

economy

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)

	2005-06	2006-07
Food	163.5	174.4
Alcohol and tobacco	228.6	235.3
Clothing and footwear	102.4	103.1
Housing	140.2	146.4
Household contents and services	124.7	128.0
Health	216.1	227.5
Transportation	153.8	157.0
Communication	112.9	114.4
Recreation	127.9	129.3
Education	273.2	279.9
Financial and insurance services(b)	100.5	102.1
All groups	153.2	158.3

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index is 1989-90 = 100.

(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.

EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

	2005-06	2006-07
	\$m	\$m
Exports		
Foreign	35 381	35 437
Interstate	9 382	9 792
Imports		
Foreign	24 872	27 206
Interstate	21 999	23 206

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2004-05	2005-06
	\$m	\$m
Total GFS revenue	35 065	38 328
Total GFS expenses	30 786	34 191

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CLIMATIC DATA, BRISBANE

Month	Unit	2006				2007
		Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	
Mean daily maximum	°C	26.6	29.1	20.1	24.1	
Mean daily minimum	°C	18.4	20.3	10.8	12.8	
Rainfall, total	mm	75.2	26.6	110.8	38.8	
Rain days	no.	10	10	10	9	
Mean daily sunshine	hours	8.9	9.1	6.3	8.5	
Windy days, over 63 km/h	no.	0	0	2	1	

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

Data in this publication are subject to revision.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degrees Celsius
\$	dollars
GFS	government finance statistics
ha	hectare
mm	millimetres
\$m	million dollars
no.	number
na	not available
%	per cent
\$'000	thousand dollars
'000	thousand
^	estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to 25% and should be used with caution.

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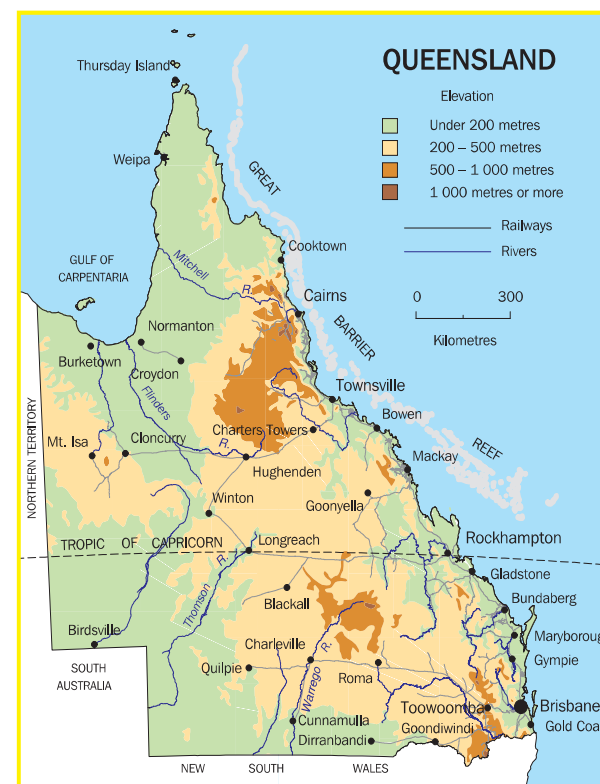
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Situated generally between 10° and 29° south latitude and between 138° and 154° east longitude, Queensland occupies the north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. Of the total area of approximately 1.73 million square kilometres, just over half is north of the Tropic of Capricorn. Of the six states of Australia, Queensland ranks second in area and third in population.

GOVERNMENT

Queensland is a constituent state of the Commonwealth of Australia, and observes the Australian Constitution. While returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal Parliament, Queensland is unique in that its own State Parliament has only one house — the Legislative Assembly. Local government derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament. The capital city is Brisbane.



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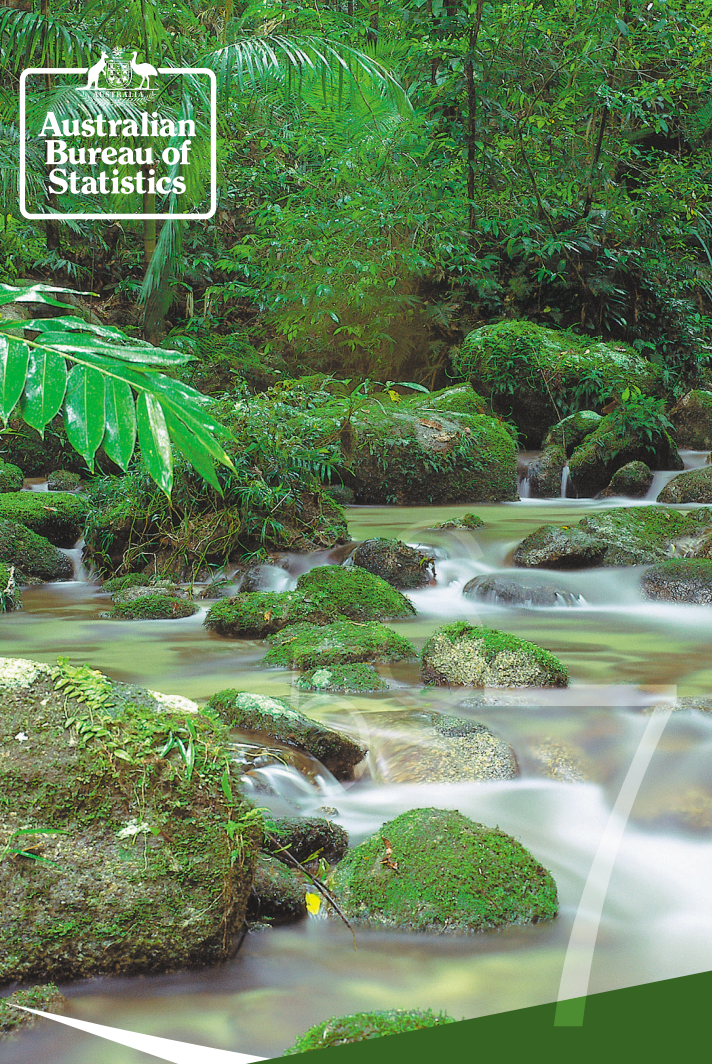


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at a glance



people

DEMOGRAPHY

	1996	2001	2006
Estimated resident population(a)	'000	'000	'000
Queensland	3 338.7	3 628.9	4 091.5

(a) At 30 June.

Components of population change(a)	no.	no.	no.
Natural increase(b)	24 685	25 117	28 126
Net overseas migration	12 710	27 523	30 033
Net interstate migration	26 803	22 853	25 242

(a) Twelve months ended 30 June.

(b) Excess of births over deaths.

Vital statistics(a)	no.	no.	no.
Births	47 769	47 678	52 665
Deaths	22 281	22 856	24 473
Marriages	20 913	20 314	25 043
Divorces	10 996	12 085	12 175

(a) Twelve months ended 31 December.

Age groups(a)	%	%	%
0-14 years	22	21	20
15-24 years	15	14	14
25-44 years	31	30	29
45-64 years	21	23	25
65 years & over	11	12	12

(a) As proportion of Queensland estimated resident population.

LABOUR MARKET

	2005–06	2006–07
Annual averages	'000	'000
Labour force	2 108.0	2 186.6
Employed persons	2 006.9	2 099.3
Unemployed persons	101.0	87.3

	%	%
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.0
Participation rate	66.3	67.1

	2006	2007
	'000	'000
Job vacancies, May	36.8	35.6

	\$	\$
Average weekly earnings, May	806.00	815.30

REGIONAL POPULATION

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	1996	2001	2006
Selected Local Government Areas(a)	'000	'000	'000
Brisbane (City)	824.5	896.6	992.2
Bundaberg (City)	43.6	44.6	48.5
Cairns (City)	111.5	117.6	136.6
Caloundra (City)	66.0	76.2	93.2
Charters Towers (City)	9.0	8.8	8.5
Gladstone (City)	26.6	26.8	31.0
Gold Coast (City)	356.4	423.7	507.4
Hervey Bay (City)	38.8	43.3	55.1
Ipswich (City)	123.9	126.7	143.6
Mackay (City)	71.4	76.0	90.3
Maryborough (City)	24.8	25.1	27.2
Mount Isa (City)	22.4	21.1	21.1
Redcliffe (City)	49.6	49.9	52.5
Rockhampton (City)	59.9	58.9	62.6
Roma (Town)	6.6	6.7	7.0
Thuringowa (City)	45.4	52.7	62.9
Toowoomba (City)	86.6	90.0	96.2
Townsville (City)	86.7	92.1	102.0

(a) Estimated resident population at 30 June.

EDUCATION

	1996	2001	2006
	no.	no.	no.
Schools, August	1 724	1 721	1 739
Government	1 314	1 293	1 278
Non-government	410	428	461
Students, August(a)	na	615 500	661 900
Government	411 700	435 100	455 100
Non-government	155 400	175 700	202 000

na not available

(a) Including full-time and part-time primary and secondary students.

CRIME AND JUSTICE

	2004–05	2005–06
	no.	no.
Total police strength at 30 June(a)	9 310	9 631
Summary convictions in Magistrates Courts	119 579	128 299
Convictions in higher courts	5 091	4 778

(a) Including recruits in training.

Source: Queensland Police Service.

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AGRICULTURE(a)

		2003–04	2004–05
Agricultural establishments(b)	no.	26 627	26 955
Area of farms	'000 ha	144 288	143 797
Total area of crops(c)	'000 ha	2 745	2 694

Agricultural Production	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
Sugar cane cut for crushing	33 553	35 290
Wheat	1 110	1 170
Barley	263	178
Grain sorghum	1 296	1 164
Cotton lint	145	[^] 249
Peanuts (in shell)	[^] 42	[^] 31
Pineapples	110	104
Bananas	226	238
Citrus fruit	102	85
Avocados	[^] 20	20
Mangoes	29	34
Lettuce	50	57
Potatoes	[^] 119	[^] 120
Tomatoes	[^] 125	[^] 86

Livestock	'000	'000
Meat cattle	11 245	11 380
Milk cattle	255	221
Sheep and lambs	4 824	4 949
Pigs	691	666

Brokers and dealers receivals of taxable wool	tonnes	17 128	20 217
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Value of agricultural production(c)	\$m	\$m
Crops(c)	3 582	3 608
Livestock disposals	3 553	4 152
Livestock products	399	411
Total	7 534	8 171

[^] estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to 25% and should be used with caution.

(a) Establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations of \$5,000 or more.

(b) At 30 June.

(c) Excluding hay and seed, pastures and grasses.

RETAIL TURNOVER

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	2005–06	2006–07
	\$m	\$m
Food retailing	16 359	18 029
Department stores	3 073	3 277
Clothing and soft goods retailing	3 056	2 953
Household goods retailing	6 385	7 297
Recreational goods retailing	1 504	1 619
Other retailing	4 119	4 159
Hospitality and service industries	8 384	8 459
Total	42 880	45 793

MINING

	2004–05	2005–06
Mineral commodities produced	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
Black coal (saleable)	172 666	174 766
Bauxite	13 798	16 013
Copper (metal content)	401	403
Lead (metal content)	505	507
Zinc	839	837

Value of mineral commodities produced	\$m	\$m
	16 962	26 678

MANUFACTURING

	2003–04	2004–05
Sales and service income	\$m	\$m
Food, beverage and tobacco mfg	13 421	14 995
Textile, clothing, footwear and leather mfg	1 069	1 020
Wood and paper product mfg	2 860	2 990
Printing, publishing and recorded media	2 284	2 728
Petroleum, coal, chemical & associated product mfg	8 040	9 903
Non-metalic mineral product mfg	2 517	2 838
Metal product mfg	11 755	13 050
Machinery and equipment mfg	7 454	9 037
Other manufacturing	2 515	2 678
Total manufacturing	51 914	59 239

BUILDING

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	2005–06	2006–07
	no.	no.
Number of dwelling unit completions		
New houses	24 119	25 445
New other residential building	14 489	12 919
Conversions	103	93
Total	38 710	38 458

Value of building work completed	\$m	\$m
New houses	5 270	5 738
New other residential building	3 498	3 435
Alterations and additions	1 100	1 205
Non-residential building	4 326	6 091
Total	14 194	16 469

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

		2005–06	2006–07
Number of establishments(b)	no.	1 070	1 093
Number of rooms(b)	no.	56 682	58 666
Room occupancy rate	%	66.8	67.7
Guest nights occupied	'000	27 281.6	27 726.9
Guest arrivals	'000	10 061.6	10 477.3
Takings from accommodation	\$m	1 766	1 925

(a) Hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms.

(b) At 30 June.

REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

	2005	2006
	'000	'000
Passenger vehicles	2 058.1	2 138.4
Light commercial vehicles	490.0	520.1
Trucks (including non-freight carrying trucks)	98.2	104.0
Motor cycles	97.4	110.5
Total(a)	2 767.3	2 897.9

(a) Including campervans and buses.