



# 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. Historical estimates for these geographies may be different to those in previously generated profiles as a result of an update to the underlying population-weighted concordance. Caution should therefore be exercised when comparing historical estimates.

## 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

# 269,066 persons

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- ERP of 269,066 persons as at 30 June 2021
- Average annual growth rate of 0.2% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 0.4% over ten years
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest population with 195,515 persons
- Within the region, Burke (S) LGA had the fastest population growth over five years with 4.7%

### Queensland

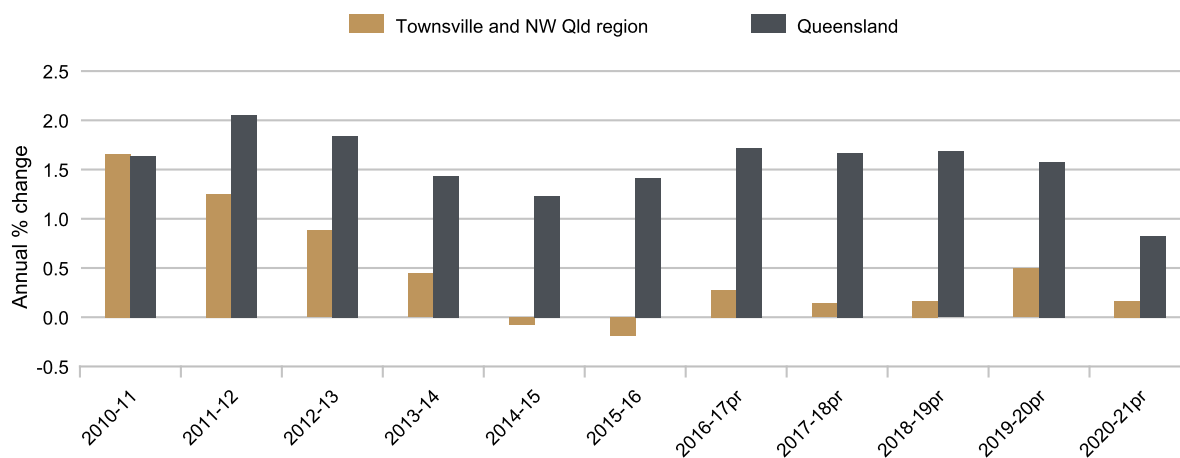
- ERP of 5,217,653 persons as at 30 June 2021
- Average annual growth rate of 1.5% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.5% over ten years

**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             | 2021pr           | 2011–2021pr                | 2016–2021pr |
|                                     | — number —       |                  |                  | — % —                      |             |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>259,712</b>   | <b>265,746</b>   | <b>269,066</b>   | <b>0.4</b>                 | <b>0.2</b>  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 493              | 436              | 470              | -0.5                       | 1.5         |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 17,775           | 17,326           | 16,842           | -0.5                       | -0.6        |
| Burke (S)                           | 557              | 342              | 430              | -2.6                       | 4.7         |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 2,197            | 2,051            | 2,159            | -0.2                       | 1.0         |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 12,434           | 12,087           | 11,923           | -0.4                       | -0.3        |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 3,342            | 3,125            | 3,705            | 1.0                        | 3.5         |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 1,374            | 1,475            | 1,435            | 0.4                        | -0.5        |
| Flinders (S)                        | 1,840            | 1,582            | 1,521            | -1.9                       | -0.8        |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 11,817           | 10,968           | 10,992           | -0.7                       | 0.0         |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 1,085            | 816              | 838              | -2.6                       | 0.5         |
| Mornington (S)                      | 1,220            | 1,197            | 1,061            | -1.4                       | -2.4        |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 22,079           | 19,606           | 19,226           | -1.4                       | -0.4        |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 2,538            | 2,581            | 2,180            | -1.5                       | -3.3        |
| Richmond (S)                        | 847              | 806              | 769              | -1.0                       | -0.9        |
| Townsville (C)                      | 180,114          | 191,348          | 195,515          | 0.8                        | 0.4         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>4,476,778</b> | <b>4,845,152</b> | <b>5,217,653</b> | <b>1.5</b>                 | <b>1.5</b>  |

Source: ABS, *Regional population*, various editions

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



Source: ABS, *Regional population*, 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 usually updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period, however in August 2022, the ABS will release historical estimates rebased to 2021 Census.

As at 30 June 2021, the proportion of the estimated resident population aged 65 years and over for Townsville and NW Qld region was

# 14.7%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 19.7% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2021
- 65.6% aged 15–64 years
- 14.7% aged 65+ years
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 0–14 with 32.0%
- Within the region, McKinlay (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 15–64 with 78.8%
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 65+ with 28.6%

### Queensland

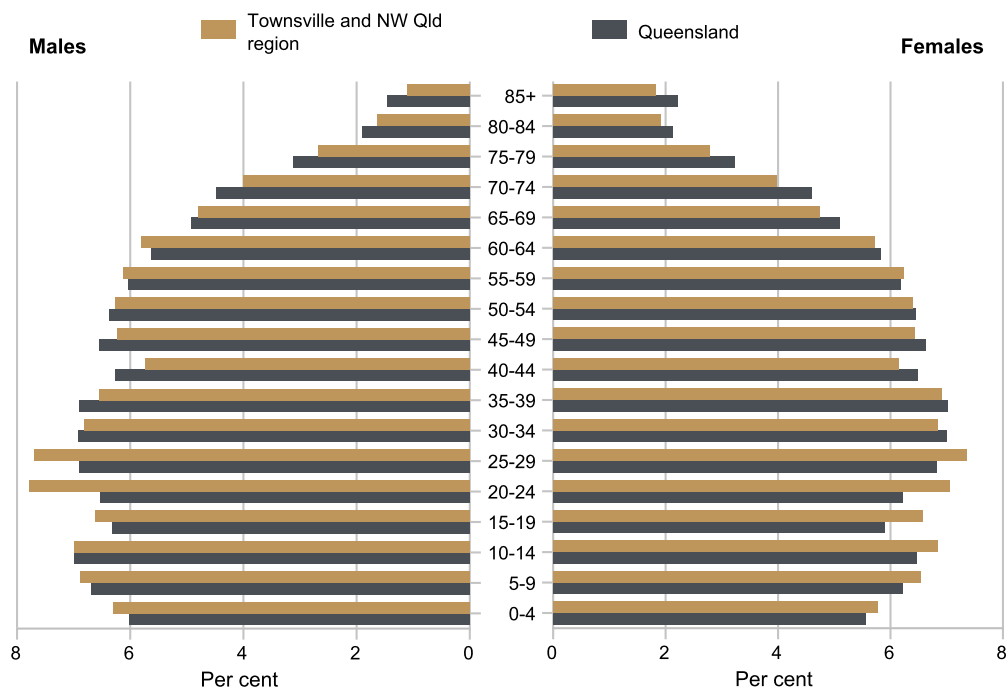
- 19.0% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2021
- 64.5% aged 15–64 years
- 16.6% aged 65+ years

**Table 2** Estimated resident population by age and LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 30 June 2021pr

| 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>52,898</b>  | <b>19.7</b> | <b>37,708</b>  | <b>14.0</b> | <b>72,661</b>    | <b>27.0</b> | <b>66,197</b>    | <b>24.6</b> | <b>39,602</b>  | <b>14.7</b> |
| Boulia (S)                          | 133            | 28.3        | 61             | 13.0        | 148              | 31.5        | 79               | 16.8        | 49             | 10.4        |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 2,825          | 16.8        | 1,851          | 11.0        | 3,660            | 21.7        | 4,597            | 27.3        | 3,909          | 23.2        |
| Burke (S)                           | 55             | 12.8        | 87             | 20.2        | 117              | 27.2        | 118              | 27.4        | 53             | 12.3        |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 505            | 23.4        | 305            | 14.1        | 501              | 23.2        | 554              | 25.7        | 294            | 13.6        |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 2,387          | 20.0        | 1,433          | 12.0        | 2,513            | 21.1        | 3,088            | 25.9        | 2,502          | 21.0        |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 743            | 20.1        | 482            | 13.0        | 1,219            | 32.9        | 916              | 24.7        | 345            | 9.3         |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 423            | 29.5        | 250            | 17.4        | 463              | 32.3        | 274              | 19.1        | 25             | 1.7         |
| Flinders (S)                        | 312            | 20.5        | 171            | 11.2        | 328              | 21.6        | 371              | 24.4        | 339            | 22.3        |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 1,672          | 15.2        | 1,032          | 9.4         | 1,938            | 17.6        | 3,205            | 29.2        | 3,145          | 28.6        |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 108            | 12.9        | 130            | 15.5        | 299              | 35.7        | 231              | 27.6        | 70             | 8.4         |
| Mornington (S)                      | 258            | 24.3        | 198            | 18.7        | 325              | 30.6        | 227              | 21.4        | 53             | 5.0         |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 4,549          | 23.7        | 2,699          | 14.0        | 6,187            | 32.2        | 4,272            | 22.2        | 1,519          | 7.9         |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 697            | 32.0        | 353            | 16.2        | 571              | 26.2        | 466              | 21.4        | 93             | 4.3         |
| Richmond (S)                        | 178            | 23.1        | 44             | 5.7         | 211              | 27.4        | 232              | 30.2        | 104            | 13.5        |
| Townsville (C)                      | 38,053         | 19.5        | 28,612         | 14.6        | 54,181           | 27.7        | 47,567           | 24.3        | 27,102         | 13.9        |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>989,461</b> | <b>19.0</b> | <b>651,113</b> | <b>12.5</b> | <b>1,416,854</b> | <b>27.2</b> | <b>1,295,777</b> | <b>24.8</b> | <b>864,448</b> | <b>16.6</b> |

Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex*, 2021

**Figure 3 Estimated resident population by age and sex, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 30 June 2021pr**



Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex*, 2021

## 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 2023.

As at 30 June 2021, the median age for Townsville and NW Qld region was

# 36.5 years

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- Median age of 36.5 years as at 30 June 2021
- Increase of 2.5 years from median age of 33.9 years as at 30 June 2011
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the highest median age of 51.4 years
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the largest increase in median age from 30 June 2011 to 30 June 2021 with 5.4 years

### Queensland

- Median age of 38.4 years as at 30 June 2021
- Increase of 1.8 years from median age of 36.6 years as at 30 June 2011

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

| Custom region / LGA / State         | As at 30 June |             |             | Change      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                     | 2011          | 2016        | 2021pr      | 2011–2021pr |
|                                     | — years —     |             |             | years       |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>33.9</b>   | <b>34.6</b> | <b>36.5</b> | <b>2.5</b>  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 29.7          | 33.9        | 30.5        | 0.8         |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 40.9          | 43.8        | 45.4        | 4.5         |
| Burke (S)                           | 34.7          | 36.3        | 36.3        | 1.6         |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 37.1          | 37.5        | 34.1        | -3.0        |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 38.1          | 39.7        | 42.2        | 4.1         |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 32.1          | 34.0        | 34.7        | 2.6         |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 23.1          | 21.4        | 26.5        | 3.4         |
| Flinders (S)                        | 41.0          | 42.7        | 39.5        | -1.5        |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 46.0          | 49.7        | 51.4        | 5.4         |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 33.4          | 38.7        | 36.6        | 3.2         |
| Mornington (S)                      | 26.2          | 26.6        | 30.1        | 3.9         |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 30.3          | 30.8        | 31.6        | 1.3         |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 24.3          | 24.4        | 26.3        | 2.0         |
| Richmond (S)                        | 38.2          | 37.5        | 37.0        | -1.2        |
| Townsville (C)                      | 33.2          | 33.8        | 35.9        | 2.7         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>36.6</b>   | <b>37.0</b> | <b>38.4</b> | <b>1.8</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 presented in this topic are based on the medium series.

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**

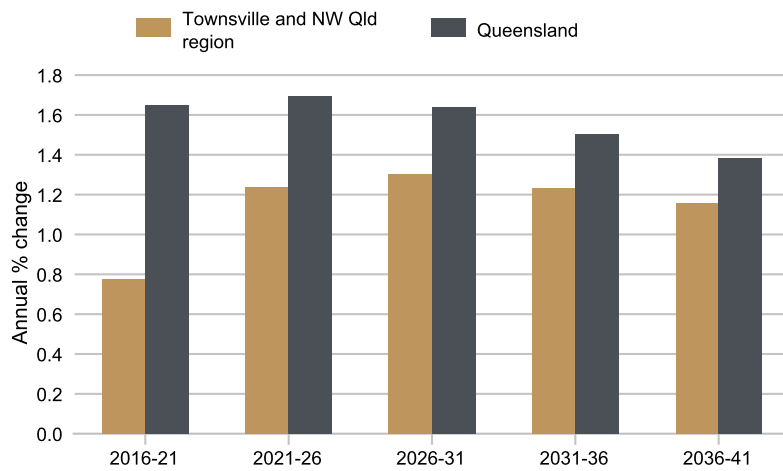
| Custom region / LGA / State         | As at 30 June       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Average annual growth rate |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                                     | 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>                 |

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(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>

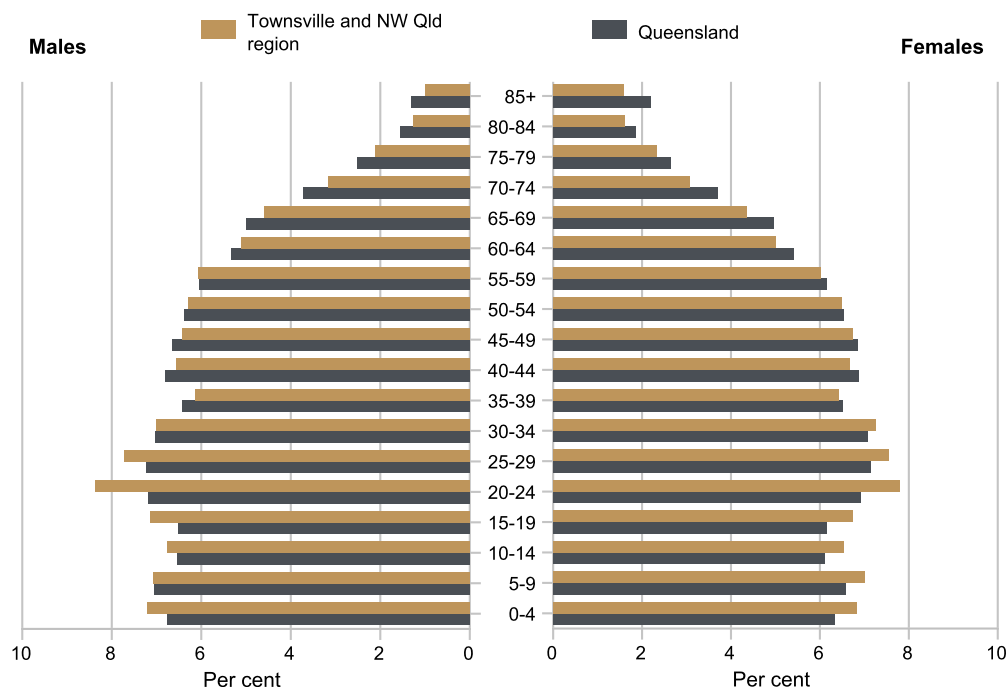
Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2018 edition (medium series)

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

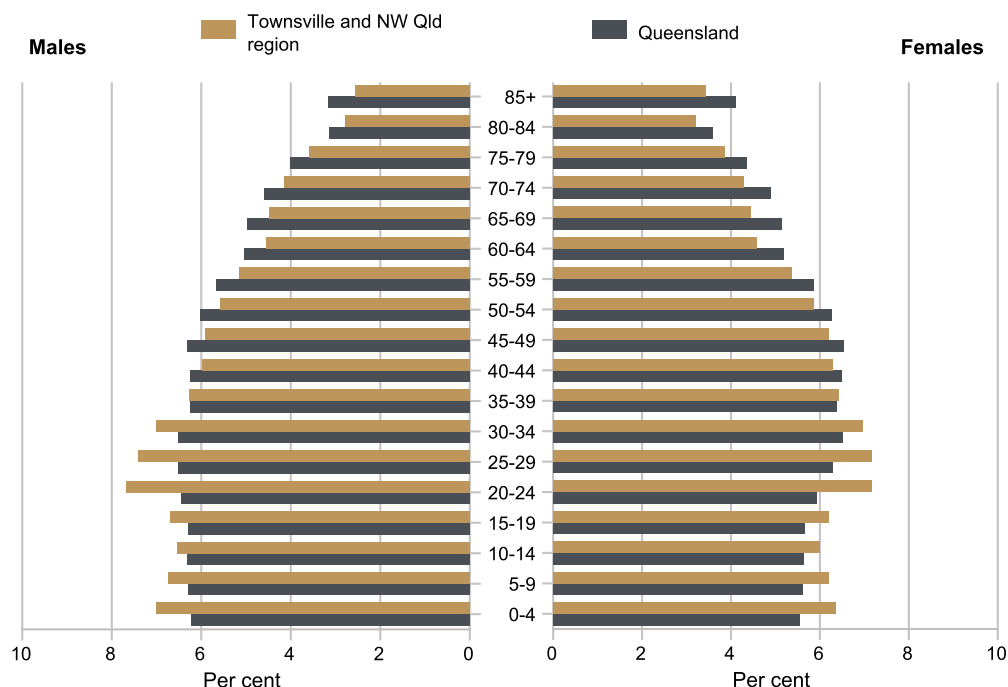
Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2018 edition (medium series)

**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.

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 2021 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

# 11.1%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 29,543 persons (or 11.1%) 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 91.4%

### Queensland

- 237,303 persons (or 4.6%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

**Table 6 Indigenous status by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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>23,803</b>      | <b>2,407</b>           | <b>3,321</b>        | <b>29,543</b>  | <b>11.1</b> | <b>215,182</b>         | <b>81.2</b> | <b>265,119</b>               |
| Boulia (S)                          | 140                | 0                      | 0                   | 138            | 30.1        | 275                    | 60.0        | 458                          |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 847                | 98                     | 150                 | 1,097          | 6.6         | 14,162                 | 84.8        | 16,692                       |
| Burke (S)                           | 121                | 6                      | 18                  | 136            | 32.5        | 190                    | 45.3        | 419                          |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 794                | 14                     | 55                  | 871            | 41.7        | 1,021                  | 48.9        | 2,090                        |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 993                | 62                     | 89                  | 1,143          | 9.7         | 9,115                  | 77.3        | 11,794                       |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 822                | 17                     | 26                  | 868            | 23.8        | 2,235                  | 61.3        | 3,644                        |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 1,236              | 0                      | 3                   | 1,238          | 89.3        | 96                     | 6.9         | 1,387                        |
| Flinders (S)                        | 150                | 3                      | 11                  | 169            | 11.3        | 1,155                  | 77.0        | 1,500                        |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 605                | 48                     | 93                  | 756            | 6.9         | 9,333                  | 85.5        | 10,920                       |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 36                 | 3                      | 3                   | 43             | 5.1         | 628                    | 75.1        | 836                          |
| Mornington (S)                      | 814                | 3                      | 5                   | 822            | 80.2        | 122                    | 11.9        | 1,025                        |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 3,749              | 89                     | 183                 | 4,020          | 21.5        | 13,107                 | 70.0        | 18,727                       |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 1,521              | 19                     | 379                 | 1,918          | 91.4        | 93                     | 4.4         | 2,098                        |
| Richmond (S)                        | 55                 | 0                      | 0                   | 55             | 7.2         | 585                    | 76.9        | 761                          |
| Townsville (C)                      | 11,920             | 2,045                  | 2,306               | 16,269         | 8.4         | 163,065                | 84.6        | 192,768                      |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>193,405</b>     | <b>21,772</b>          | <b>22,122</b>       | <b>237,303</b> | <b>4.6</b>  | <b>4,635,042</b>       | <b>89.9</b> | <b>5,156,138</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, 2021, 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 2023.

The number of registered births in 2021 to mothers with a usual residence in Townsville and NW Qld region was

# 3,688 births

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 3,688 registered births in 2021
- 1,798 registered deaths
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest crude birth rate with 27.1 births per 1,000 population

### Queensland

- 64,111 registered births in 2021
- 33,858 registered deaths

**Table 7 Registered births and deaths by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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>3,688</b>  | <b>13.7</b>         | <b>1,798</b>  | <b>6.7</b>          | <b>1,890</b>     |
| Boulia (S)                          | 12            | 25.5                | 3             | 6.4                 | 9                |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 189           | 11.2                | 172           | 10.2                | 17               |
| Burke (S)                           | 3             | 7.0                 | 0             | 0.0                 | 3                |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 37            | 17.1                | 20            | 9.3                 | 17               |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 126           | 10.6                | 127           | 10.7                | -1               |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 50            | 13.5                | 19            | 5.1                 | 31               |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 23            | 16.0                | 8             | 5.6                 | 15               |
| Flinders (S)                        | 33            | 21.7                | 15            | 9.9                 | 18               |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 106           | 9.6                 | 113           | 10.3                | -7               |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 15            | 17.9                | 4             | 4.8                 | 11               |
| Mornington (S)                      | 27            | 25.4                | 6             | 5.7                 | 21               |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 370           | 19.2                | 97            | 5.0                 | 273              |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 59            | 27.1                | 13            | 6.0                 | 46               |
| Richmond (S)                        | 12            | 15.6                | 3             | 3.9                 | 9                |
| Townsville (C)                      | 2,626         | 13.4                | 1,198         | 6.1                 | 1,428            |
| <b>Queensland<sup>(b)</sup></b>     | <b>64,111</b> | <b>12.3</b>         | <b>33,858</b> | <b>6.5</b>          | <b>30,253</b>    |

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

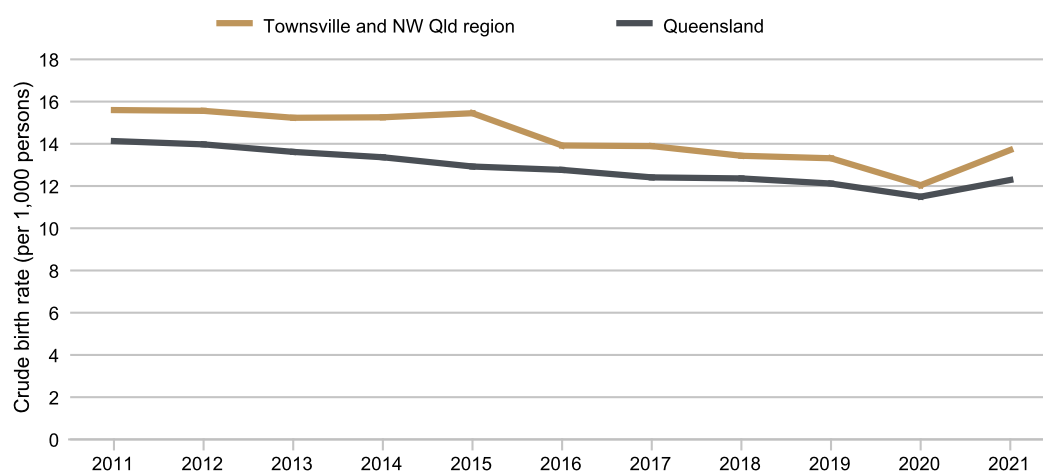
(a) Crude rate per 1,000 persons.

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

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



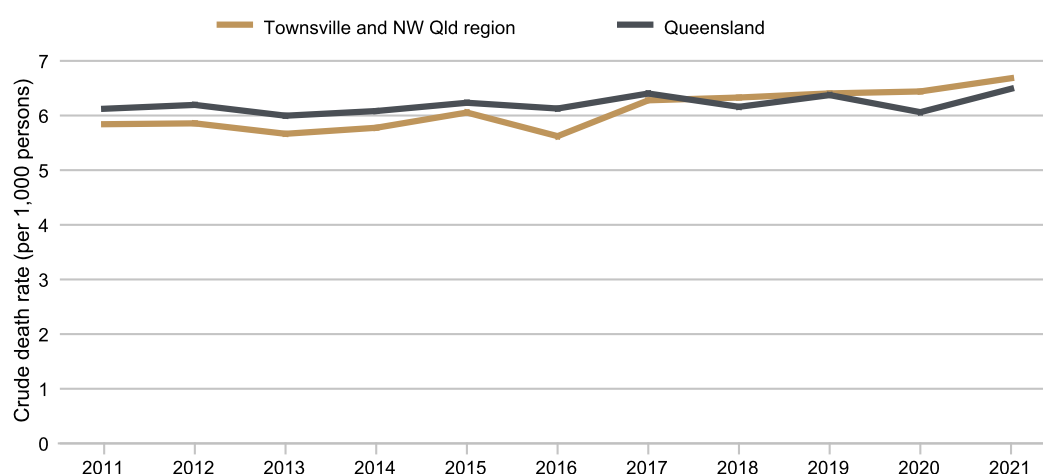
**Figure 6 Crude birth rate, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland<sup>(a)</sup>**



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

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

**Figure 7 Crude death rate, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland<sup>(a)</sup>**



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

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

## Migration 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with their usual address one year earlier (i.e. 10 August 2020). 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

# 16.4%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 195,656 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 42,911 persons (or 16.4%) usually resided in a different address one year ago
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address one year ago with 19.0%

### Queensland

- 3,909,222 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 868,358 persons (or 17.0%) 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, 2021**

| 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>195,656</b>   | <b>35,894</b>     | <b>4,929</b>      | <b>1,195</b>  | <b>42,911</b>        | <b>16.4</b>                       | <b>262,181</b>               |
| Boulia (S)                          | 317              | 42                | 26                | 0             | 69                   | 15.4                              | 448                          |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 12,831           | 1,714             | 210               | 87            | 2,037                | 12.3                              | 16,534                       |
| Burke (S)                           | 274              | 43                | 13                | 0             | 58                   | 14.1                              | 410                          |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 1,487            | 252               | 60                | 0             | 322                  | 15.6                              | 2,066                        |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 8,430            | 1,417             | 133               | 21            | 1,625                | 13.9                              | 11,699                       |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 2,336            | 576               | 64                | 10            | 675                  | 18.8                              | 3,599                        |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 1,161            | 120               | 17                | 4             | 145                  | 10.6                              | 1,363                        |
| Flinders (S)                        | 1,064            | 193               | 17                | 6             | 225                  | 15.2                              | 1,480                        |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 8,686            | 1,028             | 121               | 12            | 1,186                | 10.9                              | 10,853                       |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 515              | 97                | 38                | 5             | 145                  | 17.7                              | 821                          |
| Mornington (S)                      | 794              | 128               | 3                 | 3             | 133                  | 13.0                              | 1,024                        |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 13,053           | 2,899             | 343               | 150           | 3,495                | 19.0                              | 18,427                       |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 1,831            | 105               | 7                 | 0             | 113                  | 5.5                               | 2,068                        |
| Richmond (S)                        | 517              | 86                | 10                | 0             | 102                  | 13.5                              | 753                          |
| Townsville (C)                      | 142,360          | 27,194            | 3,867             | 897           | 32,581               | 17.1                              | 190,636                      |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>3,909,222</b> | <b>719,541</b>    | <b>97,770</b>     | <b>34,773</b> | <b>868,358</b>       | <b>17.0</b>                       | <b>5,100,249</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, 2021, General Community Profile - G44*

## Migration 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with their usual address five years earlier (i.e. 10 August 2016). 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

# 40.4%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 124,479 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 100,669 persons (or 40.4%) usually resided in a different address five years ago
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address five years ago with 43.3%

### Queensland

- 2,348,035 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 2,178,913 persons (or 44.8%) 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, 2021**

| 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>124,479</b>   | <b>78,194</b>     | <b>13,616</b>     | <b>6,187</b>   | <b>100,669</b>       | <b>40.4</b>                       | <b>249,456</b>               |
| Boulia (S)                          | 207              | 107               | 42                | 3              | 156                  | 37.6                              | 415                          |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 9,621            | 3,695             | 413               | 376            | 4,563                | 28.7                              | 15,872                       |
| Burke (S)                           | 181              | 87                | 31                | 8              | 128                  | 32.4                              | 395                          |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 968              | 528               | 126               | 21             | 696                  | 35.9                              | 1,941                        |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 5,750            | 3,200             | 347               | 149            | 3,816                | 33.9                              | 11,260                       |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 1,401            | 1,100             | 160               | 87             | 1,383                | 40.9                              | 3,380                        |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 867              | 234               | 31                | 17             | 282                  | 22.8                              | 1,239                        |
| Flinders (S)                        | 747              | 378               | 37                | 12             | 442                  | 31.9                              | 1,385                        |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 6,674            | 2,380             | 273               | 85             | 2,811                | 26.8                              | 10,477                       |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 348              | 207               | 47                | 7              | 268                  | 34.9                              | 769                          |
| Mornington (S)                      | 537              | 185               | 18                | 9              | 210                  | 21.8                              | 965                          |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 7,781            | 5,871             | 729               | 630            | 7,444                | 43.3                              | 17,187                       |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 1,482            | 248               | 4                 | 9              | 267                  | 14.1                              | 1,892                        |
| Richmond (S)                        | 322              | 200               | 35                | 11             | 257                  | 36.6                              | 702                          |
| Townsville (C)                      | 87,593           | 59,774            | 11,323            | 4,763          | 77,946               | 42.9                              | 181,577                      |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>2,348,035</b> | <b>1,635,871</b>  | <b>276,658</b>    | <b>215,572</b> | <b>2,178,913</b>     | <b>44.8</b>                       | <b>4,863,678</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, 2021, General Community Profile - G45*

## Country of birth

Country of birth has been derived from the 2021 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. England (2.1%)                  | 1. Philippines (1.1%)      |
| 2. New Zealand (2.1%)              | 2. India (0.8%)            |
| 3. South Africa (0.5%)             | 3. Papua New Guinea (0.4%) |
| 4. Scotland (0.3%)                 | 4. Italy (0.4%)            |
| 5. United States of America (0.3%) | 5. Germany (0.3%)          |

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 34,108 persons (or 12.9%) were born overseas
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of persons born overseas with 27,077
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the largest percentage of persons born overseas with 16.3%

### Queensland

- 1,170,334 persons (or 22.7%) were born overseas

**Table 10 Country of birth by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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                       |
| Townsville and NW Qld region | 209,249                          | 78.9 | 15,121                               | 5.7  | 18,902                                | 7.1  | 34,108               | 12.9 | 265,119                      |
| Boulia (S)                   | 373                              | 81.4 | 22                                   | 4.8  | 0                                     | 0.0  | 21                   | 4.6  | 458                          |
| Burdekin (S)                 | 13,604                           | 81.5 | 517                                  | 3.1  | 979                                   | 5.9  | 1,502                | 9.0  | 16,692                       |
| Burke (S)                    | 303                              | 72.3 | 4                                    | 1.0  | 14                                    | 3.3  | 27                   | 6.4  | 419                          |
| Carpentaria (S)              | 1,694                            | 81.1 | 47                                   | 2.2  | 80                                    | 3.8  | 134                  | 6.4  | 2,090                        |
| Charters Towers (R)          | 9,411                            | 79.8 | 410                                  | 3.5  | 319                                   | 2.7  | 735                  | 6.2  | 11,794                       |
| Cloncurry (S)                | 2,742                            | 75.2 | 157                                  | 4.3  | 151                                   | 4.1  | 309                  | 8.5  | 3,644                        |
| Doomadgee (S)                | 1,301                            | 93.8 | 4                                    | 0.3  | 25                                    | 1.8  | 37                   | 2.7  | 1,387                        |
| Flinders (S)                 | 1,212                            | 80.8 | 48                                   | 3.2  | 24                                    | 1.6  | 92                   | 6.1  | 1,500                        |
| Hinchinbrook (S)             | 8,978                            | 82.2 | 352                                  | 3.2  | 646                                   | 5.9  | 992                  | 9.1  | 10,920                       |
| McKinlay (S)                 | 642                              | 76.8 | 28                                   | 3.3  | 5                                     | 0.6  | 34                   | 4.1  | 836                          |
| Mornington (S)               | 897                              | 87.5 | 15                                   | 1.5  | 12                                    | 1.2  | 30                   | 2.9  | 1,025                        |
| Mount Isa (C)                | 13,848                           | 73.9 | 1,344                                | 7.2  | 1,707                                 | 9.1  | 3,052                | 16.3 | 18,727                       |
| Palm Island (S)              | 1,969                            | 93.9 | 14                                   | 0.7  | 10                                    | 0.5  | 35                   | 1.7  | 2,098                        |
| Richmond (S)                 | 602                              | 79.1 | 16                                   | 2.1  | 9                                     | 1.2  | 31                   | 4.1  | 761                          |
| Townsville (C)               | 151,673                          | 78.7 | 12,143                               | 6.3  | 14,921                                | 7.7  | 27,077               | 14.0 | 192,768                      |
| Queensland                   | 3,680,014                        | 71.4 | 524,705                              | 10.2 | 645,628                               | 12.5 | 1,170,334            | 22.7 | 5,156,138                    |

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Australia', '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, 2021, General Community Profile - G01 and G09*

## Proficiency in spoken English

Proficiency in spoken English has been derived from the 2021 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 (0.9%)
2. Australian Indigenous Languages (0.8%)
3. Indo Aryan Languages (0.7%)
4. Italian (0.5%)
5. Chinese Languages (0.4%)

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 21,586 persons (or 8.1%) 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 16,025
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who stated they spoke a language other than English at home with 41.1%

### Queensland

- 696,056 persons (or 13.5%) 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, 2021**

| Custom region / LGA / State  | Speaks English only |      | Speaks other language at home and speaks English |      |                        |     |         |      | Persons(a) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------|--|------|------------------------|-----|---------|------|------------|
|                              |                     |      | Very well or well                                |      | Not well or not at all |     | Total   |      |            |
|                              | number              | %    | number   | %    | number                 | %   | number  | %    | number     |
| Townsville and NW Qld region | 221,317             | 83.5 | 19,408   | 7.3  | 2,184                  | 0.8 | 21,586  | 8.1  | 265,119    |
| Boulia (S)                   | 384                 | 83.8 | 18   | 3.9  | 0                      | 0.0 | 20      | 4.4  | 458        |
| Burdekin (S)                 | 14,142              | 84.7 | 919  | 5.5  | 168                    | 1.0 | 1,091   | 6.5  | 16,692     |
| Burke (S)                    | 315                 | 75.2 | 21   | 5.0  | 0                      | 0.0 | 21      | 5.0  | 419        |
| Carpentaria (S)              | 1,766               | 84.5 | 90   | 4.3  | 5                      | 0.2 | 89      | 4.3  | 2,090      |
| Charters Towers (R)          | 9,959               | 84.4 | 317  | 2.7  | 14                     | 0.1 | 331     | 2.8  | 11,794     |
| Cloncurry (S)                | 2,925               | 80.3 | 156  | 4.3  | 8                      | 0.2 | 162     | 4.4  | 3,644      |
| Doomadgee (S)                | 1,290               | 93.0 | 48   | 3.5  | 5                      | 0.4 | 46      | 3.3  | 1,387      |
| Flinders (S)                 | 1,275               | 85.0 | 35   | 2.3  | 3                      | 0.2 | 40      | 2.7  | 1,500      |
| Hinchinbrook (S)             | 9,487               | 86.9 | 526  | 4.8  | 79                     | 0.7 | 605     | 5.5  | 10,920     |
| McKinlay (S)                 | 660                 | 78.9 | 10   | 1.2  | 0                      | 0.0 | 10      | 1.2  | 836        |
| Mornington (S)               | 575                 | 56.1 | 343  | 33.5 | 0                      | 0.0 | 348     | 34.0 | 1,025      |
| Mount Isa (C)                | 15,027              | 80.2 | 1,798  | 9.6  | 135                    | 0.7 | 1,927   | 10.3 | 18,727     |
| Palm Island (S)              | 1,114               | 53.1 | 809  | 38.6 | 56                     | 2.7 | 862     | 41.1 | 2,098      |
| Richmond (S)                 | 624                 | 82.0 | 9  | 1.2  | 0                      | 0.0 | 9       | 1.2  | 761        |
| Townsville (C)               | 161,774             | 83.9 | 14,309   | 7.4  | 1,711                  | 0.9 | 16,025  | 8.3  | 192,768    |
| Queensland                   | 4,151,206           | 80.5 | 605,200  | 11.7 | 90,855                 | 1.8 | 696,056 | 13.5 | 5,156,138  |

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, 2021, General Community Profile - G13*

## Religious affiliation

Religious affiliation has been derived from the 2021 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. No Religion (37.4%)
2. Catholic (23.9%)
3. Anglican (11.4%)
4. Uniting Church (4.1%)
5. nfd (2.3%)

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 131,358 persons (or 49.5%) 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 76.2%

### Queensland

- 2,357,398 persons (or 45.7%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion

**Table 12 Religious affiliation by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Custom region / LGA / State  | Religious affiliation |      |                      |      |             |      | Total <sup>(b)</sup> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------------|------|-------------|------|----------------------|
|                              | Christianity          |      | Other <sup>(a)</sup> |      | No religion |      |                      |
|                              | number                | %    | number               | %    | number      | %    |                      |
| Townsville and NW Qld region | 131,358               | 49.5 | 6,529                | 2.5  | 99,240      | 37.4 | 265,119              |
| Boulia (S)                   | 233                   | 50.9 | 6                    | 1.3  | 150         | 32.8 | 458                  |
| Burdekin (S)                 | 10,923                | 65.4 | 202                  | 1.2  | 3,799       | 22.8 | 16,692               |
| Burke (S)                    | 156                   | 37.2 | 4                    | 1.0  | 160         | 38.2 | 419                  |
| Carpentaria (S)              | 906                   | 43.3 | 32                   | 1.5  | 860         | 41.1 | 2,090                |
| Charters Towers (R)          | 5,942                 | 50.4 | 121                  | 1.0  | 3,882       | 32.9 | 11,794               |
| Cloncurry (S)                | 1,687                 | 46.3 | 50                   | 1.4  | 1,267       | 34.8 | 3,644                |
| Doomadgee (S)                | 569                   | 41.0 | 89                   | 6.4  | 653         | 47.1 | 1,387                |
| Flinders (S)                 | 817                   | 54.5 | 31                   | 2.1  | 447         | 29.8 | 1,500                |
| Hinchinbrook (S)             | 7,453                 | 68.3 | 82                   | 0.8  | 2,322       | 21.3 | 10,920               |
| McKinlay (S)                 | 438                   | 52.4 | 0                    | 0.0  | 227         | 27.2 | 836                  |
| Mornington (S)               | 236                   | 23.0 | 219                  | 21.4 | 439         | 42.8 | 1,025                |
| Mount Isa (C)                | 8,555                 | 45.7 | 440                  | 2.3  | 7,538       | 40.3 | 18,727               |
| Palm Island (S)              | 1,599                 | 76.2 | 9                    | 0.4  | 338         | 16.1 | 2,098                |
| Richmond (S)                 | 433                   | 56.9 | 7                    | 0.9  | 179         | 23.5 | 761                  |
| Townsville (C)               | 91,411                | 47.4 | 5,237                | 2.7  | 76,979      | 39.9 | 192,768              |
| Queensland                   | 2,357,398             | 45.7 | 258,850              | 5.0  | 2,099,765   | 40.7 | 5,156,138            |

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

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

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G14*



## Family composition

In the context of the 2021 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

# 39.1%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 67,441 families
- 39.1% of total families were couple families with children
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of couple families with children with 19,767
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of one-parent families with 41.6%

### Queensland

- 1,366,657 families
- 41.2% of total families were couple families with children

**Table 13 Family composition<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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>27,380</b>                  | <b>40.6</b> | <b>26,393</b>               | <b>39.1</b> | <b>12,432</b>     | <b>18.4</b> | <b>67,441</b>        |
| Boulia (S)                          | 38                             | 41.3        | 35                          | 38.0        | 22                | 23.9        | 92                   |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 2,120                          | 48.0        | 1,609                       | 36.4        | 619               | 14.0        | 4,417                |
| Burke (S)                           | 41                             | 55.4        | 26                          | 35.1        | 6                 | 8.1         | 74                   |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 186                            | 39.7        | 143                         | 30.6        | 121               | 25.9        | 468                  |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 1,262                          | 45.0        | 945                         | 33.7        | 533               | 19.0        | 2,802                |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 262                            | 38.0        | 291                         | 42.2        | 116               | 16.8        | 689                  |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 53                             | 17.4        | 150                         | 49.2        | 83                | 27.2        | 305                  |
| Flinders (S)                        | 165                            | 48.0        | 129                         | 37.5        | 42                | 12.2        | 344                  |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 1,608                          | 53.9        | 929                         | 31.2        | 413               | 13.9        | 2,981                |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 63                             | 40.4        | 79                          | 50.6        | 13                | 8.3         | 156                  |
| Mornington (S)                      | 46                             | 22.0        | 85                          | 40.7        | 71                | 34.0        | 209                  |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 1,541                          | 34.3        | 1,974                       | 43.9        | 897               | 19.9        | 4,498                |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 76                             | 16.9        | 157                         | 34.9        | 187               | 41.6        | 450                  |
| Richmond (S)                        | 84                             | 46.9        | 74                          | 41.3        | 18                | 10.1        | 179                  |
| Townsville (C)                      | 19,835                         | 39.8        | 19,767                      | 39.7        | 9,291             | 18.7        | 49,777               |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>551,069</b>                 | <b>40.3</b> | <b>563,327</b>              | <b>41.2</b> | <b>230,026</b>    | <b>16.8</b> | <b>1,366,657</b>     |

(a) Includes same-sex couple families.

(b) Includes other families.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G29*

## Household composition

In the context of the 2021 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

**67.2%**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 95,241 households
- 67.2% of total households were one family households
- Within the region, Richmond (S) LGA had the largest percentage of one family households (70.4%)

### Queensland

- 1,869,462 households
- 69.0% of total households were one family households

**Table 14 Household composition by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | One family households |             | Multiple family households |            | Group households |            | Lone person households |             | Total households <sup>(a)</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
|                                     | number                | %           | number                     | %          | number           | %          | number                 | %           | number                          |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>64,007</b>         | <b>67.2</b> | <b>1,674</b>               | <b>1.8</b> | <b>3,829</b>     | <b>4.0</b> | <b>25,746</b>          | <b>27.0</b> | <b>95,241</b>                   |
| Boulia (S)                          | 87                    | 60.4        | 4                          | 2.8        | 3                | 2.1        | 49                     | 34.0        | 144                             |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 4,278                 | 66.9        | 66                         | 1.0        | 154              | 2.4        | 1,896                  | 29.6        | 6,396                           |
| Burke (S)                           | 70                    | 57.9        | 0                          | 0.0        | 0                | 0.0        | 51                     | 42.1        | 121                             |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 419                   | 62.4        | 25                         | 3.7        | 21               | 3.1        | 208                    | 31.0        | 672                             |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 2,663                 | 65.3        | 67                         | 1.6        | 118              | 2.9        | 1,236                  | 30.3        | 4,081                           |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 667                   | 63.1        | 13                         | 1.2        | 38               | 3.6        | 344                    | 32.5        | 1,057                           |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 193                   | 67.7        | 49                         | 17.2       | 10               | 3.5        | 36                     | 12.6        | 285                             |
| Flinders (S)                        | 331                   | 60.7        | 4                          | 0.7        | 19               | 3.5        | 188                    | 34.5        | 545                             |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 2,903                 | 65.6        | 39                         | 0.9        | 94               | 2.1        | 1,386                  | 31.3        | 4,426                           |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 146                   | 61.3        | 6                          | 2.5        | 6                | 2.5        | 86                     | 36.1        | 238                             |
| Mornington (S)                      | 140                   | 59.8        | 33                         | 14.1       | 7                | 3.0        | 56                     | 23.9        | 234                             |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 4,233                 | 66.0        | 128                        | 2.0        | 250              | 3.9        | 1,809                  | 28.2        | 6,416                           |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 315                   | 64.2        | 65                         | 13.2       | 18               | 3.7        | 105                    | 21.4        | 491                             |
| Richmond (S)                        | 171                   | 70.4        | 4                          | 1.6        | 4                | 1.6        | 61                     | 25.1        | 243                             |
| Townsville (C)                      | 47,391                | 67.8        | 1,171                      | 1.7        | 3,087            | 4.4        | 18,235                 | 26.1        | 69,892                          |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>1,290,613</b>      | <b>69.0</b> | <b>37,257</b>              | <b>2.0</b> | <b>80,576</b>    | <b>4.3</b> | <b>461,009</b>         | <b>24.7</b> | <b>1,869,462</b>                |

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 2021 Census of Population and Housing. Dwelling structure data is sourced from the ABS Address Register, and in some cases derived using additional information provided by Census field officers and building approvals data. This data is based on occupied private dwellings.

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

# 81.8%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 77,899 occupied private dwellings (or 81.8%) were separate houses
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of separate houses with 56,674
- Within the region, Cloncurry (S) LGA had the largest percentage of apartments with 10.1%

### Queensland

- 1,397,920 occupied private dwellings (or 74.8%) were separate houses

**Table 15 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by dwelling structure and LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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               | %          |                      |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>77,899</b>    | <b>81.8</b> | <b>10,031</b>                | <b>10.5</b> | <b>5,600</b>             | <b>5.9</b>  | <b>882</b>             | <b>0.9</b> | <b>298</b>           | <b>0.3</b> | <b>95,241</b>        |
| Boulia (S)                          | 115              | 79.9        | 8                            | 5.6         | 7                        | 4.9         | 8                      | 5.6        | 5                    | 3.5        | 144                  |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 5,655            | 88.4        | 549                          | 8.6         | 36                       | 0.6         | 87                     | 1.4        | 16                   | 0.3        | 6,396                |
| Burke (S)                           | 73               | 60.3        | 0                            | 0.0         | 6                        | 5.0         | 36                     | 29.8       | 0                    | 0.0        | 121                  |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 516              | 76.8        | 11                           | 1.6         | 56                       | 8.3         | 67                     | 10.0       | 0                    | 0.0        | 672                  |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 3,591            | 88.0        | 355                          | 8.7         | 13                       | 0.3         | 78                     | 1.9        | 17                   | 0.4        | 4,081                |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 848              | 80.2        | 24                           | 2.3         | 107                      | 10.1        | 55                     | 5.2        | 9                    | 0.9        | 1,057                |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 254              | 89.1        | 3                            | 1.1         | 22                       | 7.7         | 0                      | 0.0        | 0                    | 0.0        | 285                  |
| Flinders (S)                        | 420              | 77.1        | 81                           | 14.9        | 3                        | 0.6         | 3                      | 0.6        | 0                    | 0.0        | 545                  |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 4,009            | 90.6        | 200                          | 4.5         | 134                      | 3.0         | 31                     | 0.7        | 22                   | 0.5        | 4,426                |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 190              | 79.8        | 4                            | 1.7         | 0                        | 0.0         | 0                      | 0.0        | 0                    | 0.0        | 238                  |
| Mornington (S)                      | 86               | 36.8        | 135                          | 57.7        | 6                        | 2.6         | 0                      | 0.0        | 0                    | 0.0        | 234                  |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 4,832            | 75.3        | 1,004                        | 15.6        | 265                      | 4.1         | 116                    | 1.8        | 155                  | 2.4        | 6,416                |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 427              | 87.0        | 3                            | 0.6         | 40                       | 8.1         | 0                      | 0.0        | 11                   | 2.2        | 491                  |
| Richmond (S)                        | 209              | 86.0        | 0                            | 0.0         | 0                        | 0.0         | 0                      | 0.0        | 0                    | 0.0        | 243                  |
| Townsville (C)                      | 56,674           | 81.1        | 7,654                        | 11.0        | 4,905                    | 7.0         | 401                    | 0.6        | 63                   | 0.1        | 69,892               |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>1,397,920</b> | <b>74.8</b> | <b>218,546</b>               | <b>11.7</b> | <b>233,531</b>           | <b>12.5</b> | <b>11,242</b>          | <b>0.6</b> | <b>2,281</b>         | <b>0.1</b> | <b>1,869,462</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, 2021, General Community Profile - G36*

## 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 2021, 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

# 26.9%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 25,646 occupied private dwellings (or 26.9%) were fully owned
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of fully owned dwellings with 17,274
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of rented dwellings with 92.5%

### Queensland

- 543,285 occupied private dwellings (or 29.1%) were fully owned

**Table 16 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by tenure type and LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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               | %          |                      |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>25,646</b>  | <b>26.9</b> | <b>31,193</b>                  | <b>32.8</b> | <b>34,360</b>         | <b>36.1</b> | <b>2,149</b>         | <b>2.3</b> | <b>95,241</b>        |
| Boulia (S)                          | 44             | 30.6        | 12                             | 8.3         | 56                    | 38.9        | 21                   | 14.6       | 144                  |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 2,736          | 42.8        | 1,705                          | 26.7        | 1,605                 | 25.1        | 167                  | 2.6        | 6,396                |
| Burke (S)                           | 33             | 27.3        | 8                              | 6.6         | 45                    | 37.2        | 20                   | 16.5       | 121                  |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 192            | 28.6        | 58                             | 8.6         | 327                   | 48.7        | 61                   | 9.1        | 672                  |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 1,522          | 37.3        | 1,153                          | 28.3        | 1,109                 | 27.2        | 178                  | 4.4        | 4,081                |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 229            | 21.7        | 206                            | 19.5        | 456                   | 43.1        | 110                  | 10.4       | 1,057                |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0              | 0.0         | 0                              | 0.0         | 259                   | 90.9        | 21                   | 7.4        | 285                  |
| Flinders (S)                        | 218            | 40.0        | 110                            | 20.2        | 166                   | 30.5        | 33                   | 6.1        | 545                  |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 2,157          | 48.7        | 960                            | 21.7        | 1,047                 | 23.7        | 144                  | 3.3        | 4,426                |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 94             | 39.5        | 38                             | 16.0        | 62                    | 26.1        | 36                   | 15.1       | 238                  |
| Mornington (S)                      | 0              | 0.0         | 0                              | 0.0         | 216                   | 92.3        | 16                   | 6.8        | 234                  |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 1,052          | 16.4        | 1,910                          | 29.8        | 2,915                 | 45.4        | 257                  | 4.0        | 6,416                |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 7              | 1.4         | 0                              | 0.0         | 454                   | 92.5        | 16                   | 3.3        | 491                  |
| Richmond (S)                        | 88             | 36.2        | 52                             | 21.4        | 57                    | 23.5        | 32                   | 13.2       | 243                  |
| Townsville (C)                      | 17,274         | 24.7        | 24,981                         | 35.7        | 25,586                | 36.6        | 1,037                | 1.5        | 69,892               |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>543,285</b> | <b>29.1</b> | <b>643,459</b>                 | <b>34.4</b> | <b>618,442</b>        | <b>33.1</b> | <b>35,170</b>        | <b>1.9</b> | <b>1,869,462</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, community housing provider, other and not stated.

(d) Includes dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme and occupied rent-free.

(e) Includes tenure type not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G37*

## 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(a)     | 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 2021. 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

# 19.8%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 5.9% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 19.8% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles
- Within the region, Mornington (S) LGA had the highest percentage of dwellings which had no motor vehicles with 50.0%
- Within the region, Richmond (S) LGA had the highest percentage of dwellings which had 3 or more motor vehicles with 31.3%

### Queensland

- 5.7% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 20.0% 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, 2021**

| 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>5,644</b>      | <b>5.9</b> | <b>32,473</b>   | <b>34.1</b> | <b>36,425</b>    | <b>38.2</b> | <b>18,835</b>            | <b>19.8</b> | <b>95,241</b>                  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 17                | 11.8       | 53              | 36.8        | 28               | 19.4        | 30                       | 20.8        | 144                            |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 323               | 5.1        | 2,016           | 31.5        | 2,434            | 38.1        | 1,464                    | 22.9        | 6,396                          |
| Burke (S)                           | 17                | 14.0       | 41              | 33.9        | 40               | 33.1        | 27                       | 22.3        | 121                            |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 69                | 10.3       | 275             | 40.9        | 186              | 27.7        | 113                      | 16.8        | 672                            |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 222               | 5.4        | 1,424           | 34.9        | 1,415            | 34.7        | 902                      | 22.1        | 4,081                          |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 97                | 9.2        | 361             | 34.2        | 330              | 31.2        | 216                      | 20.4        | 1,057                          |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 100               | 35.1       | 117             | 41.1        | 35               | 12.3        | 25                       | 8.8         | 285                            |
| Flinders (S)                        | 35                | 6.4        | 183             | 33.6        | 164              | 30.1        | 146                      | 26.8        | 545                            |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 235               | 5.3        | 1,455           | 32.9        | 1,650            | 37.3        | 974                      | 22.0        | 4,426                          |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 8                 | 3.4        | 73              | 30.7        | 71               | 29.8        | 73                       | 30.7        | 238                            |
| Mornington (S)                      | 117               | 50.0       | 67              | 28.6        | 37               | 15.8        | 11                       | 4.7         | 234                            |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 470               | 7.3        | 2,100           | 32.7        | 2,390            | 37.3        | 1,181                    | 18.4        | 6,416                          |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 235               | 47.9       | 172             | 35.0        | 57               | 11.6        | 14                       | 2.9         | 491                            |
| Richmond (S)                        | 7                 | 2.9        | 65              | 26.7        | 84               | 34.6        | 76                       | 31.3        | 243                            |
| Townsville (C)                      | 3,692             | 5.3        | 24,071          | 34.4        | 27,504           | 39.4        | 13,583                   | 19.4        | 69,892                         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>106,309</b>    | <b>5.7</b> | <b>658,705</b>  | <b>35.2</b> | <b>701,752</b>   | <b>37.5</b> | <b>373,952</b>           | <b>20.0</b> | <b>1,869,462</b>               |

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

(b) Excludes motorbikes, motor scooters and heavy vehicles.

(c) Includes number of motor vehicles not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G34*



# 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 March 2023.

The number of recipients of the Age pension in Townsville and NW Qld region as at September quarter 2022 was

# 23,809 recipients

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 23,809 recipients of the Age pension as at September quarter 2022
- 8,460 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 11,740 recipients of Jobseeker
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of recipients of Jobseeker with 7,612 recipients

### Queensland

- 515,673 recipients of the Age pension as at September quarter 2022
- 165,713 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 172,990 recipients of Jobseeker

**Table 19 Department of Social Services payments<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, September quarter 2022**

| 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>23,809</b>  | <b>60.1</b>         | <b>n.a.</b>     | <b>n.a.</b>         | <b>8,460</b>               | <b>4.0</b>          | <b>17,507</b>        | <b>65.0</b>         | <b>11,740</b>  | <b>7.8</b>          |
| Boulia (S)                          | 12             | 24.5                | 6               | 1.8                 | 9                          | 2.7                 | 31                   | 71.1                | 38             | 14.7                |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 2,370          | 60.6                | 469             | 3.4                 | 593                        | 4.3                 | 917                  | 65.0                | 652            | 7.4                 |
| Burke (S)                           | 20             | 37.7                | <5              | n.a.                | 6                          | 1.6                 | 16                   | 73.5                | 31             | 11.4                |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 136            | 46.3                | 24              | 1.5                 | 60                         | 3.7                 | 189                  | 92.3                | 201            | 17.2                |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 1,543          | 61.7                | 287             | 3.1                 | 437                        | 4.7                 | 748                  | 74.2                | 532            | 9.0                 |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 145            | 42.0                | 35              | 1.2                 | 59                         | 2.0                 | 196                  | 62.2                | 164            | 7.1                 |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 25             | 100.0               | 14              | 1.4                 | 58                         | 5.8                 | 247                  | 118.0               | 330            | 40.9                |
| Flinders (S)                        | 166            | 49.0                | 28              | 2.3                 | 44                         | 3.7                 | 92                   | 78.1                | 54             | 7.1                 |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 1,929          | 61.3                | 374             | 4.1                 | 488                        | 5.3                 | 593                  | 74.5                | 471            | 8.7                 |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 34             | 48.6                | 7               | 1.0                 | 10                         | 1.4                 | 39                   | 50.3                | 12             | 2.1                 |
| Mornington (S)                      | 44             | 83.0                | 7               | 0.9                 | 36                         | 4.7                 | 155                  | 128.5               | 207            | 34.9                |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 819            | 53.9                | 215             | 1.5                 | 434                        | 3.0                 | 1,226                | 55.4                | 974            | 8.5                 |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 79             | 84.9                | 41              | 2.8                 | 95                         | 6.6                 | 337                  | 123.0               | 440            | 38.3                |
| Richmond (S)                        | 45             | 43.3                | 5               | 0.8                 | 14                         | 2.4                 | 52                   | 73.5                | 22             | 4.8                 |
| Townsville (C)                      | 16,442         | 60.7                | 5,057           | 3.3                 | 6,117                      | 3.9                 | 12,669               | 63.2                | 7,612          | 6.9                 |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>515,673</b> | <b>59.7</b>         | <b>130,532</b>  | <b>3.1</b>          | <b>165,713</b>             | <b>4.0</b>          | <b>314,482</b>       | <b>59.4</b>         | <b>172,990</b> | <b>5.9</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 2021. Person counts are based on estimated resident population (ERP).

(c) Rate per 100 persons aged 16 years and over, as at 30 June 2021. Person counts are based on ERP.

(d) Rate per 100 families with children under 15 years, as at 30 June 2021. Counts of families with children under 15 years are derived by Queensland Treasury using 2021 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 2021. Person counts are based on ERP.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G05*; ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G29*; ABS, *Regional population by age and sex, 2021*; 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 March 2023.

The number of regulated early childhood education and care services in Townsville and NW Qld region as at 31 August 2022 was

# 203 services

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 203 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 31 August 2022
- 111 long day care services
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of services with 144

### Queensland

- 3,200 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 31 August 2022
- 1,772 long day care services

**Table 20 Regulated early childhood education and care services by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 31 August 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>36</b>     | <b>111</b>    | <b>46</b>        | <b>1</b>           | <b>203</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               | 3             | 3             | 1                | 0                  | 7                    |
| 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               | 7             | 5             | 5                | 0                  | 18                   |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 0               | 2             | 1             | 0                | 0                  | 3                    |
| Richmond (S)                        | 0               | 0             | 1             | 1                | 0                  | 2                    |
| Townsville (C)                      | 6               | 13            | 86            | 37               | 1                  | 144                  |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>113</b>      | <b>502</b>    | <b>1,772</b>  | <b>789</b>       | <b>22</b>          | <b>3,200</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 2021 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

# 57.5%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 117,886 persons (or 57.5%) 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 61.3%
- Within the region, Mornington (S) LGA had the largest percentage whose highest level of schooling was Year 8 or below (or did not go to school) with 17.8%

### Queensland

- 2,554,330 persons (or 63.6%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)

**Table 21 Highest level of schooling completed by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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                      | %           | number               |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>10,481</b>                            | <b>5.1</b> | <b>56,644</b>              | <b>27.6</b> | <b>117,886</b>              | <b>57.5</b> | <b>205,064</b>       |
| Boulia (S)                          | 29                                       | 8.4        | 124                        | 36.0        | 153                         | 44.5        | 344                  |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 1,109                                    | 8.3        | 4,810                      | 35.8        | 6,029                       | 44.9        | 13,421               |
| Burke (S)                           | 16                                       | 4.5        | 89                         | 25.3        | 167                         | 47.4        | 352                  |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 140                                      | 8.6        | 650                        | 39.7        | 641                         | 39.2        | 1,636                |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 722                                      | 8.0        | 2,949                      | 32.9        | 3,889                       | 43.4        | 8,969                |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 164                                      | 5.7        | 748                        | 26.2        | 1,411                       | 49.4        | 2,859                |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 114                                      | 12.3       | 496                        | 53.5        | 269                         | 29.0        | 927                  |
| Flinders (S)                        | 110                                      | 9.2        | 364                        | 30.3        | 541                         | 45.1        | 1,200                |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 818                                      | 9.1        | 3,110                      | 34.7        | 4,119                       | 45.9        | 8,966                |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 33                                       | 4.9        | 181                        | 26.7        | 313                         | 46.2        | 678                  |
| Mornington (S)                      | 136                                      | 17.8       | 277                        | 36.3        | 266                         | 34.9        | 763                  |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 695                                      | 5.1        | 3,558                      | 25.9        | 7,818                       | 56.9        | 13,739               |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 165                                      | 11.7       | 534                        | 38.0        | 588                         | 41.8        | 1,407                |
| Richmond (S)                        | 43                                       | 7.1        | 186                        | 30.7        | 262                         | 43.3        | 605                  |
| Townsville (C)                      | 6,187                                    | 4.1        | 38,568                     | 25.9        | 91,420                      | 61.3        | 149,198              |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>178,101</b>                           | <b>4.4</b> | <b>989,350</b>             | <b>24.6</b> | <b>2,554,330</b>            | <b>63.6</b> | <b>4,017,211</b>     |

(a) Includes highest year of schooling not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G16*

## Non-school qualification

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 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

# 58.3%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 124,592 persons (or 58.3%) with a non-school qualification
- Within the region, McKinlay (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a non-school qualification with 62.1%

### Queensland

- 2,618,666 persons (or 62.5%) with a non-school qualification

**Table 22 Non-school qualifications<sup>(a)</sup> by level of education by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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                                      | %    | number        |
| Townsville and NW Qld region | 34,156                                   | 16.0 | 15,920                      | 7.4 | 50,974                     | 23.8 | 124,592                                     | 58.3 | 213,795       |
| Boulia (S)                   | 24                                       | 6.9  | 25                          | 7.2 | 77                         | 22.2 | 178   | 51.3 | 347           |
| Burdekin (S)                 | 1,265                                    | 9.1  | 782                         | 5.6 | 3,416                      | 24.5 | 7,120                                       | 51.1 | 13,927        |
| Burke (S)                    | 29                                       | 8.2  | 18                          | 5.1 | 70                         | 19.8 | 206   | 58.2 | 354           |
| Carpentaria (S)              | 133                                      | 8.1  | 82                          | 5.0 | 361                        | 22.0 | 811   | 49.4 | 1,643         |
| Charters Towers (R)          | 916                                      | 9.7  | 480                         | 5.1 | 2,021                      | 21.3 | 4,994                                       | 52.6 | 9,488         |
| Cloncurry (S)                | 329                                      | 11.2 | 158                         | 5.4 | 715                        | 24.4 | 1,759                                       | 60.0 | 2,933         |
| Doomadgee (S)                | 68                                       | 7.1  | 17                          | 1.8 | 117                        | 12.3 | 283   | 29.7 | 952           |
| Flinders (S)                 | 121                                      | 9.9  | 57                          | 4.7 | 240                        | 19.7 | 624   | 51.2 | 1,219         |
| Hinchinbrook (S)             | 783                                      | 8.4  | 498                         | 5.4 | 2,417                      | 26.1 | 4,830                                       | 52.1 | 9,278         |
| McKinlay (S)                 | 59                                       | 8.6  | 43                          | 6.2 | 158                        | 22.9 | 428   | 62.1 | 689           |
| Mornington (S)               | 53                                       | 6.8  | 16                          | 2.1 | 63                         | 8.1  | 244   | 31.4 | 778           |
| Mount Isa (C)                | 2,054                                    | 14.3 | 849                         | 5.9 | 3,711                      | 25.9 | 8,537                                       | 59.5 | 14,341        |
| Palm Island (S)              | 62                                       | 4.3  | 35                          | 2.4 | 163                        | 11.3 | 409   | 28.3 | 1,444         |
| Richmond (S)                 | 48                                       | 7.9  | 36                          | 6.0 | 131                        | 21.7 | 346   | 57.3 | 604           |
| Townsville (C)               | 28,212                                   | 18.1 | 12,824                      | 8.2 | 37,314                     | 24.0 | 93,823                                      | 60.2 | 155,798       |
| Queensland                   | 918,468                                  | 21.9 | 395,615                     | 9.4 | 927,894                    | 22.1 | 2,618,666                                   | 62.5 | 4,191,812     |

(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, 2021, General Community Profile - G43 and G49*

## Non-school qualification by sex and age

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 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

# 58.3%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 124,592 persons (or 58.3%) with a non-school qualification
- 70.5% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 73.8% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

### Queensland

- 2,618,666 persons (or 62.5%) with a non-school qualification
- 74.7% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 79.0% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

**Table 23 Non-school qualifications by sex and age, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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       | 6,566                        | 34.6        | 12,394        | 65.4        | 112,872                 | 34.9        | 210,536          | 65.1        |
| 25–44 years       | 24,921                       | 70.5        | 10,450        | 29.5        | 506,604                 | 74.7        | 171,850          | 25.3        |
| 45–64 years       | 21,542                       | 65.7        | 11,230        | 34.3        | 434,730                 | 69.2        | 193,271          | 30.8        |
| 65 years and over | 10,533                       | 53.9        | 9,007         | 46.1        | 242,361                 | 58.5        | 172,130          | 41.5        |
| <i>Total</i>      | <i>63,549</i>                | <i>59.6</i> | <i>43,094</i> | <i>40.4</i> | <i>1,296,559</i>        | <i>63.4</i> | <i>747,795</i>   | <i>36.6</i> |
| <b>Females</b>    |                              |             |               |             |                         |             |                  |             |
| 15–24 years       | 6,658                        | 37.4        | 11,123        | 62.6        | 126,061                 | 40.2        | 187,779          | 59.8        |
| 25–44 years       | 26,377                       | 73.8        | 9,370         | 26.2        | 561,754                 | 79.0        | 149,323          | 21.0        |
| 45–64 years       | 20,184                       | 61.2        | 12,815        | 38.8        | 436,404                 | 66.0        | 225,018          | 34.0        |
| 65 years and over | 7,759                        | 37.5        | 12,906        | 62.5        | 197,876                 | 42.9        | 263,238          | 57.1        |
| <i>Total</i>      | <i>61,003</i>                | <i>56.9</i> | <i>46,189</i> | <i>43.1</i> | <i>1,322,101</i>        | <i>61.6</i> | <i>825,352</i>   | <i>38.4</i> |
| <b>Persons</b>    |                              |             |               |             |                         |             |                  |             |
| 15–24 years       | 13,230                       | 36.0        | 23,479        | 64.0        | 238,938                 | 37.5        | 398,307          | 62.5        |
| 25–44 years       | 51,368                       | 72.2        | 19,740        | 27.8        | 1,068,360               | 76.9        | 321,181          | 23.1        |
| 45–64 years       | 41,730                       | 63.4        | 24,044        | 36.6        | 871,131                 | 67.6        | 418,300          | 32.4        |
| 65 years and over | 18,276                       | 45.5        | 21,917        | 54.5        | 440,235                 | 50.3        | 435,368          | 49.7        |
| <i>Total</i>      | <i>124,592</i>               | <i>58.3</i> | <i>89,192</i> | <i>41.7</i> | <i>2,618,666</i>        | <i>62.5</i> | <i>1,573,154</i> | <i>37.5</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, 2021, General Community Profile - G01 and G49*

## Non-school qualification by field of study

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 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 most common non-school qualification field of study in Townsville and NW Qld region was

**Engineering and  
Related  
Technologies (17.4%)**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 21,660 persons (or 17.4%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies
- 17,066 persons (or 13.7%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce

### Queensland

- 480,526 persons (or 18.4%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce
- 380,136 persons (or 14.5%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies

**Table 24 Non-school qualifications by field of study, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Field of study                                | Townsville and NW Qld region |              | Queensland       |              | Specialisation ratio |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
|   | number                       | %            | number           | %            | number               |
| Natural and Physical Sciences                 | 3,154                        | 2.5          | 63,861           | 2.4          | 1.04                 |
| Information Technology                        | 1,661                        | 1.3          | 64,750           | 2.5          | 0.54                 |
| Engineering and Related Technologies          | 21,660                       | 17.4         | 380,136          | 14.5         | 1.20                 |
| Architecture and Building                     | 6,426                        | 5.2          | 151,067          | 5.8          | 0.89                 |
| Agriculture Environmental and Related Studies | 2,505                        | 2.0          | 49,434           | 1.9          | 1.07                 |
| Health  | 14,197                       | 11.4         | 285,611          | 10.9         | 1.04                 |
| Education                                     | 9,963                        | 8.0          | 205,309          | 7.8          | 1.02                 |
| Management and Commerce                       | 17,066                       | 13.7         | 480,526          | 18.4         | 0.75                 |
| Society and Culture                           | 13,964                       | 11.2         | 309,683          | 11.8         | 0.95                 |
| Creative Arts                                 | 2,217                        | 1.8          | 86,519           | 3.3          | 0.54                 |
| Food Hospitality and Personal Services        | 6,699                        | 5.4          | 146,167          | 5.6          | 0.96                 |
| Mixed Field Programmes                        | 210                          | 0.2          | 4,427            | 0.2          | 1.00                 |
| <b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>                    | <b>124,592</b>               | <b>100.0</b> | <b>2,618,666</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, 2021, General Community Profile - G50* and unpublished data



## Persons with a profound or severe disability

Persons with a profound or severe disability has been derived from the 2021 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.

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 15,131 persons (or 5.7%) 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 8.3%
- Within the region, Boulia (S) LGA had the lowest percentage of persons in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability with 0.7%

### Queensland

- 309,366 persons (or 6.0%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

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

**5.7%**

**Table 25 Need for assistance with a profound or severe disability by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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>15,131</b>       | <b>5.7</b> | <b>226,350</b>         | <b>85.4</b> | <b>265,119</b>       |
| Boulia (S)                          | 3                   | 0.7        | 384                    | 83.8        | 458                  |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 1,097               | 6.6        | 14,047                 | 84.2        | 16,692               |
| Burke (S)                           | 13                  | 3.1        | 319                    | 76.1        | 419                  |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 54                  | 2.6        | 1,783                  | 85.3        | 2,090                |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 749                 | 6.4        | 9,468                  | 80.3        | 11,794               |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 95                  | 2.6        | 2,968                  | 81.4        | 3,644                |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 34                  | 2.5        | 1,265                  | 91.2        | 1,387                |
| Flinders (S)                        | 64                  | 4.3        | 1,248                  | 83.2        | 1,500                |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 901                 | 8.3        | 9,140                  | 83.7        | 10,920               |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 23                  | 2.8        | 642                    | 76.8        | 836                  |
| Mornington (S)                      | 35                  | 3.4        | 859                    | 83.8        | 1,025                |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 609                 | 3.3        | 16,237                 | 86.7        | 18,727               |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 70                  | 3.3        | 1,903                  | 90.7        | 2,098                |
| Richmond (S)                        | 22                  | 2.9        | 615                    | 80.8        | 761                  |
| Townsville (C)                      | 11,362              | 5.9        | 165,472                | 85.8        | 192,768              |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>309,366</b>      | <b>6.0</b> | <b>4,513,222</b>       | <b>87.5</b> | <b>5,156,138</b>     |

(a) Includes need of assistance not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G18*

## Voluntary work

Voluntary work undertaken for an organisation or group has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question 'In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing unpaid 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

# 13.9%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 29,790 persons (or 13.9%) undertook voluntary work
- Within the region, McKinlay (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who undertook voluntary work with 25.8%

### Queensland

- 590,690 persons (or 14.1%) undertook voluntary work

**Table 26 Voluntary work by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | Volunteer      |             | Not a volunteer  |             | Total <sup>(a)</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|
|                                     | number         | %           | number           | %           | number               |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>29,790</b>  | <b>13.9</b> | <b>163,089</b>   | <b>76.3</b> | <b>213,795</b>       |
| Boulia (S)                          | 89             | 25.6        | 206              | 59.4        | 347                  |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 2,268          | 16.3        | 10,240           | 73.5        | 13,927               |
| Burke (S)                           | 57             | 16.1        | 207              | 58.5        | 354                  |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 233            | 14.2        | 1,186            | 72.2        | 1,643                |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 1,586          | 16.7        | 6,513            | 68.6        | 9,488                |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 455            | 15.5        | 1,967            | 67.1        | 2,933                |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 44             | 4.6         | 848              | 89.1        | 952                  |
| Flinders (S)                        | 289            | 23.7        | 751              | 61.6        | 1,219                |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 1,578          | 17.0        | 6,819            | 73.5        | 9,278                |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 178            | 25.8        | 356              | 51.7        | 689                  |
| Mornington (S)                      | 43             | 5.5         | 630              | 81.0        | 778                  |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 1,994          | 13.9        | 10,657           | 74.3        | 14,341               |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 68             | 4.7         | 1,243            | 86.1        | 1,444                |
| Richmond (S)                        | 142            | 23.5        | 340              | 56.3        | 604                  |
| Townsville (C)                      | 20,766         | 13.3        | 121,126          | 77.7        | 155,798              |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>590,690</b> | <b>14.1</b> | <b>3,304,685</b> | <b>78.8</b> | <b>4,191,812</b>     |

(a) Includes voluntary work not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G23*

## Aged care services

Information on aged care services are provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health. Information are based on the location of the service, rather than the region in which the service is delivered. In some instances, aged care services may have provided the address information of their approved provider in place of the address information of the individual aged care service. Users should be aware of this limitation when using these data. Aged care services are subsidised by the Australian Government under the Aged Care Act 1997. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in October 2023.

The number of aged care service operational places in Townsville and NW Qld region as at 30 June 2022 was

# 2,091 places

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 69 aged care services as at 30 June 2022
- 2,091 aged care service operational places
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of aged care service operational places with 1,329

### Queensland

- 1,082 aged care services as at 30 June 2022
- 44,945 aged care service operational places

**Table 27 Aged care services by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 30 June 2022**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | Aged care services<br>number | Number of operational places by care type |                  |                  |               |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                     |                              | Home care                                 | Residential care | Restorative care | Total places  |
|                                     |                              | — number —                                |                  |                  |               |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>69</b>                    | <b>77</b>                                 | <b>1,960</b>     | <b>54</b>        | <b>2,091</b>  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 0                            | 0   | 0                | 0                | 0             |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 6                            | 0   | 173              | 0                | 173           |
| Burke (S)                           | 0                            | 0   | 0                | 0                | 0             |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 1                            | 18  | 15               | 0                | 33            |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 4                            | 0   | 181              | 0                | 181           |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 3                            | 0   | 10               | 0                | 10            |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 1                            | 18  | 10               | 0                | 28            |
| Flinders (S)                        | 3                            | 0   | 6                | 0                | 6             |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 5                            | 0   | 166              | 0                | 166           |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 1                            | 5   | 4                | 0                | 9             |
| Mornington (S)                      | 1                            | 18  | 15               | 0                | 33            |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 5                            | 8   | 86               | 0                | 94            |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 1                            | 10  | 15               | 0                | 25            |
| Richmond (S)                        | 2                            | 0   | 4                | 0                | 4             |
| Townsville (C)                      | 36                           | 0   | 1,275            | 54               | 1,329         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>1,082</b>                 | <b>213</b>                                | <b>43,396</b>    | <b>1,336</b>     | <b>44,945</b> |

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Australian Government Department of Health

## 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<br>(most<br>disadvantaged) | Quintile 2  | Quintile 3  | Quintile 4  | Quintile 5<br>(least<br>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      |
| Mornington (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 2023.

The rate of total reported offences for Townsville and NW Qld region in 2021–22 was

**19,831 per 100,000 persons**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 53,446 reported offences in 2021–22, or 19,831 per 100,000 persons
- 9,865 offences against the person, or 3,660 per 100,000 persons
- 19,978 offences against property, or 7,413 per 100,000 persons
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the highest number of reported offences with 34,143 or 17,419 per 100,000 persons

### Queensland

- 524,145 reported offences in 2021–22, or 9,964 per 100,000 persons
- 67,432 offences against the person, or 1,282 per 100,000 persons
- 245,090 offences against property, or 4,659 per 100,000 persons

**Table 31 Reported offences, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021–22**

| 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>9,865</b>                | <b>3,660</b>        | <b>19,978</b>             | <b>7,413</b>        | <b>23,603</b>  | <b>8,758</b>        | <b>53,446</b>  | <b>19,831</b>       |
| Boulia (S)                          | 39                          | 8,091               | 20                        | 4,149               | 62             | 12,863              | 121            | 25,104              |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 350                         | 2,093               | 743                       | 4,444               | 1,458          | 8,721               | 2,551          | 15,258              |
| Burke (S)                           | 10                          | 2,247               | 9                         | 2,022               | 52             | 11,685              | 71             | 15,955              |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 298                         | 13,576              | 201                       | 9,157               | 570            | 25,968              | 1,069          | 48,702              |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 279                         | 2,344               | 437                       | 3,671               | 701            | 5,889               | 1,417          | 11,905              |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 172                         | 4,439               | 149                       | 3,845               | 346            | 8,929               | 667            | 17,213              |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 355                         | 25,213              | 272                       | 19,318              | 594            | 42,188              | 1,221          | 86,719              |
| Flinders (S)                        | 38                          | 2,484               | 65                        | 4,248               | 70             | 4,575               | 173            | 11,307              |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 221                         | 1,999               | 349                       | 3,157               | 762            | 6,893               | 1,332          | 12,050              |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 14                          | 1,653               | 21                        | 2,479               | 55             | 6,494               | 90             | 10,626              |
| Mornington (S)                      | 347                         | 33,788              | 212                       | 20,643              | 411            | 40,019              | 970            | 94,450              |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 1,774                       | 9,287               | 2,955                     | 15,470              | 3,234          | 16,931              | 7,963          | 41,689              |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 423                         | 19,656              | 327                       | 15,195              | 853            | 39,638              | 1,603          | 74,489              |
| Richmond (S)                        | 11                          | 1,432               | 13                        | 1,693               | 31             | 4,036               | 55             | 7,161               |
| Townsville (C)                      | 5,534                       | 2,823               | 14,205                    | 7,247               | 14,404         | 7,349               | 34,143         | 17,419              |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>67,432</b>               | <b>1,282</b>        | <b>245,090</b>            | <b>4,659</b>        | <b>211,623</b> | <b>4,023</b>        | <b>524,145</b> | <b>9,964</b>        |

From 1 July 2021 the QPS implemented a decision to enhance the consistent practice of recording criminal offences associated with domestic and family violence (DFV) investigations across the state within the QPS QPRIME computer system. When responding to and investigating a DFV occurrence, police across the state are now consistently recording all offences identified in the same incident in the QPRIME system. This means that regions will likely see a statistical increase in a number of DFV related offence categories – for example DFV related assault, strangulation or wilful damage. However, offences such as assault and wilful damage also occur in situations unrelated to domestic and family relationships. Furthermore, increases could also be attributed to other factors, such as an increase in crime and/or population growth.

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Source: Queensland Police Service

# Economy

## Selected medians and averages

These selected medians and averages have been derived by using data based on the 2021 Census of Population and Housing and may not reflect medians that have been derived by administrative data and published in other profile topics. Where applicable, these estimates are based on place of usual residence. Medians and averages have been calculated by the ABS.

The median total personal income for Townsville and NW Qld region was

**not available**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- Median mortgage repayment was not available
- Average household size was not available
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the highest median weekly family income with \$2,647 per week

### Queensland

- Median mortgage repayment of \$1,733 per month
- Average household size of 2.5 persons per dwelling

**Table 32 Selected medians and averages by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | Median / Average          |                            |                               |                              |                        |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                     | Median mortgage repayment | Median total family income | Median total household income | Median total personal income | Average household size | Average number of persons per bedroom |
|                                     | \$/month                  | \$/week                    | \$/week                       | \$/week                      | persons                | number                                |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>n.a.</b>               | <b>n.a.</b>                | <b>n.a.</b>                   | <b>n.a.</b>                  | <b>n.a.</b>            | <b>n.a.</b>                           |
| Boulia (S)                          | 1,020                     | 1,875                      | 1,490                         | 1,006                        | 2.5                    | 1.0                                   |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 1,220                     | 1,804                      | 1,345                         | 723                          | 2.3                    | 0.8                                   |
| Burke (S)                           | 477                       | 2,125                      | 1,312                         | 884                          | 2.3                    | 1.0                                   |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 1,128                     | 1,704                      | 1,469                         | 770                          | 2.5                    | 1.1                                   |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 1,300                     | 1,734                      | 1,307                         | 669                          | 2.4                    | 0.8                                   |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 1,200                     | 2,321                      | 1,879                         | 1,190                        | 2.5                    | 0.8                                   |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 737                       | 882                        | 1,223                         | 354                          | 4.2                    | 1.5                                   |
| Flinders (S)                        | 758                       | 1,743                      | 1,343                         | 821                          | 2.3                    | 0.8                                   |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 1,170                     | 1,555                      | 1,158                         | 644                          | 2.2                    | 0.7                                   |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 550                       | 2,297                      | 1,733                         | 1,074                        | 2.5                    | 0.8                                   |
| Mornington (S)                      | n.a.                      | 624                        | 855                           | 285                          | 3.5                    | 1.2                                   |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 1,536                     | 2,647                      | 2,231                         | 1,155                        | 2.6                    | 0.9                                   |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 2,167                     | 898                        | 977                           | 380                          | 3.7                    | 1.2                                   |
| Richmond (S)                        | 800                       | 1,929                      | 1,757                         | 918                          | 2.6                    | 0.8                                   |
| Townsville (C)                      | 1,517                     | 2,082                      | 1,701                         | 864                          | 2.5                    | 0.8                                   |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>1,733</b>              | <b>2,024</b>               | <b>1,675</b>                  | <b>787</b>                   | <b>2.5</b>             | <b>0.8</b>                            |

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Medians and averages have not been calculated for the customised region.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G02*



## 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 April 2023.

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

# 2,695 lodgements

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 2,823 lodgements for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 December 2022
- 2,695 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 \$450 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 December 2022
- Median rent of \$465 per week for a 3 bedroom house

**Table 33 Lodgements and median rent by dwelling type by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 December 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>752</b>          | <b>2,823</b>        | <b>2,695</b>    | <b>2,238</b>    | <b>n.a.</b>         | <b>n.a.</b>         | <b>n.a.</b>     | <b>n.a.</b>     |
| Boulia (S)                          | 3                   | 2                   | 0               | 1               | n.a.                | n.a.                | n.a.            | n.a.            |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 35                  | 126                 | 165             | 50              | 220                 | 250                 | 300             | 360             |
| Burke (S)                           | 0                   | 2                   | 0               | 0               | n.a.                | n.a.                | n.a.            | n.a.            |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 3                   | 3                   | 4               | 2               | n.a.                | n.a.                | n.a.            | n.a.            |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 7                   | 53                  | 113             | 60              | n.a.                | 240                 | 320             | 400             |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 16                  | 29                  | 72              | 22              | 200                 | 275                 | 325             | 423             |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0                   | 0                   | 0               | 0               | n.a.                | n.a.                | n.a.            | n.a.            |
| Flinders (S)                        | 3                   | 2                   | 20              | 1               | n.a.                | n.a.                | 200             | n.a.            |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 11                  | 88                  | 78              | 26              | 175                 | 235                 | 320             | 305             |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 0                   | 3                   | 4               | 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)                       | 165                 | 278                 | 332             | 106             | 220                 | 300                 | 450             | 500             |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 0                   | 0                   | 0               | 0               | n.a.                | n.a.                | n.a.            | n.a.            |
| Richmond (S)                        | 3                   | 2                   | 9               | 1               | n.a.                | n.a.                | n.a.            | n.a.            |
| Townsville (C)                      | 506                 | 2,235               | 1,898           | 1,968           | 278                 | 330                 | 400             | 470             |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>26,306</b>       | <b>46,276</b>       | <b>40,039</b>   | <b>42,301</b>   | <b>360</b>          | <b>450</b>          | <b>465</b>      | <b>560</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)

## Total personal income

Total personal income has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question '*What is the total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances and other income a person usually receives?*'. Median total personal income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury. The variable is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The median total personal income in Townsville and NW Qld region was

**\$43,771 per year**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- Median total personal income of \$43,771 per year
- Within the region, Cloncurry (S) LGA had the highest median total personal income with \$61,880 per year
- Within the region, Mornington (S) LGA had the lowest median total personal income with \$14,820 per year

### Queensland

- Median total personal income of \$40,924 per year

**Table 34 Total personal income by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | Less than \$20,800 per year |             | \$20,800 to \$51,999 per year |             | \$52,000 to \$103,999 per year |             | \$104,000 or more per year |             | Total <sup>(a)</sup> | Median (\$/year) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                                     | number                      | %           | number                        | %           | number                         | %           | number                     | %           | number               | \$               |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>47,411</b>               | <b>22.2</b> | <b>62,378</b>                 | <b>29.2</b> | <b>59,331</b>                  | <b>27.8</b> | <b>22,159</b>              | <b>10.4</b> | <b>213,795</b>       | <b>43,771</b>    |
| Boulia (S)                          | 55                          | 15.9        | 94                            | 27.1        | 121                            | 34.9        | 35                         | 10.1        | 347                  | 52,312           |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 3,163                       | 22.7        | 4,685                         | 33.6        | 3,486                          | 25.0        | 957                        | 6.9         | 13,927               | 37,596           |
| Burke (S)                           | 58                          | 16.4        | 89                            | 25.1        | 94                             | 26.6        | 26                         | 7.3         | 354                  | 45,968           |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 374                         | 22.8        | 489                           | 29.8        | 416                            | 25.3        | 126                        | 7.7         | 1,643                | 40,040           |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 2,462                       | 25.9        | 2,791                         | 29.4        | 1,977                          | 20.8        | 790                        | 8.3         | 9,488                | 34,788           |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 439                         | 15.0        | 587                           | 20.0        | 772                            | 26.3        | 565                        | 19.3        | 2,933                | 61,880           |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 518                         | 54.4        | 245                           | 25.7        | 85                             | 8.9         | 34                         | 3.6         | 952                  | 18,408           |
| Flinders (S)                        | 232                         | 19.0        | 385                           | 31.6        | 334                            | 27.4        | 74                         | 6.1         | 1,219                | 42,692           |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 2,383                       | 25.7        | 3,294                         | 35.5        | 2,039                          | 22.0        | 568                        | 6.1         | 9,278                | 33,488           |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 50                          | 7.3         | 187                           | 27.1        | 207                            | 30.0        | 75                         | 10.9        | 689                  | 55,848           |
| Mornington (S)                      | 438                         | 56.3        | 90                            | 11.6        | 79                             | 10.2        | 41                         | 5.3         | 778                  | 14,820           |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 2,737                       | 19.1        | 2,899                         | 20.2        | 4,072                          | 28.4        | 2,955                      | 20.6        | 14,341               | 60,060           |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 694                         | 48.1        | 430                           | 29.8        | 144                            | 10.0        | 33                         | 2.3         | 1,444                | 19,760           |
| Richmond (S)                        | 77                          | 12.7        | 202                           | 33.4        | 176                            | 29.1        | 50                         | 8.3         | 604                  | 47,736           |
| Townsville (C)                      | 33,731                      | 21.7        | 45,911                        | 29.5        | 45,329                         | 29.1        | 15,830                     | 10.2        | 155,798              | 44,928           |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>999,942</b>              | <b>23.9</b> | <b>1,316,078</b>              | <b>31.4</b> | <b>1,085,654</b>               | <b>25.9</b> | <b>461,162</b>             | <b>11.0</b> | <b>4,191,812</b>     | <b>40,924</b>    |

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes personal income not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G02 and G17 and Queensland Treasury estimates

## Total family income

Total family income is the sum of the total personal incomes of each family member present in the household on 2021 Census Night. Family income only applies to classifiable families in occupied private dwellings. Low-income families have been defined as families in occupied private dwellings whose family income was less than \$650 per week or less than \$33,800 per year. Median total family income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury.

The median total family income in Townsville and NW Qld region was

**\$106,346 per year**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 4,681 low-income families (6.9%)
- Median total family income of \$106,346 per year
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the highest median total family income with \$137,644 per year
- Within the region, Mornington (S) LGA had the lowest median total family income with \$32,448 per year

### Queensland

- 94,168 low-income families (6.9%)
- Median total family income of \$105,248 per year

**Table 35 Total family income<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | Less than \$33,800 per year |            | \$33,800 to \$77,999 per year |             | \$78,000 to \$155,999 per year |             | \$156,000 or more per year |             | Total <sup>(b)</sup> | Median (\$/year) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                                     | number                      | %          | number                        | %           | number                         | %           | number                     | %           | number               | \$               |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>4,681</b>                | <b>6.9</b> | <b>16,679</b>                 | <b>24.7</b> | <b>23,547</b>                  | <b>34.9</b> | <b>15,245</b>              | <b>22.6</b> | <b>67,441</b>        | <b>106,346</b>   |
| Boulia (S)                          | 8                           | 8.7        | 18                            | 19.6        | 22                             | 23.9        | 22                         | 23.9        | 92                   | 97,500           |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 316                         | 7.2        | 1,325                         | 30.0        | 1,571                          | 35.6        | 740                        | 16.8        | 4,417                | 93,808           |
| Burke (S)                           | 0                           | 0.0        | 21                            | 28.4        | 25                             | 33.8        | 14                         | 18.9        | 74                   | 110,500          |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 48                          | 10.3       | 117                           | 25.0        | 149                            | 31.8        | 65                         | 13.9        | 468                  | 88,608           |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 233                         | 8.3        | 820                           | 29.3        | 850                            | 30.3        | 469                        | 16.7        | 2,802                | 90,168           |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 57                          | 8.3        | 117                           | 17.0        | 205                            | 29.8        | 191                        | 27.7        | 689                  | 120,692          |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 102                         | 33.4       | 130                           | 42.6        | 48                             | 15.7        | 15                         | 4.9         | 305                  | 45,864           |
| Flinders (S)                        | 22                          | 6.4        | 91                            | 26.5        | 117                            | 34.0        | 51                         | 14.8        | 344                  | 90,636           |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 289                         | 9.7        | 1,013                         | 34.0        | 947                            | 31.8        | 405                        | 13.6        | 2,981                | 80,860           |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 0                           | 0.0        | 25                            | 16.0        | 66                             | 42.3        | 43                         | 27.6        | 156                  | 119,444          |
| Mornington (S)                      | 83                          | 39.7       | 49                            | 23.4        | 21                             | 10.0        | 13                         | 6.2         | 209                  | 32,448           |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 304                         | 6.8        | 653                           | 14.5        | 1,373                          | 30.5        | 1,677                      | 37.3        | 4,498                | 137,644          |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 115                         | 25.6       | 185                           | 41.1        | 86                             | 19.1        | 18                         | 4.0         | 450                  | 46,696           |
| Richmond (S)                        | 8                           | 4.5        | 41                            | 22.9        | 64                             | 35.8        | 28                         | 15.6        | 179                  | 100,308          |
| Townsville (C)                      | 3,096                       | 6.2        | 12,074                        | 24.3        | 18,003                         | 36.2        | 11,494                     | 23.1        | 49,777               | 108,264          |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>94,168</b>               | <b>6.9</b> | <b>363,384</b>                | <b>26.6</b> | <b>464,993</b>                 | <b>34.0</b> | <b>332,448</b>             | <b>24.3</b> | <b>1,366,657</b>     | <b>105,248</b>   |

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes same-sex couple families. Excludes 'Lone person', 'Group', 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households. Excludes overseas visitors.

(b) Includes partially stated and not stated income responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G02 and G32 and Queensland Treasury estimates

## 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 February 2023.

The unemployment rate in Townsville and NW Qld region at June quarter 2022 was

# 3.7%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 5,465 unemployed persons in June quarter 2022
- Unemployment rate of 3.7%
- Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the highest unemployment rate of 32.4%
- Within the region, Burdekin (S) LGA had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.6%

### Queensland

- 128,979 unemployed persons in June quarter 2022
- Unemployment rate of 4.6%

**Table 36 Unemployment and labour force<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, June quarter 2022**

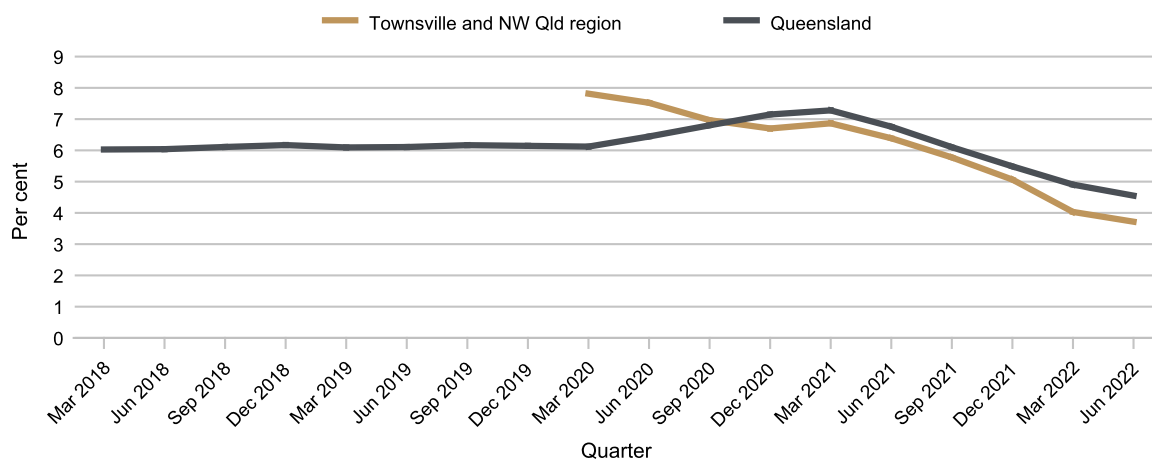
| Custom region / LGA / State         | Unemployed     | Labour force     | Unemployment rate |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                     | — number —     |                  | %                 |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>5,465</b>   | <b>146,992</b>   | <b>3.7</b>        |
| Boulia (S)                          | 9              | 263              | 3.4               |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 234            | 8,961            | 2.6               |
| Burke (S)                           | 42             | 150              | 28.0              |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 241            | 871              | 27.7              |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 187            | 5,741            | 3.3               |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 120            | 2,289            | 5.2               |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 173            | 626              | 27.6              |
| Flinders (S)                        | 32             | 908              | 3.5               |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 162            | 5,331            | 3.0               |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 17             | 468              | 3.6               |
| Mornington (S)                      | 141            | 509              | 27.7              |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 811            | 10,995           | 7.4               |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 205            | 633              | 32.4              |
| Richmond (S)                        | 17             | 468              | 3.6               |
| Townsville (C)                      | 3,074          | 108,779          | 2.8               |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>128,979</b> | <b>2,833,277</b> | <b>4.6</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 2021 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 (7.0%)**
2. **Hospitals (5.9%)**
3. **Food and Beverage Services (5.8%)**
4. **Public Administration (4.5%)**
5. **Construction Services (4.5%)**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 15.9% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 11.1% of employed persons worked in Public administration and safety industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 2.43 in Mining industry

### Queensland

- 15.4% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 9.3% of employed persons worked in Retail trade industry

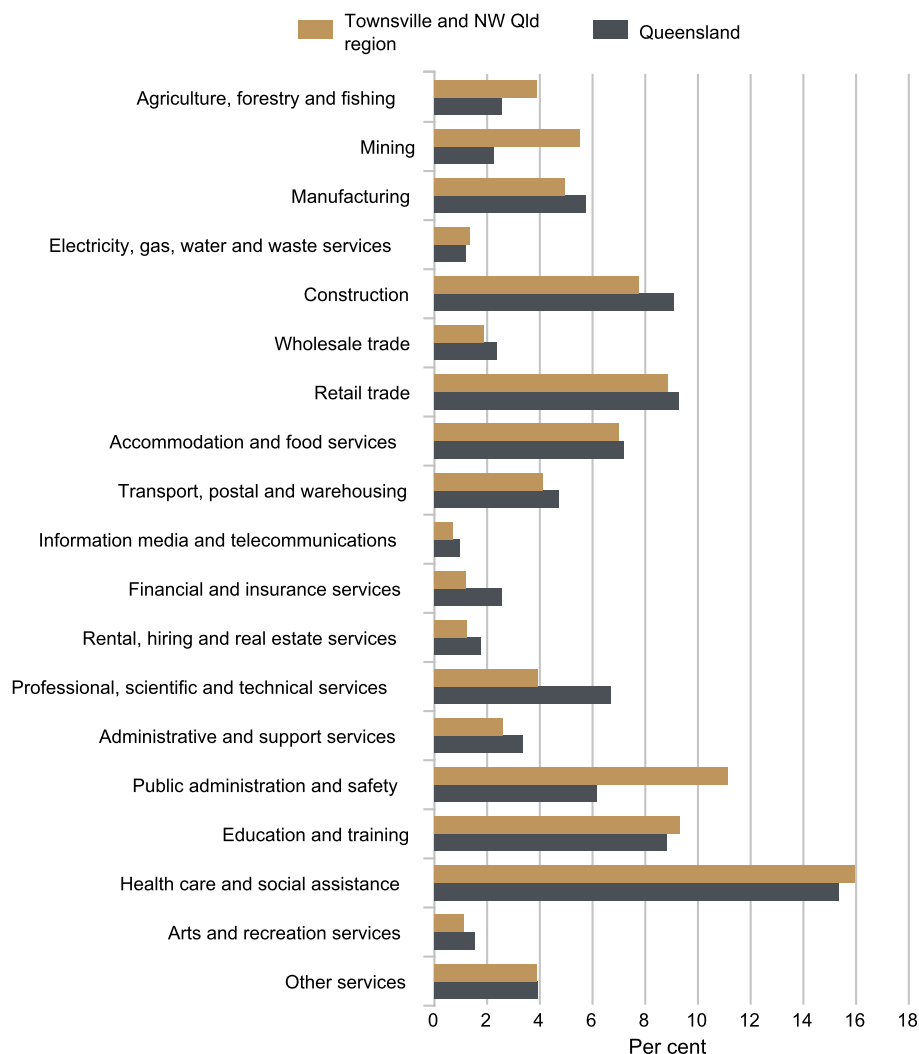
**Table 37 Employment by industry, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Industry  | Townsville and NW Qld region |              | Queensland       |              | Specialisation ratio |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
|   | number                       | %            | number           | %            | number               |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing               | 4,912                        | 3.9          | 62,444           | 2.6          | 1.53                 |
| Mining  | 6,966                        | 5.5          | 55,486           | 2.3          | 2.43                 |
| Manufacturing                                   | 6,246                        | 5.0          | 140,285          | 5.7          | 0.86                 |
| Electricity, gas, water and waste services      | 1,680                        | 1.3          | 28,814           | 1.2          | 1.13                 |
| Construction                                    | 9,762                        | 7.7          | 222,234          | 9.1          | 0.85                 |
| Wholesale trade                                 | 2,345                        | 1.9          | 57,743           | 2.4          | 0.79                 |
| Retail trade                                    | 11,162                       | 8.9          | 226,468          | 9.3          | 0.96                 |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 8,807                        | 7.0          | 175,850          | 7.2          | 0.97                 |
| Transport, postal and warehousing               | 5,185                        | 4.1          | 115,870          | 4.7          | 0.87                 |
| Information media and telecommunications        | 870                          | 0.7          | 23,379           | 1.0          | 0.72                 |
| Financial and insurance services                | 1,518                        | 1.2          | 62,436           | 2.6          | 0.47                 |
| Rental, hiring and real estate services         | 1,560                        | 1.2          | 42,931           | 1.8          | 0.70                 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 4,945                        | 3.9          | 164,129          | 6.7          | 0.58                 |
| Administrative and support services             | 3,286                        | 2.6          | 81,926           | 3.4          | 0.78                 |
| Public administration and safety                | 14,024                       | 11.1         | 150,358          | 6.2          | 1.81                 |
| Education and training                          | 11,738                       | 9.3          | 216,015          | 8.8          | 1.05                 |
| Health care and social assistance               | 20,091                       | 15.9         | 375,511          | 15.4         | 1.04                 |
| Arts and recreation services                    | 1,398                        | 1.1          | 37,550           | 1.5          | 0.72                 |
| Other services                                  | 4,888                        | 3.9          | 95,768           | 3.9          | 0.99                 |
| <b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>                      | <b>126,060</b>               | <b>100.0</b> | <b>2,444,090</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, 2021, General Community Profile - G54* 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, 2021, General Community Profile - G54* and unpublished data

## Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation has been derived from the 2021 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. Carers and Aides (6.2%)
2. Sales Assistants and Salespersons (6.0%)
3. Health Professionals (5.7%)
4. Specialist Managers (4.8%)
5. Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (4.6%)

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 18.2% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 15.1% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.29 in Machinery operators and drivers occupation

### Queensland

- 21.4% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 13.7% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation

**Table 38 Employment by occupation, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| Occupation                             | Townsville and NW Qld region |              | Queensland       |              | Specialisation ratio |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
|  | number                       | %            | number           | %            | number               |
| Managers                               | 13,866                       | 11.0         | 305,755          | 12.5         | 0.88                 |
| Professionals                          | 22,884                       | 18.2         | 523,395          | 21.4         | 0.85                 |
| Technicians and trades workers         | 18,993                       | 15.1         | 333,915          | 13.7         | 1.10                 |
| Community and personal service workers | 18,551                       | 14.7         | 301,039          | 12.3         | 1.19                 |
| Clerical and administrative workers    | 14,906                       | 11.8         | 309,376          | 12.7         | 0.93                 |
| Sales workers                          | 10,244                       | 8.1          | 211,439          | 8.7          | 0.94                 |
| Machinery operators and drivers        | 11,054                       | 8.8          | 166,739          | 6.8          | 1.29                 |
| Labourers                              | 13,192                       | 10.5         | 246,394          | 10.1         | 1.04                 |
| <b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>             | <b>126,060</b>               | <b>100.0</b> | <b>2,444,090</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1.00</b>          |

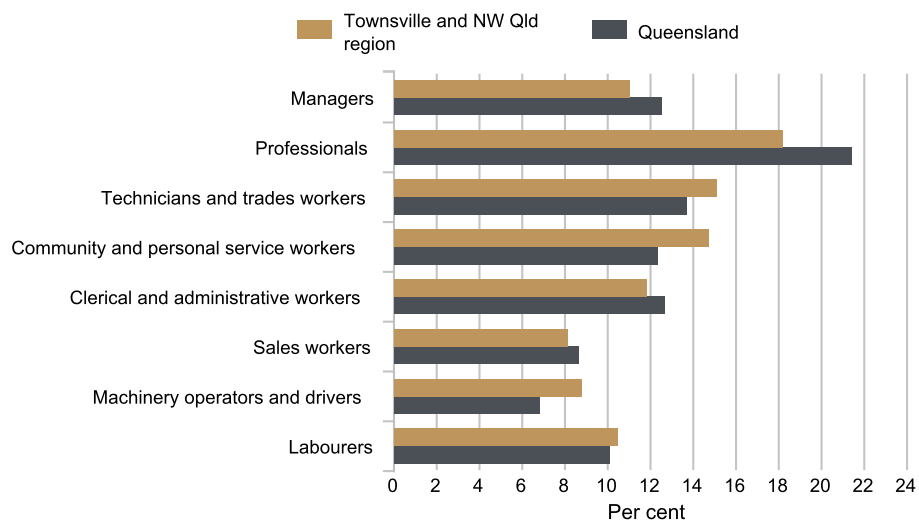
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G60* 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, 2021, General Community Profile - G60* and unpublished data

## Families with children with no parent employed

Families with children with no parent employed have been derived from the 2021 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

# 13.1%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 3,478 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (13.1%)
- Within the region, Doomadgee (S) LGA had the highest percentage of families with no parent employed (71.1%)

### Queensland

- 59,747 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (11.4%)

**Table 39 Families with children with no parent employed, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2021**

| 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>2,639</b>                               | <b>839</b>                                   | <b>3,478</b>                           | <b>13.1</b> | <b>26,486</b>  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 8  | 5  | 13                                     | 28.9        | 45             |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 111  | 35   | 146                                    | 10.5        | 1,391          |
| Burke (S)                           | 0  | 3  | 3                                      | 13.6        | 22             |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 43   | 18   | 61                                     | 28.9        | 211            |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 109  | 16   | 125                                    | 12.5        | 1,003          |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 34   | 8  | 42                                     | 13.6        | 308            |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 52   | 86   | 138                                    | 71.1        | 194            |
| Flinders (S)                        | 13   | 0  | 13                                     | 10.3        | 126            |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 90   | 21   | 111                                    | 14.1        | 788            |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 0  | 0  | 0                                      | 0.0         | 75             |
| Mornington (S)                      | 35   | 28   | 63                                     | 52.5        | 120            |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 241  | 56   | 297                                    | 13.8        | 2,152          |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 110  | 71   | 181                                    | 69.3        | 261            |
| Richmond (S)                        | 4  | 0  | 4                                      | 5.8         | 69             |
| Townsville (C)                      | 1,789                                      | 492  | 2,281                                  | 11.6        | 19,721         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>44,063</b>                              | <b>15,684</b>                                | <b>59,747</b>                          | <b>11.4</b> | <b>522,236</b> |

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 January 2023.

The number of new houses approved in Townsville and NW Qld region in the 12 months ending 31 October 2022 was

# 705 approvals

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 705 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 October 2022
- \$385.2 million of building value in residential building approvals
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest value of residential building approvals with \$341.1 million
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest value of non-residential building approvals with \$352.5 million

### Queensland

- 23,184 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 October 2022
- \$17,723.1 million of building value in residential building approvals

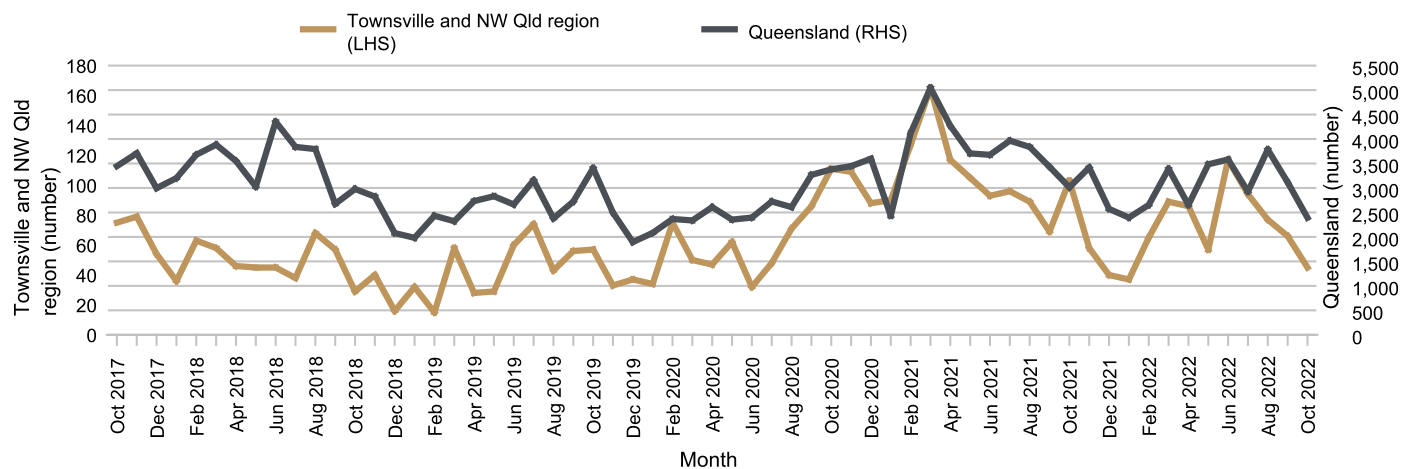
**Table 40 Residential and non-residential building approvals by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 October 2022**

| 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>705</b>                     | <b>125</b>               | <b>1</b>                               | <b>831</b>    | <b>385,159</b>    | <b>49.1</b> | <b>399,992</b>    | <b>50.9</b> | <b>785,151</b>    |
| Boulia (S)                          | 0                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 0             | 0                 | ..          | 0                 | ..          | 0                 |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 15                             | 0                        | 0                                      | 15            | 15,714            | 53.6        | 13,577            | 46.4        | 29,291            |
| Burke (S)                           | 0                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0.0         | 1,562             | 100.0       | 1,562             |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 0                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0.0         | 2,410             | 100.0       | 2,410             |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 14                             | 0                        | 0                                      | 14            | 7,125             | 34.9        | 13,318            | 65.1        | 20,443            |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 1                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 1             | 680               | 42.0        | 940               | 58.0        | 1,620             |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0.0         | 234               | 100.0       | 234               |
| Flinders (S)                        | 2                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 2             | 2,180             | 54.7        | 1,805             | 45.3        | 3,986             |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 21                             | 0                        | 0                                      | 21            | 9,306             | 57.3        | 6,929             | 42.7        | 16,235            |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 1                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 1             | 393               | 87.6        | 56                | 12.4        | 449               |
| Mornington (S)                      | 3                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 3             | 5,021             | 94.1        | 313               | 5.9         | 5,335             |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 2                              | 4                        | 0                                      | 6             | 3,253             | 34.1        | 6,297             | 65.9        | 9,550             |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 0                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 0             | 0                 | ..          | 0                 | ..          | 0                 |
| Richmond (S)                        | 1                              | 0                        | 0                                      | 1             | 405               | 100.0       | 0                 | 0.0         | 405               |
| Townsville (C)                      | 645                            | 121                      | 1                                      | 767           | 341,082           | 49.2        | 352,549           | 50.8        | 693,631           |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>23,184</b>                  | <b>13,096</b>            | <b>88</b>                              | <b>36,368</b> | <b>17,723,115</b> | <b>63.4</b> | <b>10,234,215</b> | <b>36.6</b> | <b>27,957,330</b> |

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

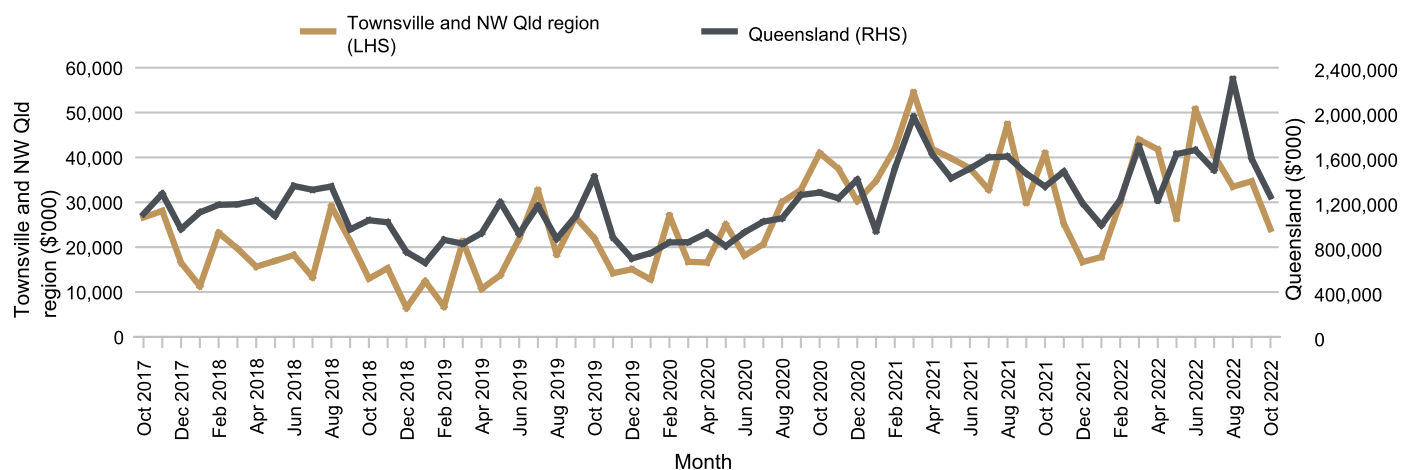
Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

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



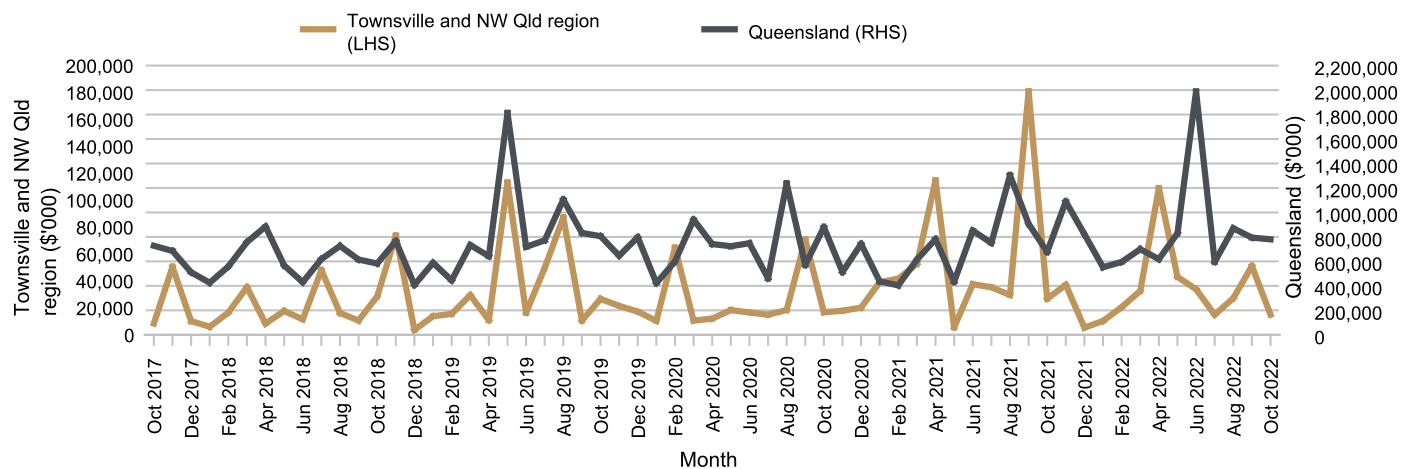
Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

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



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

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



Source: ABS, *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 February 2023.

The highest median sale price in Townsville and NW Qld region in the 12 months ending 30 June 2022 was

**Townsville (C) LGA**  
**\$365,000**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 8,460 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2022
- 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 \$365,000

### Queensland

- 162,655 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2022
- Median sale price of \$555,000

**Table 41 Residential dwelling sales by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 June 2022**

| 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>6,739</b>       | <b>1,721</b>       | <b>8,460</b>    | <b>n.a.</b>        | <b>n.a.</b>        | <b>n.a.</b>     |
| Boulia (S)                          | 4                  | 0                  | 4               | n.a.               | n.a.               | n.a.            |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 393                | 58                 | 451             | 235,000            | 180,000            | 220,000         |
| Burke (S)                           | 3                  | 1                  | 4               | n.a.               | n.a.               | n.a.            |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 22                 | 0                  | 22              | 180,000            | n.a.               | 180,000         |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 350                | 6                  | 356             | 225,000            | n.a.               | 222,000         |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 44                 | 3                  | 47              | 210,000            | n.a.               | 220,000         |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0                  | 0                  | 0               | n.a.               | n.a.               | n.a.            |
| Flinders (S)                        | 37                 | 3                  | 40              | 110,000            | n.a.               | 110,000         |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 301                | 34                 | 335             | 231,500            | 249,277            | 235,000         |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 20                 | 1                  | 21              | 92,500             | n.a.               | 85,000          |
| Mornington (S)                      | 0                  | 0                  | 0               | n.a.               | n.a.               | n.a.            |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 329                | 51                 | 380             | 309,000            | 283,000            | 305,000         |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 0                  | 0                  | 0               | n.a.               | n.a.               | n.a.            |
| Richmond (S)                        | 17                 | 0                  | 17              | 130,000            | n.a.               | 130,000         |
| Townsville (C)                      | 5,219              | 1,564              | 6,783           | 382,000            | 285,000            | 365,000         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>109,164</b>     | <b>53,491</b>      | <b>162,655</b>  | <b>615,000</b>     | <b>471,000</b>     | <b>555,000</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 February 2023.

The highest median sale price for a new house in Townsville and NW Qld region in the 12 months ending 30 June 2022 was

**Townsville (C) LGA**  
**\$433,500**

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 135 new house sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2022
- A median new house sale price has not been calculated for Townsville and NW Qld region
- 652 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 \$433,500
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the highest median vacant land sale price with \$172,000

### Queensland

- 2,212 new house sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2022
- 12,311 vacant land sales
- Median new house sale price of \$605,000
- Median vacant land sale price of \$226,000

**Table 42 New house and vacant land sales by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 June 2022**

| 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>135</b>      | <b>652</b>    | <b>n.a.</b>       | <b>n.a.</b>    |
| Boulia (S)                          | 1               | 0             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 7               | 25            | n.a.              | 56,500         |
| Burke (S)                           | 0               | 12            | n.a.              | 11,500         |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 0               | 2             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 16              | 9             | 212,500           | n.a.           |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 5               | 2             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0               | 0             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Flinders (S)                        | 0               | 16            | n.a.              | 9,000          |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 5               | 69            | n.a.              | 55,000         |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 0               | 0             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Mornington (S)                      | 0               | 0             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 2               | 15            | n.a.              | 18,000         |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 0               | 0             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Richmond (S)                        | 0               | 1             | n.a.              | n.a.           |
| Townsville (C)                      | 99              | 501           | 433,500           | 172,000        |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>2,212</b>    | <b>12,311</b> | <b>605,000</b>    | <b>226,000</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 January 2023.

The number of residential lot registrations in Townsville and NW Qld region in the 12 months ending 30 September 2022 was

# 802 registrations

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 802 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 30 September 2022
- 648 urban residential lot registrations
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of residential lot registrations with 717

### Queensland

- 21,822 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 30 September 2022
- 19,711 urban residential lot registrations

**Table 43 Residential lot registrations by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 September 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>535</b>                          | <b>113</b>                 | <b>648</b>       | <b>154</b>                        | <b>802</b>              |
| Boulia (S)                          | 3                                   | 0                          | 3                | 0                                 | 3                       |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 1                                   | 0                          | 1                | 19                                | 20                      |
| Burke (S)                           | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 0                                 | 0                       |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 7                                 | 7                       |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 7                                   | 0                          | 7                | 21                                | 28                      |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 8                                   | 0                          | 8                | 5                                 | 13                      |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 0                                 | 0                       |
| Flinders (S)                        | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 1                                 | 1                       |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 0                                   | 3                          | 3                | 6                                 | 9                       |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 0                                 | 0                       |
| Mornington (S)                      | 2                                   | 0                          | 2                | 0                                 | 2                       |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 2                                 | 2                       |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 0                                 | 0                       |
| Richmond (S)                        | 0                                   | 0                          | 0                | 0                                 | 0                       |
| Townsville (C)                      | 514                                 | 110                        | 624              | 93                                | 717                     |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>13,047</b>                       | <b>6,664</b>               | <b>19,711</b>    | <b>2,111</b>                      | <b>21,822</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 2024.

The number of businesses in Townsville and NW Qld region as at 30 June 2022 was

# 19,590 businesses

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 5,467 businesses (or 27.9%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2022
- Within the region, Doomadgee (S) LGA had the highest percentage of businesses employing 1 to 4 employees with 42.9%
- Within the region, Boulia (S) LGA had the highest percentage of businesses employing 20 to 199 employees with 5.5%

### Queensland

- 137,569 businesses (or 28.3%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2022

**Table 44 Registered businesses by employment size and LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 30 June 2022**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | Non-employing  |             | 1–4 employees  |             | 5–19 employees |             | 20–199 employees |            | 200+ employees |            | Total          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
|                                     | number         | %           | number         | %           | number         | %           | number           | %          | number         | %          |                |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>11,126</b>  | <b>56.8</b> | <b>5,467</b>   | <b>27.9</b> | <b>2,374</b>   | <b>12.1</b> | <b>606</b>       | <b>3.1</b> | <b>19</b>      | <b>0.1</b> | <b>19,590</b>  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 32             | 58.2        | 17             | 30.9        | 5              | 9.1         | 3                | 5.5        | 0              | 0.0        | 55             |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 1,276          | 60.3        | 573            | 27.1        | 209            | 9.9         | 56               | 2.6        | 0              | 0.0        | 2,115          |
| Burke (S)                           | 22             | 55.0        | 11             | 27.5        | 6              | 15.0        | 0                | 0.0        | 0              | 0.0        | 40             |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 102            | 57.0        | 44             | 24.6        | 26             | 14.5        | 7                | 3.9        | 0              | 0.0        | 179            |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 777            | 64.1        | 286            | 23.6        | 129            | 10.6        | 19               | 1.6        | 3              | 0.2        | 1,212          |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 205            | 61.4        | 73             | 21.9        | 40             | 12.0        | 16               | 4.8        | 0              | 0.0        | 334            |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0              | 0.0         | 3              | 42.9        | 3              | 42.9        | 0                | 0.0        | 0              | 0.0        | 7              |
| Flinders (S)                        | 246            | 67.6        | 84             | 23.1        | 32             | 8.8         | 3                | 0.8        | 0              | 0.0        | 364            |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 831            | 62.8        | 356            | 26.9        | 118            | 8.9         | 18               | 1.4        | 0              | 0.0        | 1,323          |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 153            | 62.2        | 63             | 25.6        | 26             | 10.6        | 4                | 1.6        | 0              | 0.0        | 246            |
| Mornington (S)                      | 6              | 60.0        | 3              | 30.0        | 0              | 0.0         | 0                | 0.0        | 0              | 0.0        | 10             |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 522            | 53.0        | 267            | 27.1        | 148            | 15.0        | 45               | 4.6        | 3              | 0.3        | 984            |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 6              | 50.0        | 3              | 25.0        | 3              | 25.0        | 0                | 0.0        | 0              | 0.0        | 12             |
| Richmond (S)                        | 150            | 67.3        | 50             | 22.4        | 20             | 9.0         | 3                | 1.3        | 0              | 0.0        | 223            |
| Townsville (C)                      | 6,798          | 54.4        | 3,634          | 29.1        | 1,609          | 12.9        | 432              | 3.5        | 13             | 0.1        | 12,486         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>289,401</b> | <b>59.5</b> | <b>137,569</b> | <b>28.3</b> | <b>46,117</b>  | <b>9.5</b>  | <b>12,223</b>    | <b>2.5</b> | <b>756</b>     | <b>0.2</b> | <b>486,093</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 2024.

The percentage of businesses with a turnover range of \$10 million or more in Townsville and NW Qld region as at 30 June 2022 was

# 1.3%

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 245 businesses (or 1.3%) with a turnover range of \$10 million or more as at 30 June 2022
- Within the region, Townsville (C) LGA had the largest number of businesses with a turnover range of \$10 million or more with 160

### Queensland

- 7,152 businesses (or 1.5%) with a turnover range of \$10 million or more as at 30 June 2022

**Table 45 Registered businesses by turnover range and LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 30 June 2022**

| Custom region / LGA / State         | \$0 to less than \$200k |             | \$200k to less than \$5m |             | \$5m to less than \$10m |            | \$10m or more |            | Total          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
|                                     | number                  | %           | number                   | %           | number                  | %          | number        | %          |                |
| <b>Townsville and NW Qld region</b> | <b>9,974</b>            | <b>50.9</b> | <b>9,007</b>             | <b>46.0</b> | <b>359</b>              | <b>1.8</b> | <b>245</b>    | <b>1.3</b> | <b>19,590</b>  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 22                      | 40.0        | 30                       | 54.5        | 3                       | 5.5        | 0             | 0.0        | 55             |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 931                     | 44.0        | 1,140                    | 53.9        | 27                      | 1.3        | 17            | 0.8        | 2,115          |
| Burke (S)                           | 20                      | 50.0        | 20                       | 50.0        | 0                       | 0.0        | 0             | 0.0        | 40             |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 73                      | 40.8        | 98                       | 54.7        | 4                       | 2.2        | 4             | 2.2        | 179            |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 644                     | 53.1        | 532                      | 43.9        | 22                      | 1.8        | 14            | 1.2        | 1,212          |
| Cloncurry (S)                       | 147                     | 44.0        | 169                      | 50.6        | 11                      | 3.3        | 7             | 2.1        | 334            |
| Doomadgee (S)                       | 0                       | 0.0         | 3                        | 42.9        | 0                       | 0.0        | 0             | 0.0        | 7              |
| Flinders (S)                        | 153                     | 42.0        | 203                      | 55.8        | 7                       | 1.9        | 3             | 0.8        | 364            |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 641                     | 48.5        | 658                      | 49.7        | 19                      | 1.4        | 5             | 0.4        | 1,323          |
| McKinlay (S)                        | 100                     | 40.7        | 134                      | 54.5        | 8                       | 3.3        | 4             | 1.6        | 246            |
| Mornington (S)                      | 3                       | 30.0        | 5                        | 50.0        | 0                       | 0.0        | 0             | 0.0        | 10             |
| Mount Isa (C)                       | 503                     | 51.1        | 427                      | 43.4        | 27                      | 2.7        | 27            | 2.7        | 984            |
| Palm Island (S)                     | 5                       | 41.7        | 6                        | 50.0        | 0                       | 0.0        | 0             | 0.0        | 12             |
| Richmond (S)                        | 81                      | 36.3        | 134                      | 60.1        | 4                       | 1.8        | 4             | 1.8        | 223            |
| Townsville (C)                      | 6,651                   | 53.3        | 5,448                    | 43.6        | 227                     | 1.8        | 160           | 1.3        | 12,486         |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>278,476</b>          | <b>57.3</b> | <b>192,951</b>           | <b>39.7</b> | <b>7,359</b>            | <b>1.5</b> | <b>7,152</b>  | <b>1.5</b> | <b>485,979</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 2024.

The industry with the largest number of registered businesses in Townsville and NW Qld region as at 30 June 2022 was

# Agriculture, forestry and fishing (17.6%)

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- 17.6% of businesses in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry as at 30 June 2022
- 16.9% of businesses in Construction industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 2.05 in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry

### Queensland

- 17.3% of businesses in Construction industry as at 30 June 2022
- 12.3% of businesses in Professional, scientific and technical services industry

**Table 46 Registered businesses by industry, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 30 June 2022**

| Industry  | Townsville and NW Qld region |              | Queensland     |              | Specialisation ratio |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|
|   | number                       | %            | number         | %            | number               |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing               | 3,457                        | 17.6         | 41,909         | 8.6          | 2.05                 |
| Mining  | 103                          | 0.5          | 1,846          | 0.4          | 1.38                 |
| Manufacturing                                   | 654                          | 3.3          | 18,036         | 3.7          | 0.90                 |
| Electricity, gas, water and waste services      | 66                           | 0.3          | 1,561          | 0.3          | 1.05                 |
| Construction                                    | 3,308                        | 16.9         | 83,852         | 17.3         | 0.98                 |
| Wholesale trade                                 | 377                          | 1.9          | 14,354         | 3.0          | 0.65                 |
| Retail trade                                    | 1,126                        | 5.7          | 29,177         | 6.0          | 0.96                 |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 832                          | 4.2          | 19,451         | 4.0          | 1.06                 |
| Transport, postal and warehousing               | 1,307                        | 6.7          | 34,713         | 7.1          | 0.93                 |
| Information media and telecommunications        | 79                           | 0.4          | 3,992          | 0.8          | 0.49                 |
| Financial and insurance services                | 510                          | 2.6          | 19,687         | 4.1          | 0.64                 |
| Rental, hiring and real estate services         | 2,004                        | 10.2         | 57,292         | 11.8         | 0.87                 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,577                        | 8.1          | 59,973         | 12.3         | 0.65                 |
| Administrative and support services             | 801                          | 4.1          | 22,424         | 4.6          | 0.89                 |
| Public administration and safety                | 45                           | 0.2          | 1,237          | 0.3          | 0.90                 |
| Education and training                          | 255                          | 1.3          | 7,573          | 1.6          | 0.84                 |
| Health care and social assistance               | 1,484                        | 7.6          | 34,791         | 7.2          | 1.06                 |
| Arts and recreation services                    | 227                          | 1.2          | 6,756          | 1.4          | 0.83                 |
| Other services                                  | 1,350                        | 6.9          | 26,914         | 5.5          | 1.24                 |
| Not classified                                  | 25                           | 0.1          | 555            | 0.1          | 1.12                 |
| <b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>                      | <b>19,590</b>                | <b>100.0</b> | <b>486,093</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 2024.

The total protected area within Townsville and NW Qld region as at 2022 was

# 10,677.2 km<sup>2</sup>

### Townsville and NW Qld region

- Protected area of 10,677.2 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2022
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 10,185.9 km<sup>2</sup>
- Within the region, Mount Isa (C) LGA had the largest protected area with 2,498.1 km<sup>2</sup>

### Queensland

- Protected area of 129,364.4 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2022
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 97,177.1 km<sup>2</sup>

**Table 47 Protected areas - parks, forests and reserves by LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2022**

| 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>10,185.9</b>              | <b>413.1</b>    | <b>78.2</b>    | <b>0.0</b>     | <b>10,677.2</b>  |
| Boulia (S)                          | 0.0                          | 0.0             | 0.0            | 0.0            | 0.0              |
| Burdekin (S)                        | 217.1                        | 0.0             | 0.0            | 0.0            | 217.1            |
| Burke (S)                           | 1,552.2                      | 0.0             | 0.0            | 0.0            | 1,552.2          |
| Carpentaria (S)                     | 1,526.3                      | 0.0             | 0.0            | 0.0            | 1,526.3          |
| Charters Towers (R)                 | 1,722.8                      | 64.6            | 0.0            | 0.0            | 1,787.4          |
| 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)                        | 986.9                        | 0.0             | 0.0            | 0.0            | 986.9            |
| Hinchinbrook (S)                    | 835.1                        | 188.2           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 1,023.2          |
| 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             | 78.2           | 0.0            | 2,498.1          |
| 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)                      | 859.8                        | 160.3           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 1,020.0          |
| <b>Queensland</b>                   | <b>97,177.1</b>              | <b>30,984.2</b> | <b>662.8</b>   | <b>540.3</b>   | <b>129,364.4</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                               |
| pr   | preliminary rebased                       |
| 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 2011 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 data**

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**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

**Aged care services**

GIS locations are referenced to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020)(EPSG:7842).

**Home care services**

Following the Increasing Choices changes on 27 February 2017, places for the Home Care Packages Program are now assigned to consumers and not to services. Correspondingly, places data for the Home Care Packages Program are no longer captured in the stocktake. These figures only include flexible home care places in the: Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Program, Aged Care Innovative Pool Program and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

**Residential care**

Residential care provides a range of supported accommodation services for older people who are unable to continue living independently in their own homes. The figures here include flexible residential care places in the: Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Program, Aged Care Innovative Pool Program and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

**Restorative care**

Restorative care program provides a package of services to enable older people after a hospital stay to return home rather than prematurely enter residential care. The program also gives older people and their families and carers time to consider long-term care arrangements. These figures include places in the Transition Care Program and the Short-Term Restorative Care Program.

## 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 50 Country of Birth responses (excluding Australia) reported in the 2016 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), 2013, version 1.3.

### 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), 2013, version 1.3.

## 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.

## Medians and averages

### Average household size

Applicable to number of persons usually resident in occupied private dwellings. It includes partners, children, and co-tenants (in group households) who were temporarily absent on Census Night. A maximum of three temporary absentees can be counted in each household. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Average number of persons per bedroom

Applicable to number of persons usually resident in occupied private dwellings. It includes partners, children, and co-tenants (in group households) who were temporarily absent on Census Night. A maximum of three temporary absentees can be counted in each household. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Median mortgage repayment

Applicable to occupied private dwellings being purchased and includes dwellings being purchased under a rent/buy scheme. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Median total family income

Applicable to families in family households. It excludes families where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and families where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night.

### Median total household income

Applicable to occupied private dwellings. It excludes households where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and households where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Median total personal income

Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

## 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).

**Proficiency in spoken English**

Based on the most common 29 Language used at home responses reported in the 2016 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.

**Total family income**

Median total family income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury. Median calculation excludes families where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and families where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night.

**Total personal income**

Median total personal income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury.

**Income data use considerations - Lockdown**

A number of regions across the country were in various stages of lockdown on 2021 Census day, and the week preceding it, resulting in a greater number of people being temporarily stood down, which impacted their income. To gain a better understanding of the true income levels of Australians, guidance for people in lockdown on how to correctly respond was provided at the time on the Census website, as follows:

*'Please reflect your usual income, as it was before the commencement of the current COVID lockdown period.'*

**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.