

# Central Coast Council SnapShot

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This SnapShot analyses data from the 2006 Census to describe the characteristics of the residents of Central Coast, and how these compare with Tasmania. Differences from the 2001 Census are examined to identify social changes that have occurred over this period.

The SnapShot uses a set of 2006 Census data called QuickStats, available from the ABS web site. QuickStats is the first 2006 Census data released. To make comparisons with 2001, the SnapShot loads tables from the 2001 Census called the Usual Residents Profile and Basic Community Profile. Not all 2006 data can be matched with 2001 data, due to changes in the Census.

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## Population and growth

In the August 2006 Census, 20,663 residents were counted in Central Coast, 10,593 women and 10,070 men. This was an increase of 201 or 1% since 2001. There were also 40 overseas visitors staying in Central Coast on Census night, but they are not counted in the population.

The residents included 1,072 Indigenous Australians (5.2% of the population). Their number had decreased by 29 since 2001.

Central Coast's gender ratio was 1.05 females per male, compared with Tasmania's ratio of 1.04 females per male. The gender ratio in 2001 was 1.06 females per male.

The Census count was 3% less than the ABS's current estimated resident population (ERP) for Central Coast at 30 June 2006 of 21,239 (based on the 2001 Census and changes since). The Census count on average is about 4% less than the true population, due to some people not completing the Census. It appears that Central Coast's 2006 population is close to that expected. In 2001, the Census count was 20,462, which was 3% less than the ERP of 21,029.

1. Population	Cen.C. 2006		Tas % in 2006	Cen.C. difference	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%			no.	%	
males	10,070	48.7%	49.0%	0.2% lower	9,947	48.6%	up 0.1%
females	10,593	51.3%	51.0%	0.2% higher	10,513	51.4%	dn 0.1%
<b>residents</b>	<b>20,663</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>20,462</b>	<b>(up 201)</b>	<b>up 1%</b>
Gender ratio	<b>1.05 F:M</b>		<b>1.04 F:M</b>		<b>1.06 F:M</b>		
<b>Indigenous Australians</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>1.7% higher</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>dn 0.2%</b>
Overseas visitors	40	0.2%	0.4%	0.2% lower	34	0.2%	up 0.0%

## Age structure

Over 2001 to 2006, the fastest-growing age group in Central Coast, proportionally, was people aged 55-64 years, while the 25-54 years age group declined most in relative size.

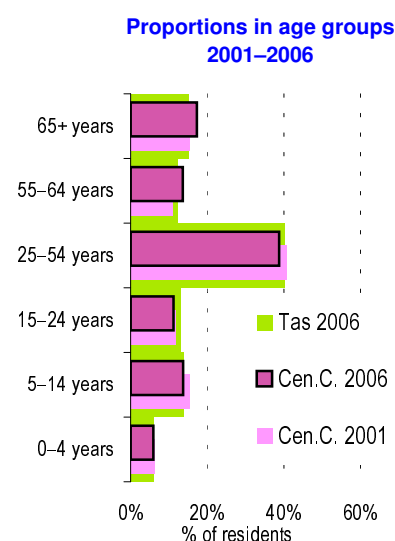
In 2006, Central Coast had 7,996 residents of prime working age, 25-54 years, making up 39% of the population, a fall of 2 points since 2001. The proportion was similar to Tasmania's (40%).

There were 2,292 young adults aged 15-24, which was 11% of the population, compared with 13% for Tasmania. This age-group fell by 1 point since 2001, proportionally.

Another 19% of residents were children, with 1,205 under-fives and 2,819 aged 5 to 14. The number of children had decreased by 369 since 2001. The under-5s constituted 6% and the 5-14s were 14% of Central Coast's population, when 6% and 14% in Tasmania.

Central Coast also had 2,789 residents aged 55 to 64, the older baby-boomers. They constituted 13% of the population (12% for Tas), a proportion that grew by 3 points from 2001.

The remaining residents of Central Coast were aged 65 or more. There were 3,561 in 2006, making up 17% of the population (15% in Tas). Their share of the population was up by 2 points since 2001.



2. Age groups	Cen.C. 2006		Tas 2006	Cen.C. difference	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%			no.	%	
0-4 years	1,205	5.8%	6.0%	0.2% lower	1,267	6.2%	dn 0.4%
5-14 years	2,819	13.6%	13.7%	0.1% lower	3,126	15.3%	dn 1.6%
15-24 years	2,292	11.1%	13.0%	1.9% lower	2,389	11.7%	dn 0.6%
25-54 years	7,996	38.7%	40.1%	1.4% lower	8,335	40.7%	dn 2.0%
55-64 years	2,789	13.5%	12.3%	1.2% higher	2,216	10.8%	up 2.7%
65+ years	3,561	17.2%	14.9%	2.3% higher	3,129	15.3%	up 1.9%
<b>all people</b>	<b>20,663</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>20,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>up 1%</b>

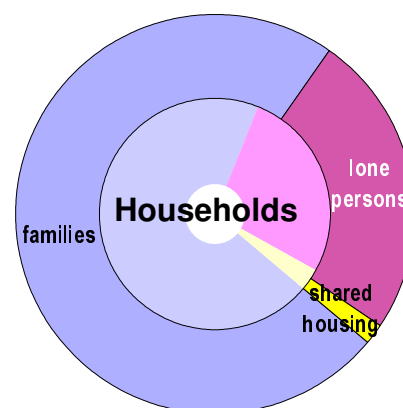
## Social Structure

In 2006, Central Coast's 20,663 residents occupied 7,991 private dwellings\* at an average household size of 2.4 persons per household, which was the same as Tasmania and 4% smaller than 2001.

Most (74%) of Central Coast's occupied dwellings held families, 5,880 in all. This was 0.2% fewer than in 2001. The proportion of families was 3.7% higher than Tasmania.

Another 1,987 dwellings held lone-person households, 25% of households (27% for Tasmania). This proportion had only changed slightly since 2001, the fastest of all household types.

The remaining 124 occupied dwellings held group households. They were 2% of households (3% for Tasmania), and their number was little changed since 2001.



The outer ring shows Central Coast; the inner ring is Tas.

\* some people lived in 'non-private' dwellings such as nursing homes, boarding houses and barracks, but their number is not available in these statistics.

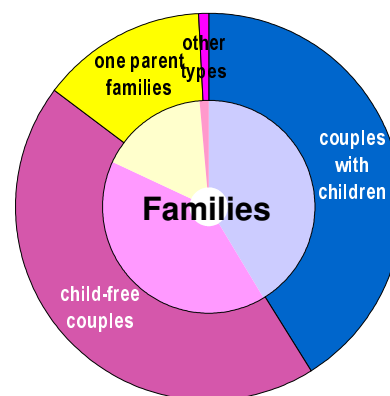
3. Households	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C. difference	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%	% in 2006		no.	%	
families	5,880	74%	70%	3.7% higher	5,676	74%	dn 0.2%
lone persons	1,987	25%	27%	2.0% lower	1,895	25%	up 0.2%
shared housing	124	2%	3%	1.6% lower	121	2%	dn 0.0%
<b>occupied dwellings</b>	<b>7,991</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>7,692</b>	<b>100%</b>	
average household size	<b>2.4</b>		<b>2.4</b>	same	<b>2.5</b>	(dn 0.1)	dn 4.0%

## Families

There were 5,933 families in Central Coast in 2001 living in 5,880 family households, suggesting that about 53 dwellings held two families.

Of the families, 2,436 or 41% were nuclear families of a couple with children, while 2,620 (44%) were couples without children. Another 824 (14%) were one-parent families.

The household type that grew fastest over the previous five years was child-free couples (with 3.2% more of the families), and the biggest difference from Tasmania was in the proportion of child-free couples, which was 3.6% higher in Central Coast.



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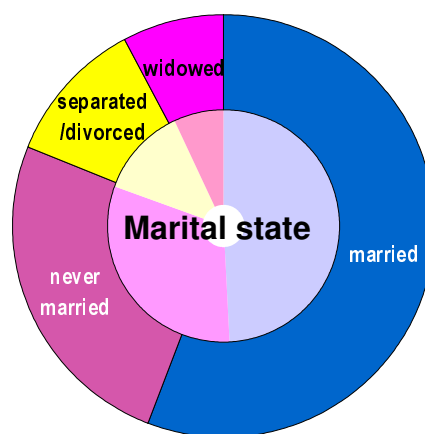
4. Families	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C. difference	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001-2006
	number	%	% in 2006		no.	%	
couples with children	2,436	41%	41%	0.4% lower	2,520	44%	dn 3.1%
child-free couples	2,620	44%	41%	3.6% higher	2,334	41%	up 3.2%
one parent families	824	14%	17%	2.8% lower	784	14%	up 0.1%
other types	53	1%	1%	0.5% lower	67	1%	dn 0.3%
<b>all families</b>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>5,705</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## Marriage

Overall, 56% of Central Coast residents who were aged 15 or more were married, 11% were separated or divorced, 8% were widowed, and 25% had never married.

Compared with Tasmania, there was a significantly larger proportion of people who were married (6.6% more) and a smaller proportion who were never married (6.1% fewer).

The fastest growing marital status over 2001–2006 was separated /divorced, where the proportion grew by 0.9% over 2001 to 2006, while the proportion who were married fell by 1.2%.



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5. Marital Status	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C. difference	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006		no.	%	
married	9,297	56%	49%	6.6% higher	9,168	57%	dn 1.2%
never married	4,198	25%	31%	6.1% lower	3,982	25%	up 0.5%
separated /divorced	1,855	11%	13%	1.4% lower	1,645	10%	up 0.9%
widowed	1,289	8%	7%	0.9% higher	1,272	8%	dn 0.2%
<b>people aged 15+</b>	<b>16,638</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>16,069</b>	<b>100%</b>	

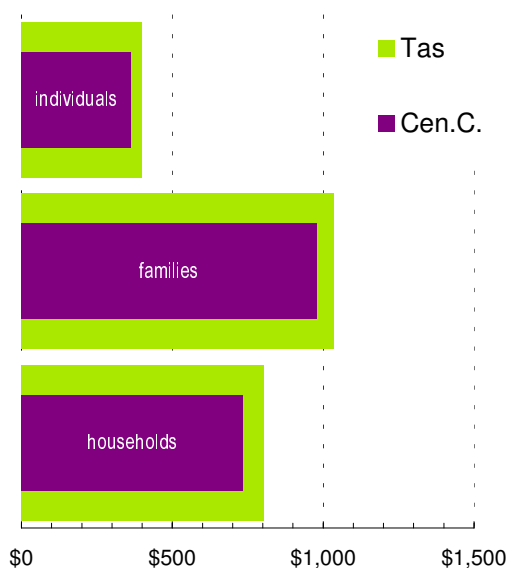
## Incomes

The median (half-way) individual income reported in Central Coast in August 2006 was around \$362 a week, which was \$36 less than the Tasmania median. Central Coast's median individual income was about 26% higher than the median income in 2001, after adjusting for inflation.

The median family income was around \$976 a week, \$56 lower than Tasmania, and equivalent to about 2.7 personal incomes (2.6 in Tasmania). The median family income was 30% higher than in 2001, in real terms.

The median income of households in Central Coast in 2006 was \$732 a week, 15% higher than in 2001, and \$69 a week less than the Tasmania median. This median is the mid-point of all family, group and lone-person households.

### Median Weekly Incomes



6. Median Weekly Incomes	Cen.C., 2006				Cen.C., 2001		real change 2001–2006
	number	Tas, 2006	Cen.C. difference	range	adjusted		
individuals	\$362	\$398	\$36 less 9% lower	\$200-\$299	(~\$288)	up 26%	
families	\$976	\$1,032	\$56 less 5% lower	\$600-\$699	(~\$749)	up 30%	
households	\$732	\$801	\$69 less 9% lower	\$500-\$599	(~\$634)	up 15%	
<b>CPI @ 30 June</b>	<b>154.3</b>			<b>133.8</b>		<b>15% higher</b>	

The median is the half-way point in the distribution of incomes, where half the people earn more and half the people earn less. The 2001 medians are given as ranges (eg \$200-\$299). The adjusted income is calculated by taking the mid-point of the range, and increasing by the CPI increase of 15% from 2001 to 2006. This is only approximate.

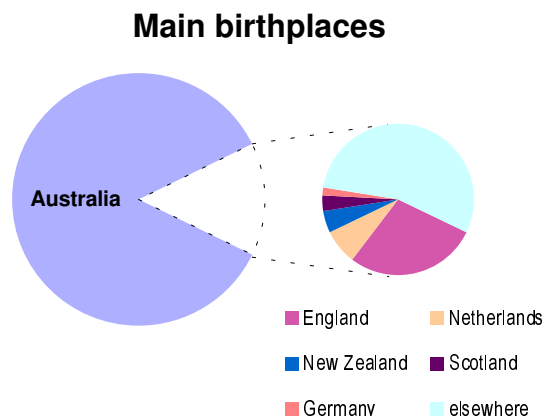
## Birthplaces

About 86% of Central Coast's residents were born in Australia, similar to 83% in Tasmania. Since 2001, this proportion has decreased by 1.0%. Around 92% of residents were citizens, similar to 91% for Tasmania.

The main overseas birthplaces were:

- England – 841 or 4.1% of residents;
- Netherlands – 221 or 1.1%;
- New Zealand – 137 or 0.7%;
- Scotland – 99 or 0.5%.

Of the main birthplaces with comparable data for 2001 and 2006, from Quickstats, the biggest proportional increase has been in the proportion born in New Zealand (with 0.1% more of the population), the biggest decrease has been in the proportion born in Australia (1.0% less).



10. Birthplaces	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C.	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
Australia	17,678	86%	83%	2% higher	17,708	87%	dn 1.0%
Overseas	1,761	9%	11%	2% lower	1,561	8%	up 0.9%
not stated	1,224	6%	6%	0% lower	1,193	6%	up 0.1%
<b>Main countries:</b>							
Australia	17,678	85.6%	83.2%	2.3% higher	17,708	86.5%	dn 1.0%
England	841	4.1%	4.0%	0.1% higher	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Netherlands	221	1.1%	0.5%	0.6% higher	230	1.1%	dn 0.1%
New Zealand	137	0.7%	0.9%	0.2% lower	118	0.6%	up 0.1%
Scotland	99	0.5%	0.6%	0.1% lower	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Germany	53	0.3%	0.4%	0.2% lower	40	0.2%	up 0.1%
elsewhere	1,634	7.9%	10.4%	2.5% lower	2,366	11.6%	dn 3.7%
<b>all people</b>	<b>20,663</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>20,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	
citizens	19,033	92%	91%	1% higher	19,032	93%	dn 0.9%

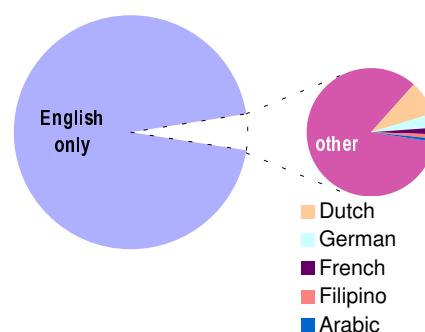
Some countries have changed since the 2001 Census and comparisons are not possible (shown as "n.a."). The UK has been changed to England, Scotland and Wales, so these places have no matching 2001 data. Matching data for the compared area is only available if they have top birthplaces in common.

## Languages

In Central Coast, the main foreign languages spoken were Dutch (by 92 residents), German (by 36), French (19) and Filipino (12). However, 95% of residents spoke English at home.

Over 2001–2006, while the main languages spoken at home did not change much, the fastest growing language was English only with 1.3% more of the population; the main language whose use declined most was Dutch, spoken by 0.2% fewer.

### Languages spoken at home



11. Languages spoken at home	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C.	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
English only	19,611	95%	92%	3% higher	19,145	94%	up 1.3%
Dutch	92	0.4%	0.2%	0.2% higher	135	1%	dn 0.2%
German	36	0.2%	0.3%	0.2% lower	24	0%	up 0.1%
French	19	0.1%	n.a.	n.a.	8	0%	up 0.1%
Filipino	12	0.1%	n.a.	n.a.	14	0%	dn 0.0%
Arabic	8	0.0%	n.a.	n.a.	3	0%	up 0.0%
other languages	885	4%	7%	3.2% lower	1,133	6%	dn 1.3%
<b>all people</b>	<b>20,663</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>20,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	

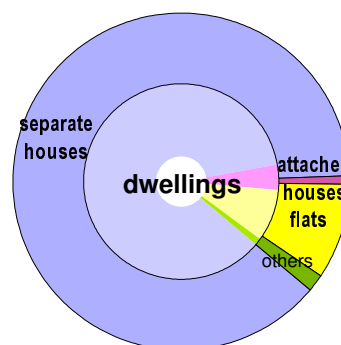
The list of main languages have changed a little since the 2001 Census and some comparisons are not possible, and shown as "n.a." Matching data for the compared area is only available if they have top languages in common.

## Housing types

In August 2006, there were 8,870 private dwellings in Central Coast of which 699 or 8% were vacant.

Most occupied dwellings were separate houses (7,209 or 88% of dwellings). Other occupied dwellings were 752 flats (9%), 68 attached houses (1%), and 142 other types of dwellings.

Compared with Tasmania, Central Coast had proportionally more separate houses (88% of dwellings v. 86% for Tas), and proportionally fewer attached houses (1% v. 4%).



The outer ring shows Central Coast; the inner ring is Tas.

From 2001 to 2006, Central Coast had a net gain of 305 dwellings. The biggest relative increase was in flats with 3.5% more of the occupied dwellings (303 more dwellings). The dwelling type that lost most share was attached houses with 1.8% fewer of the dwellings, after a decrease of 141 dwellings.

13. Dwelling types	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C.	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
separate houses	7,209	88%	86%	2% higher	7,073	90%	dn 1.5%
attached houses	68	1%	4%	3% lower	209	3%	dn 1.8%
flats	752	9%	9%	1% higher	449	6%	up 3.5%
others	142	2%	1%	1% higher	130	2%	up 0.1%
not stated	0	0%	0%	0% lower	26	0%	dn 0.3%
<b>occupied dwellings</b>	<b>8,171</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>7,887</b>	<b>284 more</b>	<b>up 4%</b>
vacant dwellings	699	7.9%	12.8%	5% lower	678	7.9%	dn 0.0%
<b>total dwellings</b>	<b>8,870</b>				<b>8,565</b>	<b>305 more</b>	<b>up 4%</b>
persons per dwelling	2.3		2.2	0.1 larger	2.4		dn 2%
<b>av. persons per bedroom</b>	<b>1.10</b>		<b>1.10</b>	<b>same</b>		<b>n.a.</b>	

Note that "Persons per dwelling" = population divided by occupied private dwellings. This assumes that no-one was living in non-private dwellings (eg nursing homes, boarding schools, barracks or prisons). This is unlikely to be true, so the persons per dwelling is not accurate as the occupancy rate. Small changes in dwelling numbers can be caused by their being classified differently at the two Censuses.

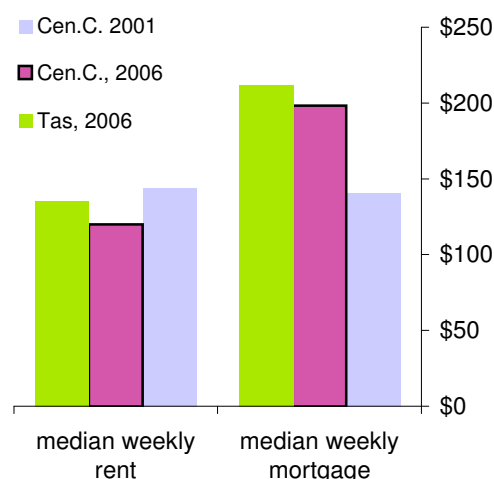
## Housing costs

In mid-2006, the median monthly mortgage payment in Central Coast was \$813 a month, while it was \$867 a month for Tasmania. The median payment was 41% higher than the 2001 median of around \$577 a month, adjusted for inflation.

The average weekly rent at the time was \$120 per week, compared with \$135 a week for Tasmania. The median rent was significantly lower than the (adjusted) 2001 median rent, \$144.

As a rough indicator of housing affordability, the median housing cost in Central Coast was about 23% of median household incomes, similar to 22% for Tasmania, and compared with 22% for Central Coast in 2001.

### Weekly housing costs



14. Housing costs	Cen.C., 2006	Tas, 2006	Cen.C. difference		Cen.C., 2001	real change 2001–2006	
					range	adjusted	
median monthly mortgage	\$813	\$867	\$54 less	6% lower	\$400-\$599	(~\$577)	up 41%
median weekly mortgage	\$198	\$211	\$13 less	6% lower		(~\$141)	up 41%
median weekly rent	\$120	\$135	\$15 less	11% lower	\$100-\$149	(~\$144)	dn 17%
<b>av hsg cost as % h/hold income</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>		<b>1% higher</b>		<b>22%</b>	<b>0% higher</b>

The average housing cost is the average of the mortgage and rent payments, weighted by the number of rents and purchased dwellings (in Table 15). The average household income is from Table 6. The adjusted 2001 housing costs are the mid-point of the median range (assuming \$2,200 for the \$2000+ range), increased by the CPI increase shown in Table 6.

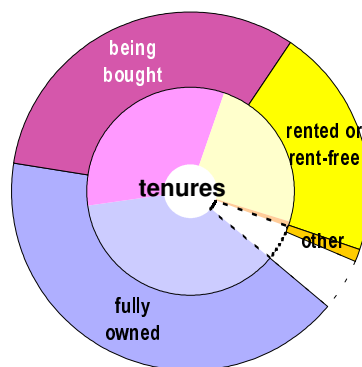
## Housing tenure

Most commonly in 2006, dwellings in Central Coast were fully owned, with 3,382 dwellings (41% of households) in this tenure, compared with 37% for Tasmania. The proportion fully owned was down by 5% since 2001.

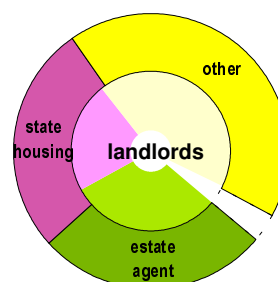
Another 2,618 dwellings were being bought (32% of households, when 32% in Tasmania). This proportion was a 5% larger share than in 2001.

Of the remaining occupied dwellings, 1,704 were rented or rent-free (21%) and 72 were in other tenure. The proportion rented or rent-free was unchanged since 2001 and the proportion in other tenure was 1% lower.

Of the renting households in Central Coast, 463 or 27% rented from real estate agents, compared with 31% for Tasmania. Another 460 or 27% rented from state housing authorities. The overall proportion of occupied dwellings in public housing was 5.6%, similar to 5.5% for Tasmania.



The outer ring shows dwellings in Central Coast while the inner ring shows Tas.



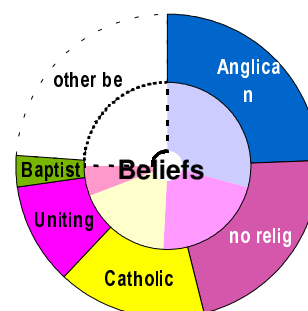
15. Dwelling tenures	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C.	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
fully owned	3,382	41%	37%	5% higher	3,620	46%	dn 4.5%
being bought	2,618	32%	32%	0% lower	2,169	28%	up 4.5%
rented or rent-free	1,704	21%	25%	4% lower	1,604	20%	up 0.5%
in other tenure	72	1%	1%	0% higher	177	2%	dn 1.4%
not stated	396	5%	6%	1% lower	314	4%	up 0.9%
<b>Occupied dwellings</b>	<b>8,171</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>7,884</b>	<b>100%</b>	

16. Landlord type	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C.	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
estate agent	463	27%	31%	4% lower	1,116	70%	dn 42.4%
state housing	460	27%	22%	5% higher	463	29%	dn 1.9%
other	723	42%	43%	0% lower	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
not stated	59	3%	4%	0% lower	25	2%	up 1.9%
<b>Occupied dwellings</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>1,604</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## Religious beliefs

The most common beliefs in Central Coast in 2006 were Anglican (5,056 people or 24%), no religion (4,458 or 22%), Catholic (3,307 or 16%) and Uniting Church (2,192 or 11%).

From 2001 to 2006, of these beliefs, the one that grew most in Central Coast was Catholic (up by 0.4% of the population); the one that lost most adherents was Uniting Church (down by 2.3%).



12. Main Beliefs	Cen.C. 2006		Tas	Cen.C.	Cen.C. 2001		change in %, 2001–2006
	number	%	% in 2006	difference	no.	%	
Anglican	5,056	24%	29%	5% lower	5,445	27%	dn 2.1%
no religion	4,458	22%	22%	0% higher	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Catholic	3,307	16%	18%	2% lower	3,189	16%	up 0.4%
Uniting Church	2,192	11%	6%	5% higher	2,633	13%	dn 2.3%
Baptist	690	3%	n.a.	n.a.	702	3%	dn 0.1%
other beliefs	4,960	24%	25%	1% lower	8,493	42%	dn 17.5%
<b>all people</b>	<b>20,663</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>20,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	