Main Features

Households with computer access (annual change)
Queensland ↑ 6.1%
Australia ↑ 6.0%

Households with internet access (annual change)
Queensland ↑ 8.9%
Australia ↑ 8.6%

Commentary

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

• There were 1,159,000 households in Queensland with home computer access in 2006−07 (74% of total households), an increase of 6.1% from 2005−06 (1,092,000 households) (Figure 1). In comparison, Australia had 5,860,000 households with computer access in 2006−07 (73% of total), an increase of 6.0% over the previous year.

• In terms of households with computer access as a proportion of total households, the Australian Capital Territory (84%), Western Australia (76%), Northern Territory (75%) and Queensland (74%) were above the national average.

• Queensland households with home internet access rose by 8.9% from 937,000 in 2005−06 to 1,020,000 (65% of total) in 2006−07 (Figure 1). The number of Australian households with internet access was 5,138,000 in 2006−07 (64% of total), an increase of 8.6% over the previous year (Figure 2).

• The most common location for persons aged 15 years or over to use the internet in Queensland in 2006−07 was home (60%), followed by work (32%) and neighbour's or friend's or relative's house (26%).

• Of Queenslanders aged 15 years or over who used the internet at home, 70% had used the internet mainly for personal or private purposes, while 18% used the internet mainly for work or business-related purposes and 11% used the internet mainly for education or study purposes (Figure 3).

• The most common type of household internet connection in Queensland in 2006−07 was broadband access (67%), while dial-up was the primary internet connection for 31% of Queensland households. Approximately 1% of Queensland households were connected to both types of internet access.

• Of the 693,000 households in Queensland with access to broadband internet at home, 72% were accessing the internet with a digital subscriber line, while 18% connected to broadband internet using cable.