

Regional Profiles Summary - Townsville and NW QLD region; Compared with Queensland

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Townsville and NW QLD region comprises the 15 local government areas of Boulia (S), Burdekin (S), Burke (S), Carpentaria (S), Charters Towers (R), Cloncurry (S), Doomadgee (S), Flinders (S), Hinchinbrook (S), McKinlay (S), Mornington (S), Mount Isa (C), Palm Island (S), Richmond (S) and Townsville (C). The region name Townsville and NW QLD region is the customisable region name provided by the generator of this report and does not necessarily represent the current view of Queensland Treasury or the Queensland Government.

Estimated resident population

As at 30 June 2018, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Townsville and NW QLD region was 267,005 persons. The annual growth rate between 2017r and 2018p was 0.2 per cent.

Table 1 Estimated resident population and growth

As at 30 June	Population		Annual growth rate	
	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland
	persons		— per cent —	
2013	265,279		0.9	1.8
2014	266,459		0.4	1.4
2015	266,250		-0.1	1.2
2016	265,746		-0.2	1.4
2017r	266,546		0.3	1.7
2018p	267,005		0.2	1.7

Next planned update: April 2020.

Source: ABS 3218.0, *Regional Population Growth, Australia*, various editions

Population projections

The 2018 edition of population projections indicate that by 2026 the expected population of Townsville and NW QLD region will be 294,204 persons. By 2041, it is expected to be 353,453 persons.

Table 2 Population projections (medium series)

As at 30 June	Population		Average annual growth rate	
	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland
	persons		— per cent —	
2016	266,162	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2021	276,641		0.8	1.6
2026	294,204		1.2	1.7
2031	313,893		1.3	1.6
2036	333,681		1.2	1.5
2041	353,453		1.2	1.4

n.a. = not available

(a) 2016 data are estimated resident population (ERP).

Next planned update: November 2021.

Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2018 edition (medium series)

Population by age group

In the Townsville and NW QLD region as at 30 June 2018, 20.4 per cent of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 66.2 per cent were aged 15 to 64 years and 13.4 per cent were aged 65 years and over.

Table 3 Population by age group

As at 30 June	Age group				
	0–14	15–24	25–44	45–64	65+
	— per cent —				
2018p					
Townsville and NW QLD region	20.4	14.7	27.3	24.2	13.4
Queensland	19.6	13.1	27.3	24.7	15.4
2036 ^(a)					
Townsville and NW QLD region	19.1	14.2	26.1	22.4	18.2
Queensland	18.5	12.6	25.5	23.4	20.0

p = preliminary

(a) Medium series.

Next planned update: September 2020.

Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2015 edition (medium series)

ABS 3235.0, *Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia*

Unemployment and labour force

The unemployment rate in Townsville and NW QLD region in June quarter 2019 was not available.

Table 4 Unemployment and labour force^(a)

Region	June quarter 2019		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Townsville and NW QLD region	n.a.	n.a.	..
Queensland	162,706	2,663,848	6.1

(a) Based on a 4-quarter smoothed series.

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, *Small Area Labour Markets Australia*, various editions

C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council

Note: Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries.

Building approvals

There were 496 new dwelling approvals in Townsville and NW QLD region over the 12 months ending 30 November 2019, a decrease of 13.7 per cent from the previous year (575 approvals).

Table 5 New dwelling approvals^(a)

Year ending November	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2017	839	72	911
2018	542	33	575
2019	451	45	496

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: February 2020.

Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

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Note: Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries.