Main Features

Households with computer access (annual change)
Queensland  ↑ 6.4%
Australia    ↑ 5.0%

Households with internet access (annual change)
Queensland  ↑ 8.8%
Australia    ↑ 7.7%

Commentary

Note: Survey data prior to 2004–05 were collected on a calendar year basis.

• There were 1,092,000 households in Queensland with home computer access in 2005–06 (72% of total households), an increase of 6.4% from 2004–05 (1,026,000 households) (Figure 1). In comparison, Australia had 5,527,000 households with computer access in 2005–06 (70% of total), an increase of 5.0% over the previous year. The Australian Capital Territory (82%), Queensland (72%) and Western Australia (71%) were above the national average.

• Queensland households with home internet access rose by 8.8% from 861,000 in 2004–05 to 937,000 (61% of total) in 2005–06 (Figure 1). The number of Australian households with internet access was 4,730,000 in 2005–06 (60% of total), an increase of 7.7% over the previous year.

• The most common location for persons aged 15 years or over to use the internet in Queensland in 2005–06 was home (57%), followed by work (29%) and neighbour’s or friend’s or relative’s house (23%) (Figure 2).

• Of Queenslanders aged 15 years or over who used the internet at home, 67% had used the internet mainly for personal or private purposes, while 17% used the internet mainly for work or business-related purposes and 12% used the internet mainly for education or study purposes.

• The most common type of household internet connection in Queensland in 2005–06 was dial-up access (50%), while broadband was the primary internet connection for 47% of Queensland households.

• Among children aged 5 to 14 years in Queensland, 93% used a computer during or outside of school hours in 2005–06. Children were most likely to have used a computer at home and school (both 83%), followed by someone else’s home (34%) and a public library (12%).