

Regional Profiles Summary - Custom region; Compared with Queensland

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Custom 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 Custom 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 Custom 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	
	Custom region	Queensland	Custom 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 Custom 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	
	Custom region	Queensland	Custom 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 Custom region as at 30 June 2019, 20.2 per cent of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 66.0 per cent were aged 15 to 64 years and 13.8 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 —				
2019p					
Custom region	20.2	14.4	27.4	24.2	13.8
Queensland	19.4	13.0	27.3	24.6	15.7
2036 ^(a)					
Custom 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 2021.

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 Custom region in June quarter 2020 was 7.6 per cent.

Table 4 Unemployment and labour force^(a)

Region	June quarter 2020		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Custom region	10,510	138,981	7.6
Queensland	173,105	2,684,733	6.4

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

Source: Australian Government, National Skills Commission, *Small Area Labour Markets Australia*, various editions

Building approvals

There were 682 new dwelling approvals in Custom region over the 12 months ending 31 October 2020, an increase of 35.6 per cent from the previous year (503 approvals).

Table 5 New dwelling approvals^(a)

Year ending October	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2018	575	39	614
2019	458	45	503
2020	634	48	682

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: January 2021.

Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, 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.