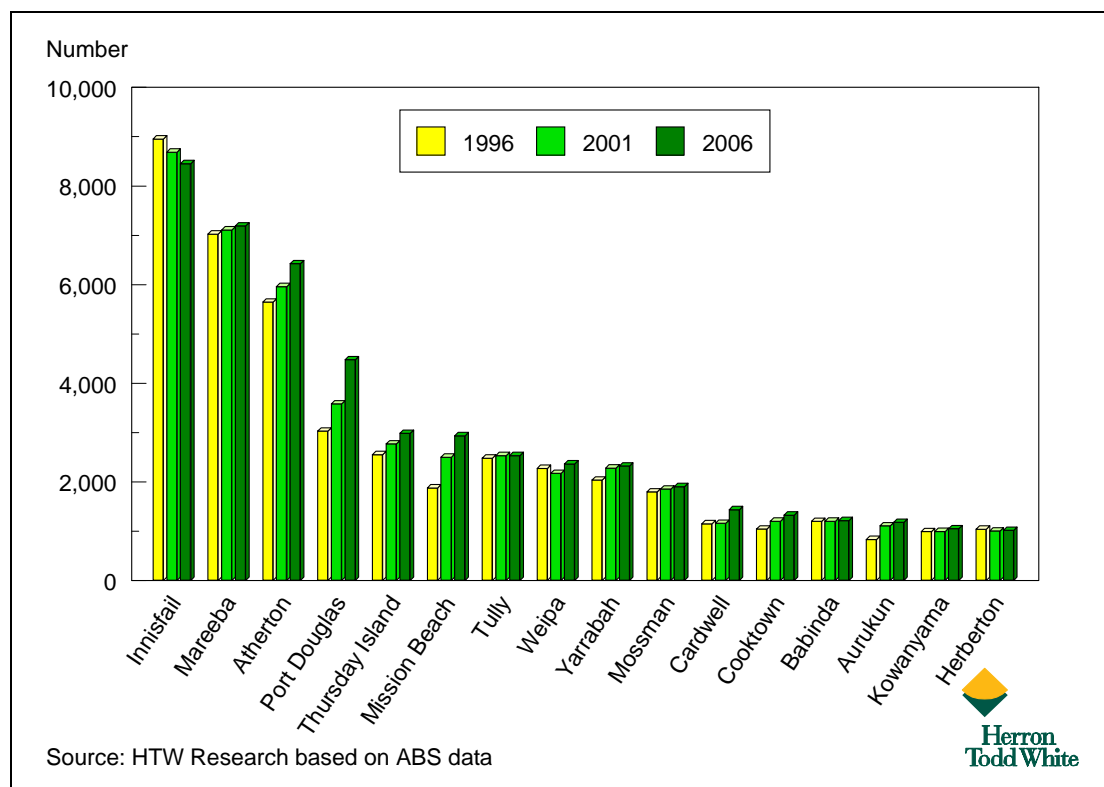


## 9. SPECIAL TOPIC: PROVINCIAL POPULATION

**Figure 9: Population in Far Northern Provincial Towns**



- There are 16 provincial towns spread throughout the Far Northern region, outside of Cairns, with a residential population of 1,000 or more as at 30 June 2006. The largest such town is Innisfail, followed by Mareeba, Atherton and Port Douglas.
- Mission Beach has been the strongest growth location, with average population growth of 4.6% per annum, followed by Port Douglas with an average annual increase of 4.0%. Population has been static or declining in several of the other towns.