

Regional Profiles Summary - Townsville and NW Qld region (ASGS 2021) Compared with Queensland

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Townsville and NW Qld region comprises the 15 local government areas of Boulia (S), Burdekin (S), Burke (S), Carpentaria (S), Charters Towers (R), Cloncurry (S), Doomadgee (S), Flinders (S), Hinchinbrook (S), McKinlay (S), Mornington (S), Mount Isa (C), Palm Island (S), Richmond (S) and Townsville (C). The region name Townsville and NW Qld region is the customisable region name provided by the generator of this report and does not necessarily represent the current view of Queensland Treasury or the Queensland Government.

Estimated resident population

As at 30 June 2021, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Townsville and NW Qld region was 269,066 persons. The annual growth rate between 2020 and 2021 was 0.2 per cent.

Table 1 Estimated resident population and growth

As at 30 June	Population		Annual growth rate	
	Townsville and NW Qld region	Queensland	Townsville and NW Qld region	Queensland
	persons		— per cent —	
2016	265,746		-0.2	1.4
2017pr	266,484		0.3	1.7
2018pr	266,862		0.1	1.7
2019pr	267,302		0.2	1.7
2020pr	268,620		0.5	1.6
2021pr	269,066		0.2	0.8

pr = preliminary rebased

Next planned update: April 2023.

Source: ABS, *Regional population*, various editions

Population projections

The 2018 edition of population projections indicate that by 2026 the expected population of Townsville and NW Qld region will be 294,204 persons. By 2041, it is expected to be 353,453 persons.

Table 2 Population projections (medium series)

As at 30 June	Population		Average annual growth rate	
	Townsville and NW Qld region	Queensland	Townsville and NW Qld region	Queensland
	persons		— per cent —	
2016	266,162		n.a.	n.a.
2021	276,641		0.8	1.6
2026	294,204		1.2	1.7
2031	313,893		1.3	1.6
2036	333,681		1.2	1.5
2041	353,453		1.2	1.4

n.a. = not available

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

Next planned update: November 2021.

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

Population by age group

In the Townsville and NW Qld region as at 30 June 2021, 19.7 per cent of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 65.6 per cent were aged 15 to 64 years and 14.7 per cent were aged 65 years and over.

Table 3 Population by age group

As at 30 June	Age group				
	0–14	15–24	25–44	45–64	65+
	— per cent —				
2021pr					
Townsville and NW Qld region	19.7	14.0	27.0	24.6	14.7
Queensland	19.0	12.5	27.2	24.8	16.6
2041					
Townsville and NW Qld region	19.4	13.9	26.7	21.6	18.4
Queensland	17.8	12.1	25.6	23.5	21.0

(a) Medium series.

Next planned update: September 2023.

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

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

Unemployment and labour force

The unemployment rate in Townsville and NW Qld region in June quarter 2022 was 3.7 per cent.

Table 4 Unemployment and labour force^(a)

Region	June quarter 2022		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Townsville and NW Qld region	5,465	146,992	3.7
Queensland	128,979	2,833,277	4.6

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

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

C= City S = Shire R = Regional Council

Note: Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021. In some cases these data have been concurred from other geographical boundaries.

Building approvals

There were 830 new dwelling approvals in Townsville and NW Qld region over the 12 months ending 31 October 2022, a decrease of 33.3 per cent from the previous year (1,245 approvals).

Table 5 New dwelling approvals^(a)

Year ending October	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2020	634	48	682
2021	1,172	73	1,245
2022	705	125	830

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: January 2023.

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

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Note: Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries.