

Clarence Council SnapShot

2007

This SnapShot analyses data from the 2006 Census to describe the characteristics of the residents of Clarence, and how these compare with Tasmania. Differences from the 2001 Census are examined to identify social changes that have occurred over this period.

The SnapShot uses a set of 2006 Census data called QuickStats, available from the ABS web site. QuickStats is the first 2006 Census data released. To make comparisons with 2001, the SnapShot loads tables from the 2001 Census called the Usual Residents Profile and Basic Community Profile. Not all 2006 data can be matched with 2001 data, due to changes in the Census.

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Population and growth

In the August 2006 Census, 49,637 residents were counted in Clarence, 25,512 women and 24,125 men. This was an increase of 1,434 or 3% since 2001. There were also 136 overseas visitors staying in Clarence on Census night, but they are not counted in the population.

The residents included 1,331 Indigenous Australians (2.7% of the population). Their number had increased by 53 since 2001.

Clarence's gender ratio was 1.06 females per male, compared with Tasmania's ratio of 1.04 females per male. The gender ratio in 2001 was 1.05 females per male.

The Census count was 3% less than the ABS's current estimated resident population (ERP) for Clarence at 30 June 2006 of 51,072 (based on the 2001 Census and changes since). The Census count on average is about 4% less than the true population, due to some people not completing the Census. It appears that Clarence's 2006 population is close to that expected. In 2001, the Census count was 48,203, which was 3% less than the ERP of 49,594.

1. Population	Clar 2006		Tas % in 2006	Clar difference	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%			no.	%	
males	24,125	48.6%	49.0%	0.4% lower	23,477	48.7%	dn 0.1%
females	25,512	51.4%	51.0%	0.4% higher	24,725	51.3%	up 0.1%
residents	49,637	100%	100%		48,203	(up 1,434)	up 3%
Gender ratio	1.06 F:M		1.04 F:M		1.05 F:M		
Indigenous Australians	1,331	2.7%	3.5%	0.8% lower	1,278	2.7%	up 0.0%
Overseas visitors	136	0.3%	0.4%	0.1% lower	126	0.3%	up 0.0%

Age structure

Over 2001 to 2006, the fastest-growing age group in Clarence, proportionally, was people aged 55-64 years, while the 25-54 years age group declined most in relative size.

In 2006, Clarence had 19,776 residents of prime working age, 25-54 years, making up 40% of the population, a fall of 1 point since 2001. The proportion was similar to Tasmania's (40%).

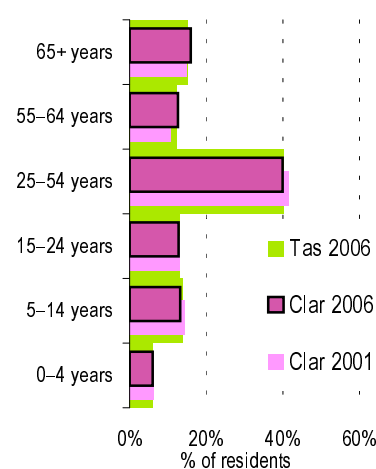
There were 6,303 young adults aged 15-24, which was 13% of the population, similar to 13% for Tasmania. This age-group changed little since 2001, proportionally.

Another 19% of residents were children, with 2,932 under-fives and 6,528 aged 5 to 14. The number of children had decreased by 400 since 2001. The under-5s constituted 6% and the 5-14s were 13% of Clarence's population, when 6% and 14% in Tasmania.

Clarence also had 6,236 residents aged 55 to 64, the older baby-boomers. They constituted 13% of the population (12% for Tas), a proportion that grew by 2 points from 2001.

The other residents of Clarence were aged 65 or more. There were 7,862 in 2006, making 16% of the population (15% in Tas). Their share of the population was up by 1 point since 2001.

Proportions in age groups 2001-2006



2. Age groups	Clar 2006		Tas 2006	Clar difference	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%			no.	%	
0-4 years	2,932	5.9%	6.0%	0.1% lower	2,987	6.2%	dn 0.3%
5-14 years	6,528	13.2%	13.7%	0.6% lower	6,873	14.3%	dn 1.1%
15-24 years	6,303	12.7%	13.0%	0.3% lower	6,230	12.9%	dn 0.2%
25-54 years	19,776	39.8%	40.1%	0.2% lower	19,897	41.3%	dn 1.4%
55-64 years	6,236	12.6%	12.3%	0.3% higher	5,089	10.6%	up 2.0%
65+ years	7,862	15.8%	14.9%	0.9% higher	7,127	14.8%	up 1.1%
all people	49,637	100%	100%		48,203	100%	up 3%

Social Structure

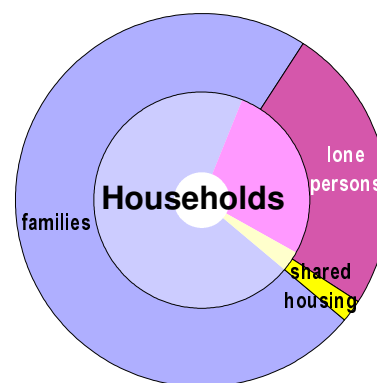
In 2006, Clarence's 49,637 residents occupied 18,551 private dwellings (and some institutions), at an average household size of 2.5 persons per household, which was 4% more than Tasmania and the same as 2001.

Most (73%) of Clarence's occupied dwellings held families, 13,538 in all. This was 0.7% fewer than in 2001.

The proportion of families was 3.0% higher than Tasmania.

Another 4,627 dwellings held lone-person households, 25% of households (27% for Tasmania). This proportion had grown by 0.7% since 2001, the fastest of all household types.

The remaining 386 occupied dwellings held group households. They were 2% of households (3% for Tasmania), and their number was little changed since 2001.



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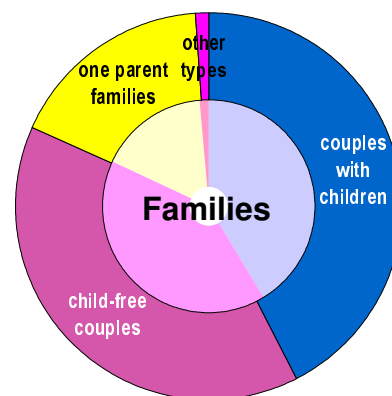
3. Households	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar difference	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%	% in 2006		no.	%	
families	13,538	73%	70%	3.0% higher	13,305	74%	dn 0.7%
lone persons	4,627	25%	27%	2.0% lower	4,377	24%	up 0.7%
shared housing	386	2%	3%	1.1% lower	370	2%	up 0.0%
occupied dwellings	18,551	100%	100%		18,052	100%	
average household size	2.5		2.4	4% higher	2.5	same	same

Families

There were 13,713 families in Clarence in 2001 living in 13,538 family households, suggesting that about 175 dwellings held two families.

Of the families, 5,845 or 43% were nuclear families of a couple with children, while 5,355 (39%) were couples without children. Another 2,349 (17%) were one-parent families.

The household type that grew fastest over the previous five years was child-free couples (with 1.3% more of the families), and the biggest difference from Tasmania was in the proportion of couples with children, which was 1% higher in Clarence.



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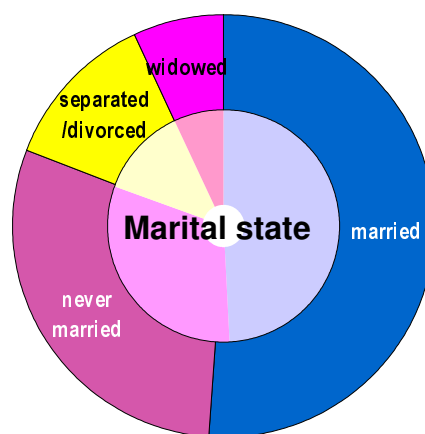
4. Families	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar difference	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%	% in 2006		no.	%	
couples with children	5,845	43%	41%	1.2% higher	5,959	44%	dn 1.8%
child-free couples	5,355	39%	41%	1.5% lower	5,059	38%	up 1.3%
one parent families	2,349	17%	17%	0.4% higher	2,236	17%	up 0.4%
other types	164	1%	1%	0.2% lower	149	1%	up 0.1%
all families	13,713	100%	100%		13,403	100%	

Marriage

Overall, 51% of Clarence residents who were aged 15 or more were married, 12% were separated or divorced, 7% were widowed, and 30% had never married.

Compared with Tasmania, there was a slightly larger proportion of people who were married (1.7% more) and a smaller proportion who were never married (1.6% fewer).

The fastest growing marital status over 2001–2006 was never married, where the proportion grew by 1.6% over 2001 to 2006, while the proportion who were married fell by 2.3%.



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5. Marital Status	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar difference	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006		no.	%	
married	20,481	51%	49%	1.7% higher	20,433	53%	dn 2.3%
never married	11,959	30%	31%	1.6% lower	10,787	28%	up 1.6%
separated /divorced	4,963	12%	13%	0.2% lower	4,376	11%	up 0.9%
widowed	2,774	7%	7%	0.0% higher	2,742	7%	dn 0.2%
people aged 15+	40,177	100%	100%		38,343	100%	

Incomes

The median (half-way) individual income reported in Clarence in August 2006 was around \$458 a week, which was \$60 more than the Tasmania median. Clarence's median individual income was about 14% higher than the median income in 2001, after adjusting for inflation.

The median family income was around \$1,124 a week, \$92 more than Tasmania, and equivalent to about 2.5 personal incomes (2.6 in Tasmania). The median family income was 8% higher than in 2001, in real terms.

The median income of households tends to be lower than that of families because many households have just one person. In Clarence, the median household income in 2006 was \$948 a week, 27% higher than in 2001, and \$147 a week more than the Tasmania median.

Median Weekly Incomes



6. Median Weekly Incomes	Clar, 2006		Tas, 2006		Clar difference		Clar, 2001		real change 2001–2006
	number	%	number	%	number	%	range	adjusted	
individuals					\$60 more	15% higher	\$300-\$399	(~\$403)	up 14%
families					\$92 more	9% higher	\$800-\$999	(~\$1,037)	up 8%
households					\$147 more	18% higher	\$600-\$699	(~\$749)	up 27%
CPI @ 30 June	154.3						133.8		15% higher

The median is the half-way point in the distribution of incomes, where half the people earn more and half the people earn less. The 2001 medians are given as ranges (eg \$200-\$299). The adjusted income is calculated by taking the mid-point of the range, and increasing by the CPI increase of 15% from 2001 to 2006. This is only approximate.

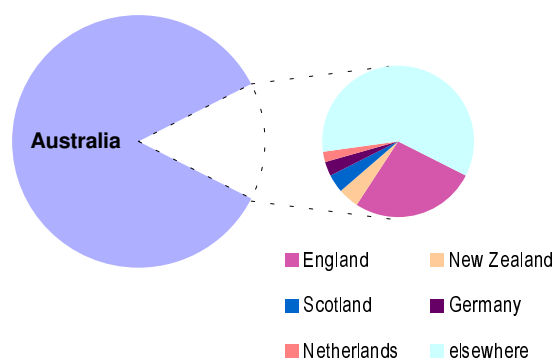
Birthplaces

About 85% of Clarence's residents were born in Australia, similar to 83% in Tasmania. Since 2001, this proportion has decreased by 1.1%. Around 91% of residents were citizens, similar to 91% for Tasmania.

The main overseas birthplaces were:

- England – 1,996 or 4.0% of residents;
- New Zealand – 335 or 0.7%;
- Scotland – 288 or 0.6%;
- Germany – 228 or 0.5%.

Main birthplaces



Of the main birthplaces with comparable data for 2001 and 2006, from the Quickstats, the biggest decrease has been in the proportion born in Australia (1.1% less).

10. Birthplaces	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
Australia	42,131	85%	83%	2% higher	41,448	86%	dn 1.1%
Overseas	4,676	9%	11%	1% lower	4,500	9%	up 0.1%
not stated	2,830	6%	6%	0% lower	2,255	5%	up 1.0%
Main countries:							
Australia	42,131	84.9%	83.2%	1.6% higher	41,448	86%	dn 1.1%
England	1,996	4.0%	4.0%	0.1% higher	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
New Zealand	335	0.7%	0.9%	0.2% lower	313	0.6%	up 0.0%
Scotland	288	0.6%	0.6%	0.0% higher	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Germany	228	0.5%	0.4%	0.0% higher	219	0.5%	up 0.0%
Netherlands	182	0.4%	0.5%	0.1% lower	208	0.4%	dn 0.1%
elsewhere	4,477	9.0%	10.4%	1.4% lower	6,015	12.5%	dn 3.5%
all people	49,637	100%	100%		48,203	100%	
Citizens	45,299	91%	91%	1% higher	44,901	93%	dn 1.9%

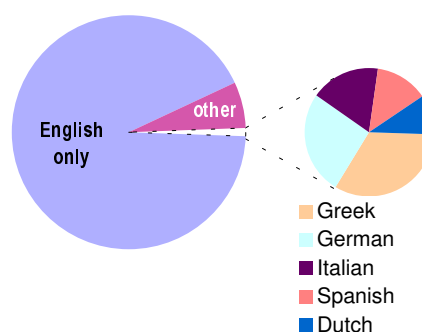
Some countries have changed since the 2001 Census and comparisons are not possible (shown as "n.a."). The UK has been changed to England, Scotland and Wales, so these places have no matching 2001 data. Matching data for the compared area is only available if they have top birthplaces in common.

Languages

In Clarence, the main foreign languages spoken were Greek (by 199 residents), German (by 157), Italian (107) and Spanish (80). However, 92% of residents spoke English at home.

Over 2001–2006, while the main languages spoken at home did not change much, the main language whose use declined most was English only, spoken by 0.9% fewer.

Languages spoken at home



11. Languages spoken at home	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
English only	45,879	92%	92%	0% higher	44,989	93%	dn 0.9%
Greek	199	0.4%	0.3%	0.1% higher	184	0%	up 0.0%
German	157	0.3%	0.3%	0.0% lower	155	0%	dn 0.0%
Italian	107	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% lower	100	0%	up 0.0%
Spanish	80	0.2%	n.a.	n.a.	64	0%	up 0.0%
Dutch	60	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% lower	90	0%	dn 0.1%
other languages	3,155	6%	7%	0.6% lower	2,621	5%	up 0.9%
all people	49,637	100%	100%		48,203	100%	

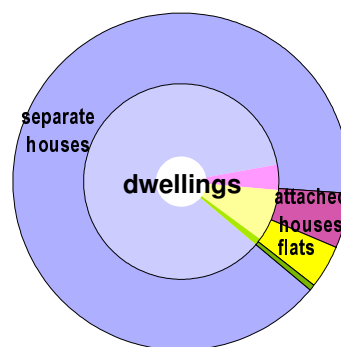
The list of main languages have changed a little since the 2001 Census and some comparisons are not possible, and shown as "n.a." Matching data for the compared area is only available if they have top languages in common.

Housing types

In August 2006, there were 20,737 private dwellings in Clarence of which 1,532 or 7% were vacant.

Most occupied dwellings were separate houses (17,298 or 90% of dwellings). Other occupied dwellings were 978 attached houses (5%), 831 flats (4%), and 94 other types of dwellings.

Compared with Tasmania, Clarence had proportionally more separate houses (90% of dwellings v. 86% for Tas), and proportionally fewer flats (4% v. 9%).



The outer ring shows Clarence; the inner ring is Tas.

From 2001 to 2006, Clarence had a net gain of 887 dwellings. The biggest relative increase was in attached houses with 0.2% more of the occupied dwellings (81 more dwellings). The dwelling type that lost most share was separate houses with 0.1% fewer of the dwellings, after an increase of 666 dwellings.

13. Dwelling types	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
separate houses	17,298	90%	86%	4% higher	16,632	90%	dn 0.1%
attached houses	978	5%	4%	1% higher	897	5%	up 0.2%
flats	831	4%	9%	4% lower	776	4%	up 0.1%
others	94	0%	1%	0% lower	93	1%	dn 0.0%
not stated	4	0%	0%	0% higher	50	0%	dn 0.3%
occupied dwellings	19,205	100%	100%		18,448	757 more	up 4%
vacant dwellings	1,532	7.4%	12.8%	5% lower	1,402	7.1%	up 0.3%
total dwellings	20,737				19,850	887 more	up 4%
persons per dwelling	2.4		2.2	0.2 larger	2.4		dn 1%
av. persons per bedroom	1.10		1.10	same		n.a.	

Note that "Persons per dwelling" = population divided by occupied private dwellings. This assumes that no-one was living in non-private dwellings (eg nursing homes, boarding schools, barracks or prisons). This is unlikely to be true, so the persons per dwelling is not accurate as the occupancy rate. Small changes in dwelling numbers can be caused by their being classified differently at the two Censuses.

Housing costs

In mid-2006, the median monthly mortgage payment in Clarence was \$975 a month, while it was \$867 a month for Tasmania. The median payment was 21% higher than the 2001 median of around \$807 a month, adjusted for inflation.

The average weekly rent at the time was \$150 per week, compared with \$135 a week for Tasmania. The median rent was similar to the (adjusted) 2001 median rent, \$144.

As a rough indicator of housing affordability, the median housing cost in Clarence was about 22% of median household incomes, similar to 22% for Tasmania, and compared with 24% for Clarence in 2001.

Weekly housing costs



14. Housing costs	Clar, 2006	Tas, 2006	Clar difference		Clar, 2001		real change 2001–2006
					range	adjusted	
median monthly mortgage	\$975	\$867	\$108 more	12% higher	\$600-\$799	(~\$807)	up 21%
median weekly mortgage	\$238	\$211	\$26 more	12% higher		(~\$197)	up 21%
median weekly rent	\$150	\$135	\$15 more	11% higher	\$100-\$149	(~\$144)	up 4%
Av hsg cost as % h/hold income	22%	22%		0% lower		24%	2% lower

The average housing cost is the average of the mortgage and rent payments, weighted by the number of rents and purchased dwellings (in Table 15). The average household income is from Table 6. The adjusted 2001 housing costs are the mid-point of the median range (assuming \$2,200 for the \$2000+ range), increased by the CPI increase shown in Table 6.

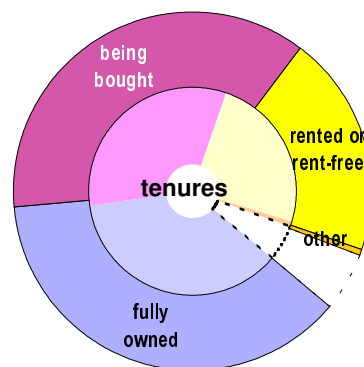
Housing tenure

Most commonly in 2006, dwellings in Clarence were fully owned, with 7,198 dwellings (37% of households) in this tenure, similar to 37% for Tasmania. The proportion fully owned was down by 5% since 2001.

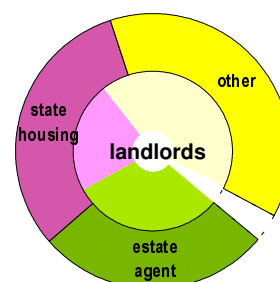
Another 7,031 dwellings were being bought (37% of households, when 32% in Tasmania). This proportion was a 4% larger share than in 2001.

Of the remaining occupied dwellings, 3,872 were rented or rent-free (20%) and 114 were in other tenure. The proportion rented or rent-free was unchanged since 2001 and the proportion in other tenure was 1% lower.

Of the renting households in Clarence, 1,064 or 27% rented from real estate agents, compared with 31% for Tasmania. Another 1,218 or 31% rented from state housing authorities. The overall proportion of occupied dwellings in public housing was 6.3%, compared with 5.5% for Tasmania.



The outer ring shows dwellings in Clarence while the inner ring shows Tas.



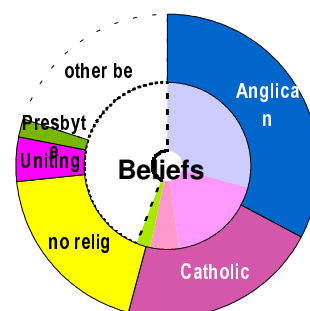
15. Dwelling tenures	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
fully owned	7,198	37%	37%	1% higher	7,850	43%	dn 5.1%
being bought	7,031	37%	32%	4% higher	5,987	32%	up 4.2%
rented or rent-free	3,872	20%	25%	4% lower	3,785	21%	dn 0.4%
in other tenure	114	1%	1%	0% lower	318	2%	dn 1.1%
not stated	989	5%	6%	0% lower	508	3%	up 2.4%
Occupied dwellings	19,205	100%	100%		18,448	100%	

16. Landlord type	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
estate agent	1,064	27%	31%	3% lower	2,286	60%	dn 32.9%
state housing	1,218	31%	22%	9% higher	1,448	38%	dn 6.8%
other	1,458	38%	43%	5% lower	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
not stated	130	3%	4%	1% lower	51	1%	up 2.0%
Occupied dwellings	3,870	100%	100%		3,785	100%	

Religious beliefs

The most common beliefs in Clarence in 2006 were Anglican (16,217 people or 21%), Catholic (10,610 or 19%), no religion (9,611 or 5%) and Uniting Church (2,331 or 2%).

From 2001 to 2006, of these beliefs, the one that lost most adherents was Anglican (down by 3.7%).



12. Main Beliefs	Clar 2006		Tas	Clar	Clar 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
Anglican	16,217	33%	29%	3% higher	17,530	36%	dn 3.7%
Catholic	10,610	21%	18%	3% higher	10,814	22%	dn 1.1%
no religion	9,611	19%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Uniting Church	2,331	5%	6%	1% lower	2,642	5%	dn 0.8%
Presbyterian and Reformed	951	2%	3%	1% lower	1,037	2%	dn 0.2%
other beliefs	9,917	20%	44%		16,180	34%	dn 13.6%
all people	49,637	100%	100%		48,203	100%	