



HERVEY BAY

Community of Wide Bay-Burnett

Quantitative Needs Analysis

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Population - Hervey Bay

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



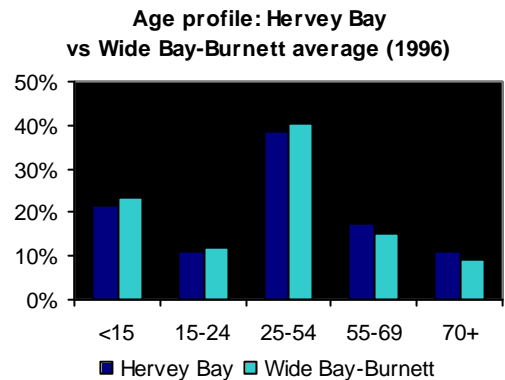
The community of Hervey Bay is expected to grow to 59,440 persons by 2011, an increase of 53% from 1996. This is a much higher rate of projected growth than for the overall Wide Bay-Burnett area. By 2011, the community of Hervey Bay will have a greater share of Wide Bay-Burnett's total population

	Total Population (persons)		Population growth 1996-2011	Share of Wide Bay-Burnett's Population	
	1996	2011		1996	2011
Hervey Bay	38,810	59,440	53%	17.6%	21.6%
Wide Bay-B	220,300	274,800	25%	-	-

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



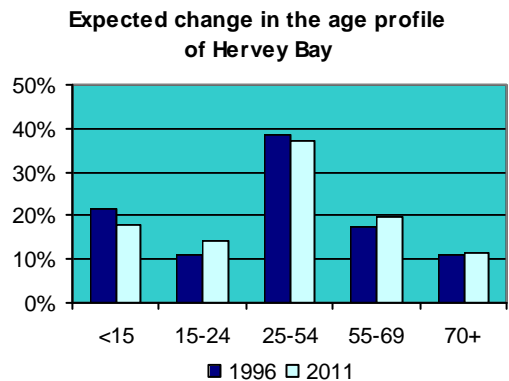
In 1996, the community of Hervey Bay had an older age profile than Wide Bay-Burnett overall, with smaller percentages of all age groups below 55 years old.



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



Hervey Bay's population profile is likely to age slightly by 2011. The percentage of people aged between 55 and 69 years is expected to increase and a small increase in the percentage of over 70 year olds is also expected.



The percentages of children under 15 and people aged 25-54 years are expected to decrease, although interestingly the percentage of people aged 15-24 is expected to increase.

Industry - Hervey Bay

What industry sectors are the major employers? ⁽⁴⁾



The major employment sectors in Hervey Bay are the *Government, education, health and community services* sector, and the *Wholesale and retail trade* sector.

Compared to Wide Bay-Burnett overall, Hervey Bay has a higher percentage of people employed in the *Cultural, personal and other services & accomodation* sector and a smaller percentage of people employed in 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
Hervey Bay	5%	9%	10%	23%	5%	10%	23%	15%	11,490
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 123% increase in the number of jobs for Hervey Bay. This percentage rate of job growth was significantly greater than for Wide Bay-Burnett overall.(31%).

The *Wholesale & retail trade* sector displayed the strongest growth in Hervey Bay with 1,510 new jobs, while the *Agriculture, forestry, fishing & mining* sector grew the least gaining only 80 new jobs.

	Job gains/losses 1986-96	Job grow th 1986-96 (%)	Sector w ith strongest grow th	Sector w ith weakest grow th
Hervey Bay	6,600	123%	Wholesale & retail trade (+1,510 jobs)	Agric, forestry, fishing & Mining (+80 jobs)
Wide Bay-B	18,120	31%	Govt, educ, health & comm services (+5,620 jobs)	Agric, forestry, fishing & Mining (-530 jobs)

Households - Hervey Bay

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 Hervey Bay has a higher percentage of *Couple without children* households (35%) and a slightly lower percentage of *Lone person* households. Hervey Bay also has a lower percentage of *Couples with children* households than the Wide Bay Burnett average and a higher percentage of one parent households.

The total number of households in Hervey Bay is forecast to grow to around 22,740 between 1996 and 2011. This is an increase of almost two thirds, 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				
Hervey Bay	14,030	22,740	62%	21%	10%	30%	35%
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 - Hervey Bay

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



All household types in Hervey Bay have lower incomes than the Wide Bay Burnett average.

Over, two-thirds (70%) of all *Lone person* households in Hervey Bay earn under \$300 per week .

Hervey Bay also has a higher percentage of low income *One parent* households in the very low income category (less than \$300 per week) compared to Wide Bay-Burnett overall. Over three quarters (79%) of all *One parent* households in Hervey Bay earn less than \$500 per week.

More than two thirds (68%) of all *Couples without children* households in Hervey Bay have incomes less than \$500 per week, a higher percentage than the corresponding Wide Bay-Burnett average (61%).

Couple with children households in Hervey Bay also have lower incomes than the Wide bay Burnett average. A smaller percentage of households have incomes *Over \$1,000 per week* than the Wide Bay-Burnett average.

	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
Hervey Bay	70%	16%	8%	4%	2%	2,800	39%	40%	14%	6%	2%	1,280
Wide Bay-B	67%	17%	9%	5%	2%	15,740	36%	39%	14%	8%	3%	6,890

	Couple w ith children households						Couple w ithout children households					
	<\$299	\$300-\$499	\$500-\$699	\$700-\$999	>\$1,000	Total	<\$299	\$300-\$499	\$500-\$699	\$700-\$999	>\$1,000	Total
Hervey Bay	7%	27%	24%	23%	19%	3,560	35%	33%	13%	10%	9%	4,550
Wide Bay-B	6%	23%	24%	24%	22%	22,310	32%	29%	14%	12%	12%	22,010

Tenures & Building Activity - Hervey Bay

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

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



Nearly half (47%) of all dwellings in Hervey Bay are owned outright, this is slightly lower than the Wide Bay-Burnett average (48%). There is also a slightly smaller percentage of dwellings in Hervey Bay currently being purchased as compared to the Wide Bay-Burnett average.

Rental accommodation makes up a larger proportion of all dwellings in Hervey Bay (27%) than for the Area overall (24%).

The growth in occupied private dwellings was 2 and ½ times greater in Hervey Bay than for Wide Bay-Burnett during the decade 1986 to 1996. As a consequence the current housing stock will on average be more recently constructed within this community. The level of building activity in Hervey Bay has remained high in recent years and is still higher than 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
Hervey Bay	47%	19%	27%	15,860	144%	452	2.8%
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

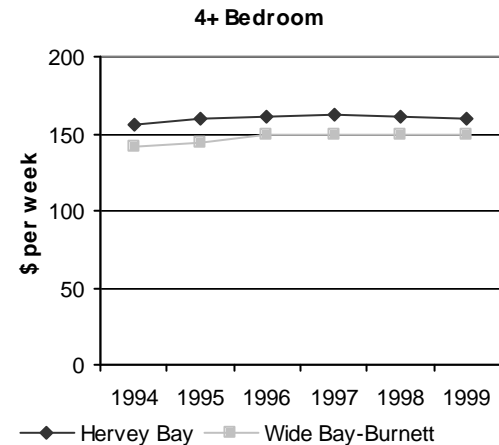
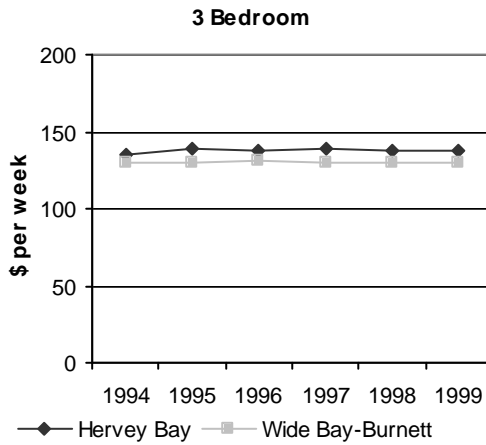
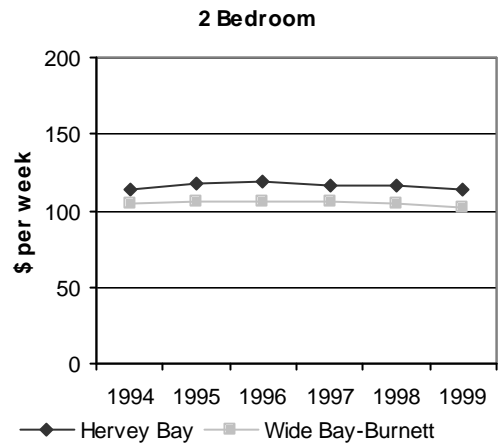
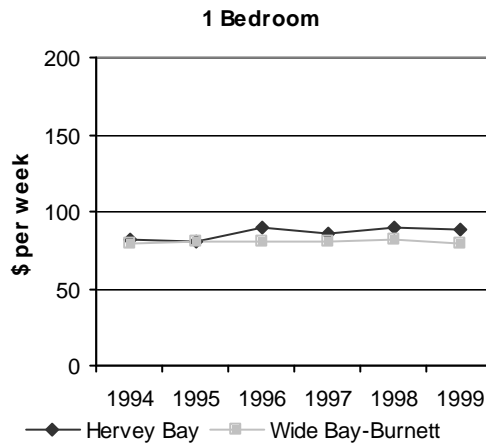
Private Rental - Hervey Bay

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



Rents in Hervey Bay for most accommodation types have been slightly higher than the Wide Bay - Burnett average since 1994.

On the whole rent levels for all accommodation types have remained stable displaying only slight variations since 1994. This is consistent with the Wide Bay - Burnett area overall



Employment & Disadvantage - Hervey Bay

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

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



The un employment rate in Hervey Bay for the March quarter of 2000 was 16.5%, which was well above the Wide Bay -Burnett average of 13.6%.

During the period 1986 to 1996, women with full time jobs in Hervey Bay remained at the same level neither increasing nor decreasing their share of the total labour force. Females employed full time in Hervey Bay 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 6% in Hervey Bay, the same percentage loss as the Wide Bay Burnett average. The current level of full time male employment in Childers (32%) is significantly less than to the Area average..

More jobs (30%) in Hervey Bay are part -time, compared to the Wide Bay - Burnett average (27%).

The level of Centrelink benefits in Hervey Bay is the second highest in the Wide Bay -Burnett area. Centrelink payments make up almost one third of the community' s after -tax incomes (31%).

Hervey Bay community contains one 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		
Hervey Bay	16.5%	30%	38%	32%	16%	16%	31%	1
Wide Bay-B	13.6%	27%	45%	39%	17%	17%	28%	16

Housing Affordability - Hervey Bay

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



Private rental in Hervey Bay is generally less affordable for most low income household types. The exception to this is *Couples without children* households, for whom accomodation costs are on a par with the Wide Bay - Burnett average.

Over three -quarters of *Lone person* households (79%), over half of *One parent* households (59%) and just under half (46%) of *Couples with children* households in Hervey Bay 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
Hervey Bay	79%	59%	33%	46%
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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