



COOLOOLA
Community of Wide Bay-Burnett

Quantitative Needs Analysis

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Population - Cooloola

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



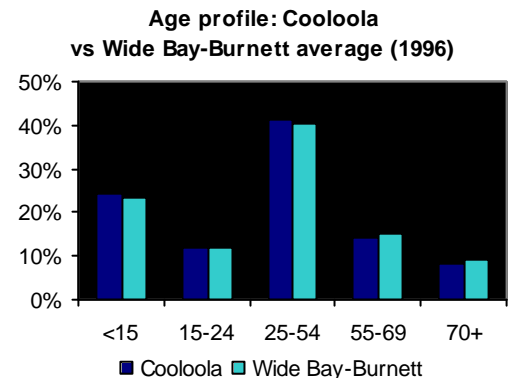
The community of Cooloola is expected to grow to 39,800 persons by 2011, an increase of 24% from 1996. This is a slightly lower rate of growth than for the overall Wide Bay-Burnett area. Consequently, the community of Cooloola will have a slightly smaller share of Wide Bay-Burnett's total population by 2011.

	Total Population (persons)		Population growth 1996-2011	Share of Wide Bay-Burnett's Population	
	1996	2011		1996	2011
Cooloola	32,100	39,800	24%	14.6%	14.5%
Wide Bay-B	220,300	274,800	25%	-	-

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



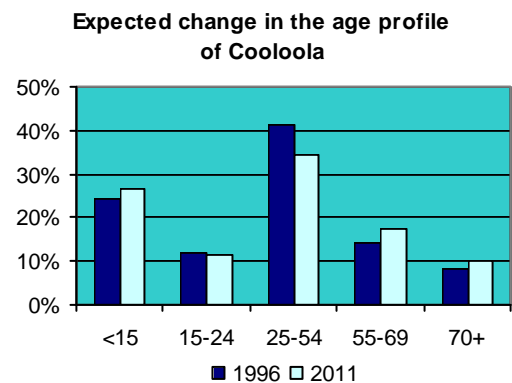
In 1996, the community of Cooloola had a slightly younger age profile than Wide Bay-Burnett overall, with a smaller percentage of the population aged over 55 years old.



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



Cooloola's population profile is likely to age by 2011. The largest increase is likely to be in the 55 to 69 year old group and the percentage of the population aged over 70 years is also expected to increase. At the opposite end of the population profile, the percentages for children under 15 will increase as well.



Industry - Cooloola

What industry sectors are the major employers? ⁽⁴⁾



Over one in five (22%) people employed in the Cooloola community work in *Government, education, health and community services* sector. A further one in five work in the *Wholesale & retail trade* sector. This is consistent with Wide Bay-Burnett overall. Other prominent employers in Cooloola are the *Agricultural, forestry, fishing and mining* sector

	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
Cooloola	16%	13%	7%	21%	5%	8%	22%	8%	11,100
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 31% increase in the number of jobs in Cooloola. This percentage rate of job growth was the same as the Wide Bay-Burnett average (31%).

The *Govt, education, health & community services* sector had the strongest average growth in Cooloola with 760 new jobs, while the *Transport, storage & communication* sector lost 190 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
Cooloola	2,700	31%	Govt, educ, health & comm services (+760 jobs)	Transport, storage & communication (-190 jobs)
Wide Bay-B	18,120	31%	Govt, educ, health & comm services (+5,620 jobs)	Agric, forestry, fishing & Mining (-530 jobs)

Households - Cooloola

What is the current distribution of household types?

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



The number of households in Cooloola is expected to increase by 28% between 1996 and 2011, which is a lower rate of growth than the Wide Bay-Burnett average. It is also higher than the population growth of 24% that is expected in Cooloola over the same period. The reason for this is that household sizes are expected to decrease as the population ages.

Compared to Wide Bay-Burnett overall, the community of Cooloola has a lower percentage of *Couple without children* households (29%) and a slightly higher percentage of *one person* and *couples with children* household types.

	Number of households		% change	% Lone person (*)	% One parent (*)	% Couple with children (*)	% Couple without children (*)
	1996	2011	1996-2011				
Cooloola	11,200	14,300	28%	22%	10%	35%	29%
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 - Cooloola

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



The income distribution of *Lone person* households in Cooloola is similar to that of the Wide Bay-Burnett average.

Cooloola has a smaller percentage of low income *One parent* households in the very low income category (less than \$300 per week) compared to Wide Bay-Burnett overall. Although it has similar percentages of households that earn less than \$500 per week (74%) as compared to the Wide Bay-Burnett area overall.

Couples without children households in Cooloola are slightly better off than the Wide Bay Burnett average with 29% of households in Cooloola earning between \$500 and \$1000 pw compared to 26% for Wide Bay Burnett.

Almost one quarter (24%) of households in Cooloola earn over \$1000 per week compared to 22% for Wide Bay Burnett

	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
Cooloola	66%	18%	8%	6%	2%	2,300	34%	40%	16%	7%	3%	1,010
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
Cooloola	6%	22%	24%	24%	24%	3,360	30%	29%	15%	14%	12%	3,010
Wide Bay-B	6%	23%	24%	24%	22%	22,310	32%	29%	14%	12%	12%	22,010

Tenures & Building Activity - Cooloola

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

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



Nearly half (48%) of all dwellings in Cooloola are owned outright, this is the same as the Wide Bay-Burnett average. There also is a slightly larger percentage of dwellings in Cooloola currently being purchased as compared to the Wide Bay-Burnett average.

Rental accommodation makes up a smaller percentage of all dwellings in Cooloola (23%) than for the Area overall (24%).

The growth in occupied private dwellings was lower in Cooloola than for Wide Bay-Burnett overall in the decade 1986 to 1996. As a consequence the current housing stock will on average be older within this community. However, the level of building activity in Cooloola is now slightly higher than the average for the overall Wide Bay-Burnett area.

	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
Cooloola	48%	23%	23%	11,700	47%	238	2.0%
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

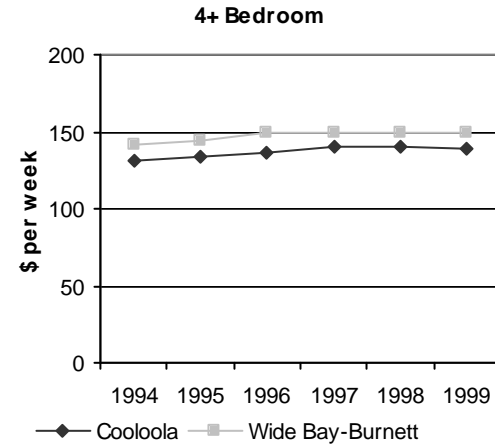
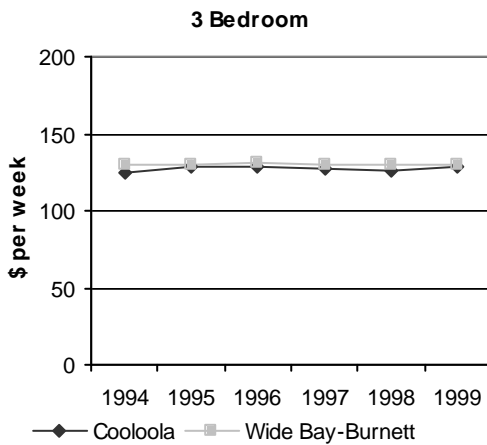
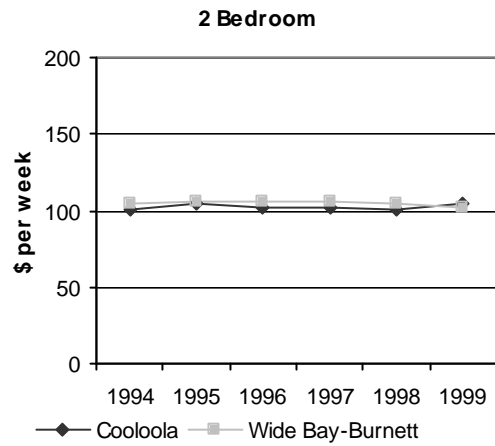
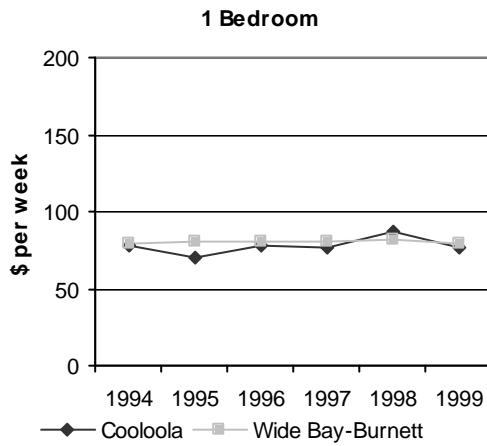
Private Rental - Cooloola

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



Rents in Cooloola for larger accommodation types (4 bedrooms or more) have been lower than for the overall Wide Bay -Burnett area since 1994. On the other hand the rents for smaller accommodation (one, two and three bedrooms) are similar to the Wide Bay Burnett average.

On the whole rent levels for all accommodation types have remained stable displaying only slight variations during the five year period between 1994 and 1999. This is consistent with the Wide Bay -Burnett area overall



Employment & Disadvantage - Cooloola

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

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



The unemployment rate in Cooloola for the March quarter of 2000 was 13.9%, which was similar to the Wide Bay -Burnett average of 13.6%.

Male full time jobs in Cooloola decreased by 4% during the period 1986 to 1996, whereas the percentage of female full -time jobs has remained steady. In 1996, male full time employment in Cooloola was 39% which was the same as the Wide Bay Burnett average. Female full -time employment was 17% which was also the same as the area average.

Cooloola has a slightly higher percentage of part -time jobs as the Wide Bay - Burnett average (27%).

Centrelink payments make up over one quarter of the community's after -tax incomes (27%). The reliance of the local economy on this form of income is slightly lower than the Wide Bay Burnett average.

Cooloola community contains 2 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		
Cooloola	13.9%	28%	43%	39%	17%	17%	27%	2
Wide Bay-B	13.6%	27%	45%	39%	17%	17%	28%	16

Housing Affordability - Cooloola

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



Private rents in Cooloola are generally less affordable for low income households with no children. The percentages of *Couples without children* households and *Lone person* households in Cooloola in unaffordable accommodation are greater than the Wide Bay -Burnett average.

Over three-quarters of *Lone person* households (77%) and nearly half of *One parent* households (48%) in Cooloola are renting unaffordable housing (ie pay more than 30% of their 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
Cooloola	77%	48%	20%	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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