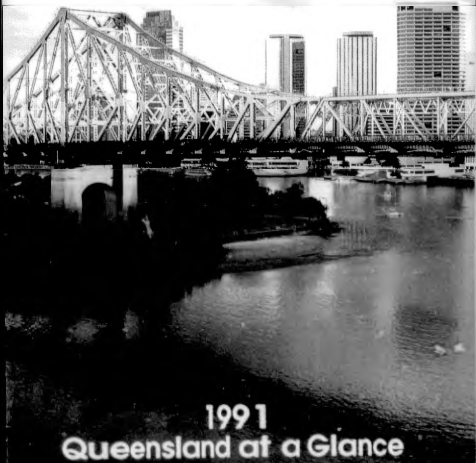




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**1991  
Queensland at a Glance**

## QUEENSLAND

Situated between 9° and 29° south latitude and between 138° and 153° east longitude, Queensland occupies the north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. The coastline extends for 7,400 kilometres. Of the total area - 1,727,200 square kilometres - 933,000 square kilometres are north of the Tropic of Capricorn.

Of the six States of the Commonwealth, Queensland ranks second in area and third in population.

Queensland is a constituent State of the Commonwealth of Australia, observing the Federal Constitution, and, while returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal Parliament, is governed by its own State Parliament. A further level of government, local government, derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament.

### CLIMATIC DATA: BRISBANE, 1990

	Temperature		Rainfall Average mm	Wet days	Sunshine Mean daily hours	Windy days, over 63 km/h
	Max.	Min.				
January	28.8	20.6	127	11	9.3	0
April	25.1	17.6	207	17	5.1	1
July	20.4	8.8	37	4	8.2	2
October	25.8	15.6	41	9	9.5	4

<i>Queensland Compared with Australia</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Area		22.5
Population	1989	16.8
Employment	August 1990	16.9
Unemployment	August 1990	20.0
Manufacturing turnover	1987-88	12.9
Value of building work completed	1989-90	18.6
Tourist accommodation		
Takings from motels and licensed hotels	1989-90	22.4
Takings from self-contained units, flats and houses	1989-90	44.6
Transport and communication		
Motor vehicles on register at 30 June	1988-89	17.3
New motor vehicles registered	1988-89	17.1
Persons killed	1988-89	16.6
Persons injured	1987-88	13.5
Overseas cargo loaded	1988-89	27.2
Overseas cargo discharged	1988-89	10.7
Telephone services in operation	1988-89	15.8
External trade		
Overseas imports	1988-89	8.0
Overseas exports	1988-89	20.9

## POPULATION

	Unit	1979	1988	1989
<b>Population at 30 June (a)</b>				
Queensland	'000	2,215	2,744	2,834
Brisbane Statistical Division	'000	1,046	1,240	1,274
Bundaberg Statistical District	'000	40	44	45
Cairns Statistical District	'000	54	76	81
Gladstone Statistical District	'000	n.a.	31	31
Gold Coast-Tweed Statistical District	'000	137	236	255
Mackay Statistical District	'000	44	50	51
Rockhampton Statistical District	'000	54	61	62
Sunshine Coast Statistical District	'000	53	96	104
Townsville Statistical District	'000	94	110	112

<b>Major centres (a)</b>				
Brisbane City (State Capital)	'000	728	740	745
Logan City	'000	74	134	142
Ipswich City	'000	72	75	75
Redcliffe City	'000	42	47	48
Toowoomba City	'000	71	80	81

<b>Age groups (proportion of population) (a)</b>				
Under 6 years	per cent	10.0	9.0	8.9
6-14 years	per cent	16.7	14.1	13.9
15-17 years	per cent	5.5	5.5	5.3
18-64 years	per cent	58.2	60.7	61.2
65 years or more	per cent	9.5	10.7	10.8

## VITAL STATISTICS

		1979	1988	1989
<b>Births</b>				
Rate per 1,000 mean population	No.	35,220	40,461	42,071
		15.9	14.8	14.9
<b>Deaths</b>				
Rate per 1,000 mean population	No.	16,363	18,803	20,445
		7.4	6.8	7.2
<b>Natural increase (births less deaths)</b>				
Rate per 1,000 mean population	No.	18,857	21,758	21,626
		8.5	7.9	7.6
<b>Causes of death per 1,000 mean population</b>				
Heart diseases		2.6	2.2	2.4
Cancer		1.5	1.6	1.7
Stroke		0.9	0.7	0.7
Respiratory system diseases		0.5	0.5	0.6
Accidents		0.5	0.4	0.3

(a) Estimated resident population. n.a. Not available.

HEALTH	Unit	1978-79	1987-88	1988-89
Hospitals, 30 June	No.	174	185	188
Recognised (public)	No.	128	137	138
Private	No.	46	48	50
Beds	'000	15.0	16.0	16.0
Inpatients treated	'000	454.5	599.8	633.6
Nursing homes, 30 June	No.	122	218	218
Inpatients	'000	6.7	12.7	12.6

WELFARE SERVICES PAYMENTS		1977-78	1986-87	1987-88
Age pension	\$m	447.2	997.9	1,121.0
Service pension	\$m	68.4	329.7	382.3
Invalid pension	\$m	94.1	273.4	324.9
Disability pension	\$m	68.6	168.8	190.7
Widows pension	\$m	57.0	146.8	160.2
Supporting parents benefit	\$m	34.4	252.6	280.4
Unemployment benefit	\$m	123.5	686.2	665.1
Family allowance	\$m	158.5	234.9	235.7

EDUCATION		(a) 1979	1988	1989
<b>Schools, July</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>1,700</b>
Government	No.	1,249	1,315	1,300
Non-government	No.	335	394	400
Teachers (b)	'000	24.1	31.0	31.6
Students	'000	444.0	503.1	513.9
Primary (c)	per cent	67.2	59.3	60.3
Secondary	per cent	32.8	40.7	39.7
Government	per cent	78.6	75.6	75.4
Non-government	per cent	21.4	24.4	24.6
Technical and further education students	'000	90.8	118.8	126.1
Higher education students	'000	43.1	62.8	66.2

PRESCHOOL, CHILD CARE		1979	1988	1989
Centres, July	No.	1,005	1,397	1,429
Staff (b)	No.	3,076	4,803	4,995
Enrolments (regular and casual)	No.	54,496	80,381	82,272

EMPLOYMENT		1980	1989	1990
<b>Civilian labour force, August</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>1,002.2</b>	<b>1,371.6</b>	<b>1,439.1</b>
Employed	'000	942.2	1,281.2	1,321.8
Males	'000	608.0	764.2	777.6
Females	'000	334.2	517.0	544.2
Unemployed	'000	60.1	90.4	117.3
Average hours worked by employed persons	No.	35.7	37.2	36.6

(a) Excluding non-government special schools. (b) Including full-time equivalent of part-time. (c) Including students at special schools.

AVERAGE EARNINGS (a)	Unit	1980	1989	1990
Average weekly earnings of employees				
All males	\$	n.a.	481.10	521.20
All females	\$	n.a.	314.40	333.00

CRIME AND JUSTICE		1978-79	1987-88	1988-89
Total police strength at 30 June	No.	4,032	5,322	5,573
Selected offences reported				
Homicide	No.	167	254	261
Serious assault	No.	968	3,455	3,986
Rape	No.	61	288	366
Proven offences in Children's Courts	No.	3,267	4,278	4,252
Summary convictions in Magistrates Courts	No.	86,636	131,721	150,561
Convictions in higher courts	No.	946	2,795	2,836

PUBLIC FINANCE		1983-84	1987-88	1988-89
State government				p
Current and capital outlays	\$m	6,218	8,143	8,658
Public order and safety	\$m	353	518	634
Education	\$m	1,423	1,973	2,191
Health	\$m	802	1,080	1,240
Transport and communications	\$m	853	944	929
Revenue and grants received	\$m	5,134	8,157	9,188
Taxes, fees and fines	\$m	1,160	1,922	2,465
Net operating surpluses of public trading enterprises	\$m	406	1,009	1,159
Property income	\$m	506	1,108	1,335
Grants received	\$m	2,984	3,993	4,093

Local government		1978-79	1987-88	1988-89
Total receipts	\$m	771.6	2,047.6	2,234.7
Rates and charges	\$m	361.2	1,117.9	1,258.5
Government grants	\$m	72.2	283.5	308.1
Loans	\$m	126.1	279.5	252.2
Reimbursements	\$m	75.5	158.3	180.5
Total outlays	\$m	765.3	2,018.6	2,117.9
Debt servicing	\$m	123.8	379.4	387.8
Outlay on goods, services and land				
Current	\$m	633.9	835.5	918.8
Capital	\$m		760.4	760.7

(a) June quarter. n.a. Not available. p Preliminary - figure or series subject to revision.

RETAIL TRADE	Unit	1979-80	1988-89	1989-90
Turnover: Total	\$m		12,907	14,111
Food stores	\$m		4,813	5,390
Hotels, liquor stores and licensed clubs	\$m		1,634	1,751
Cafes and restaurants	\$m		432	544
Clothing, fabrics and footwear stores	\$m	n.a.	1,422	1,394
Department and general stores	\$m		1,423	1,548
Electrical, furniture and floor coverings stores	\$m		1,217	1,354
Pharmacies	\$m		410	505
Newsagents	\$m		540	523

AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES (a)		1979-80	1988-89	1989-90
Agricultural establishments at 31 March	No.	35,985	25,734	25,361
Area	'000 ha	157,721	151,310	150,784
Total area of crops	'000 ha	2,411	2,842	2,585
Agricultural production				
Sugar cane cut for crushing	'000 tonnes	19,860	25,586	24,867
Wheat	'000 tonnes	846	1,550	1,391
Barley	'000 tonnes	347	374	390
Grain sorghum	'000 tonnes	711	934	n.y.a.
Sunflower seed	'000 tonnes	97	130	n.y.a.
Tobacco	'000 kg	7,679	6,979	6,857
Peanuts	'000 tonnes	38	24	n.y.a.
Pineapples	'000 tonnes	123	154	122
Bananas	'000 tonnes	45	105	106
Citrus fruit	'000 tonnes	42	46	42
Potatoes	'000 tonnes	127	115	n.y.a.
Livestock				
Meat cattle	'000	9,957	8,682	8,872
Milk cattle	'000	375	312	298
Sheep	'000	12,163	14,880	16,362
Pigs	'000	510	611	576
Wool production, year ended 31 March	'000 kg	58,172	65,120	71,416
Value of agricultural production	\$m	2,353	4,520	4,723
Crops	\$m	1,129	2,302	2,365
Livestock disposals	\$m	965	1,503	1,622
Livestock products	\$m	258	714	736

MINING INDUSTRIES		1978-79	1987-88	1988-89
Establishments at 30 June	No.	241	398	(b) 113
Employment at 30 June	No.	15,041	18,523	(b) 16,339
Value added	\$m	1,137	2,970	(b) 2,983
Value at mine	\$m	1,405	4,107	4,612
Black coal (saleable)	'000 tonnes	26,507	65,819	74,118
Bauxite	'000 tonnes	8,095	8,449	9,548
Copper (content)	'000 tonnes	174	158	181
Gold (content)	kg	635	19,211	27,360

(a) Estabs with an estimated value of agricultural operations of \$20,000 or more in 1988-89 and 1989-90 and \$1,500 or more in 1979-80. (b) Including metallic minerals, coal, oil and gas estabs only. Excluding construction materials and other non-metallic minerals estabs. n.a. Not available. n.y.a. Not yet available.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (a)	Unit	1977-78	1986-87	1987-88
		No.	2,838	4,090
Establishments at 30 June	\$m	5,525	14,849	17,255
Turnover		1979-80	1988-89	1989-90
Output of selected products				
Beef and veal	'000 tonnes	516	567	629
Mutton and lamb	'000 tonnes	24	28	32
Pigmeats	'000 tonnes	50	72	72
Aerated waters	m litres	166	286	297
Butter	'000 kg	3,505	3,687	4,253
Cheese	'000 kg	11,328	14,434	12,531
Clay bricks	million	302	351	308
Timber, logs processed	'000 cu m	1,378	1,569	1,529
Ready-mixed concrete	'000 cu m	2,366	4,086	3,893
Electricity generated	m kWh	12,593	25,371	27,020

BUILDING	Unit	1979-80	1988-89	1989-90
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Dwelling units completed	No.	29,183	38,530	39,430
New houses	No.	22,484	28,200	27,050
New other residential buildings	No.	6,699	10,327	12,377
Value of building work completed	\$m	1,450	4,683	5,907
New houses	\$m	707	1,976	2,150
New other residential buildings	\$m	192	634	942
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	\$m	22	126	153
Non-residential building	\$m	530	1,947	2,663
Value of work done during year	\$m	1,534	5,227	5,382

PRICES	Unit	1979-80	1988-89	1989-90
Consumer Price Index, Brisbane				
All groups	Base: 1980-81 = 100.0	91.5	185.4	199.3
Food	"	89.8	176.9	187.9
Clothing	"	93.8	175.5	183.7
Housing	"	91.6	179.3	203.0
Household equipment and operation	"	90.5	186.0	195.5
Transportation	"	91.9	197.0	211.6
Tobacco and alcohol	"	94.1	205.9	227.5
Health and personal care	"	89.8	182.1	195.5
Recreation and education (b)	"	n.a.	163.9	173.8
Price Index of Building Materials, Brisbane				
All groups	Base: 1985-86 = 100.0	n.a.	123.8	p 134.1
Used in house building	Base: 1979-80 = 100.0	100.0	213.7	p 233.9

(a) All multi-estab. and single-estab. enterprises with four or more employees.  
 (b) Base: March quarter 1982 = 100.0. n.a. Not available. p Preliminary - figure or series subject to revision.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	Unit	1978-79	1987-88	1988-89
Road transport				
Motor vehicles on register at 30 June	'000	1,183.4	1,616.2	1,693.4
New motor vehicles registered	'000	100.0	77.7	100.6
Road accident casualties				
Persons killed	No.	641	474	478
Persons injured (admission to hospitals)	No.	n.a.	4,042	4,078
State railways				
Traffic train-kilometres	'000	32,100	34,099	33,571
Passenger journeys	'000	27,275	46,228	50,943
Freight carried	'000 tonnes	36,542	74,893	80,508
Total earnings	\$m	310.4	991.4	1,107.1
Total working costs	\$m	365.1	894.7	931.2
Shipping				
Overseas cargo loaded (a)	'000 tonnes	n.a.	70,756	72,725
Overseas cargo discharged (a)	'000 tonnes	n.a.	2,632	3,546
Telecommunication services				
Telephone services in operation, June	'000	575.7	1,095.8	1,168.7
Telex services in operation, June	No.	3,906	4,494	2,809

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION	Unit	1979-80	1988-89	1989-90
Motels and licensed hotels (with facilities)				
Establishments at 30 June	No.	705	1,114	1,111
Takings from accommodation	\$m	90.9	519.0	483.6
Number of guest rooms at 30 June	'000	15.4	35.8	36.8
Room occupancy rate	per cent	60.5	57.4	51.0
Self-contained units, flats and houses				
Letting entities at 30 June	No.	n.a.	553	561
Takings from accommodation	\$m	n.a.	150.5	137.1
Number of units at 30 June	'000	n.a.	14.6	14.8
Unit occupancy rate	per cent	n.a.	60.6	51.4

EXTERNAL TRADE	Unit	1978-79	1987-88	1988-89
Exports				
Foreign, total	\$m	3,277	8,167	9,089
Coal	\$m	815	2,883	2,743
Meat	\$m	634	1,103	1,070
Sugar	\$m	450	668	853
Interstate, total	\$m	1,412	3,177	3,637
Imports				
Foreign, total	\$m	1,010	2,844	3,788
Road motor vehicles	\$m	212	407	728
Other machinery and transport equipment	\$m	332	823	1,091
Other manufactured goods	\$m	223	746	917
Interstate, total	\$m	2,864	6,721	8,318

(a) Gross weight. n.a. Not available.

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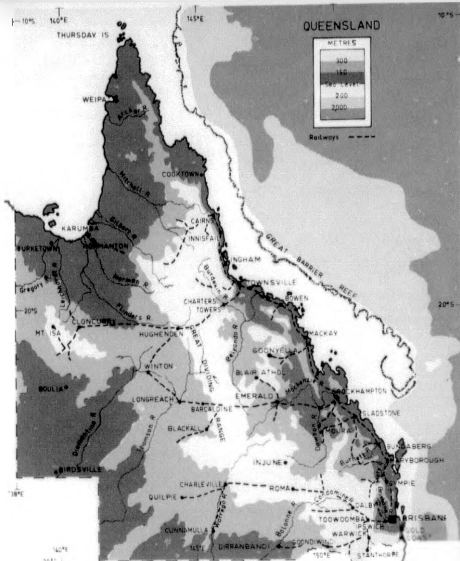
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