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Region overview

The time series profiles provide details on a range of topics over time. Census data sourced in these profiles compare the latest three Census periods and are based on place of usual residence (that is, where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night). 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 km², 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.

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Queensland has a total land area of 1,730,171.2 km², 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, and represents the best possible estimate of the resident population. 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.

Townsville and NW Qld region

- ERP of 269,066 persons as at 30 June 2021
- Average annual growth rate of 1.0% over 20 years
- Average annual growth rate of 0.2% over 5 years

Queensland

- ERP of 5,217,653 persons as at 30 June 2021
- Average annual growth rate of 1.9% over 20 years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.5% over 5 years

Between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2021, the average annual growth rate for Townsville and NW Qld region ERP was

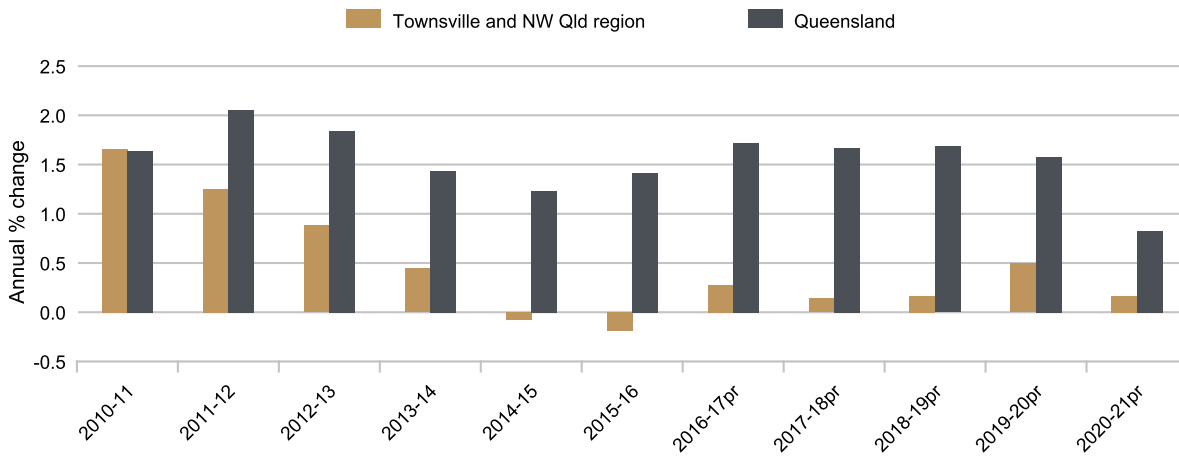
1.0%

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	
	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021pr	2001–2021pr	2016–2021pr
	— number —					— % —	
Townsville and NW Qld region	220,809	235,025	259,712	265,746	269,066	1.0	0.2
Boulia (S)	566	434	493	436	470	-0.9	1.5
Burdekin (S)	18,158	17,451	17,775	17,326	16,842	-0.4	-0.6
Burke (S)	490	512	557	342	430	-0.7	4.7
Carpentaria (S)	2,246	2,003	2,197	2,051	2,159	-0.2	1.0
Charters Towers (R)	12,007	11,729	12,434	12,087	11,923	0.0	-0.3
Cloncurry (S)	3,754	3,248	3,342	3,125	3,705	-0.1	3.5
Doomadgee (S)	1,178	1,129	1,374	1,475	1,435	1.0	-0.5
Flinders (S)	2,050	1,844	1,840	1,582	1,521	-1.5	-0.8
Hinchinbrook (S)	12,172	11,810	11,817	10,968	10,992	-0.5	0.0
McKinlay (S)	1,045	922	1,085	816	838	-1.1	0.5
Mornington (S)	991	1,082	1,220	1,197	1,061	0.3	-2.4
Mount Isa (C)	20,743	20,374	22,079	19,606	19,226	-0.4	-0.4
Palm Island (S)	2,269	2,070	2,538	2,581	2,180	-0.2	-3.3
Richmond (S)	1,128	935	847	806	769	-1.9	-0.9
Townsville (C)	142,012	159,482	180,114	191,348	195,515	1.6	0.4
Queensland	3,571,469	4,007,992	4,476,778	4,845,152	5,217,653	1.9	1.5

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, and represents the best possible estimate of the resident population. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2023.

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2001 and 2021, the average annual growth rate of persons aged 65 years and over was 3.5%
- 0–14 years age group accounted for 23.1% of the population in 2001 and 19.7% in 2021

Queensland

- 0–14 years age group accounted for 21.3% of the population in 2001 and 19.0% in 2021

Between 2001 and 2021, the share of persons aged 65 years and over in Townsville and NW Qld region increased from

9.0% to 14.7%

Table 2 Estimated resident population by age and LGA, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

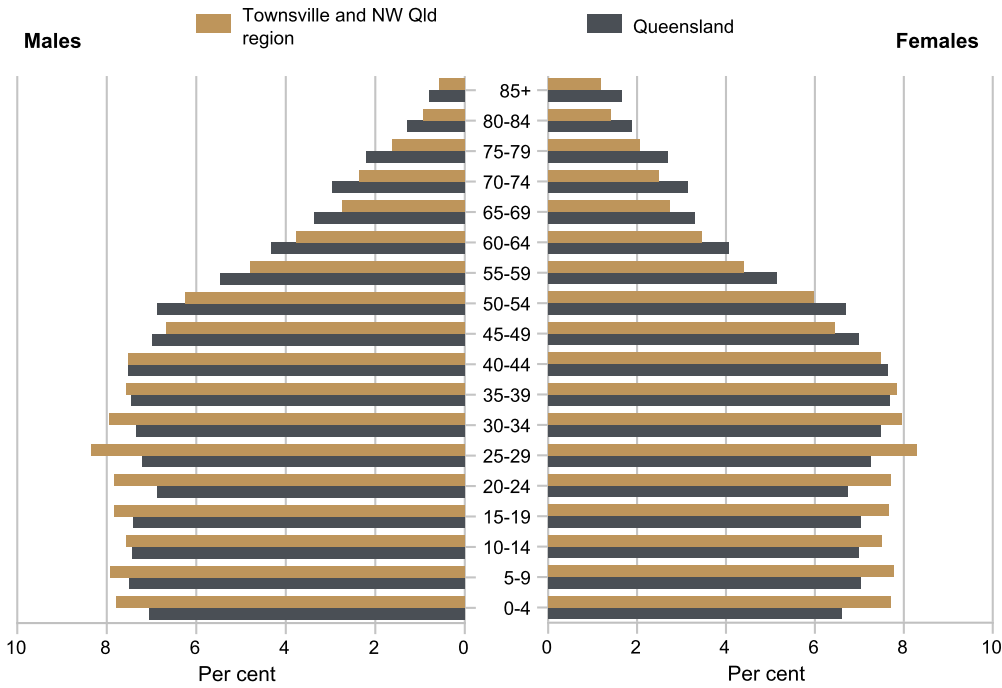
Age group	As at 30 June										Average annual growth rate
	2001		2006		2011		2016		2021pr		2001 to 2021pr
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	%
Townsville and NW Qld region											
0-14 years	51,054	23.1	52,107	22.2	55,101	21.2	55,088	20.7	52,898	19.7	0.2
15-24 years	34,292	15.5	36,422	15.5	40,176	15.5	40,000	15.1	37,708	14.0	0.5
25-44 years	69,456	31.5	69,259	29.5	74,991	28.9	73,520	27.7	72,661	27.0	0.2
45-64 years	46,135	20.9	53,991	23.0	61,885	23.8	63,944	24.1	66,197	24.6	1.8
65 years and over	19,872	9.0	23,246	9.9	27,559	10.6	33,194	12.5	39,602	14.7	3.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>220,809</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>235,025</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>259,712</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>265,746</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>269,066</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Queensland											
0-14 years	760,583	21.3	817,879	20.4	891,838	19.9	954,419	19.7	989,461	19.0	1.3
15-24 years	500,770	14.0	564,584	14.1	624,631	14.0	648,778	13.4	651,113	12.5	1.3
25-44 years	1,063,529	29.8	1,145,736	28.6	1,265,565	28.3	1,333,767	27.5	1,416,854	27.2	1.4
45-64 years	830,782	23.3	994,777	24.8	1,114,986	24.9	1,194,963	24.7	1,295,777	24.8	2.2
65 years and over	415,805	11.6	485,016	12.1	579,758	13.0	713,225	14.7	864,448	16.6	3.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,571,469</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>4,007,992</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>4,476,778</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>4,845,152</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>5,217,653</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1.9</i>

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

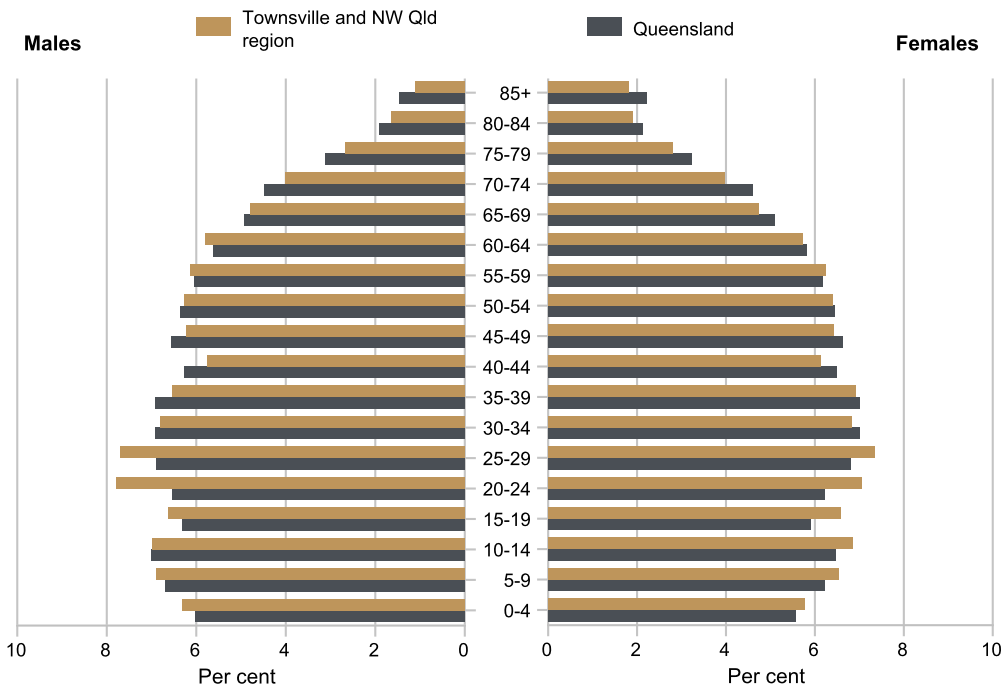


Figure 2 Estimated resident population by age and sex, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2001 and 2021pr

2001



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 Queensland Treasury using single year of age estimated resident population data provided by the ABS. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2023.

Between 2001 and 2021 the median age in Townsville and NW Qld region has increased by

4.7 years

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Median age of 36.5 years as at 30 June 2021
- An increase of 4.7 years from median age of 31.8 years as at 30 June 2001

Queensland

- Median age of 38.4 years as at 30 June 2021
- An increase of 3.4 years from median age of 35.0 years as at 30 June 2001

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

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June					Total change
	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021pr	2001 to 2021pr
	— years —					years
Townsville and NW Qld region	31.8	33.4	33.9	34.6	36.5	4.7
Boulia (S)	28.8	32.1	29.7	33.9	30.5	1.8
Burdekin (S)	36.2	39.9	40.9	43.8	45.4	9.2
Burke (S)	32.3	35.7	34.7	36.3	36.3	4.1
Carpentaria (S)	30.0	34.2	37.1	37.5	34.1	4.1
Charters Towers (R)	33.1	36.0	38.1	39.7	42.2	9.1
Cloncurry (S)	28.8	30.0	32.1	34.0	34.7	5.9
Doomadgee (S)	21.3	21.9	23.1	21.4	26.5	5.2
Flinders (S)	34.5	35.7	41.0	42.7	39.5	5.0
Hinchinbrook (S)	39.7	43.3	46.0	49.7	51.4	11.7
McKinlay (S)	33.2	36.3	33.4	38.7	36.6	3.4
Mornington (S)	25.2	27.5	26.2	26.6	30.1	4.9
Mount Isa (C)	29.7	29.9	30.3	30.8	31.6	1.9
Palm Island (S)	22.6	22.5	24.3	24.4	26.3	3.7
Richmond (S)	32.3	33.4	38.2	37.5	37.0	4.7
Townsville (C)	31.5	32.8	33.2	33.8	35.9	4.4
Queensland	35.0	36.1	36.6	37.0	38.4	3.4

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

Indigenous Population

Indigenous population is based on the 2011, 2016 and 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.

Between 2011 and 2021, the share of Indigenous persons in Townsville and NW Qld region increased from

9.1% to 11.1%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, the Indigenous population increased by 6,730 persons (29.5%)
- Non-Indigenous persons accounted for 84.3% of the population in 2011 and 81.2% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, the Indigenous population increased by 81,477 persons (52.3%)
- Non-Indigenous persons accounted for 91.2% of the population in 2011 and 89.9% in 2021

Table 4 Indigenous status, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Indigenous status	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ^(a)	22,813	9.1	25,389	9.8	29,543	11.1	6,730	29.5
Non-Indigenous	211,948	84.3	214,165	82.7	215,182	81.2	3,234	1.5
Indigenous status not stated	16,755	6.7	19,554	7.5	20,394	7.7	3,639	21.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>251,517</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>259,107</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>265,119</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>13,602</i>	<i>5.4</i>
Queensland								
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ^(a)	155,826	3.6	186,484	4.0	237,303	4.6	81,477	52.3
Non-Indigenous	3,952,703	91.2	4,211,019	89.5	4,635,042	89.9	682,339	17.3
Indigenous status not stated	224,210	5.2	305,688	6.5	283,793	5.5	59,583	26.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,332,739</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>4,703,192</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>5,156,138</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>823,399</i>	<i>19.0</i>

(a) Comprises persons who identified themselves as being of 'Aboriginal', 'Torres Strait Islander' or 'Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander' origin.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T06*

Country of birth

Country of birth has been derived from the 2011, 2016 and 2021 Census of Population and Housing question '*In which country was the person born?*'. This table is based on place of usual residence.

Between 2011 and 2021, the share of persons born overseas in Townsville and NW Qld region increased from

12.1% to 12.9%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons born overseas increased by 3,720 persons (12.2%)
- Australian born persons accounted for 80.7% of the population in 2011 and 78.9% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons born overseas increased by 281,820 persons (31.7%)
- Australian born persons accounted for 73.7% of the population in 2011 and 71.4% in 2021

Table 5 Country of birth, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Country of birth	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Australia ^(a)	202,973	80.7	204,939	79.1	209,249	78.9	6,276	3.1
Overseas - ESB ^(b)	15,861	6.3	15,614	6.0	15,310	5.8	-551	-3.5
Overseas - NESB ^(c)	14,498	5.8	16,788	6.5	18,774	7.1	4,276	29.5
Overseas - Total	30,388	12.1	32,462	12.5	34,108	12.9	3,720	12.2
Total ^(d)	251,517	100.0	259,107	100.0	265,119	100.0	13,602	5.4
Queensland								
Australia ^(a)	3,192,237	73.7	3,343,820	71.1	3,680,014	71.4	487,777	15.3
Overseas - ESB ^(b)	478,294	11.0	494,915	10.5	531,213	10.3	52,919	11.1
Overseas - NESB ^(c)	410,236	9.5	520,938	11.1	639,109	12.4	228,873	55.8
Overseas - Total	888,514	20.5	1,015,879	21.6	1,170,334	22.7	281,820	31.7
Total ^(d)	4,332,739	100.0	4,703,192	100.0	5,156,138	100.0	823,399	19.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

(b) Includes the UK, Ireland, Canada, USA, South Africa and New Zealand.

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

(d) Includes not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T01 and T08*

Proficiency in spoken English

Proficiency in spoken English has been derived from the 2011, 2016 and 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 table is based on place of usual residence.

Between 2011 and 2021, the share of persons who spoke English only in Townsville and NW Qld region decreased from

87.0% to 83.5%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons who spoke English only increased by 2,410 persons (1.1%)
- Persons who spoke another language and English not well or not at all accounted for 0.7% of the population in 2011 and 0.8% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons who spoke English only increased by 475,251 persons (12.9%)
- Persons who spoke another language and English not well or not at all accounted for 1.4% of the population in 2011 and 1.8% in 2021

Table 6 Proficiency in spoken English, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Proficiency in spoken English	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
English only	218,907	87.0	220,433	85.1	221,317	83.5	2,410	1.1
Other language and English - Very well or well	13,722	5.5	15,988	6.2	19,408	7.3	5,686	41.4
Other language and English - Not well or not at all	1,798	0.7	2,110	0.8	2,184	0.8	386	21.5
Other language - total ^(a)	15,746	6.3	18,481	7.1	21,851	8.2	6,105	38.8
Total ^(b)	251,517	100.0	259,107	100.0	265,119	100.0	13,602	5.4
Queensland								
English only	3,675,955	84.8	3,820,631	81.2	4,151,206	80.5	475,251	12.9
Other language and English - Very well or well	366,865	8.5	480,522	10.2	605,200	11.7	238,335	65.0
Other language and English - Not well or not at all	62,404	1.4	83,676	1.8	90,855	1.8	28,451	45.6
Other language - total ^(a)	435,227	10.0	570,913	12.1	704,045	13.7	268,818	61.8
Total ^(b)	4,332,739	100.0	4,703,192	100.0	5,156,138	100.0	823,399	19.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes proficiency in English not stated.

(b) Includes language and proficiency in English not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T11*

Household composition

In the context of the 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.

Between 2011 and 2021, the share of one parent households in Townsville and NW Qld region increased from

10.4% to 11.2%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, one parent households increased by 1,922 (19.2%)
- Lone person households accounted for 20.7% of total households in 2011 and 24.1% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, one parent households increased by 44,925 (25.4%)
- Lone person households accounted for 21.4% of total households in 2011 and 23.1% in 2021

Table 7 Household composition, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Household composition	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Couple only ^(a)	24,049	25.1	25,003	24.7	26,430	24.8	2,381	9.9
Couple with children ^(a)	27,476	28.6	26,886	26.5	26,103	24.5	-1,373	-5.0
One parent ^(a)	9,999	10.4	11,018	10.9	11,921	11.2	1,922	19.2
Other family ^(a)	1,121	1.2	1,102	1.1	1,213	1.1	92	8.2
Lone person	19,856	20.7	22,585	22.3	25,746	24.1	5,890	29.7
Group	4,004	4.2	4,008	4.0	3,829	3.6	-175	-4.4
Other ^(b)	9,424	9.8	10,681	10.5	11,379	10.7	1,955	20.7
Total	95,950	100.0	101,284	100.0	106,625	100.0	10,675	11.1
Queensland								
Couple only ^(a)	437,685	26.5	463,905	25.9	526,638	26.4	88,953	20.3
Couple with children ^(a)	487,019	29.5	513,727	28.7	557,290	27.9	70,271	14.4
One parent ^(a)	176,793	10.7	192,335	10.7	221,718	11.1	44,925	25.4
Other family ^(a)	19,328	1.2	19,895	1.1	22,225	1.1	2,897	15.0
Lone person	353,511	21.4	389,078	21.7	461,009	23.1	107,498	30.4
Group	72,969	4.4	77,899	4.3	80,576	4.0	7,607	10.4
Other ^(b)	101,233	6.1	134,907	7.5	128,570	6.4	27,337	27.0
Total	1,648,537	100.0	1,791,736	100.0	1,998,032	100.0	349,495	21.2

(a) In multiple family households, only the family composition of the primary family is included.

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

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T14*

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 at the time of Census of Population and Housing. This information is determined by the Census collector and is based on occupied private dwellings.

Between 2011 and 2021, the share of separate house dwellings in Townsville and NW Qld region decreased from

78.5% to 77.8%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, separate houses increased by 8,814 dwellings (11.9%)
- Apartments accounted for 11.5% of occupied private dwellings in 2011 and 6.0% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, separate houses increased by 210,969 dwellings (16.9%)
- Apartments accounted for 12.3% of occupied private dwellings in 2011 and 12.8% in 2021

Table 8 Occupied private dwellings by dwelling structure, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Dwelling structure	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Separate house	74,179	78.5	78,734	78.6	82,993	77.8	8,814	11.9
Semi-detached ^(a)	4,446	4.7	8,816	8.8	11,272	10.6	6,826	153.5
Apartment ^(b)	10,829	11.5	7,316	7.3	6,410	6.0	-4,419	-40.8
Other ^(c)	4,850	5.1	4,165	4.2	4,778	4.5	-72	-1.5
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>94,555</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100,126</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>106,625</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>12,070</i>	<i>12.8</i>
Queensland								
Separate house	1,251,457	76.8	1,327,493	74.8	1,462,426	73.2	210,969	16.9
Semi-detached ^(a)	135,333	8.3	187,002	10.5	234,619	11.7	99,286	73.4
Apartment ^(b)	199,907	12.3	208,025	11.7	255,570	12.8	55,663	27.8
Other ^(c)	41,237	2.5	40,610	2.3	34,731	1.7	-6,506	-15.8
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>1,629,938</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,774,764</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,998,032</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>368,094</i>	<i>22.6</i>

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

(b) Includes flat or units.

(c) Includes Caravan, cabin, houseboat; Improvised home, tent, sleepers out; House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.

(d) Includes dwelling types not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T18*

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 at the time of Census of Population and Housing, or whether the household occupies it under another arrangement. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

Between 2011 and 2021, the share of fully owned dwellings in Townsville and NW Qld region increased from

26.4% to 26.8%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, fully owned dwellings increased by 3,573 dwellings (14.3%)
- Rented dwellings accounted for 31.7% of occupied private dwellings in 2011 and 33.5% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, fully owned dwellings increased by 95,940 dwellings (20.5%)
- Rented dwellings accounted for 30.1% of occupied private dwellings in 2011 and 31.7% in 2021

Table 9 Occupied private dwellings by tenure type, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Tenure type	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Fully owned	25,003	26.4	25,604	25.6	28,576	26.8	3,573	14.3
Being purchased ^(a)	29,033	30.7	29,778	29.7	31,491	29.5	2,458	8.5
Rented ^(b)	29,995	31.7	32,767	32.7	35,731	33.5	5,736	19.1
Other ^(c)	2,726	2.9	2,379	2.4	2,497	2.3	-229	-8.4
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>94,555</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100,126</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>106,625</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>12,070</i>	<i>12.8</i>
Queensland								
Fully owned	467,544	28.7	490,384	27.6	563,484	28.2	95,940	20.5
Being purchased ^(a)	537,079	33.0	561,792	31.7	646,990	32.4	109,911	20.5
Rented ^(b)	489,973	30.1	543,299	30.6	632,484	31.7	142,511	29.1
Other ^(c)	34,478	2.1	33,269	1.9	37,977	1.9	3,499	10.1
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>1,629,938</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,774,764</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,998,032</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>368,094</i>	<i>22.6</i>

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

(b) Includes renting from a real estate agent, state housing authority, person not in the same household, housing co-op/community/church, other and not stated. Excludes dwellings being 'Occupied rent-free'.

(c) Includes dwellings being 'Occupied under a life tenure scheme' and 'Occupied rent-free'.

(d) Includes tenure type not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T18*

Society

Non-school qualification

Non-school qualification information describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2011, 2016 and 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.

Between 2011 and 2021, the share of persons with a bachelor degree or higher in Townsville and NW Qld region increased from

23.7% to 27.4%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons with a bachelor degree or higher increased by 10,023 persons (41.5%)
- Persons with an advanced diploma or diploma accounted for 11.3% of the persons with a non-school qualification in 2011 and 12.8% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons with a bachelor degree or higher increased by 369,581 persons (67.3%)
- Persons with an advanced diploma or diploma accounted for 13.9% of the persons with a non-school qualification in 2011 and 15.1% in 2021

Table 10 Non-school qualifications^(a) by level of education, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Non-school qualification	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Bachelor degree or higher ^(b)	24,133	23.7	28,567	24.8	34,156	27.4	10,023	41.5
Advanced diploma or diploma	11,510	11.3	14,538	12.6	15,920	12.8	4,410	38.3
Certificate ^(c)	42,037	41.3	47,653	41.4	50,974	40.9	8,937	21.3
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>101,772</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>115,132</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>124,592</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>22,820</i>	<i>22.4</i>
Queensland								
Bachelor degree or higher ^(b)	548,887	29.3	693,410	30.9	918,468	35.1	369,581	67.3
Advanced diploma or diploma	260,778	13.9	330,620	14.8	395,615	15.1	134,837	51.7
Certificate ^(c)	686,998	36.6	807,105	36.0	927,894	35.4	240,896	35.1
<i>Total^(d)</i>	<i>1,875,320</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>2,241,122</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>2,618,666</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>743,346</i>	<i>39.6</i>

(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, Time Series Profile - T31*

Economy

Unemployment and labour force

Unemployment and labour force has been derived from the 2011, 2016 and 2021 Census of Population and Housing data and is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over. This table is based on place of usual residence.

Between 2011 and 2021, the unemployment rate in Townsville and NW Qld region decreased from

5.1% to 4.9%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, the labour force increased by 4,058 persons (3.2%)
- The unemployment rate was 5.1% in 2011 and 4.9% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, the labour force increased by 411,727 persons (19.0%)
- The unemployment rate was 6.1% in 2011 and 5.4% in 2021

Table 11 Unemployment and labour force, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Labour force status	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Persons: Total employed: Total	121,977	61.8	118,018	57.2	126,060	59.0	4,083	3.3
Persons: Total unemployed: Total	6,538	3.3	10,856	5.3	6,494	3.0	-44	-0.7
Labour force	128,506	65.1	128,874	62.5	132,564	62.0	4,058	3.2
Not in labour force	54,389	27.5	60,464	29.3	62,591	29.3	8,202	15.1
<i>Total^(a)</i>	<i>197,509</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>206,251</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>213,795</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>16,286</i>	<i>8.2</i>
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	..	8.4	..	4.9	..	-0.2 ppt	..
Queensland								
Persons: Total employed: Total	2,039,276	59.0	2,136,450	56.4	2,444,090	58.3	404,814	19.9
Persons: Total unemployed: Total	131,798	3.8	175,667	4.6	138,714	3.3	6,916	5.2
Labour force	2,171,075	62.8	2,312,119	61.0	2,582,802	61.6	411,727	19.0
Not in labour force	1,079,303	31.2	1,206,041	31.8	1,340,215	32.0	260,912	24.2
<i>Total^(a)</i>	<i>3,456,876</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,790,497</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>4,191,812</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>734,936</i>	<i>21.3</i>
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	..	7.6	..	5.4	..	-0.7 ppt	..

(a) Includes labour force status not stated.

Note: More recent data are available on unemployment rates in the "Resident" profiles, sourced from the Australian Government National Skills Commission.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T33*

Employment by industry

Employment by industry has been derived from the 2011, 2016 and 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 table is based on place of usual residence.

Between 2011 and 2021 in Townsville and NW Qld region, the share of persons employed in the Health care and social assistance industry increased from

11.6% to 15.9%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons employed in the Health care and social assistance industry increased by 5,961 (42.2%)
- Persons employed in the Health care and social assistance industry accounted for 11.6% of employed persons in 2011 and 15.9% in 2021

Queensland (Table on next page)

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons employed in the Health care and social assistance industry increased by 132,953 (54.8%)
- Persons employed in the Health care and social assistance industry accounted for 11.9% of employed persons in 2011 and 15.4% in 2021

Table 12 Employment by industry, Townsville and NW Qld region

Industry	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4,998	4.1	4,856	4.1	4,912	3.9	-86	-1.7
Mining	7,439	6.1	6,013	5.1	6,966	5.5	-473	-6.4
Manufacturing	9,331	7.6	6,008	5.1	6,246	5.0	-3,085	-33.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1,742	1.4	1,655	1.4	1,680	1.3	-62	-3.6
Construction	10,753	8.8	8,666	7.3	9,762	7.7	-991	-9.2
Wholesale trade	3,345	2.7	2,385	2.0	2,345	1.9	-1,000	-29.9
Retail trade	12,416	10.2	11,163	9.5	11,162	8.9	-1,254	-10.1
Accommodation and food services	7,837	6.4	8,239	7.0	8,807	7.0	970	12.4
Transport, postal and warehousing	5,911	4.8	5,300	4.5	5,185	4.1	-726	-12.3
Information media and telecommunications	1,373	1.1	1,183	1.0	870	0.7	-503	-36.6
Financial and insurance services	1,769	1.5	1,641	1.4	1,518	1.2	-251	-14.2
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1,719	1.4	1,667	1.4	1,560	1.2	-159	-9.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	4,842	4.0	4,513	3.8	4,945	3.9	103	2.1
Administrative and support services	3,364	2.8	3,533	3.0	3,286	2.6	-78	-2.3
Public administration and safety	12,709	10.4	14,169	12.0	14,024	11.1	1,315	10.3
Education and training	9,754	8.0	11,196	9.5	11,738	9.3	1,984	20.3
Health care and social assistance	14,130	11.6	15,936	13.5	20,091	15.9	5,961	42.2
Arts and recreation services	1,270	1.0	1,329	1.1	1,398	1.1	128	10.1
Other services	4,572	3.7	4,513	3.8	4,888	3.9	316	6.9
Total, Persons	121,977	100.0	118,018	100.0	126,060	100.0	4,083	3.3

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T34*

Table 13 Employment by industry, Queensland

Industry	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Queensland								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	55,421	2.7	60,608	2.8	62,444	2.6	7,023	12.7
Mining	52,954	2.6	49,997	2.3	55,486	2.3	2,532	4.8
Manufacturing	171,671	8.4	128,783	6.0	140,285	5.7	-31,386	-18.3
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	24,828	1.2	23,884	1.1	28,814	1.2	3,986	16.1
Construction	183,783	9.0	191,338	9.0	222,234	9.1	38,451	20.9
Wholesale trade	74,289	3.6	56,371	2.6	57,743	2.4	-16,546	-22.3
Retail trade	217,614	10.7	211,780	9.9	226,468	9.3	8,854	4.1
Accommodation and food services	141,858	7.0	156,672	7.3	175,850	7.2	33,992	24.0
Transport, postal and warehousing	107,069	5.3	108,084	5.1	115,870	4.7	8,801	8.2
Information media and telecommunications	25,358	1.2	25,267	1.2	23,379	1.0	-1,979	-7.8
Financial and insurance services	54,149	2.7	54,290	2.5	62,436	2.6	8,287	15.3
Rental, hiring and real estate services	37,009	1.8	42,502	2.0	42,931	1.8	5,922	16.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	132,752	6.5	133,652	6.3	164,129	6.7	31,377	23.6
Administrative and support services	65,014	3.2	75,336	3.5	81,926	3.4	16,912	26.0
Public administration and safety	136,818	6.7	140,169	6.6	150,358	6.2	13,540	9.9
Education and training	160,924	7.9	192,147	9.0	216,015	8.8	55,091	34.2
Health care and social assistance	242,558	11.9	276,948	13.0	375,511	15.4	132,953	54.8
Arts and recreation services	28,443	1.4	33,668	1.6	37,550	1.5	9,107	32.0
Other services	78,712	3.9	83,470	3.9	95,768	3.9	17,056	21.7
Total, Persons	2,039,276	100.0	2,136,450	100.0	2,444,090	100.0	404,814	19.9

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T34*

Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation has been derived from the 2011, 2016 and 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 table is based on place of usual residence.

Between 2011 and 2021 in Townsville and NW Qld region, the share of persons employed in the occupation of Community and personal service workers increased from

11.1% to 14.7%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons employed in the Community and personal service workers occupation increased by 5,000 (36.9%)
- Persons employed in the Professionals occupation accounted for 15.9% of employed persons in 2011 and 18.2% in 2021

Queensland

- Between 2011 and 2021, persons employed in the Professionals occupation increased by 137,812 (35.7%)
- Persons employed in the Professionals occupation accounted for 18.9% of employed persons in 2011 and 21.4% in 2021

Table 14 Employment by occupation, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Occupation	Census year						Total change	
	2011		2016		2021		2011–2021	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Managers	13,399	11.0	12,804	10.8	13,866	11.0	467	3.5
Professionals	19,354	15.9	20,400	17.3	22,884	18.2	3,530	18.2
Technicians and trades workers	20,634	16.9	18,315	15.5	18,993	15.1	-1,641	-8.0
Community and personal service workers	13,551	11.1	15,993	13.6	18,551	14.7	5,000	36.9
Clerical and administrative workers	16,165	13.3	15,003	12.7	14,906	11.8	-1,259	-7.8
Sales workers	10,830	8.9	10,572	9.0	10,244	8.1	-586	-5.4
Machinery operators and drivers	12,109	9.9	10,489	8.9	11,054	8.8	-1,055	-8.7
Labourers	13,613	11.2	12,630	10.7	13,192	10.5	-421	-3.1
Total, Persons	121,977	100.0	118,018	100.0	126,060	100.0	4,083	3.3
Queensland								
Managers	245,607	12.0	258,514	12.1	305,755	12.5	60,148	24.5
Professionals	385,583	18.9	423,919	19.8	523,395	21.4	137,812	35.7
Technicians and trades workers	304,567	14.9	305,440	14.3	333,915	13.7	29,348	9.6
Community and personal service workers	202,978	10.0	241,960	11.3	301,039	12.3	98,061	48.3
Clerical and administrative workers	299,326	14.7	291,318	13.6	309,376	12.7	10,050	3.4
Sales workers	199,633	9.8	207,801	9.7	211,439	8.7	11,806	5.9
Machinery operators and drivers	149,321	7.3	147,639	6.9	166,739	6.8	17,418	11.7
Labourers	215,233	10.6	225,271	10.5	246,394	10.1	31,161	14.5
Total, Persons	2,039,276	100.0	2,136,450	100.0	2,444,090	100.0	404,814	19.9

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Time Series Profile - T35*

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.

Between 2019–20 and 2021–22, the share of new houses in the number of residential building approvals in Townsville and NW Qld region increased from

87.5% to 89.2%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 2019–20 and 2021–22, the number of approved new houses increased by 283 (53.9%)
- The number of approved new other residential buildings accounted for 11.8% of the total residential building approvals in 2019–20 and 10.7% in 2021–22
- The value of residential building approvals accounted for 41.5% of the total building value in 2019–20 and 41.7% in 2021–22

Queensland

- Between 2019–20 and 2021–22, the number of approved new houses increased by 4,361 (21.6%)
- The number of approved new other residential buildings accounted for 32.8% of the total residential building approvals in 2019–20 and 35.9% in 2021–22
- The value of residential building approvals accounted for 55.1% of the total building value in 2019–20 and 61.2% in 2021–22

Table 15 Residential building approvals, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

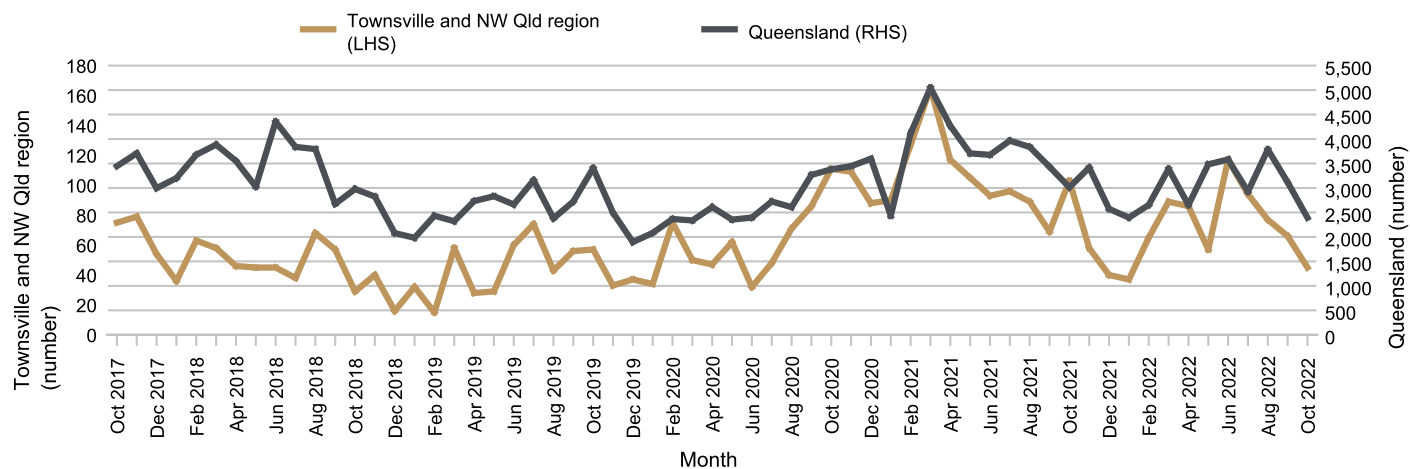
Residential building approvals	Financial year								Total change	
	2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23 YTD ^(a)		2019–20 to 2021–22	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region										
New houses	525	87.5	1,164	96.2	808	89.2	214	75.9	283	53.9
New other residential buildings approved ^(b)	71	11.8	39	3.2	97	10.7	68	24.1	26	36.6
Alterations, additions and conversions	4	0.7	7	0.6	1	0.1	0	0.0	-3	-75.0
Total	600	100.0	1,210	100.0	906	100.0	282	100.0	306	51.0
Queensland										
New houses	20,145	66.7	29,583	70.0	24,506	63.8	7,837	64.1	4,361	21.6
New other residential buildings approved ^(b)	9,898	32.8	12,574	29.7	13,800	35.9	4,349	35.6	3,902	39.4
Alterations, additions and conversions	155	0.5	115	0.3	90	0.2	35	0.3	-65	-41.9
Total	30,198	100.0	42,272	100.0	38,396	100.0	12,221	100.0	8,198	27.1

(a) Year to date as at 31 October 2022.

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

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

Figure 3 Number of residential building approvals, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland



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

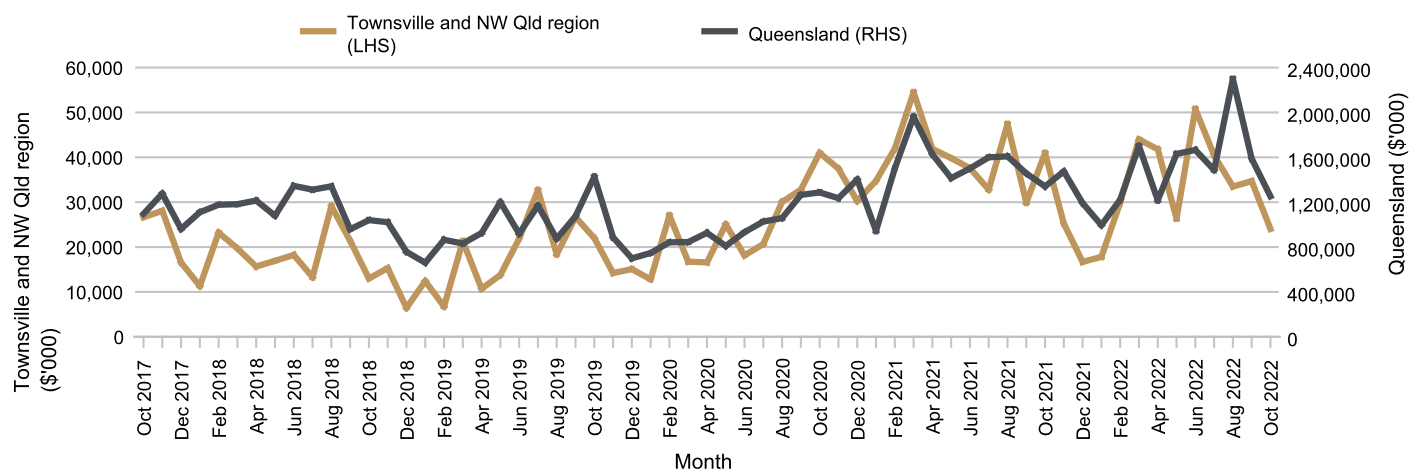
Table 16 Value of building approvals, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Building value	Financial year								Total change	
	2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23 YTD ^(a)		2019–20 to 2021–22	
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Townsville and NW Qld region										
Residential building value	245,391	41.5	442,680	49.6	403,555	41.7	132,646	55.1	158,165	64.5
Non-residential building value	345,522	58.5	450,200	50.4	564,203	58.3	108,307	44.9	218,681	63.3
Total building value	590,913	100.0	892,881	100.0	967,758	100.0	240,953	100.0	376,846	63.8
Queensland										
Residential building value	11,231,438	55.1	16,224,660	67.2	17,102,524	61.2	6,625,860	68.5	5,871,086	52.3
Non-residential building value	9,135,935	44.9	7,927,426	32.8	10,832,036	38.8	3,041,061	31.5	1,696,101	18.6
Total building value	20,367,373	100.0	24,152,086	100.0	27,934,560	100.0	9,666,921	100.0	7,567,187	37.2

(a) Year to date as at 31 October 2022.

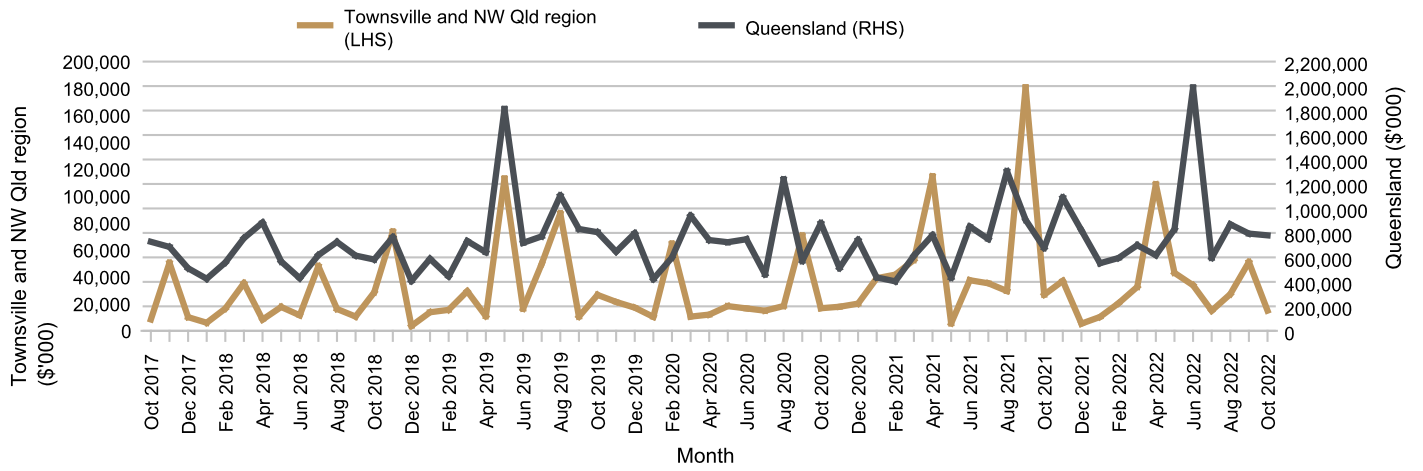
Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

Figure 4 Value of residential building approvals, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland



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

Figure 5 Value of non-residential building approvals, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland



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

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.

Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022 in Townsville and NW Qld region, the share of non-employing businesses decreased from

58.4% to 56.8%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022, the number of non-employing businesses increased by 435 (4.1%)
- Businesses with 1 to 4 employees accounted for 26.2% of businesses as at 30 June 2020 and 27.9% as at 30 June 2022

Queensland

- Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022, the number of non-employing businesses increased by 13,018 (4.7%)
- Businesses with 1 to 4 employees accounted for 25.3% of businesses as at 30 June 2020 and 28.3% as at 30 June 2022

Table 17 Registered businesses by employment size, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland

Employment size	As at						Total change	
	30 June 2020		30 June 2021		30 June 2022		30 June 2020 to 30 June 2022	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Non-employing	10,691	58.4	10,549	55.9	11,126	56.8	435	4.1
1-4 employees	4,792	26.2	5,371	28.5	5,467	27.9	675	14.1
5-19 employees	2,276	12.4	2,366	12.5	2,374	12.1	98	4.3
20-199 employees	530	2.9	558	3.0	606	3.1	76	14.3
200+ employees	11	0.1	17	0.1	19	0.1	8	72.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>18,306</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>18,864</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>19,590</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,284</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Queensland								
Non-employing	276,383	62.3	270,873	58.8	289,401	59.5	13,018	4.7
1-4 employees	112,402	25.3	133,617	29.0	137,569	28.3	25,167	22.4
5-19 employees	43,040	9.7	44,358	9.6	46,117	9.5	3,077	7.1
20-199 employees	11,356	2.6	11,038	2.4	12,223	2.5	867	7.6
200+ employees	740	0.2	748	0.2	756	0.2	16	2.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>443,916</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>460,820</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>486,093</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>42,177</i>	<i>9.5</i>

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

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Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022 in Townsville and NW Qld region, the share of businesses with a turnover range of \$10 million or more increased from

1.0% to 1.3%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022, the number of businesses with a turnover range of \$10 million or more increased by 62 (33.9%)
- Businesses with a turnover range less than \$200K accounted for 52.1% of businesses as at 30 June 2020 and 50.9% as at 30 June 2022

Queensland

- Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022, the number of businesses with a turnover range of \$10 million or more increased by 1,078 (17.7%)
- Businesses with a turnover range less than \$200K accounted for 58.4% of businesses as at 30 June 2020 and 57.3% as at 30 June 2022

Table 18 Registered businesses by turnover range, Townsville and NW Qld region and Queensland, 2023

Turnover range	As at						Total change	
	30 June 2020		30 June 2021		30 June 2022		30 June 2020 to 30 June 2022	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
\$0 to less than \$200k	9,545	52.1	9,892	52.4	9,974	50.9	429	4.5
\$200k to less than \$5m	8,293	45.3	8,449	44.8	9,007	46.0	714	8.6
\$5m to less than \$10m	284	1.6	307	1.6	359	1.8	75	26.4
\$10m or more	183	1.0	219	1.2	245	1.3	62	33.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>18,306</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>18,864</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>19,590</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,284</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Queensland								
\$0 to less than \$200k	259,301	58.4	273,904	59.4	278,476	57.3	19,175	7.4
\$200k to less than \$5m	172,445	38.9	174,161	37.8	192,951	39.7	20,506	11.9
\$5m to less than \$10m	6,093	1.4	6,352	1.4	7,359	1.5	1,266	20.8
\$10m or more	6,074	1.4	6,106	1.3	7,152	1.5	1,078	17.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>443,859</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>460,766</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>485,979</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>42,120</i>	<i>9.5</i>

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

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Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022 in Townsville and NW Qld region, the share of businesses in the Health care and social assistance industry increased from

7.1% to 7.6%

Townsville and NW Qld region

- Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022, the businesses in Health care and social assistance industry increased by 193 (14.9%)
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry accounted for 18.4% of businesses as at 30 June 2020 and 17.6% as at 30 June 2022

Queensland (Table on next page)

- Between 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2022, the businesses in Construction industry increased by 6,792 (8.8%)
- Construction industry accounted for 17.4% of businesses as at 30 June 2020 and 17.3% as at 30 June 2022

Table 19 Registered businesses by industry, Townsville and NW Qld region

Industry	As at						Total change	
	30 June 2020		30 June 2021		30 June 2022		30 June 2020 to 30 June 2022	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Townsville and NW Qld region								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3,363	18.4	3,427	18.2	3,457	17.6	94	2.8
Mining	113	0.6	100	0.5	103	0.5	-10	-8.8
Manufacturing	601	3.3	629	3.3	654	3.3	53	8.8
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	50	0.3	54	0.3	66	0.3	16	32.0
Construction	3,124	17.1	3,201	17.0	3,308	16.9	184	5.9
Wholesale trade	359	2.0	364	1.9	377	1.9	18	5.0
Retail trade	1,063	5.8	1,124	6.0	1,126	5.7	63	5.9
Accommodation and food services	777	4.2	798	4.2	832	4.2	55	7.1
Transport, postal and warehousing	1,313	7.2	1,326	7.0	1,307	6.7	-6	-0.5
Information media and telecommunications	68	0.4	71	0.4	79	0.4	11	16.2
Financial and insurance services	454	2.5	465	2.5	510	2.6	56	12.3
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1,876	10.2	1,919	10.2	2,004	10.2	128	6.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,482	8.1	1,505	8.0	1,577	8.1	95	6.4
Administrative and support services	677	3.7	750	4.0	801	4.1	124	18.3
Public administration and safety	50	0.3	38	0.2	45	0.2	-5	-10.0
Education and training	225	1.2	237	1.3	255	1.3	30	13.3
Health care and social assistance	1,291	7.1	1,374	7.3	1,484	7.6	193	14.9
Arts and recreation services	183	1.0	199	1.1	227	1.2	44	24.0
Other services	1,200	6.6	1,264	6.7	1,350	6.9	150	12.5
Not classified	30	0.2	20	0.1	25	0.1	-5	-16.7
Total^(a)	18,306	100.0	18,864	100.0	19,590	100.0	1,284	7.0

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

Table 20 Registered businesses by industry, Queensland

Industry	As at						Total change	
	30 June 2020		30 June 2021		30 June 2022		30 June 2020 to 30 June 2022	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Queensland								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	40,722	9.2	41,152	8.9	41,909	8.6	1,187	2.9
Mining	1,841	0.4	1,812	0.4	1,846	0.4	5	0.3
Manufacturing	16,650	3.8	17,227	3.7	18,036	3.7	1,386	8.3
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1,411	0.3	1,458	0.3	1,561	0.3	150	10.6
Construction	77,060	17.4	79,241	17.2	83,852	17.3	6,792	8.8
Wholesale trade	13,631	3.1	14,000	3.0	14,354	3.0	723	5.3
Retail trade	25,745	5.8	27,440	6.0	29,177	6.0	3,432	13.3
Accommodation and food services	17,790	4.0	18,617	4.0	19,451	4.0	1,661	9.3
Transport, postal and warehousing	35,360	8.0	34,532	7.5	34,713	7.1	-647	-1.8
Information media and telecommunications	3,468	0.8	3,698	0.8	3,992	0.8	524	15.1
Financial and insurance services	17,561	4.0	18,594	4.0	19,687	4.1	2,126	12.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	53,023	11.9	54,476	11.8	57,292	11.8	4,269	8.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	53,920	12.1	56,770	12.3	59,973	12.3	6,053	11.2
Administrative and support services	19,662	4.4	20,628	4.5	22,424	4.6	2,762	14.0
Public administration and safety	1,196	0.3	1,208	0.3	1,237	0.3	41	3.4
Education and training	6,765	1.5	7,108	1.5	7,573	1.6	808	11.9
Health care and social assistance	29,233	6.6	31,681	6.9	34,791	7.2	5,558	19.0
Arts and recreation services	5,627	1.3	6,155	1.3	6,756	1.4	1,129	20.1
Other services	22,640	5.1	24,456	5.3	26,914	5.5	4,274	18.9
Not classified	611	0.1	567	0.1	555	0.1	-56	-9.2
<i>Total^(a)</i>	<i>443,916</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>460,820</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>486,093</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>42,177</i>	<i>9.5</i>

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

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
ppt	percentage point change
pr	preliminary rebased
r	revised
(R)	Regional Council
RHS	right-hand side
(S)	Shire
YTD	year to date

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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.

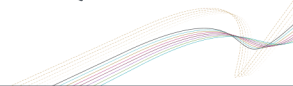
$$\left[\left(\frac{P_n}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right] \times 100$$

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 data**

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

Census undercount

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

Land area

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

Local government area (LGA)

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

Region overview

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

Rounding

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

Topic explanatory notes

Business counts

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

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

Business counts by industry

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

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

Country of birth

The list of countries are based on the most common Country of Birth responses (excluding Australia) reported in the 2016 Census. The categories of persons born in ESB and NESB countries are derived by aggregating countries from Table T08 of the Time Series Profile (TSP). Due to the process of confidentialisation applied to the Census data by the ABS, total persons born overseas have been taken directly from Table T01 of the TSP to provide a more accurate count.

Employment by industry

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

Employment by occupation

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2013, version 1.3.

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.