

Recreational marine licence census June 2014

About this publication

This publication presents the results of a census taken of the number of current Queensland recreational marine licences on 30 June 2014. The data presented in this publication was extracted from the Department of Transport and Main Roads TRAILS Registration System (the register) on 8 July 2014.

In Queensland, being issued a *Recreational Marine Driver Licence* (RMDL) is a necessary prerequisite to being issued with a *Personal Watercraft Licence* (PWCL). Both of these marine licences are issued in perpetuity and so will remain current unless they are surrendered or cancelled, or until the effluxion of time assures the licence can no longer be in use.

The graphs and tables provide the number of current recreational marine licences classified by type, maritime region, the age and gender of the licensees, the year in which a licence was issued and whether or not a licensee was the registrant of a personal water craft (PWC) or boat (a vessel that is not a PWC).

Key Points

At 30 June 2014 records indicate that 789,643 people held a current marine license; one license for every five people over 15 years of age resident in Queensland.

RMDL were held by 789,280 people of whom 127,810 also held a PWCL. The remaining 363 people are holders of an interstate recreational boat licences or a commercial marine qualification, to whom a standalone PWCL has been issued.

Twenty-two per cent (175,481) of the 789,280 holders of an RMDL have registered at least one of 199,903 recreational boats. Thirteen per cent (16,919) of the 128,173 holders of a PWCL have registered at least one of 18,524 PWC. Only 3080 licensees have registered at least one of 4736 boats and at least one of 4339 PWC. The majority (2746) of these licensees have registered one boat and one PWC.

Licensees residing within the Brisbane Maritime Region hold the majority of RMDL (63%) and PWCL (77%). Nineteen per cent of those who hold an RMDL and 13% of those who hold a PWCL have a registered vessel.

In the Mackay Maritime Region, which accommodates only 6% of RMDL holders and 4% of PWCL holders, licensees are more likely to have registered a boat (31%) or a PWC (14%) than those in any other maritime region.

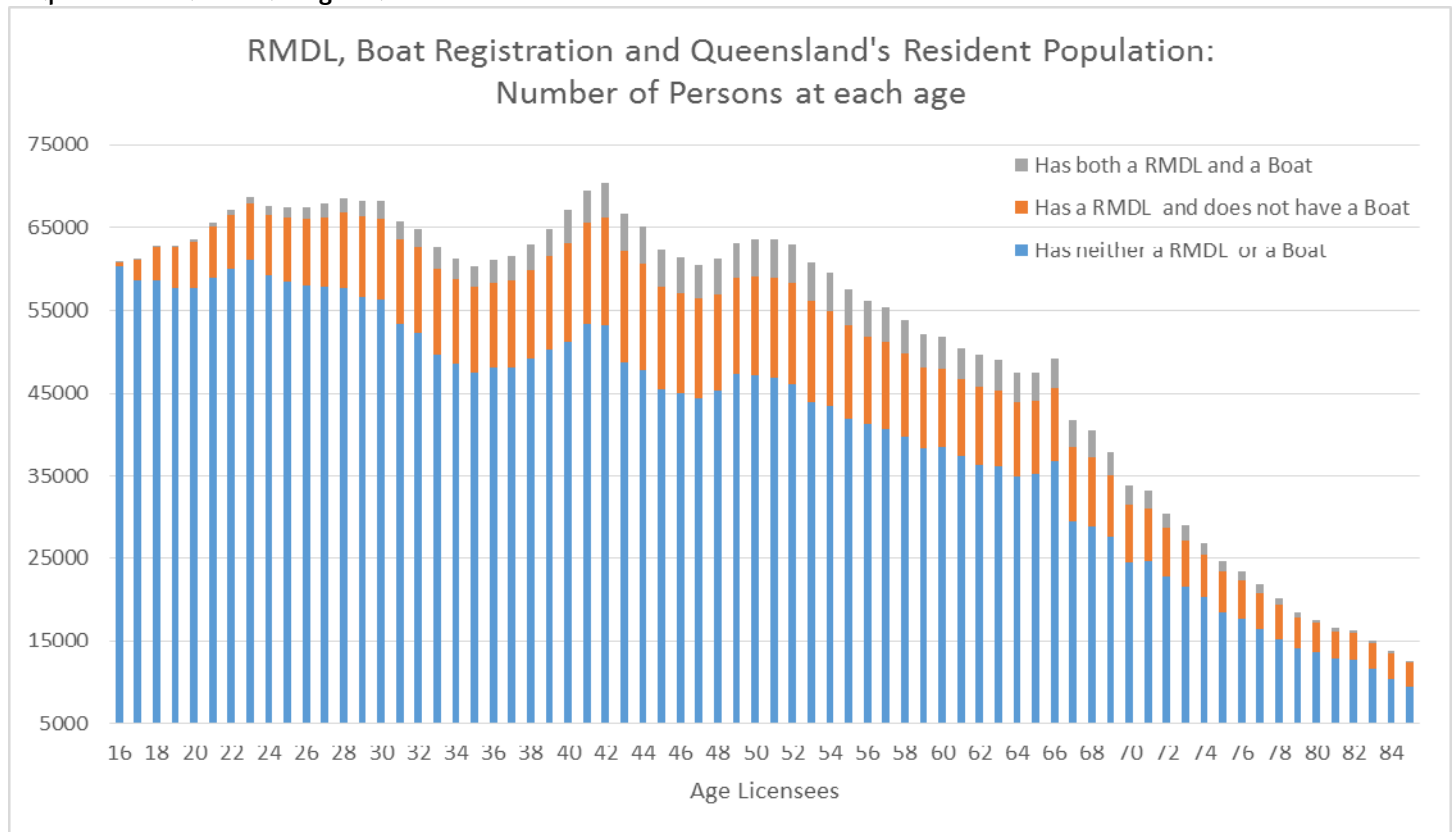
Women hold 16% of RMDL and 23% PWCL and are less likely to have registered a boat (6% vs. 25 %) or a PWC (6% vs. 15%) than male licensees.

The average age of the holder of an RMDL who has a registered boat is 51 years while the average age of those who do not have a registered boat is 50 years. The average age of the holder of a PWCL who does have a registered PWC is 43 years while the average age of those who do not have a registered PWC is 38 years.

Eleven per cent of current RMDL were issued between 1962 and 1980. A further 11% were issued between 2010 and 2014. In both of these cases 22% of the licensees have registered a recreational boat.

Twenty-nine per cent of current PWCL were issued in 2005; the first year in which PWCL were issued. A further 44% were issued between 2010 and 2014. In the first of these cases 10% of licensees have registered a recreational PWC while in the second 15% of licensees have registered a recreational PWC.

Graph 1: RMDL and Boat Registration



Graph 2: PWCL and PWC Registration

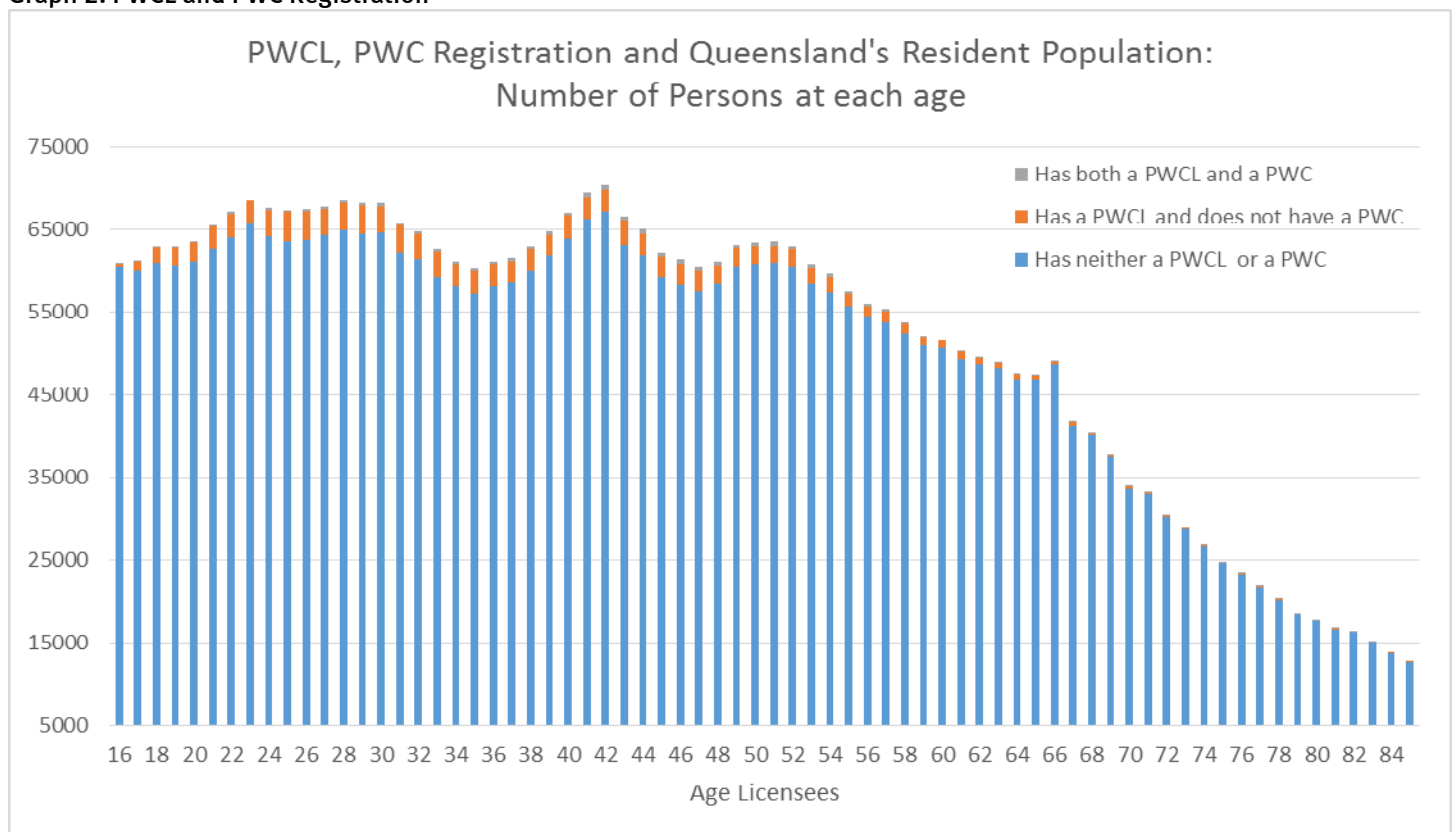


Table 1: Licensees, Registrants and Vessels

	Licensees	RMDL	Registrants ¹	Boats	PWCL	Registrants ²	PWC
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Maritime Regions							
Brisbane	496669	496,461	95354	105892	98107	13088	14387
Gladstone	117859	117,818	34392	39950	12625	1678	1831
Mackay	43986	43,941	13536	16095	4618	654	711
Cairns	61846	61,800	15031	17700	5519	706	769
Townsville	61087	61,077	16888	19960	6323	757	805
Ex QLD	8196	8,183	280	306	981	36	39
Gender							
Female	127168	127134	7582	8208	29059	1720	1883
Male	662365	662036	167898	191694	99114	15199	16659
Unspecified	110	110	1	1			
Age of Licensees							
Oldest Generation 1891-1926	20688	20688	372	396	3	1	1
Lucky Generation 1927-1946	114712	114698	22680	25728	1842	316	349
Baby Boom 1947-1966	290585	290447	81856	95377	31325	5834	6509
Generation X/Y 1967-1986	286845	286652	63048	70384	64062	8530	9324
iGeneration 1987-2006	76149	76131	7514	8006	30941	2238	2359
Not Recorder	664	664	11	12			
Year RMDL Issued							
1962 =< Year <= 1980	89595	89595	19486	23699	2380	419	465
1981 =< Year <= 2000	305715	305715	72974	85824	23930	4611	5193
2001 =< Year <= 2009	265749	265749	55244	60806	55880	6303	6911
2010 =< Year <= 2014	126122	126122	27263	28949	45546	5539	5922
No RMDL issued	363		51	58	363	30	30
Not Recorded	2099	2099	463	567	74	17	21
Year PWCL Issued							
2005	36849	36716	8592	10430	36849	3729	4231
2006 =< Year <= 2009	34857	34731	5375	6159	34857	3810	4216
2010 =< Year <= 2014	56467	56363	7962	8889	56467	8728	9410
No PWCL Issued	661470	661470	153552	174425		652	685
Total	789643	789280	175481	199903	128173	16919	18542
1: Licensees who have registered at least one boat. 2: Licensees who have registered at least one PWC.							

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