Main Features

Households with computer access (annual change)
Queensland  ↑↑  5.9%
Australia     ↑↑  3.7%

Households with internet access (annual change)
Queensland   ↑↑  7.4%
Australia     ↑↑  7.0%

Commentary

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

• There were 1,283,000 households in Queensland with home computer access in 2008–09 (80% of total households), an increase of 5.9% from 2007–08 (1,212,000 households) (Figure 1). In comparison, Australia had 6,399,000 households with computer access in 2008–09 (78% of total), an increase of 3.7% over the previous year.

• Queensland households with home internet access rose by 7.4% from 1,101,000 in 2007–08 to 1,182,000 (73% of total households) in 2008–09 (Figure 1). The number of Australian households with internet access was 5,878,000 in 2008–09 (72% of total), an increase of 7.0% over the year.

• Of all state and territories, Queensland had the fourth-highest percentage of households with internet access (73%), behind the Australian Capital Territory (82%), Western Australia (75%) and the Northern Territory (74%). These states and territories were above the national average of 72% (Figure 2).

• In 2008–09, Queensland had 64% of households with access to broadband at home. This was above the national average, with only 62% of Australian households with broadband access.

• Of the households in Queensland during 2008–09 with broadband internet connection at home, the most common type was digital subscriber line (66%), followed by cable (12%). For Australia, 64% had a digital subscriber line and 14% had cable (Figure 3).

• In 2008–09, for persons in Queensland aged 15 years and over, 69% had access to the internet at home and 35% had access to the internet at work. The corresponding figures for persons in Australia were 68% and 35% respectively.