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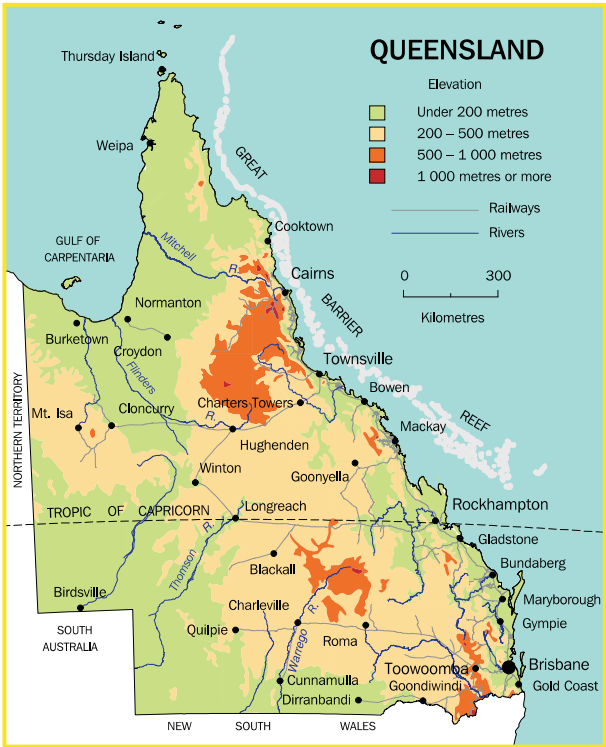
# 2002 QUEENSLAND AT A GLANCE



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 13,350 kilometres, including islands (6,970 kilometres on the mainland). Of the total area — 1,730,650 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, and observes the Federal Constitution. While returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal Parliament, Queensland is governed by its own State Parliament. Local government derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament. The capital city is Brisbane.

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Source: AUSLIG 1996.

QUEENSLAND COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

		Date or period	Queensland	%
Area	sq km	. .	1 730 650	22.5
Population	'000	31 Dec 2000	3 597.7	18.7
Births	'000	2000	47.3	19.0
Natural increase	'000	2000	24.5	20.4
Higher education(a)	no.	31 Mar 2000	125 185	18.0
Cause of death — melanoma of skin	no.	1999	227	22.9
Agricultural production				
Beef and veal	tonnes	2000–01	1 011 645	49.2
Mutton and lamb	tonnes	2000–01	47 991	6.6
Sugar cane(b)	'000 tonnes	2000	35 316	92.5
Tobacco	tonnes	1999–2000	3 592	46.3
Mining, value added	\$m	1999–2000	5 158.2	21.1
Manufacturing turnover	\$m	1998–99	32 244.9	14.6
Houses completed	no.	1999–2000	24 157	21.6
Foreign merchandise imports	\$m	2000–01	13 773.2	11.7
Foreign merchandise exports	\$m	2000–01	21 457.8	17.9
New motor vehicle registrations(c)	'000	2000–01	153.7	19.1
Retail trade, turnover(d)	\$m	2000–01	29 325.2	18.9
Takings from accommodation(e)	\$m	2000–01	1 209.0	24.5
Adults accessing a computer	'000	2000	1 632	17.9
Adults accessing the Internet	'000	2000	1 120	17.4
Adults using ATMs	'000	2000	1 933	18.9
Adults purchasing goods for private use by the Internet	'000	2000	160	16.5
Industrial disputes(f)	no.	2000–01	108	15.6
Working days lost(f)	'000	2000–01	60.0	17.2
Average earnings(g)			1998	2001
Average weekly earnings of employees				
Males			\$703.10	\$745.70
Females			\$458.50	\$511.40
(a) Excluding Bond University. (b) Cut for crushing. (c) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers. (d) Excluding motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (e) Hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and serviced apartments. Twelve months ending June 2001. (f) Twelve months ending June 2001. (g) May quarter.				

CLIMATIC DATA, BRISBANE

		2001		2001	
		Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep
Mean daily maximum	°C	28.4	29.0	22.5	24.2
Mean daily minimum	°C	19.9	20.4	10.8	11.7
Rainfall, total	mm	53.4	154.4	17.2	12.6
Rain days	no.	8	11	8	5
Mean daily sunshine	hours	8.5	7.5	7.2	9.0
Windy days, over 63 km/h	no.	—	—	—	—

<b>AGRICULTURE(a)</b>		<b>1998(b)</b>	<b>2000(c)</b>
Agricultural establishments	no.	(d)29 556	(e)30 367
Area	'000 ha	148 186	145 420
Total area of crops	'000 ha	2 684	3 130
Agricultural production			
Sugar cane cut for crushing	'000 tonnes	36 790	35 316
Wheat	'000 tonnes	1 389	1 904
Barley	'000 tonnes	205	254
Grain sorghum	'000 tonnes	691	1 308
Sunflower seed	'000 tonnes	66	108
Tobacco	'000 kg	4 360	3 592
Peanuts	'000 tonnes	30	39
Pineapples	'000 tonnes	123	139
Bananas	'000 tonnes	166	207
Citrus fruit	'000 tonnes	60	84
Avocados	tonnes	13 269	14 803
Mangoes	tonnes	31 282	30 770
Livestock			
Meat cattle	'000	10 537	11 503
Milk cattle	'000	305	305
Sheep and lambs	'000	10 995	9 195
Pigs	'000	648	544
Brokers and dealers receivals of taxable wool	'000 kg	45 905	45 660
Value of agricultural production	\$m	5 787	6 771
Crops	\$m	3 309	3 557
Livestock disposals	\$m	1 872	2 668
Livestock products	\$m	606	546
(a) Establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations of \$5,000 or more. (b) Year ended 31 March. (c) Year ended 30 June. (d) At 31 March 1998. (e) At 30 June 2000.			

<b>BUILDING</b>		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>2000-01</b>
Dwelling units completed(a)	no.	33 592	24 922
New houses	no.	23 248	16 230
New other residential buildings	no.	9 926	8 467
Value of building work completed	\$m	6 135	5 868
New houses	\$m	2 555	2 254
New other residential buildings	\$m	914	917
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	\$m	303	401
Non-residential building	\$m	2 363	2 295
Value of work done during year	\$m	6 540	5 966
(a) Including conversions.			

<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)</b>		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>2000-01</b>
Food	no.	121.5	134.7
Alcohol and tobacco	no.	165.5	194.3
Clothing	no.	105.3	107.5
Housing	no.	100.7	112.5
Household furnishings, supplies and services	no.	115.9	120.4
Health	no.	159.9	158.4
Transportation	no.	123.3	135.1
Communication	no.	107.4	107.8
Recreation	no.	118.1	124.7
Education	no.	182.2	209.5
Miscellaneous	no.	145.3	168.7
All groups	no.	121.6	132.4
(a) Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0.			

## CRIME AND JUSTICE

		1996–97	1999–2000
Total police strength at 30 June(a)	no.	6 836	7 700
Proven offences in Children's Courts	no.	17 621	20 429
Summary convictions in Magistrates Courts	no.	166 008	251 975
Convictions in higher courts	no.	5 172	5 740

(a) Including recruits in training.

## DEMOGRAPHY

		1997	2000
Estimated resident population 30 June			
Queensland	'000	3 397	3 566
Brisbane Statistical Division	'000	1 546	1 627
Bundaberg Statistical District	'000	55	56
Gladstone Statistical District	'000	38	40
Rockhampton Statistical District	'000	64	64
Sunshine Coast Statistical District	'000	162	178
Townsville Statistical District	'000	123	130
Major centres — ERP(a)			
Brisbane City (State Capital)	'000	832	882
Cairns City	'000	116	123
Gold Coast City	'000	369	405
Hervey Bay City	'000	40	43
Ipswich City	'000	131	127
Logan City	'000	165	168
Mackay City	'000	73	77
Redcliffe City	'000	50	50
Toowoomba City	'000	87	88
Age groups (proportion of population) — ERP			
0–14 years	%	21.8	21.1
15–19 years	%	7.3	7.4
20–64 years	%	59.7	60.1
65 years or more	%	11.2	11.5
<b>Vital statistics</b>			
Births	no.	46 938	47 300
Rate per 1,000 mean population		13.8	13.3
Deaths	no.	21 948	22 424
Rate per 1,000 mean population		6.5	6.3
Marriages	no.	20 858	22 664
Rate per 1,000 mean population		6.1	6.4

(a) Local Government Areas.

## EDUCATION

		1997	2000
Schools, July	no.	1 726	1 718
Government	no.	1 309	1 297
Non-government	no.	417	421
Teachers(a)	'000	37.0	40.5
Students	'000	575.1	602.9
Technical and further education students(b)	'000	218.2	286.8
Higher education students	'000	114.5	125.2

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

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## EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

		1997–98	2000–01
Exports			
Foreign, total	\$m	16 288	21 472
Interstate, total	\$m	6 368	7 842
Imports			
Foreign, total	\$m	9 751	13 788
Interstate, total	\$m	14 304	18 161

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

		1998	2000
Households with home computer access	'000	550	668
Households with home Internet access	'000	191	408

## MOBILE PHONE USAGE

		1998	2000
Households with any mobile phone	'000	586	816
Proportion of Queensland households	%	46	61
Households with a digital mobile phone	'000	420	755
Proportion of Queensland households	%	33	58

## LABOUR FORCE

		1998	2001
Civilian labour force, September	'000	1 789.8	1 873.8
Employed	'000	1 632.7	1 724.1
Males	'000	925.3	954.5
Females	'000	707.4	769.5
Unemployed	'000	157.1	149.7
Unemployment rate	%	8.8	8.0
Participation rate	%	65.4	65.3

## MANUFACTURING

		1996–97	1999–2000
Employment at 30 June(a)	'000	139.6	142.1
Turnover	\$m	29 696	34 109
(a) Including working proprietors.			

## MINING

		1996–97	1999–2000
Establishments operating during the year(a)	no.	152	119
Employment at 30 June	no.	18 976	15 368
Value at mine	\$m	6 127	8 024
Black coal (saleable)	'000 tonnes	99 437	124 348
Bauxite(b)	'000 tonnes	9 149	11 546
Copper (content)	'000 tonnes	277	413
Gold (content)	kg	27 996	30 619

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

Source: Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

**RETAIL TRADE**

		1997–99	2000–01
Turnover, total(a)	\$m	24 122	29 325
(a) Excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.			

**STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE**

		1998–99	1999–2000
Total GFS expenses	\$m	21 892	22 671
Total GFS revenue	\$m	22 726	23 866

**TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**

		2000	2001
Licensed hotels with facilities			
Establishments at 30 September	no.	171	167
Takings from accommodation(a)	\$m	564.6	622.6
Number of guest rooms at 30 June	'000	20.5	20.5
Room nights occupied	'000	4 730	4 703
Room occupancy rate(a)	%	62.9	62.7
Motels and guest houses with facilities			
Establishments at 30 June	no.	511	513
Takings from accommodation(a)	\$m	283.2	299.0
Number of guest rooms at 30 June	'000	18.4	18.3
Room nights occupied	'000	3 888	3 732
Room occupancy rate(a)	%	57.7	55.6
Serviced apartments			
Establishments at 30 June	no.	265	274
Takings from accommodation(a)	\$m	243.5	287.3
Number of guest rooms at 30 June	'000	13.2	13.4
Room nights occupied	'000	2 568	2 823
Room occupancy rate(a)	%	55.6	57.6
(a) Twelve months ended 30 June.			

**TRANSPORT**

		1997–98	2000–01
New motor vehicles registered(a)	'000	146.7	153.7
State railways			
Passenger journeys	'000	40 756	45 739
Freight carried	'000 tonnes	110 386	145 645
Total earnings	\$m	1 895.5	2 527.0
(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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