

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

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Townsville & 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 & 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 2016, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Townsville & NW QLD region was 266,162 persons. The region recorded a population decline of 0.2 per cent between 2015 and 2016.

Table 1 Estimated resident population and growth

As at 30 June	Population		Annual growth rate	
	Townsville & NW QLD region	Queensland	Townsville & NW QLD region	Queensland
	persons		— per cent —	
2011	259,712		1.7	1.6
2012pr	263,074		1.3	2.1
2013pr	265,452		0.9	1.9
2014pr	266,851		0.5	1.5
2015pr	266,786		0.0	1.3
2016pr	266,162		-0.2	1.3

pr = preliminary rebased

Next planned update: April 2018.

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

Population projections

The 2015 edition of population projections indicate that by 2021 the expected population of Townsville & 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 & NW QLD region	Queensland	Townsville & 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 & NW QLD region in March quarter 2017 was 11.0 per cent.

Table 4 Unemployment and labour force^(a)

Region	March quarter 2017		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Townsville & NW QLD region	14,244	129,154	11.0
Queensland	156,627	2,506,666	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 (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries.

Building approvals

There were 933 new dwelling approvals in Townsville & NW QLD region over the 12 months ending 31 May 2017, a decrease of 10.3 per cent from the previous year (1,040 approvals).

Table 5 New dwelling approvals^(a)

Year ending May	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2015	1,140	539	1,679
2016	880	160	1,040
2017	807	126	933

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: August 2017.

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

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Note: 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.