
Local Government Area Profile

The South West Nrm Region

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The South West Nrm region includes the following region(s):
Bulloo (S), Murweh (S), Paroo (S), Quilpie (S)

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POPULATION

Estimated Resident Population

As at 30 June 2003, the estimated resident population of the South West Nrm region was 8,765 persons, representing 0.2 per cent of the State's population. The South West Nrm region represented 13.3 per cent (229,885 km²) of the State's area (1,734,190 km²). The annual average rate of change in population in the South West Nrm region between 30 June 1998 and 30 June 2003 was -0.3 per cent, compared with 1.9 per cent for the State.

Table 1. Estimated resident population, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 30 June 1998, 2002, 2003

	Region	Queensland	Region as a percentage of Queensland
	number		per cent
Area (km ²)	229,885	1,734,190	13.3
1998	8,884	3,447,725	0.3
2002	8,790	3,710,972	0.2
2003	8,765	3,796,244	0.2
Annual average change 1998-2003 (per cent)	-0.3	1.9	..
Annual average change 2002-2003 (per cent)	-0.3	2.3	..

.. not applicable

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 3235.0.55.001 - Population Estimates by Age and Sex, Queensland 2001 Geographical Boundaries

Future Trends

Population projections published by the Department of Local Government and Planning in 2003 indicate that the population of the South West Nrm region will decline from 8,812 in 2001 to 8,381 in 2026.

The annual average growth rate between 2001 and 2026 in the South West Nrm region is projected to be -0.2 per cent. This compares with an annual average growth rate of 1.5 per cent for the State. As a result, the region's share of Queensland's population is projected to be 0.2 per cent in 2026 compared with 0.2 per cent in 2001.

Table 2. Population projections, medium series, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001 to 2026

	Region	Queensland	Region as a percentage of Queensland
	number		per cent
2001	8,812	3,628,946	0.2
2006	8,603	4,015,722	0.2
2011	8,503	4,354,106	0.2
2016	8,447	4,677,780	0.2
2021	8,412	4,989,871	0.2
2026	8,381	5,289,027	0.2
Annual average growth rate 2001-2026 (per cent)	-0.2	1.5	..

.. not applicable

Note: Future Trends data is not comparable to Estimated Resident Population (ERP) due to ERP using more up to date/revised data

Source: LGA: Department of Local Government and Planning, Queensland's Future Population (2003 edition). State: Queensland Government, Queensland Government Population Projections 2003, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

Table 3. Population projections by age, medium series, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001 and 2026

	Region	Queensland	Region as a percentage of Queensland
	number		per cent
2001			
0 to 14 years	2,077	772,562	0.3
15 to 39 years	3,175	1,315,984	0.2
40 to 64 years	2,604	1,118,167	0.2
65+ years	956	422,237	0.2
All years	8,812	3,628,950	0.2
2026			
0 to 14 years	1,594	866,317	0.2
15 to 39 years	2,687	1,657,836	0.2
40 to 64 years	2,721	1,706,888	0.2
65+ years	1,377	1,057,955	0.1
All years	8,379	5,288,996	0.2
Annual average growth rate 2001-2026 (per cent):			
0 to 14 years	-1.1	0.5	..
15 to 39 years	-0.7	0.9	..
40 to 64 years	0.2	1.7	..
65+ years	1.5	3.7	..
All years	-0.2	1.5	..

.. not applicable

Note: Future Trends data is not comparable to Estimated Resident Population (ERP) due to ERP using more up to date/revised data

Source: LGA: Department of Local Government and Planning, Queensland's Future Population (2003 edition). State: Queensland Government, Queensland Government Population Projections 2003, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PERSONS - 2001 CENSUS

At the time of the 2001 Census, there were 1,134 persons in the South West Nrm region who stated that they were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. These persons comprised 12.3 per cent of the total population (compared with 3.1 per cent in Queensland).

Of the 1,134 persons who stated that they were of Indigenous origin, 1,101 persons stated that they were of Aboriginal origin, 14 persons stated that they were of Torres Strait Islander origin, and 19 persons stated that they were of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

Table 4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons and the total population, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001 (a)

	Region		Queensland	
	number	per cent	number	per cent
Aboriginal	1,101	11.9	87,322	2.4
Torres Strait Islander	14	0.2	16,415	0.4
Both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	19	0.2	9,035	0.2
Total Indigenous	1,134	12.3	112,772	3.1
Non-indigenous	8,080	87.7	3,542,367	96.9
Total	9,214	100.0	3,655,139	100.0

(a) Based on place of enumeration data.

Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing, Basic Community Profile (BCP) - Second Release, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

BIRTHPLACE - 2001 CENSUS

Data from the 2001 Census show that 90.1 per cent of persons enumerated in the South West Nrm region were born in Australia (b), compared with 76.2 per cent for Queensland as a whole. There were also 164 persons born in Other Oceania and Antarctica (c) and 208 persons born in North-West Europe.

Table 5. Birthplace regions, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001 (a)

	Region		Queensland	
	number	per cent	number	per cent
Australia (b)	8,305	90.1	2,786,359	76.2
Other Oceania and Antarctica (c)	164	1.8	155,697	4.3
North-West Europe	208	2.3	244,735	6.7
Southern and Eastern Europe	34	0.4	57,930	1.6
North Africa and the Middle East	9	0.1	8,115	0.2
South-East Asia	17	0.2	50,705	1.4
North East Asia	3	0.0	34,951	1.0
Southern and Central Asia	3	0.0	13,395	0.4
Americas	17	0.2	25,144	0.7
Sub-Saharan Africa	15	0.2	23,347	0.6
Other (d)	0	0.0	2,148	0.1
Not stated	392	4.3	183,112	5.0
Overseas visitor	51	0.6	69,500	1.9
Total	9,218	100.0	3,655,138	100.0

(a) Based on place of enumeration data.

(b) Includes 'Australian External Territories'.

(c) Includes 'Oceania and Antarctica, nfd'.

(d) Comprises inadequately described, at sea and not elsewhere classified.

Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing, Basic Community Profile (BCP) - Second Release, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

The total gross value of agricultural production in the South West Nrm region for the 1998-99 financial year was \$161.8 million, representing 2.5 per cent of the Queensland total. Crops comprised 0.2 per cent of the regional total, while livestock disposals comprised 65.6 per cent of the total and livestock products comprised 34.2 per cent.

The total value of crops in the region for the 1998-99 financial year represented 0.0 per cent of the value of crops produced in Queensland, while 4.7 per cent of the value of Queensland's livestock disposals were produced in the South West Nrm region and 9.8 per cent of the value of livestock products were produced in the region.

Table 6. Gross value of agricultural production, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 1998-99

	Region	Queensland	Region as a percentage of Queensland
	\$m	\$m	per cent
Crops	0.3	3,542.8	0.0
Livestock disposals	106.1	2,274.2	4.7
Livestock products	55.4	567.3	9.8
Total	161.8	6,384.3	2.5

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Agriculture (7113.0), Unpublished data, 2000 Geographical Boundaries

BUILDING INVESTMENT

In the year ended September 2004, there were 9 residential dwelling unit approvals in the South West Nrm region. These approvals were valued at \$1.3 million and represented 0.0 per cent of the overall total for the State.

The value of non-residential building approvals in the South West Nrm region in the year ended September 2004 was \$1.1 million. This represented 0.0 per cent of the value of these approvals in Queensland.

Table 7. Value of residential and non-residential building approvals and total value of buildings approved, South West Nrm region and Queensland, year ended September 2004

	Region	Queensland	Region as a percentage of Queensland
			per cent
Total residential dwelling units (Number) (a)	9	42,466	0.0
Total residential building value (\$000) (a)	1,308	8,872,469	0.0
Total non-residential building value (\$000)	1,079	3,324,199	0.0
Total building value (\$000) (a)	2,387	12,196,668	0.0

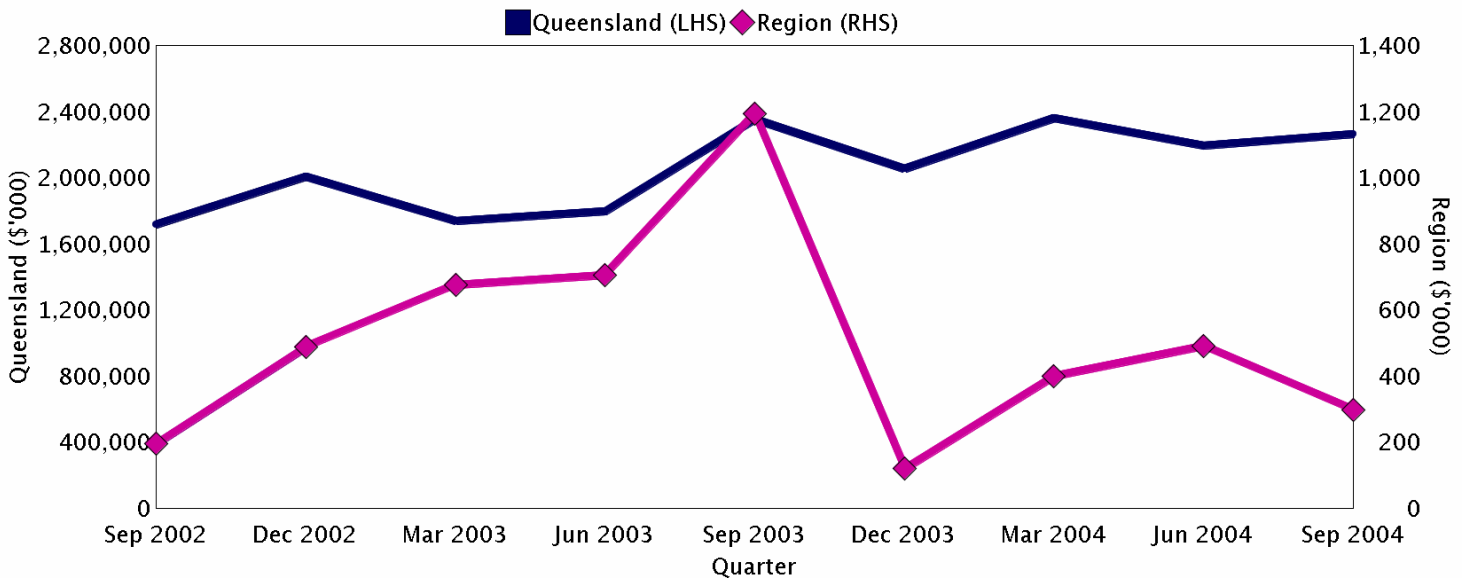
(a) Includes alterations, additions and conversions.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Building Approvals, Queensland, (8731.3), 2001 Geographical Boundaries

Residential Building Approvals

The value of residential building approvals in the South West Nrm region for the September 2004 quarter was \$0.3 million, compared with \$2,263.8 million in Queensland. Between the September 2002 quarter and the September 2004 quarter, the value of new residential building approvals ranged between \$0.1 million and \$1.2 million.

Figure 1. Value of residential building approvals (a), South West Nrm region and Queensland, September 2002 quarter to September 2004 quarter



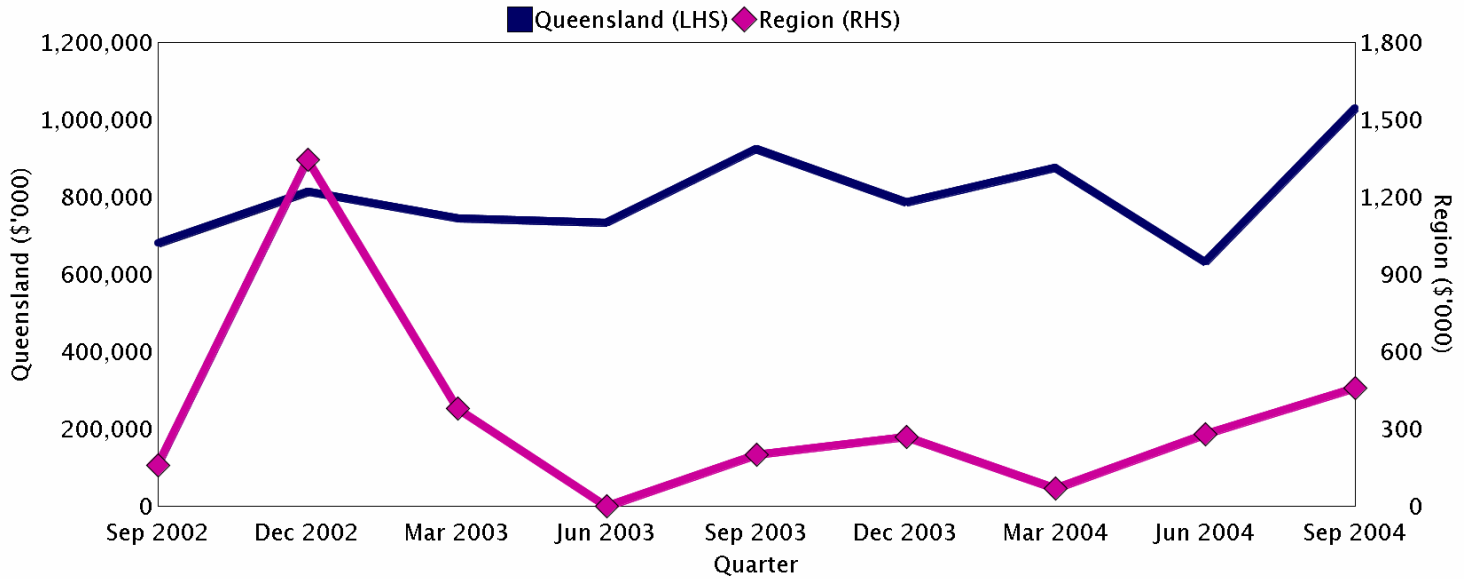
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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Building Approvals, Queensland, (8731.3), 2001 Geographical Boundaries

Non-Residential Building Approvals

The value of non-residential building approvals in the South West Nrm region for the September 2004 quarter was \$0.5 million, compared with \$1,029.0 million in Queensland. Between the September 2002 quarter and the September 2004 quarter, the value of non-residential building approvals ranged between \$0.0 million and \$1.3 million.

Figure 2. Value of non-residential building approvals, South West Nrm region and Queensland, September 2002 quarter to September 2004 quarter



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Building Approvals, Queensland, (8731.3), 2001 Geographical Boundaries

BUSINESS REGISTER

As at September 1998, 0.5 per cent (or 1,025) of businesses in Queensland were located in the South West Nrm region. The largest number of businesses in the South West Nrm region were in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry (500 businesses or 48.8 per cent), followed by the retail trade industry (89 businesses or 8.7 per cent).

Within Queensland, 2.3 per cent of all Mining businesses were located in the South West Nrm region while 1.4 per cent of Queensland's agriculture, forestry and fishing businesses were located in the South West Nrm region.

Table 8. Number of businesses by industry, South West Nrm region and Queensland, September 1998

Industry	Region	Percentage of total	Queensland	Percentage of total	Region as a percentage of Queensland
	number	per cent	number	per cent	per cent
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	500	48.8	34,554	17.2	1.4
Mining	19	1.9	830	0.4	2.3
Manufacturing	17	1.7	11,071	5.5	0.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	9	0.9	729	0.4	1.2
Construction	39	3.8	21,697	10.8	0.2
Wholesale trade	32	3.1	12,973	6.4	0.2
Retail trade	89	8.7	30,660	15.2	0.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	44	4.3	7,844	3.9	0.6
Transport and storage	59	5.8	10,464	5.2	0.6
Communication services	16	1.6	1,154	0.6	1.4
Finance and insurance	7	0.7	6,544	3.3	0.1
Property and business services	34	3.3	29,830	14.8	0.1
Government administration and defence	16	1.6	1,493	0.7	1.1
Education	24	2.3	4,446	2.2	0.5
Health and community services	51	5.0	13,414	6.7	0.4
Cultural and recreational services	17	1.7	4,141	2.1	0.4
Personal and other services	52	5.1	9,493	4.7	0.5
Total	1,025	100.0	201,337	100.0	0.5

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Business Register, Unpublished data, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

LABOUR FORCE - 2001 CENSUS

The overall unemployment rate in the South West Nrm region at the time of the 2001 Census was 5.2 per cent, compared with 8.2 per cent for Queensland. The participation rate for the South West Nrm region was 69.6 per cent, higher than that recorded for Queensland (63.1 per cent). The South West Nrm region had 0.3 per cent of Queensland's employed persons and 0.2 per cent of Queensland's unemployed persons.

Table 9. Labour force status (a)(b), South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001

	Region	Queensland	Region as a percentage of Queensland
	number		per cent
Employed full-time (c)	3,369	1,002,596	0.3
Employed part-time	1,053	518,158	0.2
Employed	4,592	1,568,864	0.3
Unemployed	254	140,748	0.2
Labour force	4,846	1,709,612	0.3
Not in labour force	2,112	1,000,121	0.2
Unemployment rate	5.2	8.2	..
Participation rate (d)	69.6	63.1	..

.. not applicable

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over.

(b) Based on place of enumeration data.

(c) Full-time is defined as having worked 35 hours or more in all jobs during the week prior to Census night.

(d) Only those persons who stated their labour force status were included in the calculation. Excludes overseas visitors.

Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing, Basic Community Profile (BCP) - Second Release, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION - 2001 CENSUS

At the time of the 2001 Census, labourers and related workers was the occupation with the largest number of employed persons in the South West Nrm region (840 persons or 18.4 per cent of employed persons). Other occupations with relatively large numbers of employed persons included managers and administrators (796 persons or 17.4 per cent), tradespersons and related workers (624 persons or 13.6 per cent) and professionals (501 persons or 11.0 per cent).

The highest degree of specialisation in the region occurred in the managers and administrators and labourers and related workers occupations. Of persons employed in the South West Nrm region, 17.4 per cent were employed in the managers and administrators occupation compared with 8.5 per cent for Queensland as a whole. The proportion of persons employed in the labourers and related workers occupation was 18.4 per cent while the proportion for Queensland was 9.7 per cent.

Table 10. Employed persons by occupation, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001 (a)

Occupation	Region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio (b)
	number	per cent	number	per cent	
Managers and administrators	796	17.4	133,295	8.5	2.0
Professionals	501	11.0	251,273	16.0	0.7
Associate professionals	483	10.6	187,910	12.0	0.9
Tradespersons and related workers	624	13.6	200,665	12.8	1.1
Advanced clerical and service workers	89	1.9	54,677	3.5	0.6
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	484	10.6	265,751	16.9	0.6
Intermediate production and transport workers	403	8.8	133,702	8.5	1.0
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	257	5.6	158,222	10.1	0.6
Labourers and related workers	840	18.4	152,773	9.7	1.9
Inadequately described	24	0.5	11,385	0.7	0.7
Not stated	74	1.6	19,211	1.2	1.3
Total	4,575	100.0	1,568,864	100.0	1.0

(a) Based on place of enumeration data.

(b) Ratio of the percentage employed in the South West Nrm region to the percentage employed in Queensland.

Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing, Basic Community Profile (BCP) - Second Release, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - 2001 CENSUS

At the 2001 Census, agriculture, forestry and fishing was the largest employer in the South West Nrm region with 1,312 (29.1 per cent) of the region's employed labour force. Other industries with relatively large numbers of employed persons included retail trade (468 persons or 10.4 per cent), health and community services (403 persons or 8.9 per cent) and education (305 persons or 6.8 per cent).

The highest degree of specialisation in the region occurred in the agriculture, forestry and fishing and mining industries. Of persons employed in the South West Nrm region, 29.1 per cent were employed in the agriculture, forestry and fishing, industry compared with 4.9 per cent for Queensland as a whole. The proportion of persons employed in the mining industry was 2.7 per cent while the proportion for Queensland was 1.2 per cent.

Table 11. Employment by industry, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001 (a)

Industry	Region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio (b)
	number	per cent	number	per cent	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,312	29.1	76,532	4.9	6.0
Mining	124	2.7	19,286	1.2	2.2
Manufacturing	176	3.9	167,380	10.7	0.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	39	0.9	12,359	0.8	1.1
Construction	297	6.6	111,209	7.1	0.9
Wholesale trade	199	4.4	79,718	5.1	0.9
Retail trade	468	10.4	239,615	15.3	0.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	187	4.1	88,381	5.6	0.7
Transport and storage	206	4.6	77,587	4.9	0.9
Communication services	50	1.1	23,016	1.5	0.8
Finance and insurance	43	1.0	44,562	2.8	0.3
Property and business services	167	3.7	153,864	9.8	0.4
Government administration and defence	296	6.6	75,048	4.8	1.4
Education	305	6.8	118,896	7.6	0.9
Health and community services	403	8.9	151,029	9.6	0.9
Cultural and recreational services	34	0.8	37,341	2.4	0.3
Personal and other services	102	2.3	57,662	3.7	0.6
Non-classifiable economic units	12	0.3	7,452	0.5	0.6
Not stated	93	2.1	27,927	1.8	1.2
Total	4,513	100.0	1,568,864	100.0	1.0

(a) Based on place of enumeration data.

(b) Ratio of the percentage employed in the South West Nrm region to the percentage employed in Queensland.

Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing, Basic Community Profile (BCP) - Second Release, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - 2001 CENSUS

Of persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification in the South West Nrm region at the time of the 2001 Census, 7.3 per cent had a bachelor degree or higher (521 persons) compared to 10.8 per cent (305,628) of Queensland as a whole.

Table 12. Highest post-school educational qualifications (a), South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2001 (b)

Qualification	Region		Queensland	
	number	per cent	number	per cent
Postgraduate degree	39	0.5	38,740	1.4
Graduate diploma and graduate certificate	60	0.8	31,775	1.1
Bachelor degree	422	5.9	235,113	8.3
Advanced diploma and diploma	303	4.2	156,001	5.5
Certificate	1,025	14.3	451,525	16.0
Not stated (c)	643	9.0	305,262	10.8
Not applicable	4,672	65.2	1,604,681	56.8
Total	7,164	100.0	2,823,097	100.0

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification.

(b) Based on place of enumeration data.

(c) Includes 'Inadequately described'.

Source: ABS, 2001 Census of Population and Housing, Basic Community Profile (BCP) - Second Release, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

SCHOOL STUDENTS

In the South West Nrm region, 78.8 per cent of school students attended government schools and 21.2 per cent attended non-government schools in the year 2003. The corresponding percentages for Queensland were 71.8 per cent of school students attended government schools and 28.2 per cent attended non-government schools.

There were 772 government primary school students (in years 1 to 7) in the South West Nrm region and 352 non-government primary school students. In secondary school (years 8 to 12) there were 386 government students and 0 non-government students.

Table 13. School student numbers, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2003 (a)

	Region		Queensland	
	number	per cent	number	per cent
Government				
Pre-school students	150	9.0	36,090	5.4
Primary students (Years 1-7)	772	46.5	283,975	42.4
Secondary students (Years 8-12)	386	23.3	157,843	23.6
Special students	0	0.0	2,643	0.4
Total	1,308	78.8	480,551	71.8
Non-Government				
Pre-school students	0	0.0	4,707	0.7
Primary students (Years 1-7)	352	21.2	95,251	14.2
Secondary students (Years 8-12)	0	0.0	89,232	13.3
Special students	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	352	21.2	189,190	28.2
Total students	1,660	100.0	669,741	100.0

(a) The statistics are collected in July or early August of each year.

Source: Queensland Department of Education, Schools Census, Unpublished data, 2001 Geographical Boundaries

MEAN TAXABLE INCOME OF TAXPAYERS

Statistics from the Australian Taxation Office show that the mean taxable income of taxpayers in the South West Nrm region for the 2000-01 financial year was \$31,914. This figure was \$3,065 less than the equivalent Queensland figure (\$34,980).

Table 14. Mean taxable income of taxpayers, South West Nrm region and Queensland, 2000-01

	Region	Queensland
Taxable (Persons)	3,397	1,523,244
Taxable income (\$millions)	108.4	53,282.7
Mean taxable income (\$)	31,914	34,980

Source: Australian Taxation Office, Unpublished data, 2001 Geographical Boundaries