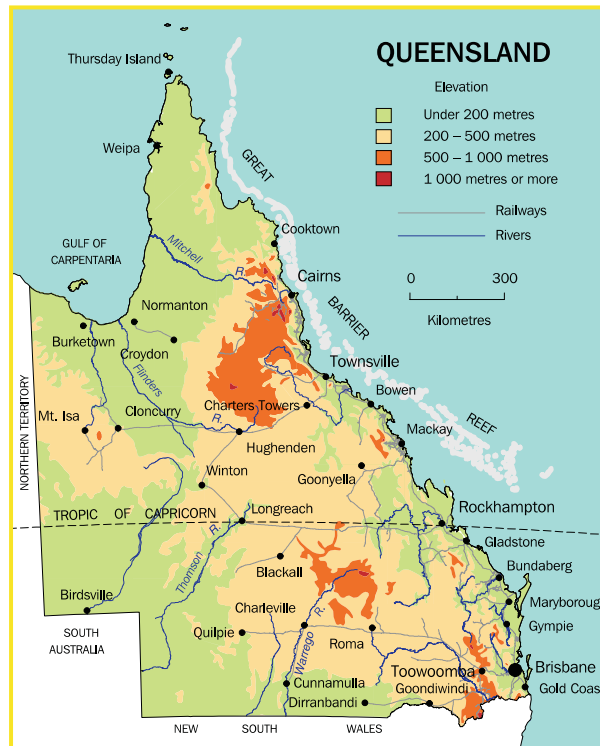


Situated generally between 10° and 29° south latitude and between 138° and 154° east longitude, Queensland occupies the north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. The coastline extends for 9,800 kilometres, including islands (7,400 kilometres on the mainland). Of the total area—1,727,200 square kilometres—just over half is north of the Tropic of Capricorn. Of the six States of the Commonwealth, Queensland ranks second in area and third in population.

Queensland is a constituent State of the Commonwealth of Australia, observing the Federal Constitution, and, while returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal Parliament, is governed by its own State Parliament. Local government derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament. The capital city is Brisbane.



Source: AUSLIG 1996.

## QUEENSLAND COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area		Date or period	Queensland	%
Area	sq km	. .	1 727 200	22.5
Population	'000	30 June 1999	3 512.4	18.5
Births	'000	1998–99	47.0	19.0
Natural increase	'000	1998–99	24.5	20.6
Higher education(a)	no.	31 March 1998	120 632	18.0
Cause of death— melanoma of skin	no.	1998	222	22.7
Agricultural production				
Beef and veal	tonnes	1998–99	910 432	45.3
Mutton and lamb	tonnes	1998–99	40 178	6.6
Sugar cane(b)	'000 tonnes	(c)1998	36 790	93.1
Tobacco	tonnes	(c)1998	4 360	55.4
Mining, value added	\$m	1997–98	4 993.3	21.0
Manufacturing turnover	\$m	1997–98	31 433.2	14.8
Houses completed	no.	1998–99	20 565	20.9
Foreign merchandise imports	\$m	1998–99	10 802.3	11.1
Foreign merchandise exports	\$m	1998–99	15 907.5	18.5
New motor vehicle registrations(d)	'000	1999	133.5	17.4
Retail trade, turnover(e)	\$m	1998–99	25 509.3	18.7
Takings from accommodation(f)	\$m	1999	1 059.8	26.0
Gambling takings and commissions	\$m	1997–98	1 635.5	13.9
Adults accessing a computer	'000	1998	1 481	18.3
Adults accessing the Internet	'000	1998	771	18.2
Adults using electronic commerce	'000	1998	1 974	19.2
Industrial disputes(g)	no.	1999	93	13.0
Working days lost(g)	'000	1999	58.9	13.0
<b>Average earnings(h)</b>			<b>1996</b>	<b>1999</b>
Average weekly earnings of employees:		Males	\$617.50	\$693.90
		Females	\$415.00	\$468.00

(a) Excluding Bond University. (b) Cut for crushing. (c) Twelve months ending 31 March 1998. (d) Twelve months ending November 1999. Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers. (e) Excluding motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (f) Hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and serviced apartments. Twelve months ending September 1999. (g) Twelve months ending November 1999. (h) August quarter.

## CLIMATIC DATA, BRISBANE

		1998		1999	
		Sep.	Dec.	Mar	Jun
Mean daily maximum	°C	23.5	28.5	27.8	20.3
Mean daily minimum	°C	14.5	19.5	10.1	10.7
Rainfall, total	mm	104.0	88.2	158.8	198.2
Rain days	no.	12	12	14	11
Mean daily sunshine	hours	7.0	8.6	7.2	6.4
Windy days, over 63 km/h	days	1	—	1	—

**AGRICULTURE(a)**

		1994-95	1997-98
Agricultural establishments at 31 March	no.	32 849	30 951
Area	'000 ha	149 688	148 186
Total area of crops	'000 ha	2 055	2 684
Agricultural production year ended 31 March			
Sugar cane cut for crushing	'000 tonnes	31 146	36 790
Wheat	'000 tonnes	225	1 392
Barley	'000 tonnes	73	204
Grain sorghum	'000 tonnes	916	690
Sunflower seed	'000 tonnes	56	66
Tobacco	'000 kg	3 787	4 360
Peanuts	'000 tonnes	23	30
Pineapples	'000 tonnes	138	123
Bananas	'000 tonnes	150	166
Citrus fruit	'000 tonnes	63	61
Livestock at 31 March			
Meat cattle	'000	9 689	10 562
Milk cattle	'000	285	305
Sheep and lambs	'000	11 577	10 992
Pigs	'000	644	648
Wool production, year ended 31 March	'000 kg	57 494	46 953
Value of agricultural production	\$m	5 471	5 787
Crops	\$m	2 970	3 309
Livestock disposals	\$m	1 919	1 872
Livestock products	\$m	582	606

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

**BUILDING**

		1995-96	1998-99
Dwelling units completed(a)	no.	35 337	32 246
New houses	no.	23 852	20 565
New other residential buildings	no.	11 251	11 098
Value of building work completed	\$m	6 291	6 137
New houses	\$m	2 372	2 396
New other residential buildings	\$m	995	1 053
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	\$m	267	310
Non-residential building	\$m	2 657	2 378
Value of work done during year	\$m	5 776	6 088

(a) Including conversions.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)**

		1995-96	1998-99
Food	no.	116.5	125.4
Clothing	no.	105.3	105.2
Housing	no.	112.0	101.5
Household equipment and operation	no.	112.6	116.1
Transportation	no.	120.7	121.1
Tobacco and alcohol	no.	150.9	168.9
Health and personal care	no.	135.9	150.0
Recreation and education	no.	118.1	127.8
All groups	no.	119.1	122.9

(a) Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0.

## CRIME AND JUSTICE

		1994-95	1997-98
Total police strength at 30 June(a)	no.	6 486	7 178
Proven offences in Children's Courts	no.	14 819	20 865
Summary convictions in Magistrates Courts	no.	140 761	208 192
Convictions in higher courts	no.	(b)5 075	5 160

(a) Including recruits in training. (b) Calendar year 1995.

## DEMOGRAPHY

		1996	1999
Estimated resident population 30 June			
Queensland	'000	3 339	3 512
Brisbane Statistical Division	'000	1 520	1 601
Bundaberg Statistical District	'000	54	56
Gladstone Statistical District	'000	37	39
Rockhampton Statistical District	'000	65	64
Sunshine Coast Statistical District	'000	156	173
Townsville Statistical District	'000	122	127
Major centres—ERP(a)			
Brisbane City (State Capital)	'000	820	864
Cairns City	'000	114	121
Gold Coast City	'000	356	393
Hervey Bay City	'000	39	42
Ipswich City	'000	130	133
Logan City	'000	163	167
Mackay City	'000	71	74
Redcliffe City	'000	50	50
Toowoomba City	'000	87	87
Age groups (proportion of population)—ERP			
0-14 years	%	22.0	21.3
15-19 years	%	7.3	7.4
20-64 years	%	59.5	59.9
65 years or more	%	11.2	11.4

### Vital statistics

		1995-96	1998-99
Births	no.	46 555	46 953
Rate per 1,000 mean population		13.9	13.4
Deaths	no.	21 265	22 409
Rate per 1,000 mean population		6.4	6.4
Marriages	no.	20 876	21 535
Rate per 1,000 mean population		6.3	6.1

(a) Local Government Areas.

## EDUCATION

		1995	1998
Schools, July	no.	1 725	1 726
Government	no.	1 317	1 307
Non-government	no.	408	419
Teachers(a)	'000	35.2	37.6
Students	'000	556.1	584.6
Technical and further education students(b)	'000	194.5	260.0
Higher education students	'000	103.5	122.1

(a) Including full-time equivalent of part-time. (b) Excluding students in the recreation and leisure stream.

**EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE**

		1995-96	1998-99
Exports			
Foreign, total	\$m	13 625	15 907
Interstate, total	\$m	6 220	5 841
Imports			
Foreign, total	\$m	8 051	10 802
Interstate, total	\$m	13 381	14 204

**GAMBLING**

		1994-95	1997-98
Businesses with gambling activity at 30 June	no.	1 231	1 250
Gambling takings and commissions	\$m	1 104.7	1 635.5

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

		1996	1998
Persons willing to access service			
Gambling on-line from home	'000	114	144
Banking on-line from home	'000	675	1 019
Shopping on-line from home	'000	462	732
Households with Internet access	'000	44	193
<b>Mobile phone usage</b>		<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>
Households with mobile phones	'000	403	585
Proportion of Queensland households	%	33.0	45.9

**LABOUR FORCE**

		1996	1999
Civilian labour force, December	'000	1 713.2	1 829.1
Employed	'000	1 553.8	1 679.7
Males	'000	884.9	939.1
Females	'000	669.0	740.6
Unemployed	'000	159.3	149.4
Unemployment rate	%	9.3	8.1
Participation rate	%	75.1	74.3

**MANUFACTURING**

		1994-95	1997-98
Employment at 30 June(a)	no.	131 513	144 266
Turnover	\$m	28 325	(b)31 433

(a) Including working proprietors. (b) Including income from intellectual property rights.

**MINING**

		1994-95	1997-98
Establishments at 30 June(a)	no.	124	141
Employment at 30 June	no.	17 618	21 039
Value at mine	\$m	5 430	7 058
Black coal (saleable)	'000 tonnes	94 496	105 752
Bauxite(b)	'000 tonnes	9 335	9 247
Copper (content)	'000 tonnes	190	271
Gold (content)	kg	27 888	28 302

(a) Metal ore, coal and oil and gas extraction. (b) Including beneficiated and calcined bauxite.

Source: Department of Mines and Energy.

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## RETAIL TRADE

		1995-96	1998-99
Turnover, total(a)	\$m	22 044	25 509
(a) Excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.			

## STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE

		1994-95	1997-98
Current and capital outlays	\$m	10 492	12 735
Revenue and grants received	\$m	12 164	13 827

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

		1998	1999
Licensed hotels with facilities			
Establishments at 30 September	no.	174	170
Takings from accommodation(a)	\$m	546.9	557.0
Number of guest rooms at 30 September	'000	20.7	20.6
Room nights occupied	'000	4 391.6	4 643.2
Room occupancy rate(a)	%	59.2	61.6
Motels and guest houses with facilities			
Establishments at 30 September	no.	514	510
Takings from accommodation(a)	\$m	275.6	279.7
Number of guest rooms at 30 September	'000	18.4	18.4
Room nights occupied	'000	3 843.7	3 925.6
Room occupancy rate(a)	%	57.3	58.7
Serviced apartments			
Establishments at 30 September	no.	215	242
Takings from accommodation(a)	\$m	180.9	223.1
Number of guest rooms at 30 September	'000	9.9	12.2
Room nights occupied	'000	1 917.6	2 355.8
Room occupancy rate(a)	%	58.2	55.9
(a) Twelve months ended 30 September.			

## TRANSPORT

		1995-96	1998-99
New motor vehicles registered(a)	'000	123.8	147.9
State railways			
Passenger journeys	'000	40 068	42 000
Freight carried	'000 tonnes	96 120	120 487
Total earnings	\$m	1 810.5	1 902.0

(a) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers.

## SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	. .	— not applicable
\$m	— dollar millions	no.	— number
ERP	— Estimated resident population	%	— per cent
kg	— kilograms	sq km	— square kilometres
mm	— millimetres	'000	— thousand
—	— nil or rounded to zero		

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