

Regional response profile- Racism Survey: ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division

This page contains information on the attitudes, experiences and demographics of the ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division and details about the survey.

LGAs in ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’

Fraser Coast, Bundaberg, Cherbourg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, Gympie, North Burnett, South Burnett.

Sample size

The sample size for ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ was 165 respondents. This represents 9.0% of the survey respondents from Queensland (1839) and 1.3% of respondents from all of Australia (12512).

1. Racist attitude indicators

Table 1.1: Comparison of racist attitudes, 'Wide-Bay Burnett' Statistical Division with total Queensland and Australian survey, 2001.

	% of SD respondents	Total QLD survey %	Total Australia survey%	Variation from State	Variation from Nation
Anti-cultural difference ¹	7.3	6.1	6.5	1.2	0.8
Insecurity with difference ²	11.5	10.3	9.4	1.2	2.1
Diversity = weak nation ³	49.7	42.6	41.1	7.1	8.6
Self identify as racist ⁴	9.1	10.3	12.3	-1.2	-3.2
Denial of racial prejudice ⁵	6.7	7.9	8.0	-1.2	-1.3
Deny Anglo privilege ⁶	45.5	42.5	40.2	3	5.3
Racialism ⁷	80.6	78.7	77.7	1.9	2.9
Racial separatism ⁸	21.2	12.9	11.2	8.3	10
Racial hierarchy ⁹	15.2	11.2	10.8	4	4.4
Spatial manager ¹⁰	54.5	42.0	41.4	12.5	13.1
Anti-Asian ¹¹	36.4	27.9	23.8	8.5	12.6
Anti-Indigenous ¹¹	35.8	29.0	27.9	6.8	7.9
Anti-Italian ¹¹	17.0	12.7	11.0	4.3	6
Anti-British ¹¹	8.5	7.5	7.8	1	0.7
Anti-Muslim ¹¹	57.0	50.1	48.6	6.9	8.4
Anti-Semitic (Jewish) ¹¹	33.9	23.5	23.3	10.4	10.6
Anti-Christian ¹¹	14.5	9.0	9.7	5.5	4.8
Anti-Black African ¹¹	-	-	27.0*	-	-
Total difference (this total is a cumulative indicator of how respondents from this region were more (+) or less (-) 'racist' than the state and national sample)				80.2	93.7

[Click on this link for question wordings for Table 1.1. Refer to notations 1-11.](#)

* Note: Responses for ACT, SA, Perth, NT and TAS only.

Table 1.2 Racist attitudes, 'Wide-Bay Burnett' Statistical Division, 2001.

	% strongly disagree	% disagree	% neither disagree/agree	% agree	% strongly agree	% All*
Pro-cultural difference ¹	1.8	5.5	12.1	53.9	25.5	98.8
Security with difference ²	1.8	9.7	15.8	53.9	17.0	98.2
Diversity = weak nation ³	9.1	22.4	15.8	33.3	16.4	97.0
Self identify as racist ⁴	37.6	45.5	7.9	6.7	2.4	100.0
Presence of racial prejudice in Australia ⁵	0.6	6.1	7.9	55.2	29.7	99.4
Anglo privileged in Australia ⁶	9.7	35.8	18.2	26.7	3.0	93.3
Racialism ⁷	4.2	10.3	3.6	50.3	30.3	98.8
Pro-racial separatism ⁸	22.4	43.0	12.7	16.4	4.8	99.4
Anti-racial hierarchy ⁹	5.5	9.7	7.3	49.1	28.5	100.0

[Click on this link for question wordings for Table 1.2. Refer to notations 1-9 in the linked Table 1.1.](#)

* Valid responses only (excludes don't know/not sure/refused responses)

Table 1.3 Views on cultural groups that do not fit into Australian society, ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division, 2001.

Cultural group	No. of mentions	% of mentions
South-East Asian	10	8.5
North-East Asian	5	4.2
South Asian	8	6.8
Asian- non-specific	5	4.2
Northern Europeans	0	0.0
Southern Europeans	5	4.2
Eastern Europeans/Balkans	3	2.5
Middle East	17	14.4
Africans	-	-
Pacific Islanders	0	0.0
Indigenous Australians	4	3.4
Muslims	23	19.5
Foreigners/Ethnics- non-specific	12	10.2
Extremists/Radicals/Fanatics	-	-
Jews	-	-
East African	-	-
Rest of Africa	-	-
Others	2	1.7
Don't know/not sure/refused	24	20.3
Total mentions	118	

Notes:

Question wording: Which cultural or ethnic groups do you believe do not fit into Australian society?

Table 1.4 Sentiment towards specific cultural groups, ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division, 2001.

Question wording: In your opinion how concerned would you feel if one of your close relatives were to marry a person of...?	% not at all concerned	% slightly concerned	% somewhat concerned	% very concerned	% extremely concerned	% All*
Asian background	62.4	18.2	9.7	4.8	3.6	98.8
Aboriginal background	63.0	13.3	11.5	4.2	6.7	98.8
Italian background	81.8	9.7	5.5	0.0	1.8	98.8
British background	90.3	6.1	0.6	1.8	0.0	98.8
Muslim faith	40.0	13.3	15.8	15.8	12.1	97.0
Jewish faith	63.6	15.2	9.7	3.6	5.5	97.6
Christian faith	84.8	7.9	4.2	1.2	1.2	99.4
Black African background	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Valid responses only (excludes don't know/not sure/refused responses).

2. Experiences of racism

Table 2.1 Racist experiences, comparison of 'Wide-Bay Burnett' Statistical Division and overall Queensland survey, 2001.

Situation	% Yes	Total QLD%	Nation%	Variation from State	Variation from Nation
Workplace ¹	15.2	15.0	17.5	0.2	-2.3
Education (School, TAFE, University) ²	10.3	13.5	16.6	-3.2	-6.3
Renting/buying a house ³	4.8	5.4	6.8	-0.6	-2
Dealing with the police ⁴	6.1	5.1	7.2	1	-1.1
At shop or restaurant ⁵	7.9	13.3	17.8	-5.4	-9.9
At sporting or public event ⁶	12.7	12.1	16.4	0.6	-3.7
Treated less respectfully ⁷	17.6	19.5	23.4	-1.9	-5.8
People not trusting ⁸	12.1	11.9	15.6	0.2	-3.5
Called names/insulted ⁹	22.4	23.5	27	-1.1	-4.6
Total difference (this total is a cumulative indicator of how respondents from this region had more (+) or less (-) experiences of racism than the entire sample)				-10.2	-39.2

[Click on this link for question wordings for Table 2.1. Refer to notations 1-9.](#)

Table 2.2 Experiences, 'Wide-Bay Burnett' Statistical Division, 2001.

Situation	% Never	% Hardly ever	% Sometimes	% Often	% Very often	% All*
Workplace ¹	83.0	5.5	7.9	1.2	0.6	98.2
Education (School, TAFE, University) ²	88.5	3.0	3.6	2.4	1.2	98.8
Renting/buying a house ³	94.5	2.4	1.8	0.0	0.6	99.4
Dealing with the police ⁴	90.9	1.8	2.4	0.6	1.2	97.0
At shop or restaurant ⁵	92.1	4.8	2.4	0.6	0.0	100.0
At sporting or public event ⁶	87.3	7.3	2.4	3.0	0.0	100.0
Treated less respectfully ⁷	82.4	7.9	7.9	0.6	1.2	100.0
People not trusting ⁸	87.9	7.3	4.2	0.6	0.0	100.0
Called names/insulted ⁹	77.6	12.7	7.9	1.2	0.6	100.0

[Click on this link for question wordings for Table 2.2. Refer to notations 1-9 in the linked Table 2.1.](#)

* Valid responses only.

Table 2.3 Experiences of racism by LOTE, in ‘Wide Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division, 2001.

Situation	% LOTE*	% Non-LOTE
‘Wide Bay Burnett’ SD	(n=10)	(n= 155)
Workplace	40.0	13.5
At shop or restaurant	10.0	7.7
Called names/insulted	60.0	20.0
Total QLD	(n=157)	(n=1682)
Workplace	32.5	13.4
At shop or restaurant	28.0	11.9
Called names/insulted	42.0	21.8
Rural QLD (excl. ‘Brisbane’ SD)	(n= 68)	(n=977)
Workplace	32.4	13.0
At shop or restaurant	27.9	10.7
Called names/insulted	45.6	24.0
Total Australia	(n=2028)	(n= 10472)
Workplace	36.5	13.8
At shop or restaurant	32.1	15.0
Called names/insulted	46.2	23.4

* LOTE = respondents who speak a Language other than English at home.

3. Cultural mixing

Table 3.1 Cultural mixing profile – ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division and Queensland sample, 2001.

Question wording: How often do you mix with members of other cultural groups in the following circumstances?	% Never	% Hardly ever	% Sometimes	% Often	% Very often	% All*
‘Wide-Bay Burnett’						
In workplace	18.2	11.5	23.6	17.0	15.8	86.1
In social life	12.7	21.2	27.3	24.2	14.5	100.0
In sporting circles	29.1	13.3	22.4	12.1	10.3	87.3
Queensland						
In workplace	14.3	7.1	17.5	19.7	27.9	86.6
In social life	9.7	14.01	30.3	25.9	19.6	99.6
In sporting circles	23.6	11.2	21.5	16.0	12.3	84.6
All Australia						
In workplace	11.4	6.2	15.3	22.2	33.8	89.0
In social life	8.0	12.7	29.6	26.3	22.8	99.4
In sporting circles	19.8	10.8	20.3	17.7	14.5	83.1

* Valid responses only.

4. Demographic profile: 'Wide-Bay Burnett' Statistical Division

Table 4.1 Gender profile of 'Wide-Bay Burnett' Statistical Division sample

Gender	Sample %	Census¹ %
Male	41.2	49.4
Female	58.8	50.6
Total %	100.0	100.0

Notes:

¹The 2001 census data presented above is for persons aged 15 years and older.

Table 4.2 Age group profile of 'Wide-Bay Burnett' Statistical Division sample

Age group	Sample %	Census %
18-24	4.2	6.6
25-34	12.1	10.6
35-44	16.4	13.7
45-54	24.2	13.8
55-64	20.0	13.5
65-74	12.7	9.4
75+	10.3	6.7
Total %	100.0	74.3¹

Notes:

¹The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to persons aged under 18 years old.

Table 4.3 Education profile of ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division sample

Education level	Sample %	Census ^{1,2}%
Tertiary educated ³	19.4	25.3
Non-tertiary educated ⁴	80.6	62.3
Refused/not clear	0.0	11.1
Total %	100.0	98.7

Notes:

¹The 2001 census data presented is for persons aged 15 years and older.

²The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to overseas visitors.

³Tertiary educated refers to qualifications obtained at a University, TAFE or another higher education institution.

⁴No qualifications refers to the highest level of education achieved at the Year 12 or equivalent or below and persons who did not go to school.

Table 4.4 Language spoken at home profile of ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division sample

Language spoken	Sample %	Census %
English	93.9	92.4
Language other than English	6.1	2.3
Total %	100.0	94.7¹

Notes:

¹The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to refused/not stated responses.

Table 4.5 Indigenous Status profile of ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division sample

Indigenous status	Sample %	Census %
Non-Indigenous	99.4	92.3
Yes – Indigenous ¹	0.6	3.0
Refused	0.0	3.6
Total %	100.0	98.8²

Notes:

¹ Indigenous refers to respondents who indicated that they were either Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

² The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to overseas visitors.

Table 4.6 Birthplace profile of ‘Wide-Bay Burnett’ Statistical Division sample

Birthplace	Sample %	Census %
Australia	83.0	83.5
New Zealand	2.4	1.8
South-East Asia	1.8	0.6
North-East Asia	0.0	0.1
South Asia	0.0	0.1
UK & Ireland	4.8	4.5
Other Northern Europe	5.5	0.1
Southern Europe	1.8	0.3
Eastern Europe	0.0	0.2
Middle East	0.0	0.1
Pacific Islands	0.0	0.2
North America	0.0	0.3
South/Central America	0.0	0.04
South Africa	0.6	0.2
Africa (excluding South Africa)	0.0	0.2
Refused/inadequately described	0.0	5.0
Total %	100.0	97.3¹

Notes:

¹The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to persons born in other birthplace regions.

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