

## Regional Profiles Summary - Townsville & NW Qld region; Compared with Queensland

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Townsville & 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 & 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 2020, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Townsville & NW Qld region was 269,048 persons. The annual growth rate between 2019r and 2020p was 0.6 per cent.

**Table 1 Estimated resident population and growth**

As at 30 June	Population	Annual growth rate	
	Townsville & NW Qld region	Townsville & NW Qld region	Queensland
	persons	— per cent —	
2015	266,250	-0.1	1.2
2016	265,746	-0.2	1.4
2017	266,546	0.3	1.7
2018	266,934	0.1	1.7
2019r	267,369	0.2	1.7
2020p	269,048	0.6	1.6

Next planned update: April 2022.

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 & 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 & NW Qld region	Townsville & 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 & NW Qld 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					
Townsville & NW Qld region	20.2	14.4	27.4	24.2	13.8
Queensland	19.4	13.0	27.3	24.6	15.7
2036(a)					
Townsville & 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 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 Townsville & NW Qld region in March quarter 2021 was 6.9 per cent.

**Table 4 Unemployment and labour force(a)**

Region	March quarter 2021		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Townsville & NW Qld region	9,442	136,776	6.9
Queensland	197,575	2,714,310	7.3

(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 1,142 new dwelling approvals in Townsville & NW Qld region over the 12 months ending 31 May 2021, an increase of 84.2 per cent from the previous year (620 approvals).

**Table 5 New dwelling approvals(a)**

Year ending May	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2019	422	31	453
2020	545	75	620
2021	1,109	33	1,142

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: August 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.