

## 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 2019, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Townsville and NW QLD region was 267,385 persons. The annual growth rate between 2018r and 2019p 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 —	
2014	266,459		0.4	1.4
2015	266,250		-0.1	1.2
2016	265,746		-0.2	1.4
2017	266,546		0.3	1.7
2018r	266,934		0.1	1.7
2019p	267,385		0.2	1.7

Next planned update: April 2021.

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.
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 <sup>(a)</sup>					
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 March quarter 2020 was 7.9 per cent.

**Table 4 Unemployment and labour force<sup>(a)</sup>**

Region	March quarter 2020		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Townsville and NW QLD region	10,968	139,686	7.9
Queensland	165,966	2,708,761	6.1

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

Source: Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, *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 596 new dwelling approvals in Townsville and NW QLD region over the 12 months ending 30 June 2020, an increase of 28.4 per cent from the previous year (464 approvals).

**Table 5 New dwelling approvals<sup>(a)</sup>**

Year ending June	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2018	706	44	750
2019	433	31	464
2020	525	71	596

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: September 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.