

Household use of Information Technology: Queensland 2016–17

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Key data

Households with internet access:

Queensland	86.3%
Australia	86.1%

Households with internet access (annual change):

Queensland	↑ 1.3%
Australia	↑ 1.2%

Main findings

Note: Household use of information technology data have been collected biennially from 2008–09 onwards.

- The number of Queensland households with home internet access increased by an annual average of 1.3% from 1,522,400 in 2014–15 to 1,591,900 (remaining at 86.3% of total households) in 2016–17 (Figure 1). The number of Australian households with internet access was 7,850,300 in 2016–17 (86.1% of total), an average annual increase of 1.2% from 2014–15.
- Of all state and territories, Queensland had the fifth-highest percentage of households with internet access (86.3%), behind the Australian Capital Territory (94.1%), Northern Territory (89.0%), Western Australia (88.4%) and Victoria (86.8%) respectively. (Figure 2).
- In 2016–17, 91.8% of Queensland households used a desktop or laptop computer to access the internet at home. 90.6% used a mobile or smart phone, and 64.6% used a tablet device. (Figure 3).
- In 2016–17, the main reason for accessing the internet in the past three months for persons aged 15 years and over in Queensland was banking (80.3%), followed by social networking (80.0%) and entertainment (77.0%). The main reasons for persons in Australia were entertainment (80.0%), social networking (79.9%) and banking (79.5%).
- In 2016–17, 6.5% of Queensland internet users reported that they experienced abuse of personal information or other privacy violations, compared with 5.4% of Australian internet users.
- In 2016–17, 9.9% of Queensland internet users reported that they experienced loss of information or time, or damage to any device caused by a virus or other computer infection, compared with 9.4% of Australian internet users.

Figure 1: Households with internet access, Queensland and Australia

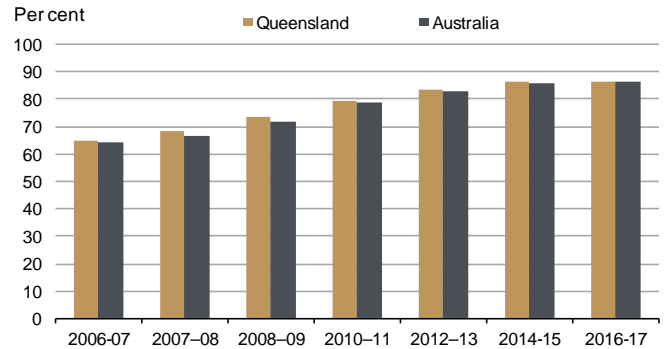


Figure 2: Households with internet access by state/territory 2016–17

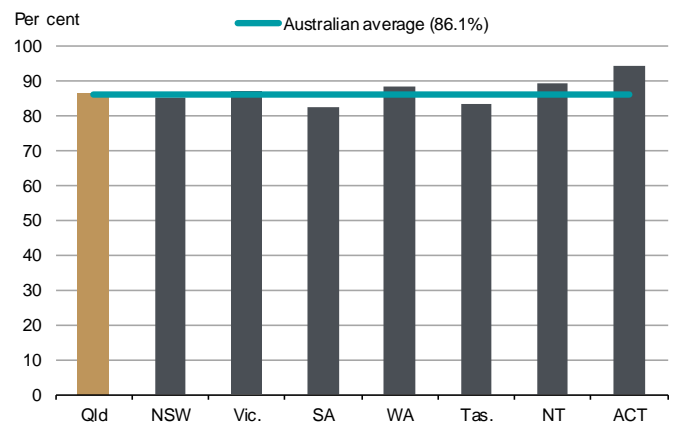


Figure 3: Type of device used to access the internet at home, Queensland and Australia, 2016–17

