



CHILDERS

Community of Wide Bay-Burnett

Quantitative Needs Analysis

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Population - Childers

Is the population expected to increase or decrease?(1)

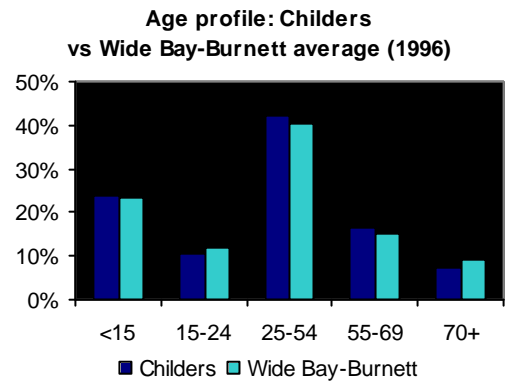


The community of Childers is expected to grow to 16,790 persons by 2011, an increase of 38% from 1996. This is a higher rate of growth than for the overall Wide Bay-Burnett area. By 2011, the community of Childers will have a greater share of Wide Bay-Burnett's total population.

| | Total Population (persons) | | Population. growth 1996-2011 | Share of Wide Bay-Burnett's Population | |
|------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--|------|
| | 1996 | 2011 | | 1996 | 2011 |
| Childers | 12,150 | 16,790 | 38% | 5.5% | 6.1% |
| Wide Bay-B | 220,300 | 274,800 | 25% | - | - |

How does the age distribution compare with the Area average? (2)

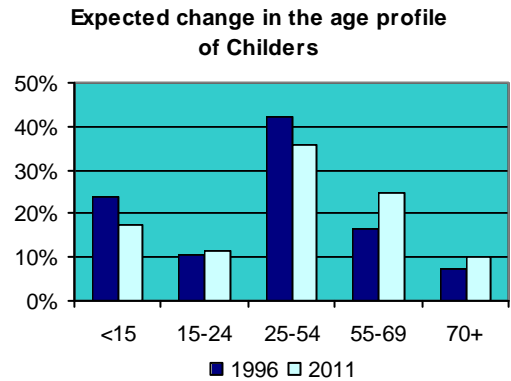
In 1996, the community of Childers had a greater percentage of the population in the 25-54 and 55-69 age brackets than the Wide bay Burnett average. There were smaller percentages of older people (70+) and young adults (15-24) in Childers than Wide Bay Burnett.



What age groups are likely to increase or decrease in the next decade? (3)



Childers's population profile is likely to age by 2011. The largest increase is likely to be in the 55 to 69 year old group. However there will also be an increase in the elderly population (70+). On the other hand, the percentages of children under 15 and persons in the 25 to 54 year age groups are likely to fall.



Industry - Childers

What industry sectors are the major employers? ⁽⁴⁾



Over one third (36%) of persons employed in the Childers community work in the *Agricultural, forestry, fishing and mining* sector, more than double the percentage for Wide Bay-Burnett overall. The other prominent employer in Childers is the *Government, education, health and community services* sector. The *Wholesale & retail trade* sector and the *Cultural personal accommodation and other services* sector have smaller percentages of local jobs, when compared with the Wide Bay-Burnett average.

| | Agricult forest fishing mining | Mfg., electricity, gas & water | Constrctn | Wholesale & retail trade | Transport, storage and commcatn | Finance, property business serv. | Govt., educatn, health comm. serv. | Cult. serv, personal and other services, accmdn, other | TOTAL |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------|
| Childers | 36% | 11% | 5% | 13% | 4% | 5% | 19% | 6% | 3,690 |
| Wide Bay-B | 16% | 12% | 7% | 20% | 5% | 8% | 22% | 10% | 73,800 |

What type of jobs were created or lost in the past decade? ⁽⁴⁾



In the period 1986 to 1996, there was a 27% increase in the number of jobs for Childers. This percentage rate of job growth was lower than the Wide Bay-Burnett average (31%).

The *Government, education, health and community services* sector was the only sector to show significant growth in Childers with 210 new jobs, while the *Transport, storage & communication* sector lost 30 jobs from 1986-96.

| | Job gains/losses 1986-96 | Job grow th 1986-96 (%) | Sector w ith strongest grow th | Sector w ith w eakest grow th |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| Childers | 820 | 27% | Govt, educ, health & comm services (+210 jobs) | Transport, storage & communication (-30 jobs) |
| Wide Bay-B | 18,120 | 31% | Govt, educ, health & comm services (+5,620 jobs) | Agric, forestry, fishing & Mining (-530 jobs) |

Households - Childers

What is the current distribution of household types?

Is the number of households expected to increase or decrease? ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾



Compared to Wide Bay-Burnett overall, the community of Childers has a higher percentage of *Couple without children* households (34%), and a lower percentage of *Lone person* households.

Childers also has a higher percentage of *Couples with children* households but lower percentages of *One parent* households than the Wide Bay-Burnett average.

The total number of households in Childers is forecast to grow to around 6,360 between 1996 and 2011. This is an increase of more than one half (54%), and it is considerably above the comparable rate for Wide Bay-Burnett (35%).

| | Number of households | | % change | % Lone person (*) | % One parent (*) | % Couple with children (*) | % Couple without children (*) |
|------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 1996 | 2011 | 1996-2011 | | | | |
| Childers | 4,120 | 6,360 | 54% | 19% | 7% | 36% | 34% |
| Wide Bay-B | 77,200 | 104,150 | 35% | 22% | 9% | 34% | 31% |

(*) These percentages do not add up to 100% because multiple family households, group households and households living in improvised and non-private dwellings have been excluded.

Household Incomes - Childers

How do weekly household incomes compare with the Area average? ⁽⁷⁾



The income distribution of *Lone person* households in Childers is similar to the Wide Bay-Burnett average. Nevertheless, two-thirds of them have incomes under \$300 per week .

One parent households in Childers have lower incomes than the Wide Bay Burnett average. Nearly half of those households (45%) have incomes of under \$300 pw

Two thirds of all *Couples without children* households in Childers have incomes under \$500 per week, a higher percentage than the corresponding Wide Bay-Burnett average (61%).

Couples with children households in Childers also have lower incomes than the Wide Bay Burnett average. Two thirds have incomes under \$700 per week as compared with over half (53%) for Wide Bay Burnett overall.

| | Lone person households | | | | | | One parent households | | | | | |
|------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| | <\$299 | \$300-\$499 | \$500-\$699 | \$700-\$999 | >\$1,000 | Total | <\$299 | \$300-\$499 | \$500-\$699 | \$700-\$999 | >\$1,000 | Total |
| Childers | 66% | 18% | 9% | 5% | 2% | 740 | 45% | 36% | 12% | 3% | 4% | 290 |
| Wide Bay-B | 67% | 17% | 9% | 5% | 2% | 15,740 | 36% | 39% | 14% | 8% | 3% | 6,890 |

| | Couple with children households | | | | | | Couple without children households | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| | <\$299 | \$300-\$499 | \$500-\$699 | \$700-\$999 | >\$1,000 | Total | <\$299 | \$300-\$499 | \$500-\$699 | \$700-\$999 | >\$1,000 | Total |
| Childers | 9% | 32% | 25% | 16% | 17% | 1,240 | 36% | 30% | 15% | 10% | 9% | 1,270 |
| Wide Bay-B | 6% | 23% | 24% | 24% | 22% | 22,310 | 32% | 29% | 14% | 12% | 12% | 22,010 |

Tenures & Building Activity - Childers

What percentages of the population own or rent their accommodation? ⁽⁸⁾

What is the current level of building activity? ⁽⁹⁾



Over half the dwellings (55%) in Childers are owned outright, compared to the Wide Bay-Burnett average (48%), although the percentage of dwellings being purchased in Childers is the same as the Wide Bay-Burnett average (21%). In total around three quarters of all Dwellings in Childers are owned outright or being purchased, a higher percentage than the Wide bay Burnett average.

Rental accommodation is a less popular form of tenancy in Childers, accounting for only 16% of occupied dwellings.

The growth in occupied private dwellings was higher in Childers than for Wide Bay-Burnett overall in the decade 1986 to 1996. As a consequence the current housing stock will on average be more recently constructed within this community. However, the level of building activity in Childers has fallen off in recent years and is now less than the Wide Bay-Burnett average.

| | Fully owned 1996 (*) | Being purchased 1996 (*) | Rental incl. Public Rental 1996 (*) | Total occupied private dwellings 1996 | 1986-1996 growth in occupied private dwellings | Dwelling approvals 1999 | Dwelling approvals as % of total occupied private dwellings |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| Childers | 55% | 21% | 16% | 4,360 | 61% | 64 | 1.5% |
| Wide Bay-B | 48% | 21% | 24% | 81,600 | 53% | 1,523 | 1.9% |

(*) these percentages do not add up to 100% as the *Other category* has been excluded

Private Rental - Childers

Are private rents increasing or decreasing in this community? (10)

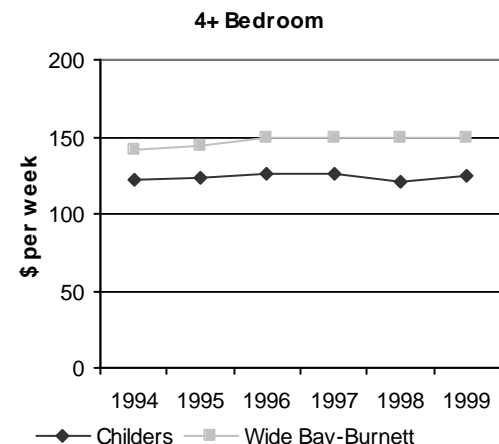
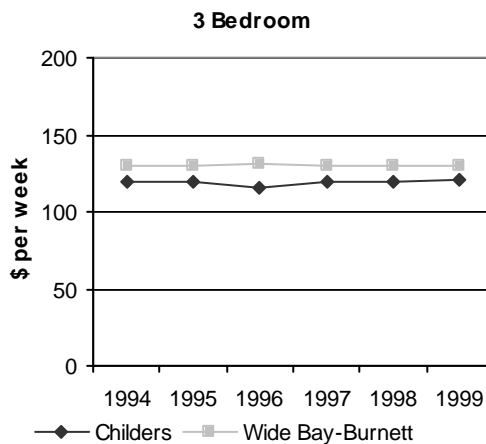
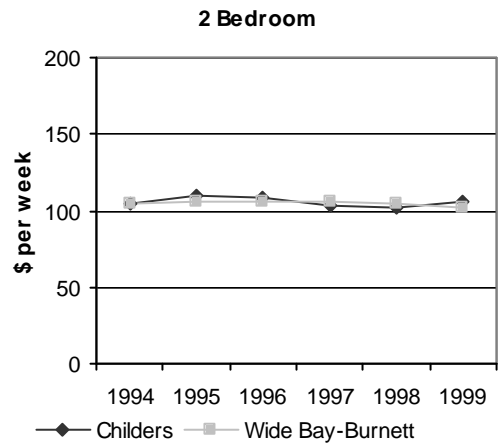
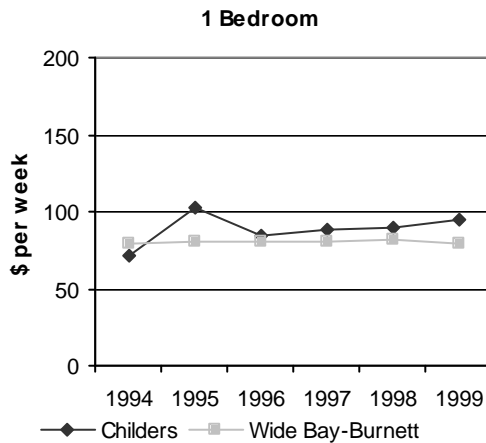


During 1994 and 1995 rents for 1 br accommodation in Childers fluctuated before falling to a similar level as the Wide Bay Burnett average in 1996. Since then rents have increased steadily so that in 1999 average rents were higher than the Wide Bay Burnett average.

Average rents for 2 bedroom accommodation are the same as the Wide Bay Burnett average.

Average rents for larger accommodation types have been lower than the Wide Bay -Burnett average since 1994.

Rent levels for most accommodation sizes except 1 br have remained relatively stable, displaying only slight variations during the period 1994 to 1999. This is consistent with the Wide Bay -Burnett area overall



Employment & Disadvantage - Childers

What is the employment pattern in the community? (11, 12, 13)

What is the level of disadvantage? (14,15)



The unemployment rate in Childers for the March quarter of 2000 was 17.1%, which was well above the Wide Bay -Burnett average of 13.6%.

During the period 1986 to 1996, women with full time jobs in Childers remained at the same level neither increasing nor decreasing their share of the total labour force. Females employed full time in Childers currently make up a marginally lower proportion of the total labour force than the Wide Bay Burnett average.

In the same period the percentage of men with full-time jobs in the labour force fell by 7% in Childers, a similar percentage loss as the Wide Bay Burnett average. The current level of full time male employment in Childers (39%) is identical to the area average..

Slightly less jobs (25%) in Childers are part-time, compared to the Wide Bay-Burnett average (27%).

The level of Centrelink benefits in Childers is the highest in the Wide Bay - Burnett area. Centrelink payments make up one third of the community's after-tax incomes (33%).

Childers community contains four of the 16 disadvantaged Statistical Local Areas identified in the Wide Bay Burnett area

| | Unemployed as % of total labour force (for March 2000 quarter) (11) | Part-time employed as % of total labour force (1996) (12) | F/T employment as % of total labour force 1986 - 1996 (13) | | | | % contribution of Centrelink benefits to after tax incomes (1998) (14) | Disadvantaged community? (1996) (15) |
|------------|--|--|---|-----|--------|-----|---|---|
| | | | Male | | Female | | | |
| | | | 86 | 96 | 86 | 96 | | |
| Childers | 17.1% | 25% | 46% | 39% | 16% | 16% | 33% | 4 |
| Wide Bay-B | 13.6% | 27% | 45% | 39% | 17% | 17% | 28% | 16 |

Housing Affordability - Childers

How affordable is private rental for low income households? (16)



Private rental in Childers is generally more affordable for most low income household types. The exception to this is the *Couples without children* households for whom accomodation cost is on par with the Wide Bay - Burnett average.

Despite this, nearly three -quarters of *Lone person* households (70%) and nearly half of *Couples without children* (47%) and *One parent* households (42%) in Childers are renting unaffordable housing (ie pay more than 30% of their income in rent).

Couples with children households are more likely to live in affordable housing than other household types with only 10% of this group paying more than 30% of income in rent.

| | Percentage of low income households paying over 30% of income in rent (*) | | | |
|------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Lone person households | One parent households | Couple with children households | Couple without children households |
| Childers | 70% | 42% | 10% | 47% |
| Wide Bay-B | 75% | 48% | 21% | 46% |

(*) Based on analysis of Centrelink beneficiaries who are renting in the private market and receiving Rent Assistance.

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