

# City of Townsville

## 2021 Census Results City of Townsville

Comparison year: 2016  
Benchmark area: Queensland



## community profile

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## Population highlights

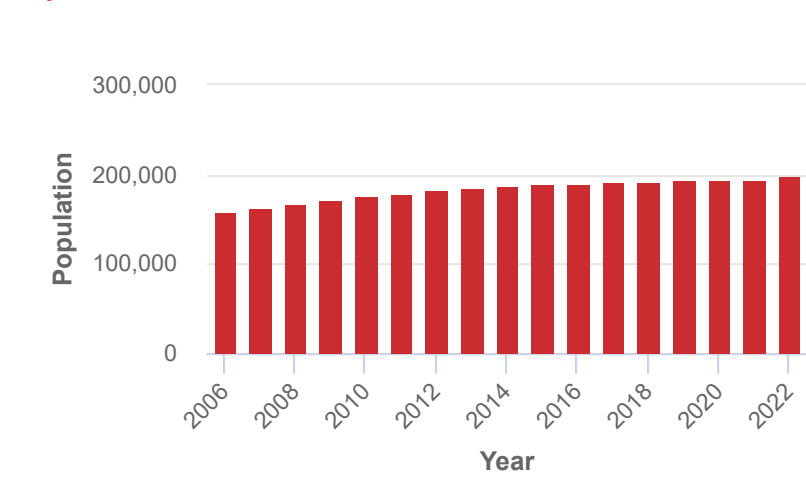
Population

198,577

ERP, 2022

▲ Grown by 3,062 from the previous year.

Estimated Resident Population  
City of Townsville



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0).  
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2021 data with change from 2016 unless otherwise stated.

- ◆ No significant change since previous Census (less than +/-0.5%) ▲ Increased since previous Census  
▼ Decreased since previous Census

Median age

36 ▲ (2)

Regional QLD

41 ▲

Queensland

38 ▲

Australia

38 ◆

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

8.4% ▲ (1.5%)

Regional QLD

6.1% ▲

Queensland

4.6% ▲

Australia

3.2% ◆

Couples with children

26% ▼ (-1.7%)

Regional QLD

25% ▼

Queensland

28% ▼

Australia

30% ▼

Older couples without children

9% ▲ (1.1%)

Regional QLD

12% ▲

Queensland

10% ▲

Australia

10% ▲

### Lone person households

24% ▲ (2.2%)

Regional QLD	23% ▲
Queensland	23% ▲
Australia	24% ▲

### Medium and high density Housing

20% ◀▶ (-0.1%)

Regional QLD	24% ▲
Queensland	26% ▲
Australia	28% ▲

### Median weekly household income

\$1,638 ▲ (\$214)

Regional QLD	\$1,494 ▲
Queensland	\$1,637 ▲
Australia	\$1,740 ▲

### Median weekly mortgage repayment

\$350 ▼ (\$-49)

Regional QLD	\$380 ▼
Queensland	\$399 ◀▶
Australia	\$432 ▲

### Median weekly rent

\$310 ▲ (\$10)

Regional QLD	\$345 ▲
Queensland	\$365 ▲
Australia	\$380 ▲

### Households renting

35% ▼ (-0.8%)

Regional QLD	30% ▼
Queensland	32% ◀▶
Australia	30% ▲

### Households with a mortgage

33% ▲ (0.8%)

Regional QLD	30% ▲
Queensland	32% ▲
Australia	33% ▲

### Overseas born

14% ◀▶ (0.4%)

Regional QLD	18% ▲
Queensland	23% ▲
Australia	28% ▲

### Language at home other than English

8% ▲ (0.8%)

Regional QLD	9% ▲
Queensland	13% ▲
Australia	22% ▲

### University attendance

5% ▼ (-0.8%)

Regional QLD	3% ▼
Queensland	4% ▼
Australia	5% ▼

### University qualification

18% ▲ (2.4%)

Regional QLD	17% ▲
Queensland	22% ▲
Australia	26% ▲

### Trade qualification (certificate)

24% ▲ (0.6%)

Regional QLD	24% ▲
Queensland	22% ▲
Australia	19% ▼

### Unemployment rate

5.1% ▼ (-3.8%)

Regional QLD	5.2% ▼
Queensland	5.4% ▼
Australia	5.1% ▼

### Participation rate (population in labour force)

64% ▼ (-0.1%)

Regional QLD	59% ▼
Queensland	62% ▲
Australia	61% ▲

### Worked at home

5% ▲ (2.3%)

Regional QLD	11% ▲
Queensland	14% ▲
Australia	21% ▲

### SEIFA index of disadvantage 2016

989

Regional QLD	981 ▲
Queensland	996 ▲
Australia	1002 ▲

## Homeless persons estimated 2021 \*

900 ▲ (94)

Source: ABS, 2049.0 Estimating Homelessness, 2016

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## Service age groups

The Age Structure of City of Townsville provides key insights into the level of demand for age based services and facilities such as child care. It is an indicator of City of Townsville's residential role and function and how it is likely to change in the future.

Service age groups divide the population into age categories that reflect typical life-stages. They indicate the level of demand for services that target people at different stages in life and how that demand is changing.

To get a more complete picture City of Townsville's Age Structure should be viewed in conjunction with **Household Types** and **Dwelling Types**.

## Age structure - Service age groups

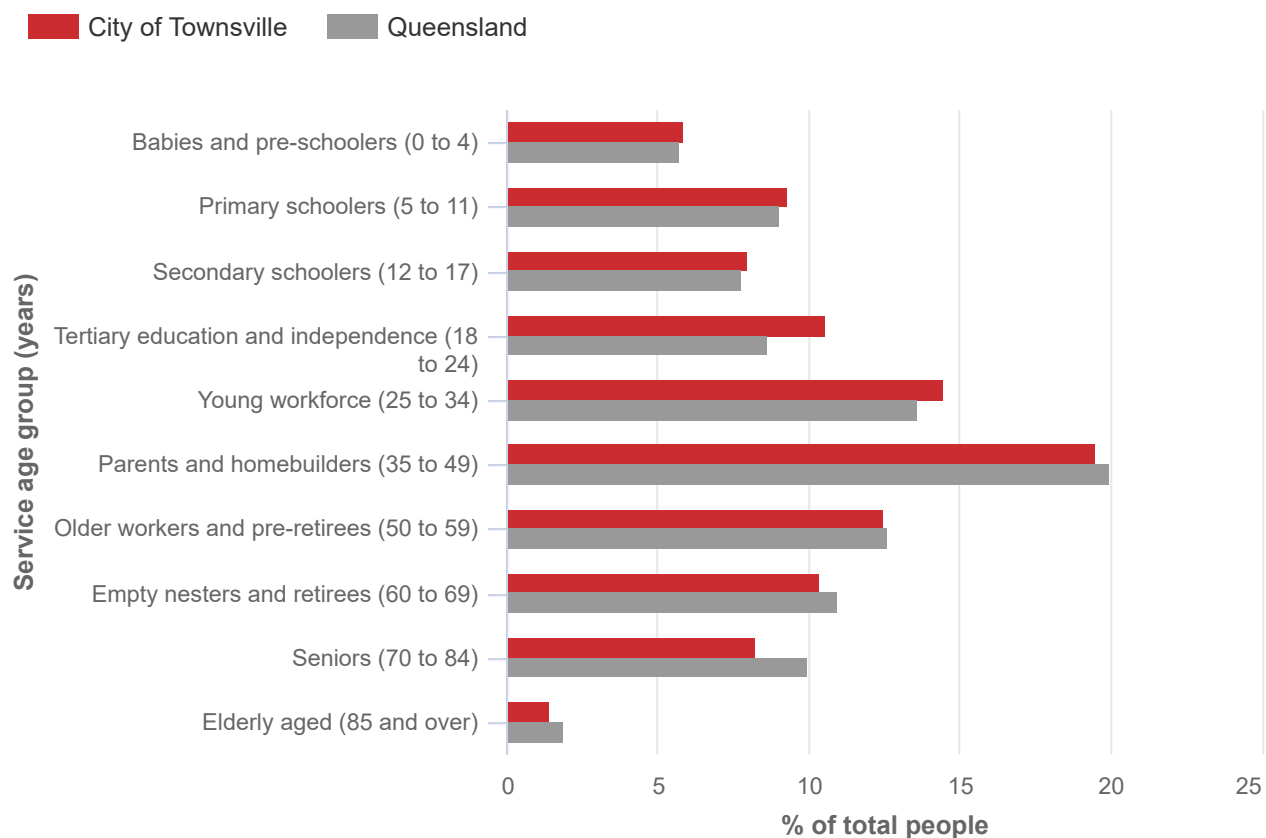
City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Service age group (years)	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	11,196	5.8	5.7	12,635	6.8	6.3	-1,439
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	17,883	9.3	9.0	17,845	9.6	9.4	+38
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	15,371	8.0	7.7	14,762	7.9	7.5	+609
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	20,382	10.6	8.6	21,475	11.5	9.2	-1,093
Young workforce (25 to 34)	27,901	14.5	13.6	27,731	14.8	13.8	+170
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	37,629	19.5	19.9	37,448	20.1	20.2	+181
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	24,045	12.5	12.6	23,060	12.3	12.8	+985
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	19,916	10.3	10.9	17,491	9.4	10.7	+2,425
Seniors (70 to 84)	15,806	8.2	10.0	12,004	6.4	8.3	+3,802
Elderly aged (85 and over)	2,647	1.4	1.9	2,305	1.2	1.8	+342
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,776</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>186,756</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+6,020</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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## Age structure - service age groups, 2021

Total persons

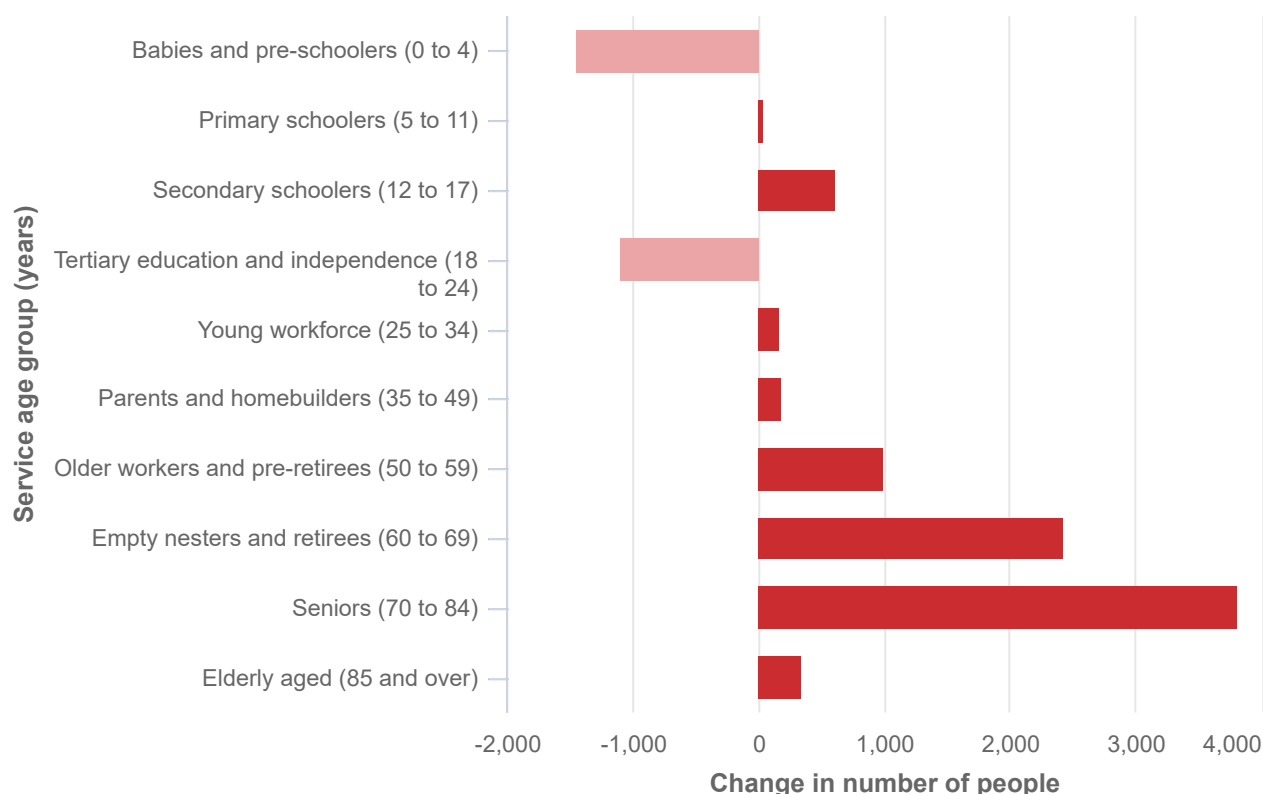


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## Change in age structure - service age groups, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

Analysis of the service age groups of City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17 years) and a lower proportion of people in the older age groups (60+ years).

Overall, 23.1% of the population was aged between 0 and 17, and 19.9% were aged 60 years and over, compared with 22.4% and 22.8% respectively for Queensland.

The major differences between the age structure of City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of 'Tertiary education & independence' (10.6% compared to 8.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of 'Young workforce' (14.5% compared to 13.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 'Seniors' (8.2% compared to 10.0%)

## Emerging groups

From 2016 to 2021, City of Townsville's population increased by 6,020 people (3.2%). This represents an average annual population change of 0.64% per year over the period.

The largest changes in the age structure in this area between 2016 and 2021 were in the age groups:

- Seniors (70 to 84) (+3,802 people)
- Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69) (+2,425 people)
- Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4) (-1,439 people)
- Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24) (-1,093 people)

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## Birthplace

Country of Birth data identifies where people were born and is indicative of the level of cultural diversity in City of Townsville. The mix of Country of Birth groups is also indicative of historical settlement patterns, as source countries for Australia's immigration program have varied significantly over time.

To get a more complete picture of cultural and ethnic characteristics, City of Townsville's Country of Birth data should be viewed together with **Ancestry, Language Spoken at Home and Religion**.

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## Birthplace - Summary

City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Birthplace	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Total overseas born	27,079	14.0	22.7	25,520	13.7	21.6	+1,559
Australia	151,673	78.7	71.4	146,739	78.6	71.1	+4,934
Not stated	14,024	7.3	5.9	14,486	7.8	7.3	-462
Total Population	192,776	100.0	100.0	186,745	100.0	100.0	+6,031

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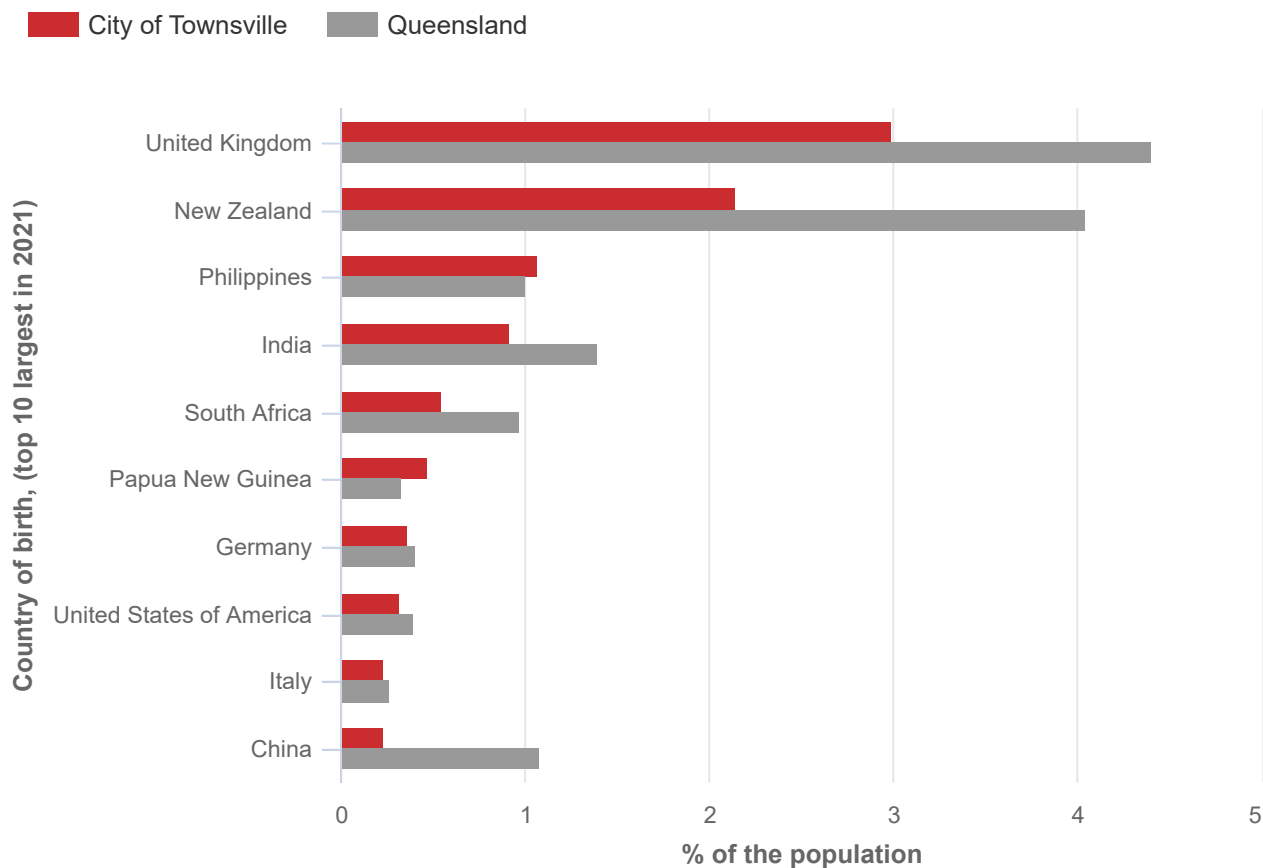
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## Birthplace - Ranked by size

City of Townsville - Overseas born (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Birthplace	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
United Kingdom	5,754	3.0	4.4	5,853	3.1	4.6	-99
New Zealand	4,121	2.1	4.0	4,297	2.3	4.3	-176
Philippines	2,052	1.1	1.0	1,663	0.9	0.8	+389
India	1,761	0.9	1.4	1,332	0.7	1.0	+429
South Africa	1,057	0.5	1.0	1,023	0.5	0.9	+34
Papua New Guinea	897	0.5	0.3	969	0.5	0.3	-72
Germany	688	0.4	0.4	712	0.4	0.4	-24
United States of America	616	0.3	0.4	589	0.3	0.4	+27
Italy	444	0.2	0.3	441	0.2	0.3	+3
China	435	0.2	1.1	455	0.2	1.0	-20

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

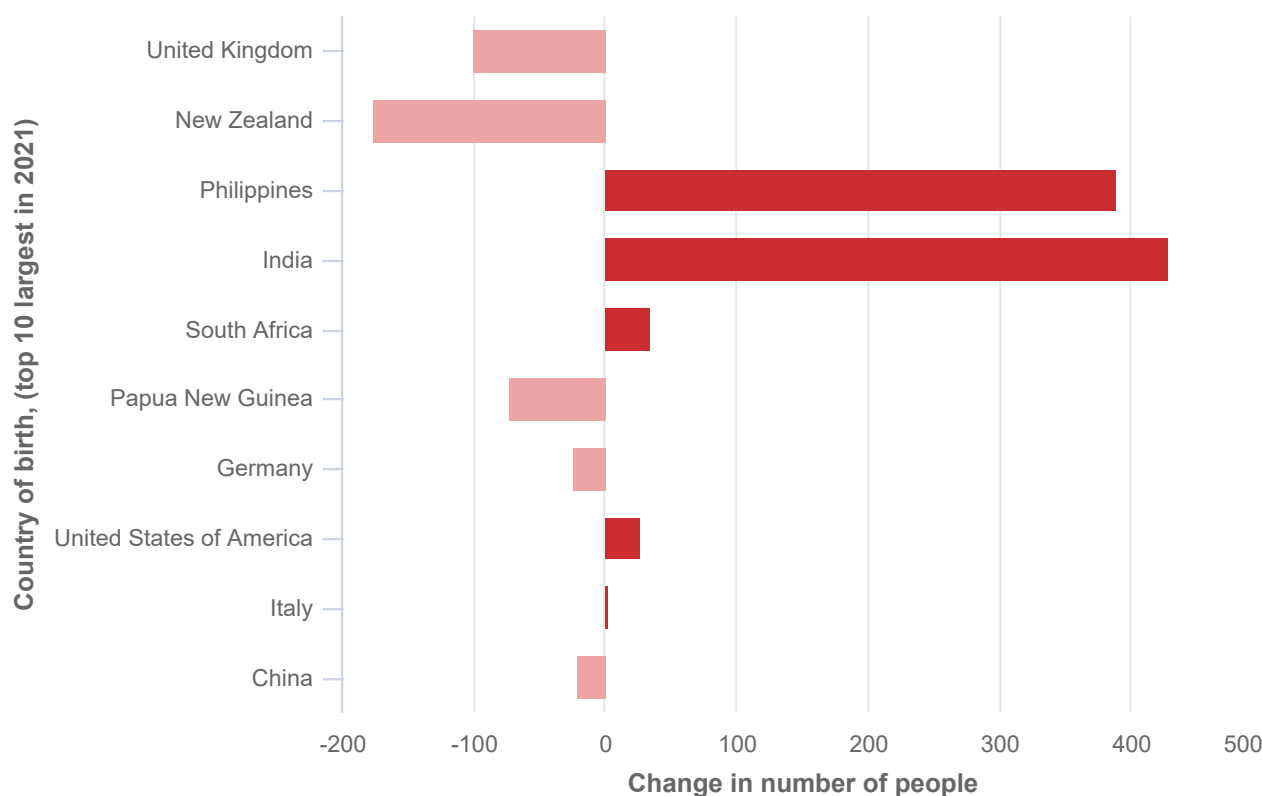
## Birthplace, 2021



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## Change in birthplace, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the country of birth of the population in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a smaller proportion of people born overseas.

Overall, 14.0% of the population was born overseas, compared with 22.7% for Queensland.

The largest non-English speaking country of birth in City of Townsville was Philippines, where 1.1% of the population, or 2,052 people, were born.

The major differences between the countries of birth of the population in City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *smaller* percentage of people born in New Zealand (2.1% compared to 4.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people born in United Kingdom (3.0% compared to 4.4%)

## Emerging groups

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Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people born overseas increased by 1559 or 6.1%.

The largest changes in birthplace countries of the population in this area between 2016 and 2021 were for those born in:

- India (+429 persons)
- Philippines (+389 persons)
- New Zealand (-176 persons)
- South Korea (+109 persons)

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## Language used at home

City of Townsville's language statistics show the proportion of the population who use a language at home other than English. They indicate how culturally diverse a population is and the degree to which different ethnic groups and nationalities are retaining their language.

City of Townsville's language statistics should be analysed in conjunction with **Country of Birth** and **Proficiency in English** to assist in identifying specific cultural and ethnic groups in the area and the services required by the multicultural community.

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## Language used at home - Summary

City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Language summary	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Speaks English only	161,774	83.9	80.5	159,077	85.2	81.2	+2,697
Non-English total	15,239	7.9	13.2	13,331	7.1	11.8	+1,908
Not stated	15,755	8.2	6.3	14,351	7.7	7.0	+1,404
Total Population	192,768	100.0	100.0	186,759	100.0	100.0	+6,009

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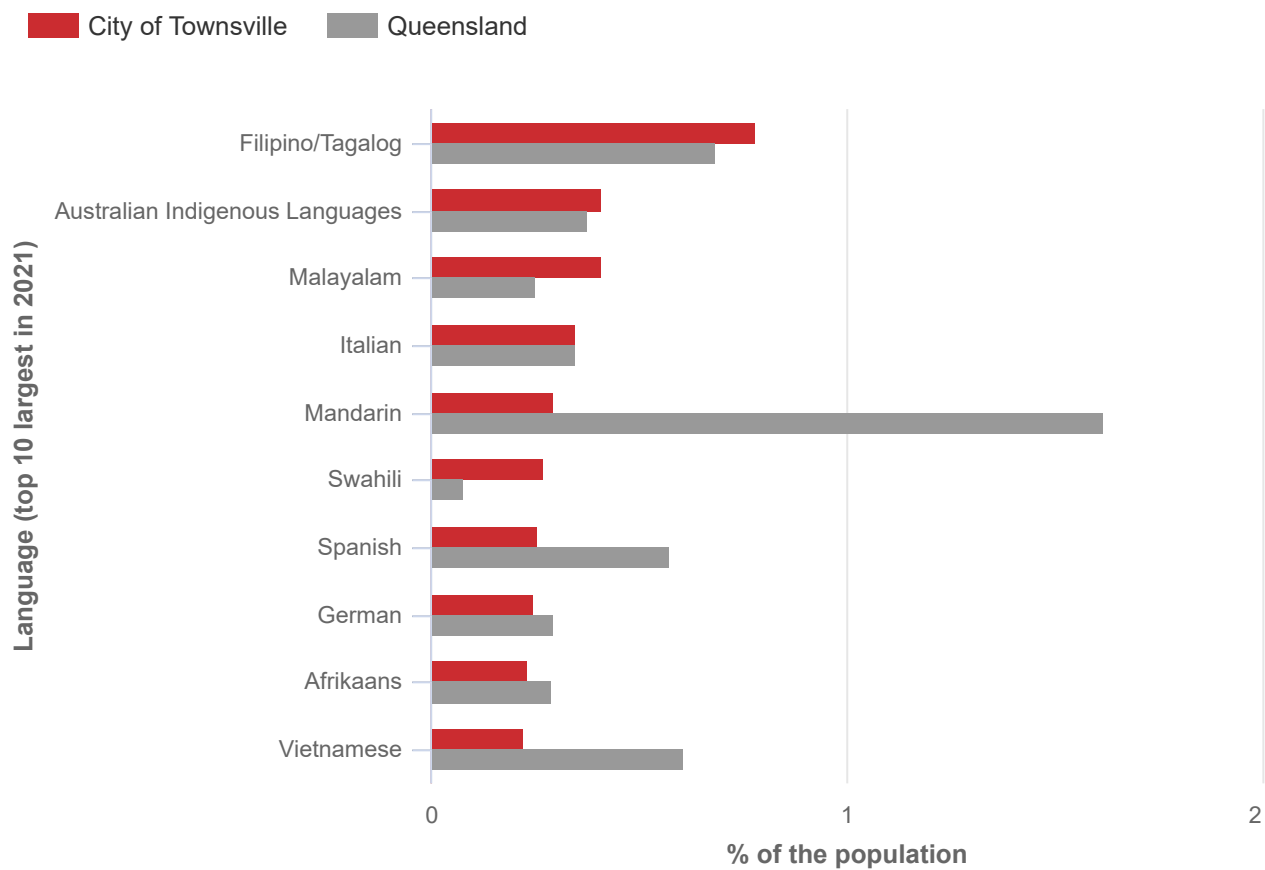
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## Language used at home - Ranked by size

City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Language (excludes English)	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Filipino/Tagalog	1,502	0.8	0.7	1,286	0.7	0.6	+216
Australian Indigenous Languages	794	0.4	0.4	465	0.2	0.3	+329
Malayalam	793	0.4	0.3	557	0.3	0.2	+236
Italian	670	0.3	0.3	838	0.4	0.4	-168
Mandarin	563	0.3	1.6	579	0.3	1.5	-16
Swahili	523	0.3	0.1	238	0.1	0.0	+285
Spanish	488	0.3	0.6	423	0.2	0.4	+65
German	475	0.2	0.3	555	0.3	0.4	-80
Afrikaans	442	0.2	0.3	445	0.2	0.3	-3
Vietnamese	429	0.2	0.6	351	0.2	0.6	+78

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

## Language used at home, 2021

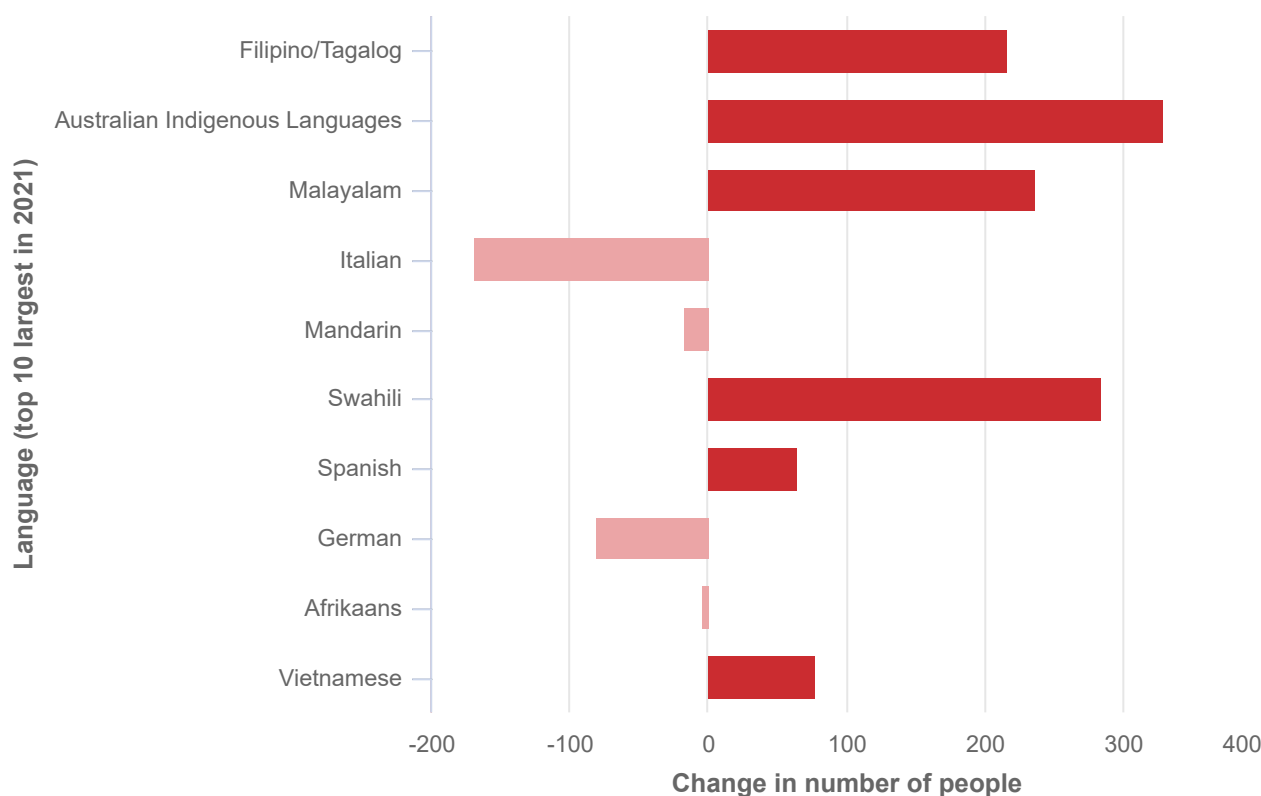


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## Change in language used at home, 2016 to 2021

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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the language used at home by the population of City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a larger proportion of people who used English only, and a smaller proportion of those using a non-English language (either exclusively, or in addition to English).

Overall, 83.9% of the population used English only, and 7.9% used a non-English language, compared with 80.5% and 13.2% respectively for Queensland.

The dominant language used at home, other than English, in City of Townsville was Filipino/Tagalog, with 0.8% of the population, or 1,502 people using this language at home.

The major difference between the languages used at home for the population of City of Townsville and Queensland in 2021 was:

- A *smaller* percentage using Mandarin at home (0.3% compared to 1.6%)

## Emerging groups

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Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people who used a language other than English at home increased by 1,908 or 14.3%, and the number of people who used English only increased by 2,697 or 1.7%.

The largest changes in the languages used by the population in City of Townsville between 2016 and 2021 were for those using:

- Australian Indigenous Languages (+329 persons)
- Swahili (+285 persons)
- Malayalam (+236 persons)
- Filipino/Tagalog (+216 persons)

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## Religion

City of Townsville's religion statistics provide an indicator of cultural identity and ethnicity when observed in conjunction with other key variables. Religion data reveal the major concentrations of religions as well as revealing the proportion of people with no religious affiliation. There are a number of reasons for different religious compositions across areas including the country of birth and ethnic background of the population, the age of the population (belief in religion is generally stronger, the older the population) and changes in values and belief systems.

City of Townsville's religion statistics should be analysed in conjunction with other ethnicity statistics such as **Country of Birth** data and **Language Spoken** data to assist in identifying specific cultural and ethnic groups.

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## Religion - Summary

City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Religion totals	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Christian total	91,401	47.4	45.7	109,023	58.4	56.0	-17,622
Non Christian total	5,243	2.7	5.0	4,534	2.4	4.3	+709
Non-classifiable religious belief	1,137	0.6	0.6	1,280	0.7	0.7	-143
No Religion/secular beliefs	77,538	40.2	41.0	53,682	28.7	29.5	+23,856
Not stated	17,435	9.0	7.6	18,231	9.8	9.5	-796
Total Population	192,754	100.0	100.0	186,750	100.0	100.0	+6,004

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

## Religion - Ranked by size

City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Religion	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Western (Roman) Catholic	43,301	22.5	18.6	49,326	26.4	21.7	-6,025
Anglican	21,722	11.3	11.3	28,442	15.2	15.3	-6,720
Uniting Church	7,001	3.6	3.6	9,514	5.1	5.1	-2,513
Christian,nfd	4,747	2.5	3.1	4,379	2.3	3.0	+368
Presbyterian and Reformed	4,286	2.2	2.1	5,861	3.1	2.9	-1,575
Pentecostal	2,477	1.3	1.4	2,906	1.6	1.5	-429
Baptist	2,428	1.3	1.7	2,384	1.3	1.9	+44
Buddhism	1,538	0.8	1.4	1,580	0.8	1.5	-42
Hinduism	1,355	0.7	1.3	1,015	0.5	1.0	+340
Islam	1,044	0.5	1.2	963	0.5	1.0	+81

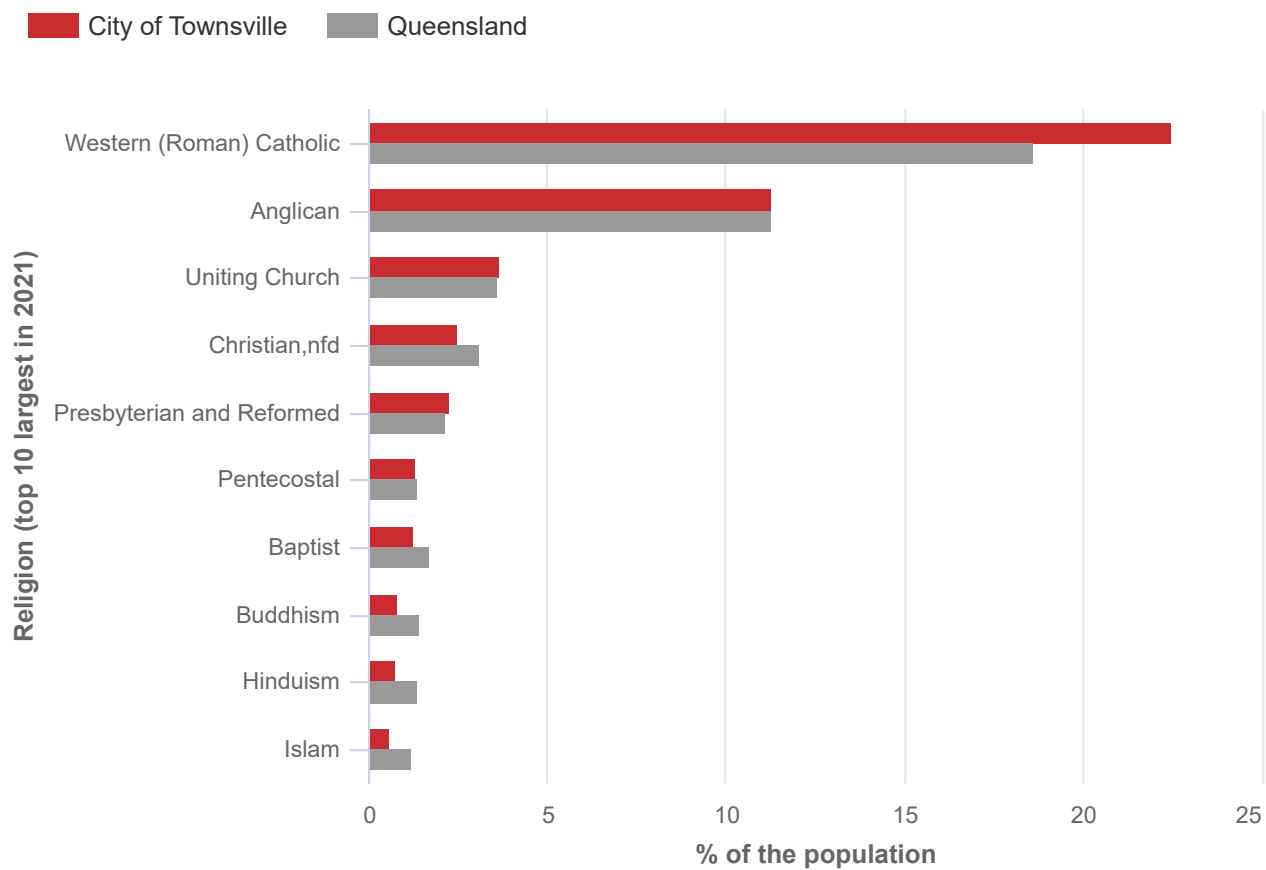
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Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

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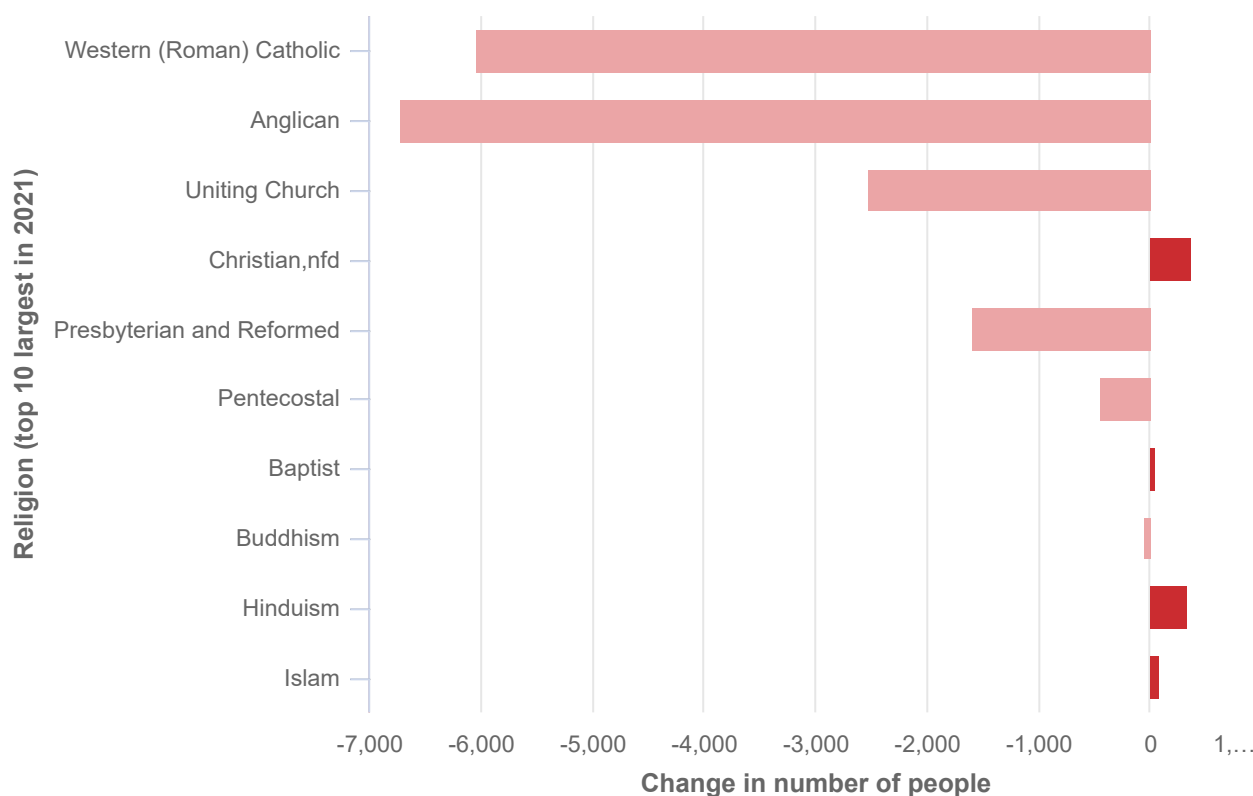
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## Change in religion, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the religious affiliation of the population of City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a lower proportion of people who professed a religion as well as a lower proportion who stated they had no religion.

Overall, 50.1% of the population nominated a religion, and 40.2% said they had no religion, compared with 50.7% and 41.0% respectively for Queensland.

The largest single religion in City of Townsville was Western (Roman) Catholic, with 22.5% of the population or 43,301 people as adherents.

The major difference between the religious affiliation for the population of City of Townsville and Queensland was:

- A *larger* percentage who nominated Western (Roman) Catholic (22.5% compared to 18.6%)

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in the religious affiliation of the population in City of Townsville between 2016 and 2021 were for those who nominated:

- Anglican (-6,720 persons)
- Western (Roman) Catholic (-6,025 persons)
- Uniting Church (-2,513 persons)
- Presbyterian and Reformed (-1,575 persons)

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## Qualifications

Educational Qualifications relate to education outside of primary and secondary school and are one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as **Employment Status**, **Income** and **Occupation**, City of Townsville's Educational Qualifications help to evaluate the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of the area and identify skill gaps in the labour market.

Learn more about planning education provision [here](#).

## Highest qualification achieved

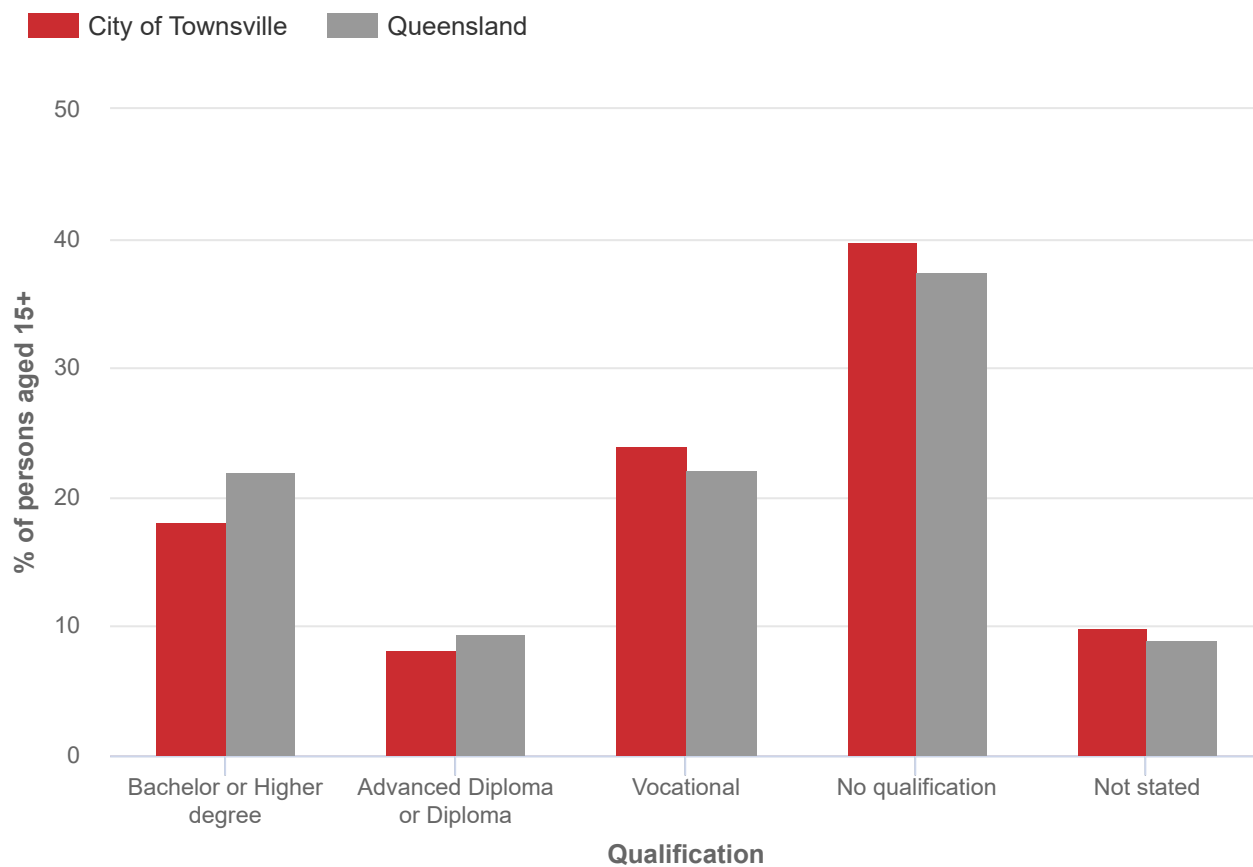
City of Townsville - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Qualification level	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Bachelor or Higher degree	28,215	18.1	21.9	23,420	15.7	18.3	+4,795
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	12,824	8.2	9.4	11,676	7.8	8.7	+1,148
Vocational	37,314	23.9	22.1	34,770	23.3	21.3	+2,544
No qualification	61,976	39.8	37.5	62,593	42.0	40.9	-617
Not stated	15,474	9.9	9.0	16,593	11.1	10.8	-1,119
Total persons aged 15+	155,803	100.0	100.0	149,052	100.0	100.0	+6,751

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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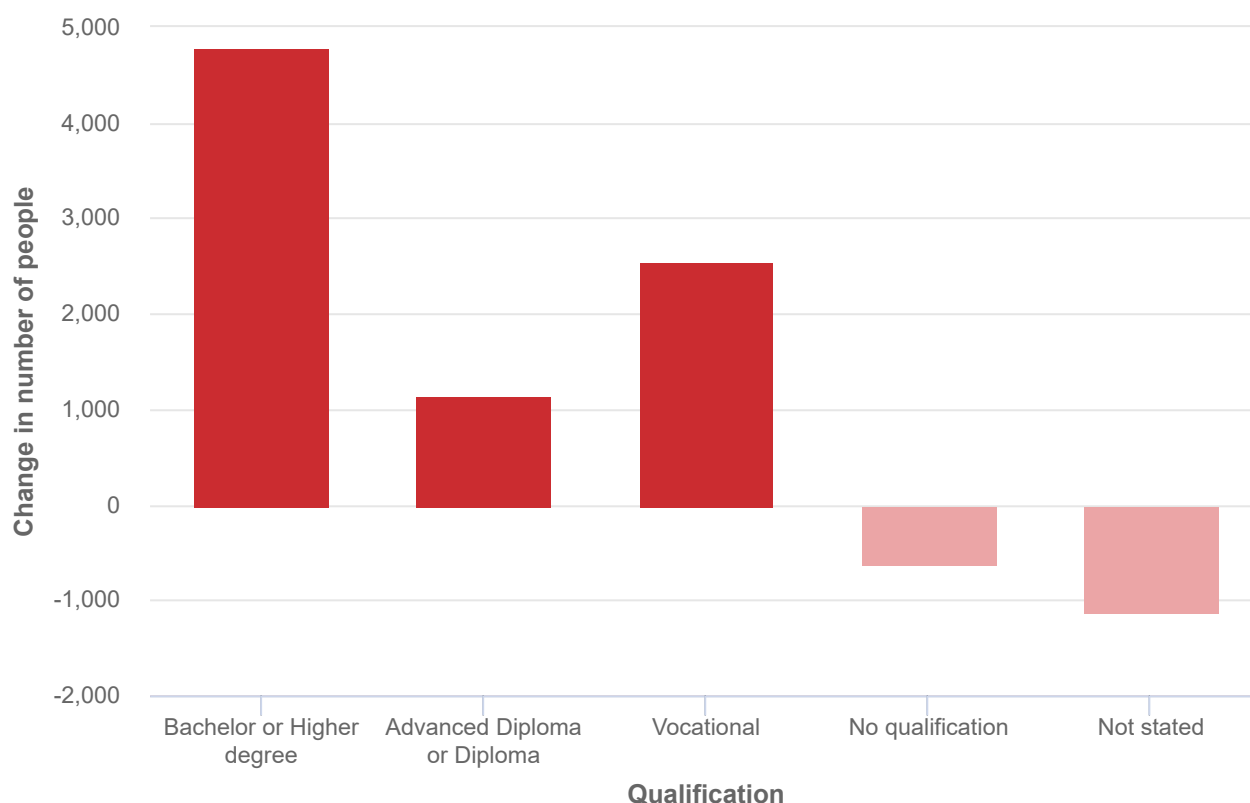


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## Change in highest qualification achieved, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the qualifications of the population in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a lower proportion of people holding formal qualifications (Bachelor or higher degree; Advanced Diploma or Diploma; or Vocational qualifications), and a higher proportion of people with no formal qualifications.

Overall, 50.3% of the population aged 15 and over held educational qualifications, and 39.8% had no qualifications, compared with 53.5% and 37.5% respectively for Queensland.

The major differences between qualifications held by the population of City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons with No qualifications (39.8% compared to 37.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons with Vocational qualifications (23.9% compared to 22.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons with Bachelor or Higher degrees (18.1% compared to 21.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons with Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (8.2% compared to 9.4%)

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in the qualifications of the population in City of Townsville between 2016 and 2021 were in those with:

- Bachelor or Higher degrees (+4,795 persons)
- Vocational qualifications (+2,544 persons)
- Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (+1,148 persons)
- No qualifications (-617 persons)

# City of Townsville

## Highest level of schooling

City of Townsville's school completion data is a useful indicator of socio-economic status. With other indicators, such as Proficiency in English, the data informs planners and decision-makers about people's ability to access services. Combined with Educational Qualifications it also allows assessment of the skill base of the population.

Learn more about planning education provision here.

## Highest level of secondary schooling completed

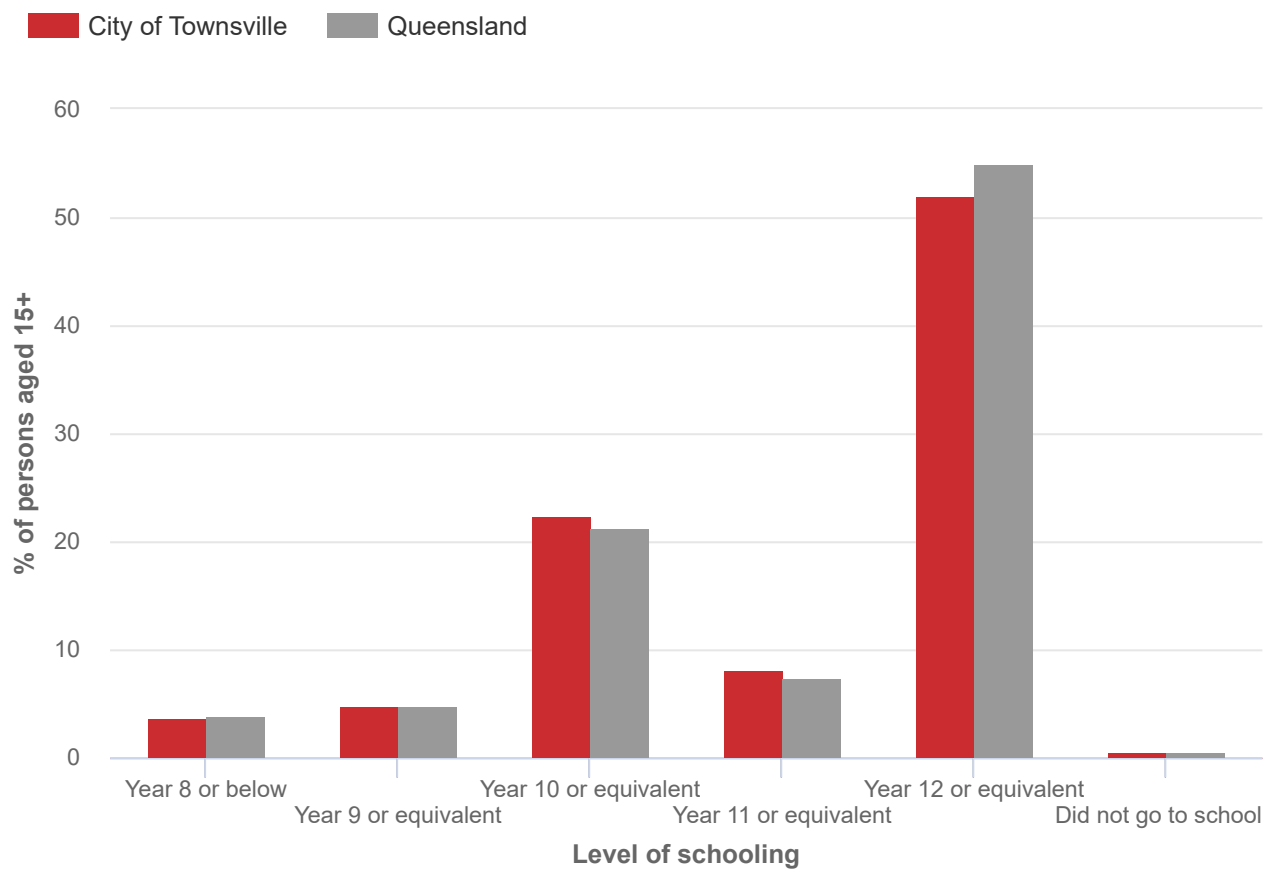
City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Level of schooling	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Year 8 or below	5,720	3.7	3.9	6,454	4.3	4.8	-734
Year 9 or equivalent	7,558	4.9	4.8	6,959	4.7	4.8	+599
Year 10 or equivalent	34,926	22.4	21.2	34,684	23.3	22.7	+242
Year 11 or equivalent	12,607	8.1	7.4	12,702	8.5	7.8	-95
Year 12 or equivalent	81,171	52.1	55.0	73,276	49.2	50.5	+7,895
Did not go to school	742	0.5	0.6	558	0.4	0.5	+184
Not stated	13,076	8.4	7.1	14,416	9.7	9.0	-1,340
Total persons aged 15+	155,800	100.0	100.0	149,049	100.0	100.0	+6,751

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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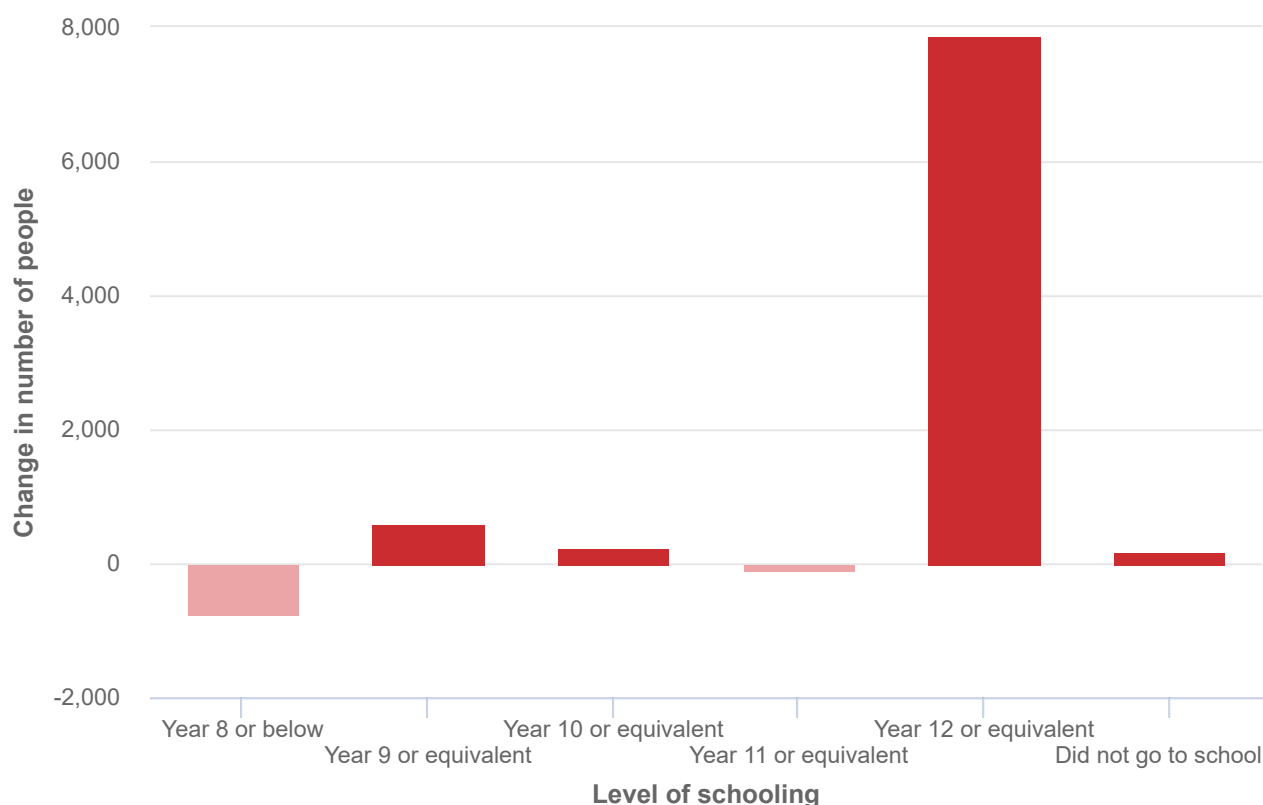
## Highest level of schooling completed, 2021



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## Change in highest level of schooling completed, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

Analysis of the highest level of schooling attained by the population in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a higher proportion of people who had left school at an early level (Year 10 or less) and a lower proportion of people who completed Year 12 or equivalent.

Overall, 31.4% of the population left school at Year 10 or below, and 52.1% went on to complete Year 12 or equivalent, compared with 30.5% and 55.0% respectively for Queensland.

The major differences between the level of schooling attained by the population in City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 10 or equivalent (22.4% compared to 21.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 12 or equivalent (52.1% compared to 55.0%)

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in the level of schooling attained by the population in City of Townsville, between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Year 12 or equivalent (+7,895 persons)
- Year 8 or below (-734 persons)
- Year 9 or equivalent (+599 persons)
- Year 10 or equivalent (+242 persons)

# City of Townsville

## Education institution attending

The share of City of Townsville's population attending educational institutions reflects the age structure of the population, as it is influenced by the number of children attending school; proximity to tertiary education, which can mean young adults leaving home to be nearer to educational facilities and; the degree to which people are seeking out educational opportunities in adulthood, especially in their late teens and early twenties.

This data is often combined with **Age Structure** to identify areas with significant university student populations.

Learn more about planning education provision [here](#).

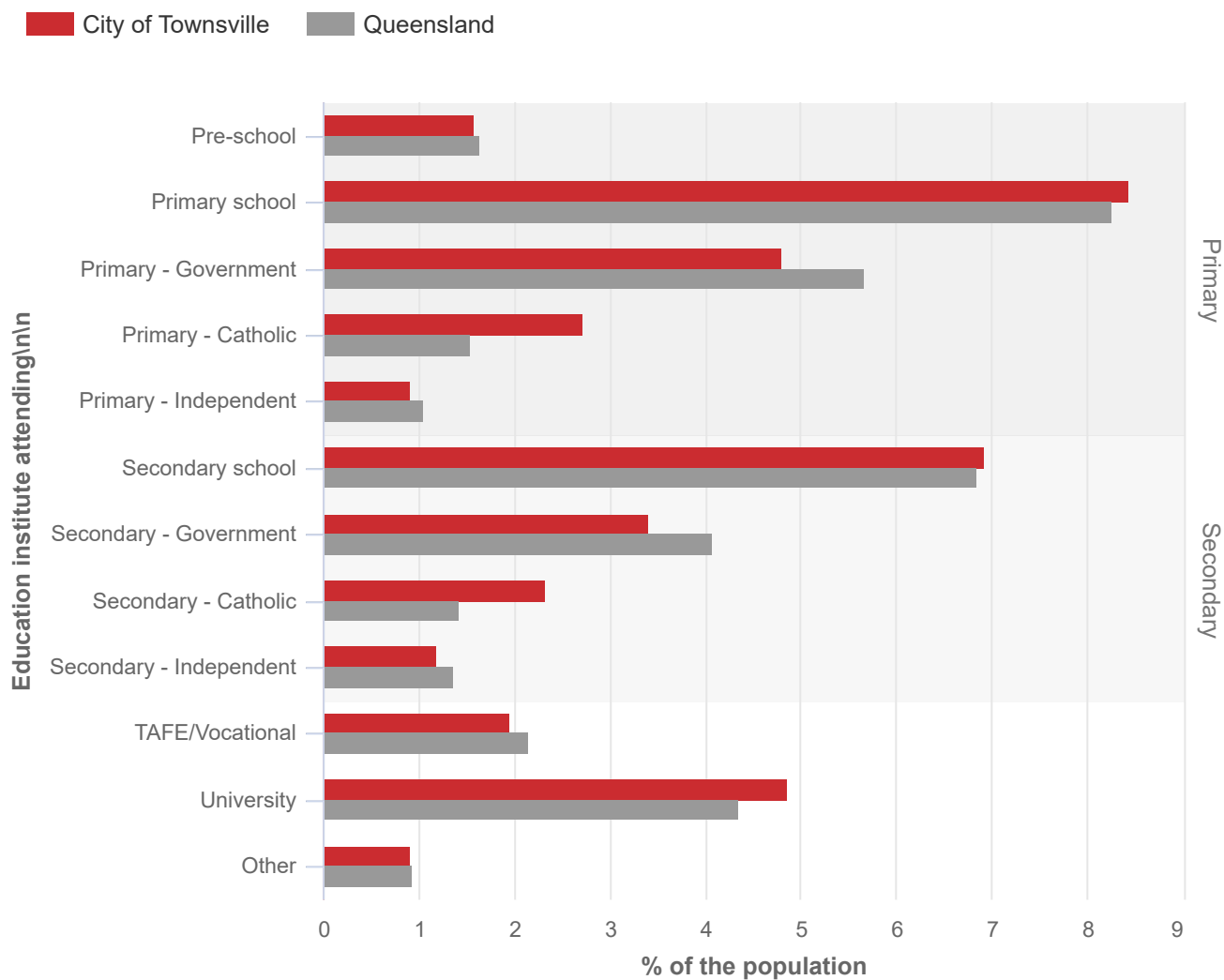
## Education institution attending

City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Type of institution	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Pre-school	3,022	1.6	1.6	2,196	1.2	1.2	+826
Primary school	16,234	8.4	8.3	16,392	8.8	8.5	-158
Primary - Government	9,256	4.8	5.7	9,895	5.3	5.9	-639
Primary - Catholic	5,223	2.7	1.5	4,678	2.5	1.6	+545
Primary - Independent	1,755	0.9	1.0	1,819	1.0	1.1	-64
Secondary school	13,335	6.9	6.8	12,287	6.6	6.3	+1,048
Secondary - Government	6,567	3.4	4.1	6,404	3.4	3.7	+163
Secondary - Catholic	4,481	2.3	1.4	3,748	2.0	1.3	+733
Secondary - Independent	2,287	1.2	1.4	2,135	1.1	1.3	+152
TAFE/Vocational	3,744	1.9	2.1	3,137	1.7	1.6	+607
University	9,357	4.9	4.3	10,492	5.6	4.5	-1,135
Other	1,734	0.9	0.9	1,366	0.7	0.8	+368
Not attending	129,840	67.4	69.5	125,445	67.2	69.3	+4,395
Not stated	15,502	8.0	6.3	15,431	8.3	7.7	+71
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,768</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>186,746</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+6,022</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

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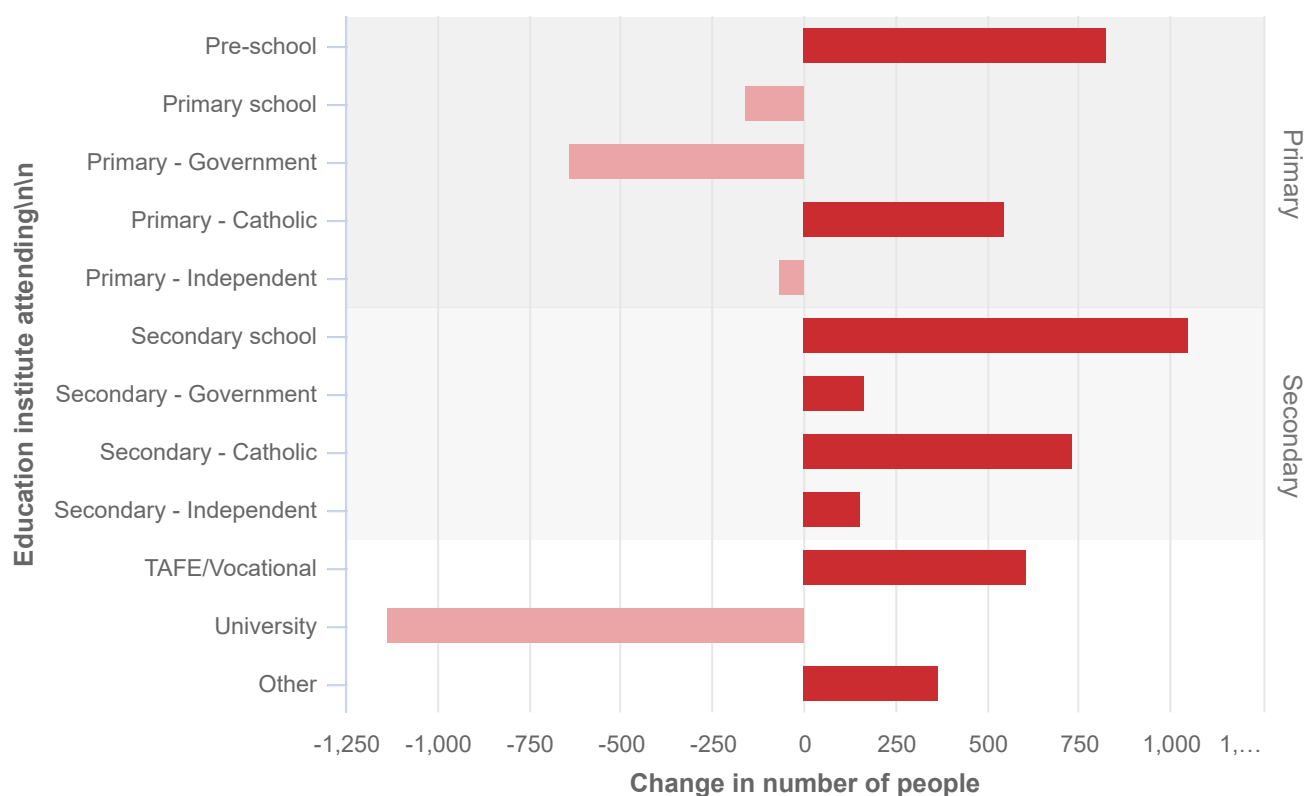
## Education institution attending, 2021



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## Change in education institution attending, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the share of the population attending educational institutions in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a similar proportion attending primary school, a similar proportion attending secondary school, and a similar proportion engaged in tertiary level education.

Overall, 8.4% of the population were attending primary school, 6.9% of the population were attending secondary institutions, and 6.8% were learning at a tertiary level, compared with 8.3%, 6.8% and 6.5% respectively for Queensland.

The major differences between the share of the population attending learning institutions in City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons attending a Catholic primary school (2.7% compared to 1.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons not attending (67.4% compared to 69.5%)

## Emerging groups

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From 2016 to 2021, City of Townsville's population increased by 6,022 people (+3.2%). This represents an average annual change of 0.64% per year over the period.

The largest changes in the number of persons attending education institutions in City of Townsville, between 2016 and 2021 were in those who nominated:

- University (-1,135 persons)
- Secondary school (+1,048 persons)
- Pre-school (+826 persons)
- Secondary - Catholic (+733 persons)



# City of Townsville

## Need for assistance

City of Townsville's disability statistics relate directly to need for assistance due to a severe or profound disability. The information may be used in the planning of local facilities, services such as day-care and occasional care and in the provision of information and support to carers. City of Townsville's disability statistics help in understanding the prevalence of people who need support in the community, and along with information on Unpaid Care to a person with a disability, how that support is provided.

*Please note: A person's reported need for assistance is based on a subjective assessment and should therefore be treated with caution. See the [specific data notes](#) for further detail.*

## Need for assistance with core activities by age

City of Townsville - Persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Assistance needed by age group (years)	Number	% of total age group	Queensland %	Number	% of total age group	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
0 to 4	213	1.9	1.6	180	1.4	1.2	+33
5 to 9	660	5.2	5.0	458	3.5	3.5	+202
10 to 19	1,133	4.4	4.6	837	3.3	3.3	+296
20 to 59	3,415	3.3	3.0	3,019	2.9	2.8	+396
60 to 64	745	6.9	6.8	657	7.1	6.7	+88
65 to 69	853	9.4	8.4	742	9.1	8.1	+111
70 to 74	967	12.8	11.7	716	12.8	10.7	+251
75 to 79	1,000	19.8	17.2	704	17.8	15.7	+296
80 to 84	992	30.9	27.5	756	30.7	26.1	+236
85 and over	1,353	51.5	49.0	1,153	50.3	46.6	+200
Total persons needing assistance	11,362	5.9	6.0	9,207	4.9	5.2	+2,155

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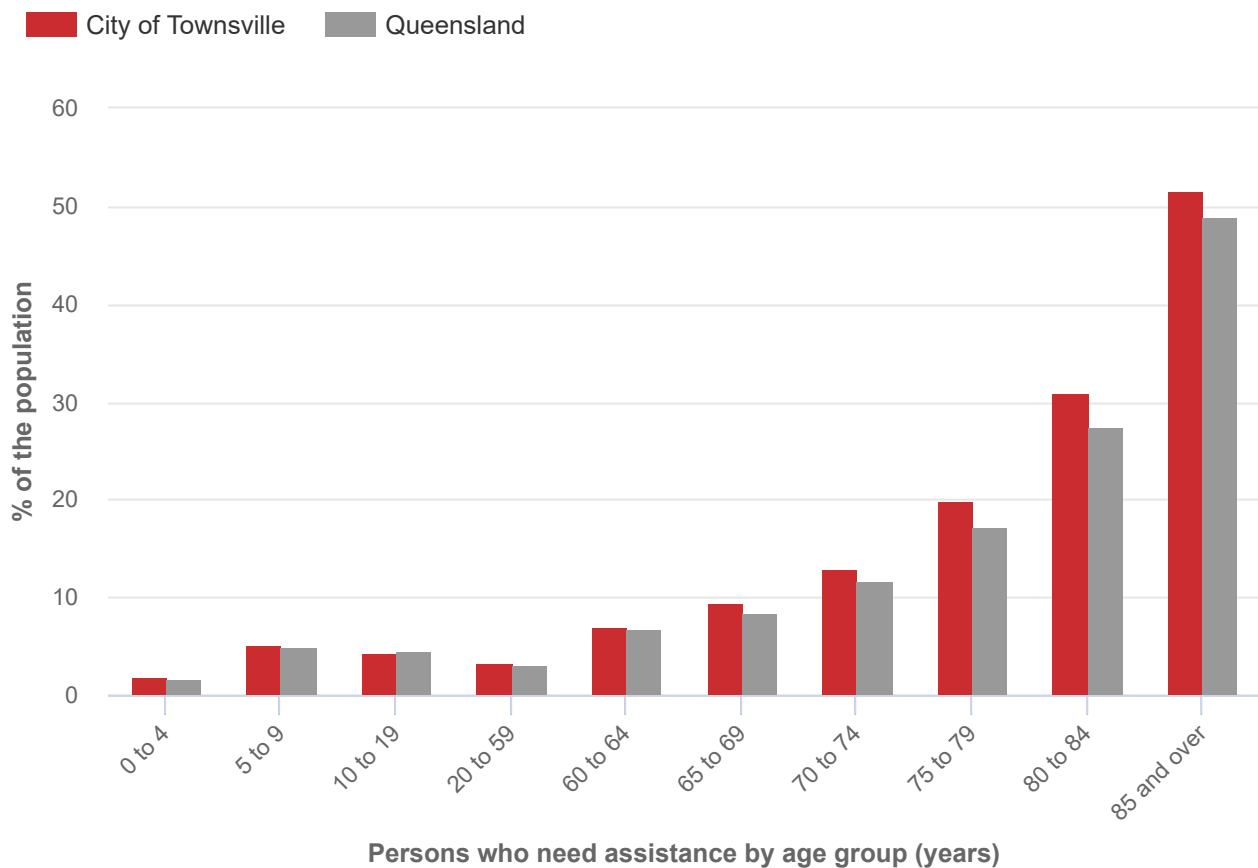
## Need for assistance with core activities summary

City of Townsville - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Assistance needed by age group (years)	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Total persons needing assistance	11,362	5.9	6.0	9,207	4.9	5.2	+2,155
Total persons not needing assistance	165,472	85.8	87.5	162,061	86.8	87.3	+3,411
Not stated	15,939	8.3	6.5	15,484	8.3	7.6	+455
Total Population	192,773	100.0	100.0	186,752	100.0	100.0	+6,021

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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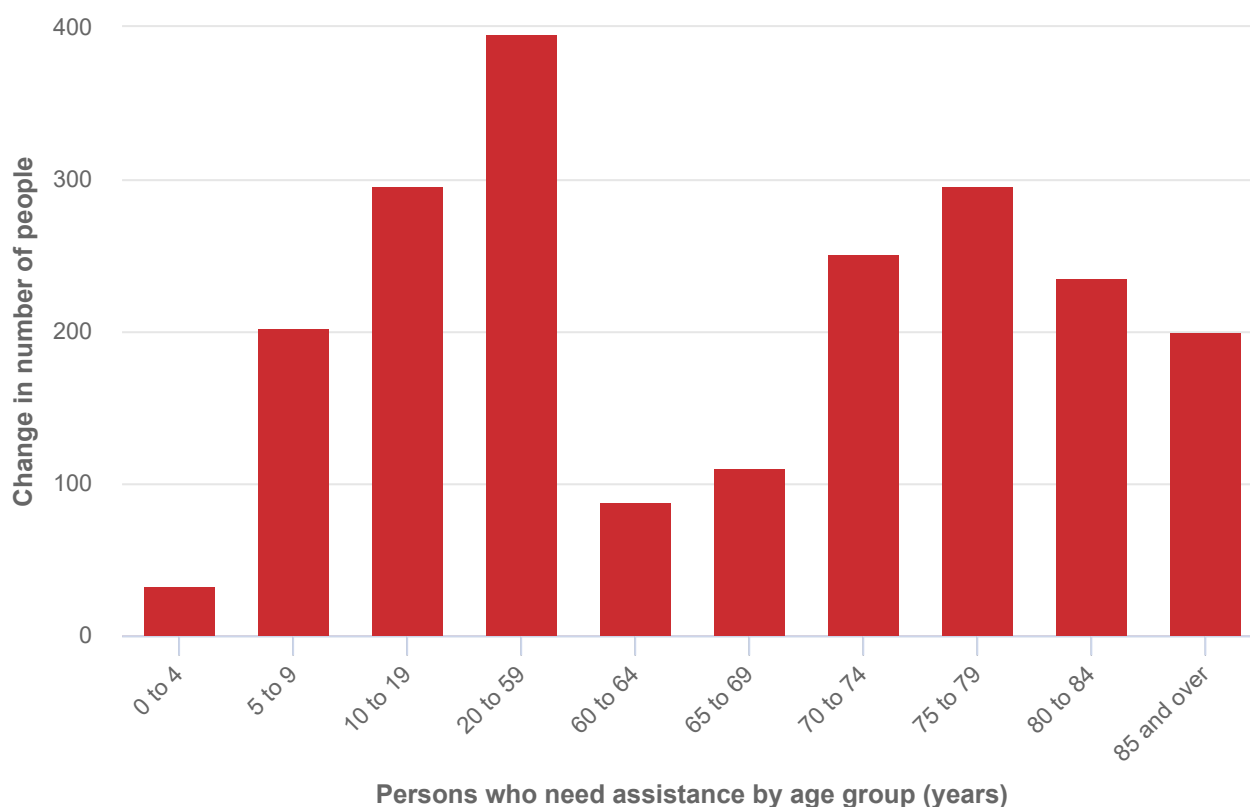
## Need for assistance with core activities, 2021



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## Change in need for assistance with core activities, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

Analysis of the need for assistance of people in the City of Townsville compared to Queensland shows that there was a similar proportion of people who reported needing assistance with core activities.

Overall, 5.9% of the population reported needing assistance with core activities, compared with 6.0% for Queensland.

The major differences in the age groups reporting a need for assistance in City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 80 to 84 (30.9% compared to 27.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 75 to 79 (19.8% compared to 17.2%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 85 and over (51.5% compared to 49.0%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 70 to 74 (12.8% compared to 11.7%)

## Emerging groups

The major differences in the age groups reporting a need for assistance between 2016 and 2021 in City of Townsville were in the age groups:

- 20 to 59 (+396 persons)
- 10 to 19 (+296 persons)
- 75 to 79 (+296 persons)
- 70 to 74 (+251 persons)

# City of Townsville

The 2021 Census looked for the first time at the level of incidence of selected long-term health conditions in the community. The Census question asked respondents if they have been diagnosed with a specific condition (or other condition) from a list of ten conditions plus "other". Combined, these ten conditions comprise approximately 60% of Australia's deaths, and even those which are not deadly contribute substantially to the burden of disease.

It is well known that socio-economic factors also contribute to morbidity and health outcomes, with lower-socio economic characteristics correlated with higher incidence of some health conditions. The inclusion of this topic in the Census enables these factors to be explored in more detail.

Also, in society, health conditions tend to increase with age. For these reasons, it is recommended that long-term health conditions data be viewed at in conjunction with **age structure**, **household income**, **educational qualifications**, and **need for assistance datasets**, along with the **SEIFA index of disadvantage**.

## Long term health conditions

City of Townsville - Persons (Usual residence)	2021		
	Number	%	Queensland %
Long-term health conditions			
Arthritis	16,866	8.7	8.8
Asthma	15,645	8.1	8.5
Cancer (including remission)	5,695	3.0	3.1
Dementia (including Alzheimer's)	1,388	0.7	0.7
Diabetes	8,935	4.6	4.5
Heart disease	7,780	4.0	4.2
Kidney disease	1,848	1.0	0.9
Lung condition	3,915	2.0	2.1
Mental health condition	19,950	10.3	9.6
Stroke	1,720	0.9	1.0
Other long-term health condition	15,968	8.3	8.4

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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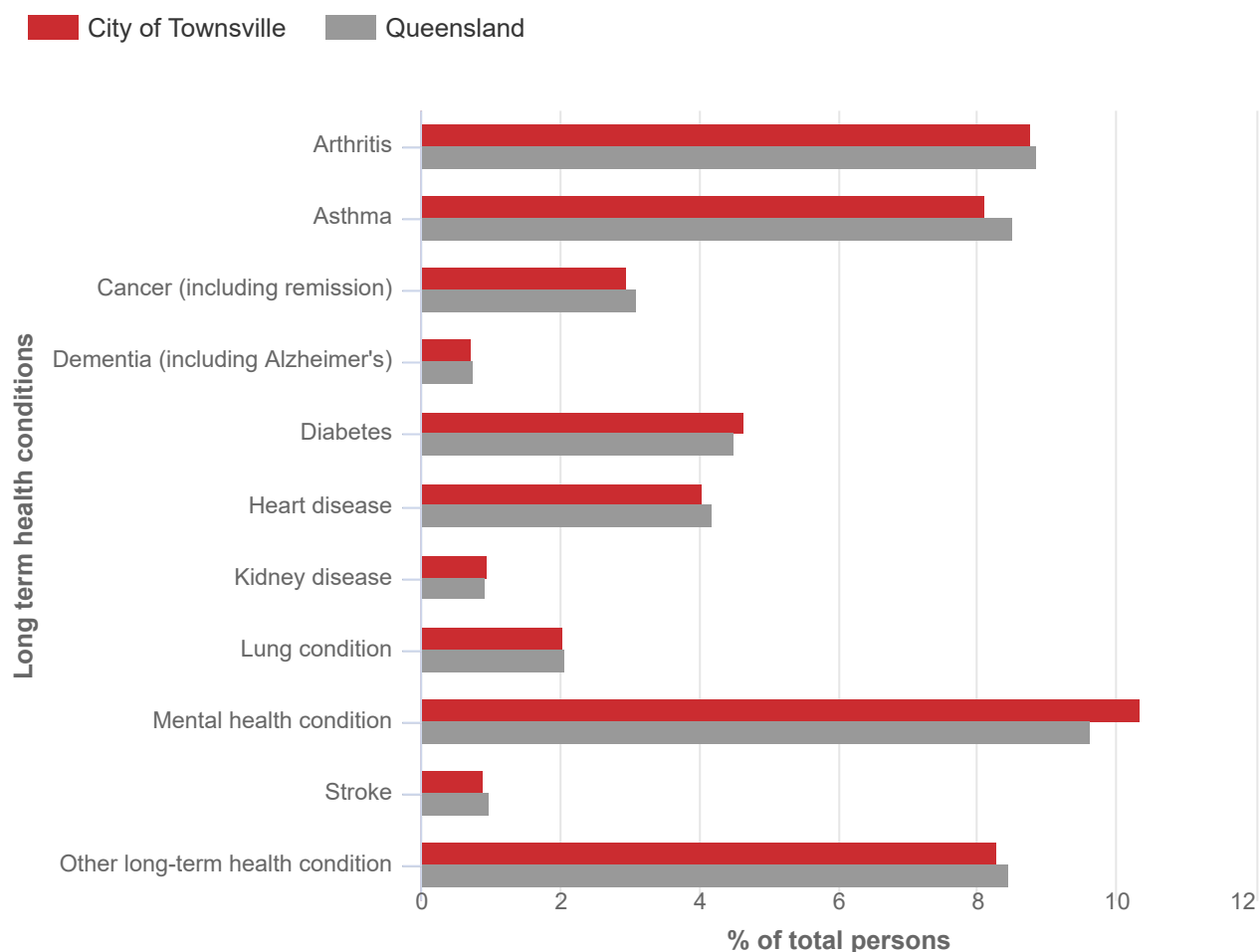
## Long term health conditions - Summary

City of Townsville - Persons (Usual residence)	2021		
Long-term health conditions - Summary	Number	%	Queensland %
Population with at least one long-term health condition	62,922	32.6	32.9
No long-term health conditions	108,980	56.5	58.2
Not stated	20,863	10.8	8.9
Total persons	192,765	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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## Long term health conditions, all persons, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the long term health conditions of City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a lower proportion of people with a long-term health condition 32.6% compared to 32.9% in Queensland.

*There were no major differences in the long-term health conditions between City of Townsville and Queensland in 2021.*

# City of Townsville

## Employment status

City of Townsville's employment statistics are an important indicator of socio-economic status. The levels of full or part-time employment, unemployment and labour force participation indicate the strength of the local economy and social characteristics of the population. Employment status is linked to a number of factors including **Age Structure**, which influences the number of people in the workforce; the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area and; the education and skill base of the population (**Occupations, Industries, Qualifications**).

The two most important measures are:

- Unemployment rate - the number of people looking for work, as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed over 15)
- Participation rate - the labour force expressed as a percentage of the total population over 15

Please note that in the 2021 Census, due to the COVID pandemic and lockdowns in many areas, the proportion of people who were employed but away from work in the week before Census has increased. We have no information on whether these people were normally employed full or part time so this is shown separately.

## Labour force status

City of Townsville - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Labour force status	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Total labour force (Participation rate)	99,024	63.6	61.6	94,881	63.7	61.0	+4,143
Not in the labour force	44,636	28.7	32.0	42,791	28.7	31.8	+1,845
Labour force status not stated	12,131	7.8	6.4	11,365	7.6	7.2	+766
Total persons aged 15+	155,791	100.0	100.0	149,048	100.0	100.0	+6,743

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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## Employment status

City of Townsville - Persons in the labour force (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Employment status	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Employed	93,983	94.9	94.6	86,443	91.1	92.4	+7,540
Employed full-time	59,317	59.9	55.8	55,736	58.7	57.7	+3,581
Employed part-time	28,759	29.0	30.5	25,878	27.3	29.9	+2,881
Employed, away from work	5,907	6.0	8.3	4,829	5.1	4.8	+1,078
Unemployed (Unemployment rate)	5,041	5.1	5.4	8,438	8.9	7.6	-3,397
Looking for full-time work	2,812	2.8	3.0	5,361	5.7	4.6	-2,549
Looking for part-time work	2,229	2.3	2.4	3,077	3.2	3.0	-848
Total labour force	99,024	100.0	100.0	94,881	100.0	100.0	+4,143

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- a Youth unemployment rate (persons aged 15-24)
- a Seniors unemployment rate (persons aged 55 or more)
- a Disengaged youth (aged 15-24 not employed or in education)
- a People employed part-time
- e Annual employed resident totals
- e Quarterly unemployment totals
- e Map of employment locations by industry

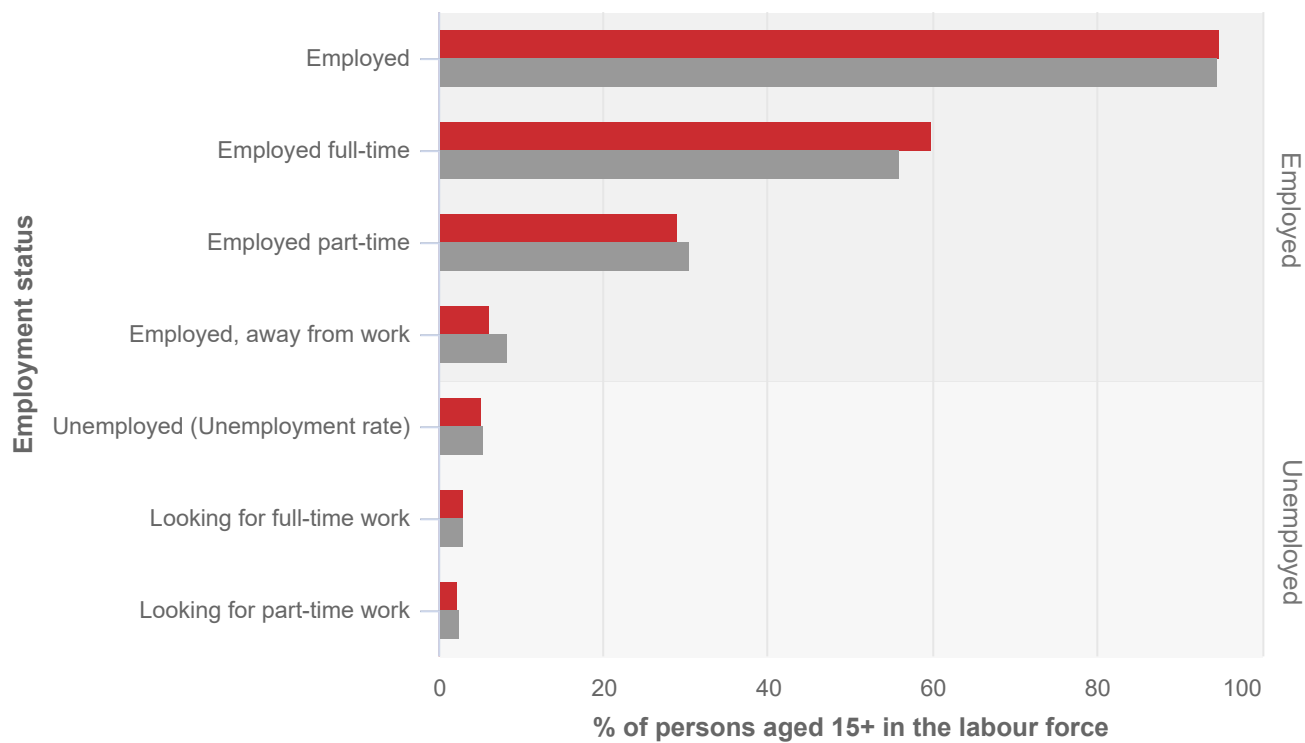
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## Employment status, 2021

Total persons in the labour force

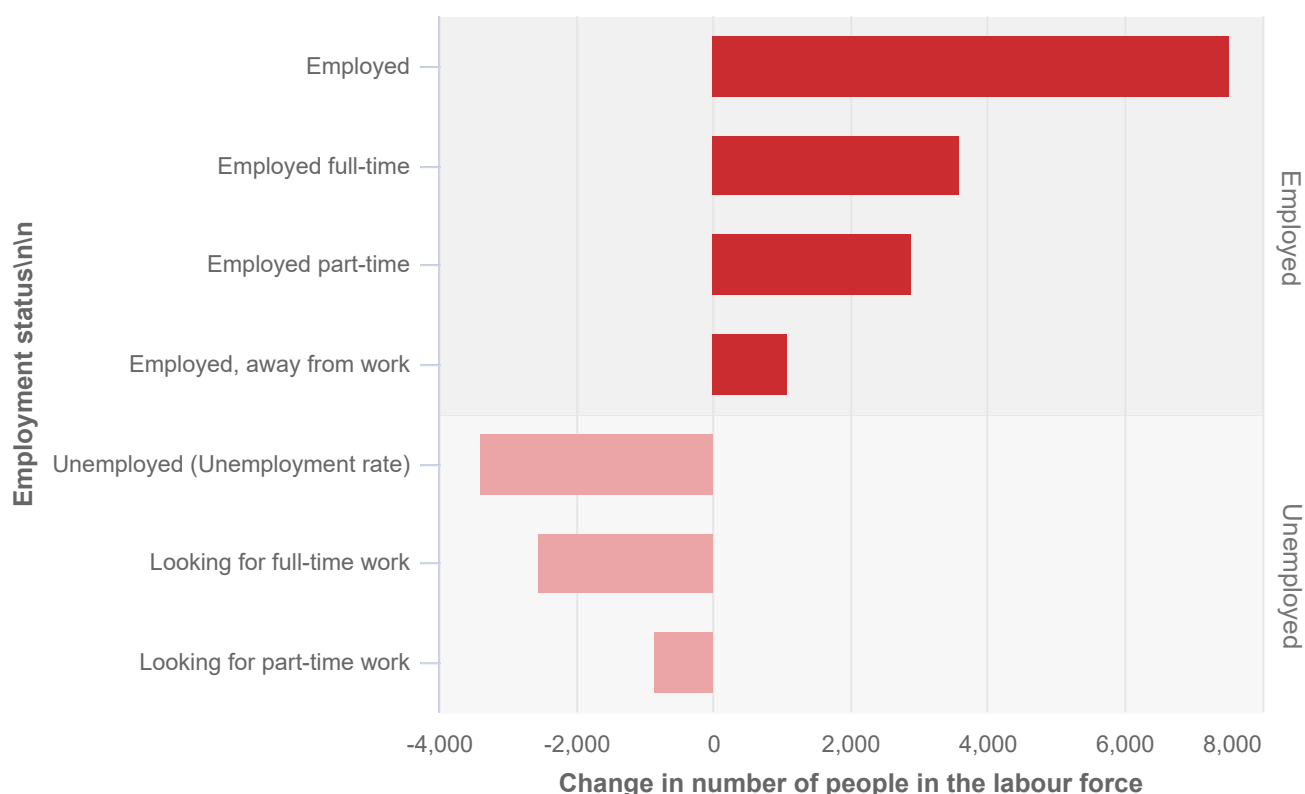
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## Change in employment status, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total persons in the labour force



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

The size of City of Townsville's labour force in 2021 was 99,024, of which 28,759 were employed part-time and 59,317 were full time workers.

Analysis of the employment status (as a percentage of the labour force) in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a similar proportion in employment, as well as a similar proportion unemployed. Overall, 94.9% of the labour force was employed, and 5.1% unemployed, compared with 94.6% and 5.4% respectively for Queensland.

Analysis of the labour force participation rate of the population in City of Townsville in 2021 shows that there was a higher proportion in the labour force (63.6%) compared with Queensland (61.6%).

## Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people employed in City of Townsville showed an increase of 7,540, and the number unemployed showed a decrease of 3,397. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed an increase of 4,143 or 4.4%.

# City of Townsville

## Industry sector of employment

City of Townsville's industry statistics identify the industry sectors in which the residents work (which may be within the residing area or elsewhere). This will be influenced by the skill base and socio-economic status of the residents as well as the industries and employment opportunities present in the region.

When viewed in conjunction with **Residents Place of Work** data and **Method of Travel to Work**, industry sector statistics provide insights into the relationship between the economic and residential role of the area.

## Industry sector of employment

City of Townsville - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Industry sector	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	662	0.7	2.6	617	0.7	2.8	+45
Mining	2,674	2.8	2.3	2,064	2.4	2.3	+610
Manufacturing	4,209	4.5	5.7	4,034	4.7	6.0	+175
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1,323	1.4	1.2	1,321	1.5	1.1	+2
Construction	8,034	8.5	9.1	7,072	8.2	9.0	+962
Wholesale trade	1,790	1.9	2.4	1,878	2.2	2.6	-88
Retail Trade	8,639	9.2	9.3	8,538	9.9	9.9	+101
Accommodation and Food Services	7,000	7.4	7.2	6,578	7.6	7.3	+422
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4,076	4.3	4.7	4,124	4.8	5.1	-48
Information Media and Telecommunications	782	0.8	1.0	1,048	1.2	1.2	-266
Financial and Insurance Services	1,275	1.4	2.6	1,304	1.5	2.5	-29
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,309	1.4	1.8	1,379	1.6	2.0	-70
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4,273	4.5	6.7	3,781	4.4	6.3	+492
Administrative and Support Services	2,530	2.7	3.4	2,669	3.1	3.5	-139
Public Administration and Safety	11,800	12.6	6.2	11,816	13.7	6.6	-16
Education and Training	8,826	9.4	8.8	8,282	9.6	9.0	+544
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,480	17.5	15.4	12,657	14.6	13.0	+3,823
Arts and Recreation Services	1,266	1.3	1.5	1,147	1.3	1.6	+119
Other Services	3,696	3.9	3.9	3,261	3.8	3.9	+435
Inadequately described or not stated	3,350	3.6	4.5	2,881	3.3	4.3	+469
Total employed persons aged 15+	93,994	100.0	100.0	86,451	100.0	100.0	+7,543

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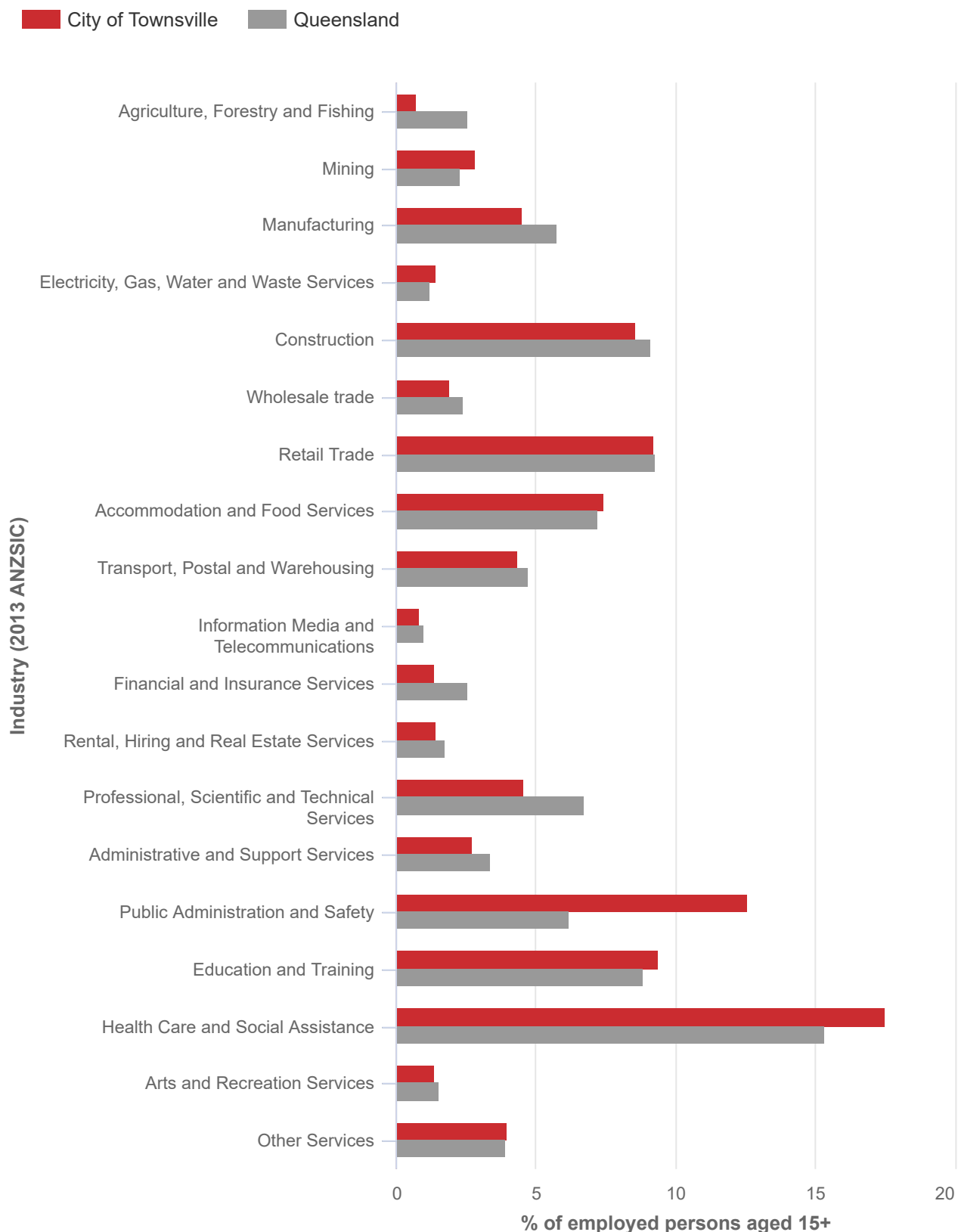
e Full-time equivalent (FTE) local jobs by industry (NIEIR modelled)

e Total local jobs by industry (NIEIR modelled)

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## Industry sector of employment, 2021

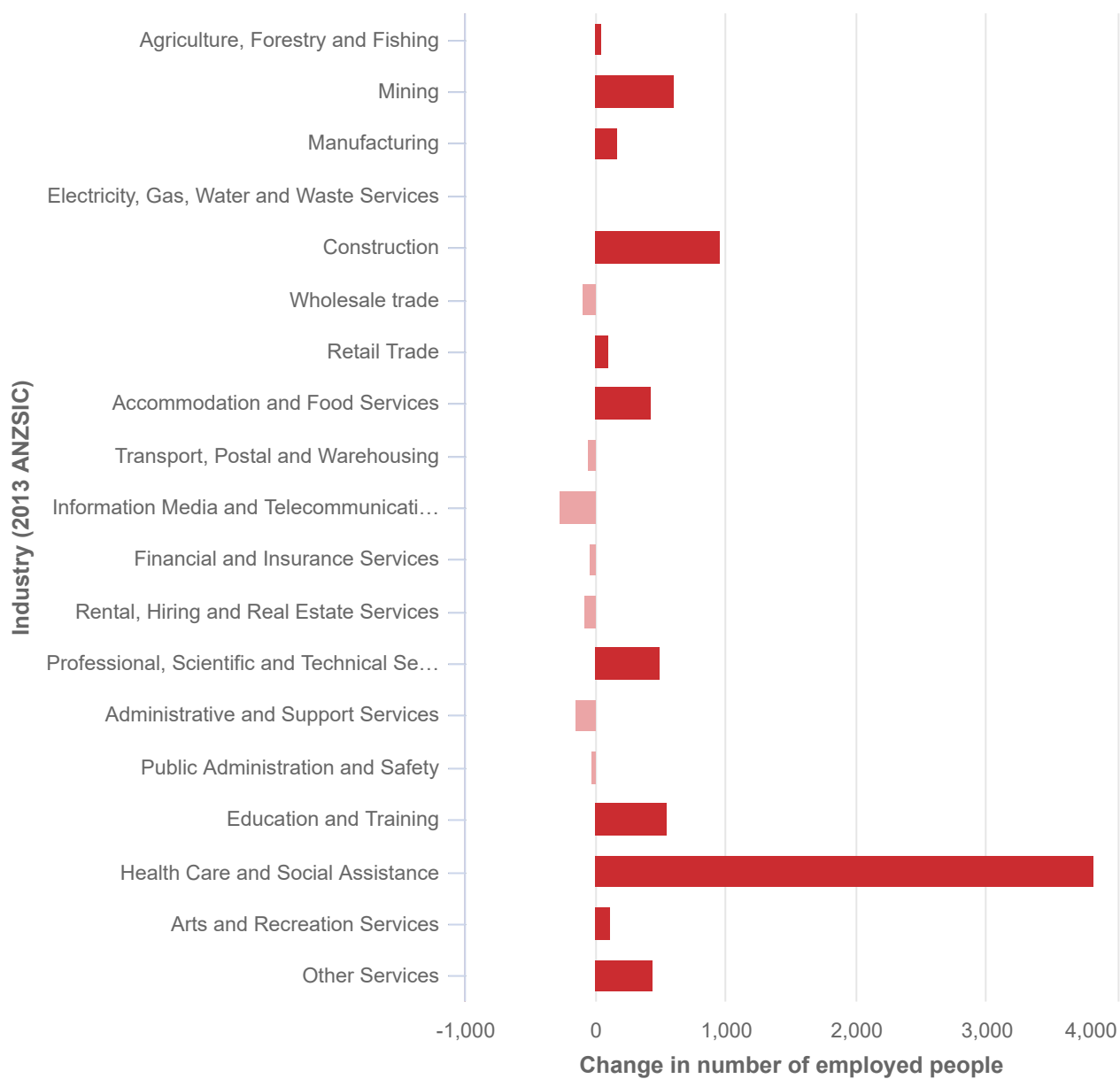
Total employed persons



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## Change in industry sector of employment, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

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An analysis of the jobs held by the resident population in City of Townsville in 2021 shows the three most popular industry sectors were:

- Health Care and Social Assistance (16,480 people or 17.5%)
- Public Administration and Safety (11,800 people or 12.6%)
- Education and Training (8,826 people or 9.4%)

In combination, these three industries employed 37,106 people in total or 39.5% of the total employed resident population.

In comparison, Queensland employed 15.4% in Health Care and Social Assistance; 6.2% in Public Administration and Safety; and 8.8% in Education and Training.

The major differences between the jobs held by the population of City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons employed in public administration and safety (12.6% compared to 6.2%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons employed in health care and social assistance (17.5% compared to 15.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed in professional, scientific and technical services (4.5% compared to 6.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed in agriculture, forestry and fishing (0.7% compared to 2.6%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in City of Townsville increased by 7,543 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the jobs held by the resident population between 2016 and 2021 in City of Townsville were for those employed in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance (+3,823 persons)
- Construction (+962 persons)
- Mining (+610 persons)
- Education and Training (+544 persons)

# City of Townsville

## Occupation of employment

City of Townsville's occupation statistics quantify the occupations in which the residents work (which may be within the residing area or elsewhere). This will be influenced by the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area, education levels, and the working and social aspirations of the population. When viewed with other indicators, such as **Educational Qualifications** and **Individual Income**, Occupation is a key measure for evaluating City of Townsville's socio-economic status and skill base.

## Occupation of employment

City of Townsville - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Occupation	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Managers	9,528	10.1	12.5	8,362	9.7	12.1	+1,166
Professionals	18,550	19.7	21.4	16,269	18.8	19.8	+2,281
Technicians and Trades Workers	13,681	14.6	13.7	13,090	15.1	14.3	+591
Community and Personal Service Workers	15,159	16.1	12.3	12,718	14.7	11.3	+2,441
Clerical and Administrative Workers	11,599	12.3	12.7	11,658	13.5	13.6	-59
Sales Workers	8,064	8.6	8.7	8,348	9.7	9.7	-284
Machinery Operators And Drivers	7,007	7.5	6.8	6,502	7.5	6.9	+505
Labourers	8,780	9.3	10.1	8,255	9.5	10.5	+525
Not stated or inadequately described	1,614	1.7	1.9	1,247	1.4	1.6	+367
Total employed persons aged 15+	93,989	100.0	100.0	86,449	100.0	100.0	+7,540

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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**a** People employed as Managers or Professionals

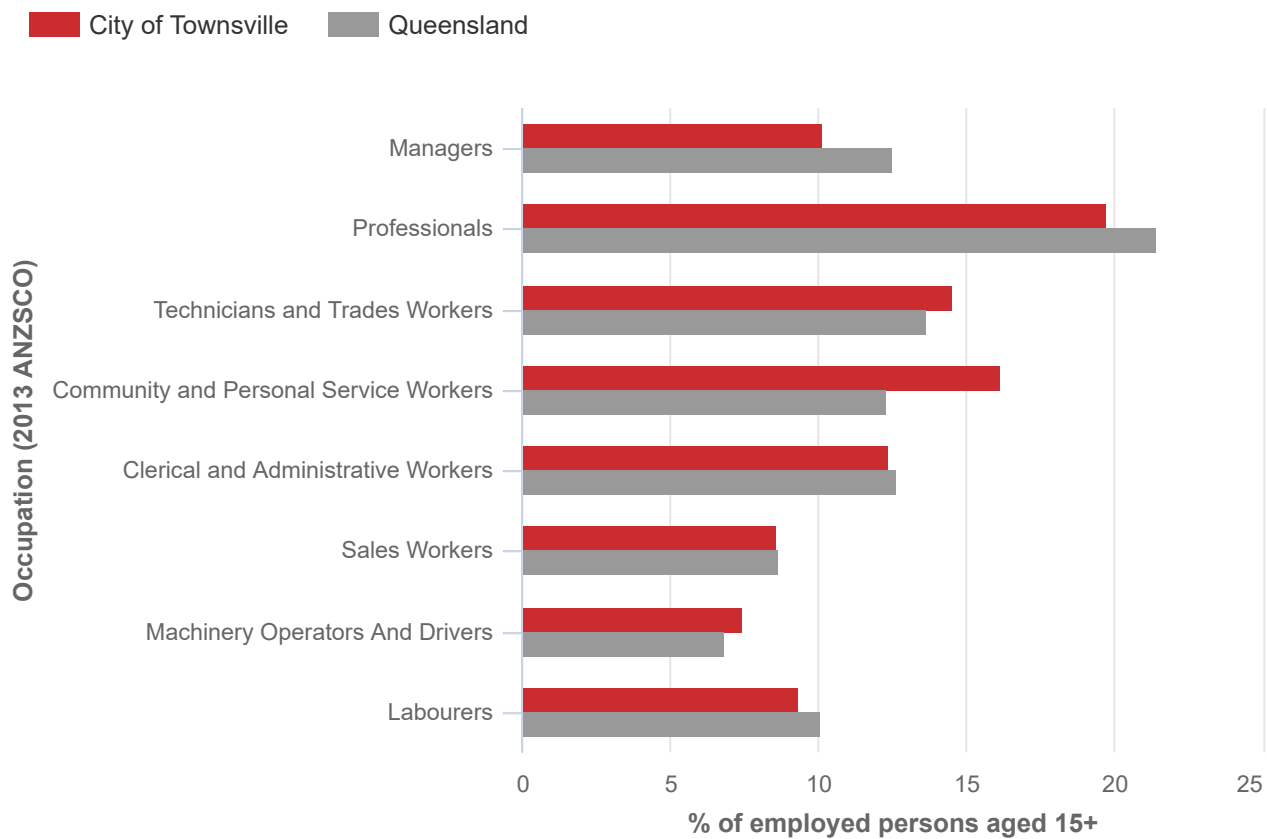
**e** Workforce occupations by industry

**e** Local labour force occupations by industry



## Occupation of employment, 2021

Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Change in occupation of employment, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

An analysis of the jobs held by the resident population in City of Townsville in 2021 shows the three most popular occupations were:

- Professionals (18,550 people or 19.7%)
- Community and Personal Service Workers (15,159 people or 16.1%)
- Technicians and Trades Workers (13,681 people or 14.6%)

In combination these three occupations accounted for 47,390 people in total or 50.4% of the employed resident population.

In comparison, Queensland employed 21.4% in Professionals; 12.3% in Community and Personal Service Workers; and 13.7% in Technicians and Trades Workers.

The major differences between the jobs held by the population of City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons employed as Community and Personal Service Workers (16.1% compared to 12.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed as Managers (10.1% compared to 12.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed as Professionals (19.7% compared to 21.4%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in City of Townsville increased by 7,540 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the occupations of residents between 2016 and 2021 in City of Townsville were for those employed as:

- Community and Personal Service Workers (+2,441 persons)
- Professionals (+2,281 persons)
- Managers (+1,166 persons)
- Technicians and Trades Workers (+591 persons)

# City of Townsville

## Method of travel to work

City of Townsville's commuting statistics reveal the main modes of transport by which residents get to work. There are a number of reasons why people use different modes of transport to get to work including the availability of affordable and effective public transport options, the number of motor vehicles available within a household, and the distance travelled to work.

Commuting data is very useful in transport planning as it informs decision-makers about the availability, effectiveness and utilisation of local transport options, particularly when analysed with **Residents Place of Work** data and **Car Ownership**.

**WARNING:** Method of travel to work relates to Census day, which for the 2021 Census occurred during COVID-19 lockdowns for large parts of Australia. In lockdown, many occupations were required to work from home if possible, and some industries were closed, so people did not go to work. For this reason, these categories may have increased, with corresponding declines in other methods of travel. Use the data with caution when comparing over time. For more details, please refer to the **data notes**.

## Method of travel to work

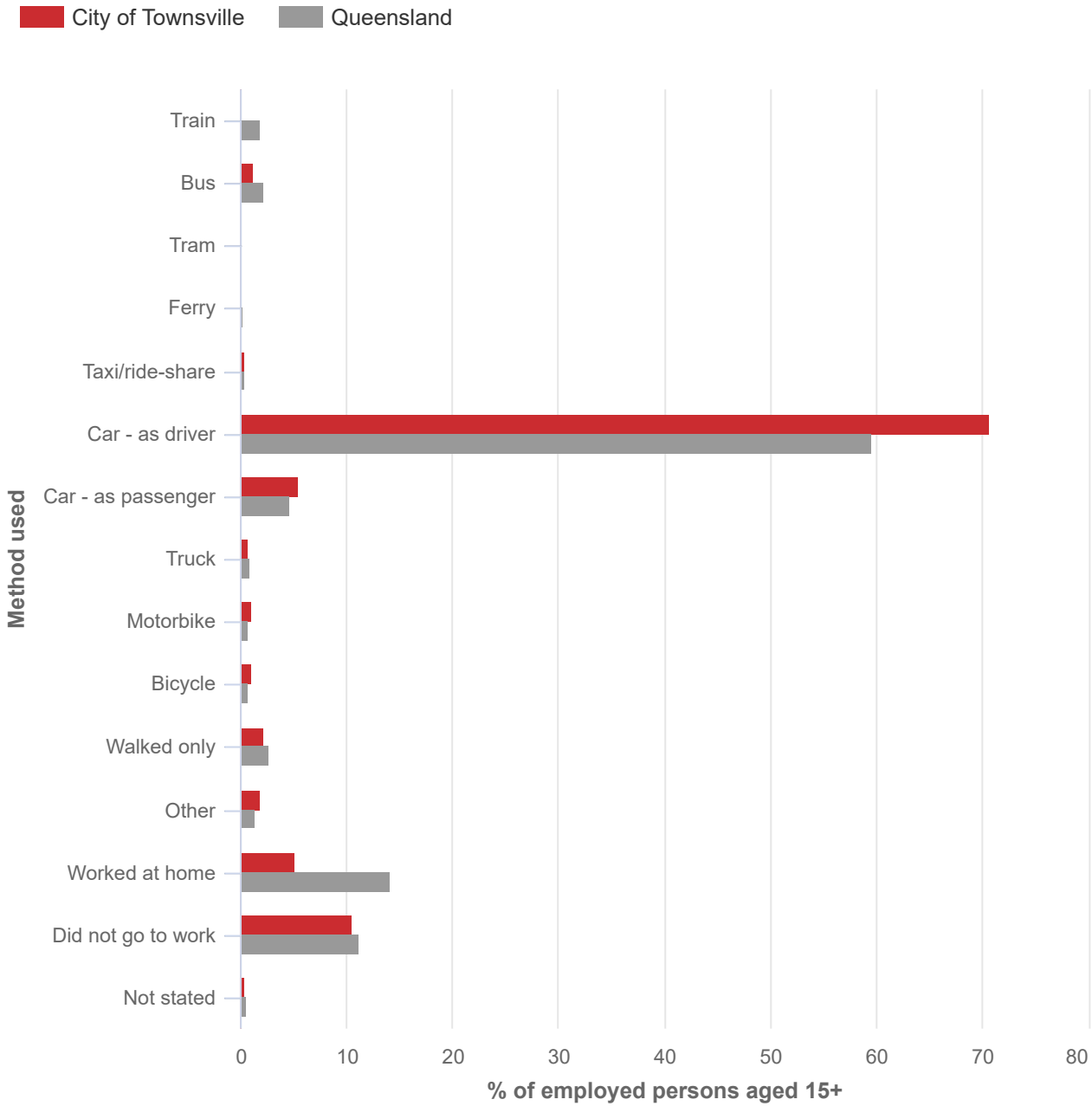
City of Townsville - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Main method of travel	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Train	33	0.0	1.8	44	0.1	3.2	-11
Bus	1,036	1.1	2.0	1,247	1.4	3.6	-211
Tram	3	0.0	0.1	3	0.0	0.1	0
Ferry	51	0.1	0.1	61	0.1	0.1	-10
Taxi/ride-share	251	0.3	0.3	134	0.2	0.2	+117
Car - as driver	66,345	70.6	59.5	61,440	71.1	64.1	+4,905
Car - as passenger	5,042	5.4	4.5	5,108	5.9	5.3	-66
Truck	619	0.7	0.8	641	0.7	0.9	-22
Motorbike	902	1.0	0.7	1,070	1.2	0.9	-168
Bicycle	921	1.0	0.7	1,298	1.5	1.0	-377
Walked only	2,065	2.2	2.6	2,370	2.7	3.3	-305
Other	1,754	1.9	1.3	1,541	1.8	1.5	+213
Worked at home	4,789	5.1	14.1	2,375	2.7	5.3	+2,414
Did not go to work	9,816	10.4	11.1	8,469	9.8	9.7	+1,347
Not stated	353	0.4	0.5	645	0.7	0.9	-292
<b>Total employed persons aged 15+</b>	<b>93,980</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>86,446</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+7,534</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

- a People who travelled to work by car
- a People who travelled to work on public transport

## Method of travel to work, 2021

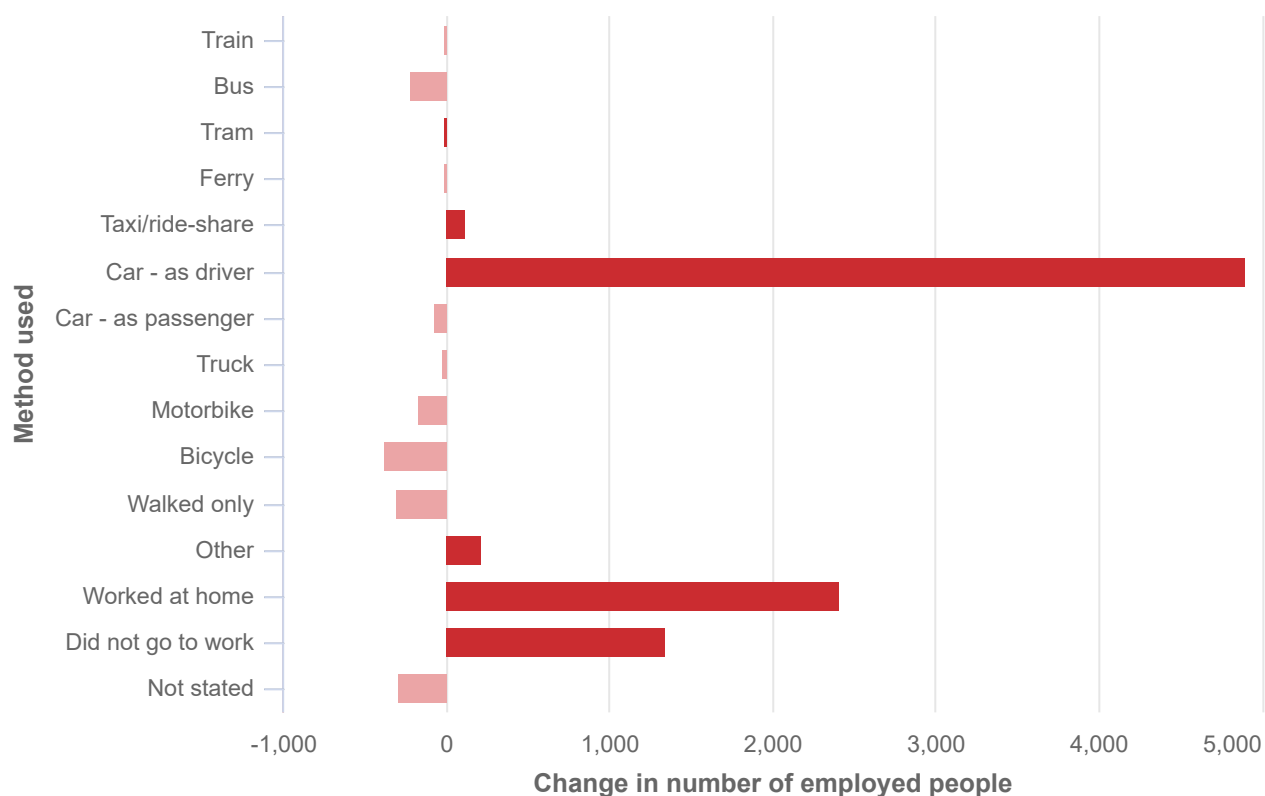
Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Change in method of travel to work, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

In 2021, there were 1,123 people who caught public transport to work (train, bus, tram or ferry) in City of Townsville, compared with 72,908 who drove in private vehicles (car – as driver, car – as passenger, motorbike, or truck).

Analysis of the method of travel to work of the residents in City of Townsville in 2021, compared to Queensland, shows that 1.2% used public transport, while 76.0% used a private vehicle, compared with 4.0% and 64.0% respectively in Queensland.

The major differences in persons between the method of travel to work of City of Townsville and Queensland were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who travelled by car (as driver) (70.6% compared to 59.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who worked at home (5.1% compared to 14.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who travelled by train (0.0% compared to 1.8%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in City of Townsville increased by 7,534 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the method of travel to work by resident population in City of Townsville between 2016 and 2021 were for those nominated:

- Car - as driver (+4,905 persons)
- Worked at home (+2,414 persons)
- Did not go to work (+1,347 persons)
- Bicycle (-377 persons)

# City of Townsville

## Volunteer work

The voluntary work sector is an important part of Australia's economy. The level of volunteering can indicate the cohesiveness of the community and how readily individuals are able to contribute to that community. Factors impacting on the level of volunteering in City of Townsville include the **Age Structure** of the population, the level of **Proficiency in English**, **Income** and **Education** levels.

Volunteer numbers for the 2021 Census declined in many parts of Australia due to lockdowns and COVID-19 distancing measures.

## Volunteer work

City of Townsville - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Volunteer status	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Volunteer	20,766	13.3	14.1	27,463	18.4	18.8	-6,697
Not a volunteer	121,126	77.7	78.8	107,701	72.3	72.5	+13,425
Volunteer work not stated	13,909	8.9	7.1	13,884	9.3	8.6	+25
Total persons aged 15+	155,801	100.0	100.0	149,048	100.0	100.0	+6,753

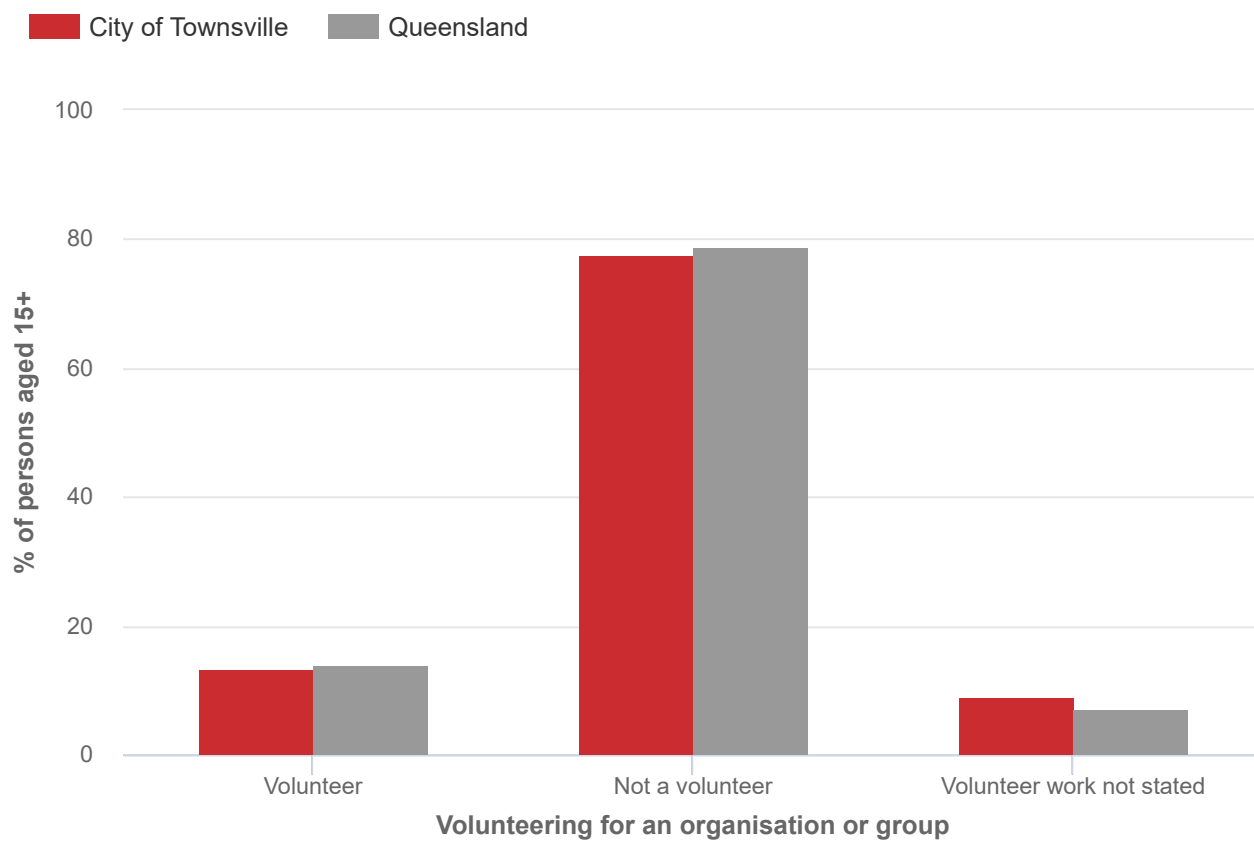
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## Volunteer work, 2021

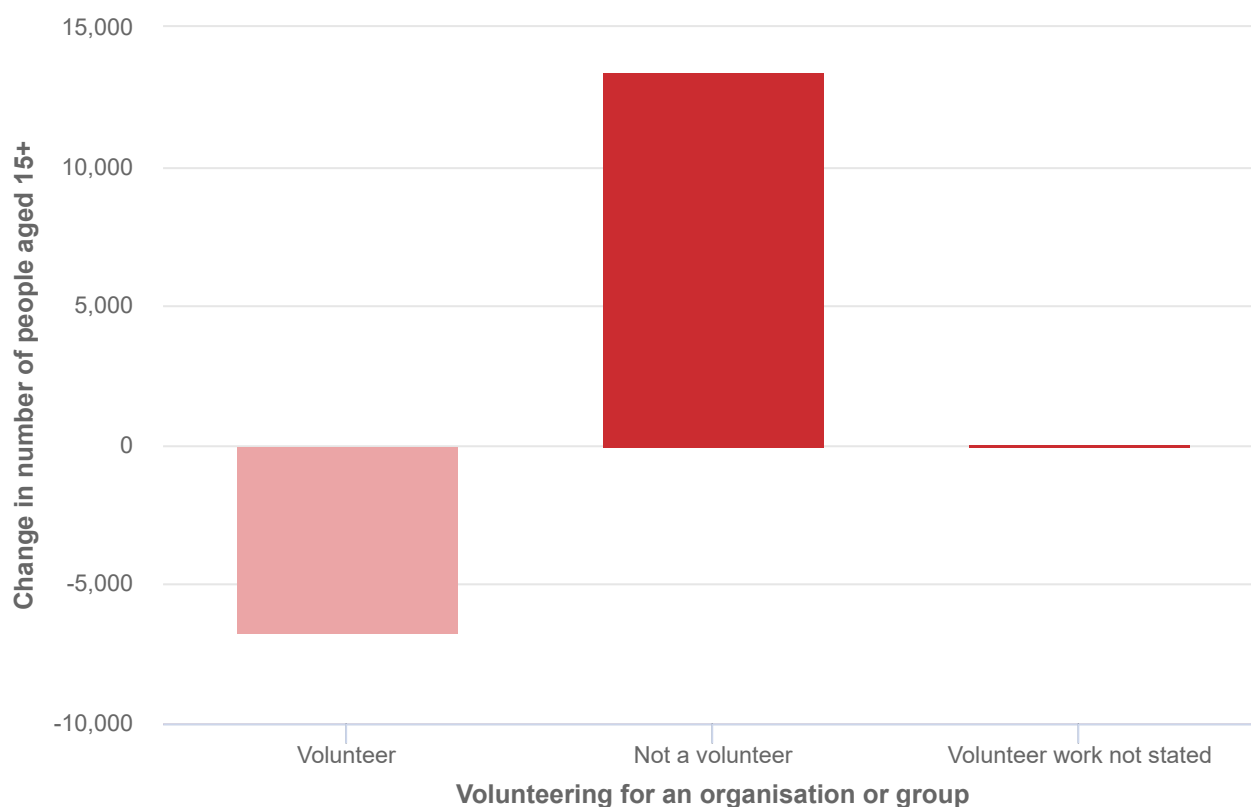
Total persons



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## Change in volunteer work, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the voluntary work performed by the population in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a lower proportion of people who volunteered for an organisation or group.

Overall, 13.3% of the population reported performing voluntary work, compared with 14.1% for Queensland.

## Emerging groups

The number of volunteers in City of Townsville decreased by 6,697 people between 2016 and 2021.

# City of Townsville

## Household income

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. City of Townsville's Household Income is one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as **Qualifications and Occupation**, it helps to reveal the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of City of Townsville. It is important to note that income data is not necessarily a measure of wealth. For example, if an area has a large number of retirees this will produce a higher proportion of households with low income but the retirees may have large capital wealth. For this reason, household income should be viewed in conjunction with **Age and Household Composition**.

The incomes presented on this page are for the latest Census year only. For comparison of incomes over time, go to **Household Income Quartiles**.

[Learn more about the characteristics of low-income households here.](#)

## Weekly household income

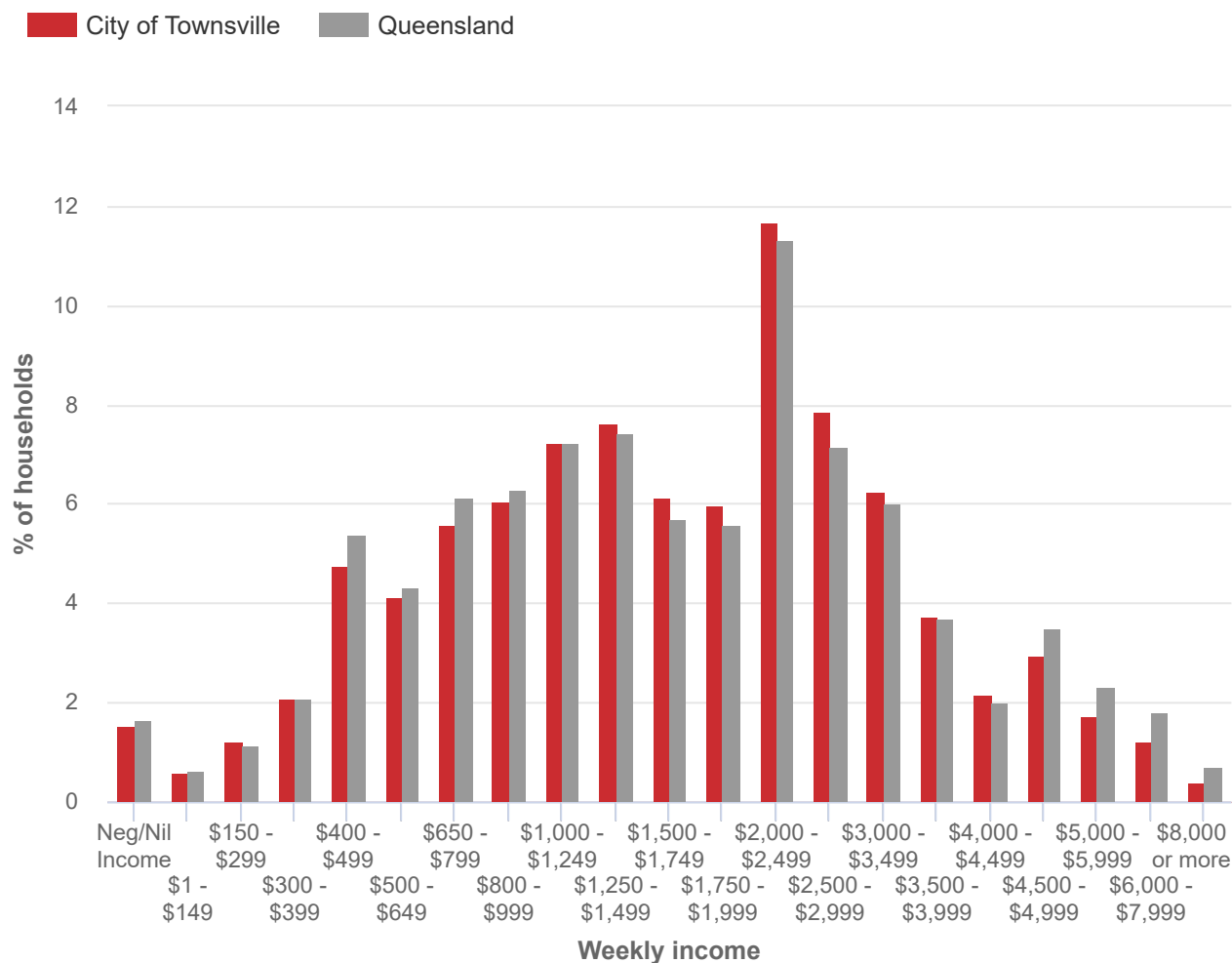
City of Townsville - Total households (Enumerated)	2021		
Weekly income	Number	%	Queensland %
Neg/Nil Income	1,105	1.5	1.7
\$1 - \$149	425	0.6	0.6
\$150 - \$299	871	1.2	1.1
\$300 - \$399	1,485	2.1	2.1
\$400 - \$499	3,412	4.8	5.4
\$500 - \$649	2,964	4.1	4.3
\$650 - \$799	4,005	5.6	6.1
\$800 - \$999	4,353	6.1	6.3
\$1,000 - \$1,249	5,180	7.2	7.2
\$1,250 - \$1,499	5,454	7.6	7.4
\$1,500 - \$1,749	4,404	6.1	5.7
\$1,750 - \$1,999	4,295	6.0	5.6
\$2,000 - \$2,499	8,372	11.7	11.3
\$2,500 - \$2,999	5,640	7.9	7.2
\$3,000 - \$3,499	4,493	6.3	6.0
\$3,500 - \$3,999	2,685	3.7	3.7
\$4,000 - \$4,499	1,543	2.2	2.0
\$4,500 - \$4,999	2,102	2.9	3.5
\$5,000 - \$5,999	1,239	1.7	2.3
\$6,000 - \$7,999	871	1.2	1.8
\$8,000 or more	286	0.4	0.7
Not stated	6,481	9.0	7.8
Total households	71,665	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021. Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

- a** Low income households (less than \$800 per week)
- a** High income households (more than \$3,000 per week)
- a** Median household income

## Weekly household income, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

Analysis of household income levels in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a smaller proportion of high income households (those earning \$3,000 per week or more) and a lower proportion of low income households (those earning less than \$800 per week).

Overall, 18.4% of the households earned a high income and 19.9% were low income households, compared with 20.1% and 21.4% respectively for Queensland.

The major difference between the household incomes of City of Townsville and Queensland is:

- A *larger* percentage of households who earned Not stated (9.0% compared to 7.8%)

# City of Townsville

## Household type

City of Townsville's household and family structure is one of the most important demographic indicators. It reveals the area's residential role and function, era of settlement and provides key insights into the level of demand for services and facilities as most are related to age and household types.

To continue building the story, City of Townsville's Household Summary should be viewed in conjunction with Households with Children, Households without Children, Household Size, Age Structure and Dwelling Type.

If you're looking at this data to prepare a housing strategy, learn more here.

## Household type

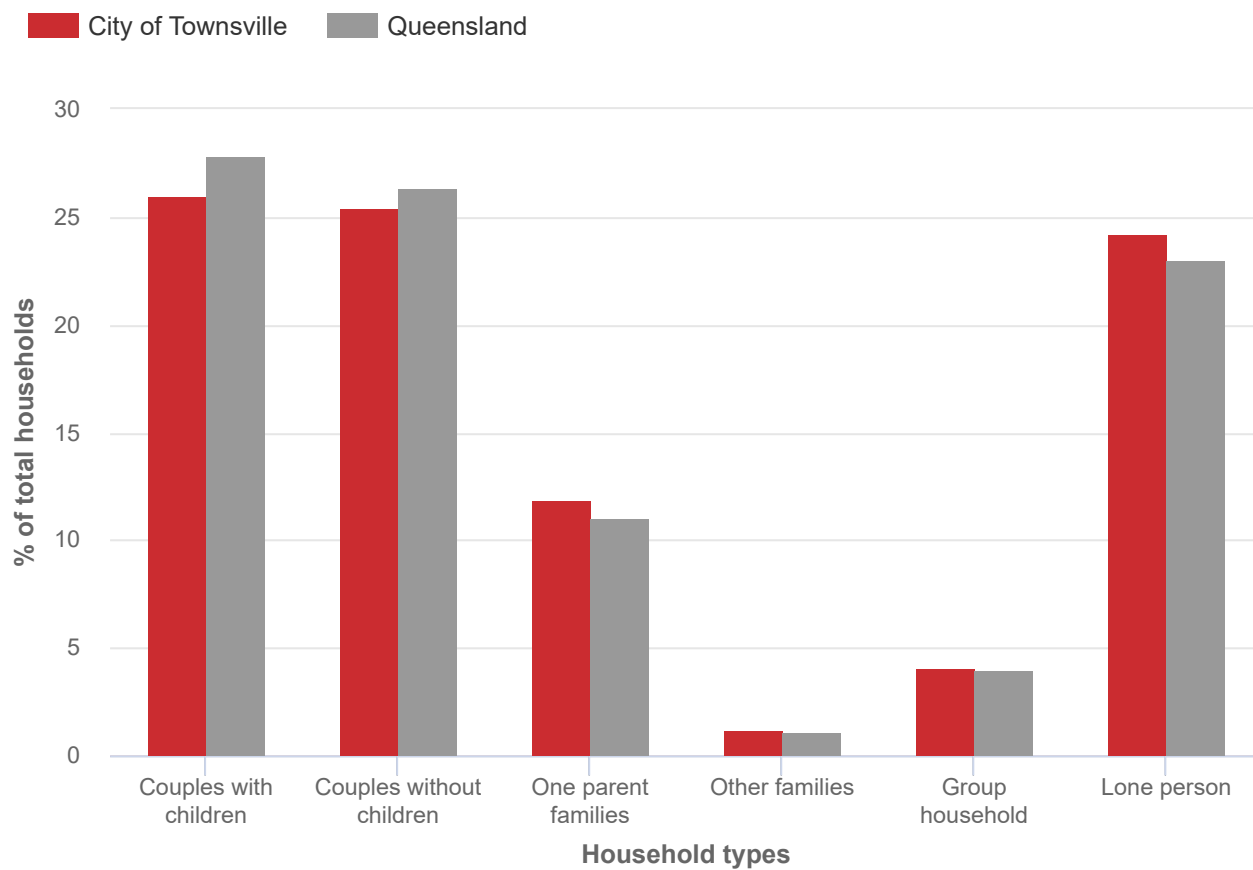
City of Townsville - Total households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Households by type	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Couples with children	19,600	26.0	27.9	19,776	27.7	28.7	-176
Couples without children	19,119	25.4	26.4	17,805	25.0	25.9	+1,314
One parent families	8,963	11.9	11.1	8,272	11.6	10.7	+691
Other families	888	1.2	1.1	808	1.1	1.1	+80
Group household	3,087	4.1	4.0	3,245	4.6	4.3	-158
Lone person	18,245	24.2	23.1	15,689	22.0	21.7	+2,556
Other not classifiable household	3,583	4.8	4.1	3,943	5.5	5.1	-360
Visitor only households	1,756	2.3	2.3	1,735	2.4	2.4	+21
Total households	75,241	100.0	100.0	71,273	100.0	100.0	+3,968

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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- a One parent families with dependent children
- a Couple families with dependent children
- a Young couples (aged 15-44 years) without children
- a Older couples (65 years and over) without children
- a Young lone person households (aged 15-44 years)
- a Older lone person households (aged 65 years and over)
- a Average household size

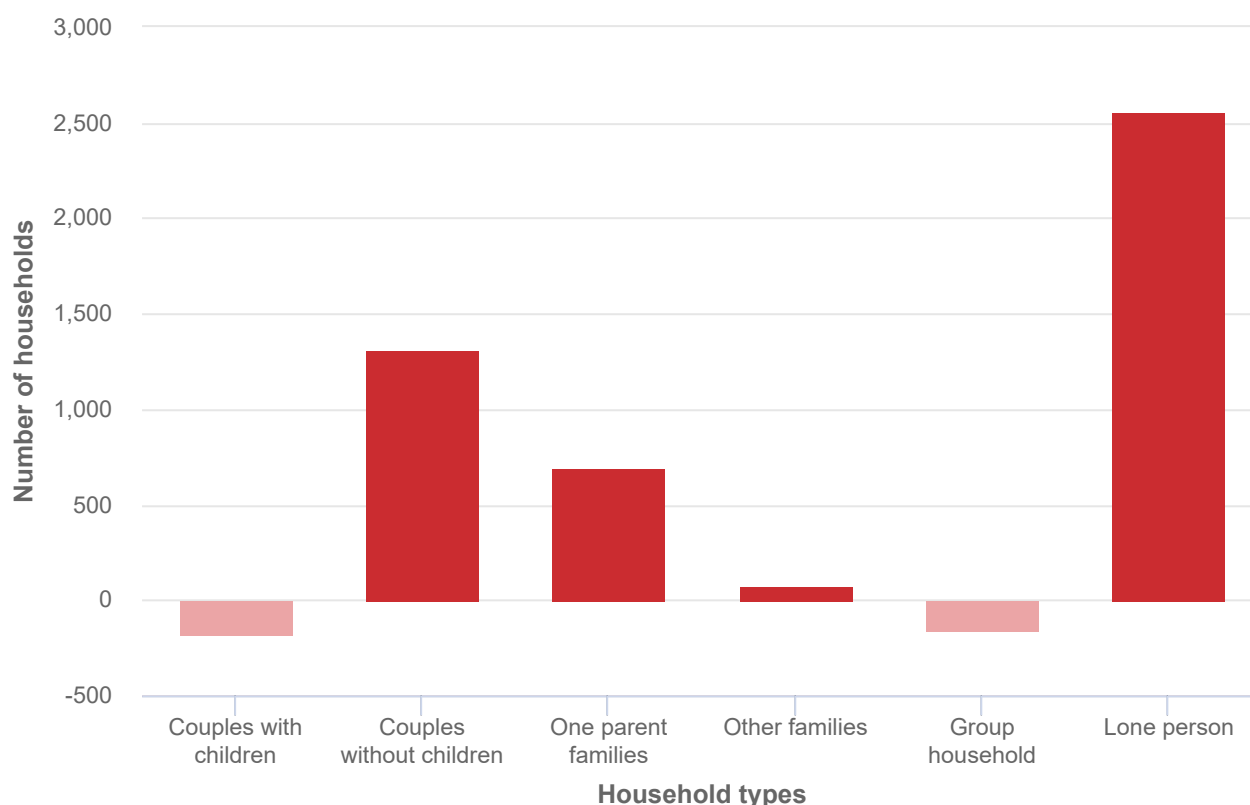
## Household type, 2021



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## Change in household type, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

## Dominant groups

Analysis of the household/family types in City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a lower proportion of couple families with child(ren) as well as a higher proportion of one-parent families. Overall, 26.0% of total families were couple families with child(ren), and 11.9% were one-parent families, compared with 27.9% and 11.1% respectively for Queensland.

There were a higher proportion of lone person households and a lower proportion of couples without children. Overall, the proportion of lone person households was 24.2% compared to 23.1% in Queensland while the proportion of couples without children was 25.4% compared to 26.4% in Queensland.

## Emerging groups

The number of households in City of Townsville increased by 3,968 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in family/household types in City of Townsville between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Lone person (+2,556 households)
- Couples without children (+1,314 households)
- One parent families (+691 households)
- Couples with children (-176 households)



# City of Townsville

## Dwelling type

Dwelling Type is an important determinant of City of Townsville's residential role and function. A greater concentration of higher density dwellings is likely to attract more young adults and smaller households, often renting. Larger, detached or separate dwellings are more likely to attract families and prospective families. The residential built form often reflects market opportunities or planning policy, such as building denser forms of housing around public transport nodes or employment centres.

Dwelling Type statistics should be viewed in conjunction with **Household Size**, **Household Types**, **Housing Tenure** and **Age Structure** for a more complete picture of the housing market in City of Townsville.

If you're looking at this data to prepare a housing strategy, [learn more here](#).

## Dwelling structure

City of Townsville - Dwellings (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Separate house	64,927	78.0	71.9	61,897	77.4	73.6	+3,030
Medium density	12,372	14.9	16.2	11,985	15.0	15.7	+387
High density	4,362	5.2	9.7	4,188	5.2	7.8	+174
Caravans, cabin, houseboat	1,070	1.3	1.4	1,396	1.7	1.8	-326
Other	121	0.1	0.3	179	0.2	0.4	-58
Not stated	392	0.5	0.5	337	0.4	0.6	+55
Total Private Dwellings	83,244	100.0	100.0	79,982	100.0	100.0	+3,262

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

## Dwelling type

City of Townsville	2021			2016			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Occupied private dwellings	75,236	90.2	91.0	71,282	88.9	89.9	+3,954
Unoccupied private dwellings	8,004	9.6	8.8	8,700	10.9	9.8	-696
Non private dwellings	171	0.2	0.2	172	0.2	0.3	-1
Total dwellings	83,411	100.0	100.0	80,154	100.0	100.0	+3,257

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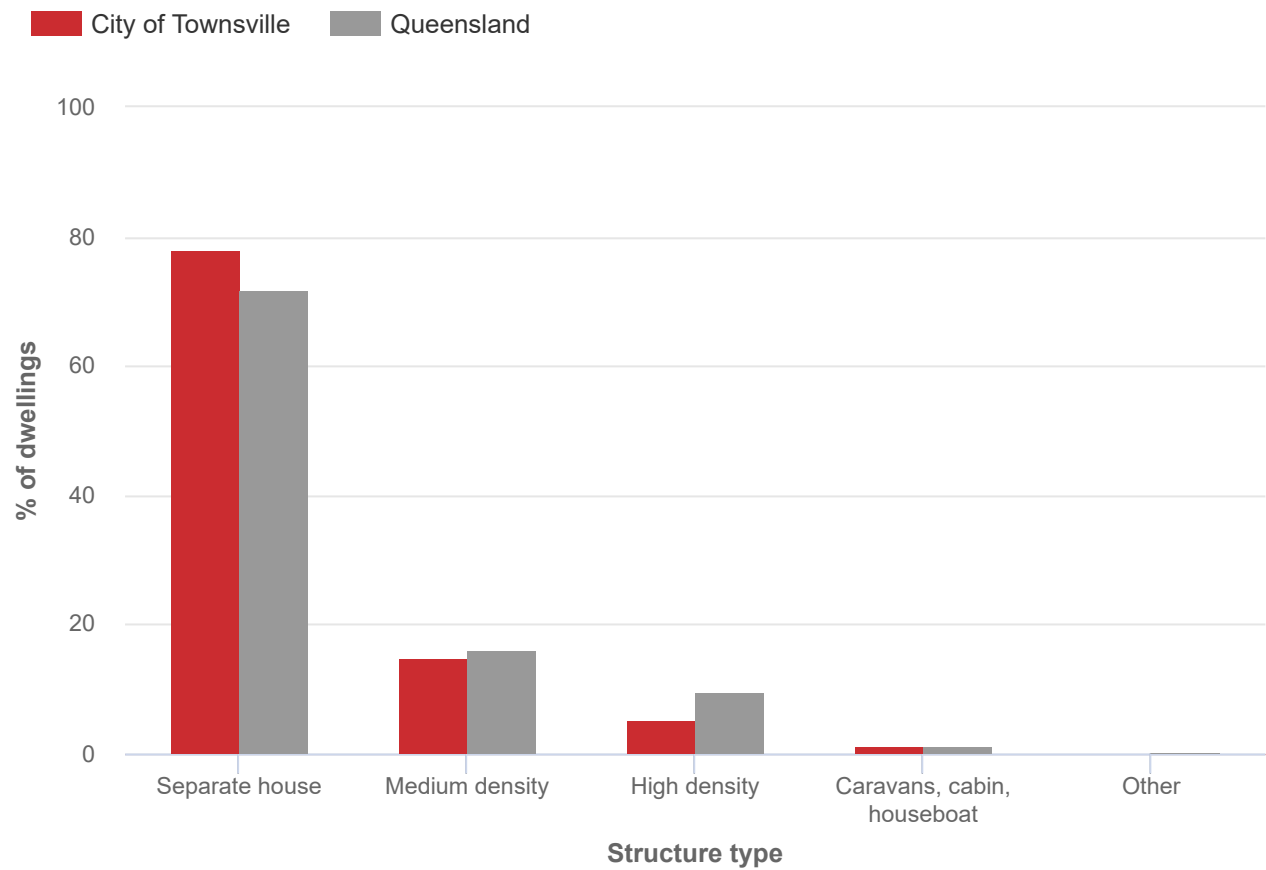
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**a** Unoccupied dwellings

**a** Dominant dwelling structure

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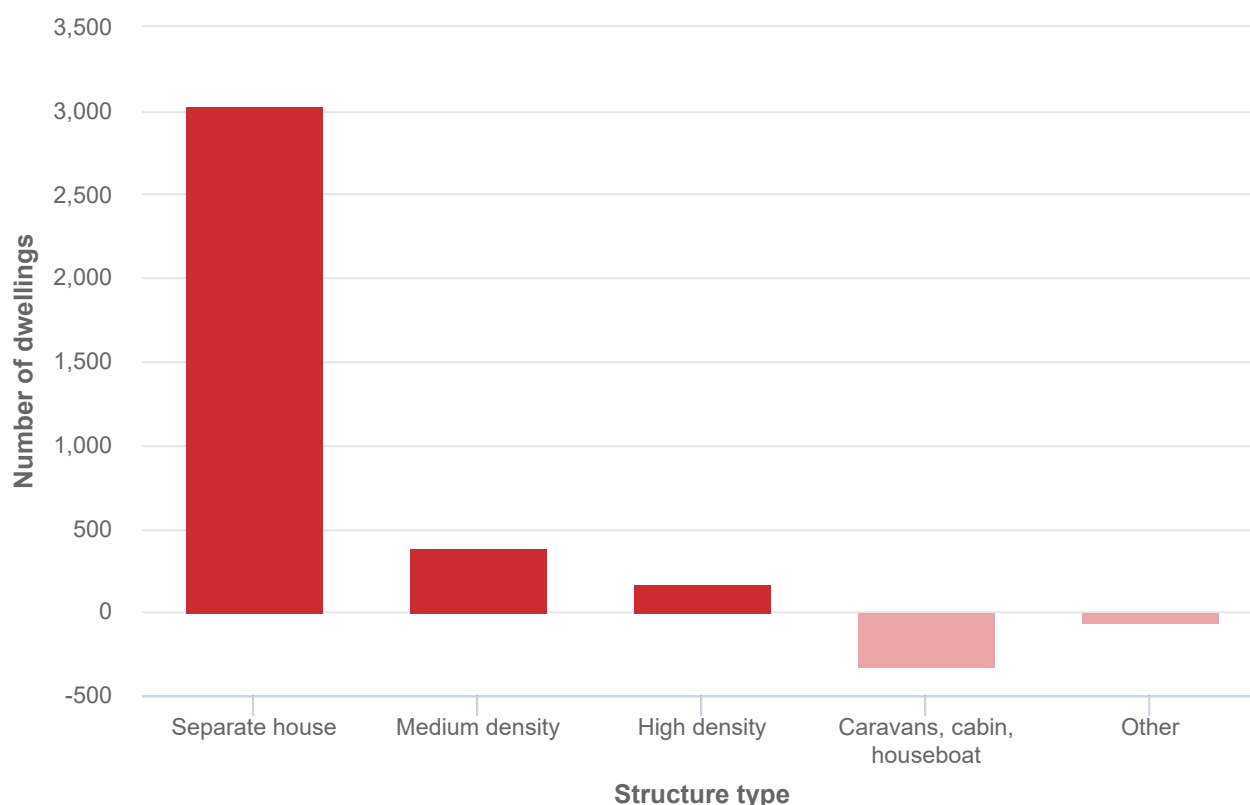
Dwelling structure, 2021



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## Change in dwelling structure, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville



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## Dominant groups

In 2021, there were 64,927 separate houses in the area, 12,372 medium density dwellings, and 4,362 high density dwellings. In addition, there were 1,070 caravans/cabins/houseboats in the area.

Analysis of the types of dwellings in City of Townsville in 2021 shows that 78.0% of all dwellings were separate houses; 14.9% were medium density dwellings, and 5.2% were in high density dwellings, compared with 71.9%, 16.2%, and 9.7% in the Queensland respectively.

In 2021, a total of 90.2% of the dwellings in City of Townsville were occupied on Census night, compared to 91.0% in Queensland. The proportion of unoccupied dwellings was 9.6%, which is larger compared to that found in Queensland (8.8%).

## Emerging groups

The total number of dwellings in City of Townsville increased by 3,257 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the type of dwellings found in City of Townsville between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Separate house (+3,030 dwellings)
- Medium density (+387 dwellings)
- Caravans, cabin, houseboat (-326 dwellings)
- High density (+174 dwellings)

# City of Townsville

## Housing tenure

City of Townsville's Housing Tenure data provides insights into its socio-economic status as well as the role it plays in the housing market. For example, a high concentration of private renters may indicate a transient area attractive to young singles and couples, while a concentration of home owners indicates a more settled area with mature families and empty-nesters (**Household Summary**). Tenure can also reflect built form (**Dwelling Type**), with a significantly higher share of renters in high density housing and a substantially larger proportion of home-owners in separate houses, although this is not always the case.

In conjunction with other socio-economic status indicators in City of Townsville, Tenure data is useful for analysing housing markets, housing affordability and identifying public housing areas.

Further reading: [How can Councils influence affordable housing.](#)

## Housing tenure

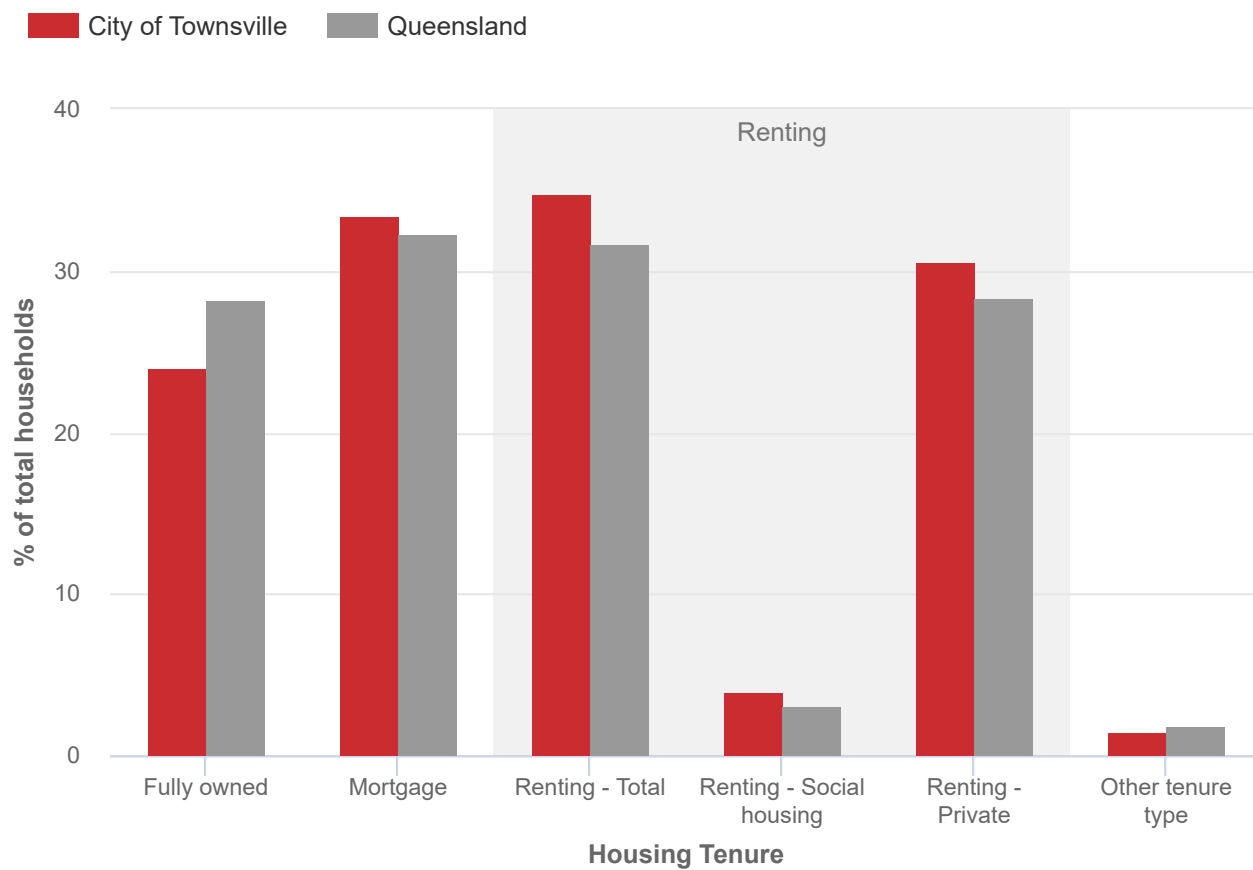
City of Townsville - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Tenure type	Number	%	Queensland %	Number	%	Queensland %	2016 to 2021
Fully owned	18,036	24.0	28.2	15,740	22.1	27.4	+2,296
Mortgage	25,129	33.4	32.4	23,231	32.6	31.4	+1,898
Renting - Total	26,195	34.8	31.7	25,363	35.6	31.3	+832
Renting - Social housing	3,007	4.0	3.1	2,927	4.1	3.4	+80
Renting - Private	23,048	30.6	28.4	22,277	31.3	27.6	+771
Renting - Not stated	140	0.2	0.2	159	0.2	0.2	-19
Other tenure type	1,133	1.5	1.9	1,030	1.4	1.9	+103
Not stated	4,741	6.3	5.9	5,909	8.3	8.1	-1,168
Total households	75,234	100.0	100.0	71,273	100.0	100.0	+3,961

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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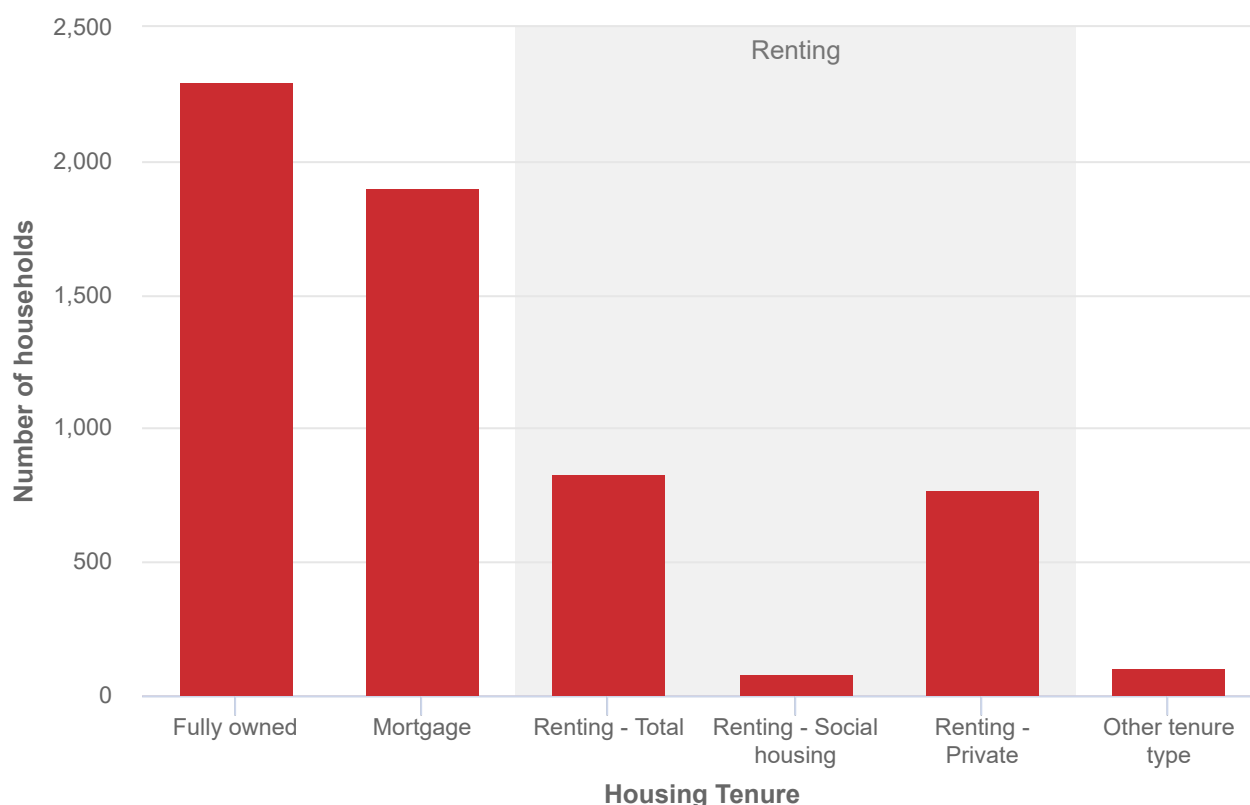
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## Change in housing tenure, 2016 to 2021

City of Townsville



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the housing tenure of households of City of Townsville in 2021 compared to Queensland shows that there was a smaller proportion of households who owned their dwelling; a larger proportion purchasing their dwelling; and a larger proportion who were renters.

Overall, 24.0% of households owned their dwelling; 33.4% were purchasing, and 34.8% were renting, compared with 28.2%, 32.4% and 31.7% respectively for Queensland.

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in housing tenure categories for the households in City of Townsville between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Fully owned (+2,296 households)
- Mortgage (+1,898 households)
- Renting - Private (+771 households)
- Other tenure type (+103 households)

The total number of households in City of Townsville increased by 3,961 between 2016 and 2021.

# City of Townsville

## SEIFA by Local Government Area

The City of Townsville Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) measure the relative level of socio-economic disadvantage and/or advantage based on a range of Census characteristics. Two of the SEIFA indexes: the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) and the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD) can be selected below.

### Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD)

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This index contains only disadvantage indicators (e.g. unemployment, low incomes or education levels, single parent families, low skilled occupations, poor English proficiency), so is best used to distinguish between disadvantaged areas, but doesn't differentiate between those areas which are highly advantaged, and those just lacking a lot of disadvantage (with population close to the middle). This index is most commonly used for funding allocations and advocacy, because it highlights the areas of most need.

### Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD)

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This index contains indicators of disadvantage as well as additional indicators of advantage (e.g. professional occupations, high income, higher education levels, high rent, large dwellings), Characteristics are also weighted differently than the IRSD, so areas do score differently on either measure. Often the IRSAD index will show a more "spread out" distribution with a greater range of scores from very high to very low, due to its ability to measure advantage above the average level.

SEIFA indexes are a good place to start to get a general view of the relative level of disadvantage in one area compared to others, but it is important to also look at these underlying characteristics as they can differ markedly between areas with similar SEIFA scores and shed light on the type of disadvantage being experienced.

A higher score on the index means a *lower* level of disadvantage or (in the case of IRSAD only) a *higher* level of advantage. A lower score on the index means a *higher* level of disadvantage on both indexes, and a lack of advantage on the IRSAD.

The percentile column indicates the approximate position of this small area in a ranked list of Australia's suburbs and localities in 2021. It's meant to give a broad indication of where the area sits within the whole nation. A higher number indicates a higher socio-economic status. For instance, a percentile of 72 indicates that approximately 72% of Australia's suburbs have a SEIFA index lower than this area (more disadvantaged), while 28% are higher. This applies a comparison to suburbs even when the index concerned doesn't relate to a suburb.

# Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage

2021 Local Government Areas



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016.  
Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage

Local Government Areas in Queensland

2021 Local Government Area	2021 Index
City of Townsville	990

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021. Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

- a Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage
- a Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage