

## 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 2017, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Townsville & NW QLD region was 266,903 persons. The annual growth rate between 2016 and 2017p was 0.3 per cent.

**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 —	
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
2017p	266,903		0.3	1.6

Next planned update: August 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 <sup>(a)</sup>	259,712		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: July 2018.

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

### Population by age group

In the Townsville & NW QLD region as at 30 June 2016, 20.7 per cent of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 66.7 per cent were aged 15 to 64 years and 12.6 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 —				
2016pr					
Townsville & NW QLD region	20.7	15.0	27.7	24.1	12.6
Queensland	19.7	13.4	27.5	24.7	14.7
2036 <sup>(a)</sup>					
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

(a) Medium series.

Next planned update: September 2018.

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

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

### Unemployment and labour force

The unemployment rate in Townsville & NW QLD region in December quarter 2017 was 8.8 per cent.

**Table 4 Unemployment and labour force<sup>(a)</sup>**

Region	December quarter 2017		
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Townsville & NW QLD region	11,422	129,611	8.8
Queensland	156,785	2,573,166	6.1

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

Source: Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business, *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 concurred from other geographical boundaries.

### Building approvals

There were 854 new dwelling approvals in Townsville & NW QLD region over the 12 months ending 31 March 2018, a decrease of 4.5 per cent from the previous year (894 approvals).

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

Year ending March	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
	— number —		
2016	905	204	1,109
2017	770	124	894
2018	796	58	854

(a) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

Next planned update: June 2018.

Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, 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.