



# Queensland Regional Profiles

Resident Profile - people who live in the region

## Townsville and NW QLD region (ASGS 2021)

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# Region overview

The resident profiles provide details on a range of topics for people who live in the region. For some topics, more detailed data are available through the [Queensland Regional Database](#) (also known as QRSIS), developed and maintained by the Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury.

## Townsville and NW QLD region (ASGS 2021)

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).

Townsville and NW QLD region has a total land area of 448,024.1 km<sup>2</sup>, with an average daily temperature range of 18.1°C to 31.9°C and an average annual rainfall of 561 mm.

Data for Townsville and NW QLD region are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries based on the population spread at a point in time.

## Queensland

Queensland has a total land area of 1,730,171.2 km<sup>2</sup>, with an average daily temperature range of 16.4°C to 30.0°C and an average annual rainfall of 634 mm.

Data for Queensland are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021.

This profile should be read in conjunction with the abbreviations and explanatory notes provided at the end of the profile.

# Demography

## Estimated resident population

The estimated resident population (ERP) figure is the official population estimate. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2023.

As at 30 June 2021, the estimated resident population for Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 269,872 persons

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- ERP of 269,872 persons as at 30 June 2021
- Average annual growth rate of 0.3% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 0.4% over ten years
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest population with 197,992 persons
- Within the region, Doomadgee (S) LGA and Palm Island (S) LGA had the fastest population growth over five years with 0.8%

### Queensland

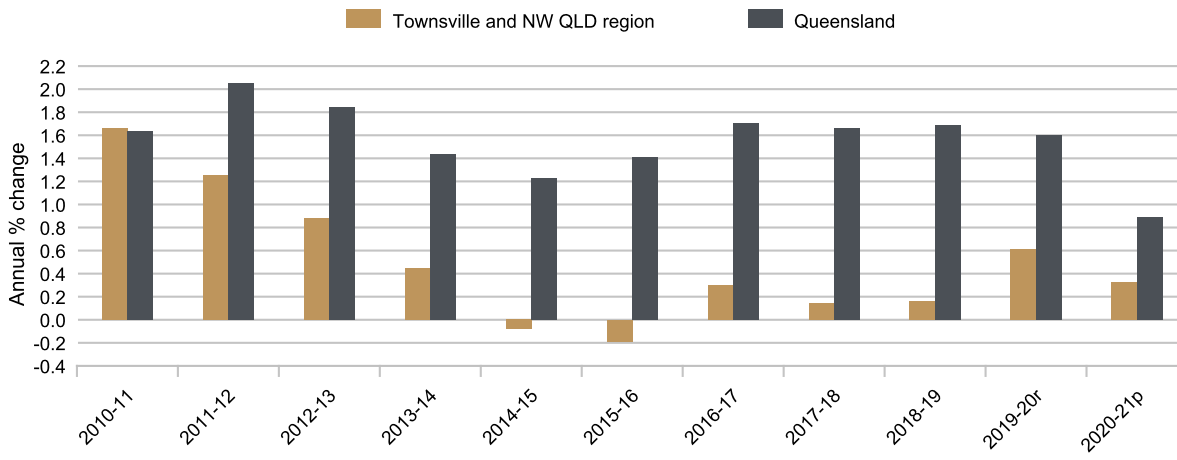
- ERP of 5,221,233 persons as at 30 June 2021
- Average annual growth rate of 1.5% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.6% over ten years

**Table 1 Estimated resident population by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June			Average annual growth rate	
	2011	2016	2021p	2011–2021p	2016–2021p
	— number —			— % —	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>259,712</b>	<b>265,746</b>	<b>269,872</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Boulia (S)	493	436	419	-1.6	-0.8
Burdekin (S)	17,775	17,326	16,844	-0.5	-0.6
Burke (S)	557	342	354	-4.4	0.7
Carpentaria (S)	2,197	2,051	1,971	-1.1	-0.8
Charters Towers (R)	12,434	12,087	11,676	-0.6	-0.7
Cloncurry (S)	3,342	3,125	3,052	-0.9	-0.5
Doomadgee (S)	1,374	1,475	1,535	1.1	0.8
Flinders (S)	1,840	1,582	1,522	-1.9	-0.8
Hinchinbrook (S)	11,817	10,968	10,656	-1.0	-0.6
McKinlay (S)	1,085	816	832	-2.6	0.4
Mornington (S)	1,220	1,197	1,233	0.1	0.6
Mount Isa (C)	22,079	19,606	18,271	-1.9	-1.4
Palm Island (S)	2,538	2,581	2,691	0.6	0.8
Richmond (S)	847	806	824	-0.3	0.4
Townsville (C)	180,114	191,348	197,992	1.0	0.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>4,476,778</b>	<b>4,845,152</b>	<b>5,221,233</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>

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

**Figure 1 Estimated resident population growth, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**



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

## Population by age and sex

The estimated resident population (ERP) figure is the official population estimate. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2022.

As at 30 June 2020, the proportion of the estimated resident population aged 65 years and over for Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 14.3%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 19.9% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2020
- 65.7% aged 15–64 years
- 14.3% aged 65+ years
- Within the region, Doomadgee (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 0–14 with 37.5%
- Within the region, Burke (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 15–64 with 69.5%
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 65+ with 29.3%

### Queensland

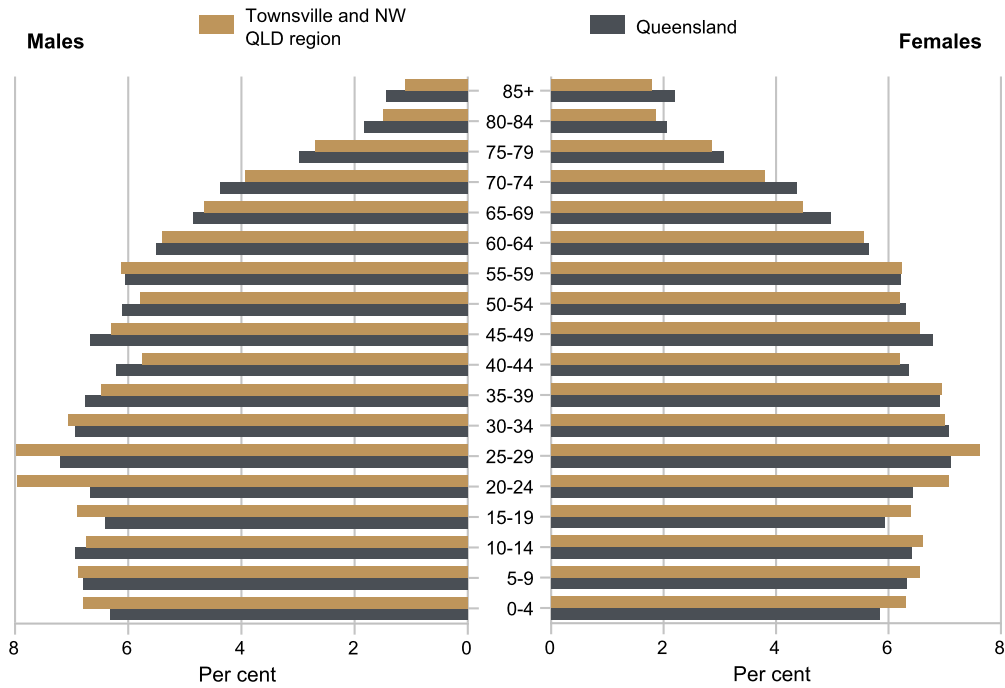
- 19.3% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2020
- 64.6% aged 15–64 years
- 16.1% aged 65+ years

**Table 2** Estimated resident population by age and LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 30 June 2020p

Custom region / LGA / State	Age group									
	0–14		15–24		25–44		45–64		65+	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>53,648</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>38,112</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>74,001</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>64,729</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>38,558</b>	<b>14.3</b>
Boulia (S)	89	21.4	41	9.9	119	28.6	108	26.0	59	14.2
Burdekin (S)	2,872	16.9	1,949	11.5	3,499	20.6	4,648	27.4	3,985	23.5
Burke (S)	62	17.5	40	11.3	114	32.2	92	26.0	46	13.0
Carpentaria (S)	415	21.1	212	10.8	525	26.6	525	26.6	293	14.9
Charters Towers (R)	2,295	19.6	1,625	13.9	2,481	21.1	2,950	25.1	2,380	20.3
Cloncurry (S)	602	20.0	297	9.9	957	31.9	809	26.9	339	11.3
Doomadgee (S)	575	37.5	287	18.7	407	26.5	227	14.8	38	2.5
Flinders (S)	303	20.0	119	7.9	374	24.7	394	26.1	322	21.3
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,531	14.4	1,218	11.4	1,708	16.0	3,069	28.8	3,119	29.3
McKinlay (S)	171	20.8	57	6.9	238	28.9	236	28.7	121	14.7
Mornington (S)	345	28.0	209	17.0	367	29.8	241	19.6	69	5.6
Mount Isa (C)	4,626	24.9	2,294	12.3	6,010	32.4	4,120	22.2	1,528	8.2
Palm Island (S)	812	30.3	455	17.0	729	27.2	555	20.7	133	5.0
Richmond (S)	194	23.9	59	7.3	229	28.2	215	26.4	116	14.3
Townsville (C)	38,756	19.7	29,250	14.9	56,244	28.6	46,540	23.6	26,010	13.2
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>999,054</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>657,838</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>1,412,436</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>1,274,977</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>831,881</b>	<b>16.1</b>

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

**Figure 3 Estimated resident population by age and sex, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 30 June 2020p**



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

## Median age

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age estimates have been calculated by the ABS and Queensland Treasury using single year of age estimated resident population data. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2022.

As at 30 June 2020, the median age for Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 35.8 years

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- Median age of 35.8 years as at 30 June 2020
- Increase of 2.2 years from median age of 33.6 years as at 30 June 2010
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the highest median age of 52.0 years
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the largest increase in median age from 30 June 2010 to 30 June 2020 with 7.0 years

### Queensland

- Median age of 37.8 years as at 30 June 2020
- Increase of 1.4 years from median age of 36.4 years as at 30 June 2010

**Table 3 Median age by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2010	2015	2020p	2010–2020p
	— years —			years
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Boulia (S)	31.3	31.4	36.6	5.3
Burdekin (S)	40.5	43.4	45.8	5.3
Burke (S)	35.3	35.8	38.1	2.8
Carpentaria (S)	36.5	37.6	38.2	1.7
Charters Towers (R)	37.9	39.7	41.1	3.2
Cloncurry (S)	31.5	34.0	37.0	5.5
Doomadgee (S)	22.4	21.9	20.8	-1.6
Flinders (S)	39.0	43.6	42.9	3.9
Hinchinbrook (S)	45.0	49.0	52.0	7.0
McKinlay (S)	33.8	38.5	40.1	6.3
Mornington (S)	26.0	27.6	28.4	2.4
Mount Isa (C)	29.8	31.3	31.6	1.8
Palm Island (S)	23.2	24.6	26.7	3.5
Richmond (S)	37.0	33.6	37.2	0.2
Townsville (C)	32.9	33.7	35.0	2.1
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS 3235.0, *Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia* unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates

## Population projections

The 2018 edition of the Queensland Government population projections are generated by applying assumptions regarding future trends in the components of population change (fertility, mortality and migration) and the latest planning and development intelligence available. Data are based on the medium series and are updated twice every five years.

From 2016 to 2041, the population for Townsville and NW QLD region is projected to increase from

**266,162 persons to  
353,453 persons**

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- Population projected to be 353,453 persons as at 30 June 2041
- Increase of 1.1% per year over 25 years
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA is projected to have the largest population as at 30 June 2041 with 282,281 persons
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA is projected to have the fastest growth in population from 30 June 2016 to 2041 with an average annual rate of 1.6% per year

### Queensland

- Population projected to be 7,161,661 persons as at 30 June 2041
- Increase of 1.6% per year over 25 years

**Table 4 Projected population by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June						Average annual growth rate
	2016 <sup>(a)</sup>	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2016–2041
	— number —						%
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>266,162</b>	<b>276,641</b>	<b>294,204</b>	<b>313,893</b>	<b>333,681</b>	<b>353,453</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Boulia (S)	437	447	433	421	408	392	-0.4
Burdekin (S)	17,313	17,314	17,399	17,421	17,369	17,310	0.0
Burke (S)	342	359	383	411	436	458	1.2
Carpentaria (S)	2,051	1,933	1,945	1,963	1,979	1,994	-0.1
Charters Towers (R)	12,074	12,213	12,313	12,391	12,409	12,403	0.1
Cloncurry (S)	3,114	2,942	2,728	2,560	2,396	2,227	-1.3
Doomadgee (S)	1,474	1,452	1,499	1,554	1,605	1,653	0.5
Flinders (S)	1,569	1,400	1,323	1,262	1,206	1,149	-1.2
Hinchinbrook (S)	10,990	10,633	10,184	9,732	9,253	8,780	-0.9
McKinlay (S)	810	728	694	668	644	618	-1.1
Mornington (S)	1,196	1,202	1,251	1,307	1,357	1,403	0.6
Mount Isa (C)	19,332	18,312	18,158	18,383	18,559	18,677	-0.1
Palm Island (S)	2,602	2,734	2,945	3,157	3,356	3,544	1.2
Richmond (S)	800	710	666	630	597	563	-1.4
Townsville (C)	192,058	204,262	222,284	242,032	262,105	282,281	1.6
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>4,848,877</b>	<b>5,261,567</b>	<b>5,722,780</b>	<b>6,206,566</b>	<b>6,686,604</b>	<b>7,161,661</b>	<b>1.6</b>

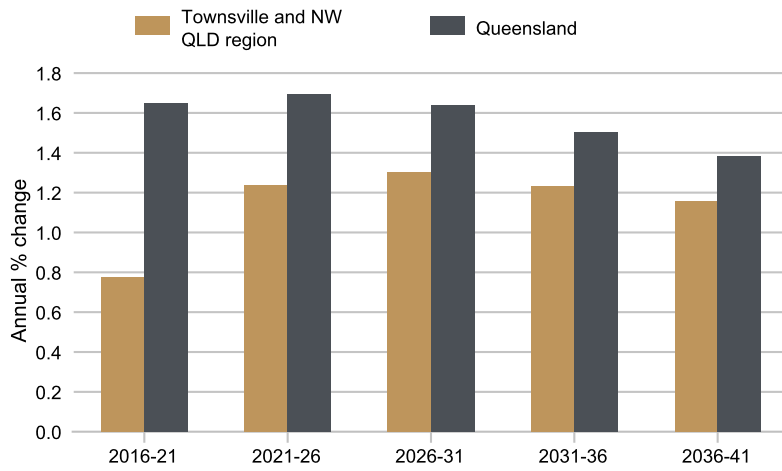
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(a) 2016 data are estimated resident population (ERP).

For more detailed data on the Queensland Government population projections, please refer to the Queensland Government Statistician's Office website at <https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/statistics/theme/population/population-projections>

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

**Figure 4 Projected population change, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**

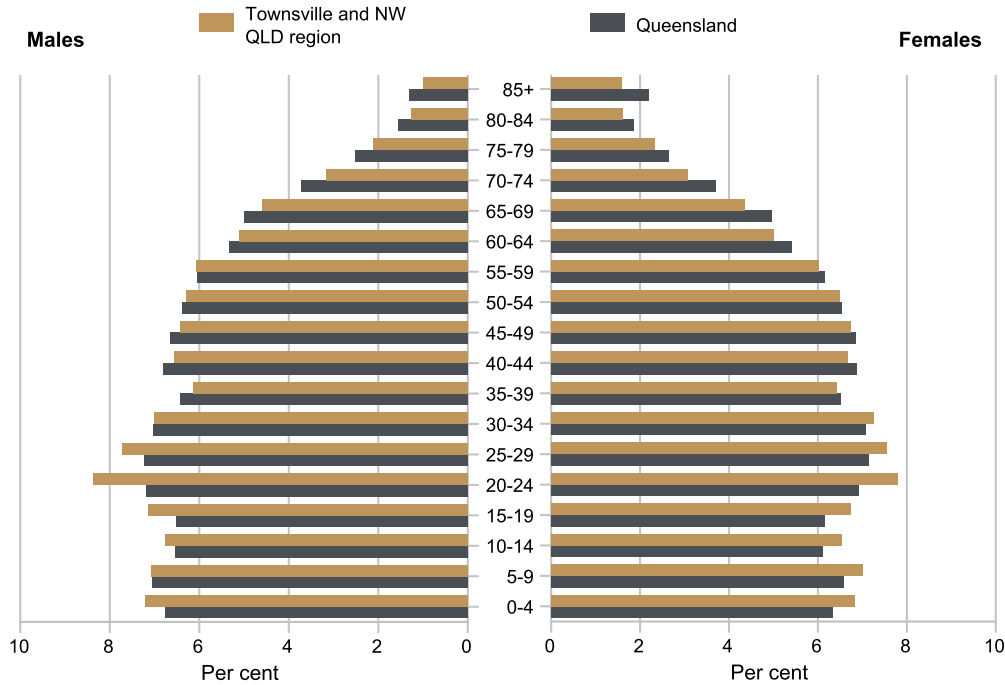


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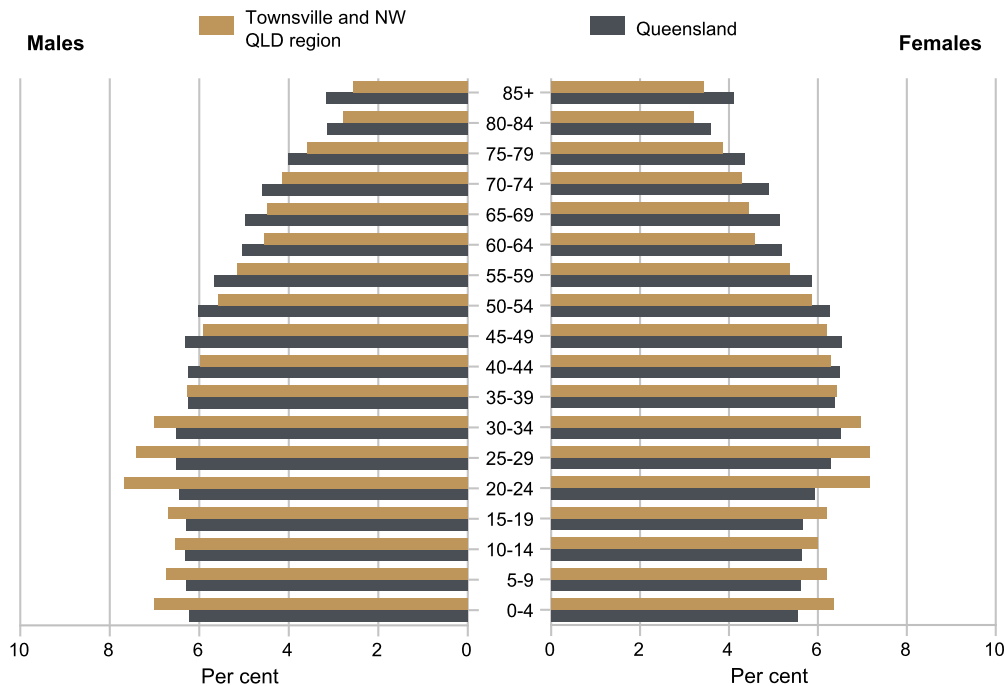


**Figure 5 Projected population by age and sex, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2041**

**30 June 2016**



**30 June 2041**



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

## Median age projections

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age projections have been calculated by Queensland Treasury using the Queensland Government population projections, 2018 edition. Data presented in this topic are based on the medium series. Data are updated twice every five years.

As at 30 June 2041, the median age projection for Townsville and NW QLD region is

# 37.0 years

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- Median age projection of 37.0 years as at 30 June 2041
- Increase of 1.6 years from a median age projection of 35.3 years as at 30 June 2021
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the highest median age projection of 51.5 years
- Within the region, Richmond (S) LGA had the largest increase in median age projection from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2041 with 6.9 years

### Queensland

- Median age projection of 40.7 years as at 30 June 2041
- Increase of 2.8 years from a median age projection of 37.9 years as at 30 June 2021

**Table 5 Median age projections by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2021	2031	2041	2021–2041
	— years —			years
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Boulia (S)	35.2	36.4	36.8	1.7
Burdekin (S)	44.7	44.9	46.1	1.5
Burke (S)	39.1	40.6	42.0	2.9
Carpentaria (S)	38.1	39.1	40.5	2.3
Charters Towers (R)	40.4	41.0	42.1	1.7
Cloncurry (S)	35.8	37.1	36.6	0.7
Doomadgee (S)	21.2	22.5	23.6	2.4
Flinders (S)	47.2	49.4	51.2	4.0
Hinchinbrook (S)	50.6	50.7	51.5	0.9
McKinlay (S)	41.4	43.5	44.8	3.3
Mornington (S)	26.5	27.4	28.9	2.4
Mount Isa (C)	32.3	33.5	34.1	1.8
Palm Island (S)	26.5	29.0	29.7	3.2
Richmond (S)	34.8	39.2	41.7	6.9
Townsville (C)	34.5	35.5	36.2	1.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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

## Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

This topic is based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status where each person is asked to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 9.8%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 25,388 persons (or 9.8%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons with 93.9%

### Queensland

- 186,482 persons (or 4.0%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

**Table 6 Indigenous status by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Indigenous persons					Non-Indigenous persons		Total persons <sup>(b)</sup>
	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both <sup>(a)</sup>	Total		number	%	number
	— number —			number	%			
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>20,681</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>25,388</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>214,176</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>259,124</b>
Boulia (S)	108	0	3	115	27.0	242	56.8	426
Burdekin (S)	730	95	148	974	5.7	14,888	87.2	17,074
Burke (S)	128	4	0	133	40.5	127	38.7	328
Carpentaria (S)	763	19	19	808	41.3	991	50.6	1,958
Charters Towers (R)	912	43	73	1,033	8.7	9,699	81.7	11,876
Cloncurry (S)	636	24	26	692	22.8	1,905	62.8	3,032
Doomadgee (S)	1,304	4	5	1,312	93.4	73	5.2	1,405
Flinders (S)	92	0	7	99	6.4	1,297	84.4	1,536
Hinchinbrook (S)	539	68	54	660	6.1	9,413	86.5	10,885
McKinlay (S)	32	3	0	39	4.9	694	87.2	796
Mornington (S)	959	6	15	983	86.0	130	11.4	1,143
Mount Isa (C)	2,951	84	122	3,149	16.9	13,385	71.7	18,671
Palm Island (S)	1,892	27	380	2,298	93.9	114	4.7	2,446
Richmond (S)	44	0	4	53	6.7	679	85.8	791
Townsville (C)	9,591	1,893	1,549	13,040	7.0	160,539	86.0	186,757
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>148,943</b>	<b>21,053</b>	<b>16,493</b>	<b>186,482</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4,211,020</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

(a) Applicable to persons who are of 'both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin'.

(b) Includes Indigenous status not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I02*

## Births and deaths

Birth and death statistics are an estimate of the number of births and deaths that have been registered in Australia's state and territory Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages over a calendar year. These estimates are useful for two distinct purposes – use as a component of population growth and for analysis of fertility and mortality. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2022.

The number of registered births in 2020 to mothers with a usual residence in Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 3,233 births

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 3,233 registered births in 2020
- 1,730 registered deaths
- Within the region, Boulia (S) LGA had the largest crude birth rate with 19.2 births per 1,000 population

### Queensland

- 59,490 registered births in 2020
- 31,367 registered deaths

**Table 7 Registered births and deaths by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Births		Deaths		Natural increase
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>1,503</b>
Boulia (S)	8	19.2	4	9.6	4
Burdekin (S)	157	9.3	159	9.4	-2
Burke (S)	3	8.5	0	0.0	3
Carpentaria (S)	35	17.8	12	6.1	23
Charters Towers (R)	99	8.4	98	8.4	1
Cloncurry (S)	40	13.3	20	6.7	20
Doomadgee (S)	17	11.1	7	4.6	10
Flinders (S)	18	11.9	11	7.3	7
Hinchinbrook (S)	94	8.8	134	12.6	-40
McKinlay (S)	10	12.2	7	8.5	3
Mornington (S)	19	15.4	10	8.1	9
Mount Isa (C)	345	18.6	108	5.8	237
Palm Island (S)	25	9.3	18	6.7	7
Richmond (S)	8	9.8	4	4.9	4
Townsville (C)	2,355	12.0	1,138	5.8	1,217
<b>Queensland<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>59,490</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>31,367</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>28,123</b>

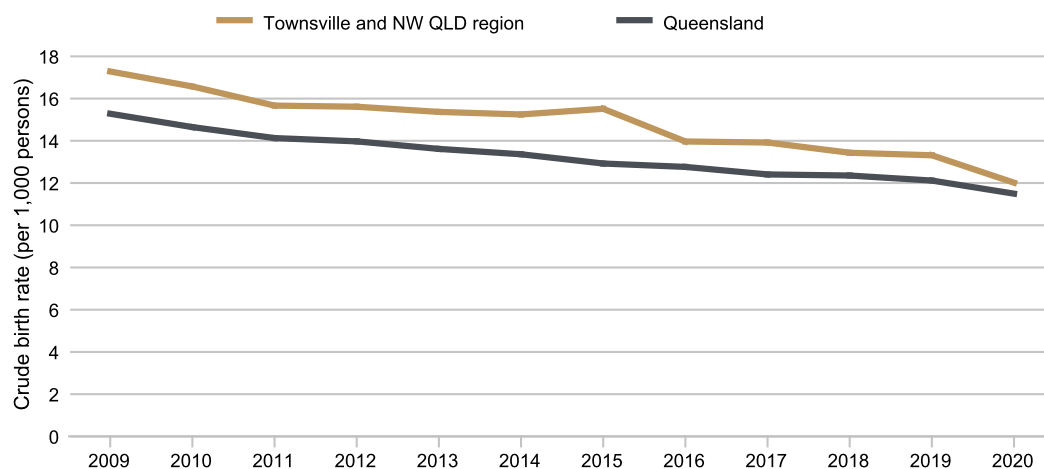
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Crude rate per 1,000 persons.

(b) Queensland totals include births and deaths where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

Source: ABS 3301.0, *Births, Australia, various editions*; ABS 3302.0, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

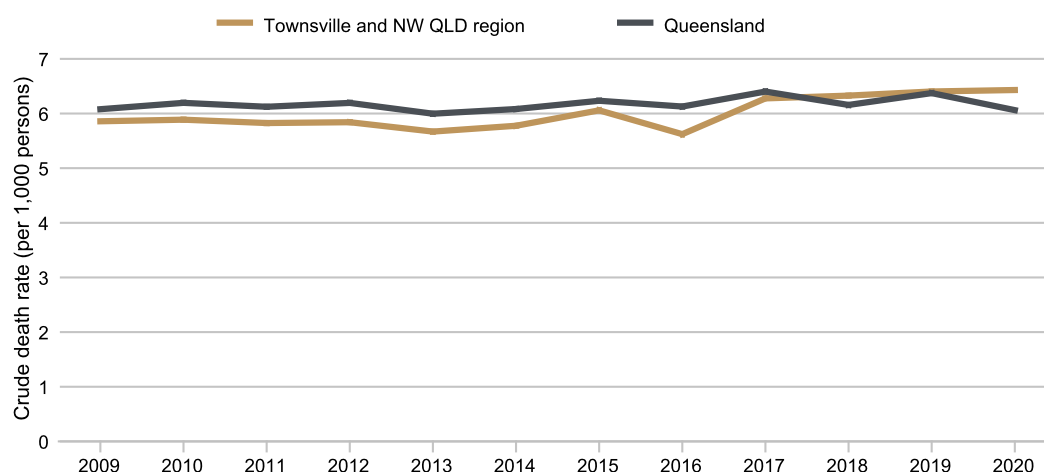
**Figure 6 Crude birth rate, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland(a)**



(a) Queensland totals include births where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

Source: ABS 3301.0, *Births, Australia, various editions*; ABS 3302.0, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

**Figure 7 Crude death rate, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland(a)**



(a) Queensland totals include deaths where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

Source: ABS 3301.0, *Births, Australia, various editions*; ABS 3302.0, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

## Migration 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2016 (9 August 2016) with their usual address one year earlier (i.e. 9 August 2015). This is based on persons aged one year and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Townsville and NW QLD region with a different address one year ago was

# 17.2%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 186,257 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 44,012 persons (or 17.2%) usually resided in a different address one year ago
- Within the region, Boulia (S) LGA and Carpentaria (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address one year ago with 19.4%

### Queensland

- 3,423,989 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 813,045 persons (or 17.5%) usually resided in a different address one year ago

**Table 8 Place of usual residence one year ago<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Same address	Different address				Proportion with different address	Total persons <sup>(c)</sup>
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total <sup>(b)</sup>		
	number	— number —				%	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>186,257</b>	<b>36,491</b>	<b>4,873</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>44,012</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>255,818</b>
Boulia (S)	253	68	17	0	82	19.4	422
Burdekin (S)	13,564	1,620	108	136	1,906	11.3	16,918
Burke (S)	196	47	9	4	58	17.7	327
Carpentaria (S)	1,369	311	48	6	377	19.4	1,945
Charters Towers (R)	8,917	1,432	88	37	1,587	13.5	11,763
Cloncurry (S)	1,942	492	63	6	566	18.9	2,990
Doomadgee (S)	1,233	81	22	3	108	7.9	1,366
Flinders (S)	1,159	192	9	0	211	13.9	1,519
Hinchinbrook (S)	8,859	885	78	25	997	9.2	10,808
McKinlay (S)	612	88	15	8	108	13.8	785
Morrington (S)	951	86	8	4	142	12.6	1,124
Mount Isa (C)	12,514	2,834	251	146	3,280	17.9	18,345
Palm Island (S)	2,167	146	8	3	172	7.2	2,374
Richmond (S)	558	130	12	5	144	18.5	778
Townsville (C)	131,963	28,079	4,137	1,521	34,274	18.6	184,354
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3,423,989</b>	<b>655,524</b>	<b>77,129</b>	<b>66,975</b>	<b>813,045</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>4,648,722</b>

(a) Based on persons aged one year and over.

(b) Includes persons who stated that they were usually resident at a different address 1 year ago but did not state that address.

(c) Includes persons who did not state whether they were usually resident at a different address 1 year ago.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G41*

## Migration 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2016 (9 August 2016) with their usual address five years earlier (i.e. 9 August 2011). This is based on persons aged five years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Townsville and NW QLD region with a different address five years ago was

# 42.6%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 116,584 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 102,944 persons (or 42.6%) usually resided in a different address five years ago
- Within the region, Boulia (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address five years ago with 49.8%

### Queensland

- 2,118,153 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 1,942,926 persons (or 44.1%) usually resided in a different address five years ago

**Table 9 Place of usual residence five years ago<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Same address	Different address				Proportion with different address	Total persons <sup>(c)</sup>
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total <sup>(b)</sup>		
	number	— number —				%	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>116,584</b>	<b>79,819</b>	<b>14,245</b>	<b>6,882</b>	<b>102,944</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>241,536</b>
Boulia (S)	124	157	33	11	204	49.8	410
Burdekin (S)	10,078	3,994	360	287	4,701	29.0	16,192
Burke (S)	147	80	16	4	101	32.0	316
Carpentaria (S)	886	586	88	18	705	38.8	1,819
Charters Towers (R)	6,081	3,471	293	106	3,912	34.9	11,224
Cloncurry (S)	1,172	879	201	70	1,162	41.5	2,797
Doomadgee (S)	1,011	135	44	10	192	15.7	1,224
Flinders (S)	790	450	27	16	495	34.7	1,425
Hinchinbrook (S)	6,852	2,316	185	83	2,617	25.1	10,412
McKinlay (S)	417	195	44	16	254	34.4	739
Mornington (S)	838	114	14	11	178	17.0	1,048
Mount Isa (C)	7,358	5,592	809	822	7,377	43.5	16,954
Palm Island (S)	1,819	214	23	9	266	12.6	2,119
Richmond (S)	341	280	19	15	319	43.3	736
Townsville (C)	78,670	61,356	12,089	5,404	80,461	46.2	174,121
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,118,153</b>	<b>1,456,714</b>	<b>220,316</b>	<b>228,095</b>	<b>1,942,926</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>4,406,728</b>

(a) Based on persons aged five years and over.

(b) Includes persons who stated that they were usually resident at a different address 5 years ago but did not state that address.

(c) Includes persons who did not state whether they were usually resident at a different address 5 years ago.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G42*

## Country of birth

Country of birth has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'In which country was the person born?'. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five English speaking backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds for Townsville and NW QLD region were:

English Speaking	Non-English Speaking
1. New Zealand (2.2%)	1. Philippines (0.9%)
2. England (2.2%)	2. India (0.6%)
3. South Africa (0.5%)	3. Papua New Guinea (0.5%)
4. Scotland (0.3%)	4. Italy (0.4%)
5. United States of America (0.3%)	5. Germany (0.3%)

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 32,477 persons (or 12.5%) were born overseas
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of persons born overseas with 25,588
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the largest percentage of persons born overseas with 16.1%

### Queensland

- 1,015,875 persons (or 21.6%) were born overseas

**Table 10 Country of birth by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Born in Australia <sup>(a)</sup>		Born overseas						Total persons <sup>(d)</sup>
			Born in ESB countries <sup>(b)</sup>		Born in NESB countries <sup>(c)</sup>		Total <sup>(c)</sup>		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>204,943</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>15,495</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>16,878</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>32,477</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>259,124</b>
Boulia (S)	326	76.5	13	3.1	3	0.7	23	5.4	426
Burdekin (S)	14,221	83.3	478	2.8	921	5.4	1,418	8.3	17,074
Burke (S)	242	73.8	9	2.7	9	2.7	23	7.0	328
Carpentaria (S)	1,592	81.3	54	2.8	85	4.3	143	7.3	1,958
Charters Towers (R)	9,897	83.3	388	3.3	258	2.2	664	5.6	11,876
Cloncurry (S)	2,302	75.9	145	4.8	111	3.7	265	8.7	3,032
Doomadgee (S)	1,359	96.7	9	0.6	15	1.1	23	1.6	1,405
Flinders (S)	1,303	84.8	52	3.4	24	1.6	75	4.9	1,536
Hinchinbrook (S)	8,883	81.6	348	3.2	711	6.5	1,052	9.7	10,885
McKinlay (S)	669	84.0	33	4.1	18	2.3	58	7.3	796
Morrington (S)	1,062	92.9	8	0.7	26	2.3	37	3.2	1,143
Mount Isa (C)	13,314	71.3	1,462	7.8	1,539	8.2	3,015	16.1	18,671
Palm Island (S)	2,362	96.6	20	0.8	18	0.7	47	1.9	2,446
Richmond (S)	667	84.3	29	3.7	10	1.3	46	5.8	791
Townsville (C)	146,744	78.6	12,447	6.7	13,130	7.0	25,588	13.7	186,757
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3,343,819</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>493,066</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>522,810</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1,015,875</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Australia, (includes External Territories), nfd', 'Norfolk Island' and 'Australian External Territories, nec' responses.

(b) Based on the main English speaking countries of UK, Ireland, Canada, USA, South Africa and New Zealand.

(c) Includes countries not identified individually, 'Inadequately described' and 'At sea' responses.

(d) Includes not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G01 and G09*

## Proficiency in spoken English

Proficiency in spoken English has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'How well does the person speak English?', if the person speaks a language other than English at home. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five non-English languages spoken at home for the total population of Townsville and NW QLD region were:

### Language spoken

1. Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages (0.8%)
2. Italian (0.7%)
3. Indo Aryan Languages (0.6%)
4. Chinese Languages (0.4%)
5. Australian Indigenous Languages (0.3%)

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 18,121 persons (or 7.0%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of persons who stated they spoke a language other than English at home with 13,689
- Within the region, Mornington (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who stated they spoke a language other than English at home with 9.3%

### Queensland

- 564,196 persons (or 12.0%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home

**Table 11 Proficiency in spoken English of persons by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Speaks English only		Speaks other language at home and speaks English						Persons <sup>(a)</sup> number
			Very well or well		Not well or not at all		Total		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>220,445</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>15,998</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>18,121</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>259,124</b>
Boulia (S)	345	81.0	9	2.1	3	0.7	12	2.8	426
Burdekin (S)	14,745	86.4	896	5.2	209	1.2	1,109	6.5	17,074
Burke (S)	253	77.1	12	3.7	3	0.9	17	5.2	328
Carpentaria (S)	1,714	87.5	69	3.5	3	0.2	75	3.8	1,958
Charters Towers (R)	10,420	87.7	287	2.4	15	0.1	304	2.6	11,876
Cloncurry (S)	2,471	81.5	124	4.1	10	0.3	133	4.4	3,032
Doomadgee (S)	1,295	92.2	60	4.3	4	0.3	63	4.5	1,405
Flinders (S)	1,397	91.0	16	1.0	4	0.3	17	1.1	1,536
Hinchinbrook (S)	9,289	85.3	703	6.5	115	1.1	810	7.4	10,885
McKinlay (S)	717	90.1	17	2.1	0	0.0	17	2.1	796
Mornington (S)	915	80.1	97	8.5	6	0.5	106	9.3	1,143
Mount Isa (C)	14,855	79.6	1,506	8.1	132	0.7	1,632	8.7	18,671
Palm Island (S)	2,238	91.5	102	4.2	17	0.7	117	4.8	2,446
Richmond (S)	710	89.8	20	2.5	0	0.0	20	2.5	791
Townsville (C)	159,081	85.2	12,080	6.5	1,608	0.9	13,689	7.3	186,757
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3,820,632</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>480,525</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>83,675</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>564,196</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes the categories 'Proficiency in English not stated' and 'Language and proficiency in English not stated'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G13*

## Religious affiliation

Religious affiliation has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question asking 'What is the person's religion?' This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five religious affiliations for Townsville and NW QLD region were:

### Religious affiliation

1. Catholic (27.9%)
2. No Religion (26.2%)
3. Anglican (15.3%)
4. Uniting Church (5.7%)
5. Presbyterian and Reformed (3.1%)

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 157,435 persons (or 60.8%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion with 88.6%

### Queensland

- 2,635,342 persons (or 56.0%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion

**Table 12 Religious affiliation by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Religious affiliation						Total(c) number
	Christianity		Other <sup>(a)</sup>		No religion <sup>(b)</sup>		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>157,435</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>67,823</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>259,124</b>
Boulia (S)	272	63.8	0	0.0	75	17.6	426
Burdekin (S)	12,868	75.4	161	0.9	2,545	14.9	17,074
Burke (S)	158	48.2	3	0.9	96	29.3	328
Carpentaria (S)	1,072	54.7	15	0.8	639	32.6	1,958
Charters Towers (R)	7,602	64.0	124	1.0	2,725	22.9	11,876
Cloncurry (S)	1,806	59.6	71	2.3	629	20.7	3,032
Doomadgee (S)	1,100	78.3	12	0.9	197	14.0	1,405
Flinders (S)	1,112	72.4	6	0.4	265	17.3	1,536
Hinchinbrook (S)	8,342	76.6	97	0.9	1,466	13.5	10,885
McKinlay (S)	548	68.8	9	1.1	161	20.2	796
Morrington (S)	464	40.6	118	10.3	441	38.6	1,143
Mount Isa (C)	10,309	55.2	395	2.1	5,206	27.9	18,671
Palm Island (S)	2,166	88.6	13	0.5	191	7.8	2,446
Richmond (S)	587	74.2	6	0.8	130	16.4	791
Townsville (C)	109,029	58.4	4,519	2.4	53,057	28.4	186,757
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,635,342</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>201,514</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1,374,427</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Buddhism', 'Hinduism', 'Islam', 'Judaism' and 'Other Religions'.

(b) In 2016 the order of the response categories changed on the Census form, 'No religion' moved to the first response. This may result in higher responses reported for the 'No religion' category.

(c) Comprises 'Not stated' and 'Inadequately described'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G14*

## Family composition

In the context of the 2016 Census of Population and Housing, families are classified in terms of the relationships that exist between a single family reference person and each other member of that family. The family composition variable distinguishes between different types of families based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-child relationships, child dependency relationships or other familial relationships, in that order of preference. This is based on families by place of usual residence.

The percentage of total families in Townsville and NW QLD region which were couple families with children was

# 41.4%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 65,478 families
- 41.4% of total families were couple families with children
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of couple families with children with 19,900
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of one-parent families with 40.3%

### Queensland

- 1,221,148 families
- 42.5% of total families were couple families with children

**Table 13 Family composition<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Couple family with no children		Couple family with children		One-parent family		Total <sup>(b)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>25,682</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>27,113</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>11,595</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>65,478</b>
Boulia (S)	40	46.5	21	24.4	20	23.3	86
Burdekin (S)	2,050	45.0	1,842	40.4	613	13.4	4,560
Burke (S)	31	51.7	30	50.0	4	6.7	60
Carpentaria (S)	215	45.5	138	29.2	106	22.4	473
Charters Towers (R)	1,206	42.1	1,099	38.3	519	18.1	2,867
Cloncurry (S)	229	38.0	273	45.3	90	14.9	603
Doomadgee (S)	40	13.7	159	54.5	86	29.5	292
Flinders (S)	208	51.0	143	35.0	46	11.3	408
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,496	50.6	1,061	35.9	369	12.5	2,959
McKinlay (S)	71	42.5	78	46.7	18	10.8	167
Mornington (S)	49	19.8	95	38.5	93	37.7	247
Mount Isa (C)	1,558	35.3	1,999	45.3	789	17.9	4,413
Palm Island (S)	69	13.9	206	41.5	200	40.3	496
Richmond (S)	93	46.0	69	34.2	33	16.3	202
Townsville (C)	18,327	38.5	19,900	41.8	8,609	18.1	47,645
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>481,451</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>518,494</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>201,308</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>1,221,148</b>

(a) Includes same-sex couple families.

(b) Includes other families.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G25*

## Household composition

In the context of the 2016 Census of Population and Housing, a household is defined as one or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling. Household composition describes the type of household within a dwelling, whether a family is present or not and whether or not other unrelated household members are present. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of one family households in Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 69.1%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 90,613 households
- 69.1% of total households were one family households
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest percentage of one family households

### Queensland

- 1,656,831 households
- 70.0% of total households were one family households

**Table 14 Household composition by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	One family households		Multiple family households		Group households		Lone person households		Total households <sup>(a)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>62,588</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>22,585</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>90,613</b>
Boulia (S)	80	57.6	4	2.9	3	2.2	49	35.3	139
Burdekin (S)	4,472	68.5	42	0.6	161	2.5	1,853	28.4	6,531
Burke (S)	51	54.3	5	5.3	4	4.3	31	33.0	94
Carpentaria (S)	412	63.1	29	4.4	22	3.4	190	29.1	653
Charters Towers (R)	2,781	66.9	47	1.1	124	3.0	1,209	29.1	4,160
Cloncurry (S)	577	62.4	12	1.3	40	4.3	288	31.2	924
Doomadgee (S)	182	67.4	53	19.6	8	3.0	29	10.7	270
Flinders (S)	381	64.9	8	1.4	13	2.2	177	30.2	587
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,893	67.8	31	0.7	76	1.8	1,262	29.6	4,265
McKinlay (S)	161	59.4	3	1.1	8	3.0	98	36.2	271
Mornington (S)	167	64.2	34	13.1	6	2.3	48	18.5	260
Mount Isa (C)	4,196	69.0	107	1.8	281	4.6	1,501	24.7	6,082
Palm Island (S)	324	67.5	81	16.9	8	1.7	70	14.6	480
Richmond (S)	196	65.6	4	1.3	9	3.0	88	29.4	299
Townsville (C)	45,715	69.7	950	1.4	3,245	4.9	15,692	23.9	65,598
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,159,697</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>30,156</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>77,899</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>389,078</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (occupied private dwellings)

## Dwellings by dwelling structure

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night. The dwelling structure variable classifies the structure of private dwellings enumerated in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. This information is determined by the Census collector and is based on occupied private dwellings.

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 74,506 occupied private dwellings (or 82.2%) were separate houses
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of separate houses with 53,162
- Within the region, Doomadgee (S) LGA had the largest percentage of apartments with 14.6%

### Queensland

- 1,269,653 occupied private dwellings (or 76.6%) were separate houses

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Townsville and NW QLD region which were separate houses was

# 82.2%

**Table 15 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by dwelling structure and LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Separate house		Semi-detached <sup>(b)</sup>		Apartment <sup>(c)</sup>		Caravan <sup>(d)</sup>		Other <sup>(e)</sup>		Total <sup>(f)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>74,506</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>8,125</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>6,273</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>90,598</b>
Boulia (S)	111	82.2	5	3.7	0	0.0	3	2.2	3	2.2	135
Burdekin (S)	5,781	88.5	43	0.7	522	8.0	99	1.5	38	0.6	6,530
Burke (S)	62	68.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	12.1	7	7.7	91
Carpentaria (S)	523	79.8	6	0.9	26	4.0	66	10.1	7	1.1	655
Charters Towers (R)	3,835	92.3	64	1.5	144	3.5	64	1.5	22	0.5	4,157
Cloncurry (S)	729	79.1	13	1.4	85	9.2	59	6.4	3	0.3	922
Doomadgee (S)	205	76.5	22	8.2	39	14.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	268
Flinders (S)	387	66.0	171	29.2	4	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	586
Hinchinbrook (S)	3,909	91.6	47	1.1	215	5.0	58	1.4	21	0.5	4,268
McKinlay (S)	242	89.6	10	3.7	0	0.0	4	1.5	3	1.1	270
Mornington (S)	224	85.8	22	8.4	4	1.5	3	1.1	0	0.0	261
Mount Isa (C)	4,668	76.8	907	14.9	349	5.7	66	1.1	16	0.3	6,078
Palm Island (S)	397	82.2	34	7.0	27	5.6	0	0.0	19	3.9	483
Richmond (S)	271	91.9	10	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.0	295
Townsville (C)	53,162	81.0	6,771	10.3	4,858	7.4	489	0.7	71	0.1	65,599
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,269,653</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>174,984</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>186,778</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>13,226</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Includes row or terrace house, townhouse etc.

(c) Includes flat or units.

(d) Includes cabin and houseboat.

(e) Includes improvised home, tent, sleepers out; house or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.

(f) Includes dwelling structures not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G32*

## Dwellings by tenure type

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night. The tenure type variable describes whether a household rents or owns the dwelling in which they were enumerated on Census Night 2016, or whether the household occupies it under another arrangement. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Townsville and NW QLD region which were fully owned was

# 25.6%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 23,158 occupied private dwellings (or 25.6%) were fully owned
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of fully owned dwellings with 14,991
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of rented dwellings with 94.2%

### Queensland

- 471,407 occupied private dwellings (or 28.5%) were fully owned

**Table 16 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by tenure type and LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Fully owned		Being purchased <sup>(b)</sup>		Rented <sup>(c)</sup>		Other <sup>(d)</sup>		Total <sup>(e)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>23,158</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>29,512</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>34,539</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>90,598</b>
Boulia (S)	35	25.9	10	7.4	69	51.1	11	8.1	135
Burdekin (S)	2,641	40.4	1,791	27.4	1,838	28.1	51	0.8	6,530
Burke (S)	24	26.4	0	0.0	58	63.7	3	3.3	91
Carpentaria (S)	185	28.2	71	10.8	338	51.6	17	2.6	655
Charters Towers (R)	1,522	36.6	1,181	28.4	1,238	29.8	52	1.3	4,157
Cloncurry (S)	228	24.7	156	16.9	485	52.6	15	1.6	922
Doomadgee (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	241	89.9	3	1.1	268
Flinders (S)	243	41.5	121	20.6	181	30.9	7	1.2	586
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,068	48.5	970	22.7	1,040	24.4	38	0.9	4,268
McKinlay (S)	114	42.2	43	15.9	99	36.7	3	1.1	270
Morrington (S)	3	1.1	3	1.1	245	93.9	3	1.1	261
Mount Isa (C)	986	16.2	2,014	33.1	2,829	46.5	38	0.6	6,078
Palm Island (S)	19	3.9	0	0.0	455	94.2	4	0.8	483
Richmond (S)	99	33.6	67	22.7	110	37.3	9	3.1	295
Townsville (C)	14,991	22.9	23,085	35.2	25,313	38.6	562	0.9	65,599
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>471,407</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>558,439</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>566,478</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>15,566</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme.

(c) Includes renting from a real estate agent, state housing authority, person not in the same household, housing co-op/community/church, other and not stated.

(d) Includes dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme.

(e) Includes tenure type not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G33*

## Homeless persons

Homelessness is a lack of one or more elements that represent 'home'. When a person does not have suitable accommodation alternatives, the ABS defines someone as homeless if their current living arrangement:

- is a dwelling that is inadequate,
- has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable,
- or
- does not allow them to have control of, and access to, space for social relations.

These counts are based on place of enumeration.

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 2,202 homeless persons
- 81.9 homeless persons per 10,000 persons
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the highest rate of homelessness (2,103.8 persons per 10,000 persons)

### Queensland

- 21,715 homeless persons
- 45.6 homeless persons per 10,000 persons

The rate of homeless persons for Townsville and NW QLD region in 2016 was

**81.9 per 10,000  
persons**

**Table 17 Homeless persons by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Homeless persons		Total persons
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>268,782</b>
Boulia (S)	0	0.0	527
Burdekin (S)	88	50.6	17,393
Burke (S)	21	283.0	742
Carpentaria (S)	62	198.1	3,130
Charters Towers (R)	43	33.7	12,771
Cloncurry (S)	8	17.8	4,498
Doomadgee (S)	187	1,273.8	1,468
Flinders (S)	3	17.6	1,701
Hinchinbrook (S)	20	17.4	11,473
McKinlay (S)	10	68.0	1,470
Mornington (S)	127	1,117.0	1,137
Mount Isa (C)	287	147.6	19,445
Palm Island (S)	527	2,103.8	2,505
Richmond (S)	13	139.0	935
Townsville (C)	806	42.5	189,587
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>21,715</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>4,760,598</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 10,000 persons.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Place of Enumeration Profile - G03 and ABS 2049.0, *Census of Population and Housing: Estimating homelessness, 2016*

## Number of motor vehicles per dwelling

The number of motor vehicles variable records the number of registered motor vehicles, which are owned or used by members of a household, and which are garaged or parked near the occupied private dwelling on Census Night 2016. This is based on occupied private dwellings by place of enumeration.

The percentage of dwellings in Townsville and NW QLD region with 3 or more motor vehicles was

# 18.6%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 6.2% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 18.6% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the highest percentage of dwellings which had no motor vehicles with 54.2%
- Within the region, McKinlay (S) LGA had the highest percentage of dwellings which had 3 or more motor vehicles with 33.7%

### Queensland

- 6.0% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 19.0% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles

**Table 18 Number of motor vehicles per occupied private dwelling <sup>(a)(b)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	No motor vehicles		1 motor vehicle		2 motor vehicles		3 or more motor vehicles		Total dwellings <sup>(c)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>5,629</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>30,055</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>34,732</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>16,868</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>90,598</b>
Boulia (S)	20	14.8	46	34.1	25	18.5	39	28.9	135
Burdekin (S)	375	5.7	1,923	29.4	2,500	38.3	1,428	21.9	6,530
Burke (S)	15	16.5	37	40.7	20	22.0	11	12.1	91
Carpentaria (S)	63	9.6	246	37.6	185	28.2	107	16.3	655
Charters Towers (R)	271	6.5	1,442	34.7	1,390	33.4	857	20.6	4,157
Cloncurry (S)	96	10.4	293	31.8	291	31.6	174	18.9	922
Doomadgee (S)	127	47.4	78	29.1	29	10.8	7	2.6	268
Flinders (S)	25	4.3	173	29.5	189	32.3	164	28.0	586
Hinchinbrook (S)	199	4.7	1,373	32.2	1,618	37.9	881	20.6	4,268
McKinlay (S)	9	3.3	81	30.0	77	28.5	91	33.7	270
Mornington (S)	123	47.1	85	32.6	38	14.6	7	2.7	261
Mount Isa (C)	424	7.0	1,951	32.1	2,310	38.0	1,106	18.2	6,078
Palm Island (S)	262	54.2	153	31.7	51	10.6	13	2.7	483
Richmond (S)	14	4.7	79	26.8	85	28.8	94	31.9	295
Townsville (C)	3,606	5.5	22,095	33.7	25,924	39.5	11,889	18.1	65,599
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>99,133</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>566,233</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>620,096</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>315,108</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Excludes motorbikes/scooters.

(c) Includes number of motor vehicles not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G30*

## Internet access

Internet access has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'Does any member of this household access the internet from this dwelling?'. This is based on occupied private dwellings by place of enumeration.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Townsville and NW QLD region with a member of the household accessing the internet was

# 80.3%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 72,709 occupied private dwellings (or 80.3%) had Internet access
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of dwellings with Internet access with 54,707
- Within the region, Mornington (S) LGA had the largest percentage of dwellings without Internet access with 47.5%

### Queensland

- 1,387,499 occupied private dwellings (or 83.7%) had Internet access

**Table 19 Internet access<sup>(a)</sup> in occupied private dwellings<sup>(b)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Internet accessed from dwelling		Internet not accessed from dwelling		Total dwellings <sup>(c)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>72,709</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>15,320</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>90,598</b>
Boulia (S)	81	60.0	40	29.6	135
Burdekin (S)	4,672	71.5	1,647	25.2	6,530
Burke (S)	45	49.5	38	41.8	91
Carpentaria (S)	397	60.6	222	33.9	655
Charters Towers (R)	2,921	70.3	1,086	26.1	4,157
Cloncurry (S)	643	69.7	234	25.4	922
Doomadgee (S)	148	55.2	101	37.7	268
Flinders (S)	419	71.5	142	24.2	586
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,998	70.2	1,132	26.5	4,268
McKinlay (S)	207	76.7	58	21.5	270
Mornington (S)	129	49.4	124	47.5	261
Mount Isa (C)	4,853	79.8	1,003	16.5	6,078
Palm Island (S)	275	56.9	194	40.2	483
Richmond (S)	214	72.5	67	22.7	295
Townsville (C)	54,707	83.4	9,232	14.1	65,599
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,387,499</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>224,855</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

(a) Records whether any member of the household accesses the internet from the dwelling. This includes accessing the internet through a desktop/laptop computer, mobile or smart phone, tablet, music or video player, gaming console, smart TV or any other devices. It also includes accessing through any type of connection for example ADSL, fibre, cable, wireless, satellite and mobile broadband (3G/4G).

(b) Excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

(c) Includes internet access not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G37*

# Society

## Department of Social Services payments

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the Australian Government's lead agency in the development and delivery of social policy, and is working to improve the lifetime wellbeing of people and families in Australia. The data are sourced from the DSS Payment Demographic dataset and are updated quarterly. The next planned update is in June 2022.

The number of recipients of the Age pension in Townsville and NW QLD region as at December quarter 2021 was

# 23,357 recipients

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 23,357 recipients of the Age pension as at December quarter 2021
- 8,255 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 13,663 recipients of Jobseeker
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of recipients of Jobseeker with 9,104 recipients

### Queensland

- 510,105 recipients of the Age pension as at December quarter 2021
- 163,281 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 207,316 recipients of Jobseeker

**Table 20 Department of Social Services payments<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, December quarter 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	Payment type									
	Age pension		Carer allowance		Disability support pension		Family tax benefit A		Jobseeker	
	recipients	rate <sup>(b)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(c)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(c)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(d)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(e)</sup>
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>23,357</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>8,255</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>17,857</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>13,663</b>	<b>9.0</b>
Boulia (S)	14	23.7	6	1.9	7	2.2	29	142.0	36	14.6
Burdekin (S)	2,279	57.2	452	3.3	578	4.2	926	61.9	752	8.7
Burke (S)	20	43.5	<5	n.a.	5	1.7	22	123.7	28	12.3
Carpentaria (S)	137	46.8	27	1.8	61	4.0	185	100.3	254	22.6
Charters Towers (R)	1,522	63.9	264	2.9	427	4.6	757	68.8	588	10.2
Cloncurry (S)	138	40.7	25	1.1	58	2.4	197	74.2	168	9.0
Doomadgee (S)	28	73.7	15	1.6	62	6.8	234	98.1	327	46.6
Flinders (S)	165	51.2	27	2.3	45	3.8	102	79.4	63	7.8
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,925	61.7	366	4.1	485	5.4	603	75.1	559	11.1
McKinlay (S)	32	26.4	8	1.2	7	1.1	47	77.1	21	4.2
Mornington (S)	44	63.8	7	0.8	39	4.5	164	93.0	222	33.3
Mount Isa (C)	825	54.0	212	1.5	411	3.0	1,239	60.7	1,039	9.6
Palm Island (S)	73	54.9	44	2.4	90	4.9	324	94.6	482	33.9
Richmond (S)	50	43.1	7	1.1	11	1.8	57	80.8	20	4.3
Townsville (C)	16,105	61.9	4,973	3.2	5,969	3.8	12,971	63.4	9,104	8.1
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>510,105</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>128,579</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>163,281</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>324,133</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>207,316</b>	<b>7.2</b>

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Payments by geographical region are based on the recipient's geocoded address.

(b) Rate per 100 persons aged 65 years and over, as at 30 June 2020. Person counts are based on estimated resident population (ERP).

(c) Rate per 100 persons aged 16 years and over, as at 30 June 2020. Person counts are based on ERP.

(d) Rate per 100 families with children under 15 years, as at 30 June 2020. Counts of families with children under 15 years are derived by Queensland Treasury using 2016 Census counts of families with children under 15 years and usual resident persons, along with ERP aged 15 to 64 years.

(e) Rate per 100 persons aged 22 to 64 years, as at 30 June 2020. Person counts are based on ERP.

Source: ABS 3235.0, *Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia*, unpublished data; ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G05*; ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G25*; Department of Social Services, Payment Demographic Data

## Regulated early childhood education and care services

The regulated early childhood education and care services data are based on administrative data supplied by the Department of Education. Data are updated twice yearly with a release approximately 1 month after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2022.

The number of regulated early childhood education and care services in Townsville and NW QLD region as at 28 February 2022 was

# 202 services

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 202 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 28 February 2022
- 110 long day care services
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of services with 142

### Queensland

- 3,191 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 28 February 2022
- 1,762 long day care services

**Table 21 Regulated early childhood education and care services by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 28 February 2022**

Custom region / LGA / State	Family day care	Kindergartens	Long day care	School aged care	Limited hours care	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
	— number —					
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>202</b>
Boulia (S)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Burdekin (S)	1	2	6	0	0	9
Burke (S)	0	2	0	0	0	2
Carpentaria (S)	0	1	2	0	0	3
Charters Towers (R)	0	5	3	1	0	9
Cloncurry (S)	0	2	1	0	0	3
Doomadgee (S)	0	1	1	0	0	2
Flinders (S)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hinchinbrook (S)	0	1	2	2	0	5
McKinlay (S)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mornington (S)	0	1	1	0	0	2
Mount Isa (C)	1	6	5	5	0	17
Palm Island (S)	0	2	1	0	0	3
Richmond (S)	0	0	1	1	0	2
Townsville (C)	6	13	85	36	1	142
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3,191</b>

(a) Total includes Other service types (for example Occasional care).

Source: Department of Education

## Highest level of schooling

Highest year of school completed has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'What is the highest year of primary or secondary school the person has completed?'. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of total persons in Townsville and NW QLD region with highest level of schooling as Year 11 or 12 was

# 54.5%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 107,941 persons (or 54.5%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest percentage of whose highest level of schooling was Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent) with 58.4%
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage whose highest level of schooling was Year 8 or below (or did not go to school) with 13.6%

### Queensland

- 2,146,809 persons (or 58.9%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)

**Table 22 Highest level of schooling completed by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Did not go to school, or Year 8 or below		Year 9 or 10 or equivalent		Year 11 or 12 or equivalent		Total <sup>(a)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>12,145</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>57,110</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>107,941</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>198,051</b>
Boulia (S)	36	10.3	118	33.9	124	35.6	348
Burdekin (S)	1,410	10.4	4,991	37.0	5,700	42.2	13,499
Burke (S)	32	11.7	62	22.6	115	42.0	274
Carpentaria (S)	167	10.9	581	37.9	557	36.4	1,531
Charters Towers (R)	911	10.3	3,049	34.6	3,682	41.8	8,813
Cloncurry (S)	185	7.8	684	28.9	1,112	47.0	2,364
Doomadgee (S)	106	13.0	437	53.7	222	27.3	814
Flinders (S)	165	13.3	443	35.8	509	41.1	1,239
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,114	12.6	3,055	34.7	3,712	42.1	8,808
McKinlay (S)	41	6.3	242	36.9	310	47.3	656
Mornington (S)	101	13.0	283	36.5	284	36.6	776
Mount Isa (C)	684	5.0	3,790	27.7	7,285	53.3	13,677
Palm Island (S)	220	13.6	706	43.8	612	37.9	1,613
Richmond (S)	71	11.2	227	35.9	262	41.4	633
Townsville (C)	6,902	4.8	38,442	26.9	83,455	58.4	143,006
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>196,488</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>964,903</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>2,146,809</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>3,643,834</b>

(a) Includes highest year of schooling not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G16*

## Non-school qualification

Non-school qualification information describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Townsville and NW QLD region with a non-school qualification was

# 55.8%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 115,130 persons (or 55.8%) with a non-school qualification
- Within the region, Burke (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a non-school qualification with 59.9%

### Queensland

- 2,241,124 persons (or 59.1%) with a non-school qualification

**Table 23 Non-school qualifications<sup>(a)</sup> by level of education by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Level of education						Persons with a qualification <sup>(d)</sup>		Total persons
	Bachelor degree or higher <sup>(b)</sup>		Advanced diploma or diploma		Certificate <sup>(c)</sup>		number	%	
	number	%	number	%	number	%			
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>28,553</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>14,526</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>47,648</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>115,130</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>206,261</b>
Boulia (S)	22	6.3	11	3.1	65	18.5	167	47.6	351
Burdekin (S)	1,074	7.7	698	5.0	3,278	23.3	6,658	47.4	14,039
Burke (S)	17	6.2	18	6.6	51	18.6	164	59.9	274
Carpentaria (S)	115	7.4	83	5.4	295	19.1	748	48.3	1,548
Charters Towers (R)	800	8.6	470	5.0	1,856	19.9	4,469	47.9	9,327
Cloncurry (S)	269	11.1	126	5.2	513	21.2	1,350	55.9	2,416
Doomadgee (S)	37	4.3	23	2.7	83	9.6	213	24.7	862
Flinders (S)	86	6.8	61	4.8	237	18.7	542	42.7	1,269
Hinchinbrook (S)	681	7.4	455	5.0	2,195	23.9	4,486	48.9	9,178
McKinlay (S)	70	10.5	33	5.0	150	22.6	350	52.6	665
Mornington (S)	62	7.8	25	3.2	100	12.6	382	48.2	793
Mount Isa (C)	1,775	12.5	765	5.4	3,667	25.8	8,343	58.8	14,193
Palm Island (S)	70	4.2	37	2.2	262	15.8	496	29.8	1,662
Richmond (S)	56	8.8	44	6.9	129	20.2	309	48.4	638
Townsville (C)	23,419	15.7	11,677	7.8	34,767	23.3	86,453	58.0	149,046
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>693,410</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>330,619</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>807,105</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>2,241,124</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>3,790,497</b>

(a) Includes persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification within the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education.

(b) Includes bachelor degree, graduate diploma, graduate certificate and postgraduate degree.

(c) Includes Certificate, I, II, III and IV and Certificates not further defined responses.

(d) Includes inadequately described and not stated level of education responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G40 and G46*

## Non-school qualification by sex and age

Non-school qualification information describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Townsville and NW QLD region with a non-school qualification was

# 55.8%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 115,130 persons (or 55.8%) with a non-school qualification
- 69.7% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 67.8% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

### Queensland

- 2,241,124 persons (or 59.1%) with a non-school qualification
- 72.3% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 72.6% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

**Table 24 Non-school qualifications by sex and age, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Sex / age	Townsville and NW QLD region				Queensland			
	With NSQ <sup>(a)</sup>		Without NSQ		With NSQ <sup>(a)</sup>		Without NSQ	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
15–24 years	6,879	34.9	12,806	65.1	108,499	34.9	201,977	65.1
25–44 years	24,465	69.7	10,652	30.3	452,024	72.3	172,976	27.7
45–64 years	20,547	64.5	11,332	35.5	386,822	66.8	191,997	33.2
65 years and over	8,915	54.0	7,596	46.0	197,960	58.4	141,108	41.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>60,846</i>	<i>59.0</i>	<i>42,346</i>	<i>41.0</i>	<i>1,145,303</i>	<i>61.8</i>	<i>708,060</i>	<i>38.2</i>
<b>Females</b>								
15–24 years	6,825	37.4	11,402	62.6	118,058	39.0	184,607	61.0
25–44 years	24,128	67.8	11,441	32.2	471,721	72.6	178,093	27.4
45–64 years	17,236	54.1	14,637	45.9	354,531	58.5	251,238	41.5
65 years and over	6,084	35.0	11,277	65.0	151,510	40.0	227,367	60.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>54,280</i>	<i>52.7</i>	<i>48,750</i>	<i>47.3</i>	<i>1,095,813</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>841,312</i>	<i>43.4</i>
<b>Persons</b>								
15–24 years	13,707	36.2	24,207	63.8	226,555	36.9	386,592	63.1
25–44 years	48,610	68.8	22,053	31.2	923,739	72.5	351,079	27.5
45–64 years	37,807	59.3	25,985	40.7	741,347	62.6	443,244	37.4
65 years and over	15,003	44.3	18,879	55.7	349,479	48.7	368,468	51.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>115,130</i>	<i>55.8</i>	<i>91,121</i>	<i>44.2</i>	<i>2,241,124</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>1,549,379</i>	<i>40.9</i>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated level of education responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G01 and G46*

## Non-school qualification by field of study

Non-school qualification information describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over with a non-school qualification by place of usual residence.

The largest non-school qualification field of study in Townsville and NW QLD region was

**Engineering and Related Technologies (19.1%)**

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 22,019 persons (or 19.1%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies
- 15,476 persons (or 13.4%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce

### Queensland

- 392,830 persons (or 17.5%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce
- 352,200 persons (or 15.7%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies

**Table 25 Non-school qualifications by field of study, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Field of study	Townsville and NW QLD region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Natural and Physical Sciences	2,920	2.5	51,948	2.3	1.09
Information Technology	1,510	1.3	49,383	2.2	0.60
Engineering and Related Technologies	22,019	19.1	352,200	15.7	1.22
Architecture and Building	6,819	5.9	139,929	6.2	0.95
Agriculture Environmental and Related Studies	2,260	2.0	43,207	1.9	1.02
Health	11,828	10.3	220,075	9.8	1.05
Education	8,691	7.5	168,108	7.5	1.01
Management and Commerce	15,476	13.4	392,830	17.5	0.77
Society and Culture	11,434	9.9	240,326	10.7	0.93
Creative Arts	1,986	1.7	67,061	3.0	0.58
Food Hospitality and Personal Services	6,149	5.3	123,168	5.5	0.97
Mixed Field Programmes	287	0.2	6,284	0.3	0.89
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>115,130</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,241,124</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G47* and unpublished data

## Persons with a profound or severe disability

Persons with a profound or severe disability has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing variable 'Core activity need for assistance'. Persons with a profound or severe disability are defined as needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication because of a long term health condition (six months or more), a disability (lasting six months or more), or old age. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Townsville and NW QLD region in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability was

# 4.8%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 12,548 persons (or 4.8%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the highest percentage of persons in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability with 7.1%
- Within the region, Cloncurry (S) LGA had the lowest percentage of persons in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability with 1.7%

### Queensland

- 243,267 persons (or 5.2%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

**Table 26 Need for assistance with a profound or severe disability by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Need for assistance		No need for assistance		Total <sup>(a)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>223,782</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>259,124</b>
Boulia (S)	8	1.9	344	80.8	426
Burdekin (S)	964	5.6	14,727	86.3	17,074
Burke (S)	7	2.1	257	78.4	328
Carpentaria (S)	72	3.7	1,660	84.8	1,958
Charters Towers (R)	763	6.4	9,850	82.9	11,876
Cloncurry (S)	52	1.7	2,510	82.8	3,032
Doomadgee (S)	27	1.9	1,337	95.2	1,405
Flinders (S)	65	4.2	1,326	86.3	1,536
Hinchinbrook (S)	770	7.1	9,214	84.6	10,885
McKinlay (S)	22	2.8	716	89.9	796
Mornington (S)	35	3.1	999	87.4	1,143
Mount Isa (C)	455	2.4	15,801	84.6	18,671
Palm Island (S)	69	2.8	2,294	93.8	2,446
Richmond (S)	32	4.0	686	86.7	791
Townsville (C)	9,207	4.9	162,061	86.8	186,757
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>243,267</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4,103,669</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

(a) Includes need of assistance not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G18*

## Voluntary work

Voluntary work undertaken for an organisation or group has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question 'In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing voluntary work through an organisation or group?' The variable is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Townsville and NW QLD region who undertook voluntary work was

# 19.2%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 39,589 persons (or 19.2%) undertook voluntary work
- Within the region, McKinlay (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who undertook voluntary work with 34.3%

### Queensland

- 714,138 persons (or 18.8%) undertook voluntary work

**Table 27 Voluntary work by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Volunteer		Not a volunteer		Total <sup>(a)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>39,589</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>146,056</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>206,261</b>
Boulia (S)	101	28.8	181	51.6	351
Burdekin (S)	3,071	21.9	9,595	68.3	14,039
Burke (S)	59	21.5	152	55.5	274
Carpentaria (S)	282	18.2	1,018	65.8	1,548
Charters Towers (R)	2,057	22.1	6,078	65.2	9,327
Cloncurry (S)	475	19.7	1,524	63.1	2,416
Doomadgee (S)	40	4.6	770	89.3	862
Flinders (S)	359	28.3	776	61.2	1,269
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,231	24.3	6,023	65.6	9,178
McKinlay (S)	228	34.3	370	55.6	665
Mornington (S)	78	9.8	603	76.0	793
Mount Isa (C)	2,829	19.9	9,410	66.3	14,193
Palm Island (S)	136	8.2	1,466	88.2	1,662
Richmond (S)	183	28.7	389	61.0	638
Townsville (C)	27,460	18.4	107,701	72.3	149,046
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>714,138</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>2,748,839</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>3,790,497</b>

(a) Includes voluntary work not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G19*

## Emergency services, schools and hospitals

Information on emergency services, schools and hospitals are provided by administrative custodian agencies. Data are updated every two years. The next planned update is in July 2022.

As at June 2020, the number of schools in Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 140 schools

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 140 schools as at June 2020
- 29 hospitals
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of schools with 61

### Queensland

- 1,774 schools as at June 2020
- 306 hospitals

**Table 28 Emergency services, schools and hospitals by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, June 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Police stations	Ambulance stations	Fire stations	Schools	Hospitals
	— number —				
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>29</b>
Boulia (S)	1	1	1	2	1
Burdekin (S)	4	4	3	19	2
Burke (S)	1	1	0	1	1
Carpentaria (S)	2	2	0	3	2
Charters Towers (R)	4	2	1	12	1
Cloncurry (S)	2	2	1	3	2
Doomadgee (S)	1	1	0	1	1
Flinders (S)	2	1	1	4	1
Hinchinbrook (S)	2	2	3	15	1
McKinlay (S)	3	1	1	1	2
Mornington (S)	1	1	0	1	1
Mount Isa (C)	2	3	1	14	2
Palm Island (S)	1	1	0	2	2
Richmond (S)	1	1	1	1	1
Townsville (C)	7	5	5	61	9
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>306</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Department of Education; Queensland Ambulance Service; Queensland Fire and Emergency Services; Queensland Health; Queensland Police

## The Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage

Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a summary measure of the social and economic conditions of geographic areas across Australia. SEIFA, which comprises a number of indexes, is generated by ABS from the Census of Population and Housing. In 2016 an Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage was produced, ranking geographical areas in terms of their relative socio-economic disadvantage. The index focuses on low-income earners, relatively lower education attainment, high unemployment and dwellings without motor vehicles. Low index values represent areas of most disadvantage and high values represent areas of least disadvantage. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 12.8% in least disadvantaged quintile
- 24.9% in most disadvantaged quintile
- Within the region, McKinlay (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons in the least disadvantaged quintile with 18.8%

### Queensland

- 20.0% in least disadvantaged quintile
- 20.0% in most disadvantaged quintile

The percentage of persons in Townsville and NW QLD region in the least disadvantaged quintile was

# 12.8%

**Table 29 Population by Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage quintiles<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Quintile 1 (most disadvantaged)	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5 (least disadvantaged)
	— % —				
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>
Boulia (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Burdekin (S)	25.3	45.8	13.8	11.7	3.4
Burke (S)	91.1	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Carpentaria (S)	61.4	38.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Charters Towers (R)	45.4	42.0	8.3	4.3	0.0
Cloncurry (S)	33.8	0.0	66.2	0.0	0.0
Doomadgee (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Flinders (S)	21.4	34.8	29.8	13.9	0.0
Hinchinbrook (S)	36.4	26.0	31.8	5.8	0.0
McKinlay (S)	0.0	52.0	0.0	29.2	18.8
Mornington (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mount Isa (C)	13.6	25.8	30.5	20.6	9.5
Palm Island (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Richmond (S)	26.5	38.7	0.0	34.7	0.0
Townsville (C)	21.2	26.0	20.7	15.7	16.5
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>

(a) The quintiles are population based and derived at the Queensland level (state based quintiles and not national based quintiles).

Source: ABS 2033.0.55.001 Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2016, (Queensland Treasury derived)

## Remoteness

The Australian Bureau of Statistics develops the Remoteness Area (RA) classification each Census period using the University of Adelaide's Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia classification (ARIA+) mean scores. Data are updated every five years with a release approximately 18 months after the reporting period.

The most populated remoteness area in Townsville and NW QLD region in 2016 was

# Outer Regional Australia

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 0.0% of the population were in major cities
- 3.9% of the population were in very remote Australia
- Outer Regional Australia had the largest percentage of population with 85.4%

### Queensland

- 63.0% of the population were in major cities
- 1.1% of the population were in very remote Australia

**Table 30 Population<sup>(a)</sup> in remoteness areas<sup>(b)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Remoteness Area									
	Major City		Inner Regional Australia		Outer Regional Australia		Remote Australia		Very Remote Australia	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>221,342</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>27,594</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>10,188</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Boulia (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	426	100.0
Burdekin (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	16,878	98.9	196	1.1	0	0.0
Burke (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	328	100.0
Carpentaria (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,958	100.0
Charters Towers (R)	0	0.0	0	0.0	9,874	83.1	1,321	11.1	681	5.7
Cloncurry (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,253	74.3	779	25.7
Doomadgee (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,405	100.0
Flinders (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,536	100.0
Hinchinbrook (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	7,833	72.0	3,044	28.0	8	0.1
McKinlay (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	796	100.0
Morrington (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,143	100.0
Mount Isa (C)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	18,335	98.2	336	1.8
Palm Island (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,446	100.0	0	0.0
Richmond (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	791	100.0
Townsville (C)	0	0.0	0	0.0	186,757	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,957,012</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>941,834</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>667,630</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>71,328</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>52,722</b>	<b>1.1</b>

(a) Population based on 2016 usual resident population.

(b) Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Remoteness Area (RA) classification using ARIA+ mean scores.

Source: ABS, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 5 - Remoteness Structure, July 2016, cat. no. 1270.0.55.005; ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016

# Crime and Justice

## Reported offences

The number and rates of reported offences are collected by the Queensland Police Service. Data are updated annually. The next planned update is in August 2022.

The rate of total reported offences for Townsville and NW QLD region in 2020–21 was

**16,283 per 100,000 persons**

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 44,083 reported offences in 2020–21, or 16,283 per 100,000 persons
- 5,080 offences against the person, or 1,876 per 100,000 persons
- 15,591 offences against property, or 5,759 per 100,000 persons
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the highest number of reported offences with 28,640 or 14,423 per 100,000 persons

### Queensland

- 481,347 reported offences in 2020–21, or 9,154 per 100,000 persons
- 45,585 offences against the person, or 867 per 100,000 persons
- 216,667 offences against property, or 4,120 per 100,000 persons

**Table 31 Reported offences, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2020–21**

Custom region / LGA / State	Type of offence							
	Offences against the person		Offences against property		Other offences		Total	
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>15,591</b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>23,412</b>	<b>8,648</b>	<b>44,083</b>	<b>16,283</b>
Boulia (S)	14	3,423	36	8,802	40	9,780	90	22,005
Burdekin (S)	160	945	507	2,993	1,085	6,406	1,752	10,344
Burke (S)	10	2,825	15	4,237	37	10,452	62	17,514
Carpentaria (S)	107	5,445	202	10,280	538	27,379	847	43,104
Charters Towers (R)	132	1,126	276	2,354	637	5,433	1,045	8,913
Cloncurry (S)	66	2,229	87	2,938	305	10,301	458	15,468
Doomadgee (S)	201	13,043	343	22,258	631	40,947	1,175	76,249
Flinders (S)	9	592	62	4,082	98	6,452	169	11,126
Hinchinbrook (S)	170	1,603	217	2,046	857	8,081	1,244	11,730
McKinlay (S)	3	362	12	1,449	21	2,536	36	4,348
Mornington (S)	206	16,721	236	19,156	455	36,932	897	72,808
Mount Isa (C)	788	4,245	2,128	11,465	3,035	16,351	5,951	32,062
Palm Island (S)	273	10,122	420	15,573	953	35,336	1,646	61,031
Richmond (S)	5	613	14	1,716	52	6,373	71	8,701
Townsville (C)	2,936	1,479	11,036	5,558	14,668	7,387	28,640	14,423
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>45,585</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>216,667</b>	<b>4,120</b>	<b>219,095</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>481,347</b>	<b>9,154</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Source: Queensland Police Service

# Economy

## Median rent

Median rent estimates have been derived by Queensland Treasury using rental bond lodgements sourced by the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA). Medians are only calculated where there are 10 or more lodgements over the 12 month period. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 3 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in July 2022.

The number of lodgements in Townsville and NW QLD region for a 3 bedroom house in the 12 months ending 31 March 2022 was

# 2,727 lodgements

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 2,984 lodgements for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 March 2022
- 2,727 lodgements for a 3 bedroom house
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the highest median rent per week for a 3 bedroom house (\$450)

### Queensland

- Median rent of \$420 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 March 2022
- Median rent of \$420 per week for a 3 bedroom house

**Table 32 Lodgements and median rent by dwelling type by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 March 2022**

Custom region / LGA / State	Lodgements				Median rent			
	1 bedroom flat/unit	2 bedroom flat/unit	3 bedroom house	4 bedroom house	1 bedroom flat/unit	2 bedroom flat/unit	3 bedroom house	4 bedroom house
	— number —				— \$ per week —			
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,984</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Boulia (S)	0	0	3	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Burdekin (S)	45	147	154	46	190	230	280	350
Burke (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Carpentaria (S)	2	4	6	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Charters Towers (R)	5	43	125	63	n.a.	230	310	380
Cloncurry (S)	11	37	66	20	200	265	310	390
Doomadgee (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Flinders (S)	1	2	23	4	n.a.	n.a.	210	n.a.
Hinchinbrook (S)	6	104	85	18	n.a.	200	280	298
McKinlay (S)	0	2	7	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mornington (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mount Isa (C)	158	293	320	118	220	270	450	500
Palm Island (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Richmond (S)	4	2	8	5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Townsville (C)	524	2,350	1,930	1,891	270	310	370	440
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>27,318</b>	<b>50,466</b>	<b>41,031</b>	<b>42,386</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>500</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Median rent has not been calculated for the customised region.

Source: Residential Tenancies Authority, Rental Bonds data (Queensland Government Statistician's Office derived)

## Unemployment and labour force

Estimates of unemployment and labour force are produced by the Australian Government National Skills Commission. The estimates are calculated by utilising administrative data such as Centrelink Newstart and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients as well as ABS labour force estimates. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 3 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in June 2022.

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 7,219 unemployed persons in December quarter 2021
- Unemployment rate of 5.1%
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the highest unemployment rate of 29.8%
- Within the region, Boulia (S) LGA had the lowest unemployment rate of 3.3%

### Queensland

- 153,262 unemployed persons in December quarter 2021
- Unemployment rate of 5.5%

The unemployment rate in Townsville and NW QLD region at December quarter 2021 was

# 5.1%

**Table 33 Unemployment and labour force<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, December quarter 2021**

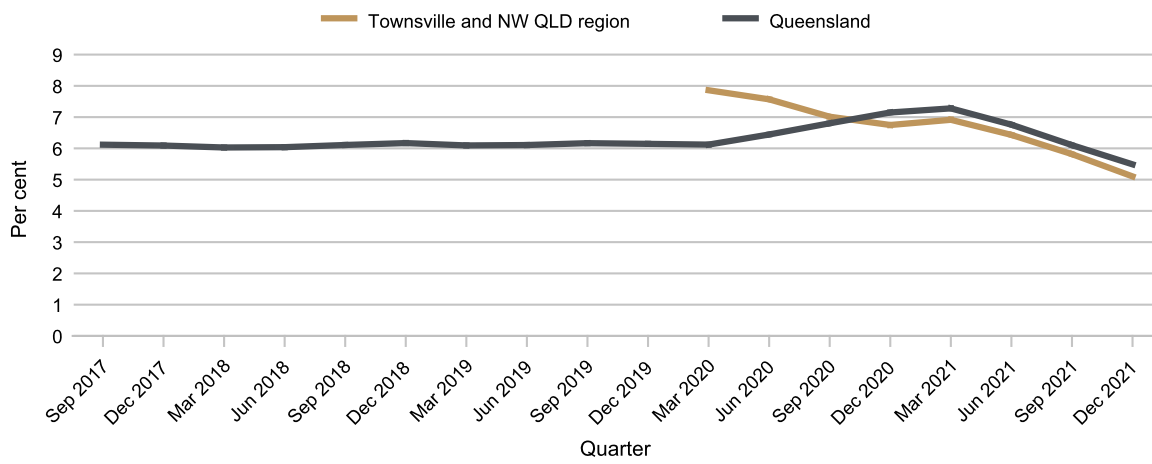
Custom region / LGA / State	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>7,219</b>	<b>141,464</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Boulia (S)	9	274	3.3
Burdekin (S)	345	8,596	4.0
Burke (S)	39	151	25.8
Carpentaria (S)	225	878	25.6
Charters Towers (R)	258	5,442	4.7
Cloncurry (S)	116	1,807	6.4
Doomadgee (S)	162	631	25.7
Flinders (S)	32	932	3.4
Hinchinbrook (S)	228	4,988	4.6
McKinlay (S)	17	479	3.5
Mornington (S)	132	512	25.8
Mount Isa (C)	848	11,008	7.7
Palm Island (S)	228	764	29.8
Richmond (S)	17	479	3.5
Townsville (C)	4,563	104,523	4.4
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>153,262</b>	<b>2,792,060</b>	<b>5.5</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

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

**Figure 9 Unemployment rate<sup>(a)</sup>, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**



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

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

## Employment by industry

Employment by industry has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data. A person's industry of employment was classified based on responses to a range of questions from the Census and is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over who work. This is based on place of usual residence.

The top five industry subdivisions of employment for Townsville and NW QLD region were:

1. **Preschool and School Education (6.9%)**
2. **Food and Beverage Services (5.8%)**
3. **Public Administration (5.2%)**
4. **Hospitals (5.2%)**
5. **Defence (4.7%)**

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 13.5% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 12.0% of employed persons worked in Public administration and safety industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 2.18 in Mining industry

### Queensland

- 13.0% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 9.9% of employed persons worked in Retail trade industry

**Table 34 Employment by industry, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

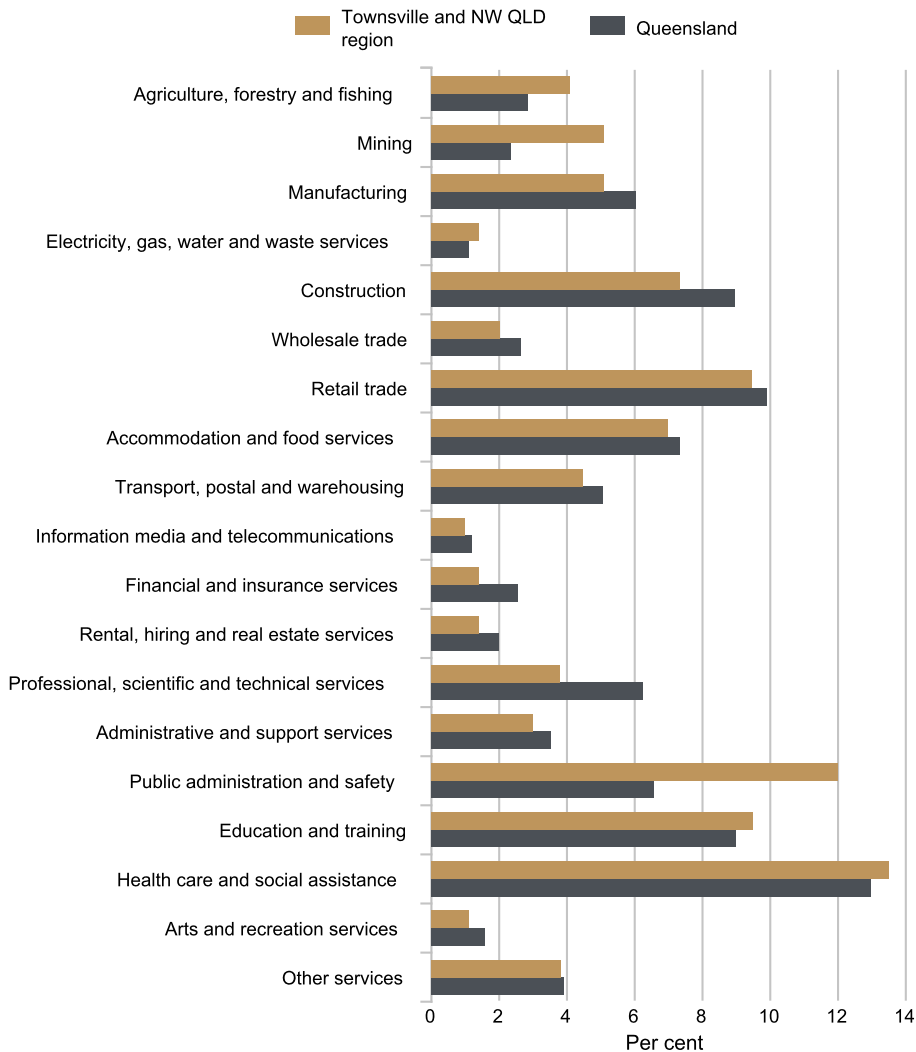
Industry	Townsville and NW QLD region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4,837	4.1	60,608	2.8	1.44
Mining	6,018	5.1	49,997	2.3	2.18
Manufacturing	6,014	5.1	128,787	6.0	0.85
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1,655	1.4	23,883	1.1	1.25
Construction	8,663	7.3	191,338	9.0	0.82
Wholesale trade	2,379	2.0	56,370	2.6	0.76
Retail trade	11,162	9.5	211,778	9.9	0.95
Accommodation and food services	8,235	7.0	156,670	7.3	0.95
Transport, postal and warehousing	5,290	4.5	108,083	5.1	0.89
Information media and telecommunications	1,183	1.0	25,265	1.2	0.85
Financial and insurance services	1,642	1.4	54,286	2.5	0.55
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1,663	1.4	42,500	2.0	0.71
Professional, scientific and technical services	4,492	3.8	133,652	6.3	0.61
Administrative and support services	3,536	3.0	75,336	3.5	0.85
Public administration and safety	14,154	12.0	140,164	6.6	1.83
Education and training	11,195	9.5	192,143	9.0	1.05
Health care and social assistance	15,937	13.5	276,945	13.0	1.04
Arts and recreation services	1,321	1.1	33,667	1.6	0.71
Other services	4,516	3.8	83,470	3.9	0.98
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>118,036</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,136,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G51* and unpublished data

**Figure 10 Percentage of employment by industry<sup>(a)</sup>, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**



(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G51* and unpublished data

## Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data. A person's occupation of employment was classified based on responses to a range of questions from the Census and is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over who work. This is based on place of usual residence.

The top five occupation sub-major groups of employment for Townsville and NW QLD region were:

1. Sales Assistants and Salespersons (6.4%)
2. Health Professionals (5.2%)
3. Carers and Aides (5.1%)
4. Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (4.8%)
5. Education Professionals (4.6%)

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 17.3% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 15.5% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.29 in Machinery operators and drivers occupation

### Queensland

- 19.8% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 14.3% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation

**Table 35 Employment by occupation, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

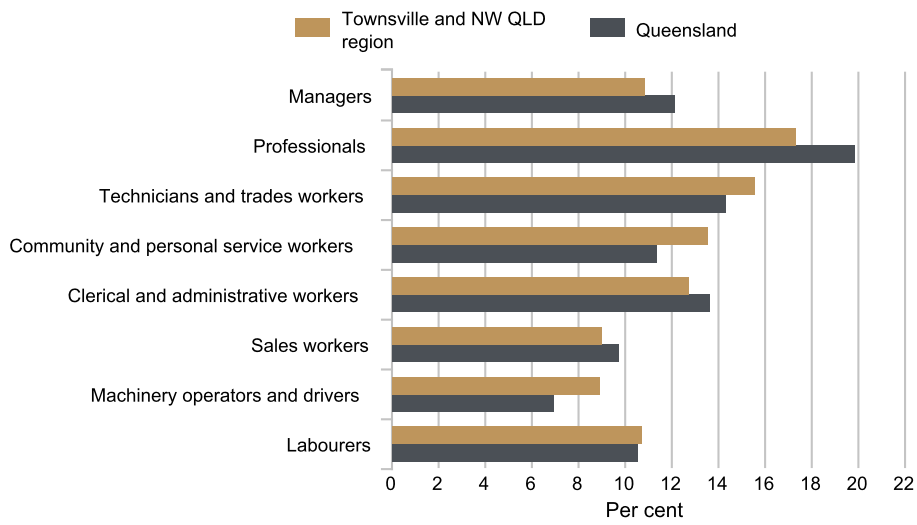
Occupation	Townsville and NW QLD region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Managers	12,790	10.8	258,509	12.1	0.90
Professionals	20,400	17.3	423,917	19.8	0.87
Technicians and trades workers	18,333	15.5	305,441	14.3	1.09
Community and personal service workers	15,990	13.5	241,956	11.3	1.20
Clerical and administrative workers	15,004	12.7	291,317	13.6	0.93
Sales workers	10,591	9.0	207,795	9.7	0.92
Machinery operators and drivers	10,494	8.9	147,636	6.9	1.29
Labourers	12,638	10.7	225,268	10.5	1.02
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>118,036</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,136,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G57* and unpublished data

**Figure 11 Percentage of employment by occupation<sup>(a)</sup>, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**



(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G57* and unpublished data

## Families with children with no parent employed

Families with children with no parent employed have been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing data and defined as either one parent families where the parent was either unemployed or not in the labour force or couple families where both parents were either unemployed or not in the labour force. This is based on families with children under 15 years of age.

The percentage of families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed in Townsville and NW QLD region was

# 16.4%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 4,370 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (16.4%)
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the highest percentage of families with no parent employed (59.8%)

### Queensland

- 66,139 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (13.8%)

**Table 36 Families with children with no parent employed, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	One-parent family with parent not employed	Couple family with both parents not employed	Total families with no parent employed		Total families
	— number —		number	%	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>3,248</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>26,676</b>
Boulia (S)	17	0	12	41.4	29
Burdekin (S)	142	55	198	12.9	1,539
Burke (S)	0	0	0	0.0	24
Carpentaria (S)	49	14	62	32.1	193
Charters Towers (R)	138	48	181	16.3	1,110
Cloncurry (S)	29	13	39	14.7	266
Doomadgee (S)	58	63	117	53.2	220
Flinders (S)	8	0	15	10.7	140
Hinchinbrook (S)	95	30	125	15.0	834
McKinlay (S)	0	0	4	5.8	69
Mornington (S)	37	24	61	39.9	153
Mount Isa (C)	235	56	294	13.9	2,110
Palm Island (S)	114	71	183	59.8	306
Richmond (S)	4	3	8	11.3	71
Townsville (C)	2,322	751	3,071	15.7	19,612
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>47,485</b>	<b>18,652</b>	<b>66,139</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>477,729</b>

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (families)

# Industry and development

## Building approvals

Information on building approvals are compiled by the ABS, and are collected from sources such as local government authorities and other principal certifying authorities. The estimates for any month may be revised or corrected in later months. This can occur as a result of corrections made by a provider of data, the late provision of approval records and, occasionally, by approvals being identified after construction work has commenced. Data are updated monthly with a release approximately 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in July 2022.

The number of new houses approved in Townsville and NW QLD region in the 12 months ending 30 April 2022 was

# 870 approvals

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 870 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 30 April 2022
- \$403.8 million of building value in residential building approvals
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest value of residential building approvals with \$339.4 million
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest value of non-residential building approvals with \$479.7 million

### Queensland

- 27,087 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 30 April 2022
- \$16,810.4 million of building value in residential building approvals

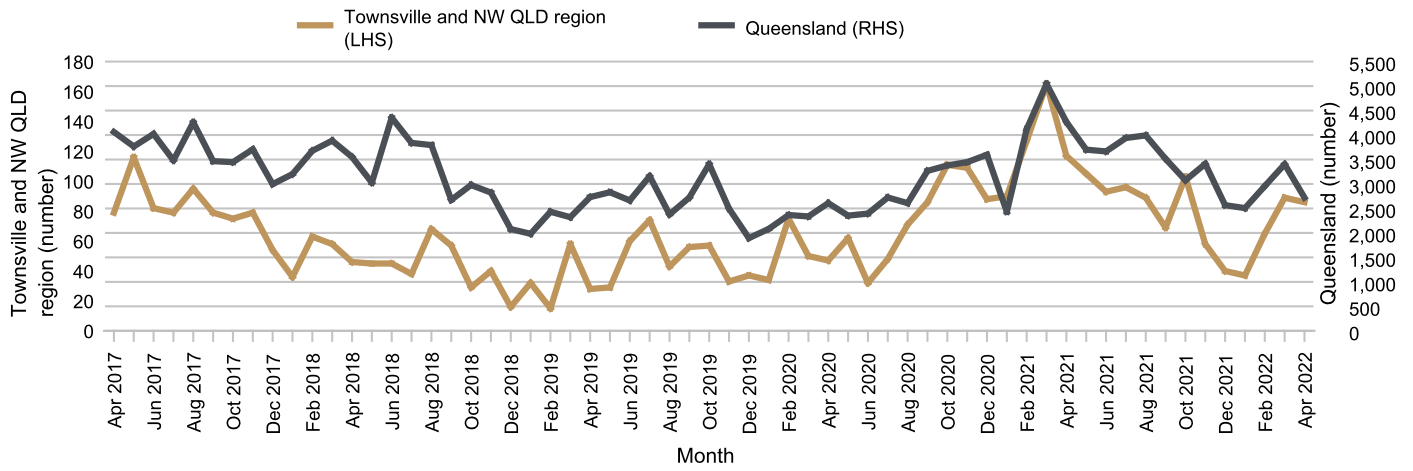
**Table 37 Residential and non-residential building approvals by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 April 2022**

Custom region / LGA / State	Residential Building Approvals				Building Value				
	New Houses	New Other <sup>(a)</sup>	Alterations, additions and conversions	Total	Residential		Non-residential		Total
	— number —				\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>403,830</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>530,464</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>934,294</b>
Boulia (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Burdekin (S)	24	0	0	24	21,135	70.1	8,996	29.9	30,132
Burke (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1,562	100.0	1,562
Carpentaria (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	3,030	100.0	3,030
Charters Towers (R)	16	12	0	28	9,542	62.6	5,690	37.4	15,232
Cloncurry (S)	4	0	0	4	1,312	65.2	701	34.8	2,013
Doomadgee (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Flinders (S)	1	0	0	1	1,714	28.2	4,355	71.8	6,068
Hinchinbrook (S)	30	0	0	30	11,594	59.1	8,029	40.9	19,623
McKinlay (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	60	100.0	60
Mornington (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Mount Isa (C)	3	4	0	7	3,226	14.9	18,388	85.1	21,615
Palm Island (S)	15	0	0	15	15,797	100.0	0	0.0	15,797
Richmond (S)	0	0	0	0	90	100.0	0	0.0	90
Townsville (C)	777	44	0	821	339,421	41.4	479,652	58.6	819,073
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>27,087</b>	<b>12,272</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>39,451</b>	<b>16,810,369</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>8,956,832</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>25,767,201</b>

(a) Other residential buildings include: semidetached, row or terrace houses or townhouses; and flats, units or apartments.

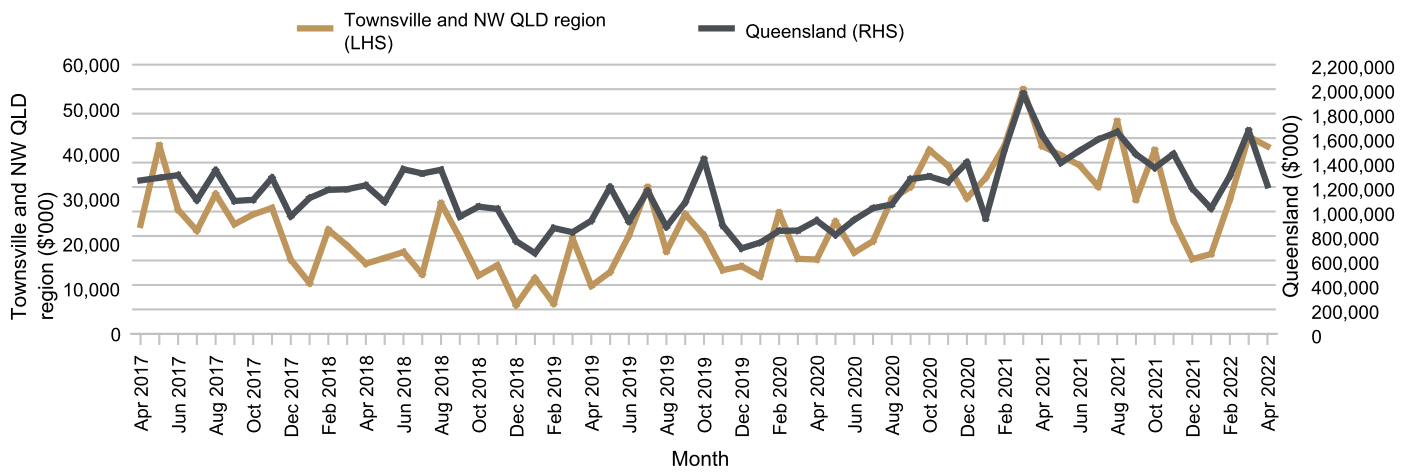
Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

**Figure 12 Number of residential building approvals, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**



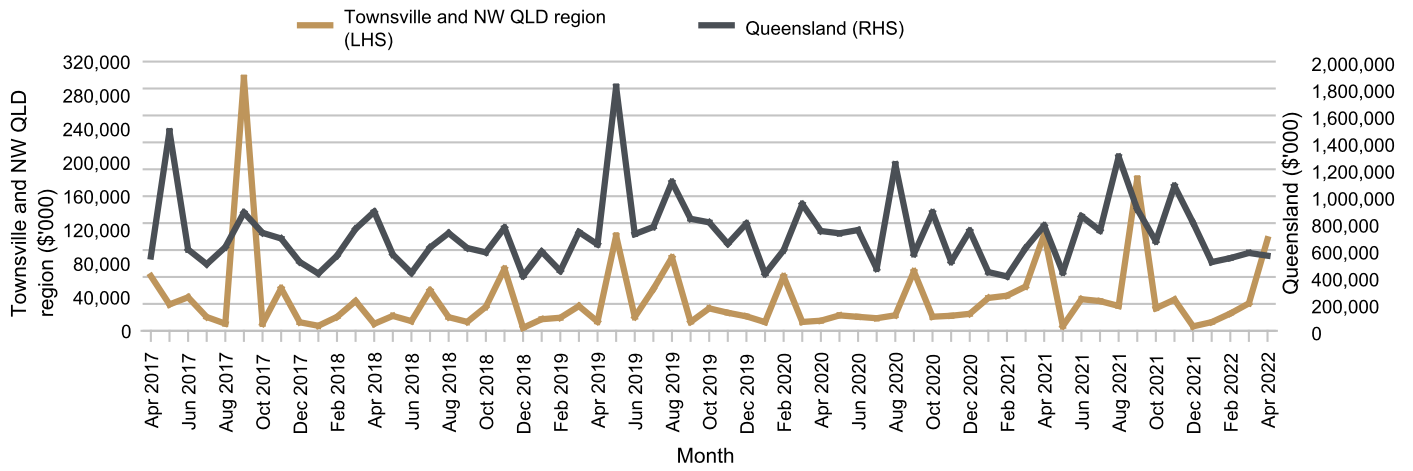
Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

**Figure 13 Value of residential building approvals, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**



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

**Figure 14 Value of non-residential building approvals, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland**



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

## Residential dwelling sales

Residential dwelling sales data are sourced from the Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database as collected and maintained by the Queensland Department of Resources. Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period. All figures are preliminary and are subject to further revision. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 4 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in August 2022.

The highest median sale price in Townsville and NW QLD region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2021 was

**Townsville (C) LGA**  
**\$350,000**

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 7,564 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2021
- A median sale price has not been calculated for Townsville and NW QLD region
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the highest median sale price with \$350,000

### Queensland

- 170,182 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2021
- Median sale price of \$520,000

**Table 38 Residential dwelling sales by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 December 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	Number of sales			Median sale price		
	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings
	— number —			— \$ —		
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>7,564</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Boulia (S)	2	0	2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Burdekin (S)	390	51	441	208,750	165,000	200,000
Burke (S)	3	0	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Carpentaria (S)	21	0	21	180,000	n.a.	180,000
Charters Towers (R)	323	8	331	220,000	n.a.	220,000
Cloncurry (S)	46	7	53	205,000	n.a.	212,500
Doomadgee (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Flinders (S)	28	2	30	95,000	n.a.	95,000
Hinchinbrook (S)	304	30	334	220,000	246,777	220,000
McKinlay (S)	9	0	9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mornington (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mount Isa (C)	321	41	362	302,500	290,000	300,000
Palm Island (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Richmond (S)	10	0	10	127,500	n.a.	127,500
Townsville (C)	4,612	1,356	5,968	366,500	280,000	350,000
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>114,220</b>	<b>55,962</b>	<b>170,182</b>	<b>565,000</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>520,000</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Department of Resources, Office of the Valuer-General, Property Sales

## New house and vacant land sales

New house and vacant land sales data are sourced from the Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database as collected and maintained by the Queensland Department of Resources. Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period. All figures are preliminary and are subject to further revision. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 4 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in August 2022.

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 120 new house sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2021
- A median new house sale price has not been calculated for Townsville and NW QLD region
- 674 vacant land sales
- A median vacant land sale price has not been calculated for Townsville and NW QLD region
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the highest median new house sale price with \$390,000
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the highest median vacant land sale price with \$169,000

### Queensland

- 2,953 new house sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2021
- 16,301 vacant land sales
- Median new house sale price of \$540,000
- Median vacant land sale price of \$230,000

The highest median sale price for a new house in Townsville and NW QLD region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2021 was

**Townsville (C) LGA**  
**\$390,000**

**Table 39 New house and vacant land sales by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 December 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	Number of sales		Median sale price	
	New houses	Vacant land	New houses	Vacant land
	— number —		— \$ —	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Boulia (S)	0	3	n.a.	n.a.
Burdekin (S)	8	23	n.a.	53,000
Burke (S)	2	3	n.a.	n.a.
Carpentaria (S)	0	3	n.a.	n.a.
Charters Towers (R)	7	11	n.a.	13,500
Cloncurry (S)	6	1	n.a.	n.a.
Doomadgee (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Flinders (S)	0	9	n.a.	n.a.
Hinchinbrook (S)	4	64	n.a.	57,000
McKinlay (S)	0	1	n.a.	n.a.
Mornington (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Mount Isa (C)	4	5	n.a.	n.a.
Palm Island (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Richmond (S)	0	2	n.a.	n.a.
Townsville (C)	89	549	390,000	169,000
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>16,301</b>	<b>540,000</b>	<b>230,000</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Department of Resources, Office of the Valuer-General, Property Sales

## Residential lot registrations

Lot registrations data provide an indication of the volume of new lots developed and intended for residential purposes. Once a subdivisional plan has been certified by local government, it is lodged with the Department of Resources (DR) for registration of title. For more information refer to the [Residential land development activity profiles](#).

Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in July 2022.

The number of residential lot registrations in Townsville and NW QLD region in the 12 months ending 31 March 2022 was

# 759 registrations

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 759 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 31 March 2022
- 639 urban residential lot registrations
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of residential lot registrations with 708

### Queensland

- 19,820 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 31 March 2022
- 17,658 urban residential lot registrations

**Table 40 Residential lot registrations by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 March 2022**

Custom region / LGA / State	Urban residential lot registrations			Low density lot registrations (c)	Total lot registrations
	Standard lots(a)	Unit and townhouse lots(b)	Total urban lots		
	— number —			number	number
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>759</b>
Boulia (S)	2	0	2	0	2
Burdekin (S)	1	0	1	15	16
Burke (S)	3	0	3	0	3
Carpentaria (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Charters Towers (R)	9	0	9	4	13
Cloncurry (S)	5	0	5	1	6
Doomadgee (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Flinders (S)	0	0	0	1	1
Hinchinbrook (S)	2	3	5	5	10
McKinlay (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Mornington (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Isa (C)	0	0	0	0	0
Palm Island (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Townsville (C)	543	71	614	94	708
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>11,346</b>	<b>6,312</b>	<b>17,658</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>19,820</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Lots between 60m<sup>2</sup> to <2,500m<sup>2</sup> on a standard format plan intended for detached dwellings, including lots intended for detached dwellings in a community title scheme.

(b) Lots on a building format plan or standard format plan that represent attached dwellings within a community title scheme.

(c) Lots between 2,500m<sup>2</sup> to 5ha on standard format plans.

Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury.

## Business counts by employment size

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2023.

The number of businesses in Townsville and NW QLD region as at 30 June 2021 was

# 18,887 businesses

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 5,372 businesses (or 28.4%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2021
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the highest percentage of businesses employing 1 to 4 employees with 45.5%
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the highest percentage of businesses employing 20 to 199 employees with 27.3%

### Queensland

- 133,589 businesses (or 29.0%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2021

**Table 41 Registered businesses by employment size and LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 30 June 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	Non-employing		1–4 employees		5–19 employees		20–199 employees		200+ employees		Total number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>10,562</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>5,372</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>18,887</b>
Boulia (S)	40	69.0	12	20.7	5	8.6	3	5.2	0	0.0	58
Burdekin (S)	1,258	59.6	581	27.5	218	10.3	52	2.5	3	0.1	2,111
Burke (S)	18	48.6	12	32.4	5	13.5	3	8.1	0	0.0	37
Carpentaria (S)	97	53.9	44	24.4	27	15.0	6	3.3	0	0.0	180
Charters Towers (R)	725	63.2	285	24.8	117	10.2	27	2.4	0	0.0	1,147
Cloncurry (S)	188	59.1	78	24.5	41	12.9	17	5.3	0	0.0	318
Doomadgee (S)	4	30.8	3	23.1	3	23.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	13
Flinders (S)	217	64.4	81	24.0	37	11.0	3	0.9	0	0.0	337
Hinchinbrook (S)	819	61.6	369	27.8	123	9.3	12	0.9	0	0.0	1,329
McKinlay (S)	155	62.8	65	26.3	25	10.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	247
Mornington (S)	5	35.7	3	21.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14
Mount Isa (C)	444	49.6	260	29.0	149	16.6	43	4.8	3	0.3	896
Palm Island (S)	6	54.5	5	45.5	3	27.3	3	27.3	0	0.0	11
Richmond (S)	155	70.5	47	21.4	18	8.2	3	1.4	0	0.0	220
Townsville (C)	6,431	53.7	3,527	29.5	1,605	13.4	390	3.3	17	0.1	11,969
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>270,917</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>133,589</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>44,443</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>11,129</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>460,807</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS 8165.0, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

## Business counts by turnover range

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2023.

The percentage of businesses with a turnover range of \$2 million or more in Townsville and NW QLD region as at 30 June 2021 was

# 8.1%

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 1,522 businesses (or 8.1%) with a turnover range of \$2 million or more as at 30 June 2021
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of businesses with a turnover range of \$2 million or more with 965

### Queensland

- 30,877 businesses (or 6.7%) with a turnover range of \$2 million or more as at 30 June 2021

**Table 42 Registered businesses by turnover range and LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 30 June 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	\$0 to less than \$100k		\$100k to less than \$500k		\$500k to less than \$2m		\$2m or more		Total number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>6,721</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>7,147</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>18,887</b>
Boulia (S)	16	27.6	33	56.9	9	15.5	3	5.2	58
Burdekin (S)	611	28.9	914	43.3	457	21.6	119	5.6	2,111
Burke (S)	10	27.0	10	27.0	9	24.3	3	8.1	37
Carpentaria (S)	53	29.4	73	40.6	31	17.2	21	11.7	180
Charters Towers (R)	406	35.4	424	37.0	230	20.1	75	6.5	1,147
Cloncurry (S)	95	29.9	101	31.8	79	24.8	44	13.8	318
Doomadgee (S)	3	23.1	5	38.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	13
Flinders (S)	75	22.3	132	39.2	84	24.9	40	11.9	337
Hinchinbrook (S)	410	30.9	581	43.7	272	20.5	72	5.4	1,329
McKinlay (S)	65	26.3	89	36.0	61	24.7	34	13.8	247
Morrington (S)	6	42.9	3	21.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	14
Mount Isa (C)	299	33.4	309	34.5	181	20.2	118	13.2	896
Palm Island (S)	6	54.5	3	27.3	3	27.3	0	0.0	11
Richmond (S)	69	31.4	65	29.5	57	25.9	28	12.7	220
Townsville (C)	4,597	38.4	4,405	36.8	2,008	16.8	965	8.1	11,969
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>194,292</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>166,810</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>68,810</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>30,877</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>460,807</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS 8165.0, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

## Business counts by industry

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2023.

The industry with the largest number of registered businesses in Townsville and NW QLD region as at 30 June 2021 was

**Agriculture, forestry and fishing (18.2%)**

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- 18.2% of businesses in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry as at 30 June 2021
- 17.0% of businesses in Construction industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 2.04 in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry

### Queensland

- 17.2% of businesses in Construction industry as at 30 June 2021
- 12.3% of businesses in Professional, scientific and technical services industry

**Table 43 Registered businesses by industry, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 30 June 2021**

Industry	Townsville and NW QLD region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3,437	18.2	41,139	8.9	2.04
Mining	94	0.5	1,786	0.4	1.28
Manufacturing	631	3.3	17,229	3.7	0.89
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	55	0.3	1,449	0.3	0.93
Construction	3,217	17.0	79,260	17.2	0.99
Wholesale trade	355	1.9	14,009	3.0	0.62
Retail trade	1,133	6.0	27,447	6.0	1.01
Accommodation and food services	789	4.2	18,520	4.0	1.04
Transport, postal and warehousing	1,322	7.0	34,454	7.5	0.94
Information media and telecommunications	74	0.4	3,723	0.8	0.48
Financial and insurance services	453	2.4	18,660	4.0	0.59
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1,926	10.2	54,473	11.8	0.86
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,489	7.9	56,794	12.3	0.64
Administrative and support services	748	4.0	20,720	4.5	0.88
Public administration and safety	41	0.2	1,205	0.3	0.83
Education and training	239	1.3	7,123	1.5	0.82
Health care and social assistance	1,364	7.2	31,662	6.9	1.05
Arts and recreation services	201	1.1	6,152	1.3	0.80
Other services	1,282	6.8	24,444	5.3	1.28
Not classified	24	0.1	573	0.1	1.02
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>18,887</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>460,807</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS 8165.0, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

# Environment

## Protected areas – parks, forests and reserves

Protected areas are derived from a spatial dataset sourced from the Queensland Department of Environment and Science. Data presented in this table are based on areas located above mean sea level. Areas are based on a GIS calculated cartesian area and not the official gazetted area. GIS calculations are referenced to GDA94 / Australian Albers (EPSG:3577). Data are updated every two years. The next planned update is in August 2022.

The total protected area within Townsville and NW QLD region as at 2020 was

# 10,600.4 km<sup>2</sup>

### Townsville and NW QLD region

- Protected area of 10,600.4 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2020
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 10,108.7 km<sup>2</sup>
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the largest protected area with 2,498.6 km<sup>2</sup>

### Queensland

- Protected area of 130,321.7 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2020
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 98,072.9 km<sup>2</sup>

**Table 44 Protected areas - parks, forests and reserves by LGA, Townsville and NW QLD region and Queensland, 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	National Park <sup>(a)</sup>	State Forest	Timber Reserve	Forest Reserve	Total
	— area (km <sup>2</sup> ) —				
<b>Townsville and NW QLD region</b>	<b>10,108.7</b>	<b>413.0</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,600.4</b>
Boulia (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Burdekin (S)	216.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	216.3
Burke (S)	1,552.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,552.4
Carpentaria (S)	1,526.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,526.3
Charters Towers (R)	1,722.5	64.6	0.0	0.0	1,787.1
Cloncurry (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Doomadgee (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Flinders (S)	987.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	987.7
Hinchinbrook (S)	802.4	188.2	0.0	0.0	990.5
McKinlay (S)	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Mornington (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mount Isa (C)	2,419.9	0.0	78.7	0.0	2,498.6
Palm Island (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Richmond (S)	65.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.7
Townsville (C)	815.4	160.3	0.0	0.0	975.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>98,072.9</b>	<b>31,045.2</b>	<b>663.4</b>	<b>540.3</b>	<b>130,321.7</b>

(a) Includes Conservation Parks, Resources Reserves and National Parks Cape York Aboriginal land (where applicable).

Source: Queensland Department of Environment and Science

# Abbreviations

..	not applicable
\$k	thousand dollars
\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
(C)	City
LGA	local government area
LHS	left-hand side
n.a.	not available
p	preliminary
r	revised
R	Regional Council
RHS	right-hand side
S	Shire

# Explanatory notes

## Profile explanatory notes

### Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

A geographical framework covering all spatial areas of Australia and its external territories. The ASGS was developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to allow statistics from different collections to be spatially comparable. The ASGS replaced the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).

### Average annual growth rate

It is calculated as a percentage using the formula below, where  $P_0$  is the population at the start of the period,  $P_n$  is the population at the end of the period and  $n$  is the length of the period between  $P_n$  and  $P_0$  in years.

$$\left[ \left( \frac{P_n}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right] \times 100$$

For example, to calculate the average annual rate of population change from 2006 to 2016,  $n$  is ten,  $P_0$  is the population in 2006 and  $P_n$  is the population in 2016.

### Cell confidentialisation

This profile utilises two types of data confidentialisation.

1. Source data confidentialisation - This refers to datasets that have been confidentialised by the data custodians. For example census data supplied by the ABS have small cell counts of 1 or 2 confidentialised to 0 or 3 and a small random adjustment made to all data to avoid any risk of releasing identifiable information. Caution should therefore be used when interpreting data where the cell count is small.
2. Concordance confidentialisation - This refers to datasets that have been concorded to a new geography and the resulting cell count is small. No reliance should be placed on these cell counts and as such have been confidentialised. Tables utilising this type of confidentialisation will report the cell as less than a specific value (for example <5).

### Census 2016 data

Census data have 'small random adjustments' to ensure no data are released which could risk identifying individuals. As such, cells containing very small counts should be treated with extreme caution. Therefore discrepancies may occur between the sum of the component items and total.

### Census undercount

Due to the size and complexity of the Census of Population and Housing, whenever a Census is conducted it is inevitable that some people will be missed and some will be counted more than once. After each Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics conduct a Post Enumeration Survey to estimate the number of people who should have been counted in the Census and the actual Census counts. It is important to note, that all Census data reported in this profile do not have any adjustments made for Census undercount and readers should keep this in mind when making inferences from the data.

**Land area**

Land area, as stated in the Region overview, are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

**Local government area (LGA)**

A geographical area under the responsibility of a local government council or an Indigenous government council. There are 78 LGAs in Queensland.

**Region overview**

Statistics in the profile overview have been derived from data sourced to the Bureau of Meteorology and aggregated to administrative boundaries. Land area are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

**Rounding**

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

**Specialisation ratio**

The ratio of the percentage for the Townsville and NW QLD region to the percentage for Queensland. A specialisation ratio above 1.00 indicates Townsville and NW QLD region has a larger share for that category than in Queensland. Similarly a specialisation ratio below 1.00 indicates Townsville and NW QLD region has a smaller share for that category than in Queensland.

## Topic explanatory notes

**Births and deaths****Births**

Births data are based on the number of births registered during a calendar year by place of usual residence of the mother. This is different to the number of births which occurred during a calendar year. For further information on the differences between estimates of registered births and births occurring in a time period, refer to ABS website (cat. no. 3301.0).

As a result of changes in the timeliness of registration of births in Queensland, care should be taken when interpreting changes in Queensland births between 2006 and 2010. This lag has reduced in recent years, indicating potential improvements in the timeliness of registration of births in Queensland.

**Deaths**

Deaths data are based on the number of deaths registered during a calendar year by place of usual residence of the deceased. This is different to the number of deaths which occurred during a calendar year. For further information on the differences between estimates of registered deaths and deaths occurring in a time period, refer to ABS website (cat. no. 3302.0).

**Business counts**

It is not currently possible to account for those businesses which operate out of multiple locations, other than at their main location. This is particularly relevant for larger businesses, which commonly establish outlets in several or all states and many regions across Australia. The reason for this is that data pertaining to individual business locations are not currently available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register. Users should therefore be aware of this limitation when using counts of businesses included in this table.

Due to the process of confidentialisation applied by the ABS, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and total (see ABS cat. no. 8165.0 methodology for more information).

**Business counts by industry**

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition.

The 'Not classified' industry division is accurate at the time of release of data. Further refinements to this group will be made in subsequent releases, but will not be reflected in these counts.

**Country of birth**

The list of countries are based on the most common Country of Birth responses (excluding Australia) reported in the 2011 Census. The categories of persons born in ESB and NESB countries are derived by aggregating countries from Table G09 of the General Community Profile (GCP). Due to the process of confidentialisation applied to the Census data by the ABS, total persons born overseas have been taken directly from Table G01 of the GCP to provide a more accurate count.

## Department of Social Services payments

Data are extracted at a point in time, usually towards the end of the quarter.

### Confidentialisation

Cell counts under 5 have been suppressed for confidentiality purposes.

### Age pension

Age pension is a support payment for people who have reached the qualifying age. From 1 July 2013, the qualifying age for both men and women is 65 years. From 1 July 2017 the age pension qualifying age will progressively increase for non-veterans from 65 years to 67 years, reaching 67 years in 2023.

Age pension recipients have the choice of having their age pension paid by either the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). DHS pays the vast majority of age pensions. The data in this report only includes data for the DHS customers.

### Carer allowance

A Carer allowance is a supplementary payment for carers who provide daily care and attention at home for a person with a disability, severe medical condition or who is frail and aged.

### Disability support pension

A Disability support pension (DSP) is an income support payment for people who are unable to work for 15 hours or more per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a program of support due to permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. A DSP claimant must be aged 16 years or over and under Age pension age at date of claim, however once in receipt of DSP, a person can continue to receive DSP beyond Age pension age.

### Family tax benefit part A

Family tax benefit (FTB) was introduced to help with the cost of raising children. FTB part A is the most common payment to help with the cost of raising children and is paid per child. It includes a supplement per child that becomes payable after the end of the financial year. FTB part B gives extra assistance to single-parent families and to couple families where one income is low. It is paid on a per family basis and includes a supplement that becomes payable after the end of the financial year. FTB part A and B are income tested on family income.

### Jobseeker

JobSeeker Payment is the main income support payment for recipients aged between 22 years and pension age (the minimum qualifying age for Age Pension), who have capacity to work now or in the near future. JobSeeker Payment is available to people who are looking for work, who temporarily cannot work or study because of an injury or illness, or bereaved partners in the period immediately following the death of their partner, subject to meeting eligibility requirements. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not in receipt of a zero rate of payment. From March quarter 2020, JobSeeker Payment replaced Newstart Allowance, Bereavement Allowance and Sickness Allowance.

## Emergency services, schools and hospitals

### Fire stations

Does not include Rural Fire Brigade.

### Hospitals

Includes both private and public hospitals and health clinics. Excludes public dental and psychiatric facilities.

### Police stations

Does not include Police Beats.

### Schools

Includes both private and public schools and centre types of associated facility, campus, community school, non-state school, special campus, special school, specific purpose school, state high school and state school.

## Employment by industry

### Employment by industry

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.

### Industry subdivision

The industry subdivision refers to the 2-digit industry classification from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.



## Employment by occupation

### Employment by occupation

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2006 edition, version 1.2 released 2013.

### Occupation sub-major group

The occupation sub-major group refers to the 2-digit occupation classification from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2006 edition, version 1.2 released in 2013.

## Homeless persons

The prevalence estimates of homelessness cover usual residents in Australia on Census night and do not include:

- overseas visitors,
- people who were enumerated in offshore, shipping or migratory regions,
- people on an overnight journey by train or bus.

## Indigenous

Refers to people who identify themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

## Median age

Median estimates have been calculated by the ABS and Queensland Treasury.

## Median rent

Medians for regions with less than 10 lodgements in the 12 month period have not been reported.

Median rents do not include lodgements listed with \$0 rent.

Rental bonds data published by QGSO may not be directly comparable with data published by the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) due to geocoding of Rental Bonds data by QGSO and updates to bond records, including where additional bond forms are processed by RTA after quarterly data are supplied to QGSO.

## New house and vacant land sales

Vacant residential land have been defined as vacant - large house sites, vacant urban land and vacant rural land between 140m<sup>2</sup> and 2,500m<sup>2</sup> within planning zones. New house and land have been defined as a single unit dwelling or dwelling large house site on a newly registered block of land between 140m<sup>2</sup> and 2,500m<sup>2</sup>. All reporting periods are based on the contract date and not the settlement date.

## Non-school qualification by field of study

Excludes persons with a qualification out of the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

## Non-school qualification by sex and age

Excludes persons with a qualification out of the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

## Population projections

Population projections are based on a medium series.

## Proficiency in spoken English

Based on the most common Language Spoken at Home responses reported in the 2011 Census for Australia.

## Reported offences

The reference date for reported offences is the date an offence is reported to or detected by police. Data are based on the location in which the offence occurred. Rates are calculated using the Estimated Resident Population (ERP) as at 30 June of the reported financial year. The ERP for the latest year has been linearly extrapolated using the change between the previous two years.

### Offences against the person

The offence division of offences against the person includes the following offence sub-divisions: homicide (murder); other homicide; assault; sexual offences; robbery; and other offences against the person.

### Offences against property

The offence division of offences against property includes the following offence sub-divisions: unlawful entry with intent; arson; other property damage; unlawful use of motor vehicle; other theft (excluding unlawful entry); fraud; and handling stolen goods.

### Other offences

The offence division of other offences includes the following offence sub-divisions: drug offences; prostitution offences; liquor (excluding drunkenness); gaming, racing and betting offences; breach of domestic violence protection orders; trespassing and vagrancy; weapons act offences; good order offences; stock related offences; traffic and related offences; and miscellaneous offences.

## Residential dwelling sales

Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period.

### Attached dwellings

Attached dwellings include multi-unit dwellings (flats), building units or group titles within planning zones.

### Detached dwellings

Detached dwellings include single unit dwellings or large house sites.

### Residential dwelling sales

Residential dwelling sales include both new and established dwellings and all reporting periods are based on the contract date and not the settlement date.

## Residential lot registrations

Lot registration is the final stage in the development of new residential lots, and it is only after the title is registered that a lot legally exists. Lot registrations data provide an indication of the volume of new lots developed and intended for residential purposes.

The Queensland Government Statistician's Office applies a range of filters to DR's computer inventory of survey plans data, such as parcel size and zoning information, to extract the lots registered for residential purposes. 'Urban residential' lots include standard lots typically for detached houses (60m<sup>2</sup> to <2,500m<sup>2</sup>) and lots under community titles schemes for units and townhouses. For this monitoring program, 'low density residential' lots are defined as standard lots between 2,500m<sup>2</sup> and 5 hectares in size.

## Unemployment and labour force

Small Area Labour Force data have been generated from a Structure Preserving Estimation (SPREE) methodology using ABS and Centrelink data. As such these estimates can exhibit considerable variability and care should be taken when interpreting these values. For further information on these data, refer to the Australian Government National Skills Commission website.