Main Features

Households with computer access (annual change)
Queensland ↑↑ 4.5%
Australia ↑↑ 5.3%

Households with internet access (annual change)
Queensland ↑↑ 7.7%
Australia ↑↑ 6.9%

Commentary

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

- There were 1,211,000 households in Queensland with home computer access in 2007–08 (75% of total households), an increase of 4.5% from 2006–07 (1,159,000 households) (Figure 1). In comparison, Australia had 6,173,000 households with computer access in 2007–08 (75% of total), an increase of 5.3% over the previous year.

- Queensland households with home internet access rose by 7.7% from 1,020,000 in 2006–07 to 1,098,000 (68% of total) in 2007–08 (Figure 1). The number of Australian households with internet access was 5,492,000 in 2007–08 (67% of total), an increase of 6.9% over the year.

- Of all state and territories, Queensland had the equal second highest percentage of households with internet access (68%), behind the Australian Capital Territory (80%) and tied with Western Australia and the Northern Territory. These states and territories were above the national average of 67% (Figure 2).

- In 2007–08, Queensland had 54% of households with access to broadband at home. This was above the national average with only 52% of Australian households with broadband access.

- Of the households in Queensland during 2007–08 with broadband internet connection at home, the most common type was digital subscriber line (71%), followed by cable (15%). For Australia, 69% had a digital subscriber line and 15% had cable (Figure 3).

- For persons in Queensland aged 15 years and over, during 2007–08 66% had access to the internet at home and 33% had access to the internet at work. This compared with 64% and 33% respectively for persons in Australia aged 15 years and over.