

# Population and housing profile

## Cairns Regional Council

April 2010

### Estimated resident population

The preliminary estimated resident population of Cairns Regional Council at 30 June 2009 was 164,356 people, an increase of 5,172 people or 3.2 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 6,516 people or 4.3 per cent in the year to June 2008 (Table 1 and Figure 1).



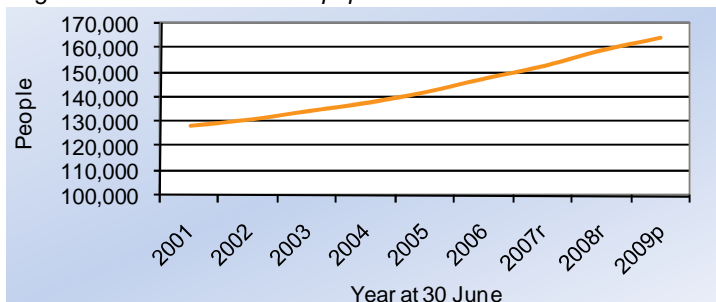
### Components of population change

In the year to June 2008 natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 1,767 people while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 4,749 people (Table 1 and Figure 2).

### Population projections

Projections released in 2008 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Cairns Regional Council will be between 176,280 and 192,410 people (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 206,090 and 248,770 people (low and high series).

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



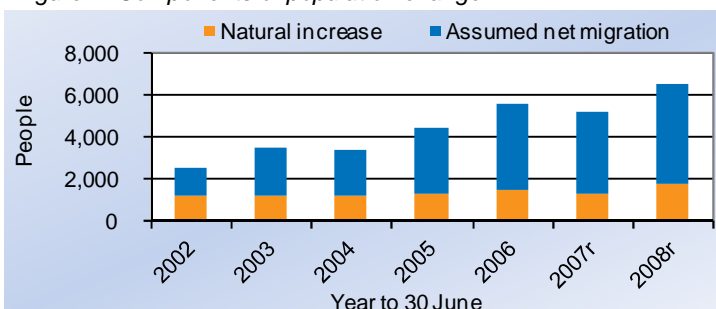
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Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

Population trends		Annual population change				
Year at 30 Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30 Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Total	Per cent
2001	128,095					
2002	130,622	2002	1,193	1,334	2,527	2.0%
2003	134,122	2003	1,232	2,268	3,500	2.7%
2004	137,549	2004	1,247	2,180	3,427	2.6%
2005	141,993	2005	1,334	3,110	4,444	3.2%
2006	147,538	2006	1,459	4,086	5,545	3.9%
2007r	152,668	2007	1,329	3,801	5,130	3.5%
2008r	159,184	2008	1,767	4,749	6,516	4.3%
2009p	164,356	2009	n.a.	n.a.	5,172	3.2%

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Figure 2: Components of population change



r = revised

Table 2: Population projections

Year	Projected population			Average annual change (medium series)	
	Low series	Medium series	High series	Number	Per cent
	2011	165,410	168,297	172,392	4,152
2016	176,284	182,684	192,406	2,877	1.7%
2021	185,623	195,540	210,909	2,571	1.4%
2026	195,410	208,532	229,431	2,598	1.3%
2031	206,099	222,640	248,766	2,822	1.3%

Figure 3: Population projections

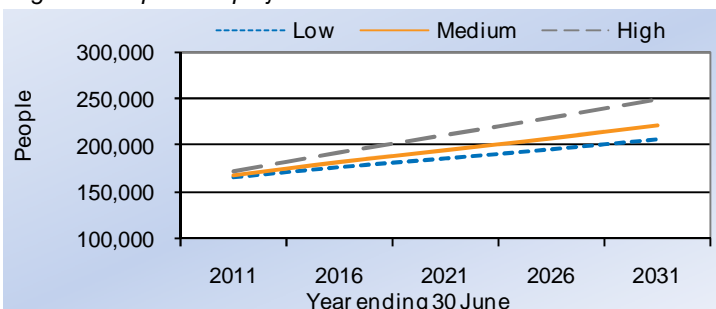




Table 3: Population by age group, Cairns (RC)

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

\* Medium series

### Age structure

The median age of Cairns Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 6 years from a median age of 35 years in 2006 to a median age of 41 years in 2031 (Table 3 and Figure 4). The median age for Queensland in 2031 is projected to be 41 years, under the medium series (Table 4).

### Dwelling activity

Dwelling activity decreased in Cairns Regional Council in the year ending December 2009 with 900 approvals, 82.6 per cent of them for separate houses (Table 5). Compared with 1,430 approvals in the previous year, these figures show a decrease of 37.1 per cent in dwelling activity (Figure 5).

Table 5: New dwelling activity

Year to	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
December 2003	1,094	439	1,533
2004	1,143	887	2,030
2005	1,121	663	1,784
2006	1,360	809	2,169
2007	1,604	1,003	2,607
2008	1,023	407	1,430
2009	743	157	900
Mar Qtr 2009	96	20	116
Jun Qtr 2009	203	69	272
Sep Qtr 2009	214	6	220
Dec Qtr 2009	230	62	292

Includes ABS revisions from 2000-01

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

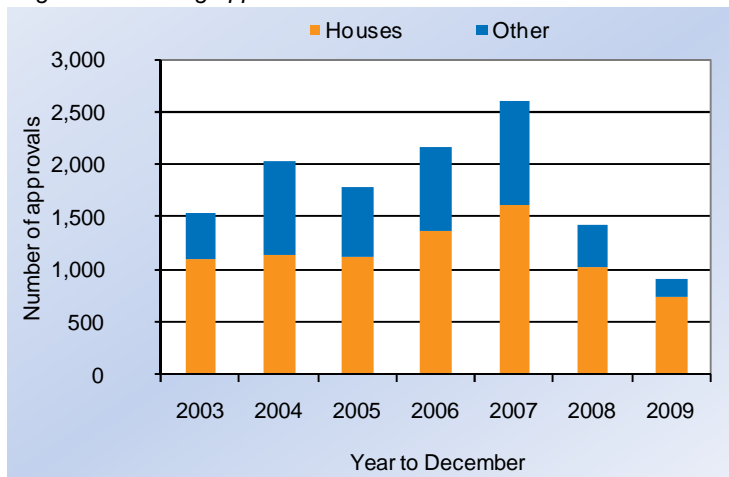
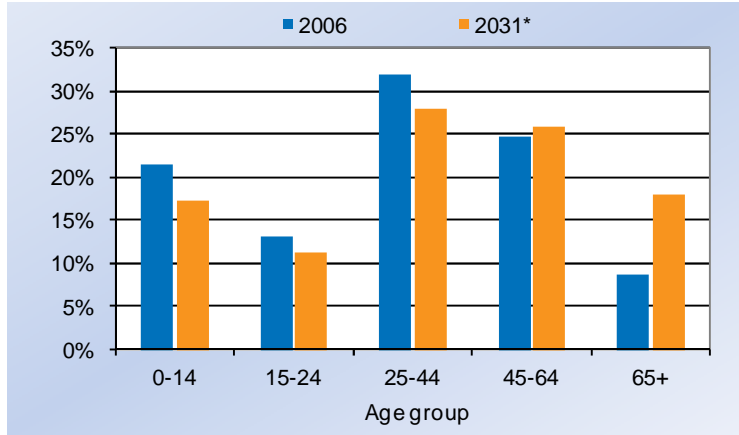


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	834,591 20.4%	578,170 14.1%	1,171,154 28.6%	1,014,106 24.8%	493,525 12.1%	36
2031^	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

Figure 4: Age distribution, Cairns (RC), 2006 and 2031\*



### Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Cairns Regional Council was 2.5 people. This compares with an average household size of 2.6 for all of Queensland in the same year (Table 6).

Table 6: Average household size by dwelling type

Dwelling type	Average household size			
	Cairns (RC)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6

Sources for the population and housing profile: ABS cat nos 3201.3, 3218.0, 3235.3; ABS unpublished births and deaths data; ABS unpublished dwelling approvals data; ABS Census of Population and Housing 1996, 2001 and 2006; QDIP *Queensland's future population 2008 edition*; *Queensland government population projections 2008*. Copyright 2010 OESR; Australian Bureau of Statistics

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