



# Queensland Regional Profiles

Resident Profile - people who live in the region

## Custom region

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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.

## Custom region

Custom region comprises the 18 local government areas of Aurukun (S), Cairns (R), Carpentaria (S), Cassowary Coast (R), Cook (S), Croydon (S), Douglas (S), Etheridge (S), Hinchinbrook (S), Kowanyama (S), Lockhart River (S), Mapoon (S), Mareeba (S), Napranum (S), Northern Peninsula Area (R), Pormpuraaw (S), Tablelands (R) and Torres (S).

Custom region has a total land area of 337,365.2 km<sup>2</sup>, with an average daily temperature range of 19.8°C to 31.7°C and an average annual rainfall of 1,140 mm.

Data for Custom region are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries.

Under the 2017 ASGS, Mesh Block 30225042000 was reallocated from Cook (S) to Lockhart River (S). This accounts for differences in 2017 and 2018 estimated resident population counts between ASGS 2016 and ASGS 2017/2018. Refer to ABS explanatory notes, ["Updated Mesh Block Allocation, October 2018"](#).

## Queensland

Queensland has a total land area of 1,730,172.1 km<sup>2</sup>, with an average daily temperature range of 16.4°C to 30.0°C and an average annual rainfall of 636 mm.

Data for Queensland are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016.

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 2022.

As at 30 June 2020, the estimated resident population for Custom region was

# 290,536 persons

### Custom region

- ERP of 290,536 persons as at 30 June 2020
- Average annual growth rate of 0.9% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.0% over ten years
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest population with 168,449 persons
- Within the region, Lockhart River (S) LGA had the fastest population growth over five years with 3.1%

### Queensland

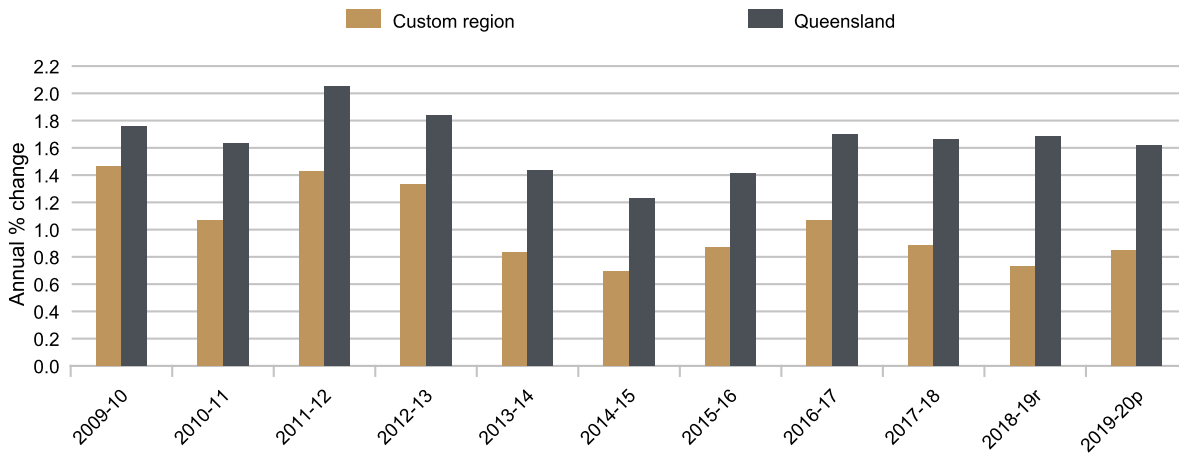
- ERP of 5,176,186 persons as at 30 June 2020
- Average annual growth rate of 1.6% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.6% over ten years

**Table 1 Estimated resident population by LGA, Custom region and Queensland**

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June			Average annual growth rate	
	2010	2015	2020p	2010–2020p	2015–2020p
	— number —			— % —	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>263,672</b>	<b>278,077</b>	<b>290,536</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Aurukun (S)	1,365	1,321	1,370	0.0	0.7
Cairns (R)	148,943	159,944	168,449	1.2	1.0
Carpentaria (S)	2,182	2,092	1,970	-1.0	-1.2
Cassowary Coast (R)	28,718	29,098	29,964	0.4	0.6
Cook (S)	4,135	4,225	4,604	1.1	1.7
Croydon (S)	319	297	285	-1.1	-0.8
Douglas (S)	11,146	11,877	12,426	1.1	0.9
Etheridge (S)	923	818	794	-1.5	-0.6
Hinchinbrook (S)	11,808	11,181	10,645	-1.0	-1.0
Kowanyama (S)	1,103	996	1,003	-0.9	0.1
Lockhart River (S)	552	689	801	3.8	3.1
Mapoon (S)	276	304	339	2.1	2.2
Mareeba (S)	20,495	21,812	23,116	1.2	1.2
Napranum (S)	910	959	1,099	1.9	2.8
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	2,391	2,836	3,224	3.0	2.6
Pormpuraaw (S)	691	764	856	2.2	2.3
Tablelands (R)	24,230	25,111	25,667	0.6	0.4
Torres (S)	3,485	3,753	3,924	1.2	0.9
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>4,404,744</b>	<b>4,777,692</b>	<b>5,176,186</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>

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

**Figure 1 Estimated resident population growth, Custom region and Queensland**



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

## Population by age and sex

The estimated resident population (ERP) figure is the official population estimate. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2021.

As at 30 June 2019, the proportion of the estimated resident population aged 65 years and over for Custom region was

# 16.3%

### Custom region

- 19.7% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2019
- 63.9% aged 15–64 years
- 16.3% aged 65+ years
- Within the region, Northern Peninsula Area (R) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 0–14 with 36.2%
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 15–64 with 67.8%
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons aged 65+ with 28.6%

### Queensland

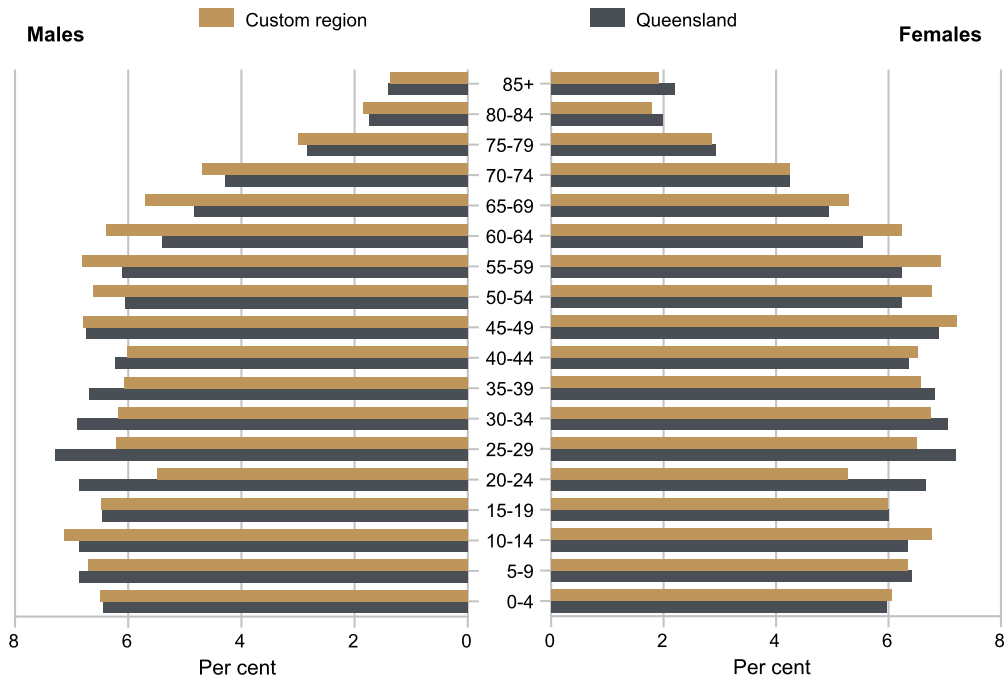
- 19.4% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2019
- 64.9% aged 15–64 years
- 15.7% aged 65+ years

**Table 2 Estimated resident population by age and LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 30 June 2019p**

Custom region / LGA / State	Age group									
	0–14		15–24		25–44		45–64		65+	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>56,876</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>33,462</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>73,235</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>77,472</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>47,086</b>	<b>16.3</b>
Aurukun (S)	403	28.4	224	15.8	416	29.3	321	22.6	54	3.8
Cairns (R)	33,824	20.3	20,232	12.1	46,217	27.7	43,889	26.3	22,700	13.6
Carpentaria (S)	430	21.8	200	10.1	541	27.4	543	27.5	263	13.3
Cassowary Coast (R)	5,451	18.3	3,157	10.6	6,435	21.6	8,474	28.4	6,277	21.1
Cook (S)	911	20.0	415	9.1	1,181	25.9	1,259	27.6	791	17.4
Croydon (S)	68	23.9	12	4.2	77	27.1	89	31.3	38	13.4
Douglas (S)	2,013	16.3	1,142	9.2	3,196	25.8	3,736	30.2	2,280	18.4
Etheridge (S)	177	22.3	50	6.3	162	20.4	224	28.2	180	22.7
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,595	14.9	1,157	10.8	1,779	16.6	3,095	29.0	3,061	28.6
Kowanyama (S)	280	28.3	158	16.0	287	29.0	219	22.1	46	4.6
Lockhart River (S)	238	30.1	133	16.8	224	28.3	142	17.9	55	6.9
Mapoon (S)	81	24.3	54	16.2	96	28.8	72	21.6	30	9.0
Mareeba (S)	4,026	17.7	2,565	11.3	5,313	23.4	6,328	27.8	4,498	19.8
Napranum (S)	349	32.4	189	17.5	278	25.8	215	20.0	46	4.3
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	1,145	36.2	534	16.9	829	26.2	521	16.5	134	4.2
Pompuraaw (S)	264	31.2	104	12.3	227	26.9	203	24.0	47	5.6
Tablelands (R)	4,616	18.0	2,530	9.9	4,779	18.7	7,319	28.6	6,331	24.8
Torres (S)	1,005	25.9	606	15.6	1,198	30.8	823	21.2	255	6.6
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>989,819</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>661,901</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>1,389,355</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>1,253,511</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>799,924</b>	<b>15.7</b>

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

**Figure 3 Estimated resident population by age and sex, Custom region and Queensland, 30 June 2019p**



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

## Median age

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age estimates have been calculated by the ABS and Queensland Treasury using single year of age estimated resident population data. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2021.

As at 30 June 2019, the median age for Custom region was

# 39.6 years

### Custom region

- Median age of 39.6 years as at 30 June 2019
- Increase of 2.5 years from median age of 37.1 years as at 30 June 2009
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the highest median age of 51.4 years
- Within the region, Croydon (S) LGA had the largest increase in median age from 30 June 2009 to 30 June 2019 with 8.7 years

### Queensland

- Median age of 37.4 years as at 30 June 2019
- Increase of 1.2 years from median age of 36.2 years as at 30 June 2009

**Table 3 Median age by LGA, Custom region and Queensland**

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2009	2014	2019p	2009–2019p
	— years —			years
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Aurukun (S)	26.8	27.2	28.3	1.5
Cairns (R)	35.3	36.4	37.7	2.4
Carpentaria (S)	35.9	37.0	37.4	1.5
Cassowary Coast (R)	41.2	42.5	44.5	3.3
Cook (S)	38.9	39.6	41.0	2.1
Croydon (S)	30.7	33.3	39.4	8.7
Douglas (S)	38.6	41.6	44.0	5.4
Etheridge (S)	42.4	45.5	45.5	3.1
Hinchinbrook (S)	44.6	48.2	51.4	6.8
Kowanyama (S)	29.0	28.4	27.9	-1.1
Lockhart River (S)	26.5	25.7	26.7	0.2
Mapoon (S)	31.5	28.7	29.3	-2.2
Mareeba (S)	40.1	41.6	43.1	3.0
Napranum (S)	24.0	26.6	25.1	1.1
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	22.3	22.2	23.4	1.1
Porpuraaw (S)	32.3	28.9	30.1	-2.2
Tablelands (R)	43.2	45.7	47.8	4.6
Torres (S)	27.6	27.8	29.8	2.2
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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



## Population projections

The 2018 edition of the Queensland Government population projections are generated by applying assumptions regarding future trends in the components of population change (fertility, mortality and migration) and the latest planning and development intelligence available. Data are based on the medium series and are updated twice every five years. The next planned update is in November 2021.

From 2016 to 2041, the population for Custom region is projected to increase from

**281,800 persons to  
373,729 persons**

### Custom region

- Population projected to be 373,729 persons as at 30 June 2041
- Increase of 1.1% per year over 25 years
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA is projected to have the largest population as at 30 June 2041 with 236,593 persons
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA is projected to have the fastest growth in population from 30 June 2016 to 2041 with an average annual rate of 1.5% 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, Custom 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>Custom region</b>	<b>281,800</b>	<b>297,112</b>	<b>315,440</b>	<b>335,286</b>	<b>354,719</b>	<b>373,729</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Aurukun (S)	1,323	1,311	1,379	1,453	1,519	1,582	0.7
Cairns (R)	162,451	174,549	189,436	205,468	221,242	236,593	1.5
Carpentaria (S)	2,051	1,933	1,945	1,963	1,979	1,994	-0.1
Cassowary Coast (R)	29,396	30,049	30,521	31,022	31,502	32,198	0.4
Cook (S)	4,424	4,513	4,615	4,730	4,816	4,893	0.4
Croydon (S)	300	291	292	294	294	293	-0.1
Douglas (S)	11,997	12,560	13,097	13,776	14,428	15,059	0.9
Etheridge (S)	819	763	741	725	708	691	-0.7
Hinchinbrook (S)	10,990	10,633	10,184	9,732	9,253	8,780	-0.9
Kowanyama (S)	984	1,007	1,025	1,049	1,070	1,089	0.4
Lockhart River (S)	747	784	804	825	841	856	0.5
Mapoon (S)	322	336	346	355	363	370	0.6
Mareeba (S)	22,157	23,369	24,704	26,076	27,532	28,938	1.1
Napranum (S)	1,001	1,039	1,062	1,087	1,105	1,122	0.5
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	2,952	3,170	3,357	3,556	3,732	3,901	1.1
Pompuraaw (S)	785	810	831	856	880	901	0.6
Tablelands (R)	25,312	26,165	27,153	28,230	29,233	30,127	0.7
Torres (S)	3,789	3,828	3,946	4,089	4,221	4,345	0.5
<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>

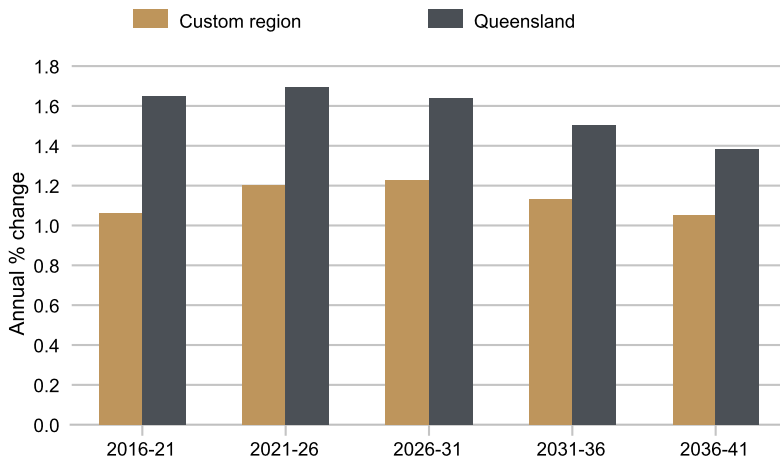
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(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)

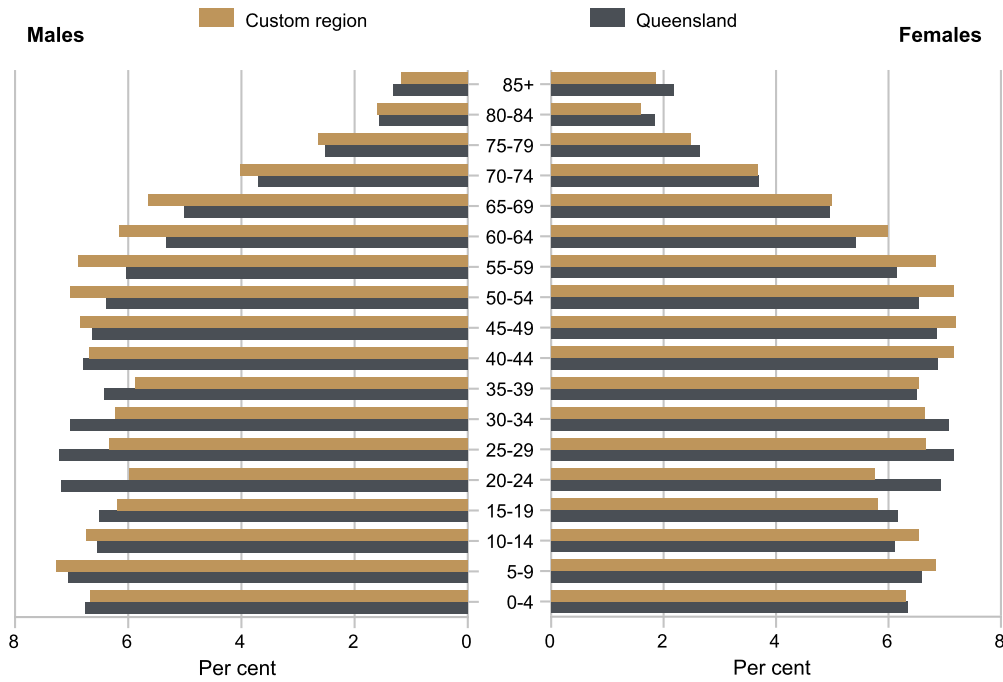
**Figure 4 Projected population change, Custom region and Queensland**



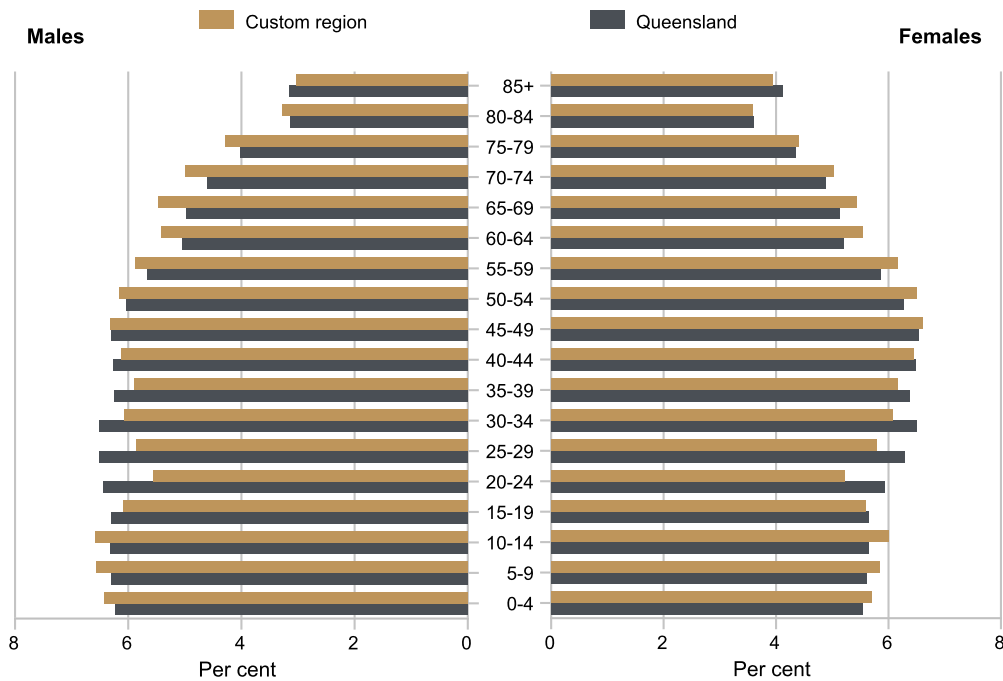
Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2018 edition (medium series)

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

**30 June 2016**



**30 June 2041**



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

## Median age projections

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age projections have been calculated by Queensland Treasury using the Queensland Government population projections, 2018 edition. Data presented in this topic are based on the medium series. Data are updated twice every five years. The next planned update is in November 2021.

As at 30 June 2041, the median age projection for Custom region is

# 41.8 years

### Custom region

- Median age projection of 41.8 years as at 30 June 2041
- Increase of 2.3 years from a median age projection of 39.6 years as at 30 June 2021
- Within the region, Etheridge (S) LGA had the highest median age projection of 53.5 years
- Within the region, Pormpuraaw (S) LGA had the largest increase in median age projection from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2041 with 6.2 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, Custom region and Queensland**

Custom region / LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2021	2031	2041	2021–2041
	— years —			years
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Aurukun (S)	30.1	33.0	34.8	4.7
Cairns (R)	37.6	38.8	39.7	2.0
Carpentaria (S)	38.1	39.1	40.5	2.3
Cassowary Coast (R)	43.6	44.4	46.2	2.6
Cook (S)	43.5	46.3	48.6	5.1
Croydon (S)	41.3	43.5	45.0	3.7
Douglas (S)	45.0	47.3	49.4	4.4
Etheridge (S)	49.8	52.7	53.5	3.7
Hinchinbrook (S)	50.6	50.7	51.5	0.9
Kowanyama (S)	31.6	34.3	36.1	4.4
Lockhart River (S)	27.3	28.5	29.5	2.2
Mapoon (S)	26.5	28.0	29.3	2.8
Mareeba (S)	43.5	44.6	46.0	2.5
Napranum (S)	27.2	29.6	30.7	3.5
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	24.0	26.8	29.1	5.1
Pormpuraaw (S)	30.0	34.0	36.2	6.2
Tablelands (R)	47.7	48.6	50.0	2.4
Torres (S)	30.5	33.2	34.5	4.0
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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

## Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

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

The percentage of Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Custom region was

# 12.5%

### Custom region

- 34,261 persons (or 12.5%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Within the region, Napranum (S) LGA had the largest percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons with 94.8%

### Queensland

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

**Table 6 Indigenous status by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Indigenous persons				Non-Indigenous persons	Total persons <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both <sup>(a)</sup>	Total				
	— number —			number %			number %	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>19,827</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>6,575</b>	<b>34,261</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>214,498</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>273,234</b>
Aurukun (S)	1,058	26	67	1,147	90.4	98	7.7	1,269
Cairns (R)	7,269	4,093	2,743	14,094	9.0	129,020	82.2	156,901
Carpentaria (S)	763	19	19	808	41.3	991	50.6	1,958
Cassowary Coast (R)	1,962	402	433	2,799	9.7	23,195	80.7	28,726
Cook (S)	838	35	62	927	21.9	2,679	63.4	4,226
Croydon (S)	47	0	7	47	16.0	166	56.5	294
Douglas (S)	690	52	148	895	7.6	9,229	78.8	11,714
Etheridge (S)	38	3	0	44	5.5	676	84.6	799
Hinchinbrook (S)	539	68	54	660	6.1	9,413	86.5	10,885
Kowanyama (S)	836	8	12	856	90.7	81	8.6	944
Lockhart River (S)	487	9	137	629	88.3	57	8.0	712
Mapoon (S)	164	3	110	277	89.4	30	9.7	310
Mareeba (S)	2,310	226	267	2,797	13.0	16,656	77.3	21,557
Napranum (S)	507	79	313	907	94.8	47	4.9	957
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	151	897	1,392	2,439	87.2	298	10.7	2,796
Pormpuraaw (S)	601	15	22	630	84.1	111	14.8	749
Tablelands (R)	1,479	150	195	1,823	7.3	20,892	84.2	24,827
Torres (S)	88	1,802	594	2,482	68.8	859	23.8	3,610
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>148,943</b>	<b>21,053</b>	<b>16,493</b>	<b>186,482</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4,211,020</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

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

(b) Includes Indigenous status not stated.

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

## Births and deaths

Birth and death statistics are an estimate of the number of births and deaths that have been registered in Australia's state and territory Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages over a calendar year. These estimates are useful for two distinct purposes – use as a component of population growth and for analysis of fertility and mortality. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2021.

The number of registered births in 2019 to mothers with a usual residence in Custom region was

# 3,455 births

### Custom region

- 3,455 registered births in 2019
- 1,989 registered deaths
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the largest crude birth rate with 26.8 births per 1,000 population

### Queensland

- 61,735 registered births in 2019
- 32,473 registered deaths

**Table 7 Registered births and deaths by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2019**

Custom region / LGA / State	Births		Deaths		Natural increase
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>1,466</b>
Aurukun (S)	38	26.8	14	9.9	24
Cairns (R)	2,114	12.7	988	5.9	1,126
Carpentaria (S)	25	12.6	14	7.1	11
Cassowary Coast (R)	338	11.3	279	9.4	59
Cook (S)	61	13.4	29	6.4	32
Croydon (S)	6	21.1	0	0.0	6
Douglas (S)	132	10.7	90	7.3	42
Etheridge (S)	7	8.8	3	3.8	4
Hinchinbrook (S)	65	6.1	122	11.4	-57
Kowanyama (S)	10	10.1	10	10.1	0
Lockhart River (S)	10	12.5	5	6.3	5
Mapoon (S)	3	9.0	0	0.0	3
Mareeba (S)	266	11.7	158	7.0	108
Napranum (S)	26	24.1	0	0.0	26
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	52	16.4	4	1.3	48
Pormpuraaw (S)	10	11.8	3	3.6	7
Tablelands (R)	233	9.1	253	9.9	-20
Torres (S)	59	15.2	17	4.4	42
<b>Queensland<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>61,735</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>32,473</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>29,262</b>

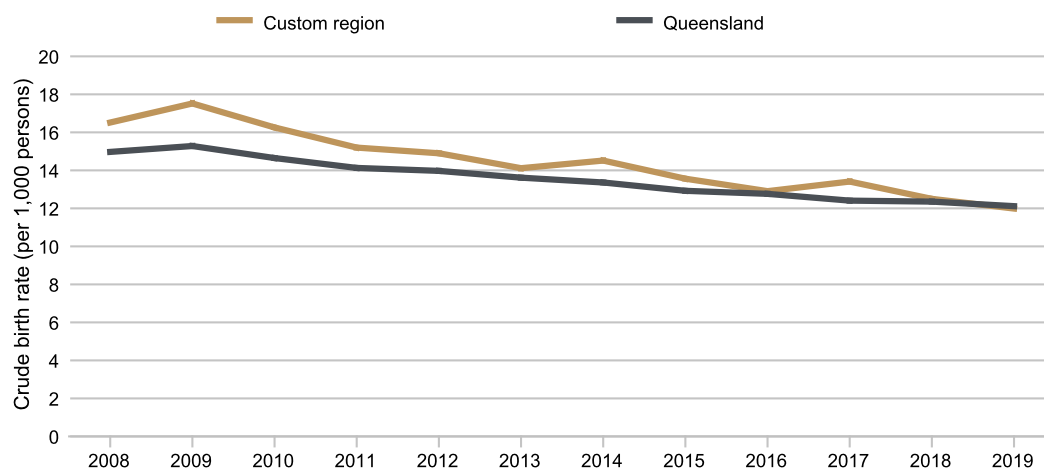
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Crude rate per 1,000 persons.

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

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

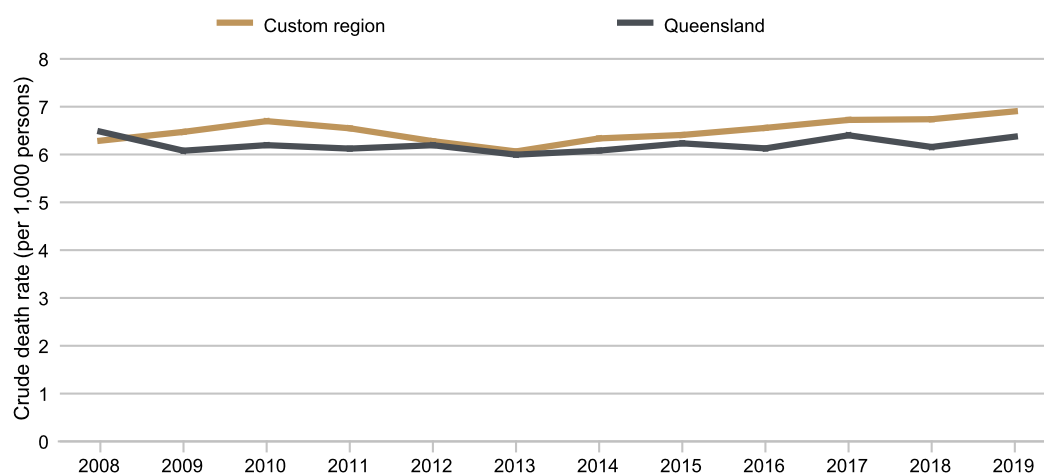
**Figure 6 Crude birth rate, Custom region and Queensland<sup>(a)</sup>**



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

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

**Figure 7 Crude death rate, Custom 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 3301.0, *Births, Australia, various editions*; ABS 3302.0, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

## Migration 1 year ago

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

The percentage of persons in Custom region with a different address one year ago was

# 16.1%

### Custom region

- 196,162 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 43,619 persons (or 16.1%) usually resided in a different address one year ago
- Within the region, Carpentaria (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address one year ago with 19.4%

### Queensland

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

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

Custom region / LGA / State	Same address	Different address				Proportion with different address	Total persons <sup>(c)</sup>
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total <sup>(b)</sup>		
	number	— number —				%	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>196,162</b>	<b>34,232</b>	<b>5,184</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>43,619</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>270,194</b>
Aurukun (S)	1,132	70	3	3	86	6.9	1,249
Cairns (R)	109,621	21,829	3,481	2,251	28,060	18.1	155,050
Carpentaria (S)	1,369	311	48	6	377	19.4	1,945
Cassowary Coast (R)	21,350	3,259	420	300	4,080	14.4	28,422
Cook (S)	2,777	509	98	69	692	16.6	4,175
Croydon (S)	161	30	10	0	42	14.8	284
Douglas (S)	7,816	1,400	440	206	2,080	17.9	11,597
Etheridge (S)	619	68	20	0	87	11.0	791
Hinchinbrook (S)	8,859	885	78	25	997	9.2	10,808
Kowanyama (S)	843	50	6	3	59	6.3	930
Lockhart River (S)	592	32	12	0	46	6.5	703
Mapoon (S)	246	37	6	0	41	13.7	299
Mareeba (S)	15,456	2,188	218	203	2,659	12.5	21,357
Napranum (S)	893	18	4	0	26	2.8	933
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	2,416	174	18	6	213	7.8	2,736
Pormpuraaw (S)	679	43	4	6	52	7.0	741
Tablelands (R)	18,830	2,919	259	150	3,435	14.0	24,607
Torres (S)	2,503	410	59	15	587	16.5	3,567
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3,423,989</b>	<b>655,524</b>	<b>77,129</b>	<b>66,975</b>	<b>813,045</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>4,648,722</b>

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

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

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

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



## Migration 5 years ago

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

The percentage of persons in Custom region with a different address five years ago was

# 39.6%

### Custom region

- 127,200 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 101,423 persons (or 39.6%) usually resided in a different address five years ago
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address five years ago with 44.8%

### Queensland

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

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

Custom region / LGA / State	Same address number	Different address				Proportion with different address %	Total persons <sup>(c)</sup> number
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total <sup>(b)</sup>		
		— number —					
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>127,200</b>	<b>74,553</b>	<b>14,738</b>	<b>9,893</b>	<b>101,423</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>256,246</b>
Aurukun (S)	1,011	85	21	3	118	10.1	1,163
Cairns (R)	66,085	46,784	10,257	7,274	65,680	44.8	146,675
Carpentaria (S)	886	586	88	18	705	38.8	1,819
Cassowary Coast (R)	15,138	7,077	994	816	9,045	33.4	27,105
Cook (S)	1,856	1,087	201	112	1,441	36.3	3,969
Croydon (S)	113	66	6	5	79	28.4	278
Douglas (S)	4,834	2,744	1,237	574	4,647	41.9	11,099
Etheridge (S)	437	180	35	8	222	29.8	746
Hinchinbrook (S)	6,852	2,316	185	83	2,617	25.1	10,412
Kowanyama (S)	741	79	10	3	102	11.8	862
Lockhart River (S)	494	68	11	0	97	15.5	627
Mapoon (S)	180	66	13	0	83	30.7	270
Mareeba (S)	10,852	5,015	729	573	6,439	31.4	20,497
Napranum (S)	704	124	6	0	128	15.0	853
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	1,816	425	36	21	499	20.8	2,395
Pormpuraaw (S)	567	81	11	5	103	15.1	680
Tablelands (R)	12,971	6,915	772	354	8,256	35.1	23,497
Torres (S)	1,663	855	126	44	1,162	35.2	3,299
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,118,153</b>	<b>1,456,714</b>	<b>220,316</b>	<b>228,095</b>	<b>1,942,926</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>4,406,728</b>

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

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

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

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

## Country of birth

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

The top five English speaking backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds for Custom region were:

English Speaking	Non-English Speaking
1. England (3.4%)	1. Papua New Guinea (1.0%)
2. New Zealand (2.6%)	2. Philippines (0.9%)
3. South Africa (0.4%)	3. India (0.8%)
4. Scotland (0.4%)	4. Italy (0.8%)
5. United States of America (0.4%)	5. Japan (0.7%)

### Custom region

- 49,004 persons (or 17.9%) were born overseas
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of persons born overseas with 33,699
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest percentage of persons born overseas with 21.5%

### Queensland

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

**Table 10 Country of birth by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Born in Australia <sup>(a)</sup>		Born overseas						Total persons <sup>(d)</sup>
			Born in ESB countries <sup>(b)</sup>		Born in NESB countries <sup>(c)</sup>		Total <sup>(c)</sup>		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>196,540</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>21,033</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>27,916</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>49,004</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>273,234</b>
Aurukun (S)	1,218	96.0	3	0.2	17	1.3	27	2.1	1,269
Cairns (R)	108,012	68.8	14,182	9.0	19,554	12.5	33,699	21.5	156,901
Carpentaria (S)	1,592	81.3	54	2.8	85	4.3	143	7.3	1,958
Cassowary Coast (R)	21,608	75.2	1,499	5.2	2,506	8.7	3,998	13.9	28,726
Cook (S)	2,977	70.4	297	7.0	292	6.9	575	13.6	4,226
Croydon (S)	197	67.0	7	2.4	0	0.0	11	3.7	294
Douglas (S)	7,612	65.0	1,370	11.7	961	8.2	2,352	20.1	11,714
Etheridge (S)	651	81.5	23	2.9	17	2.1	55	6.9	799
Hinchinbrook (S)	8,883	81.6	348	3.2	711	6.5	1,052	9.7	10,885
Kowanyama (S)	922	97.7	6	0.6	6	0.6	17	1.8	944
Lockhart River (S)	675	94.8	8	1.1	6	0.8	12	1.7	712
Mapoon (S)	304	98.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.0	310
Mareeba (S)	15,545	72.1	1,399	6.5	2,156	10.0	3,570	16.6	21,557
Napranum (S)	927	96.9	3	0.3	14	1.5	19	2.0	957
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	2,630	94.1	29	1.0	32	1.1	80	2.9	2,796
Porpuraaw (S)	707	94.4	7	0.9	18	2.4	32	4.3	749
Tablelands (R)	19,204	77.4	1,717	6.9	1,394	5.6	3,121	12.6	24,827
Torres (S)	2,876	79.7	81	2.2	147	4.1	238	6.6	3,610
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3,343,819</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>493,066</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>522,810</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1,015,875</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

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

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

(d) Includes not stated responses.

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

## Proficiency in spoken English

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

The top five non-English languages spoken at home for the total population of Custom region were:

### Language spoken

1. Australian Indigenous Languages (2.3%)
2. Italian (1.2%)
3. Indo Aryan Languages (1.2%)
4. Japanese (1.0%)
5. Chinese Languages (0.8%)

### Custom region

- 35,564 persons (or 13.0%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of persons who stated they spoke a language other than English at home with 21,100
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who stated they spoke a language other than English at home with 86.6%

### Queensland

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

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

Custom region / LGA / State	Speaks English only		Speaks other language at home and speaks English						Persons <sup>(a)</sup> number
			Very well or well		Not well or not at all		Total		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>211,678</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>30,422</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>5,162</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>35,564</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>273,234</b>
Aurukun (S)	135	10.6	1,000	78.8	98	7.7	1,099	86.6	1,269
Cairns (R)	121,832	77.6	17,896	11.4	3,210	2.0	21,100	13.4	156,901
Carpentaria (S)	1,714	87.5	69	3.5	3	0.2	75	3.8	1,958
Cassowary Coast (R)	23,271	81.0	2,365	8.2	462	1.6	2,829	9.8	28,726
Cook (S)	3,148	74.5	340	8.0	54	1.3	391	9.3	4,226
Croydon (S)	213	72.4	4	1.4	0	0.0	4	1.4	294
Douglas (S)	9,280	79.2	800	6.8	81	0.7	880	7.5	11,714
Etheridge (S)	702	87.9	12	1.5	0	0.0	14	1.8	799
Hinchinbrook (S)	9,289	85.3	703	6.5	115	1.1	810	7.4	10,885
Kowanyama (S)	865	91.6	41	4.3	0	0.0	41	4.3	944
Lockhart River (S)	354	49.7	262	36.8	0	0.0	258	36.2	712
Mapoon (S)	270	87.1	28	9.0	3	1.0	27	8.7	310
Mareeba (S)	16,333	75.8	1,890	8.8	352	1.6	2,244	10.4	21,557
Napranum (S)	608	63.5	308	32.2	17	1.8	325	34.0	957
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	400	14.3	1,827	65.3	435	15.6	2,264	81.0	2,796
Pompuraaw (S)	268	35.8	445	59.4	5	0.7	451	60.2	749
Tablelands (R)	21,661	87.2	993	4.0	114	0.5	1,102	4.4	24,827
Torres (S)	1,335	37.0	1,439	39.9	213	5.9	1,650	45.7	3,610
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3,820,632</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>480,525</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>83,675</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>564,196</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

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

## Religious affiliation

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

The top five religious affiliations for Custom region were:

### Religious affiliation

1. No Religion (29.0%)
2. Catholic (23.5%)
3. Anglican (14.6%)
4. Uniting Church (4.4%)
5. Presbyterian and Reformed (2.8%)

### Custom region

- 149,211 persons (or 54.6%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion
- Within the region, Kowanyama (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion with 83.1%

### Queensland

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

**Table 12 Religious affiliation by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Religious affiliation						Total(c) number
	Christianity		Other <sup>(a)</sup>		No religion <sup>(b)</sup>		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>149,211</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>79,259</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>273,234</b>
Aurukun (S)	808	63.7	23	1.8	375	29.6	1,269
Cairns (R)	80,967	51.6	6,368	4.1	49,807	31.7	156,901
Carpentaria (S)	1,072	54.7	15	0.8	639	32.6	1,958
Cassowary Coast (R)	17,146	59.7	1,211	4.2	6,828	23.8	28,726
Cook (S)	1,995	47.2	142	3.4	1,262	29.9	4,226
Croydon (S)	156	53.1	0	0.0	60	20.4	294
Douglas (S)	5,250	44.8	303	2.6	4,140	35.3	11,714
Etheridge (S)	505	63.2	12	1.5	188	23.5	799
Hinchinbrook (S)	8,342	76.6	97	0.9	1,466	13.5	10,885
Kowanyama (S)	784	83.1	8	0.8	125	13.2	944
Lockhart River (S)	570	80.1	3	0.4	56	7.9	712
Mapoon (S)	163	52.6	0	0.0	135	43.5	310
Mareeba (S)	11,644	54.0	575	2.7	5,548	25.7	21,557
Napranum (S)	429	44.8	0	0.0	414	43.3	957
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	2,282	81.6	18	0.6	288	10.3	2,796
Pormpuraaw (S)	613	81.8	12	1.6	96	12.8	749
Tablelands (R)	14,122	56.9	397	1.6	7,312	29.5	24,827
Torres (S)	2,363	65.5	68	1.9	520	14.4	3,610
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,635,342</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>201,514</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1,374,427</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

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

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

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

## Family composition

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

The percentage of total families in Custom region which were couple families with children was

# 38.4%

### Custom region

- 68,458 families
- 38.4% of total families were couple families with children
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of couple families with children with 15,895
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the largest percentage of one-parent families with 38.5%

### Queensland

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

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

Custom region / LGA / State	Couple family with no children		Couple family with children		One-parent family		Total <sup>(b)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>28,202</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>26,287</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>12,827</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>68,458</b>
Aurukun (S)	39	14.3	109	39.9	105	38.5	273
Cairns (R)	15,135	38.4	15,895	40.3	7,820	19.8	39,456
Carpentaria (S)	215	45.5	138	29.2	106	22.4	473
Cassowary Coast (R)	3,450	46.7	2,646	35.8	1,176	15.9	7,385
Cook (S)	387	44.6	295	34.0	160	18.4	868
Croydon (S)	31	51.7	19	31.7	10	16.7	60
Douglas (S)	1,387	50.0	923	33.3	434	15.6	2,775
Etheridge (S)	83	45.4	81	44.3	18	9.8	183
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,496	50.6	1,061	35.9	369	12.5	2,959
Kowanyama (S)	59	24.6	79	32.9	78	32.5	240
Lockhart River (S)	23	17.0	58	43.0	48	35.6	135
Mapoon (S)	11	17.2	26	40.6	20	31.3	64
Mareeba (S)	2,340	44.1	1,983	37.4	893	16.8	5,306
Napranum (S)	31	14.4	104	48.4	64	29.8	215
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	89	14.9	281	47.0	204	34.1	598
Pompuraaw (S)	58	29.6	72	36.7	55	28.1	196
Tablelands (R)	3,216	48.8	2,192	33.2	1,092	16.6	6,594
Torres (S)	152	22.4	325	47.9	175	25.8	678
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>481,451</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>518,494</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>201,308</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>1,221,148</b>

(a) Includes same-sex couple families.

(b) Includes other families.

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

## Household composition

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

The percentage of one family households in Custom region was

# 67.0%

### Custom region

- 96,924 households
- 67.0% of total households were one family households
- Within the region, Kowanyama (S) LGA had the largest percentage of one family households

### Queensland

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

**Table 14 Household composition by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	One family households		Multiple family households		Group households		Lone person households		Total households <sup>(a)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>64,966</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>26,105</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>96,924</b>
Aurukun (S)	146	55.5	58	22.1	3	1.1	45	17.1	263
Cairns (R)	37,642	67.5	886	1.6	2,686	4.8	14,570	26.1	55,792
Carpentaria (S)	412	63.1	29	4.4	22	3.4	190	29.1	653
Cassowary Coast (R)	7,112	67.0	135	1.3	370	3.5	3,007	28.3	10,621
Cook (S)	811	58.1	27	1.9	84	6.0	470	33.7	1,396
Croydon (S)	55	63.2	3	3.4	5	5.7	22	25.3	87
Douglas (S)	2,690	64.0	41	1.0	248	5.9	1,217	29.0	4,201
Etheridge (S)	178	55.3	0	0.0	4	1.2	130	40.4	322
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,893	67.8	31	0.7	76	1.8	1,262	29.6	4,265
Kowanyama (S)	171	71.0	31	12.9	6	2.5	38	15.8	241
Lockhart River (S)	93	58.9	16	10.1	7	4.4	35	22.2	158
Mapoon (S)	51	60.0	9	10.6	0	0.0	18	21.2	85
Mareeba (S)	5,024	67.9	136	1.8	259	3.5	1,993	26.9	7,404
Napranum (S)	169	70.4	26	10.8	4	1.7	43	17.9	240
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	469	70.0	59	8.8	9	1.3	133	19.9	670
Pompuraaw (S)	150	67.9	20	9.0	6	2.7	44	19.9	221
Tablelands (R)	6,346	67.5	124	1.3	259	2.8	2,666	28.4	9,395
Torres (S)	554	60.9	57	6.3	69	7.6	222	24.4	910
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,159,697</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>30,156</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>77,899</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>389,078</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

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

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

## Dwellings by dwelling structure

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

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Custom region which were separate houses was

# 77.9%

### Custom region

- 75,493 occupied private dwellings (or 77.9%) were separate houses
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of separate houses with 39,903
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest percentage of apartments with 17.2%

### Queensland

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

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

Custom region / LGA / State	Separate house		Semi-detached <sup>(b)</sup>		Apartment <sup>(c)</sup>		Caravan <sup>(d)</sup>		Other <sup>(e)</sup>		Total <sup>(f)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>75,493</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>11,996</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>96,916</b>
Aurukun (S)	227	87.6	14	5.4	20	7.7	3	1.2	0	0.0	259
Cairns (R)	39,903	71.5	5,334	9.6	9,591	17.2	424	0.8	118	0.2	55,790
Carpentaria (S)	523	79.8	6	0.9	26	4.0	66	10.1	7	1.1	655
Cassowary Coast (R)	9,198	86.6	226	2.1	742	7.0	229	2.2	155	1.5	10,621
Cook (S)	1,128	80.6	8	0.6	88	6.3	102	7.3	45	3.2	1,400
Croydon (S)	76	89.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	3.5	0	0.0	85
Douglas (S)	3,025	72.1	475	11.3	480	11.4	107	2.5	39	0.9	4,197
Etheridge (S)	248	77.7	0	0.0	6	1.9	40	12.5	4	1.3	319
Hinchinbrook (S)	3,909	91.6	47	1.1	215	5.0	58	1.4	21	0.5	4,268
Kowanyama (S)	173	71.8	66	27.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	241
Lockhart River (S)	146	94.2	3	1.9	3	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	155
Mapoon (S)	74	88.1	0	0.0	4	4.8	0	0.0	3	3.6	84
Mareeba (S)	6,748	91.1	115	1.6	252	3.4	154	2.1	88	1.2	7,408
Napranum (S)	189	80.4	40	17.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	2.6	235
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	567	83.9	47	7.0	21	3.1	10	1.5	19	2.8	676
Pompuraaw (S)	175	80.3	0	0.0	36	16.5	0	0.0	4	1.8	218
Tablelands (R)	8,462	90.1	258	2.7	412	4.4	178	1.9	49	0.5	9,397
Torres (S)	722	79.5	61	6.7	100	11.0	5	0.6	19	2.1	908
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,269,653</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>174,984</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>186,778</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>13,226</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

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

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

(c) Includes flat or units.

(d) Includes cabin and houseboat.

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

(f) Includes dwelling structures not stated.

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

## Dwellings by tenure type

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

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Custom region which were fully owned was

# 29.4%

### Custom region

- 28,509 occupied private dwellings (or 29.4%) were fully owned
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of fully owned dwellings with 13,241
- Within the region, Napranum (S) LGA had the largest percentage of rented dwellings with 98.7%

### Queensland

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

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

Custom region / LGA / State	Fully owned		Being purchased <sup>(b)</sup>		Rented <sup>(c)</sup>		Other <sup>(d)</sup>		Total <sup>(e)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>28,509</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>28,575</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>35,680</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>96,916</b>
Aurukun (S)	4	1.5	0	0.0	250	96.5	0	0.0	259
Cairns (R)	13,241	23.7	18,689	33.5	21,706	38.9	413	0.7	55,790
Carpentaria (S)	185	28.2	71	10.8	338	51.6	17	2.6	655
Cassowary Coast (R)	4,046	38.1	2,727	25.7	3,407	32.1	76	0.7	10,621
Cook (S)	439	31.4	265	18.9	564	40.3	29	2.1	1,400
Croydon (S)	28	32.9	11	12.9	30	35.3	0	0.0	85
Douglas (S)	1,316	31.4	1,220	29.1	1,486	35.4	24	0.6	4,197
Etheridge (S)	152	47.6	52	16.3	67	21.0	8	2.5	319
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,068	48.5	970	22.7	1,040	24.4	38	0.9	4,268
Kowanyama (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	233	96.7	4	1.7	241
Lockhart River (S)	4	2.6	0	0.0	140	90.3	0	0.0	155
Mapoon (S)	4	4.8	0	0.0	76	90.5	0	0.0	84
Mareeba (S)	2,908	39.3	2,085	28.1	2,072	28.0	60	0.8	7,408
Napranum (S)	0	0.0	3	1.3	232	98.7	0	0.0	235
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	16	2.4	0	0.0	617	91.3	0	0.0	676
Pompuraaw (S)	4	1.8	8	3.7	202	92.7	3	1.4	218
Tablelands (R)	4,018	42.8	2,439	26.0	2,574	27.4	83	0.9	9,397
Torres (S)	76	8.4	35	3.9	646	71.1	6	0.7	908
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>471,407</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>558,439</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>566,478</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>15,566</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

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

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

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

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

(e) Includes tenure type not stated.

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



## Homeless persons

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

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

These counts are based on place of enumeration.

### Custom region

- 2,750 homeless persons
- 92.4 homeless persons per 10,000 persons
- Within the region, Lockhart River (S) LGA had the highest rate of homelessness (1,554.7 persons per 10,000 persons)

### Queensland

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

The rate of homeless persons for Custom region in 2016 was

**92.4 per 10,000  
persons**

**Table 17 Homeless persons by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Homeless persons		Total persons
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>297,533</b>
Aurukun (S)	196	1,528.9	1,282
Cairns (R)	1,357	81.4	166,728
Carpentaria (S)	62	198.1	3,130
Cassowary Coast (R)	126	40.7	30,948
Cook (S)	88	140.7	6,253
Croydon (S)	0	0.0	381
Douglas (S)	66	37.5	17,591
Etheridge (S)	24	195.0	1,231
Hinchinbrook (S)	20	17.4	11,473
Kowanyama (S)	53	549.8	964
Lockhart River (S)	118	1,554.7	759
Mapoon (S)	0	0.0	337
Mareeba (S)	183	83.1	22,022
Napranum (S)	27	280.1	964
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	134	415.8	3,223
Pormpuraaw (S)	53	676.9	783
Tablelands (R)	135	52.7	25,612
Torres (S)	108	280.4	3,852
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>21,715</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>4,760,598</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 10,000 persons.

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

## Number of motor vehicles per dwelling

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

The percentage of dwellings in Custom region with 3 or more motor vehicles was

# 16.4%

### Custom region

- 7.3% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 16.4% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the highest percentage of dwellings which had no motor vehicles with 68.0%
- Within the region, Etheridge (S) LGA had the highest percentage of dwellings which had 3 or more motor vehicles with 27.3%

### Queensland

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

**Table 18 Number of motor vehicles per occupied private dwelling (a)(b) by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	No motor vehicles		1 motor vehicle		2 motor vehicles		3 or more motor vehicles		Total dwellings <sup>(c)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>7,043</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>34,549</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>34,930</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>15,929</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>96,916</b>
Aurukun (S)	176	68.0	52	20.1	19	7.3	4	1.5	259
Cairns (R)	3,876	6.9	20,367	36.5	20,656	37.0	8,605	15.4	55,790
Carpentaria (S)	63	9.6	246	37.6	185	28.2	107	16.3	655
Cassowary Coast (R)	661	6.2	3,803	35.8	3,911	36.8	1,733	16.3	10,621
Cook (S)	115	8.2	489	34.9	437	31.2	243	17.4	1,400
Croydon (S)	0	0.0	30	35.3	25	29.4	21	24.7	85
Douglas (S)	257	6.1	1,638	39.0	1,467	35.0	619	14.7	4,197
Etheridge (S)	6	1.9	86	27.0	88	27.6	87	27.3	319
Hinchinbrook (S)	199	4.7	1,373	32.2	1,618	37.9	881	20.6	4,268
Kowanyama (S)	120	49.8	71	29.5	33	13.7	10	4.1	241
Lockhart River (S)	48	31.0	55	35.5	23	14.8	7	4.5	155
Mapoon (S)	37	44.0	19	22.6	19	22.6	0	0.0	84
Mareeba (S)	470	6.3	2,342	31.6	2,618	35.3	1,618	21.8	7,408
Napranum (S)	112	47.7	72	30.6	40	17.0	17	7.2	235
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	186	27.5	253	37.4	140	20.7	49	7.2	676
Pormpuraaw (S)	94	43.1	72	33.0	29	13.3	19	8.7	218
Tablelands (R)	427	4.5	3,292	35.0	3,446	36.7	1,825	19.4	9,397
Torres (S)	196	21.6	289	31.8	176	19.4	84	9.3	908
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>99,133</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>566,233</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>620,096</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>315,108</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

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

(b) Excludes motorbikes/scooters.

(c) Includes number of motor vehicles not stated.

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

## Internet access

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

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Custom region with a member of the household accessing the internet was

# 78.3%

### Custom region

- 75,841 occupied private dwellings (or 78.3%) had Internet access
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of dwellings with Internet access with 45,890
- Within the region, Napranum (S) LGA had the largest percentage of dwellings without Internet access with 52.8%

### Queensland

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

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

Custom region / LGA / State	Internet accessed from dwelling		Internet not accessed from dwelling		Total dwellings <sup>(c)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>75,841</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>17,650</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>96,916</b>
Aurukun (S)	164	63.3	85	32.8	259
Cairns (R)	45,890	82.3	8,134	14.6	55,790
Carpentaria (S)	397	60.6	222	33.9	655
Cassowary Coast (R)	7,819	73.6	2,432	22.9	10,621
Cook (S)	919	65.6	375	26.8	1,400
Croydon (S)	55	64.7	23	27.1	85
Douglas (S)	3,290	78.4	743	17.7	4,197
Etheridge (S)	186	58.3	85	26.6	319
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,998	70.2	1,132	26.5	4,268
Kowanyama (S)	183	75.9	56	23.2	241
Lockhart River (S)	64	41.3	77	49.7	155
Mapoon (S)	48	57.1	29	34.5	84
Mareeba (S)	5,390	72.8	1,751	23.6	7,408
Napranum (S)	108	46.0	124	52.8	235
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	511	75.6	129	19.1	676
Pormpuraaw (S)	138	63.3	81	37.2	218
Tablelands (R)	7,105	75.6	1,982	21.1	9,397
Torres (S)	576	63.4	190	20.9	908
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,387,499</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>224,855</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>1,656,831</b>

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

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

(c) Includes internet access not stated.

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

# Society

## Department of Social Services payments

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the Australian Government's lead agency in the development and delivery of social policy, and is working to improve the lifetime wellbeing of people and families in Australia. The data are sourced from the DSS Payment Demographic dataset and are updated quarterly. The next planned update is in July 2021.

The number of recipients of the Age pension in Custom region as at March quarter 2021 was

# 30,711 recipients

### Custom region

- 30,711 recipients of the Age pension as at March quarter 2021
- 9,785 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 21,278 recipients of Jobseeker
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of recipients of Jobseeker with 11,502 recipients

### Queensland

- 513,887 recipients of the Age pension as at March quarter 2021
- 159,352 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 262,759 recipients of Jobseeker

**Table 20 Department of Social Services payments<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, March quarter 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	Payment type									
	Age pension		Carer allowance		Disability support pension		Family tax benefit A		Jobseeker	
	recipients	rate <sup>(b)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(c)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(c)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(d)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(e)</sup>
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>30,711</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>6,551</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>9,785</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>21,663</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>21,278</b>	<b>13.3</b>
Aurukun (S)	51	94.4	26	2.6	63	6.3	177	90.8	342	41.5
Cairns (R)	14,959	65.9	3,522	2.7	5,022	3.8	12,539	71.9	11,502	12.0
Carpentaria (S)	145	55.1	26	1.7	64	4.2	183	97.5	245	21.1
Cassowary Coast (R)	4,063	64.7	864	3.6	1,255	5.2	2,212	85.3	2,149	13.7
Cook (S)	473	59.8	91	2.5	180	5.0	344	100.5	424	16.4
Croydon (S)	19	50.0	7	3.2	10	4.6	23	107.5	22	12.5
Douglas (S)	1,400	61.4	238	2.3	503	4.9	818	83.8	1,059	14.6
Etheridge (S)	98	54.4	13	2.1	22	3.6	58	97.4	30	7.5
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,924	62.9	352	3.9	469	5.2	584	72.3	647	12.6
Kowanyama (S)	45	97.8	22	3.1	45	6.4	164	125.8	275	50.9
Lockhart River (S)	30	54.5	5	0.9	17	3.2	91	95.3	105	25.0
Mapoon (S)	11	36.7	8	3.2	16	6.4	30	70.3	39	20.5
Mareeba (S)	2,967	66.0	511	2.8	829	4.5	1,690	84.5	1,803	14.6
Napranum (S)	28	60.9	20	2.8	50	7.0	134	97.9	190	33.7
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	74	55.2	35	1.8	42	2.1	387	82.5	315	20.5
Pompuraaw (S)	37	78.7	14	2.5	37	6.5	107	99.8	173	37.0
Tablelands (R)	4,259	67.3	750	3.6	1,085	5.2	1,791	80.9	1,713	13.5
Torres (S)	128	50.2	47	1.7	76	2.7	331	79.3	245	11.1
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>513,887</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>127,635</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>159,352</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>319,416</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>262,759</b>	<b>9.2</b>

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

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

(b) Rate per 100 persons aged 65 years and over, as at 30 June 2019. Person counts are based on estimated resident population (ERP).

(c) Rate per 100 persons aged 16 years and over, as at 30 June 2019. Person counts are based on ERP.

(d) Rate per 100 families with children under 15 years, as at 30 June 2019. Counts of families with children under 15 years are derived by Queensland Treasury using 2016 Census counts of families with children under 15 years and usual resident persons, along with ERP aged 15 to 64 years.

(e) Rate per 100 persons aged 22 to 64 years, as at 30 June 2019. Person counts are based on ERP.

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

## Regulated early childhood education and care services

The regulated early childhood education and care services data are based on administrative data supplied by the Department of Education. Data are updated twice yearly with a release approximately 1 month after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2021.

### Custom region

- 208 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 28 February 2021
- 99 long day care services
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of services with 112

### Queensland

- 3,143 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 28 February 2021
- 1,719 long day care services

The number of regulated early childhood education and care services in Custom region as at 28 February 2021 was

# 208 services

**Table 21 Regulated early childhood education and care services by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 28 February 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	Family day care	Kindergartens	Long day care	School aged care	Limited hours care	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
	— number —					
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>208</b>
Aurukun (S)	0	1	1	0	0	2
Cairns (R)	5	15	62	30	0	112
Carpentaria (S)	0	1	2	0	0	3
Cassowary Coast (R)	1	4	9	0	0	14
Cook (S)	0	4	1	0	1	6
Croydon (S)	0	1	1	0	0	2
Douglas (S)	0	3	4	2	0	9
Etheridge (S)	0	2	1	0	0	3
Hinchinbrook (S)	0	1	2	2	0	5
Kowanyama (S)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lockhart River (S)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mapoon (S)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mareeba (S)	0	5	3	3	2	13
Napranum (S)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0	2	4	4	0	10
Porpuraaw (S)	0	1	1	1	0	3
Tablelands (R)	1	3	7	3	2	16
Torres (S)	0	3	1	2	0	6
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3,143</b>

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

Source: Department of Education

## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The AEDC is a national collection of information about how children are developing prior to school. Every three years, teachers complete an instrument for each child in Prep. The AEDC instrument encompasses five domains of early childhood development which are predictors of a child's health, education and social outcomes. The five domains are:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills
- communication skills and general knowledge.

The AEDC reports whether children are on track, at risk or developmentally vulnerable across each of the five domains. Children that are developmentally vulnerable demonstrate much lower than average competencies in that domain.

### Custom region

- Data for Custom region are not available

### Queensland

- 25.9% developmentally vulnerable children in one or more domains in 2018
- 13.9% developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in 2018
- The physical health and wellbeing domain had the largest percentage of developmentally vulnerable children (12.3%)

The percentage of developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in Custom region in 2018 was

**not available**

**Table 22 Developmentally vulnerable children by domain by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2018**

Custom region / LGA / State	Domain					Summary		Children assessed
	Physical health and wellbeing	Social competence	Emotional maturity	Language and cognitive	Communication skills and general knowledge	One or more domains	Two or more domains	
	— per cent —					— per cent—		number
<b>Custom 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>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Aurukun (S)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18
Cairns (R)	11.5	10.4	10.0	7.7	9.0	24.3	12.6	2,109
Carpentaria (S)	3.1	15.6	18.8	21.9	18.8	37.5	18.8	32
Cassowary Coast (R)	14.2	10.8	8.4	7.3	11.9	23.5	14.0	344
Cook (S)	4.5	6.8	9.1	4.5	6.8	18.2	4.5	44
Croydon (S)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Douglas (S)	14.7	9.3	9.3	7.8	17.8	28.7	17.1	129
Etheridge (S)	6.7	0.0	n.a.	6.7	0.0	n.a.	6.7	15
Hinchinbrook (S)	10.8	13.8	7.7	11.5	12.3	25.4	16.2	130
Kowanyama (S)	n.a.	9.5	19.0	66.7	14.3	n.a.	71.4	21
Lockhart River (S)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7
Mapoon (S)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mareeba (S)	12.8	12.8	8.7	17.5	13.6	27.4	17.4	242
Napranum (S)	78.9	63.2	42.1	68.4	78.9	89.5	78.9	19
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	11.3	24.2	25.8	32.3	19.4	46.8	30.6	62
Porpuraaw (S)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10
Tablelands (R)	18.7	16.3	12.7	10.2	14.1	34.6	18.0	283
Torres (S)	5.9	11.9	9.1	19.1	16.2	35.3	16.2	68
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>61,781</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Commonwealth Department of Education and Training

## Highest level of schooling

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

The percentage of total persons in Custom region with highest level of schooling as Year 11 or 12 was

# 53.1%

### Custom region

- 111,908 persons (or 53.1%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)
- Within the region, Northern Peninsula Area (R) LGA had the largest percentage of whose highest level of schooling was Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent) with 61.0%
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the largest percentage whose highest level of schooling was Year 8 or below (or did not go to school) with 26.5%

### Queensland

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

**Table 23 Highest level of schooling completed by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Did not go to school, or Year 8 or below		Year 9 or 10 or equivalent		Year 11 or 12 or equivalent		Total <sup>(a)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>13,691</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>58,661</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>111,908</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>210,694</b>
Aurukun (S)	233	26.5	406	46.2	203	23.1	879
Cairns (R)	5,679	4.7	29,831	24.9	70,485	58.9	119,690
Carpentaria (S)	167	10.9	581	37.9	557	36.4	1,531
Cassowary Coast (R)	2,073	9.2	7,497	33.1	10,257	45.3	22,654
Cook (S)	211	6.3	997	29.6	1,524	45.2	3,372
Croydon (S)	13	5.6	79	34.2	61	26.4	231
Douglas (S)	367	3.8	2,351	24.7	5,259	55.2	9,534
Etheridge (S)	90	14.0	265	41.1	199	30.9	644
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,114	12.6	3,055	34.7	3,712	42.1	8,808
Kowanyama (S)	98	14.6	276	41.3	266	39.8	669
Lockhart River (S)	58	12.0	177	36.7	173	35.9	482
Mapoon (S)	31	14.1	109	49.5	67	30.5	220
Mareeba (S)	1,560	9.1	4,897	28.7	7,383	43.3	17,065
Napranum (S)	68	10.8	268	42.5	287	45.6	630
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	117	7.0	428	25.7	1,017	61.0	1,666
Pormpuraaw (S)	104	19.3	226	41.9	189	35.1	539
Tablelands (R)	1,556	7.9	6,747	34.5	8,957	45.7	19,581
Torres (S)	152	6.1	471	18.8	1,312	52.5	2,499
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>196,488</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>964,903</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>2,146,809</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>3,643,834</b>

(a) Includes highest year of schooling not stated.

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

## Non-school qualification

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

The percentage of persons in Custom region with a non-school qualification was

# 58.7%

### Custom region

- 128,658 persons (or 58.7%) with a non-school qualification
- Within the region, Torres (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons with a non-school qualification with 64.8%

### Queensland

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

**Table 24 Non-school qualifications<sup>(a)</sup> by level of education by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Level of education						Persons with a qualification <sup>(d)</sup>		Total persons
	Bachelor degree or higher <sup>(b)</sup>		Advanced diploma or diploma		Certificate <sup>(c)</sup>		number	%	
	number	%	number	%	number	%			
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>29,560</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>17,811</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>49,856</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>128,658</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>219,010</b>
Aurukun (S)	25	2.8	26	2.9	126	14.0	255	28.3	901
Cairns (R)	20,242	16.2	11,536	9.2	28,745	23.0	76,829	61.6	124,795
Carpentaria (S)	115	7.4	83	5.4	295	19.1	748	48.3	1,548
Cassowary Coast (R)	2,044	8.7	1,451	6.2	5,476	23.3	12,362	52.7	23,462
Cook (S)	366	10.6	249	7.2	820	23.8	2,209	64.2	3,439
Croydon (S)	12	5.2	14	6.1	35	15.3	130	56.8	229
Douglas (S)	1,310	13.4	845	8.6	2,348	24.0	6,277	64.2	9,783
Etheridge (S)	39	6.0	37	5.7	119	18.3	290	44.5	651
Hinchinbrook (S)	681	7.4	455	5.0	2,195	23.9	4,486	48.9	9,178
Kowanyama (S)	25	3.6	12	1.7	112	16.1	226	32.6	694
Lockhart River (S)	22	4.5	10	2.0	64	13.0	225	45.6	493
Mapoon (S)	11	4.9	11	4.9	67	29.9	104	46.4	224
Mareeba (S)	1,816	10.3	1,176	6.7	3,599	20.4	10,117	57.2	17,681
Napranum (S)	12	1.8	11	1.7	104	15.6	165	24.8	665
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	120	6.8	129	7.3	460	26.0	919	52.0	1,768
Pormpuraaw (S)	13	2.4	17	3.1	96	17.4	180	32.5	553
Tablelands (R)	2,380	11.7	1,570	7.7	4,664	23.0	11,433	56.3	20,319
Torres (S)	327	12.4	179	6.8	531	20.2	1,703	64.8	2,627
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>693,410</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>330,619</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>807,105</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>2,241,124</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>3,790,497</b>

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

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

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

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

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



## Non-school qualification by sex and age

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

The percentage of persons in Custom region with a non-school qualification was

# 58.7%

### Custom region

- 128,658 persons (or 58.7%) with a non-school qualification
- 70.9% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 69.7% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

### Queensland

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

**Table 25 Non-school qualifications by sex and age, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Sex / age	Custom 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	5,823	35.9	10,395	64.1	108,499	34.9	201,977	65.1
25–44 years	23,743	70.9	9,752	29.1	452,024	72.3	172,976	27.7
45–64 years	25,128	66.8	12,490	33.2	386,822	66.8	191,997	33.2
65 years and over	12,237	57.2	9,151	42.8	197,960	58.4	141,108	41.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>66,934</i>	<i>61.6</i>	<i>41,785</i>	<i>38.4</i>	<i>1,145,303</i>	<i>61.8</i>	<i>708,060</i>	<i>38.2</i>
<b>Females</b>								
15–24 years	5,993	39.0	9,357	61.0	118,058	39.0	184,607	61.0
25–44 years	25,359	69.7	11,036	30.3	471,721	72.6	178,093	27.4
45–64 years	22,135	58.6	15,657	41.4	354,531	58.5	251,238	41.5
65 years and over	8,230	39.7	12,505	60.3	151,510	40.0	227,367	60.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>61,714</i>	<i>56.0</i>	<i>48,558</i>	<i>44.0</i>	<i>1,095,813</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>841,312</i>	<i>43.4</i>
<b>Persons</b>								
15–24 years	11,841	37.5	19,720	62.5	226,555	36.9	386,592	63.1
25–44 years	49,116	70.3	20,787	29.7	923,739	72.5	351,079	27.5
45–64 years	47,246	62.6	28,210	37.4	741,347	62.6	443,244	37.4
65 years and over	20,447	48.6	21,645	51.4	349,479	48.7	368,468	51.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>128,658</i>	<i>58.7</i>	<i>90,354</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>2,241,124</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>1,549,379</i>	<i>40.9</i>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

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

## Non-school qualification by field of study

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

The largest non-school qualification field of study in Custom region was

**Engineering and Related Technologies (16.4%)**

### Custom region

- 21,160 persons (or 16.4%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies
- 17,448 persons (or 13.6%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce

### Queensland

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

**Table 26 Non-school qualifications by field of study, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Field of study	Custom region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Natural and Physical Sciences	2,502	1.9	51,948	2.3	0.84
Information Technology	1,405	1.1	49,383	2.2	0.50
Engineering and Related Technologies	21,160	16.4	352,200	15.7	1.05
Architecture and Building	8,143	6.3	139,929	6.2	1.01
Agriculture Environmental and Related Studies	3,335	2.6	43,207	1.9	1.34
Health	11,984	9.3	220,075	9.8	0.95
Education	9,840	7.6	168,108	7.5	1.02
Management and Commerce	17,448	13.6	392,830	17.5	0.77
Society and Culture	12,231	9.5	240,326	10.7	0.89
Creative Arts	2,591	2.0	67,061	3.0	0.67
Food Hospitality and Personal Services	7,965	6.2	123,168	5.5	1.13
Mixed Field Programmes	325	0.3	6,284	0.3	0.90
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>128,658</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,241,124</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

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

## Persons with a profound or severe disability

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

The percentage of persons in Custom region in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability was

# 4.8%

### Custom region

- 13,112 persons (or 4.8%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability
- Within the region, Hinchinbrook (S) LGA had the highest percentage of persons in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability with 7.1%
- Within the region, Northern Peninsula Area (R) LGA had the lowest percentage of persons in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability with 2.3%

### Queensland

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

**Table 27 Need for assistance with a profound or severe disability by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Need for assistance		No need for assistance		Total <sup>(a)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>13,112</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>231,769</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>273,234</b>
Aurukun (S)	50	3.9	1,191	93.9	1,269
Cairns (R)	6,940	4.4	134,690	85.8	156,901
Carpentaria (S)	72	3.7	1,660	84.8	1,958
Cassowary Coast (R)	1,758	6.1	24,003	83.6	28,726
Cook (S)	172	4.1	3,330	78.8	4,226
Croydon (S)	12	4.1	203	69.0	294
Douglas (S)	428	3.7	9,608	82.0	11,714
Etheridge (S)	29	3.6	681	85.2	799
Hinchinbrook (S)	770	7.1	9,214	84.6	10,885
Kowanyama (S)	28	3.0	884	93.6	944
Lockhart River (S)	20	2.8	605	85.0	712
Mapoon (S)	13	4.2	290	93.5	310
Mareeba (S)	1,072	5.0	17,256	80.0	21,557
Napranum (S)	28	2.9	909	95.0	957
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	65	2.3	2,592	92.7	2,796
Pompuraaw (S)	30	4.0	702	93.7	749
Tablelands (R)	1,525	6.1	21,017	84.7	24,827
Torres (S)	100	2.8	2,934	81.3	3,610
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>243,267</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4,103,669</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>4,703,193</b>

(a) Includes need of assistance not stated.

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

## Voluntary work

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

The percentage of persons in Custom region who undertook voluntary work was

# 19.5%

### Custom region

- 42,627 persons (or 19.5%) undertook voluntary work
- Within the region, Etheridge (S) LGA had the largest percentage of persons who undertook voluntary work with 27.5%

### Queensland

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

**Table 28 Voluntary work by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Volunteer		Not a volunteer		Total <sup>(a)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>42,627</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>150,372</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>219,010</b>
Aurukun (S)	71	7.9	794	88.1	901
Cairns (R)	23,060	18.5	88,204	70.7	124,795
Carpentaria (S)	282	18.2	1,018	65.8	1,548
Cassowary Coast (R)	4,601	19.6	16,085	68.6	23,462
Cook (S)	751	21.8	2,043	59.4	3,439
Croydon (S)	54	23.6	113	49.3	229
Douglas (S)	1,850	18.9	6,390	65.3	9,783
Etheridge (S)	179	27.5	391	60.1	651
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,231	24.3	6,023	65.6	9,178
Kowanyama (S)	45	6.5	615	88.6	694
Lockhart River (S)	43	8.7	364	73.8	493
Mapoon (S)	31	13.8	183	81.7	224
Mareeba (S)	3,562	20.1	11,047	62.5	17,681
Napranum (S)	55	8.3	601	90.4	665
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	422	23.9	1,212	68.6	1,768
Pompuraaw (S)	57	10.3	474	85.7	553
Tablelands (R)	4,904	24.1	13,164	64.8	20,319
Torres (S)	429	16.3	1,651	62.8	2,627
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>714,138</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>2,748,839</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>3,790,497</b>

(a) Includes voluntary work not stated.

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

## 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 2021.

The number of aged care service operational places in Custom region as at 30 June 2020 was

# 2,664 places

### Custom region

- 72 aged care services as at 30 June 2020
- 2,664 aged care service operational places
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of aged care service operational places with 1,675

### Queensland

- 1,118 aged care services as at 30 June 2020
- 43,806 aged care service operational places

**Table 29 Aged care services by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 30 June 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Aged care services number	Number of operational places by care type			
		Home care	Residential care	Restorative care	Total places
		— number —			
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,541</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2,664</b>
Aurukun (S)	1	0	0	0	0
Cairns (R)	35	5	1,574	96	1,675
Carpentaria (S)	1	0	15	0	15
Cassowary Coast (R)	9	0	304	0	304
Cook (S)	2	10	19	0	29
Croydon (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Douglas (S)	2	12	103	0	115
Etheridge (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Hinchinbrook (S)	6	0	166	0	166
Kowanyama (S)	1	0	0	0	0
Lockhart River (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Mapoon (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Mareeba (S)	5	0	92	0	92
Napranum (S)	1	0	0	0	0
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0	0	0	0	0
Pompuraaw (S)	1	0	0	0	0
Tablelands (R)	5	0	230	0	230
Torres (S)	3	0	38	0	38
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>42,613</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>43,806</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 Custom region was

# 151 schools

### Custom region

- 151 schools as at June 2020
- 44 hospitals
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of schools with 49

### Queensland

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

**Table 30 Emergency services, schools and hospitals by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, June 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Police stations	Ambulance stations	Fire stations	Schools	Hospitals
	— number —				
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>44</b>
Aurukun (S)	1	0	0	1	1
Cairns (R)	5	6	6	49	8
Carpentaria (S)	2	2	0	3	2
Cassowary Coast (R)	8	6	6	26	2
Cook (S)	3	4	1	7	3
Croydon (S)	1	1	0	1	1
Douglas (S)	2	2	2	9	1
Etheridge (S)	3	2	0	3	2
Hinchinbrook (S)	2	2	3	15	1
Kowanyama (S)	1	1	0	1	1
Lockhart River (S)	1	0	0	1	1
Mapoon (S)	0	0	0	0	1
Mareeba (S)	5	4	3	14	3
Napranum (S)	0	0	0	0	1
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	1	1	0	1	6
Pompuraaw (S)	1	0	0	1	1
Tablelands (R)	7	5	6	17	6
Torres (S)	2	3	1	2	3
<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.

### Custom region

- 10.3% in least disadvantaged quintile
- 33.5% in most disadvantaged quintile
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest percentage of persons in the least disadvantaged quintile with 17.8%

### Queensland

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

The percentage of persons in Custom region in the least disadvantaged quintile was

# 10.3%

**Table 31 Population by Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage quintiles<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	Quintile 1 (most disadvantaged)	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5 (least disadvantaged)
	— % —				
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Aurukun (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cairns (R)	27.2	19.5	16.5	19.1	17.8
Carpentaria (S)	61.4	38.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cassowary Coast (R)	44.0	34.7	17.6	3.8	0.0
Cook (S)	58.7	33.7	3.9	3.7	0.0
Croydon (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Douglas (S)	16.8	38.8	19.0	25.4	0.0
Etheridge (S)	33.7	66.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hinchinbrook (S)	36.4	26.0	31.8	5.8	0.0
Kowanyama (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lockhart River (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mapoon (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mareeba (S)	33.0	37.6	21.9	7.5	0.0
Napranum (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Porpuraaw (S)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tablelands (R)	39.0	27.7	16.5	16.9	0.0
Torres (S)	44.7	45.4	9.9	0.0	0.0
<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 Custom region in 2016 was

# Outer Regional Australia

### Custom region

- 0.0% of the population were in major cities
- 5.7% of the population were in very remote Australia
- Outer Regional Australia had the largest percentage of population with 90.3%

### Queensland

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

**Table 32 Population<sup>(a)</sup> in remoteness areas<sup>(b)</sup> by LGA, Custom 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>Custom region</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>246,775</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>10,751</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>15,708</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Aurukun (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,269	100.0
Cairns (R)	0	0.0	0	0.0	156,901	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Carpentaria (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,958	100.0
Cassowary Coast (R)	0	0.0	0	0.0	26,692	92.9	2,034	7.1	0	0.0
Cook (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,428	81.1	798	18.9
Croydon (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	294	100.0
Douglas (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10,950	93.5	764	6.5	0	0.0
Etheridge (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	799	100.0
Hinchinbrook (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	7,833	72.0	3,044	28.0	8	0.1
Kowanyama (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	944	100.0
Lockhart River (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	712	100.0
Mapoon (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	310	100.0
Mareeba (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	20,770	96.3	283	1.3	504	2.3
Napranum (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	957	100.0
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,796	100.0
Porpuraaw (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	749	100.0
Tablelands (R)	0	0.0	0	0.0	23,629	95.2	1,198	4.8	0	0.0
Torres (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,610	100.0
<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 2021.

The rate of total reported offences for Custom region in 2019–20 was

**14,539 per 100,000 persons**

### Custom region

- 42,198 reported offences in 2019–20, or 14,539 per 100,000 persons
- 3,880 offences against the person, or 1,337 per 100,000 persons
- 17,676 offences against property, or 6,090 per 100,000 persons
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the highest number of reported offences with 25,710 or 15,280 per 100,000 persons

### Queensland

- 537,928 reported offences in 2019–20, or 10,386 per 100,000 persons
- 37,634 offences against the person, or 727 per 100,000 persons
- 264,050 offences against property, or 5,098 per 100,000 persons

**Table 33 Reported offences, Custom region and Queensland, 2019–20**

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>Custom region</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>17,676</b>	<b>6,090</b>	<b>20,642</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>42,198</b>	<b>14,539</b>
Aurukun (S)	216	14,845	263	18,076	617	42,405	1,096	75,326
Cairns (R)	2,200	1,307	12,310	7,316	11,200	6,656	25,710	15,280
Carpentaria (S)	68	3,434	300	15,152	382	19,293	750	37,879
Cassowary Coast (R)	281	940	1,250	4,179	2,089	6,985	3,620	12,103
Cook (S)	91	1,952	223	4,783	581	12,462	895	19,198
Croydon (S)	2	714	5	1,786	12	4,286	19	6,786
Douglas (S)	133	1,066	504	4,038	848	6,794	1,485	11,897
Etheridge (S)	2	256	16	2,046	15	1,918	33	4,220
Hinchinbrook (S)	141	1,334	383	3,623	588	5,562	1,112	10,519
Kowanyama (S)	47	4,686	48	4,786	252	25,125	347	34,596
Lockhart River (S)	28	3,457	28	3,457	98	12,099	154	19,012
Mapoon (S)	5	1,466	3	880	18	5,279	26	7,625
Mareeba (S)	293	1,277	1,020	4,445	1,720	7,495	3,033	13,216
Napranum (S)	31	2,800	36	3,252	186	16,802	253	22,855
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	91	2,793	120	3,683	265	8,134	476	14,610
Pompuraaw (S)	43	5,018	59	6,884	211	24,621	313	36,523
Tablelands (R)	131	511	845	3,299	1,293	5,048	2,269	8,858
Torres (S)	77	1,961	263	6,697	267	6,799	607	15,457
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>37,634</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>264,050</b>	<b>5,098</b>	<b>236,244</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>537,928</b>	<b>10,386</b>

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 2016 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.

The median total personal income for Custom region was

**not available**

### Custom region

- Median mortgage repayment was not available
- Average household size was not available
- Within the region, Torres (S) LGA had the highest median weekly family income with \$1,919 per week

### Queensland

- Median mortgage repayment of \$1,733 per month
- Average household size of 2.6 persons per dwelling

**Table 34 Selected medians and averages by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

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>Custom 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>
Aurukun (S)	0	678	992	260	4.2	1.4
Cairns (R)	1,665	1,605	1,336	693	2.5	0.8
Carpentaria (S)	999	1,544	1,347	677	2.6	1.0
Cassowary Coast (R)	1,300	1,305	1,068	567	2.4	0.8
Cook (S)	1,255	1,341	1,038	579	2.3	1.0
Croydon (S)	0	1,274	1,100	579	2.4	0.9
Douglas (S)	1,560	1,460	1,169	676	2.3	0.9
Etheridge (S)	664	1,192	865	521	2.2	0.9
Hinchinbrook (S)	1,300	1,349	1,041	538	2.3	0.8
Kowanyama (S)	0	841	944	342	3.4	1.2
Lockhart River (S)	0	810	900	332	3.7	1.3
Mapoon (S)	0	1,015	962	365	3.3	1.0
Mareeba (S)	1,517	1,274	1,045	541	2.5	0.9
Napranum (S)	0	776	826	280	3.7	1.2
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0	1,064	1,158	468	3.8	1.3
Pormpuraaw (S)	867	747	771	337	3.1	1.1
Tablelands (R)	1,352	1,218	977	517	2.4	0.8
Torres (S)	1,705	1,919	1,837	740	3.2	1.2
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>2.6</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, 2016, 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 July 2021.

The number of lodgements in Custom region for a 3 bedroom house in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021 was

# 2,312 lodgements

### Custom region

- 3,642 lodgements for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021
- 2,312 lodgements for a 3 bedroom house
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the highest median rent per week for a 3 bedroom house (\$410)

### Queensland

- Median rent of \$390 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021
- Median rent of \$380 per week for a 3 bedroom house

**Table 35 Lodgements and median rent by dwelling type by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 March 2021**

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>Custom region</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Aurukun (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Cairns (R)	1,434	2,782	1,281	1,486	265	330	410	480
Carpentaria (S)	2	5	15	1	n.a.	n.a.	250	n.a.
Cassowary Coast (R)	65	266	310	124	200	250	310	380
Cook (S)	9	6	28	7	n.a.	n.a.	350	n.a.
Croydon (S)	2	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Douglas (S)	167	233	127	90	235	300	390	475
Etheridge (S)	2	1	9	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Hinchinbrook (S)	22	102	100	28	170	180	250	290
Kowanyama (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Lockhart River (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mapoon (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mareeba (S)	47	117	178	111	200	275	350	400
Napranum (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	9	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Porpuraaw (S)	0	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tablelands (R)	42	124	259	101	200	250	330	400
Torres (S)	2	6	5	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>30,782</b>	<b>57,932</b>	<b>45,425</b>	<b>45,105</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>450</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 2016 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 Custom region was

# \$32,747 per year

### Custom region

- Median total personal income of \$32,747 per year
- Within the region, Torres (S) LGA had the highest median total personal income with \$38,480 per year
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the lowest median total personal income with \$13,520 per year

### Queensland

- Median total personal income of \$34,320 per year

**Table 36 Total personal income by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

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> number	Median (\$/year)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%		
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>60,157</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>77,045</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>43,860</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>10,478</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>219,010</b>	<b>32,747</b>
Aurukun (S)	653	72.5	125	13.9	65	7.2	11	1.2	901	13,520
Cairns (R)	31,682	25.4	43,221	34.6	28,380	22.7	7,098	5.7	124,795	36,036
Carpentaria (S)	382	24.7	480	31.0	360	23.3	92	5.9	1,548	35,204
Cassowary Coast (R)	6,836	29.1	9,139	39.0	3,881	16.5	797	3.4	23,462	29,484
Cook (S)	882	25.6	1,163	33.8	602	17.5	117	3.4	3,439	30,108
Croydon (S)	56	24.5	61	26.6	32	14.0	9	3.9	229	30,108
Douglas (S)	2,182	22.3	3,830	39.1	1,811	18.5	378	3.9	9,783	35,152
Etheridge (S)	194	29.8	244	37.5	93	14.3	39	6.0	651	27,092
Hinchinbrook (S)	2,822	30.7	3,384	36.9	1,630	17.8	321	3.5	9,178	27,976
Kowanyama (S)	388	55.9	198	28.5	60	8.6	11	1.6	694	17,784
Lockhart River (S)	170	34.5	95	19.3	35	7.1	3	0.6	493	17,264
Mapoon (S)	116	51.8	71	31.7	20	8.9	3	1.3	224	18,980
Mareeba (S)	5,256	29.7	5,955	33.7	2,789	15.8	578	3.3	17,681	28,132
Napranum (S)	431	64.8	138	20.8	60	9.0	26	3.9	665	14,560
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	728	41.2	649	36.7	225	12.7	50	2.8	1,768	24,336
Pompuraaw (S)	329	59.5	149	26.9	42	7.6	7	1.3	553	17,524
Tablelands (R)	6,456	31.8	7,469	36.8	3,185	15.7	755	3.7	20,319	26,884
Torres (S)	594	22.6	674	25.7	590	22.5	183	7.0	2,627	38,480
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1,074,683</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>1,249,382</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>841,717</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>269,288</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>3,790,497</b>	<b>34,320</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes personal income not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 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 2016 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 Custom region was

# \$75,639 per year

### Custom region

- 7,751 low-income families (11.3%)
- Median total family income of \$75,639 per year
- Within the region, Torres (S) LGA had the highest median total family income with \$99,788 per year
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the lowest median total family income with \$35,256 per year

### Queensland

- 115,233 low-income families (9.4%)
- Median total family income of \$86,372 per year

Table 37 Total family income<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2016

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> number	Median (\$/year) \$
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%		
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>7,751</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>23,155</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>21,695</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>7,018</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>68,458</b>	<b>75,639</b>
Aurukun (S)	132	48.4	107	39.2	24	8.8	7	2.6	273	35,256
Cairns (R)	3,914	9.9	12,174	30.9	13,624	34.5	4,803	12.2	39,456	83,460
Carpentaria (S)	39	8.2	134	28.3	135	28.5	47	9.9	473	80,288
Cassowary Coast (R)	869	11.8	2,960	40.1	2,152	29.1	532	7.2	7,385	67,860
Cook (S)	118	13.6	278	32.0	253	29.1	75	8.6	868	69,732
Croydon (S)	3	5.0	17	28.3	18	30.0	3	5.0	60	66,248
Douglas (S)	304	11.0	950	34.2	934	33.7	230	8.3	2,775	75,920
Etheridge (S)	27	14.8	61	33.3	42	23.0	6	3.3	183	61,984
Hinchinbrook (S)	338	11.4	1,120	37.9	873	29.5	237	8.0	2,959	70,148
Kowanyama (S)	89	37.1	100	41.7	37	15.4	6	2.5	240	43,732
Lockhart River (S)	27	20.0	27	20.0	6	4.4	4	3.0	135	42,120
Mapoon (S)	8	12.5	20	31.3	13	20.3	0	0.0	64	52,780
Mareeba (S)	688	13.0	1,995	37.6	1,481	27.9	408	7.7	5,306	66,248
Napranum (S)	77	35.8	84	39.1	36	16.7	14	6.5	215	40,352
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	150	25.1	255	42.6	127	21.2	35	5.9	598	55,328
Pompuraaw (S)	72	36.7	77	39.3	25	12.8	6	3.1	196	38,844
Tablelands (R)	836	12.7	2,659	40.3	1,710	25.9	505	7.7	6,594	63,336
Torres (S)	60	8.8	137	20.2	205	30.2	100	14.7	678	99,788
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>115,233</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>377,889</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>408,072</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>186,810</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>1,221,148</b>	<b>86,372</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, 2016, General Community Profile - G02 and G28 and Queensland Treasury estimates

## Unemployment and labour force

Estimates of unemployment and labour force are produced by the Australian Government Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business. 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 July 2021.

The unemployment rate in Custom region at December quarter 2020 was

**not available**

### Custom region

- The number of unemployed persons in December quarter 2020 was not available
- Within the region, Kowanyama (S) LGA had the highest unemployment rate of 53.2%
- Within the region, Etheridge (S) LGA had the lowest unemployment rate of 4.7%

### Queensland

- 192,978 unemployed persons in December quarter 2020
- Unemployment rate of 7.1%

**Table 38 Unemployment and labour force<sup>(a)</sup> by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, December quarter 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>
Aurukun (S) <sup>(b)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	..
Cairns (R)	5,398	95,071	5.7
Carpentaria (S)	234	915	25.6
Cassowary Coast (R)	907	15,390	5.9
Cook (S)	444	2,189	20.3
Croydon (S)	8	161	5.0
Douglas (S)	464	7,354	6.3
Etheridge (S)	21	443	4.7
Hinchinbrook (S)	297	4,830	6.1
Kowanyama (S)	210	395	53.2
Lockhart River (S)	76	376	20.2
Mapoon (S)	33	162	20.4
Mareeba (S)	858	11,111	7.7
Napranum (S)	102	501	20.4
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	269	1,283	21.0
Pompuraaw (S)	167	316	52.8
Tablelands (R)	724	12,143	6.0
Torres (S)	207	2,134	9.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>192,978</b>	<b>2,699,197</b>	<b>7.1</b>

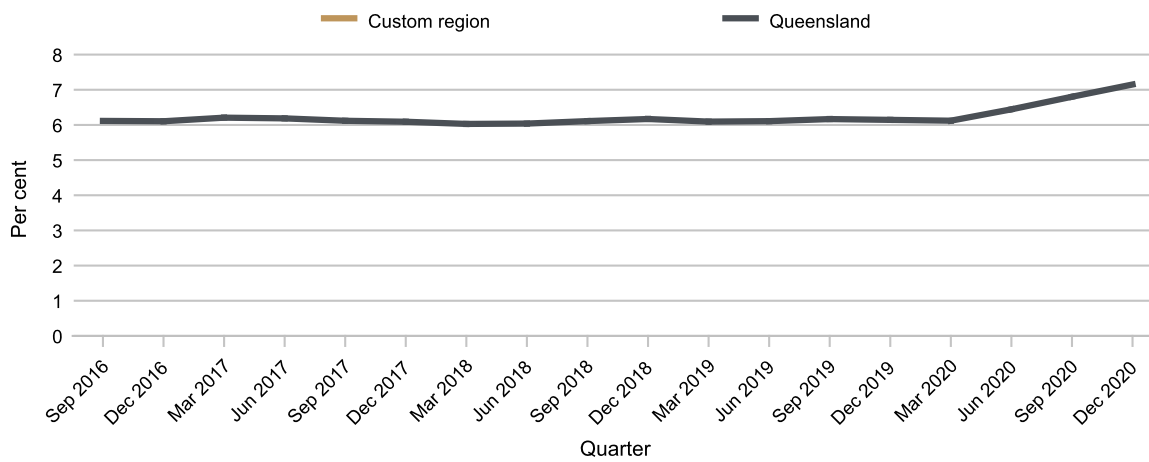
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(a) Based on a 4-quarter smoothed series.

(b) Estimates of Aurukun are not published due to accuracy concerns by the Department of Employment.

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

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



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

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

## Employment by industry

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

### Custom region

- 13.1% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 10.0% of employed persons worked in Retail trade industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 2.41 in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry

### Queensland

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

The top five industry subdivisions of employment for Custom region were:

1. **Preschool and School Education (6.9%)**
2. **Food and Beverage Services (5.9%)**
3. **Agriculture (5.8%)**
4. **Public Administration (5.1%)**
5. **Other Store-Based Retailing (4.9%)**

**Table 39 Employment by industry, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Industry	Custom region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,109	6.8	60,608	2.8	2.41
Mining	1,976	1.7	49,997	2.3	0.71
Manufacturing	5,284	4.4	128,787	6.0	0.74
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1,119	0.9	23,883	1.1	0.84
Construction	9,190	7.7	191,338	9.0	0.86
Wholesale trade	2,347	2.0	56,370	2.6	0.75
Retail trade	11,890	10.0	211,778	9.9	1.01
Accommodation and food services	11,181	9.4	156,670	7.3	1.28
Transport, postal and warehousing	6,561	5.5	108,083	5.1	1.09
Information media and telecommunications	827	0.7	25,265	1.2	0.59
Financial and insurance services	1,555	1.3	54,286	2.5	0.52
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1,978	1.7	42,500	2.0	0.84
Professional, scientific and technical services	4,758	4.0	133,652	6.3	0.64
Administrative and support services	4,688	3.9	75,336	3.5	1.12
Public administration and safety	9,276	7.8	140,164	6.6	1.19
Education and training	10,564	8.9	192,143	9.0	0.99
Health care and social assistance	15,589	13.1	276,945	13.0	1.01
Arts and recreation services	2,061	1.7	33,667	1.6	1.10
Other services	4,853	4.1	83,470	3.9	1.05
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>118,765</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,136,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

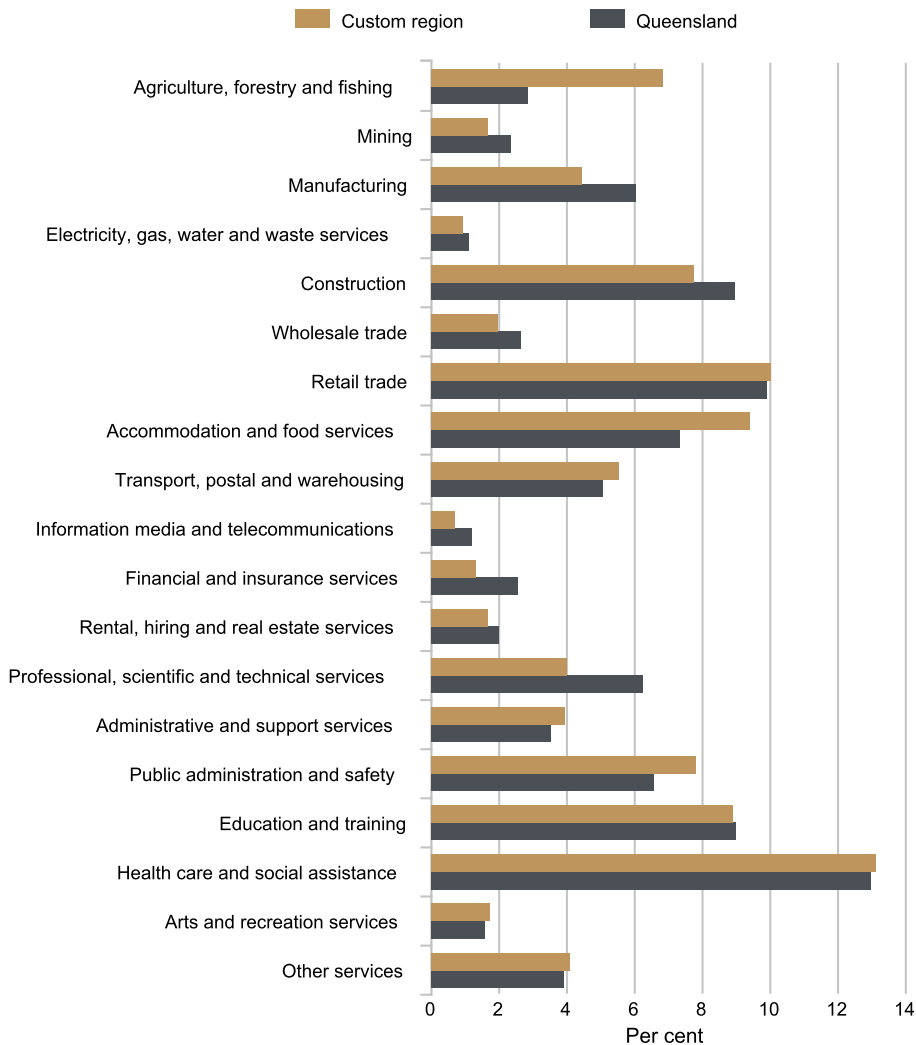
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(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

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



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



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

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

## Employment by occupation

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

### Custom region

- 16.9% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 14.6% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.17 in Labourers occupation

### Queensland

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

The top five occupation sub-major groups of employment for Custom region were:

1. Sales Assistants and Salespersons (6.8%)
2. Carers and Aides (5.2%)
3. Health Professionals (4.7%)
4. Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers (4.6%)
5. Education Professionals (4.5%)

**Table 40 Employment by occupation, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

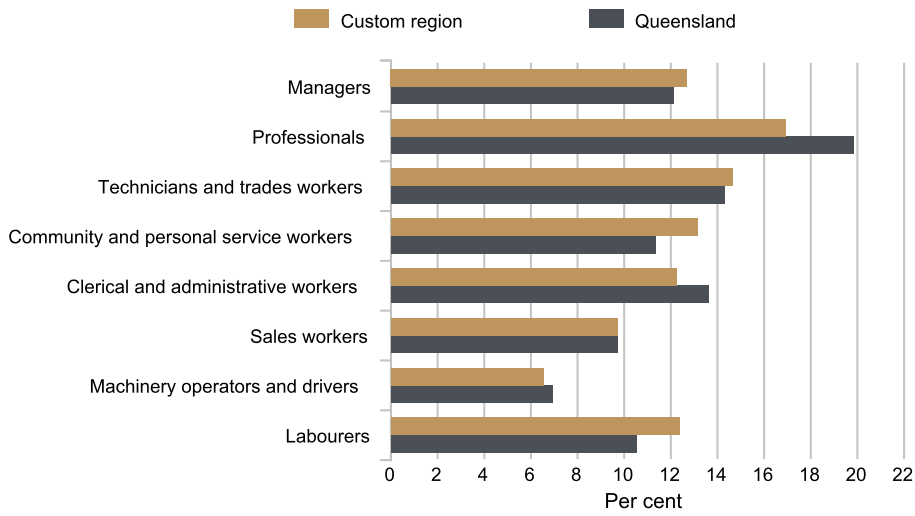
Occupation	Custom region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Managers	15,075	12.7	258,509	12.1	1.05
Professionals	20,069	16.9	423,917	19.8	0.85
Technicians and trades workers	17,395	14.6	305,441	14.3	1.02
Community and personal service workers	15,595	13.1	241,956	11.3	1.16
Clerical and administrative workers	14,536	12.2	291,317	13.6	0.90
Sales workers	11,555	9.7	207,795	9.7	1.00
Machinery operators and drivers	7,771	6.5	147,636	6.9	0.95
Labourers	14,678	12.4	225,268	10.5	1.17
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>118,765</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,136,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

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

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



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

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

## Families with children with no parent employed

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

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

# 18.4%

### Custom region

- 4,968 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (18.4%)
- Within the region, Aurukun (S) LGA had the highest percentage of families with no parent employed (70.1%)

### Queensland

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

**Table 41 Families with children with no parent employed, Custom region and Queensland, 2016**

Custom region / LGA / State	One-parent family with parent not employed	Couple family with both parents not employed	Total families with no parent employed		Total families
	— number —		number	%	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>3,618</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>27,058</b>
Aurukun (S)	65	50	115	70.1	164
Cairns (R)	2,001	625	2,624	15.8	16,572
Carpentaria (S)	49	14	62	32.1	193
Cassowary Coast (R)	347	138	484	18.9	2,559
Cook (S)	47	22	73	22.1	330
Croydon (S)	4	0	11	42.3	26
Douglas (S)	104	30	136	14.3	950
Etheridge (S)	9	3	9	14.1	64
Hinchinbrook (S)	95	30	125	15.0	834
Kowanyama (S)	47	28	76	60.3	126
Lockhart River (S)	25	14	37	43.5	85
Mapoon (S)	11	5	22	64.7	34
Mareeba (S)	251	131	383	20.1	1,901
Napranum (S)	31	41	77	59.7	129
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	101	76	175	42.4	413
Pormpuraaw (S)	30	19	53	52.5	101
Tablelands (R)	334	86	421	19.3	2,184
Torres (S)	67	26	85	21.6	393
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>47,485</b>	<b>18,652</b>	<b>66,139</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>477,729</b>

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

# Industry and development

## Building approvals

Information on building approvals are compiled by the ABS, and are collected from sources such as local government authorities and other principal certifying authorities. The estimates for any month may be revised or corrected in later months. This can occur as a result of corrections made by a provider of data, the late provision of approval records and, occasionally, by approvals being identified after construction work has commenced. Data are updated monthly with a release approximately 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in June 2021.

The number of new houses approved in Custom region in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021 was

# 1,396 approvals

### Custom region

- 1,396 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021
- \$523.6 million of building value in residential building approvals
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest value of residential building approvals with \$329.0 million
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest value of non-residential building approvals with \$139.4 million

### Queensland

- 25,739 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021
- \$13,989.7 million of building value in residential building approvals

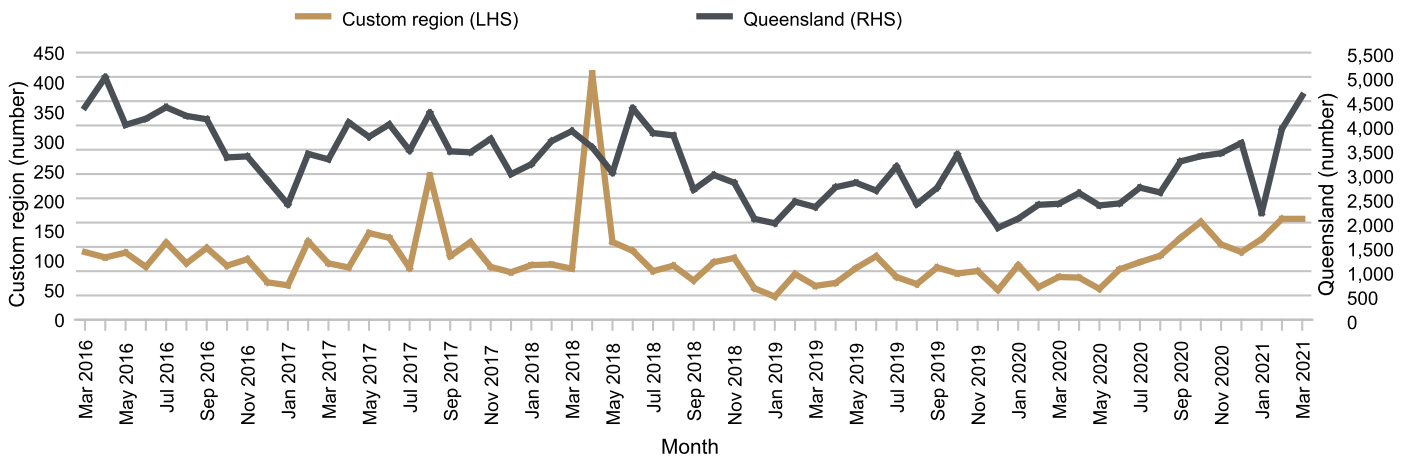
**Table 42 Residential and non-residential building approvals by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 March 2021**

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>Custom region</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>523,570</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>226,913</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>750,483</b>
Aurukun (S)	16	0	0	16	7,270	100.0	0	0.0	7,270
Cairns (R)	891	20	1	912	329,018	70.2	139,390	29.8	468,408
Carpentaria (S)	2	2	0	4	723	85.3	125	14.7	848
Cassowary Coast (R)	97	0	4	101	39,294	76.4	12,154	23.6	51,448
Cook (S)	20	5	0	25	7,943	67.2	3,872	32.8	11,815
Croydon (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Douglas (S)	61	0	1	62	22,534	89.2	2,731	10.8	25,265
Etheridge (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Hinchinbrook (S)	15	0	1	16	9,358	90.9	934	9.1	10,292
Kowanyama (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Lockhart River (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Mapoon (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Mareeba (S)	103	0	2	105	38,039	84.2	7,114	15.8	45,153
Napranum (S)	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	..	0
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	10	0	0	10	3,683	100.0	0	0.0	3,683
Pompuraaw (S)	4	0	0	4	2,118	25.9	6,061	74.1	8,178
Tablelands (R)	177	0	1	178	63,590	74.2	22,130	25.8	85,720
Torres (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	32,403	100.0	32,403
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>25,739</b>	<b>11,269</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>37,131</b>	<b>13,989,742</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>7,653,041</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>21,642,783</b>

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

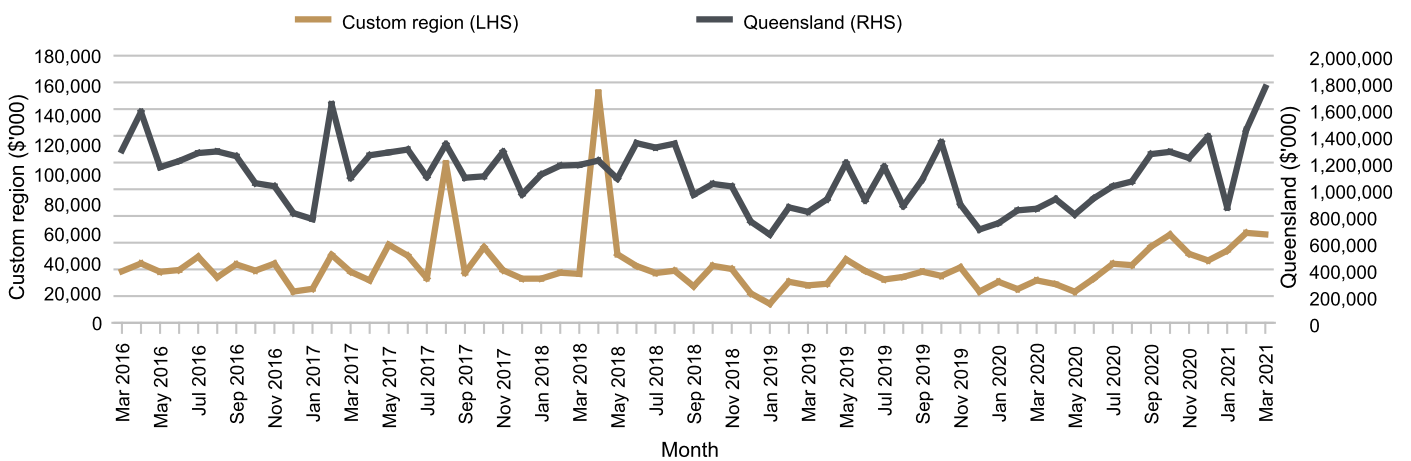
Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

**Figure 12 Number of residential building approvals, Custom region and Queensland**



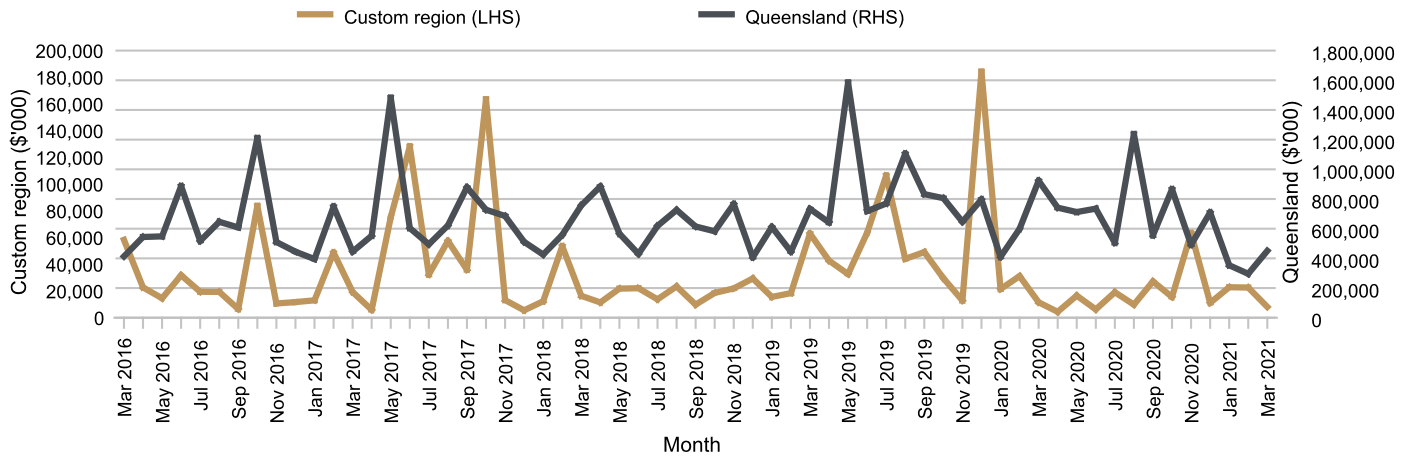
Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

**Figure 13 Value of residential building approvals, Custom region and Queensland**



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

**Figure 14 Value of non-residential building approvals, Custom region and Queensland**



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

## Residential dwelling sales

Residential dwelling sales data are sourced from the Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database as collected and maintained by the Queensland Department of Resources. Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period. All figures are preliminary and are subject to further revision. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 4 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in July 2021.

The highest median sale price in Custom region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2020 was

**Cairns (R) LGA**  
**\$381,750**

### Custom region

- 6,243 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2020
- A median sale price has not been calculated for Custom region
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the highest median sale price with \$381,750

### Queensland

- 115,959 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2020
- Median sale price of \$470,000

**Table 43 Residential dwelling sales by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 December 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Number of sales			Median sale price		
	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings
	— number —			— \$ —		
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>4,562</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>6,243</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Aurukun (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Cairns (R)	2,642	1,321	3,963	430,000	227,000	381,750
Carpentaria (S)	15	0	15	250,000	n.a.	250,000
Cassowary Coast (R)	470	57	527	261,000	220,000	260,000
Cook (S)	58	2	60	285,000	n.a.	287,000
Croydon (S)	7	0	7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Douglas (S)	224	235	459	435,000	277,000	361,250
Etheridge (S)	12	1	13	75,000	n.a.	92,500
Hinchinbrook (S)	207	9	216	215,000	n.a.	214,500
Kowanyama (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Lockhart River (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mapoon (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mareeba (S)	361	17	378	382,000	248,500	380,000
Napranum (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pompuraaw (S)	0	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tablelands (R)	564	38	602	350,000	227,000	340,000
Torres (S)	2	1	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>81,893</b>	<b>34,066</b>	<b>115,959</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>415,000</b>	<b>470,000</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 July 2021.

The highest median sale price for a new house in Custom region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2020 was

**Cairns (R) LGA**  
**\$425,000**

### Custom region

- 263 new house sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2020
- A median new house sale price has not been calculated for Custom region
- 1,269 vacant land sales
- A median vacant land sale price has not been calculated for Custom region
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the highest median new house sale price with \$425,000
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the highest median vacant land sale price with \$209,000

### Queensland

- 3,339 new house sales in the 12 months ending 31 December 2020
- 19,356 vacant land sales
- Median new house sale price of \$480,000
- Median vacant land sale price of \$228,000

**Table 44 New house and vacant land sales by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 December 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Number of sales		Median sale price	
	New houses	Vacant land	New houses	Vacant land
	— number —		— \$ —	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Aurukun (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Cairns (R)	219	830	425,000	209,000
Carpentaria (S)	0	8	n.a.	n.a.
Cassowary Coast (R)	8	118	n.a.	83,000
Cook (S)	2	18	n.a.	66,000
Croydon (S)	0	4	n.a.	n.a.
Douglas (S)	2	35	n.a.	160,000
Etheridge (S)	0	9	n.a.	n.a.
Hinchinbrook (S)	4	43	n.a.	47,750
Kowanyama (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Lockhart River (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Mapoon (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Mareeba (S)	17	75	415,000	112,250
Napranum (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Pormpuraaw (S)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
Tablelands (R)	11	128	348,780	117,500
Torres (S)	0	1	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>19,356</b>	<b>480,000</b>	<b>228,000</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 August 2021.

The number of residential lot registrations in Custom region in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021 was

# 1,030 registrations

### Custom region

- 1,030 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021
- 820 urban residential lot registrations
- Within the region, Cairns (R) LGA had the largest number of residential lot registrations with 661

### Queensland

- 22,906 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 31 March 2021
- 20,824 urban residential lot registrations

**Table 45 Residential lot registrations by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 March 2021**

Custom region / LGA / State	Urban residential lot registrations			Low density lot registrations <sup>(c)</sup>	Total lot registrations
	Standard lots <sup>(a)</sup>	Unit and townhouse lots <sup>(b)</sup>	Total urban lots		
	— number —			number	number
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,030</b>
Aurukun (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Cairns (R)	583	33	616	45	661
Carpentaria (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Cassowary Coast (R)	3	5	8	27	35
Cook (S)	6	0	6	5	11
Croydon (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Douglas (S)	2	5	7	5	12
Etheridge (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Hinchinbrook (S)	4	0	4	4	8
Kowanyama (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Lockhart River (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Mapoon (S)	0	0	0	10	10
Mareeba (S)	58	0	58	52	110
Napranum (S)	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0	0	0	0	0
Pormpuraaw (S)	3	0	3	0	3
Tablelands (R)	112	5	117	60	177
Torres (S)	1	0	1	2	3
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>13,523</b>	<b>7,301</b>	<b>20,824</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>22,906</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 March 2022.

The number of businesses in Custom region as at 30 June 2020 was

**not available**

### Custom region

- The number of businesses employing 1 to 4 employees in 30 June 2020 was not available

### Queensland

- 112,776 businesses (or 24.3%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2020

**Table 46 Registered businesses by employment size and LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 30 June 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	Non-employing		1–4 employees		5–19 employees		20–199 employees		200+ employees		Total number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Aurukun (S)	3	75.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Cairns (R)	8,394	59.6	3,676	26.1	1,578	11.2	429	3.0	11	0.1	14,090
Carpentaria (S)	109	60.2	37	20.4	26	14.4	8	4.4	0	0.0	181
Cassowary Coast (R)	2,034	64.3	729	23.1	313	9.9	84	2.7	3	0.1	3,162
Cook (S)	183	56.8	85	26.4	51	15.8	5	1.6	0	0.0	322
Croydon (S)	13	65.0	5	25.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20
Douglas (S)	823	60.1	333	24.3	173	12.6	44	3.2	0	0.0	1,369
Etheridge (S)	79	70.5	21	18.8	12	10.7	3	2.7	0	0.0	112
Hinchinbrook (S)	865	64.8	334	25.0	122	9.1	17	1.3	0	0.0	1,335
Kowanyama (S)	0	0.0	3	50.0	3	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Lockhart River (S)	13	86.7	0	0.0	3	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	15
Mapoon (S)	n.a.	..	n.a.	..	n.a.	..	n.a.	..	n.a.	..	n.a.
Mareeba (S)	1,235	59.7	526	25.4	232	11.2	82	4.0	0	0.0	2,069
Napranum (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	28	53.8	14	26.9	5	9.6	6	11.5	0	0.0	52
Pompuraaw (S)	3	75.0	3	75.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Tablelands (R)	1,797	64.7	641	23.1	261	9.4	78	2.8	0	0.0	2,779
Torres (S)	120	65.2	39	21.2	20	10.9	4	2.2	0	0.0	184
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>297,287</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>112,776</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>42,926</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>11,270</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>464,990</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 March 2022.

The percentage of businesses with a turnover range of \$2 million or more in Custom region as at 30 June 2020 was

**not available**

### Custom region

- The number of businesses with a turnover range of \$2 million or more in 30 June 2020 was not available

### Queensland

- 30,487 businesses (or 6.6%) with a turnover range of \$2 million or more as at 30 June 2020

**Table 47 Registered businesses by turnover range and LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 30 June 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	\$0 to less than \$100k		\$100k to less than \$500k		\$500k to less than \$2m		\$2m or more		Total number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Aurukun (S)	0	0.0	3	75.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Cairns (R)	5,670	40.2	5,324	37.8	2,155	15.3	934	6.6	14,090
Carpentaria (S)	52	28.7	74	40.9	34	18.8	20	11.0	181
Cassowary Coast (R)	1,327	42.0	1,175	37.2	482	15.2	170	5.4	3,162
Cook (S)	120	37.3	117	36.3	62	19.3	25	7.8	322
Croydon (S)	3	15.0	12	60.0	7	35.0	3	15.0	20
Douglas (S)	542	39.6	524	38.3	255	18.6	54	3.9	1,369
Etheridge (S)	27	24.1	51	45.5	25	22.3	0	0.0	112
Hinchinbrook (S)	401	30.0	592	44.3	292	21.9	59	4.4	1,335
Kowanyama (S)	0	0.0	3	50.0	3	50.0	0	0.0	6
Lockhart River (S)	3	20.0	7	46.7	3	20.0	0	0.0	15
Mapoon (S)	n.a.	..	n.a.	..	n.a.	..	n.a.	..	n.a.
Mareeba (S)	889	43.0	739	35.7	345	16.7	85	4.1	2,069
Napranum (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	21	40.4	14	26.9	9	17.3	0	0.0	52
Pompuraaw (S)	0	0.0	6	150.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Tablelands (R)	1,245	44.8	980	35.3	399	14.4	149	5.4	2,779
Torres (S)	78	42.4	68	37.0	28	15.2	10	5.4	184
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>197,702</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>168,382</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>68,423</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>30,487</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>464,990</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 March 2022.

The industry with the largest number of registered businesses in Custom region as at 30 June 2020 was

**not available**

### Custom region

- The number registered businesses in Custom region as at 30 June 2020 was not available

### Queensland

- 16.6% of businesses in Construction industry as at 30 June 2020
- 11.6% of businesses in Professional, scientific and technical services industry

**Table 48 Registered businesses by industry, Custom region and Queensland, 30 June 2020**

Industry	Custom region		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	n.a.	..	40,690	8.8	..
Mining	n.a.	..	1,817	0.4	..
Manufacturing	n.a.	..	16,653	3.6	..
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	n.a.	..	1,394	0.3	..
Construction	n.a.	..	77,077	16.6	..
Wholesale trade	n.a.	..	13,644	2.9	..
Retail trade	n.a.	..	25,761	5.5	..
Accommodation and food services	n.a.	..	17,651	3.8	..
Transport, postal and warehousing	n.a.	..	35,302	7.6	..
Information media and telecommunications	n.a.	..	3,463	0.7	..
Financial and insurance services	n.a.	..	38,743	8.3	..
Rental, hiring and real estate services	n.a.	..	52,993	11.4	..
Professional, scientific and technical services	n.a.	..	53,856	11.6	..
Administrative and support services	n.a.	..	19,711	4.2	..
Public administration and safety	n.a.	..	1,383	0.3	..
Education and training	n.a.	..	6,745	1.5	..
Health care and social assistance	n.a.	..	29,187	6.3	..
Arts and recreation services	n.a.	..	5,648	1.2	..
Other services	n.a.	..	22,597	4.9	..
Not classified	n.a.	..	678	0.1	..
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>464,990</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

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

# Environment

## Protected areas – parks, forests and reserves

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

### Custom region

- Protected area of 45,976.3 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2020
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 44,933.5 km<sup>2</sup>
- Within the region, Cook (S) LGA had the largest protected area with 25,621.9 km<sup>2</sup>

### Queensland

- Protected area of 130,319.8 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2020
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 98,071.0 km<sup>2</sup>

The total protected area within Custom region as at 2020 was

# 45,976.3 km<sup>2</sup>

**Table 49 Protected areas - parks, forests and reserves by LGA, Custom region and Queensland, 2020**

Custom region / LGA / State	National Park <sup>(a)</sup>	State Forest	Timber Reserve	Forest Reserve	Total
	— area (km <sup>2</sup> ) —				
<b>Custom region</b>	<b>44,933.5</b>	<b>718.2</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>313.7</b>	<b>45,976.3</b>
Aurukun (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cairns (R)	797.6	0.1	0.0	59.2	856.9
Carpentaria (S)	1,526.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,526.3
Cassowary Coast (R)	2,743.4	100.3	0.0	0.1	2,843.8
Cook (S)	25,601.9	9.1	11.0	0.0	25,621.9
Croydon (S)	54.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.2
Douglas (S)	1,500.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	1,500.8
Etheridge (S)	3,689.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,689.2
Hinchinbrook (S)	802.4	188.2	0.0	0.0	990.5
Kowanyama (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lockhart River (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mapoon (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mareeba (S)	5,290.7	195.8	0.0	151.5	5,637.9
Napranum (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Northern Peninsula Area (R)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pormpuraaw (S)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tablelands (R)	2,869.8	224.8	0.0	102.5	3,197.1
Torres (S)	57.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.8
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>98,071.0</b>	<b>31,045.2</b>	<b>663.4</b>	<b>540.3</b>	<b>130,319.8</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
LGA	local government area
LHS	left-hand side
n.a.	not available
p	preliminary
r	revised
R	Regional Council
RHS	right-hand side
S	Shire

# Explanatory notes

## Profile explanatory notes

### Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

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

### Average annual growth rate

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

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

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

### Cell confidentialisation

This profile utilises two types of data confidentialisation.

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

### Census 2016 data

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

### Census undercount

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

**Land area**

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

**Local government area (LGA)**

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

**Region overview**

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

**Rounding**

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

**Specialisation ratio**

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

## Topic explanatory notes

### Aged care services

**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.



## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

### Confidentialisation

Suppression of AEDC data also occurs when one or more of the following have not been met:

- Fewer than 15 children had valid AEDC scores
- Less than two teachers had completed AEDC checklists for children in that location
- AEDC checklists were completed for less than 80% of all non special needs children

Additional minor suppressions have occurred where necessary to preserve confidentiality of related suppressed cells. Whilst some regions have had results suppressed, some SA2s have been included in neighbouring regions. This list includes:

- Albion included in Windsor
- Aurukun included in Cape York
- Croydon - Etheridge included in Tablelands
- Enoggera Reservoir included in Enoggera
- Far Central West included in Far South West
- Fortitude Valley included in New Farm
- Ingham Region included in Palm Island
- Lake Manchester - England Creek included in Lowood
- Lamb Range included in Kanimbla - Mooroolooloolo
- Mackay Harbour included in Andergrove - Beaconsfield
- Magnetic Island included in Belgian Gardens - Pallarenda
- Main Beach included in Surfers Paradise
- Mount Coot-tha included in The Gap
- Peregian Beach - Marcus Beach included in Peregian Springs
- South Brisbane included in West End
- Spring Hill included in Brisbane City
- Wooroonooran included in Babinda

### Developmentally 'vulnerable'

The cut-off for an AEDC score to represent developmentally vulnerable is based on the results from the 2009 AEDC data collection. In 2009 children who scored below the 10th percentile (in the lowest 10 per cent) of the national population were classified as developmentally vulnerable.

### Developmentally vulnerable on one or more domain/s

The percentage of children in the community who have at least one AEDC domain score/s below the 10th percentile.

### Developmentally vulnerable on two or more domain/s

The percentage of children in the community who have at least two AEDC domain scores below the 10th percentile.

### Domain: Communication skills and general knowledge

This domain measures a child's communication skills and general knowledge.

### Domain: Emotional maturity domain

This domain measures a child's pro-social and helping behavior, anxious and fearful behavior, aggressive behavior and hyperactivity and inattention.

### Domain: Language and cognitive skills domain

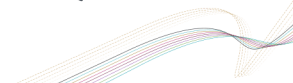
This domain measures a child's basic literacy, interest in literacy/numeracy, memory and basic and advanced literacy.

### Domain: Physical health and wellbeing domain

This domain measures a child's physical readiness for the school day, physical independence and gross and fine motor skills.

### Domain: Social competence domain

This domain measures a child's overall social competence, responsibility and respect, approaches to learning and readiness to explore new things.



## 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 paragraph 49 of ABS cat. no. 8165.0 explanatory notes for more information).

## Business counts by industry

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

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

## Country of birth

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

## Department of Social Services payments

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

### Confidentialisation

Cell counts under 5 have been suppressed for confidentiality purposes.

### Age pension

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

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

### Carer allowance

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

### Disability support pension

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

### Family tax benefit part A

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

### Jobseeker

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

## Emergency services, schools and hospitals

### Fire stations

Does not include Rural Fire Brigade.

### Hospitals

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

### Police stations

Does not include Police Beats.

### Schools

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

## Employment by industry

### Employment by industry

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

### Industry subdivision

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



## Employment by occupation

### Employment by occupation

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

### Occupation sub-major group

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

## Homeless persons

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

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

## Indigenous

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

## Median age

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

## Median rent

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

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

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

## 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 occupied private dwellings. 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).

## Population projections

Population projections are based on a medium series.

## Proficiency in spoken English

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

## Reported offences

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

### Offences against the person

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

### Offences against property

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

### Other offences

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

## Residential dwelling sales

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

### Attached dwellings

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

### Detached dwellings

Detached dwellings include single unit dwellings or large house sites.

### Residential dwelling sales

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

## Residential lot registrations

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

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

## Total family income

Median total family income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury. Medians are only calculated where there were five or more total families. 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.

## 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 Department of Employment website.