

## Regional Profiles Summary - Townsville and NW QLD region; Compared with Queensland

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

### Estimated resident population

As at 30 June 2015, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Townsville and NW QLD region was 273,725 persons. The annual growth rate between 2014r and 2015p was 0.5 per cent.

**Table 1 Estimated resident population and growth**

As at 30 June	Population		Annual growth rate	
	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland
	persons		— per cent —	
2010	255,477		1.6	1.8
2011	259,712		1.7	1.6
2012r	264,749		1.9	2.0
2013r	269,444		1.8	1.8
2014r	272,304		1.1	1.5
2015p	273,725		0.5	1.2

Next planned update: April 2017.

Source: ABS 3218.0, *Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2014-15*

### Population projections

The 2015 edition of population projections indicate that by 2021 the expected population of Townsville and NW QLD region will be 301,414 persons. By 2036, it is expected to be 374,029 persons.

**Table 2 Population projections (medium series)**

As at 30 June	Population		Average annual growth rate	
	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland	Townsville and NW QLD region	Queensland
	persons		— per cent —	
2011(a)	259,712	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2016	279,974		1.5	1.6
2021	301,414		1.5	1.6
2026	324,946		1.5	1.8
2031	349,325		1.5	1.7
2036	374,029		1.4	1.6

n.a. = not available

(a) 2011 data are estimated resident population (ERP).

Next planned update: January 2018.

Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections, 2015 edition (medium series)*

### Population by age group

In the Townsville and NW QLD region as at 30 June 2015, 20.9 per cent of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 67.2 per cent were aged 15 to 64 years and 11.9 per cent were aged 65 years and over.

**Table 3 Population by age group**

As at 30 June	Age group				
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
	— per cent —				
2015p					
Townsville and NW QLD region	20.9	15.1	28.4	23.8	11.9
Queensland	19.8	13.6	27.8	24.5	14.4
2036(a)					
Townsville and NW QLD region	19.1	14.2	26.1	22.4	18.2
Queensland	18.5	12.6	25.5	23.4	20.0

p = preliminary

(a) Medium series.

Next planned update: September 2017.

Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections, 2015 edition (medium series)*

ABS 3235.0, *Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2015*

### Unemployment and labour force

The unemployment rate in Townsville and NW QLD region in June quarter 2016 was 9.7 per cent.

**Table 4 Unemployment and labour force(a)**

Region	June quarter 2016		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Townsville and NW QLD region	12,772	130,996	9.7
Queensland	156,058	2,517,518	6.2

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

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment, *Small Area Labour Markets Australia*, various editions

C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council

Note: Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2011.

### Building approvals

There were 916 new dwelling approvals in Townsville and NW QLD region over the 12 months ending 30 September 2016, a decrease of 35.8 per cent from the previous year (1,426 approvals).

**Table 5 New dwelling approvals<sup>(a)</sup>**

Year ending September	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2014	1,345	608	1,953
2015	1,071	355	1,426
2016	750	166	916

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: December 2016.

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