



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Byron Shire

Based on the 2001 Census data

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Important Note

You will note throughout this document that there are two sets of data consistently used. They are both based on the 2001 census and produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. They are:

(U) Usual Resident Profile

This refers to the number of people who usually reside in Byron Shire, even if they weren't staying in the Shire on census night. "Place of usual residence" is defined as the address at which a person has lived or intends to live for a total of six months or more.

(B) Basic Community Profile

This is the most commonly used set of data and counts people located in the Shire on census night. This data includes domestic tourists, however unless stated otherwise it excludes overseas visitors.

Throughout the document the data will be identified by either ^(U) **Usual Resident Profile** or ^(B) **Basic Community Profile**.

Note: If intending to make comparisons between Byron Shire Council Community Profile and other Council areas most Councils base their Community Profile on the Basic Community Profile, which includes domestic visitors.

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It is important to note that the census data provided by the ABS, while being the most reliable data that Council has, this data is subject to a number of inaccuracies resulting from errors by respondents or mistakes in collection or processing of the data.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – SHIRE SNAPSHOT

Byron Shire is located on the Far North Coast of NSW and shares its boundaries with the Tweed, Lismore and Ballina Local Government Areas (LGA's). The Byron Shire community remains a diverse and colourful mix of people, with each of the towns and rural villages having their own distinctiveness, with a mix of cultural values, embracing a range of traditional and alternative lifestyles and philosophies.

SHIRE SNAPSHOT – Based on 2001 Census data

<u>Population – 2001 (ABS)</u>	
28175 usual residents ^(U)	
(30246) ^(B)	
AREA	
55,000 hectares	
<u>Growth Rate</u>	
1996 to 2001 = 9.7% ^(B) or 1.9% p.a.	
<u>Tourism – 2002 est. – Rob Tonge & Assoc</u>	
Visiting friends and relatives (VFR)	158,370
Visitors in commercial Accommodation	1,014,240
Day Trippers	580,000
Total	1,752,000
\$306 million (est) per annum is injected into the local economy through tourism.	
^(U) = Usual resident only	
^(B) = Basic Community Profile	

<u>Population ^(U) – Small Towns and Villages / Rural</u>	
Bangalow	1218
Brunswick Heads	1666
Byron Bay	5241
Mullumbimby	3043
Ocean Shores/New Brighton	3453
South Golden Beach	1459
Suffolk Park	3212
Rural North	4809
Rural South	3695
Other residents (those not in the Shire on census night and unable to identify locality in which they reside)	379
Total	28175 ^(U)
	(30246) ^(B)
^(U) = Usual resident only	
^(B) = Basic Community Profile = place of enumeration – includes residents and visitors located in Byron Shire on census night	

<u>Cultural and Linguistic Diversity</u>	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders = 347 ^(U) = 1.2% of Shire (NSW = 1.9%)	
78% ^(B) of Shire = born in Australia (1996 census = 80.3% ^(B))	
5% of Shire born in the UK	
(4.3% of the population on census night were overseas visitors – more than double 1996 figure of 2% of the population.)	
^(U) = Usual resident only ^(B) = Basic Community Profile includes residents and visitors on census night	

<u>Labour Force Status – 2001 (ABS)</u>	
Employed full time (42% of labour force)	5271 ^(U)
Employed part time (40% of labour force – this is the 2 nd highest proportion of part-time workers in NSW)	4875 ^(U)
Employed Total	10456 ^(U)
Unemployed	1,776 ^(U)
Not in labour force	8,634 ^(U)
Unemployment 15 – 24 years	22.16% ^(U)
Unemployment 15+	14.5% ^(U)

<u>Age Groups</u>	
<u>Children</u>	
Those age 0 – 4 years old	5.9% ^(U)
Those aged 5 – 9 years old	7.3% ^(U)
<u>Young people</u>	
Those aged 10 – 14 yrs old	8.2% ^(U)
Those aged 15 – 19 years old	6.9% ^(U)
<u>Older people</u>	
Those aged 65+ (3384)	12.0% ^(U)
^(U) = Usual resident only	
Median Age Byron Shire – 35, NSW	39

Household / Family Profile**Household Type**

	Byron Shire	NSW
Family Group	68%	73%
Group	6%	4%
Lone Person	26%	23%

(12.3% of households in Byron Bay are group households – one of the highest proportions in NSW)

Family Household Type

	Byron Shire	NSW
Couple family With children	40%	48%
Couple family Without children	35%	35%
One parent family With children	24%	15%

Income

Median Weekly Individual Income:

Byron Shire \$200-299 NSW \$300-399

Median Weekly Family Income:

Byron Shire \$699-699 NSW \$800-899

Median Weekly Household Income:

Byron Shire \$500-599 NSW \$800-899

Housing

Median Weekly Rent

Byron Shire \$150-199 NSW \$150-199

Median Monthly Housing Loan Repayment

Byron Shire \$800-999 NSW \$1000-1199

Median Household Size

Byron Shire 2.4 NSW 2.6

Byron Shire Census History

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1976	10914
1981	15409
1986	18359
1991	22775
1996	27565
2001	30245 ^(B) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and domestic visitors on census night
2001	28175 ^(U) = Usual resident only

Projected Population –	2001	2004	2009	2014	2019
Byron Shire					
0-11	4894	4912	5099	5324	5559
12-24	5061	5348	5596	5808	5985
25-44	9030	9284	9796	10529	11052
45-54	4853	5393	6046	6269	6638
55-64	2416	2979	4108	4989	5650
65 and over	3495	3587	3874	4710	5872
All ages	29749	31503	34519	37629	40756

Source: ABS Regional Profile 2001

Which quotes from Population Projections ABS (Projections prepared by the ABS according to assumption agreed to by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care).

Industry

The major industries employing people in Byron Shire are Retail Trade (16.9%) with 1773 (compared to 1996:1470) employed, followed by Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants 1170 (compared to 1996:932), Health and Community Services 1123 (compared to 1996:936) and Education 946 (compared to 1996:780)

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing employed 5.6% (584) down from 7.6% in 1996 (697)

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PART 1 BYRON SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**Geography and Climate**

Byron Shire is located on the Far North Coast of NSW and shares its boundaries with the Tweed, Lismore and Ballina Local Government Areas (LGA's). The Byron Shire includes the eastern most part of mainland Australia. Brisbane is approximately 200 kilometres North and Sydney approximately 800 kilometres to the South. The Shire is 55,000 hectares in size and the population recorded in the 2001 census was 28175. ^(U) = Usual resident only

Byron Shire is renowned for its lush, green, rolling hills fringed by white sand beaches stretching the 24km length of the coast, with the exception of Broken Head and the Cape, and rainforest remnants dotted through the hinterland and its pleasant subtropical climate.

The two major rivers, the Brunswick and Wilson Rivers, provide inland water systems for fishing and boating and add to the area's scenic attraction. The Brunswick river mouth is located at Brunswick Heads flowing west to Mullumbimby and Main Arm. Both the Wilson and Brunswick rivers flood in times of heavy rain, as do many of the minor streams and tributaries. Those areas most affected are Wilsons Creek with ten level creek crossings, and Main Arm with approximately 15 creek crossings. Upper Wilsons Creek, Upper Main Arm, Huonbrook and The Pocket can be isolated in times of flood.

State forest escarpment provides a dramatic backdrop to the northern part of the area. The southern half is characterised by rolling green hills with rich red volcanic soil, which is abundant with plant growth.

Byron Shire enjoys a sub-tropical climate with summer-dominated rainfall averaging 2000mm per year. This is the highest rainfall of any area in the State. Cooling ocean breezes along the coastal fringe moderates summer temperatures. Warm, mild winters are characteristic for the Byron area. Some of the inland valleys experience light frosts in winter, but generally the area is frost-free. This contributes to the area's popularity amongst visitors and locals alike generally all year round. Combined with the rich, red volcanic soil the area is alive with abundant plant growth.

The area is interconnected by a large network of roads that is expensive to maintain. The Pacific Highway runs through the area as one of only two main highways in the Region. The other is the State road linking the Byron local government area to Lismore City Council. A network of narrow roads crawls through the hinterland linking the small villages, towns and rural areas. In the rural areas there are 187.28 km of unformed roads in the Council area, 320.2 km of bitumen road, 97.02 km of gravel road 29.61 km of formed but not maintained gravel. There are 490.45 km of public and 199.14 km of non-public roads in the Local Government Area. In addition there are 145.60 km of urban roads and laneways. Council has care and control of 28 bridges, many of which are old and need regular repair, and ultimate replacement. The State Rail authority services the Byron Council area with stations in Byron Bay and Mullumbimby.

The following is a map of the Shire, please note for the purposes of this map North Ocean Shores is included in the area named South Golden Beach.

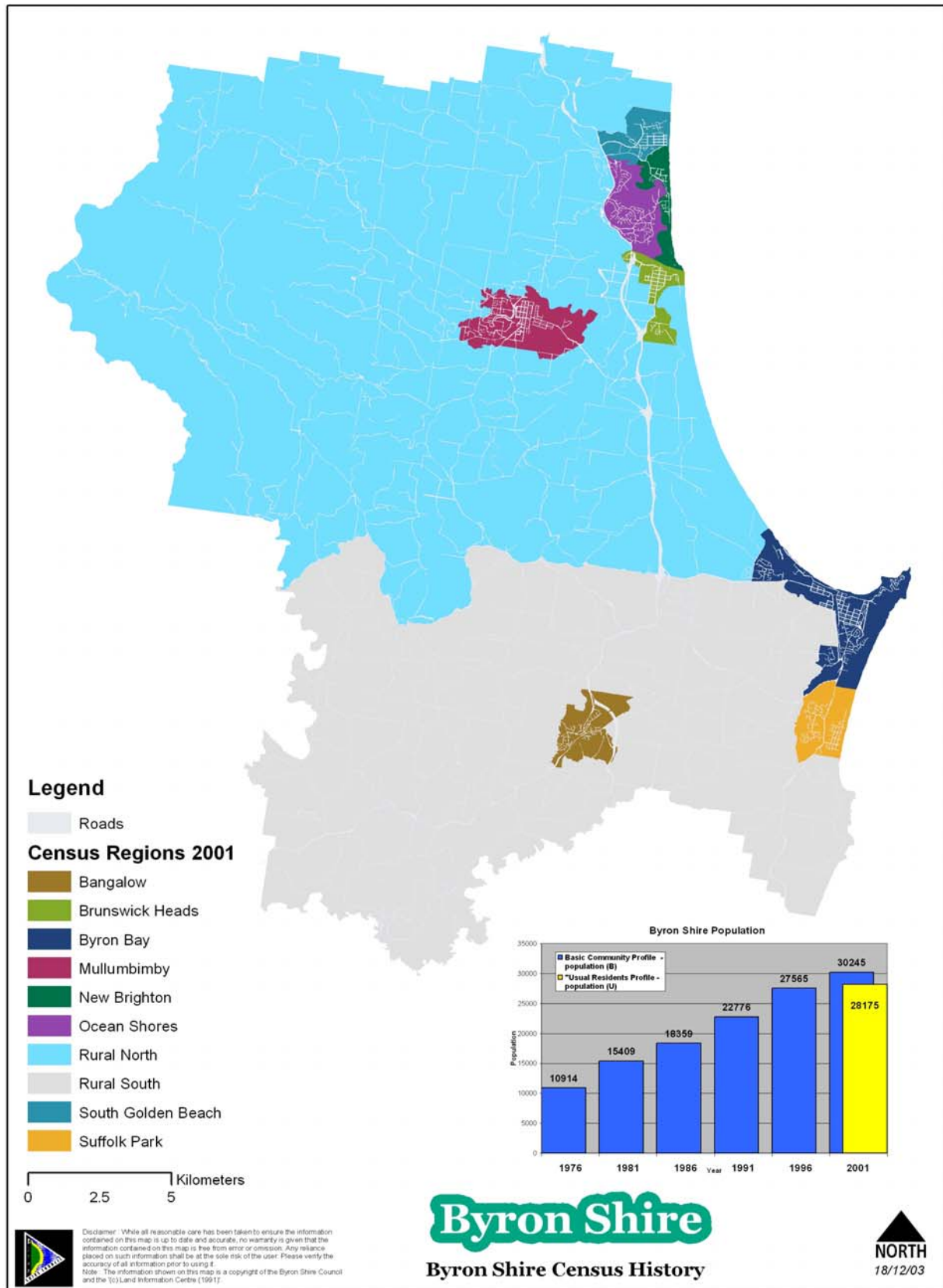


Figure 1: Map of Byron Shire including Census History

PART 2 BYRON SHIRE DEMOGRAPHIC OUTLINE

Population Growth and Change

The Byron Shire community continues to be known for its diverse and colourful mix of people, with each of the towns and villages having their own distinctiveness with a mix of cultural values, embracing a range of traditional and alternative lifestyles and philosophies.

Between 1996 and 2001 Byron Shire experienced a slower rate of growth at 1.9% per annum ^(B) (1.1% for NSW) compared to 3.3% per annum for the period 1991 to 1996. Bangalow, Suffolk Park, South Golden Beach and Byron Bay experienced the highest growth rates. Brunswick Heads experienced no growth, (may be partly explained by the vacancy rates – 10.4%) while Ocean Shores/New Brighton and the Rural North experienced comparatively slower rate of growth.

Within Byron Shire there are a number of small towns and villages, with over 30% of the population living in the rural areas.

The resident population for Byron Shire in 2001 was as follows:

Bangalow	1218
Brunswick Heads	1666
Byron Bay	5241
Mullumbimby	3043
Ocean Shores/New Brighton	3453
South Golden Beach	1459
Suffolk Park	3212
Rural North	4809
Rural South	3695
Other residents	379

Rural North includes:

Goonengerry/Tyagarah/Montecollum/Billinudgel/Myocum/
Upper Main Arm/The Pocket and Middle Pocket

Rural South

Includes: Eureka/Coorabell/(pt.)Federal/Nashua/Broken
Head/Possum
Creek/Booyong/Talofa/Ewingsdale/Skinners
Shoot/Coopers Shoot

(Other Residents = those not in the Shire on census night and unable to identify locality in which they reside)

Total 28175 ^(U)

^(U) = Usual resident only

(Note: Population of people located in Byron Shire on census night, including visitors – 30246 ^(B) = Basic Community Profile.)

There was a significant increase in tourism, which was estimated to be 1.75 million visitors per annum (2002 est. by Rob Tonge and Assoc.) On census night there were 1329 overseas visitors (a 138% increase on the 1996 census figure of 558 overseas visitors), 1025 visitors from NSW and 955 visitors from the rest of Australia.

Byron Shire is host to a number of events, the largest being the Blues and Roots Festival held each Easter, other events include, the Writers Festival, Taste of Byron, Billycart Derby, Byron Film Festival and Splendour in the Grass.

Table 1: Change in Population by locality 1996 to 2001

Locality	1996 ^(B)	2001 ^(B)	% change	2001. ^(U)	% change	Comment
Bangalow	906	1241	+37	1218	+34.4	The collector district/s for Bangalow slightly changed between 1996 and 2001
Brunswick Heads	1837	1836	0	1666	-9.3	There was a 10% vacancy rate that partly explains why there was no growth during this period.
B Bay	6130 (includes 1617 tourists)	7008 (includes 2042 tourists)	+14.3	5241	-14.5	The impact of including / excluding tourists in the figures is particularly evident for Byron Bay.
Mullumbimby	2871	3047	+6.1	3043	+6	The collector district boundary excludes a small proportion of new development along Left Bank Rd. – which is included in the Rural Nth figures.
Ocean Shores / New Brighton	3361	3459	+2.9	3453	+2.7	
Sth Golden Beach	1327	1526	+15	1459	+9.9	
Suffolk Park	2527	3314	+31.4	3212	+27.1	There was significant new development in Suffolk Park – Baywood Chase and Byron Hills area.
Rural Nth	4897	5006	+2.2	4809	-1.8	
Rural Sth	3721	3890	+4.5	3695	-7	Includes the second highest number of visitors.
Other Residents				379		Other Residents = those not in the Shire on census night and unable to identify locality in which they reside
Total	27577	30327	10%	28175		

^(U) = Usual resident only

^(B) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and visitors on census night

Source ABS 2001 Census

Between 1986 (population 18342^(B)) and 1996 (population 27568^(B)) there was a 50.3% growth in population for Byron Shire. Between 1991 (22772^(B)) and 2001 (30327^(B)) the population growth has slowed to 33.2%. Growth in many parts of the Shire is restricted by infrastructure, planning and environmental constraints, which is reflected in the last 5-year period where Byron Shire showed a population growth of 10%.

^(B) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and visitors on census night

Population / Age Profile**Table 2: Change in population by age groups 1991 to 2001**

Age	1991^(B)	1996^(B)	2001^(B)	1996 – 2001^(B) %change	2001^(U)
0-4	1794	1752	1677	-4.28	1654
5-9	1943	2180	2066	-5.2	2060
10-14	1777	2155	2282	+5.9	2335
15-19	1352	1674	1921	+14.75	1950
20-29	2398	2889	2922	+1.14	2767
30-39	4298	4514	4033	-10.65	3929
40-49	2987	4688	5614	+19.75	5512
50-59	1860	2402	3695	+53.8	3572
60-64	1147	1052	1081	+2.75	1009
65+	3216	3704	3626	-2.10	3387
Overseas visitors		558	1329	+138	1329
Domestic visitors		Included in above age group figures	Included in above age group figures		1982
Total	22772	27568	30246^(B)		28175^(U) = <i>Usual resident only (+ visitors =31486)</i>

^(B) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and visitors on census night

^(U) = Usual resident only

Projected Population

The projected population shows that by 2019 those aged 25 – 54 will still make up the greatest proportion of the Shire though dropping slightly from 46.6% to 43.4% of the Shire's population. The increase (+8.4%) is projected to be in those aged 55+ which is projected to increase from 19.9% to 28.3% of the Shire's population. Those aged 0 – 24 are projected to decrease (-5.15%) from 33.4% to 28.3% of the Shire's population.

(Note that population projections are made by taking into account a number of assumptions.)

Figure 2 and 3: Population 2001 compared to projected population 2019

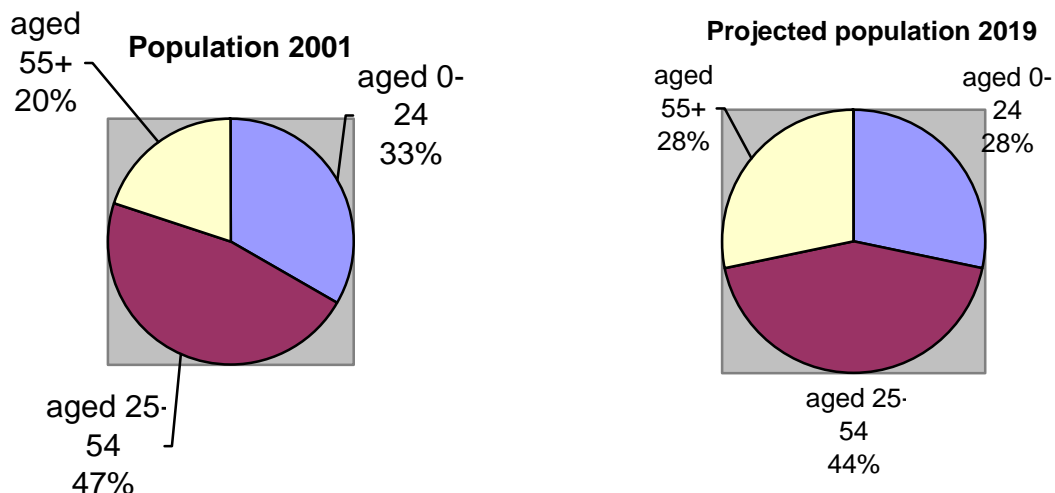
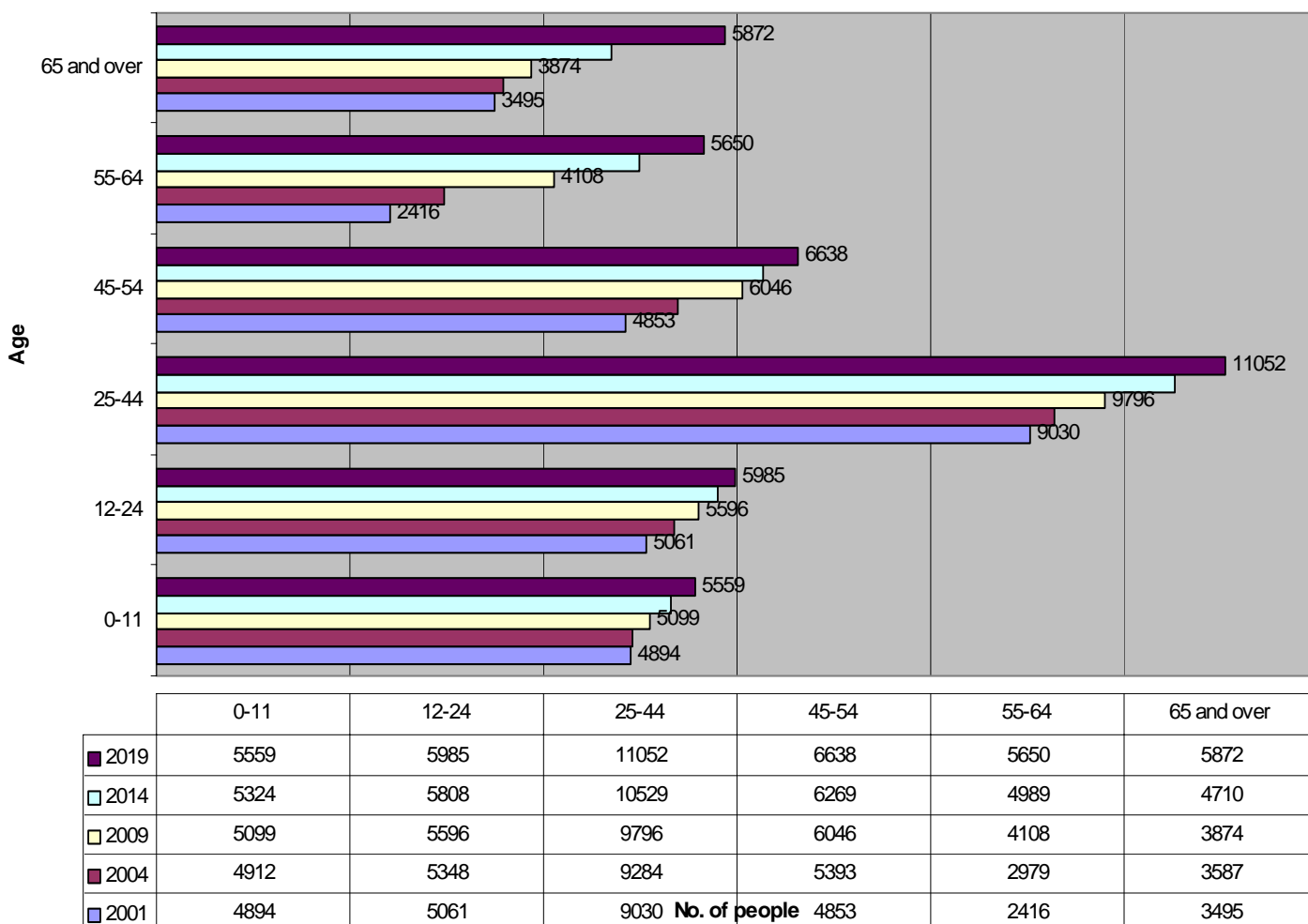


Figure 4: Projected Population X Age Groups for Byron Shire



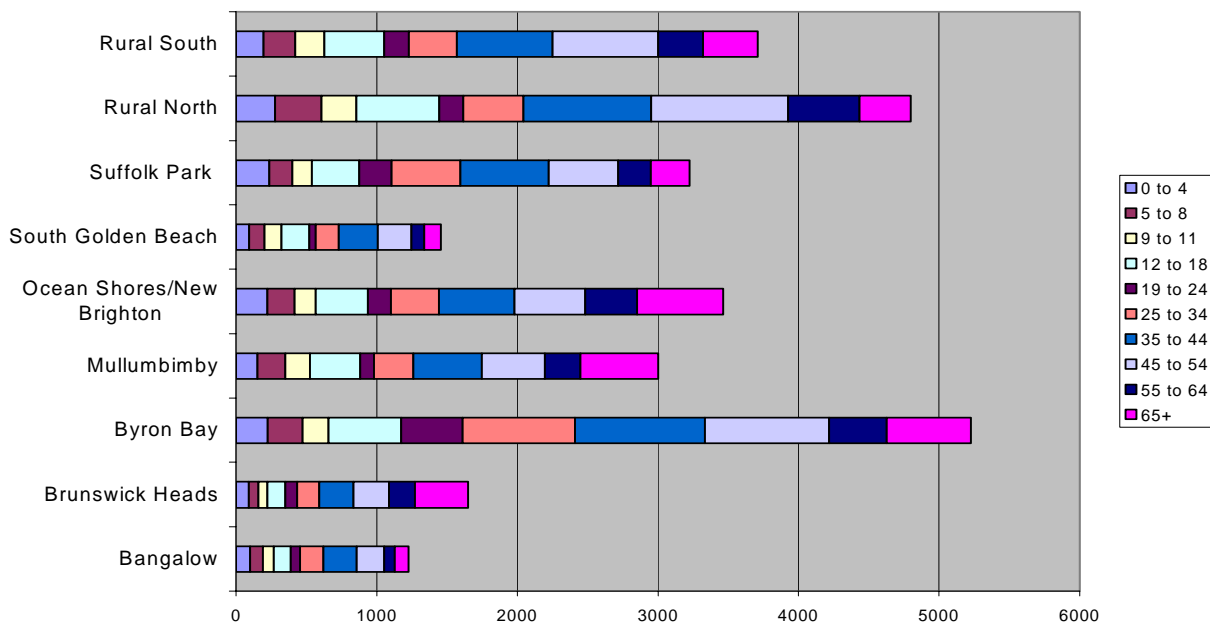
Source: ABS Regional Profile 2001

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Age groups by locality

The following 3 figures show localities within the Shire broken down into the various age groups (note: the age groups used are those commonly used by government departments.) The analysis for each locality will be discussed in Part 3 – Local Area Analysis (to be completed.)

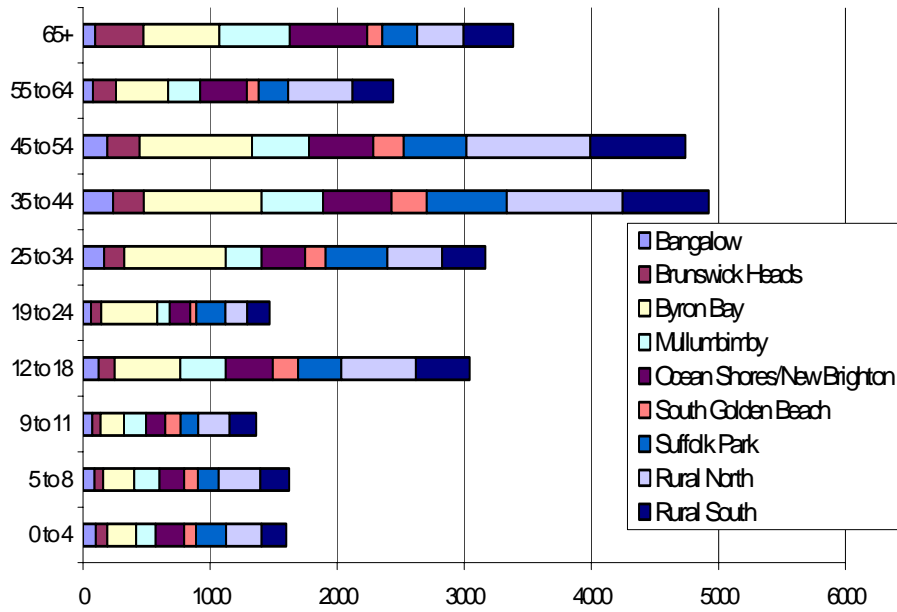
Figure 5: Locality x Age Groups x no. of people 2001



	Bangalow	Brunswick Heads	Byron Bay	Mullumbimby	Ocean Shores/New Brighton	South Golden Beach	Suffolk Park	Rural North	Rural South
65+	96	381	596	553	612	117	274	365	390
55 to 64	78	182	410	253	367	93	232	507	320
45 to 54	193	253	884	450	505	239	494	973	750
35 to 44	238	243	923	485	538	279	630	910	679
25 to 34	167	159	799	281	341	161	488	429	341
19 to 24	64	81	440	98	161	47	230	170	177
12 to 18	123	128	516	358	371	197	339	588	424
9 to 11	75	64	185	174	150	120	139	248	209
5 to 8	91	68	245	197	194	110	162	329	227
0 to 4	101	92	227	153	224	93	236	279	193

Source ABS U04 ^(U) = Usual resident only

Figure 6: Age groups x locality x no. of people – Byron Shire 2001



	0 to 4	5 to 8	9 to 11	12 to 18	19 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65+
■ Rural South	193	227	209	424	177	341	679	750	320	380
□ Rural North	279	329	248	588	170	429	910	973	507	365
■ Suffolk Park	236	162	139	339	230	488	630	494	232	274
■ South Golden Beach	93	110	120	197	47	161	279	239	93	117
■ Ocean Shores/New Brighton	224	194	150	371	161	341	538	505	367	612
□ Mullumbimby	153	197	174	368	98	281	485	450	253	553
□ Byron Bay	227	245	185	516	440	799	923	884	410	586
■ Brunswick Heads	92	68	64	128	81	159	243	253	182	381
■ Bengalow	101	91	75	123	64	167	238	193	78	96

^(U) = Usual resident only

Figure 7: Age by Locality – Byron Shire 2001

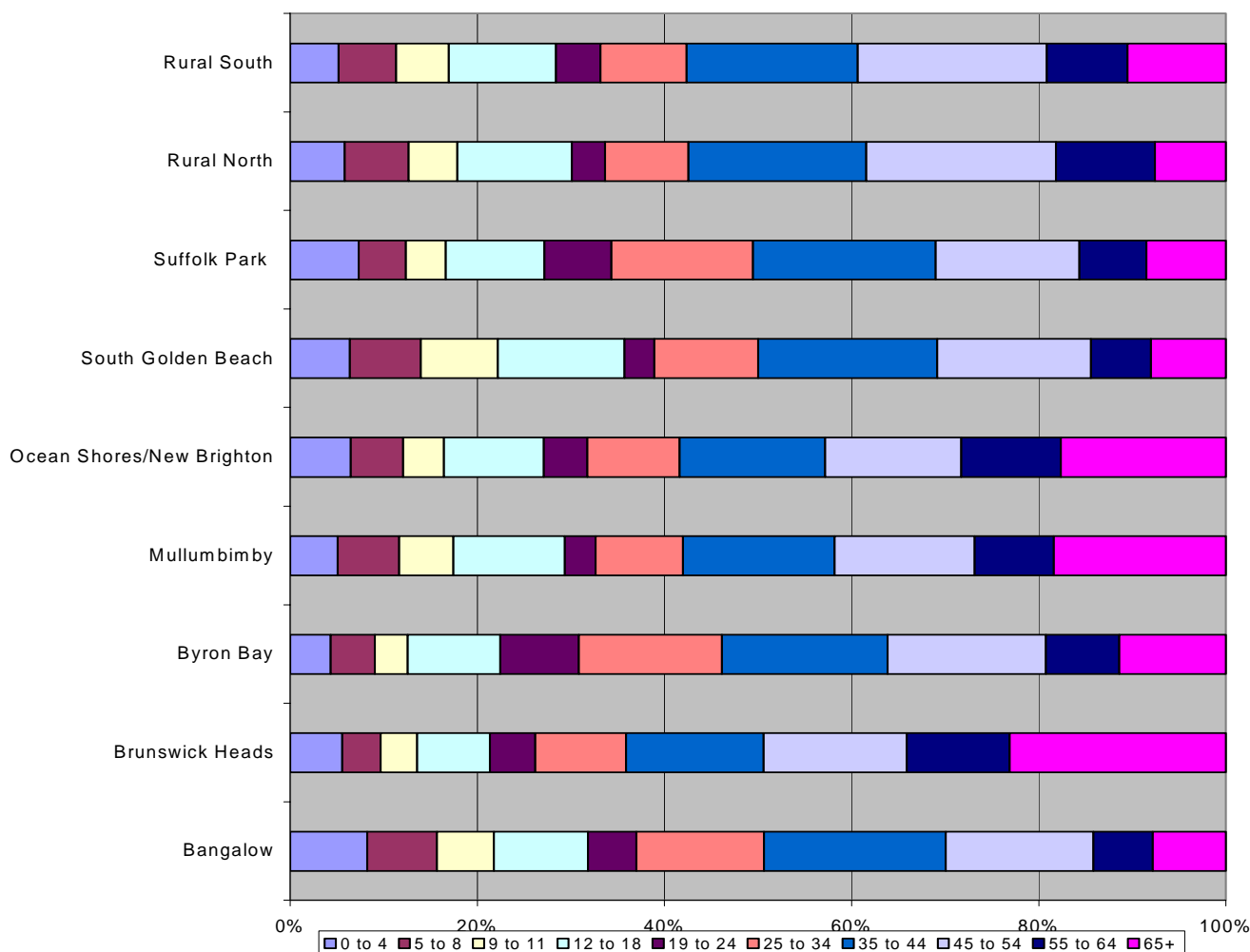


Table 3: Age by Locality – Byron Shire 2001 by percentage.

	Aged 0-24 % of population	Aged 25-54 % of population	Aged 55+ % of population
Rural South	33.1	47.7	19.2
Rural North	33.6	48.2	18.2
Suffolk Park	34.3	50	15.7 (1996 census =21.7%)
South Golden Beach	39	46.6	14.4
Ocean Shores/New Brighton	31.7	40	28.3
Mullumbimby	32.7	40.5	26.8
Byron Bay	30.9	49.9	19.2
Brunswick Heads	26.2	39.7	34.1 (1996 census = 42.8%)
Bangalow	37	48.8	14.2

(U) = Usual resident only

Most areas of the Shire have a broad mix of ages. As can be seen in the above table Brunswick Heads continues to have a higher proportion of residents aged over 55, however this has dropped nearly 9% in the past 5 years from 42.8% in 1996 to 34.1% in 2001. Mullumbimby (26.8%) and Ocean Shores/New Brighton (28.3%) also have a high proportion of those over 55. Bangalow (37%) and South Golden Beach (39%) have the highest proportion of those aged 0 – 24 years of age.

Table 4: State of Usual Residence 5 years ago

Locality	Same address 5 years ago -	Living within the Shire 5 years ago – different address	Living within the Shire 5 years ago – total %	New to locality within 5 years
Bangalow	39	22	61	39 (high growth area)
Brunswick Heads	41	25	66	34
Byron Bay	32	18	50	50
Mullumbimby	49	26	75	25
Ocean Shores /New Brighton	48	19	67	33
South Golden Beach	38	24	62	38
Suffolk Park	29	26	55	45 (high growth area)
Rural North	56	13	69	31
Rural South	55	11	66	34
BYRON SHIRE	48	21	69	31

Source: ABS Census 2001 ^(U) = Usual resident only

Across the Shire more than half the population changed address in the last 5 years. The rural areas experienced the least change with 55 – 56% of the population remaining at the same address. Of the towns and villages, Mullumbimby experienced the least change. Apart from Bangalow and Suffolk park which both experienced significant development expansion, Byron Bay experienced the greatest shift in population.

Table 5: State of Usual Residence on Census Night – Byron Shire 2001

As can be expected the majority of tourists were staying in Byron Bay on census night, (noting that the census is held in August which is not a peak season for tourism.) Not counting visitors from the same locality, the Rural South had the highest number of visitors (281) outside of Byron Bay, followed by Brunswick Heads (247) and Suffolk Park (236)

Locality	Counted at home	From same locality	Visitor from NSW	Visitor from rest of Australia	Visitor from Overseas
Bangalow	1173	14	25	14	6
Brunswick Heads	1599	24	105	133	9
Byron Bay	4898	101	449	478	1115
Mullumbimby	2854	65	45	15	9
Ocean Shores / New Brighton	3294	29	70	36	12
South Golden Beach	1389	31	27	22	15
Suffolk Park	3047	39	107	73	56
Rural North	4687	83	83	62	62
Rural South	3564	44	114	122	45
TOTAL	26505	430	1025	955	1329

^(B) = Basic Community Profile -includes residents and visitors on census night located in the Shire on census night.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community

“Arakwal Aboriginal people are the acknowledged custodians of the Byron Bay area and retain a strong role and interest in the maintenance, protection and management of Aboriginal cultural values. The historic 1997 agreement between the State Government and the custodians guaranteed them a role in the management of the Cape Byron Reserve, land for housing and land to construct a cultural centre. In 2001 this agreement was extended.

The Southern area of the shire below Byron Bay falls within the boundary of the Jali local Aboriginal Council. The northern portion above Suffolk Park is within the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council. A very small portion of the south western part of the shire is administered by the Nguligah Local Aboriginal Land Council based in Lismore. Byron Shire is part of the Bundjalung linguistic area. Within this linguistic unit there are about 20 separate dialect territories, of which 3 dialects were reportedly spoken in traditional times including:

- Njangbal around Broken head to the South
- Wiyabel spoken to the west
- Minjanbel remainder of the area

In 2001 it was estimated that there were 347 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in the Bryon Shire, representing 1.2% of the shire’s population. Of this number 181 were males and 166 females. Figures taken from the Many Rivers Regional Council indicate that the average individual weekly income is around \$223 and the unemployment rate in the area is around 32.6%, compared to 18.9% for non-Indigenous people. Fifty-six percent of the households rent their accommodation, with 20.7% either paying off a housing loan or fully owning their homes (1998 Lismore Office of the ATSI and Regional Coordination Program, NSW Premier’s Department).” (Source: Byron Shire Community Safety Plan 2003)

Table 6: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community – Byron Shire 2001

Age	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	Total
0-4	26	8	3	37
5-9	40	7	3	50
10-14	24	9	3	36
15-19	19	3	8	30
20-24	15	0	6	21
25-29	24	3	3	30
30-34	15	3	6	24
35-39	20	8	3	31
40-44	16	3	6	25
45-49	14	6	3	23
50-54	19	0	3	22
55-59	7	0	0	7
60-64	3	3	0	6
65+	5	0	0	5
Total	247	53	47	347

Cultural Diversity

Culture can be described in a number of ways, and includes a persons beliefs, customs and values. Byron Shire is known for its cultural diversity, in the broad definition of diversity of beliefs and values, in that the community embraces a wide range of lifestyles and philosophies. In terms of birthplace

78.1% of people in Byron Shire were born in Australia, compared to 82% in the 1996 census.

Table 7: Language spoken at home by sex

	Males	Females	Persons
Speaks English only	12,517	12,714	25,231
Speaks other language:			
Arabic (including Lebanese)	11	8	19
Australian Indigenous Languages	3	3	6
Chinese languages:			
Cantonese	7	8	15
Mandarin	5	6	11
Other	0	3	3
<i>Total</i>	12	17	29
Croatian	5	3	8
French	63	63	126
German	133	157	290
Greek	15	19	34
Hindi	3	0	3
Hungarian	0	3	3
Indonesian	16	11	27
Italian	40	60	100
Japanese	21	25	46
Khmer	0	0	0
Korean	0	0	0
Macedonian	0	0	0
Maltese	3	3	6
Netherlandic	33	39	72
Persian	3	0	3
Polish	3	7	10
Portuguese	10	7	17
Russian	0	3	3
Samoan	0	0	0
Serbian	0	0	0
Sinhalese	3	3	6
South Slavic nfd	3	4	7
Spanish	30	31	61
Tagalog (Filipino)	6	17	23
Tamil	0	0	0
Turkish	4	0	4
Vietnamese	14	16	30
Other(a)	154	146	300
<i>Total</i>	588	645	1,233
Not stated	880	832	1,712
Total	13,985	14,191	28,176

(a) Includes 'Inadequately described' and 'Non-verbal so described'.

Source: ABS Census 2001 U16 ^(U) = Usual resident only

89.5% of people in Byron Shire on census night (excluding overseas visitors) spoke English only at home. 1% of people spoke German, 0.5% French and 0.25% Netherlandic.

Table 8: Birthplace (Countries) by Sex

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Argentina	4	7	11
Australia	10,862	11,147	22,009
Austria	15	17	32
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0
Cambodia	0	0	0
Canada	40	54	94
Chile	10	9	19
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province)(a)	8	4	12
Croatia	6	3	9
Cyprus	0	0	0
Egypt	6	0	6
East Timor	0	0	0
Fiji	8	10	18
France	41	31	72
Germany	150	173	323
Greece	11	6	17
Hong Kong (SAR of China)(a)	6	8	14
Hungary	9	3	12
India	31	36	67
Indonesia	18	17	35
Iran	3	0	3
Iraq	0	0	0
Ireland	36	21	57
Italy	42	28	70
Japan	17	26	43
Korea, Republic of (South)	3	0	3
Lebanon	3	4	7
Macedonia, FYROM(b)	3	0	3
Malaysia	8	13	21
Malta	7	10	17
Mauritius	5	3	8
Netherlands	69	79	148
New Zealand	295	311	606
Papua New Guinea	20	24	44
Philippines	10	34	44
Poland	12	10	22
Portugal	3	3	6
Romania	3	3	6
Russian Federation	0	0	0
Singapore	5	6	11
South Africa	52	33	85
Spain	6	5	11
Sri Lanka	9	7	16
Taiwan	3	3	6
Thailand	11	22	33
Turkey	3	0	3
Ukraine	0	3	3
United Kingdom(c)	746	718	1,464
United States of America	132	113	245
Viet Nam	11	7	18
Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of	12	9	21
Born elsewhere overseas(d)	176	175	351
Not stated	1,056	997	2,053
Total	13,986	14,192	28,178

(U) = Usual resident only

(a) SAR is an abbreviation of 'Special Administrative Region'. SARs comprise 'Hong Kong (SAR of China)' and 'Macau (SAR of China)'.
 (b) FYROM is an abbreviation of 'Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia'.
 (c) Includes 'England', 'Scotland', 'Wales', 'Northern Ireland', 'Channel Islands', 'Isle of Man', and 'United Kingdom nfd'.
 (d) Includes 'Inadequately described', 'At sea' and 'Not elsewhere classified'

Of those born overseas the three main countries of birth in 2001 were
 UK: 1464
 NZ: 606
 Germany 323

Household / Family Profile

Byron Shire differs from many parts of NSW in the make-up of households and families. Byron Shire has a lower proportion of family households (Byron Shire 68% - compared to NSW 73%) and higher proportion of lone person households (Byron Shire 26% - compared to NSW 23%). Byron Shire also has a higher proportion of group households (Byron Shire 6% - compared to NSW 4%), with Byron Bay at 12.3% having one of the highest levels of group households in the State.

- The proportion of couple families with children for NSW was 48% (down from 51% in 1996) compared to Byron Shire 40% (down from 43% in 1996).
- Byron Shire has a 9% higher proportion of one parent families compared to NSW. The proportion of one parent families for NSW was 15% compared to Byron Shire 24% (increasing from 21% in 1996).

29% of children in Byron Shire aged 0 – 11 are living in sole parent families (71% in two parent families)
 Source: ABS Regional Profile

Figure 8 and 9 Household Type – Byron Shire and NSW – 2001
Figure 10 and 11 Families – Byron Shire and NSW - 2001

Figure 8 - Household Type - Byron Shire

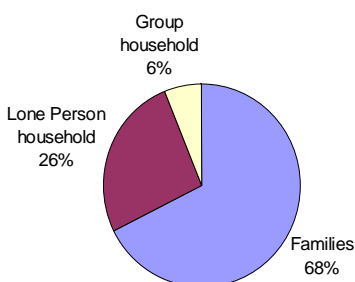


Figure 9 - Household Type NSW

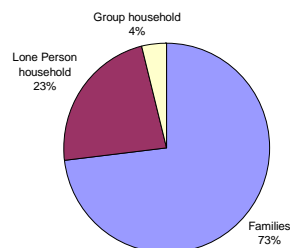


Figure 10 - Families - Byron Shire

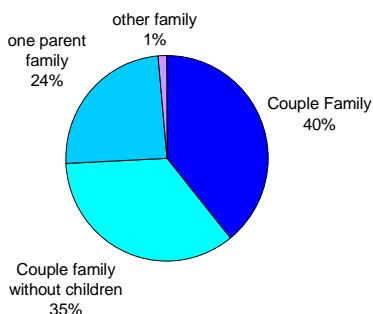
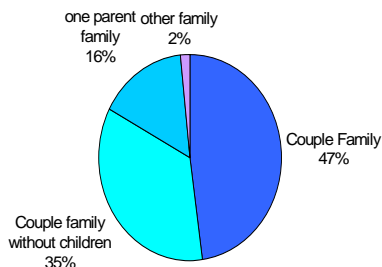


Figure 11 - Families - NSW



Income**Table 9: Selected Characteristics for localities within the Shire**

Locality	Median Age	Median Monthly Housing Loan Repayment \$	Median Weekly Rent \$	Median Weekly Individ. Income \$	Median Weekly Family Income \$	Median Weekly Household Income \$	Median Household Size
Bangalow	34	800 – 999	150-199	300-399	600-699	600-699	2.7
Brunswick Heads	46	800-999	100-149	200-299	500-599	300-399	2
Byron Bay	38	800-999	200-249	300-399	600-699	500-599	2.3
Mullumbimby	40	800-999	150-199	200-299	600-699	400-499	2.5
Ocean Shores/ New Brighton	40	600-799	150-199	200-299	600-699	500-599	2.4
South Golden Beach	35	600-799	150-199	200-299	500-599	500-599	2.6
Suffolk Park	35	1000-1199	200-249	300-399	700-799	600-699	2.5
Rural North	39	800-999	150-199	200-299	600-699	500-599	2.6
Rural South	40	800-999	150-199	300-399	700-799	600-699	2.7
BYRON SHIRE	39	800-999	150-199	200-299	600-699	500-599	2.4
NSW	35	1000-1199	150-199	300-399	800-999	800-999	2.6

^(B) =Basic Community Profile and includes residents and domestic visitors on census night

Apart from Bangalow (34), Suffolk Park and South Golden Beach (both 35) the median age in Byron Shire was higher than that of NSW, which had a median age of 35.

Brunswick Heads had the highest median age at 46 (down from a median age of 48 in 1996)

Followed by Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores, Rural South each showing a median age of 40, Rural North 39 and Byron Bay 38. The median age for Byron Shire was 39.

Apart from Suffolk Park (\$1000- 1199) Byron Shire housing loan repayments at \$800-999 were less than NSW \$1000-1199. Ocean Shores/New Brighton and South Golden Beach median monthly housing loan repayments were the lowest in the Shire at \$600-799.

The median weekly rent was the same as NSW (\$150-199 per week) apart from Byron Bay and Suffolk Park which were higher at \$200-249 per week and lower at Brunswick Heads at \$100-149 per week. It needs to be noted that the housing market has inflated significantly since 2001.

The median weekly individual income levels at \$200-299 per week are unchanged since the 1996 census and apart from Bangalow, Byron Bay Suffolk Park and the Rural South (\$300-399) are lower than NSW (\$300-399).

The median weekly family income at \$600 – 699 is considerably lower than NSW at \$800-899 per week. Families in Brunswick Heads and South Golden Beach are on a median weekly income of \$500-599 per week and in Suffolk Park and the Rural South \$700-799 per week.

The biggest difference is shown in Byron Shires' median weekly household incomes which at \$500 – 599 per week are \$300 less than NSW at \$800-899 per week. This could be partly explained by our lower median household size at 2.4 compared to NSW 2.6. In Brunswick Heads with a household weekly income of \$300-399 it needs to be noted there is a lower median household size of 2. Bangalow, Suffolk Park and the Rural South had the highest median household income of \$600-699, still well below NSW median income.

Table 10: Weekly Individual Income – Usual residents

Income	Males	Females	Persons
Negative / Nil income	615	639	1254
\$1-39	103	154	257
\$40-79	203	298	501
\$80-119	241	334	575
\$120-159	599	628	1227
\$160-199	1278	1287	2565
\$200-299	1591	2219	3810
\$300-399	1097	1552	2649
\$400-499	1010	1097	2107
\$500-599	820	664	1484
\$600-699	547	421	968
\$700-799	413	277	690
\$800-999	491	285	776
\$1000-1499	538	301	839
\$1500+	274	83	357
Not stated	968	1088	2056
Total	10788	11327	22115

Source: ABS Census 2001

^(U) = Usual resident only

Housing / Accommodation

A higher proportion (2001:68.9%, compared to 1996: 75.5%) of people in Byron Shire live in a separate house compared to NSW at 64.1%.

13.7% of people in Byron Shire live in median density dwellings compared to NSW at 24.8%. 6.2% of people live in other dwellings, including caravan parks, compared to NSW 1.5%.

Table 11: Private dwellings and person in occupied private dwellings

Structure of dwelling	Dwellings	Per cent	Persons	NSW – dwellings %
Separate house	9017	68.9	23272	64.1%
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc. with				
One storey	455	3.4	895	
Two or more storeys	448	3.4	959	
<i>Total</i>	903	6.9	1854	8.5%
Flat, unit or apartment				
In a one or two storey block	646	4.9	1095	
In a three storey block	140	1.1	267	
In a four or more storey block	14	0.1	29	
Attached to a house				
<i>Total</i>	86	0.6	128	
	886	6.76	1519	16.3%
Other dwelling:				
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	627	4.8	994	
Improvised home, tent, sleepers out	54	0.4	69	
House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc	132	1.00	262	
<i>Total</i>	813	6.2	1325	1.5%
Not stated	119	0.9	258	0.8%
Unoccupied private dwellings	1357	10.4	n.a.	8.8%
TOTAL:	13095	100	28228	

^(B) =Basic Community Profile and includes residents and domestic visitors on census night

Table 12: Dwelling Structure

Locality	No. of dwellings	Unoccupied dwellings (included in total no. of dwellings)	Per cent of dwellings unoccupied	Persons
Bangalow	493	39	7.9	1215
Brunswick Heads	1010	105	10.4	1820
Byron Bay	2906	403	13.9	5492
Mullumbimby	1287	87	6.8	2921
Ocean Shores / New Brighton	1580	173	10.9	3441
South Golden Beach	658	98	14.9	1471
Suffolk Park	1432	116	8.1	3200
Rural North	2111	187	8.8	4896
Rural South	1592	148	9.3	3759

^(B) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and domestic visitors on census night

Across the Shire there is a high proportion of unoccupied dwellings with South Golden Beach showing 14.9% of dwellings unoccupied on census night, followed by Byron Bay 13.9%, Ocean Shores/New Brighton 10.9% and Brunswick Heads 10.4%

People who live outside the Shire own approximately 20% of private property in Byron Shire. Council's Geographic Information System revealed that 2839 properties are owned by people living outside the Shire. A further 11,359 properties are owned by people living in the Shire

Source: Byron State of Environment Report 2003

Labour Force / Industry

Byron Shire at 40.1% had the second highest concentration of part-time workers as a proportion of persons in the labour force in NSW (Source Ausstats 2017.1)

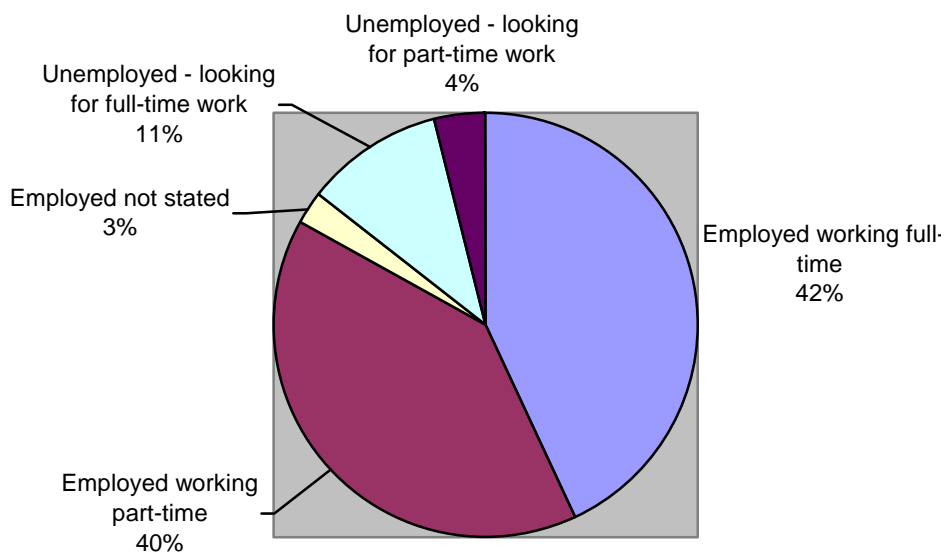
Byron Shire has consistently had the highest unemployment rate in the Region, with a rate of 19.6% in 1991, increasing to 25.5% in 1994 before fluctuating to 14.4% in 2002. (Source: *A Regional Profile, Far North East NSW Region, DoTaRS – Department of Transport and Regional Services June 2003*)

5271 people ^(U) in the labour force were employed full-time (3438 males, 1833 females). 4875 people in the labour force were working part-time (1907 males, 2968 females) 1776 residents were unemployed (1060 males, 716 females).

The major industries employing people in Byron Shire are Retail Trade (16.9%) with 1773 (compared to 1996:1470) employed, followed by Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants 1170 (compared to 1996:932), Health and Community Services 1123 (compared to 1996:936) and Education 946 (compared to 1996:780)

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing employed 5.6% (584) down from 7.6% in 1996 (697)

Figure 12: Labour Force Status 2001



^(U) = Usual resident only

Figure 13: Age by Labour Force Status – Males- Byron Shire 2001

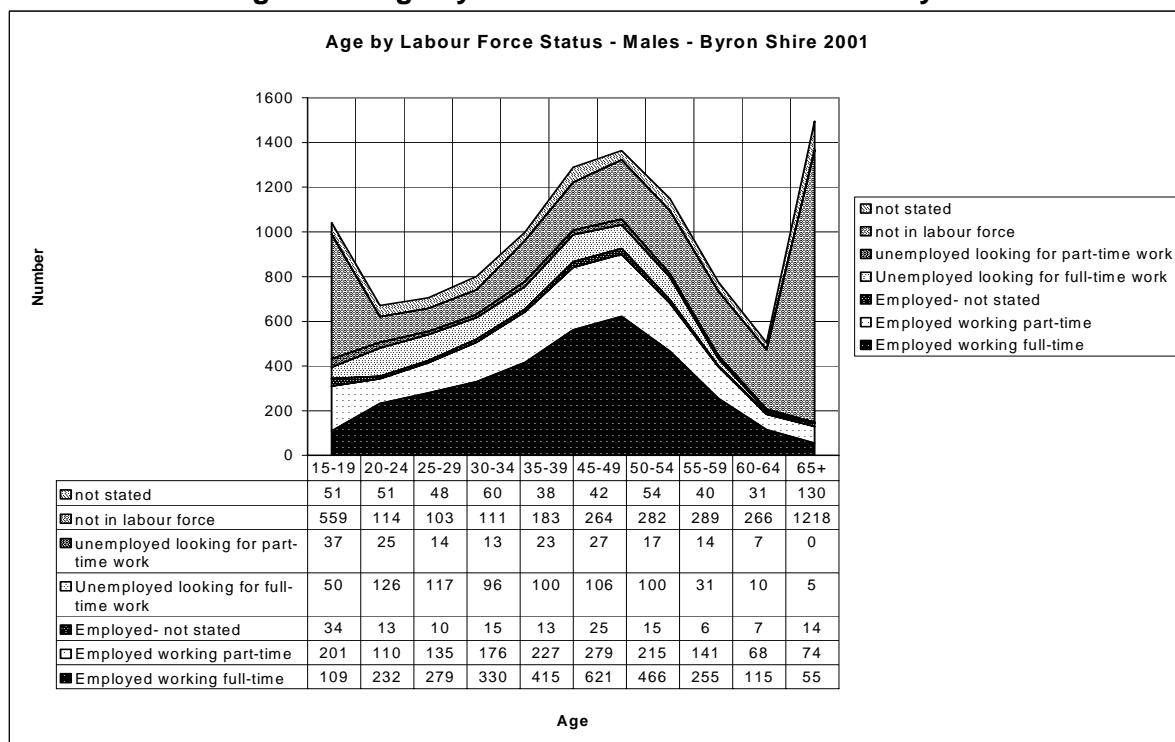


Figure 14: Age by Labour Force Status – females – Byron Shire 2001

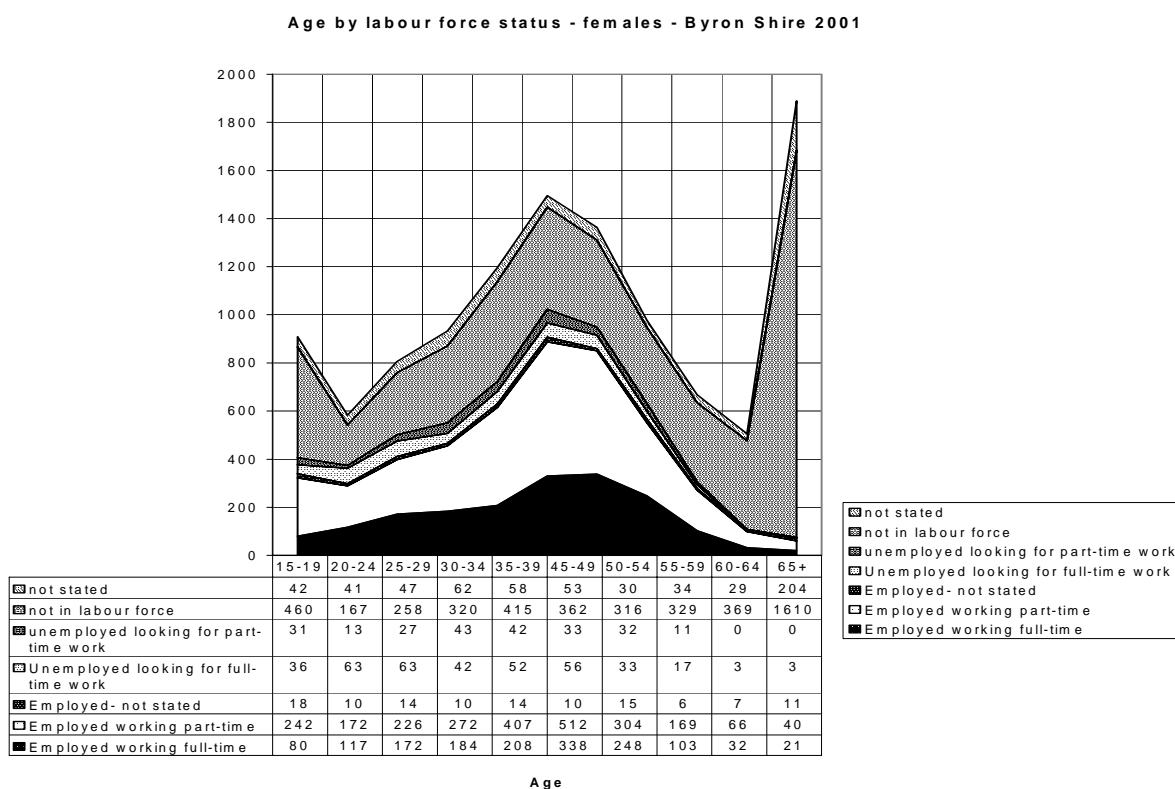


Table 13 Industry by Age – Byron Shire 2001 – Employed Persons

	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and over	Total as percent	Total
<i>PERSONS</i>									
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	13	31	68	149	143	104	76	5.6	584
Mining	0	0	3	5	8	0	0	0.15	16
Manufacturing	32	65	154	242	265	69	9	8.0	836
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	0	3	4	18	13	6	0	0.4	44
Construction	34	48	155	240	253	51	7	7.5	788
Wholesale Trade	18	35	81	146	123	44	6	4.3	453
Retail Trade	348	163	309	427	372	137	17	16.9	1,773
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	116	150	311	255	240	87	11	11.2	1,170
Transport and Storage	6	21	54	90	91	48	8	3.0	318
Communication Services	0	3	12	39	27	12	3	0.9	96
Finance and Insurance	0	5	30	53	52	15	6	1.5	161
Property and Business Services	17	42	141	306	295	108	13	8.8	922
Government Administration and Defence	0	8	50	94	95	41	6	2.8	294
Education	7	15	112	294	425	83	10	9.0	946
Health and Community Services	18	20	170	414	396	92	13	10.7	1,123
Cultural and Recreational Services	10	19	65	112	93	20	7	3.1	326
Personal and Other Services	24	17	72	112	98	25	6	3.4	354
Non-classifiable economic units	6	6	11	19	14	6	0	0.6	62
Not stated	33	8	21	42	43	25	24	1.9	196
Total	682	659	1,823	3,057	3,046	973	222		10,462

^(U) = Usual resident only**Table 14 Occupation by Age – Employed Persons**

	<i>PERSONS</i>								
	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and over		total
Managers and Administrators	8	20	100	264	334	131	78		935
Professionals	10	52	301	682	796	186	34		2,061
Associate Professionals	20	57	281	442	472	173	15		1,460
Tradespersons and Related Workers	83	120	265	369	348	95	11		1,291
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	3	10	57	109	112	33	3		327
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	106	134	328	472	362	67	14		1,483
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	57	37	117	160	158	74	16		619
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	272	114	152	230	169	72	7		1,016
Labourers and Related Workers	96	98	199	280	249	96	13		1,031
Inadequately described	0	8	13	21	24	27	8		101
Not stated	27	6	10	28	24	21	19		135
Total	682	656	1,823	3,057	3,048	975	218		10,459

^(U) = Usual resident only

Mobility

Transport continues to be a major issue, with limited public transport most household in Byron Shire are reliant on a vehicle to access essential services, including hospitals, universities and medical specialists, which are mostly located outside of the Shire. (6.2% of household did not have any vehicles.)

Table 15: Number of motor vehicles and number of motorbikes/motor scooters (occupied dwellings)

	<i>Dwellings</i>
Number of households with:	
No motor vehicles and:	
No motorbikes/motor scooters	730
1 motorbike/motor scooter	9
2 or more motorbikes/motor scooters	3
Not stated	271
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,013</i>
1 motor vehicle and:	
No motorbikes/motor scooters	1,500
1 motorbike/motor scooter	176
2 or more motorbikes/motor scooters	15
Not stated	3,739
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,430</i>
2 motor vehicles and:	
No motorbikes/motor scooters	901
1 motorbike/motor scooter	143
2 or more motorbikes/motor scooters	21
Not stated	2,221
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,286</i>
3 or more motor vehicles and:	
No motorbikes/motor scooters	269
1 motorbike/motor scooter	77
2 or more motorbikes/motor scooters	26
Not stated	657
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,029</i>
Number of motor vehicles not stated and:	
No motorbikes/motor scooters	8
1 motorbike/motor scooter	10
2 or more motorbikes/motor scooters	3
Not stated	959
<i>Total</i>	<i>980</i>
Total	11,738

^(B) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and domestic visitors on census night
Source: ABS Census 2001

Education

There are two State Secondary Schools in Byron Shire located in Mullumbimby and Byron Bay and a number of Primary Schools located in the various towns and rural villages. Primary Schools include Government, Catholic and other non-government schools, these include the Byron Community School and both Byron And Mullumbimby Steiner Schools (both of which also offer secondary classes). The proportion of primary students attending 'other' schools is 14.9% compared to NSW at 8.6%

Those attending University (Byron Shire 2.4%, NSW 3.6%) or TAFE (Byron Shire 2.1%, NSW 2.9%) are required to travel outside of the Shire with the nearest campuses being located in either Wollongbar or Lismore. Byron Shire continues to have a lower proportion of students attending TAFE and University which most likely reflects the distance and limited transport options.

Table 16: Type of Education Institution Attending (Full-time/Part-time) by Sex

Persons

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Pre-school	239	209	448
Infants/Primary:			
Government	1,064	961	2,025
Catholic	209	198	407
Other Non Government	220	208	428
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,493</i>	<i>1,367</i>	<i>2,860</i>
Secondary:			
Government	883	761	1,644
Catholic	163	185	348
Other Non Government	107	104	211
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,153</i>	<i>1,050</i>	<i>2,203</i>
Technical or Further Educational Institution:			
Full-time	70	108	178
Part-time	224	229	453
Not stated(a)	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>294</i>	<i>337</i>	<i>631</i>
University or other Tertiary Institution:			
Full-time	152	242	394
Part-time	103	229	332
Not stated(a)	0	3	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>474</i>	<i>729</i>
Other:			
Full-time	16	36	52
Part-time	72	173	245
Not stated(a)	3	0	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>300</i>
Not attending	9,978	10,086	20,064
Not stated(b)	865	816	1,681
Overseas visitors	670	659	1,329
Total	15,038	15,207	30,245

(a) Includes persons who stated they were attending an educational institution, but did not state whether full-time or part-time.

(b) Includes persons who did not state whether or not they were attending an educational institution.

Table 17: Highest Level of Schooling Completed (a) by Sex

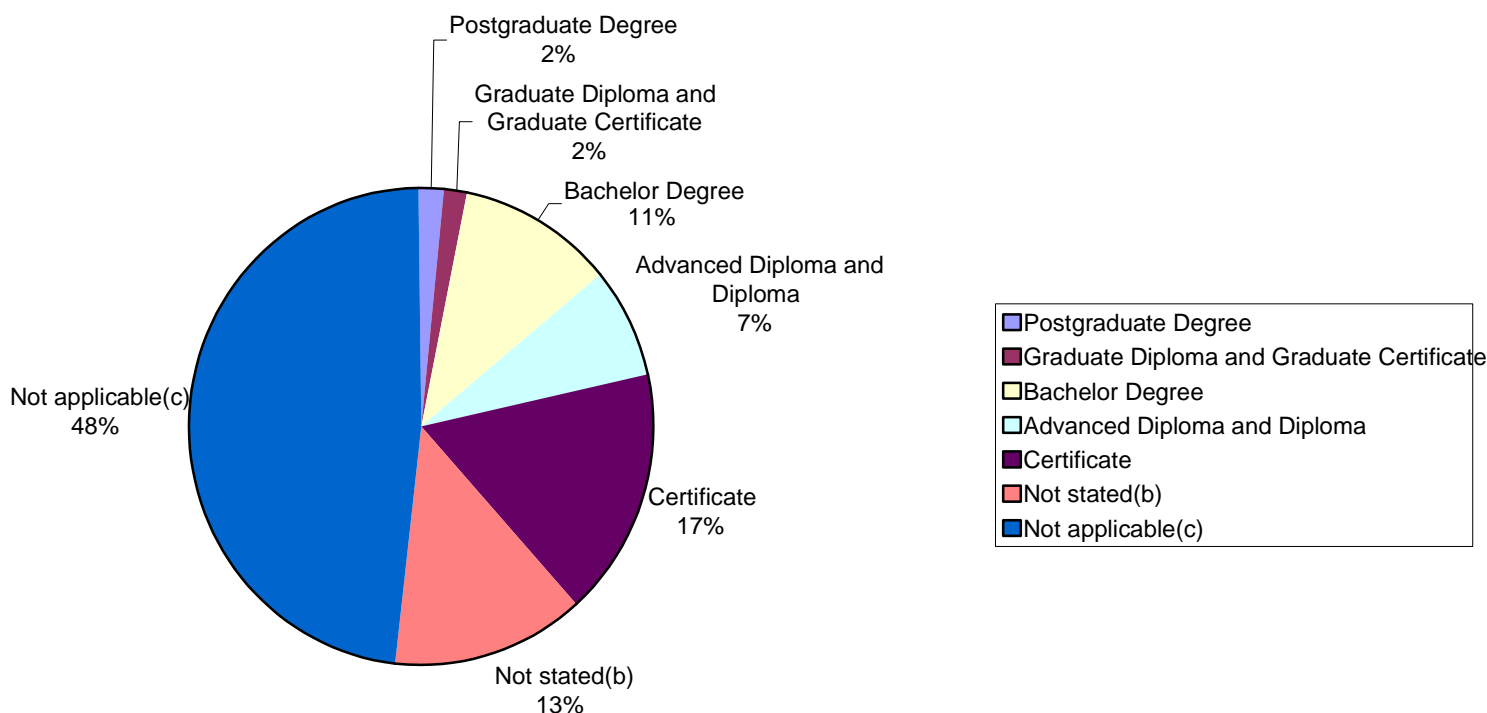
Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

	Males	Females	Persons
Year 8 or below	764	782	1,546
Year 9 or equivalent	931	926	1,857
Year 10 or equivalent	3,114	3,253	6,367
Year 11 or equivalent	796	864	1,660
Year 12 or equivalent	4,227	4,518	8,745
Still at school	413	380	793
Did not go to school	42	41	83
Not stated	909	931	1,840
Total	11,196	11,695	22,891

(a) Refers to Primary or Secondary schooling.

^(b) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and domestic visitors on census night

Figure 15: Non-school Qualifications – Levels of Education – Byron Shire 2001



(b) in the above table includes 'inadequately described'

(c) in the above table includes persons who do not have a qualification and persons who have a qualification out of scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education.

^(b) = Basic Community Profile and includes residents and visitors on census night

Table 18: Non-School Qualification: Field of study by sex (a)

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Natural and Physical Sciences	173	103	276
Information Technology	66	43	109
Engineering and Related Technologies	1,417	109	1,526
Architecture and Building	779	34	813
Agriculture, Environmental & Related Studies	265	96	361
Health	324	1,020	1,344
Education	330	755	1,085
Management and Commerce	475	862	1,337
Society and Culture	477	649	1,126
Creative Arts	283	479	762
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	304	347	651
Mixed Field Programmes	4	7	11
Field of Study inadequately described	73	74	147
Not stated	1,136	1,135	2,271
Not applicable(b)	5,090	5,982	11,072
Total	11,196	11,695	22,891

(a) Excludes schooling up to Year 12.

(b) Includes persons who do not have a qualification and persons who have a qualification out of scope of the Australian Standard

Classification of Education.

^(B) =Basic Community Profile and includes residents and domestic visitors on census night

Internet Usage**Table 19: Internet Usage – Byron Shire 2001**

	Used the internet							Total	Did not use the internet	Not stated	Total
	At home	At work	Else where	At home and at work	At home and elsewhere	At work and elsewhere	At home and work and elsewhere				
0-9 years	351	0	115	0	21	0	0	487	2,930	297	3,714
10-14 years	747	0	246	0	102	0	0	1,095	1,128	112	2,335
15-19 years	718	20	251	28	121	3	12	1,153	693	107	1,953
20-24 years	236	58	188	49	35	9	13	588	570	96	1,254
25-34 years	770	191	315	188	39	20	29	1,552	1,478	217	3,247
35-44 years	1,253	255	202	418	39	4	28	2,199	2,537	241	4,977
45-54 years	1,215	294	148	440	34	3	27	2,161	2,489	204	4,854
55-64 years	537	67	45	98	7	0	5	759	1,566	125	2,450
65-74 years	182	3	11	8	0	0	0	204	1,443	107	1,754
75 years and over	53	0	3	0	0	0	0	56	1,467	102	1,625
Total	6062	888	1524	1229	398	39	114	10254	16301	1608	28163

⁽¹⁾ = Usual resident only