

# Population and housing fact sheet

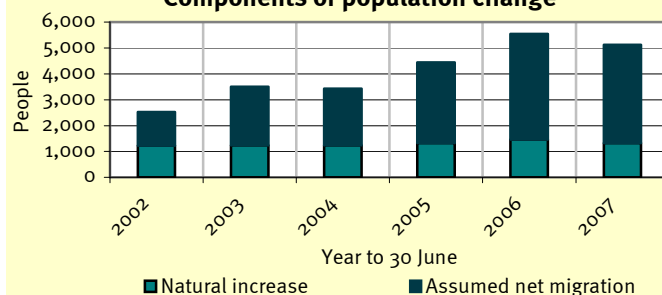
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## Cairns Regional Council

- The preliminary estimated resident population of Cairns Regional Council at 30 June 2008 was 158,653 people, an increase of 5,985 people or 3.9 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 5,130 people or 3.5 per cent in the year to June 2007.
- In the year to June 2007 natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 1,325 people while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 3,805 people.
- Projections prepared by the department indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Cairns Regional Council will be between 176,280 and 192,410 people. By 2031 this is expected to change to between 206,090 and 248,770 people (low and high series).
- The median age of Cairns Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 5 years from a median age of 35 years in 2006 up to a median age of 40 years in 2031.
- Dwelling activity decreased in Cairns Regional Council in the year ending December 2008 with 1,403 approvals, 71.6 per cent of them for separate houses. Compared to 2,507 approvals in the previous year, these figures represent a decrease of 44.0 per cent in dwelling activity.



Components of population change



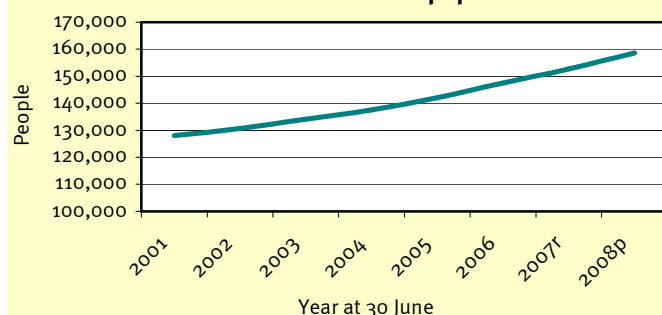
## Population trends

Annual population change

Year at 30-Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30-Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Annual change	
					Total	Per cent
2001	128,095	2002	1,229	1,298	2,527	2.0%
2002	130,622	2003	1,240	2,260	3,500	2.7%
2003	134,122	2004	1,241	2,186	3,427	2.6%
2004	137,549	2005	1,331	3,113	4,444	3.2%
2005	141,993	2006	1,465	4,080	5,545	3.9%
2006	147,538	2007	1,325	3,805	5,130	3.5%
2007r	152,668	2008	n.a.	n.a.	5,985	3.9%
2008p	158,653					

p = preliminary r = revised

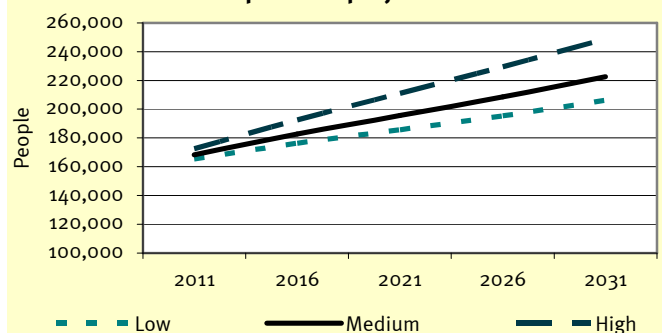
Estimated resident population



## Population projections

	Projected population			Five years to 30-Jun	Average annual change (medium series)
	Low	Medium	High		
2011	165,410	168,297	172,392	2011	2.7%
2016	176,284	182,684	192,406	2016	1.7%
2021	185,623	195,540	210,909	2021	1.4%
2026	195,410	208,532	229,431	2026	1.3%
2031	206,099	222,640	248,766	2031	1.3%

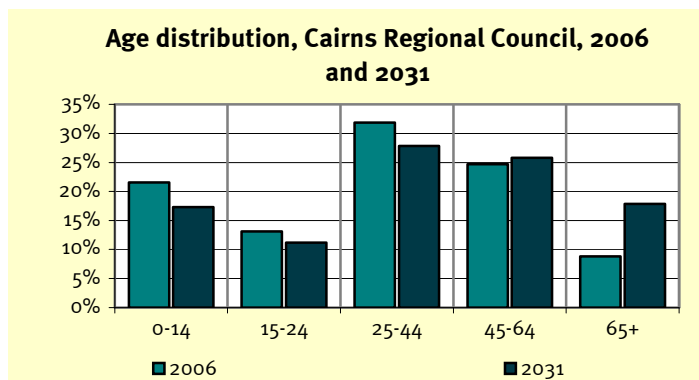
Population projections



## Population by age group, Cairns Regional Council

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
<b>2006</b>	31,757 21.5%	19,317 13.1%	47,010 31.9%	36,458 24.7%	12,963 8.8%	35
<b>2031</b> *	38,593 17.3%	24,938 11.2%	61,931 27.8%	57,400 25.8%	39,783 17.9%	41

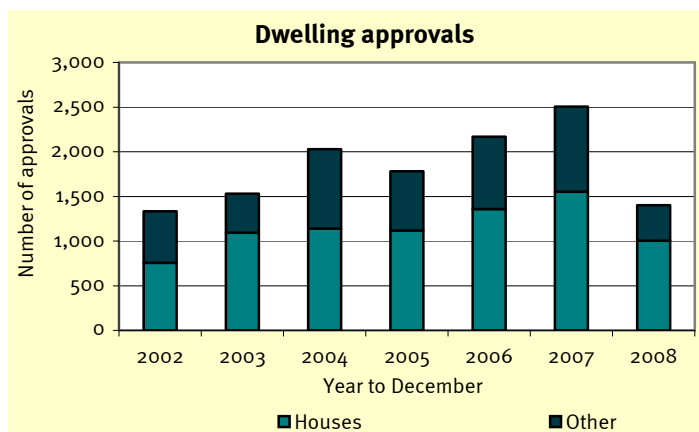
\* Medium series



## New dwelling activity

(includes ABS revisions from 2000-01)

Year to December	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
<b>2002</b>	758	578	1,336
<b>2003</b>	1,094	439	1,533
<b>2004</b>	1,143	887	2,030
<b>2005</b>	1,121	663	1,784
<b>2006</b>	1,360	809	2,169
<b>2007</b>	1,554	953	2,507
<b>2008</b>	1,004	399	1,403
<b>Mar Qtr 2008</b>	331	70	401
<b>Jun Qtr 2008</b>	289	236	525
<b>Sep Qtr 2008</b>	187	64	251
<b>Dec Qtr 2008</b>	197	29	226



## Population by age group, Queensland

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
<b>2006</b>	834,591 20.4%	578,170 14.1%	1,171,154 28.6%	1,014,106 24.8%	493,525 12.1%	36
<b>2031</b> ^	1,109,855 17.7%	756,601 12.1%	1,599,186 25.5%	1,533,624 24.4%	1,274,599 20.3%	41

^ Medium series

## Average household size

	Average household size			
	Cairns			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
<b>Separate house</b>	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8
<b>Semi-detached, flats, etc</b>	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.8
<b>Other dwellings inc caravans</b>	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.8
<b>All occupied private dwellings</b>	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6

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