

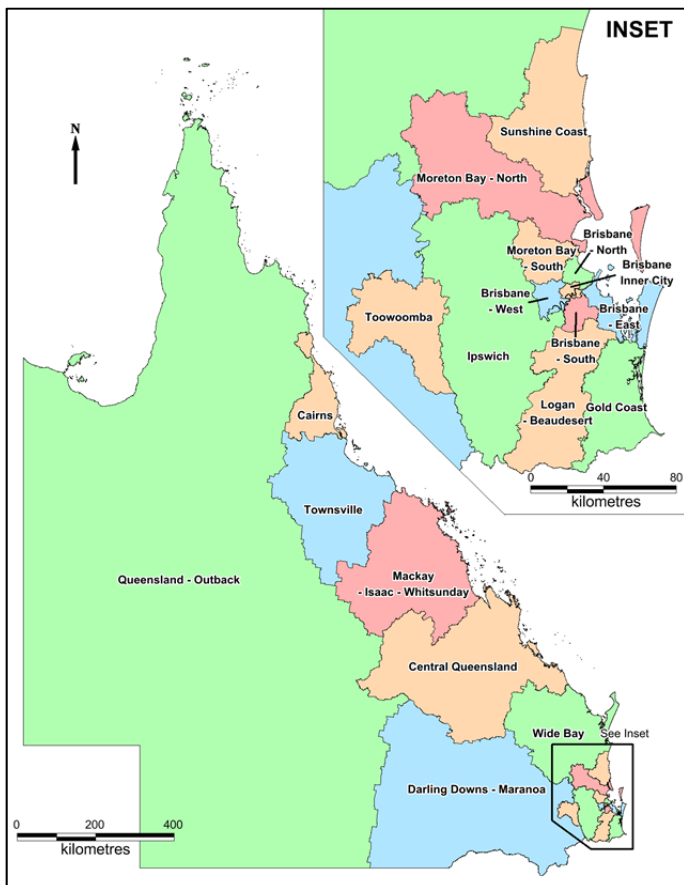
Queensland regions compared, Census 2016

The Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4) regions are the largest sub-state regions in the main structure of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). SA4s generally have a population over 100,000 persons.

Key points:

- Gold Coast had the largest population in Queensland (569,997 persons).
- While Queensland - Outback had the smallest overall population (79,700 persons) it had the largest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (26,560 persons).
- Brisbane - South had the largest percentage of persons who were born overseas (36.9%).
- Brisbane Inner City had the highest median weekly personal income (\$938).

Figure 1: Queensland SA4s, 2016^(a)



(a) Based on ABS ASGS 2016.
Source: ABS 1271.0.55.001

Population

At the time of the 2016 Census, there were 4,703,193 usual residents in Queensland (Table 1).

Gold Coast had the largest population in Queensland (569,997 persons), followed by Sunshine Coast (346,522 persons).

Brisbane Inner City had the highest population density, with 3,061.0 persons per km², while Queensland - Outback had the lowest (0.1 person per km²).

Wide Bay had the highest median age (46 years), while Brisbane Inner City and Queensland - Outback had the lowest (33 years).

Table 1: Population, density and median age by SA4, 2016

SA4	Population	Density	Median age
	persons	persons/km ²	years
Brisbane - East	223,095	341.6	40
Brisbane - North	206,522	1,104.7	37
Brisbane - South	340,569	1,283.5	34
Brisbane - West	178,991	663.8	36
Brisbane Inner City	250,207	3,061.0	33
Cairns	240,190	11.3	39
Central Queensland	220,912	1.9	36
Darling Downs - Maranoa	126,289	0.8	41
Gold Coast	569,997	306.8	39
Ipswich	323,069	48.4	34
Logan - Beaudesert	317,296	122.7	34
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	169,688	1.9	37
Moreton Bay - North	236,091	54.3	41
Moreton Bay - South	194,969	252.1	35
Queensland - Outback	79,700	0.1	33
Sunshine Coast	346,522	112.3	44
Toowoomba	149,512	66.2	37
Townsville	229,031	2.9	36
Wide Bay	287,883	5.9	46
Queensland	4,703,193	2.7	37

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (G01) and (G02)



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Indigenous status

At the time of the 2016 Census, there were 186,482 persons in Queensland who identified themselves as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (Table 2). This represented 4.0% of the total population and was an increase of 30,656 people (or 19.7%) compared with the 2011 Census.

Queensland - Outback had the largest number of persons who identified as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (26,560 persons), representing 33.3% of the region's total population. This was the highest percentage amongst the Queensland SA4s, followed by Cairns (10.0%) and Townsville (7.9%).

Brisbane - West had the lowest number of persons who identified as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (1,694 persons), representing 0.9% of the region's total population.

Table 2: Indigenous persons by SA4, 2016

SA4	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	
	persons	% of total persons
Brisbane - East	5,103	2.3
Brisbane - North	4,326	2.1
Brisbane - South	4,173	1.2
Brisbane - West	1,694	0.9
Brisbane Inner City	2,572	1.0
Cairns	23,961	10.0
Central Queensland	12,672	5.7
Darling Downs - Maranoa	6,846	5.4
Gold Coast	9,501	1.7
Ipswich	12,985	4.0
Logan - Beaudesert	10,541	3.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	8,289	4.9
Moreton Bay - North	8,651	3.7
Moreton Bay - South	4,109	2.1
Queensland - Outback	26,560	33.3
Sunshine Coast	6,502	1.9
Toowoomba	5,779	3.9
Townsville	18,008	7.9
Wide Bay	13,394	4.7
Queensland	186,482	4.0

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (I01)

Born overseas

At the time of the 2016 Census, there were 1,015,875 persons in Queensland who stated they were born overseas (Table 3). This represented 21.6% of the total population.

Gold Coast had the largest number of persons born overseas (160,312 persons or 28.1%), while Brisbane - South had the largest percentage of persons born overseas (36.9%). Darling Downs - Maranoa had the lowest percentage (8.1%).

All five Brisbane SA4s recorded percentages of more than 20% for persons born overseas.

Table 3: Persons born overseas by SA4, 2016

SA4	Born overseas	
	persons	% of total persons
Brisbane - East	50,916	22.8
Brisbane - North	49,984	24.2
Brisbane - South	125,675	36.9
Brisbane - West	52,226	29.2
Brisbane Inner City	71,833	28.7
Cairns	45,928	19.1
Central Queensland	24,294	11.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	10,265	8.1
Gold Coast	160,312	28.1
Ipswich	73,205	22.7
Logan - Beaudesert	84,415	26.6
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	20,759	12.2
Moreton Bay - North	43,143	18.3
Moreton Bay - South	41,203	21.1
Queensland - Outback	7,204	9.0
Sunshine Coast	68,824	19.9
Toowoomba	19,190	12.8
Townsville	28,766	12.6
Wide Bay	34,557	12.0
Queensland	1,015,875	21.6

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (G01)

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Voluntary work

In the 12 months prior to the 2016 Census, 18.8% of persons aged 15 years and over in Queensland stated that they had spent time undertaking unpaid voluntary work through an organisation or group (Table 4).

Darling Downs - Maranoa had the highest percentage of persons who undertook voluntary work (25.3%) followed by Brisbane - West (25.1%). Logan - Beaudesert had the lowest percentage (14.9%), followed by the Gold Coast (15.1%).

Table 4: Voluntary work^(a) by SA4, 2016

SA4	Volunteer	Not a Volunteer	Total ^(b) persons
	- % of total persons -		
Brisbane - East	18.6	75.5	179,726
Brisbane - North	18.9	74.8	169,465
Brisbane - South	19.5	74.4	279,522
Brisbane - West	25.1	69.7	145,038
Brisbane Inner City	21.3	69.7	215,485
Cairns	19.3	69.4	192,534
Central Queensland	20.8	68.7	173,127
Darling Downs - Maranoa	25.3	63.9	100,396
Gold Coast	15.1	75.8	466,532
Ipswich	16.7	73.5	250,288
Logan - Beaudesert	14.9	77.3	245,998
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	19.0	69.2	134,500
Moreton Bay - North	15.8	75.2	190,510
Moreton Bay - South	19.4	75.1	150,360
Queensland - Outback	22.0	64.0	61,037
Sunshine Coast	20.7	71.8	284,697
Toowoomba	21.2	70.4	119,233
Townsville	19.1	71.4	183,253
Wide Bay	19.3	70.5	236,940
Queensland	18.8	72.5	3,790,497

(a) Based on persons aged 15 years and over.

(b) Total includes 'Voluntary work not stated' and as such 'Volunteer' and 'Not a volunteer' percentages may not add to 100.0%.

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (G19)

Income

At the time of the 2016 Census, Brisbane Inner City had the highest median weekly personal income (\$938), while Wide Bay had the lowest (\$478) (Table 5).

Brisbane Inner City had the highest median weekly family income (\$2,495), while Wide Bay had the lowest (\$1,133).

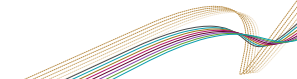
Brisbane - West had the highest median weekly household income (\$1,971), while Wide Bay had the lowest (\$935).

Table 5: Median weekly individual, family and household income^(a) by SA4, 2016

SA4	Median personal income	Median family income	Median household income
	- \$/week -		
Brisbane - East	717	1,902	1,602
Brisbane - North	772	1,977	1,622
Brisbane - South	700	1,930	1,678
Brisbane - West	779	2,322	1,971
Brisbane Inner City	938	2,495	1,921
Cairns	642	1,475	1,226
Central Queensland	664	1,740	1,421
Darling Downs - Maranoa	582	1,366	1,129
Gold Coast	665	1,655	1,404
Ipswich	626	1,523	1,362
Logan - Beaudesert	629	1,531	1,400
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	717	1,793	1,469
Moreton Bay - North	572	1,407	1,188
Moreton Bay - South	758	1,921	1,740
Queensland - Outback	648	1,540	1,361
Sunshine Coast	612	1,478	1,260
Toowoomba	649	1,583	1,298
Townsville	672	1,640	1,362
Wide Bay	478	1,133	935
Queensland	660	1,661	1,402

(a) Based on persons aged 15 years and over and indicates the total income that the person usually receives each week.

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (G02)



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Mortgage and rent

At the time of the 2016 Census, Brisbane Inner City had the highest median weekly mortgage repayment (\$550), while Darling Downs - Maranoa and Wide Bay had the lowest (\$325) (Table 6).

Brisbane Inner City had the highest median weekly rent (\$415), while Queensland - Outback had the lowest (\$140).

Table 6: Median mortgage repayments and median rent^{(a)(b)} by SA4, 2016

SA4	Median mortgage repayment ^(c)	Median rent
	– \$/week –	
Brisbane - East	500	395
Brisbane - North	488	370
Brisbane - South	500	390
Brisbane - West	534	400
Brisbane Inner City	550	415
Cairns	399	280
Central Queensland	433	250
Darling Downs - Maranoa	325	215
Gold Coast	488	390
Ipswich	401	310
Logan - Beaudesert	433	330
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	469	250
Moreton Bay - North	430	315
Moreton Bay - South	482	360
Queensland - Outback	375	140
Sunshine Coast	444	370
Toowoomba	390	285
Townsville	417	280
Wide Bay	325	250
Queensland	433	330

(a) Based on occupied private dwellings.

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

(c) Weekly mortgage repayments calculated by dividing monthly repayments by four.

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (G02)

Household composition

At the time of the 2016 Census, 71.8% of households in Queensland were classified as family households (Table 7). Moreton Bay - South had the highest percentage of family households (81.1%), while Brisbane Inner City had the highest percentage of non-family households (41.9%).

Table 7: Household composition^{(a)(b)} by SA4, 2016

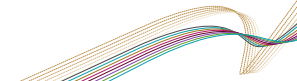
SA4	Family households	Non-family ^(c)	Total
	– % of total households –		number
Brisbane - East	76.4	23.6	79,231
Brisbane - North	69.4	30.6	78,031
Brisbane - South	72.0	28.0	116,809
Brisbane - West	74.8	25.2	61,193
Brisbane Inner City	58.1	41.9	96,982
Cairns	68.9	31.1	86,051
Central Queensland	72.3	27.7	76,530
Darling Downs - Maranoa	70.8	29.2	45,113
Gold Coast	71.4	28.6	203,608
Ipswich	76.0	23.9	105,448
Logan - Beaudesert	77.7	22.3	102,093
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	72.5	27.6	58,123
Moreton Bay - North	72.5	27.6	84,546
Moreton Bay - South	81.1	18.9	65,111
Queensland - Outback	69.0	31.0	25,027
Sunshine Coast	72.3	27.7	128,722
Toowoomba	70.3	29.7	53,828
Townsville	70.8	29.3	81,020
Wide Bay	69.5	30.5	109,367
Queensland	71.8	28.2	1,656,831

(a) Based on occupied private dwellings.

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

(c) Comprises 'Lone person' and 'Group' households.

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (G31)



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Family composition

At the time of the 2016 Census, couple family with children was the most dominant family type for Queensland (42.5%), followed by couple family with no children (39.4%) (Table 8).

Brisbane - West had the highest percentage of couple families with children (50.3%), while Wide Bay had the lowest (32.8%).

Wide Bay had the highest percentage of couple families with no children (48.6%), while Logan - Beaudesert had the lowest (32.7%).

Logan - Beaudesert and Ipswich had the highest percentage of one parent families (20.0%), while Brisbane Inner City had the lowest (11.3%).

Table 8: Family composition^{(a)(b)(c)} by SA4, 2016

Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4)	Couple family with no children	Couple family with children	One parent family	Total families ^(d)
	– % of total families –			number
Brisbane - East	37.6	45.5	15.6	62,138
Brisbane - North	38.3	44.0	15.5	55,370
Brisbane - South	36.0	47.4	14.2	86,959
Brisbane - West	35.3	50.3	12.5	46,630
Brisbane Inner City	46.4	39.0	11.3	56,966
Cairns	41.1	38.4	18.9	60,780
Central Queensland	39.3	43.6	15.6	56,363
Darling Downs - Maranoa	44.6	39.7	14.4	32,448
Gold Coast	39.6	41.9	17.1	149,362
Ipswich	33.2	45.2	20.0	82,905
Logan - Beaudesert	32.7	45.7	20.0	83,088
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	40.7	43.6	14.5	42,742
Moreton Bay - North	40.3	39.1	19.3	63,213
Moreton Bay - South	34.0	49.8	15.0	54,232
Queensland - Outback	36.1	42.3	19.3	18,211
Sunshine Coast	44.9	38.6	15.5	95,178
Toowoomba	41.1	41.1	16.3	38,495
Townsville	39.5	41.2	17.6	58,532
Wide Bay	48.6	32.8	17.3	77,542
Queensland	39.4	42.5	16.5	1,221,148

(a) Based on a count of families.

(b) Includes same-sex couple families.

(c) Excludes 'Lone person', 'Group', 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

(d) Includes 'Other families' and as such percentages in this table may not add to 100.0%.

Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing (G25)

For more information, please see QGSO's *Queensland Regional Profiles* and *Queensland Regional Database* at www.qgso.qld.gov.au.

All data in this report are based on place of usual residence and were sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Census of Population and Housing, 2016 (www.abs.gov.au).

Data for 'Migratory - Offshore - Shipping' and 'No usual address (Qld)' SA4s are not detailed specifically, but are included in the Queensland totals. As such, the sum of SA4s may not be equivalent to the Queensland total.

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