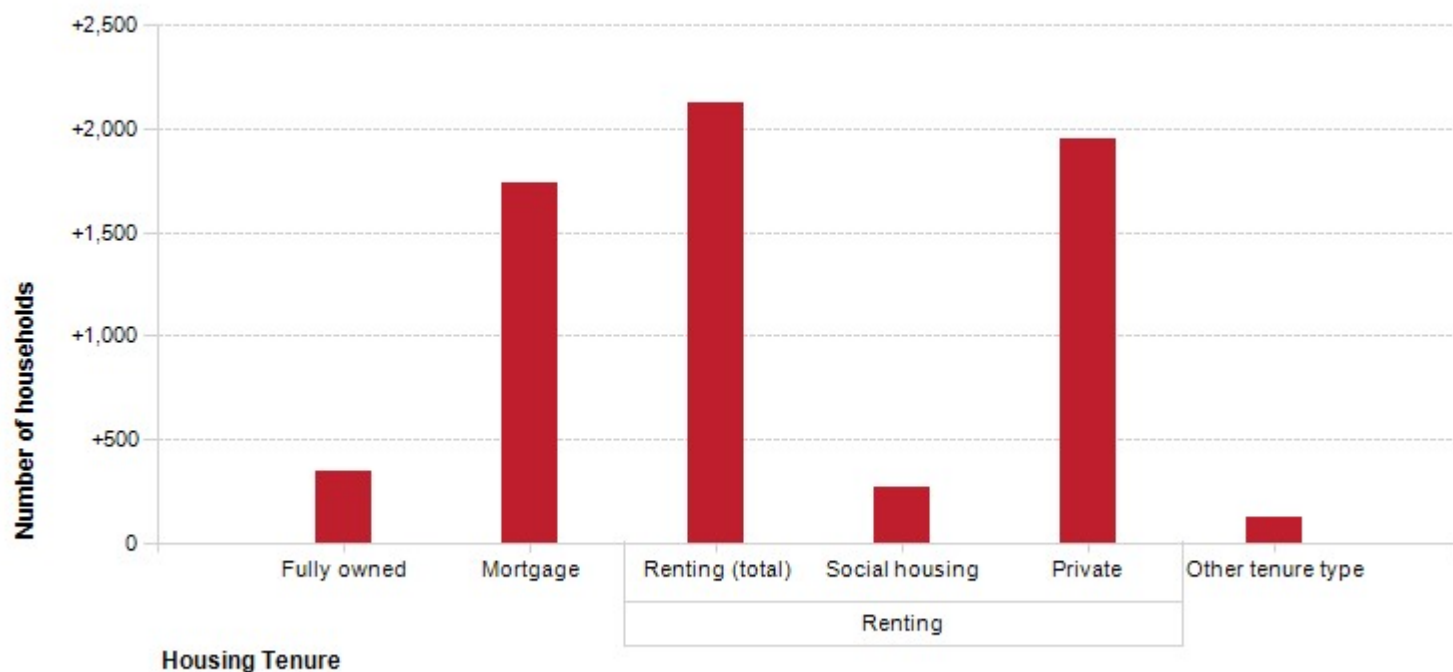
■ Toowoomba Regional Council area ■ Regional QLD



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# Change in housing tenure, 2006 to 2011

Toowoomba Regional Council area



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the housing tenure of the population of Toowoomba Regional Council area in 2011 compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a larger proportion of households who owned their dwelling; a larger proportion purchasing their dwelling; and a smaller proportion who were renters.

Overall, 32.2% of the population owned their dwelling; 32.1% were purchasing, and 29.7% were renting, compared with 30.0%, 30.1% and 31.9% respectively for Regional QLD.

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in housing tenure categories for the households in Toowoomba Regional Council area between 2006 and 2011 were:

- Renting - Private (+1,955 persons)
- Mortgage (+1,736 persons)
- Fully owned (+342 persons)
- Renting - Social housing (+265 persons)

The total number of households in Toowoomba Regional Council area increased by 4,593 between 2006 and 2011.

## Housing loan repayments

Mortgage repayments are directly related to house prices in Toowoomba Regional Council area, length of occupancy and the level of equity of home owners. When viewed with [Household Income](#) data it may also indicate the level of housing stress households in the community are under. In mortgage belt areas it is expected that households will be paying a higher proportion of their income on their housing compared to well-established areas. First home buyer areas are also likely to have larger mortgages than upgrader areas where households move in with equity from elsewhere.

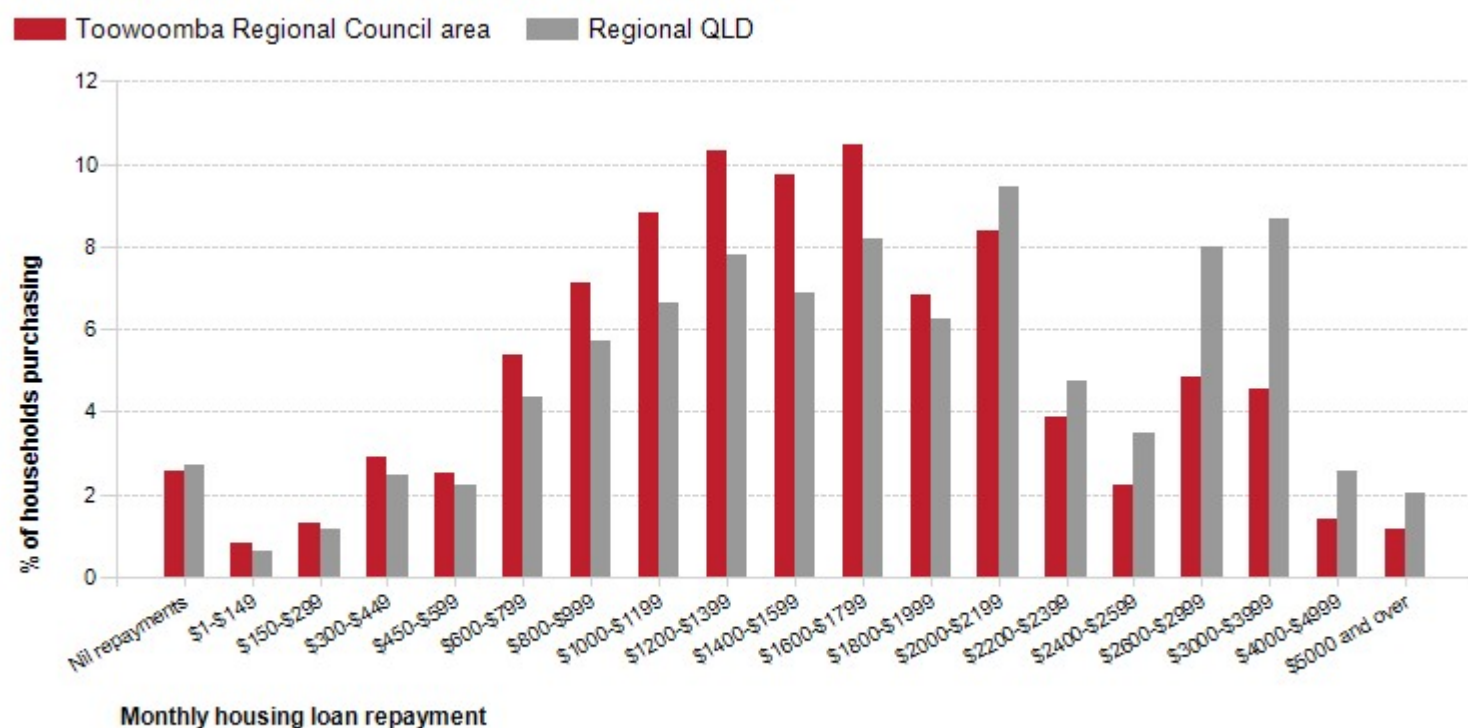
Mortgage payment levels are not directly comparable over time because of inflation. For comparison of mortgage payments over time, go to [Housing Loan Quartiles](#).

### Monthly housing loan repayments

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011		
Monthly repayment amount	Number	%	Regional QLD
Nil repayments	474	2.6	2.7
\$1-\$149	148	0.8	0.6
\$150-\$299	235	1.3	1.2
\$300-\$449	533	2.9	2.5
\$450-\$599	458	2.5	2.2
\$600-\$799	986	5.4	4.4
\$800-\$999	1,308	7.1	5.7
\$1000-\$1199	1,619	8.8	6.6
\$1200-\$1399	1,895	10.3	7.8
\$1400-\$1599	1,790	9.7	6.9
\$1600-\$1799	1,922	10.5	8.2
\$1800-\$1999	1,257	6.8	6.2
\$2000-\$2199	1,538	8.4	9.4
\$2200-\$2399	708	3.9	4.7
\$2400-\$2599	412	2.2	3.5
\$2600-\$2999	890	4.8	8.0
\$3000-\$3999	835	4.5	8.7
\$4000-\$4999	257	1.4	2.6
\$5000 and over	209	1.1	2.0
Not stated	912	5.0	6.0
<b>Total households with a mortgage</b>	<b>18,386</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Monthly housing loan repayments, 2011



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### Dominant groups

Analysis of the monthly housing loan repayments of households in Toowoomba Regional Council area compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a smaller proportion of households paying high mortgage repayments (\$2,600 per month or more), and a larger proportion of households with low mortgage repayments (less than \$1000 per month).

Overall, 11.9% of households were paying high mortgage repayments, and 22.5% were paying low repayments, compared with 21.3% and 19.3% respectively in Regional QLD.

The major differences between the household loan repayments of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A larger percentage of \$1400-\$1599 (9.7% compared to 6.9%)
- A larger percentage of \$1200-\$1399 (10.3% compared to 7.8%)
- A larger percentage of \$1600-\$1799 (10.5% compared to 8.2%)
- A larger percentage of \$1000-\$1199 (8.8% compared to 6.6%)

## Housing rental payments

Rental payments can be a better measure of the cost of housing in Toowoomba Regional Council area than mortgage repayments because they are not contingent on length of occupancy or equity in the dwelling.

High rental payments may indicate desirable areas with mobile populations who prefer to rent, or a housing shortage, or gentrification. Low rental payments may indicate public housing (check Tenure Type), or areas where low income households move by necessity for a lower cost of living.

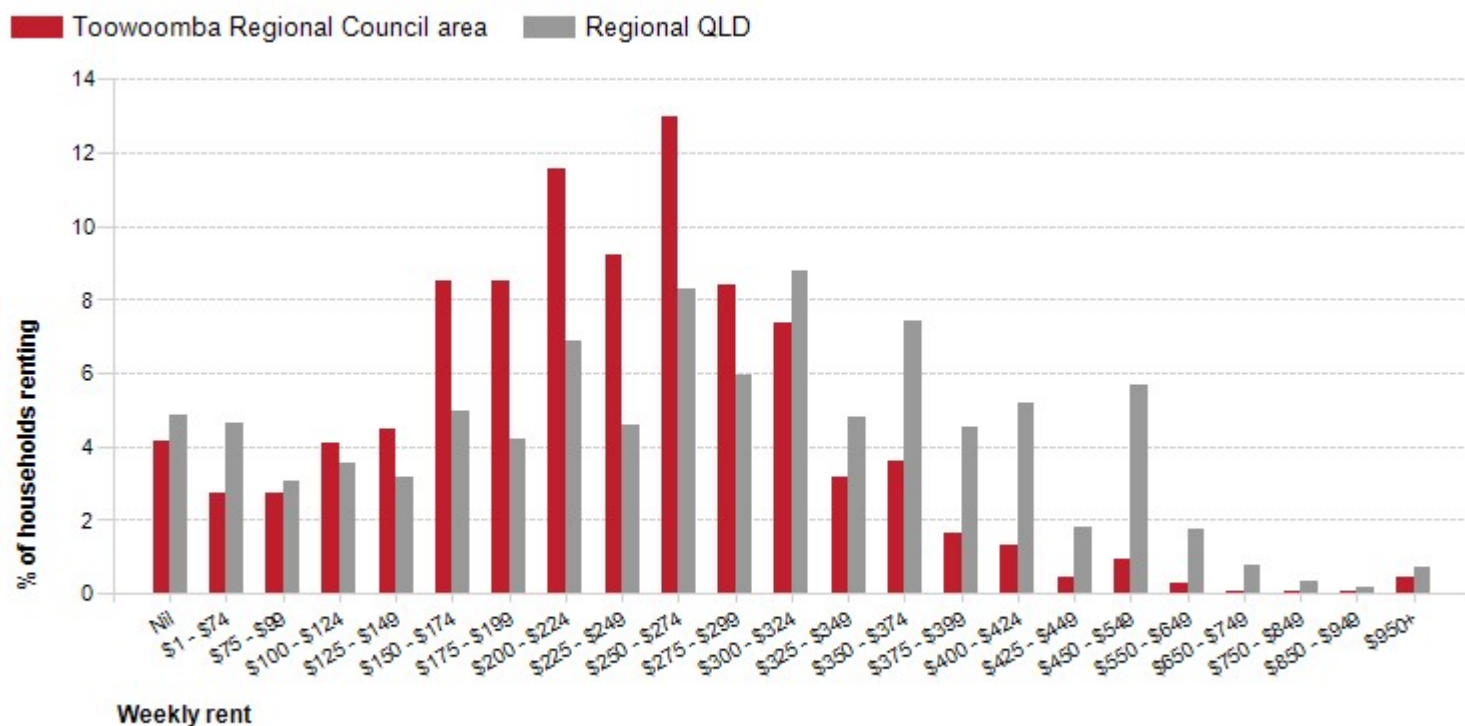
Rental payments are not directly comparable over time because of inflation. For comparison of rental payments over time, go to Housing Rental Quartiles.

### Weekly housing rental payments

Toowoomba Regional Council area	2011		
	Weekly rental amount	Number	%
Nil	708	4.1	4.9
\$1 - \$74	464	2.7	4.6
\$75 - \$99	461	2.7	3.1
\$100 - \$124	698	4.1	3.6
\$125 - \$149	762	4.5	3.2
\$150 - \$174	1,456	8.5	5.0
\$175 - \$199	1,452	8.5	4.2
\$200 - \$224	1,970	11.5	6.9
\$225 - \$249	1,572	9.2	4.6
\$250 - \$274	2,219	13.0	8.3
\$275 - \$299	1,438	8.4	5.9
\$300 - \$324	1,260	7.4	8.8
\$325 - \$349	542	3.2	4.8
\$350 - \$374	619	3.6	7.4
\$375 - \$399	275	1.6	4.5
\$400 - \$424	222	1.3	5.2
\$425 - \$449	70	0.4	1.8
\$450 - \$549	158	0.9	5.7
\$550 - \$649	50	0.3	1.8
\$650 - \$749	13	0.1	0.8
\$750 - \$849	3	0.0	0.4
\$850 - \$949	3	0.0	0.2
\$950+	72	0.4	0.7
Rent Not stated	583	3.4	4.0
<b>Total households renting</b>	<b>17,070</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id, the population experts.

# Weekly housing rental payments, 2011



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the weekly housing rental payments of households in Toowoomba Regional Council area compared to Regional QLD shows that there was a smaller proportion of households paying high rental payments (\$400 per week or more), as well as a smaller proportion of households with low rental payments (less than \$150 per week).

Overall, 3.5% of households were paying high rental payments, and 18.1% were paying low payments, compared with 16.4% and 19.3% respectively in Regional QLD.

The major differences between the housing rental payments of Toowoomba Regional Council area and Regional QLD were:

- A larger percentage of \$250 - \$274 (13.0% compared to 8.3%)
- A larger percentage of \$200 - \$224 (11.5% compared to 6.9%)
- A larger percentage of \$225 - \$249 (9.2% compared to 4.6%)
- A larger percentage of \$175 - \$199 (8.5% compared to 4.2%)

# SEIFA - disadvantage

Toowoomba Regional Council area SEIFA Index of Disadvantage measures the relative level of socio-economic disadvantage based on a range of Census characteristics. It is a good place to start to get a general view of the relative level of disadvantage in one area compared to others and is used to advocate for an area based on its level of disadvantage.

The index is derived from attributes that reflect disadvantage such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations. When targeting services to disadvantaged communities, it is important to also look at these underlying characteristics as they can differ markedly between areas with similar SEIFA scores and shed light on the type of disadvantage being experienced.

A higher score on the index means a *lower* level of disadvantage. A lower score on the index means a *higher* level of disadvantage.

## SEIFA by Local Government Area

## SEIFA by small areas

Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage

### Local Government Areas in Queensland

Local Government Area	2011 index
Weipa (T)	1,064.5
Brisbane (C)	1,047.7
Isaac (R)	1,047.1
Central Highlands (R)	1,033.2
Redland (C)	1,029.4
McKinlay (S)	1,022.5
Mackay (R)	1,018.2
Gladstone (R)	1,015.5
Gold Coast (C)	1,014.2
Townsville (C)	1,010.6
Bulloo (S)	1,008.3
Sunshine Coast (R)	1,007.3
Moreton Bay (R)	1,004.1
Maranoa (R)	1,001.5
Longreach (R)	998.4
Banana (S)	996.6
Mount Isa (C)	994.9
Toowoomba Regional Council	992.9
Barcaldine (R)	991.7
Scenic Rim (R)	989.2
Richmond (S)	983.0
Whitsunday (R)	982.1
Cairns (R)	981.0
Rockhampton (R)	979.2
Western Downs (R)	978.3
Goondiwindi (R)	978.0
Logan (C)	970.9
Hinchinbrook (S)	970.0
Burdekin (S)	968.7
Ipswich (C)	966.3

## Local Government Areas in Queensland

Local Government Area	2011 index
Etheridge (S)	962.8
Murweh (S)	961.4
Blackall Tambo (R)	960.6
Balonne (S)	958.7
Flinders (S)	955.1
Barcoo (S)	952.9
Quilpie (S)	949.4
Lockyer Valley (R)	947.9
Charters Towers (R)	947.6
Croydon (S)	946.5
Tablelands (R)	944.6
Winton (S)	944.4
Southern Downs (R)	944.4
Cassowary Coast (R)	944.2
Cloncurry (S)	943.3
Somerset (R)	941.9
Burke (S)	932.0
Diamantina (S)	930.7
Bundaberg (R)	930.0
Gympie (R)	928.7
North Burnett (R)	927.8
South Burnett (R)	923.9
Fraser Coast (R)	916.8
Paroo (S)	904.7
Cook (S)	901.9
Torres (S)	899.1
Boulia (S)	889.9
Carpentaria (S)	869.4
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	704.9
Mapoon (S)	699.3
Torres Strait Island (R)	662.5
Lockhart River (S)	658.4
Wujal Wujal (S)	655.4
Hope Vale (S)	620.6
Pormpuraaw (S)	618.9
Mornington (S)	603.9
Palm Island (S)	592.7
Kowanyama (S)	584.8
Doomadgee (S)	549.6
Napranum (S)	535.2
Woorabinda (S)	509.9
Aurukun (S)	483.5
Cherbourg (S)	451.5
Yarrabah (S)	440.7



Local Government Areas in Queensland

Local Government Area

2011 index

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## About the community profile

Demographic change across Australia is recorded by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Census collections every five years. Population experts, .id, analyse and convert these raw figures into stories of place to inform council staff, community groups, investors, business, students and the general public.

Toowoomba Regional Council area Community Profile provides demographic analysis for the City and its suburbs based on results from the 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996 and 1991 Censuses of Population and Housing. The profile is updated with population estimates when the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases new figures such as the annual Estimated Resident Population (ERP).

Suburb boundaries and Census questions change over time, but .id manages the data to ensure that there is an accurate time series provided for the current geographic boundaries. You can read more about this in the [Geography Notes](#) section.

Results for Toowoomba Regional Council area include population, age structure, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, income, qualifications, occupations, employment, unemployment, disability, disadvantage, volunteering, childcare, family structure, household structure, housing tenure, mortgage and rental payments, and the size and type of the dwellings people live in.

The Community Profile presents this information in clear maps, tables and charts with concise factual commentary to answer three important questions:

1. What are the characteristics of the people who live here?
2. How are they changing?
3. How do they compare to other areas?

This provides the basis for making evidence-based decisions about how to provide services for the community as it changes.

You can be confident about the quality of the information as it is derived from Australian Bureau of Statistics data, analysed and presented by population experts and funded by Toowoomba Regional Council area.