



Queensland Regional Profiles

Resident Profile - people who live in the region

Charters Towers (R) Local Government Area (LGA)

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Region overview

The resident profiles provide details on a range of topics for people who live in the region. For some topics, more detailed data are available through the [Queensland Regional Database](#) (also known as QRSIS), developed and maintained by the Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury.

Charters Towers (R) Local Government Area (LGA) has a total land area of 68,571.2 km², with an average daily temperature range of 16.6°C to 29.4°C and an average annual rainfall of 632 mm.

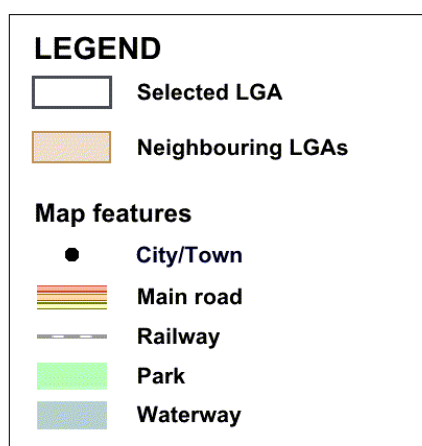
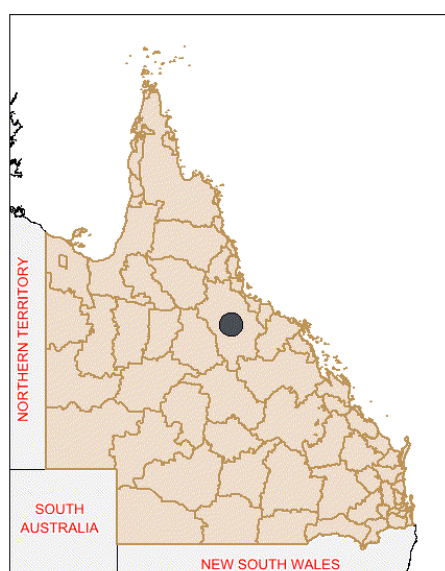
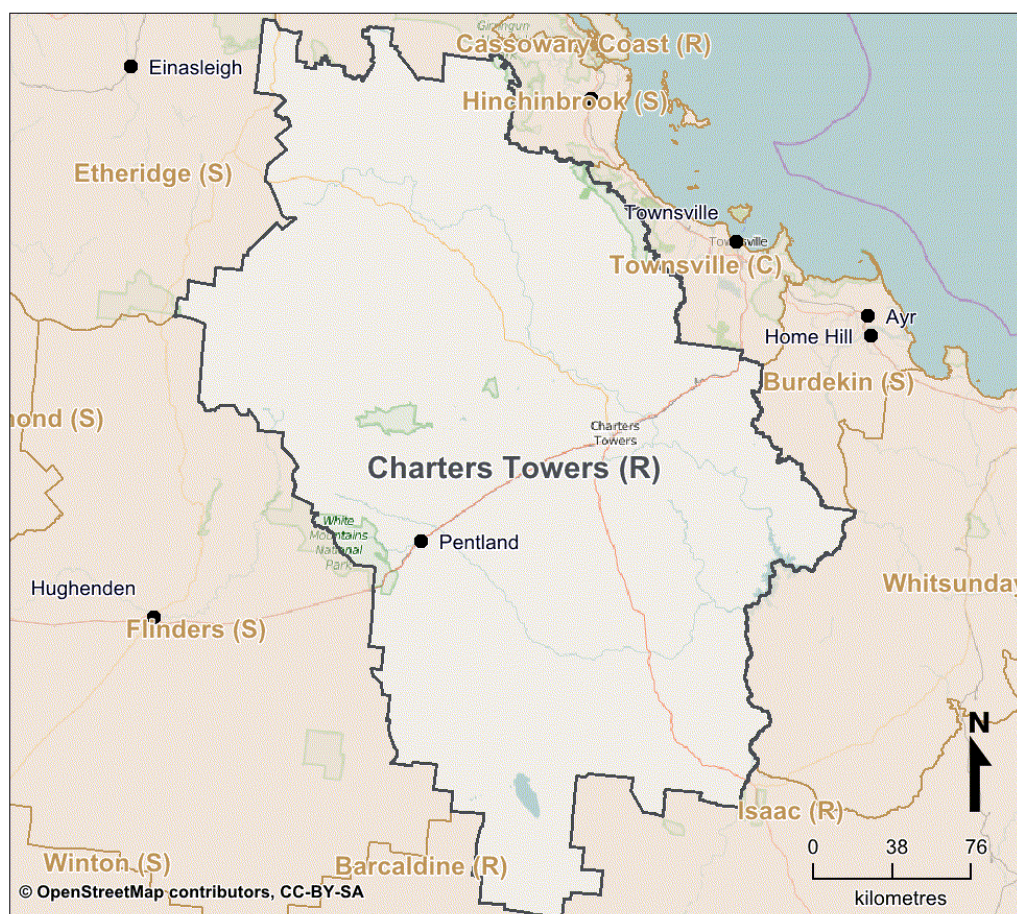
Data for Charters Towers (R) LGA are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries.

Queensland has a total land area of 1,734,238.8 km², with an average daily temperature range of 16.4°C to 30.0°C and an average annual rainfall of 637 mm.

Data for Queensland are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016.

This profile should be read in conjunction with the abbreviations and explanatory notes provided at the rear of the profile.

Figure 1 Map of Charters Towers (R) Local Government Area (LGA)



Demography

Estimated resident population

The estimated resident population (ERP) figure is the official population estimate. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data in this profile topic are updated annually with an approximate delay of 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in August 2017 and will incorporate preliminary rebased estimated resident population consistent with the Queensland level.

As at 30 June 2016, the estimated resident population for Charters Towers (R) LGA was

12,332 persons

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- ERP of 12,332 persons as at 30 June 2016
- Average annual growth rate of -0.2% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 0.5% over ten years

Queensland

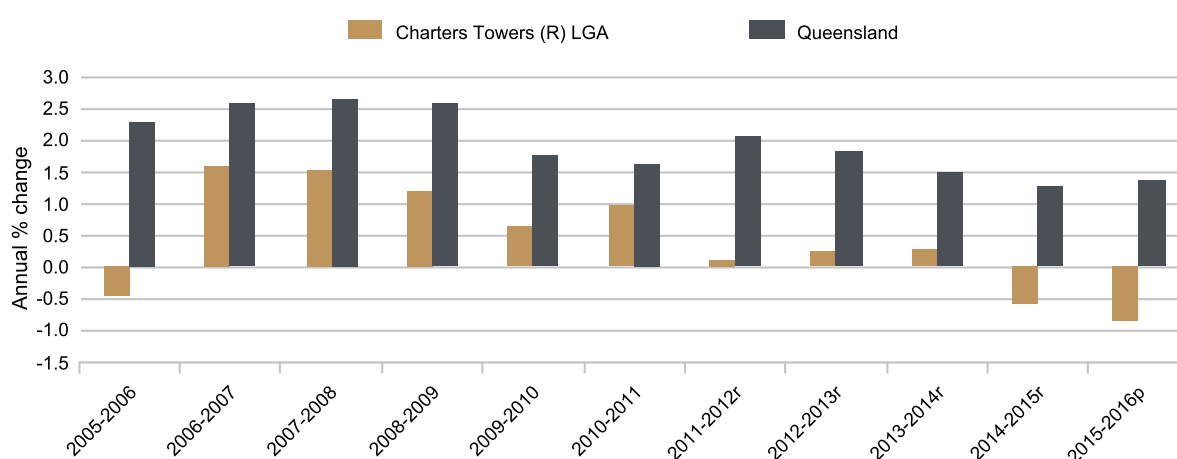
- ERP of 4,843,303 persons as at 30 June 2016
- Average annual growth rate of 1.6% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.9% over ten years

Table 1 Estimated resident population, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland

LGA / State	As at 30 June			Average annual growth rate	
	2006	2011	2016p	2006–2016p	2011–2016p
	— number —			— % —	
Charters Towers (R)	11,729	12,434	12,332	0.5	-0.2
Queensland	4,007,992	4,476,778	4,843,303	1.9	1.6

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

Figure 2 Estimated resident population growth, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



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

Population by age and sex

The estimated resident population (ERP) figure is the official population estimate. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data in this profile topic are updated annually with an approximate delay of 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2017.

As at 30 June 2015, the proportion of the estimated resident population aged 65 years and over for Charters Towers (R) LGA was

17.7%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 22.4% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2015
- 59.9% aged 15–64 years
- 17.7% aged 65+ years

Queensland

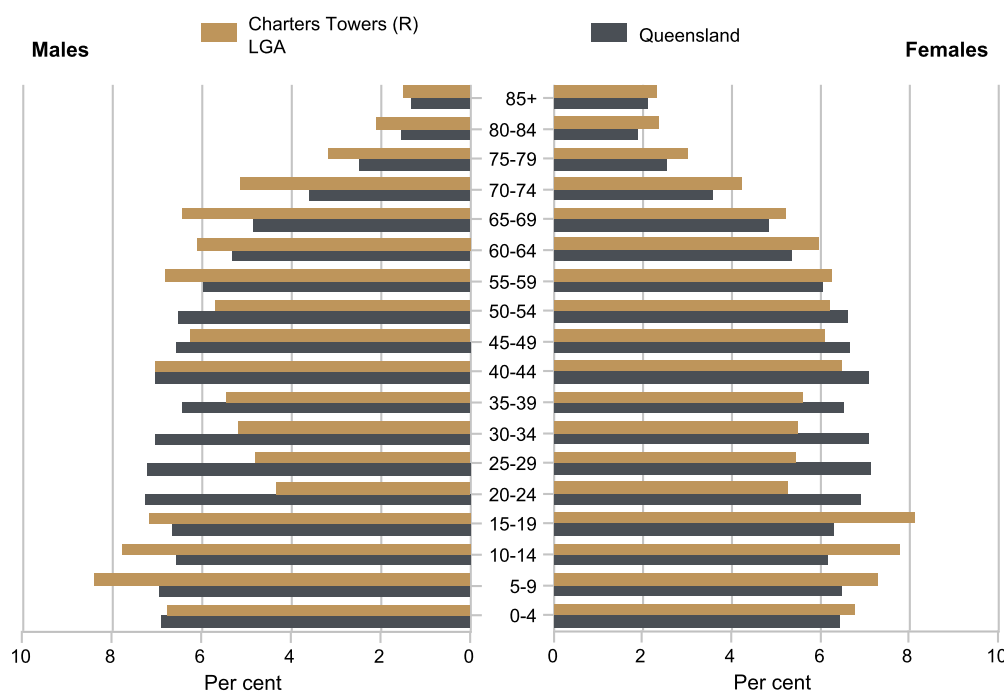
- 19.8% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2015
- 65.9% aged 15–64 years
- 14.4% aged 65+ years

Table 2 Estimated resident population by age, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2015p

LGA / State	Age group									
	0–14		15–24		25–44		45–64		65+	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Charters Towers (R)	2,782	22.4	1,547	12.4	2,829	22.8	3,072	24.7	2,203	17.7
Queensland	943,992	19.8	647,983	13.6	1,327,470	27.8	1,173,195	24.5	686,214	14.4

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

Figure 4 Estimated resident population by age and sex, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2015p



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

Median age

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age estimates have been calculated by the ABS and Queensland Treasury using single year of age estimated resident population data. Data in this profile topic are updated annually with an approximate delay of 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2017.

As at 30 June 2015, the median age for Charters Towers (R) LGA was

39.3 years

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- Median age of 39.3 years as at 30 June 2015
- Increase of 3.9 years from median age of 35.4 years as at 30 June 2005

Queensland

- Median age of 36.9 years as at 30 June 2015
- Increase of 1.0 years from median age of 35.9 years as at 30 June 2005

Table 3 Median age, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland

LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2005	2010	2015p	2005–2015p
	— years —			years
Charters Towers (R)	35.4	37.9	39.3	3.9
Queensland	35.9	36.4	36.9	1.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS 3235.0, *Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia* unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates

Population projections

The 2015 edition of the Queensland Government population projections are generated by applying assumptions regarding future trends in the components of population change (fertility, mortality and migration) and the latest planning and development intelligence available. Data presented in this profile topic are based on the medium series and are updated twice every five years. The next planned update is in January 2018.

From 2011 to 2036, the population for Charters Towers (R) LGA is projected to increase from

**12,434 persons to
13,198 persons**

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- Population projected to be 13,198 persons as at 30 June 2036
- Increase of 0.2% per year over 25 years

Queensland

- Population projected to be 6,763,153 persons as at 30 June 2036
- Increase of 1.7% per year over 25 years

Table 4 Projected population, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland

LGA / State	As at 30 June						Average annual growth rate
	2011 ^(a)	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2011–2036
	— number —						%
Charters Towers (R)	12,434	12,551	12,711	12,857	13,031	13,198	0.2
Queensland	4,476,778	4,853,048	5,250,292	5,730,062	6,240,546	6,763,153	1.7

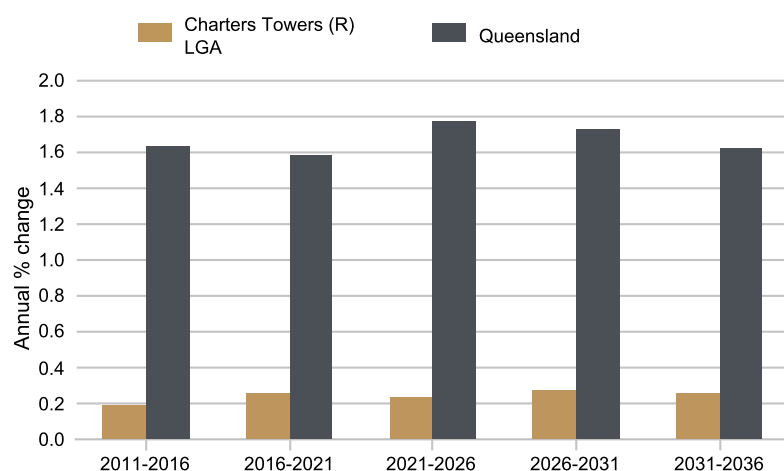
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(a) 2011 data are estimated resident population (ERP).

For more detailed data on the Queensland Government population projections, please refer to the Queensland Government Statistician's Office website at <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/subjects/demography/population-projections/index.php>

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

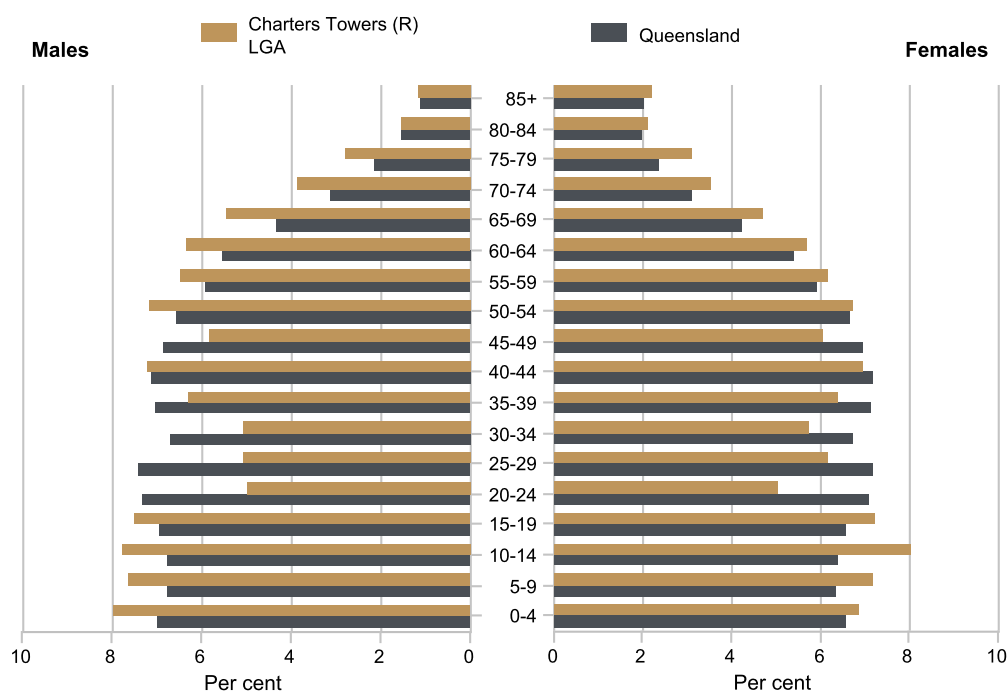
Figure 5 Projected population change, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



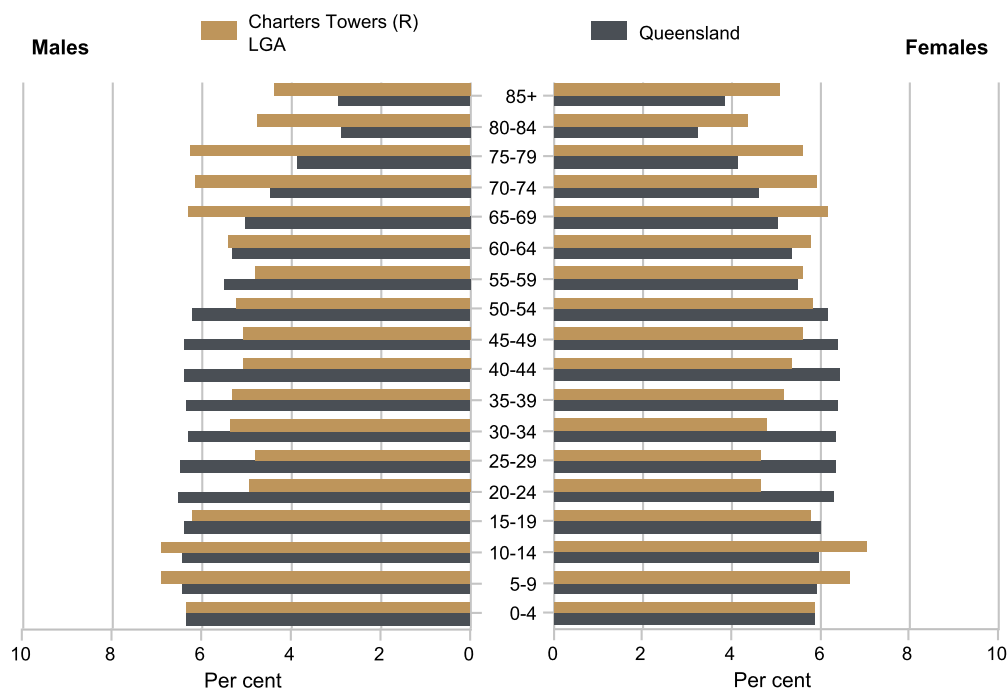
Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2015 edition (medium series)

Figure 6 Projected population by age and sex, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2036

30 June 2011



30 June 2036



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

Median age projections

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age projections have been calculated by Queensland Treasury using the Queensland Government population projections, 2015 edition. Data presented in this topic are based on the medium series. Data in this profile topic are updated twice every five years. The next planned update is in January 2018.

As at 30 June 2036, the median age projection for Charters Towers (R) LGA is

44.2 years

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- Median age projection of 44.2 years as at 30 June 2036
- Increase of 5.0 years from a median age projection of 39.2 years as at 30 June 2016

Queensland

- Median age projection of 39.9 years as at 30 June 2036
- Increase of 2.6 years from a median age projection of 37.3 years as at 30 June 2016

Table 5 Median age projections, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland

LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2016	2026	2036	2016–2036
	— years —			years
Charters Towers (R)	39.2	41.7	44.2	5.0
Queensland	37.3	38.7	39.9	2.6

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

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

This topic is based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status where each person is asked to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Charters Towers (R) LGA was

8.7%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 1,033 persons (or 8.7%) were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

Queensland

- 186,482 persons (or 4.0%) were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

Table 6 Indigenous status, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Indigenous persons				Non-Indigenous persons		Total persons ^(b)
	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both ^(a)	Total			
	— number —			number	%	number	%
Charters Towers (R)	912	43	73	1,033	8.7	9,699	81.7
Queensland	148,943	21,053	16,493	186,482	4.0	4,211,020	89.5

(a) Applicable to persons who are of 'both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin'.

(b) Includes Indigenous status not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I02*

Births and deaths

Birth and death statistics are an estimate of the number of births and deaths that have been registered in Australia's state and territory Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages over a calendar year. These estimates are useful for two distinct purposes – use as a component of population growth and for analysis of fertility and mortality. Data in this profile topic are updated annually with an approximate delay of 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in November 2017.

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 147 registered births in 2015
- 98 registered deaths

Queensland

- 61,745 registered births in 2015
- 29,782 registered deaths

The number of registered births in 2015 to mothers with a usual residence in Charters Towers (R) LGA was

147 births

Table 7 Registered births and deaths, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2015

LGA / State	Births		Deaths		Natural increase
	number	rate ^(a)	number	rate ^(a)	number
Charters Towers (R)	147	11.8	98	7.9	49
Queensland ^(b)	61,745	12.9	29,782	6.2	31,963

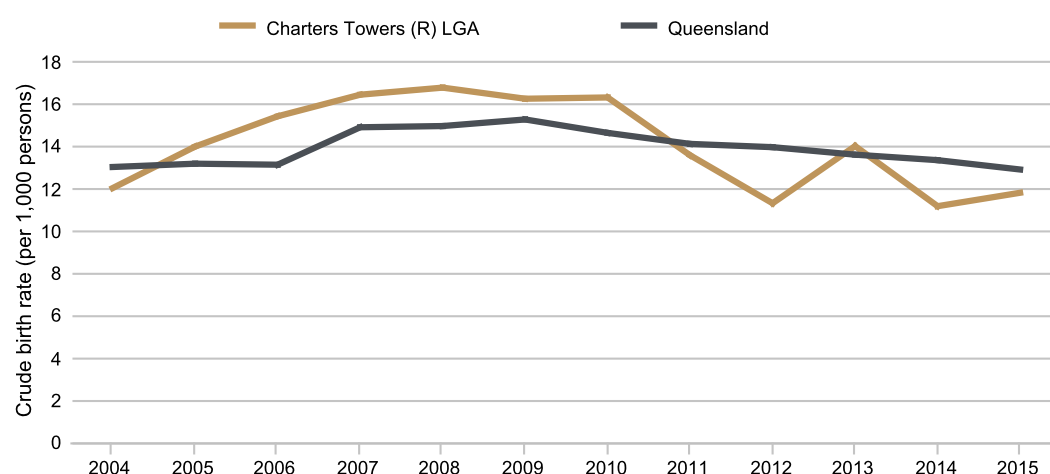
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Crude rate per 1,000 persons.

(b) Queensland totals include births and deaths where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

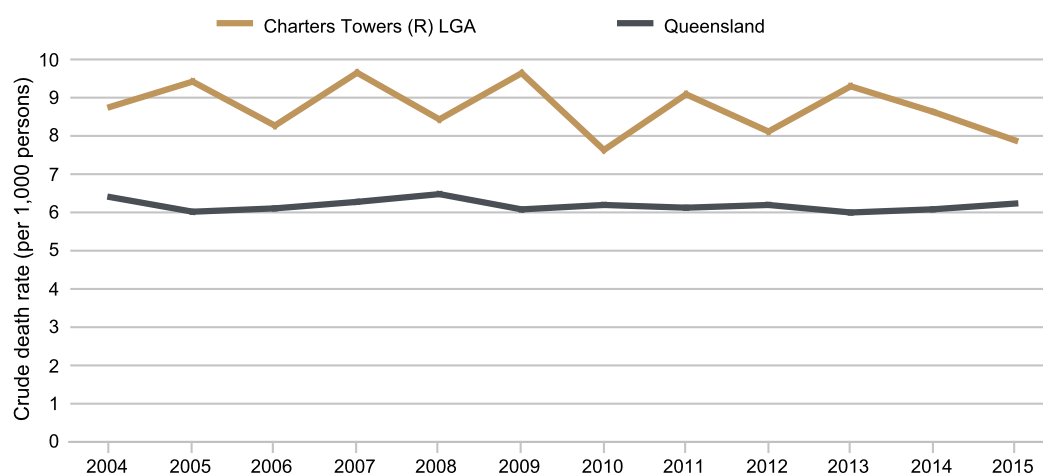
Source: ABS 3301.0, *Births, Australia, 2015*; ABS 3302.0, *Deaths, Australia, 2015*

Figure 7 Crude birth rate, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland^(a)



(a) Queensland totals include births where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

Source: ABS 3301.0, *Births, Australia, 2015*; ABS 3302.0, *Deaths, Australia, 2015*

Figure 8 Crude death rate, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland^(a)

(a) Queensland totals include deaths where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

Source: ABS 3301.0, *Births, Australia, 2015*; ABS 3302.0, *Deaths, Australia, 2015*

Migration 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2011 (9 August 2011) with their usual address one year earlier (i.e. 9 August 2010). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Charters Towers (R) LGA with a different address one year ago was

15.7%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 9,390 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 1,884 persons (or 15.7%) usually resided in a different address one year ago

Queensland

- 3,278,187 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 764,695 persons (or 17.9%) usually resided in a different address one year ago

Table 8 Place of usual residence one year ago^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2011

LGA / State	Same address	Different address				Proportion with different address	Total persons ^(c)
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total ^(b)		
	number	— number —				%	number
Charters Towers (R)	9,390	1,691	131	37	1,884	15.7	12,012
Queensland	3,278,187	616,283	75,239	63,184	764,695	17.9	4,275,277

(a) Based on persons aged one year and over.

(b) Includes persons who stated that they were usually resident at a different address 1 year ago but did not state that address.

(c) Includes persons who did not state whether they were usually resident at a different address 1 year ago.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Basic Community Profile - B38 (usual residence)

Migration 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2011 (9 August 2011) with their usual address five years earlier (i.e. 9 August 2006). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Charters Towers (R) LGA with a different address five years ago was

41.2%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 5,757 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 4,645 persons (or 41.2%) usually resided in a different address five years ago

Queensland

- 1,958,914 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 1,815,132 persons (or 45.0%) usually resided in a different address five years ago

Table 9 Place of usual residence five years ago^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2011

LGA / State	Same address	Different address				Proportion with different address	Total persons ^(c)
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total ^(b)		
	number	— number —				%	number
Charters Towers (R)	5,757	4,124	310	150	4,645	41.2	11,265
Queensland	1,958,914	1,331,610	218,734	238,588	1,815,132	45.0	4,034,846

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

(b) Includes persons who stated that they were usually resident at a different address 5 years ago but did not state that address.

(c) Includes persons who did not state whether they were usually resident at a different address 5 years ago.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Basic Community Profile - B39 (usual residence)

Country of birth

Country of birth has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question '*In which country was the person born?*'. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five English speaking backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds for Charters Towers (R) LGA were:

English Speaking	Non-English Speaking
1. New Zealand (1.4%)	1. Philippines (0.5%)
2. England (1.3%)	2. Papua New Guinea (0.3%)
3. Scotland (0.2%)	3. Germany (0.2%)
4. United States of America (0.2%)	4. Vietnam (0.1%)
5. Canada (0.1%)	5. Malaysia (0.1%)

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 664 persons (or 5.6%) were born overseas

Queensland

- 1,015,875 persons (or 21.6%) were born overseas

Table 10 Country of birth, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Born in Australia ^(a)		Born overseas						Total persons ^(d)
			Born in ESB countries ^(b)		Born in NESB countries ^(c)		Total ^(c)		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	9,897	83.3	388	3.3	258	2.2	664	5.6	11,876
Queensland	3,343,819	71.1	493,066	10.5	522,810	11.1	1,015,875	21.6	4,703,193

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Australia, (includes External Territories), nfd', 'Norfolk Island' and 'Australian External Territories, nec' responses.

(b) Includes the UK, Ireland, Canada, USA, South Africa and New Zealand.

(c) Includes countries not identified individually, 'Inadequately described' and 'At sea' responses.

(d) Includes not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G01 and G09*

Proficiency in spoken English

Proficiency in spoken English has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question '*How well does the person speak English?*', if the person speaks a language other than English at home. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five non-English languages spoken at home for the total population of Charters Towers (R) LGA were:

Language spoken

1. Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages (0.4%)
2. Australian Indigenous Languages (0.3%)
3. Indo Aryan Languages (0.2%)
4. German (0.1%)
5. Vietnamese (0.1%)

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 304 persons (or 2.6%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home

Queensland

- 564,196 persons (or 12.0%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home

Table 11 Proficiency in spoken English of persons, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Speaks English only		Speaks other language at home and speaks English						Persons ^(a)
			Very well or well		Not well or not at all		Total		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	10,420	87.7	287	2.4	15	0.1	304	2.6	11,876
Queensland	3,820,632	81.2	480,525	10.2	83,675	1.8	564,196	12.0	4,703,193

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes the categories 'Proficiency in English not stated' and 'Language and proficiency in English not stated'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G13*

Religious affiliation

Religious affiliation has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question asking 'What is the person's religion?' This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five religious affiliations for Charters Towers (R) LGA were:

Religious affiliation

1. Catholic (24.2%)
2. No Religion (22.9%)
3. Anglican (19.0%)
4. Uniting Church (11.1%)
5. Presbyterian and Reformed (3.1%)

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 7,602 persons (or 64.0%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion

Queensland

- 2,635,342 persons (or 56.0%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion

Table 12 Religious affiliation, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Religious affiliation						Total ^(c)
	Christianity		Other ^(a)		No religion ^(b)		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
Charters Towers (R)	7,602	64.0	124	1.0	2,725	22.9	11,876
Queensland	2,635,342	56.0	201,514	4.3	1,374,427	29.2	4,703,193

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Buddhism', 'Hinduism', 'Islam', 'Judaism' and 'Other Religions'.

(b) In 2016 the order of the response categories changed on the Census form, 'No religion' moved to the first response. This may result in higher responses reported for the 'No religion' category.

(c) Comprises 'Not stated' and 'Inadequately described'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G14*

Family composition

In the context of the 2016 Census of Population and Housing, families are classified in terms of the relationships that exist between a single family reference person and each other member of that family. The family composition variable distinguishes between different types of families based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-child relationships, child dependency relationships or other familial relationships, in that order of preference. This is based on families by place of usual residence.

The percentage of total families in Charters Towers (R) LGA which were couple families with children was

38.3%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 2,867 families
- 38.3% of total families were couple families with children

Queensland

- 1,221,148 families
- 42.5% of total families were couple families with children

Table 13 Family composition^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Couple family with no children		Couple family with children		One-parent family		Total ^(b)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
Charters Towers (R)	1,206	42.1	1,099	38.3	519	18.1	2,867
Queensland	481,451	39.4	518,494	42.5	201,308	16.5	1,221,148

(a) Includes same-sex couple families.

(b) Includes other families.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G25*

Household composition

In the context of the 2016 Census of Population and Housing, a household is defined as one or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling. Household composition describes the type of household within a dwelling, whether a family is present or not and whether or not other unrelated household members are present. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of one family households in Charters Towers (R) LGA was

66.9%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 4,160 households
- 66.9% of total households were one family households

Queensland

- 1,656,831 households
- 70.0% of total households were one family households

Table 14 Household composition, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	One family households		Multiple family households		Group households		Lone person households		Total households ^(a)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
Charters Towers (R)	2,781	66.9	47	1.1	124	3.0	1,209	29.1	4,160
Queensland	1,159,697	70.0	30,156	1.8	77,899	4.7	389,078	23.5	1,656,831

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, unpublished data (occupied private dwellings)*

Dwellings by dwelling structure

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night. The dwelling structure variable classifies the structure of private dwellings enumerated in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. This information is determined by the Census collector and is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Charters Towers (R) LGA which were separate houses was

92.3%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 3,835 occupied private dwellings (or 92.3%) were separate houses

Queensland

- 1,269,653 occupied private dwellings (or 76.6%) were separate houses

Table 15 Occupied private dwellings^(a) by dwelling structure, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Separate house		Semi-detached ^(b)		Apartment ^(c)		Caravan ^(d)		Other ^(e)		Total ^(f)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	3,835	92.3	64	1.5	144	3.5	64	1.5	22	0.5	4,157
Queensland	1,269,653	76.6	174,984	10.6	186,778	11.3	13,226	0.8	3,583	0.2	1,656,831

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Includes row or terrace house, townhouse etc.

(c) Includes flat or units.

(d) Includes cabin and houseboat.

(e) Includes improvised home, tent, sleepers out; house or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.

(f) Includes dwelling structures not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G32*

Dwellings by tenure type

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night. The tenure type variable describes whether a household rents or owns the dwelling in which they were enumerated on Census Night 2016, or whether the household occupies it under another arrangement. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Charters Towers (R) LGA which were fully owned was

36.6%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 1,522 occupied private dwellings (or 36.6%) were fully owned

Queensland

- 471,407 occupied private dwellings (or 28.5%) were fully owned

Table 16 Occupied private dwellings^(a) by tenure type, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Fully owned		Being purchased ^(b)		Rented ^(c)		Other ^(d)		Total ^(e)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	1,522	36.6	1,181	28.4	1,238	29.8	52	1.3	4,157
Queensland	471,407	28.5	558,439	33.7	566,478	34.2	15,566	0.9	1,656,831

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme.

(c) Includes renting from a real estate agent, state housing authority, person not in the same household, housing co-op/community/church, other and not stated.

(d) Includes dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme.

(e) Includes tenure type not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G33*

Number of motor vehicles per dwelling

The number of motor vehicles variable records the number of registered motor vehicles, which are owned or used by members of a household, and which are garaged or parked near the occupied private dwelling on Census Night 2016. This is based on occupied private dwellings by place of enumeration.

The percentage of dwellings in Charters Towers (R) LGA with 3 or more motor vehicles was

20.6%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 6.5% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 20.6% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles

Queensland

- 6.0% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 19.0% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles

Table 17 Number of motor vehicles per occupied private dwelling ^{(a)(b)}, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	No motor vehicles		1 motor vehicle		2 motor vehicles		3 or more motor vehicles		Total dwellings ^(c)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	271	6.5	1,442	34.7	1,390	33.4	857	20.6	4,157
Queensland	99,133	6.0	566,233	34.2	620,096	37.4	315,108	19.0	1,656,831

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Excludes motorbikes/scooters.

(c) Includes number of motor vehicles not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G30*

Internet access

Internet access has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question '*Does any member of this household access the internet from this dwelling?*'. This is based on occupied private dwellings by place of enumeration.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Charters Towers (R) LGA with a member of the household accessing the internet was

70.3%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 2,921 occupied private dwellings (or 70.3%) had Internet access

Queensland

- 1,387,499 occupied private dwellings (or 83.7%) had Internet access

Table 18 Internet access^(a) in occupied private dwellings^(b), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Internet accessed from dwelling		Internet not accessed from dwelling		Total dwellings ^(c)
	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	2,921	70.3	1,086	26.1	4,157
Queensland	1,387,499	83.7	224,855	13.6	1,656,831

(a) Records whether any member of the household accesses the internet from the dwelling. This includes accessing the internet through a desktop/laptop computer, mobile or smart phone, tablet, music or video player, gaming console, smart TV or any other devices. It also includes accessing through any type of connection for example ADSL, fibre, cable, wireless, satellite and mobile broadband (3G/4G).

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

(c) Includes internet access not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G37*

Society

Highest level of schooling

Highest year of school completed has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question '*What is the highest year of primary or secondary school the person has completed?*'. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over who are no longer attending primary or secondary school, by place of usual residence.

The percentage of total persons in Charters Towers (R) LGA with highest level of schooling as year 11 or 12 was

41.8%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 3,682 persons (or 41.8%) with highest level of schooling of year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)

Queensland

- 2,146,809 persons (or 58.9%) with highest level of schooling of year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)

Table 19 Highest level of schooling completed, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Did not go to school, or Year 8 or below		Year 9 or 10 or equivalent		Year 11 or 12 or equivalent		Total ^(a)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	911	10.3	3,049	34.6	3,682	41.8	8,813
Queensland	196,488	5.4	964,903	26.5	2,146,809	58.9	3,643,834

(a) Includes highest year of schooling not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G16*

Persons with a profound or severe disability

Persons with a profound or severe disability has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing variable 'Core activity need for assistance'. Persons with a profound or severe disability are defined as needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication because of a long term health condition (six months or more), a disability (lasting six months or more), or old age. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Charters Towers (R) LGA in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability was

6.4%

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 763 persons (or 6.4%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

Queensland

- 243,267 persons (or 5.2%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

Table 20 Need for assistance with a profound or severe disability, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Need for assistance		No need for assistance		Total ^(a)
	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	763	6.4	9,850	82.9	11,876
Queensland	243,267	5.2	4,103,669	87.3	4,703,193

(a) Includes need of assistance not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G18*

Voluntary work

Voluntary work undertaken for an organisation or group has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question '*In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing voluntary work through an organisation or group?*' The variable is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 2,057 persons (or 22.1%) undertook voluntary work

Queensland

- 714,138 persons (or 18.8%) undertook voluntary work

The percentage of persons in Charters Towers (R) LGA who undertook voluntary work was

22.1%

Table 21 Voluntary work, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Volunteer		Not a volunteer		Total ^(a)
	number	%	number	%	number
Charters Towers (R)	2,057	22.1	6,078	65.2	9,327
Queensland	714,138	18.8	2,748,839	72.5	3,790,497

(a) Includes voluntary work not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G19*

Aged care services

Information on aged care services are provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. Information are based on the location of the service, rather than the region in which the service is delivered. In some instances, aged care services may have provided the address information of their approved provider in place of the address information of the individual aged care service. Users should be aware of this limitation when using these data. Aged care services are subsidised by the Australian Government under the Aged Care Act 1997. Data in this profile topic are updated annually with an approximate delay of 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in November 2017.

The number of aged care service operational places in Charters Towers (R) LGA as at 30 June 2016 was

167 places

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 4 aged care services as at 30 June 2016
- 167 aged care service operational places

Queensland

- 954 aged care services as at 30 June 2016
- 51,145 aged care service operational places

Table 22 Aged care services, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2016

LGA / State	Aged care services	Number of operational places by care type				Australian funding ^(a)
		Community care	Residential aged care	Transition care	Total places	
	number	— number —				\$m
Charters Towers (R)	4	16	151	0	167	8.6
Queensland	954	14,488	35,924	733	51,145	2,369.5

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Australian government recurrent funding for the aged-care services in the 12 months ending 30 June. Please note the value of Australian Government funding has been suppressed for a small number of services and not included in Australian funding totals. Users should be aware of this limitation when using these data.

Source: Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

Economy

Selected medians and averages

These selected medians and averages have been derived by using data based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing and may not reflect medians that have been derived by administrative data and published in other profile topics. Where applicable, these estimates are based on place of usual residence.

The median total personal income for Charters Towers (R) LGA was

\$522 per week

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- Median mortgage repayment of \$1,300 per month
- Average household size of 2.4 persons per dwelling

Queensland

- Median mortgage repayment of \$1,733 per month
- Average household size of 2.6 persons per dwelling

Table 23 Selected medians and averages, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Median / Average					
	Median mortgage repayment	Median total family income	Median total household income	Median total personal income	Average household size	Average number of persons per bedroom
	\$/month	\$/week	\$/week	\$/week	persons	number
Charters Towers (R)	1,300	1,323	1,047	522	2.4	0.8
Queensland	1,733	1,661	1,402	660	2.6	0.8

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G02*

Median rent

Median rent estimates have been derived by Queensland Treasury using rental bond lodgements sourced by the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA). Medians are only calculated where there are 10 or more lodgements over the 12 month period. Data in this profile topic are updated quarterly with an approximate delay of 3 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in October 2017.

The median rent in Charters Towers (R) LGA for a 3 bedroom house in the 12 months ending 30 June 2017 was

\$240 per week

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- Median rent of \$200 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 30 June 2017
- Median rent of \$240 per week for a 3 bedroom house

Queensland

- Median rent of \$350 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 30 June 2017
- Median rent of \$350 per week for a 3 bedroom house

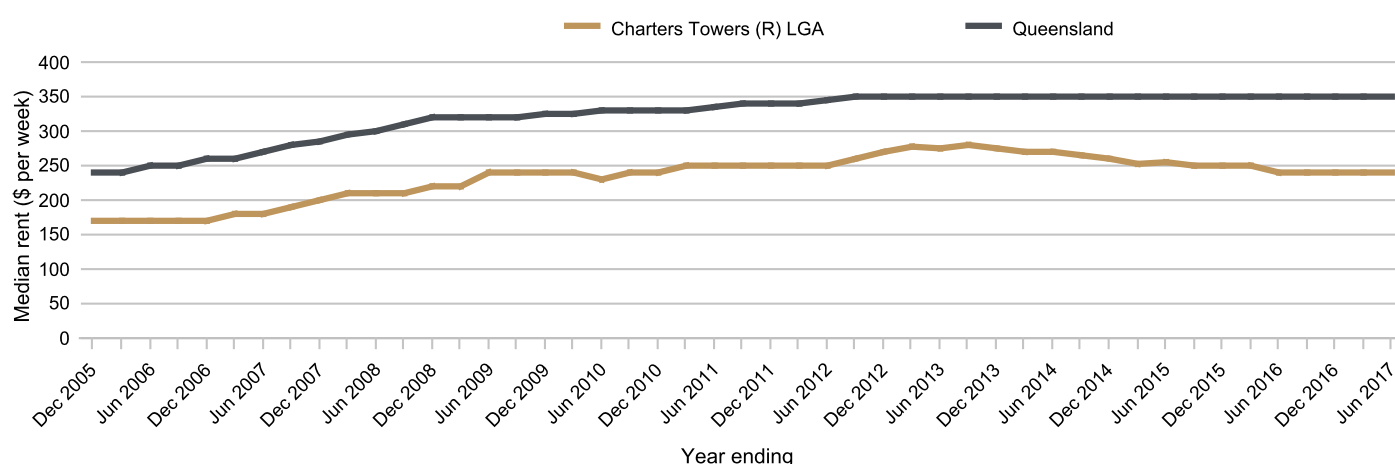
Table 24 Lodgements and median rent by dwelling type, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 June 2017

LGA / State	Lodgements				Median rent			
	1 bedroom flat/unit	2 bedroom flat/unit	3 bedroom house	4 bedroom house	1 bedroom flat/unit	2 bedroom flat/unit	3 bedroom house	4 bedroom house
	— number —				— \$ per week —			
Charters Towers (R)	6	49	160	88	n.a.	200	240	300
Queensland	26,122	56,361	52,487	52,231	300	350	350	415

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Residential Tenancies Authority, Rental Bonds data (Queensland Government Statistician's Office derived)

Figure 9 Median rent of three bedroom house, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Residential Tenancies Authority, Rental Bonds data (Queensland Government Statistician's Office derived)

Total personal income

Total personal income has been derived from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing question '*What is the total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances and other income a person usually receives?*'. Median total personal income estimates have been calculated by the ABS. The variable is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The median total personal income in Charters Towers (R) LGA was

\$27,144 per year

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- Median total personal income of \$27,144 per year

Queensland

- Median total personal income of \$34,320 per year

Table 25 Total personal income, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Less than \$20,800 per year		\$20,800 to \$51,999 per year		\$52,000 to \$103,999 per year		\$104,000 or more per year		Total ^(a)	Median (\$/year)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	\$
Charters Towers (R)	2,957	31.7	3,049	32.7	1,616	17.3	493	5.3	9,327	27,144
Queensland	1,074,683	28.4	1,249,382	33.0	841,717	22.2	269,288	7.1	3,790,497	34,320

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes personal income not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G02 and G17

Total family income

Total family income is the sum of the total personal incomes of each family member present in the household on 2016 Census Night. Family income only applies to classifiable families in occupied private dwellings. Low-income families have been defined as families in occupied private dwellings whose family income was less than \$650 per week or less than \$33,800 per year. Median total family income estimates have been calculated by the ABS.

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 357 low-income families (12.5%)
- Median total family income of \$68,796 per year

Queensland

- 115,233 low-income families (9.4%)
- Median total family income of \$86,372 per year

The median total family income in Charters Towers (R) LGA was

\$68,796 per year

Table 26 Total family income^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2016

LGA / State	Less than \$33,800 per year		\$33,800 to \$77,999 per year		\$78,000 to \$155,999 per year		\$156,000 or more per year		Total ^(b)	Median (\$/year)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	\$
Charters Towers (R)	357	12.5	980	34.2	768	26.8	255	8.9	2,867	68,796
Queensland	115,233	9.4	377,889	30.9	408,072	33.4	186,810	15.3	1,221,148	86,372

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes same-sex couple families. Excludes 'Lone person', 'Group', 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households. Excludes overseas visitors.

(b) Includes partially stated and not stated income responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile - G02 and G28

Unemployment and labour force

Estimates of unemployment and labour force are produced by the Australian Government Department of Employment. The estimates are calculated by utilising administrative data such as Centrelink Newstart and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients as well as ABS labour force estimates. Data in this profile topic are updated quarterly with an approximate delay of 3 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2017.

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 714 unemployed persons in March quarter 2017
- Unemployment rate of 14.1%

Queensland

- 156,627 unemployed persons in March quarter 2017
- Unemployment rate of 6.2%

The unemployment rate in Charters Towers (R) LGA at March quarter 2017 was

14.1%

Table 27 Unemployment and labour force^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, March quarter 2017

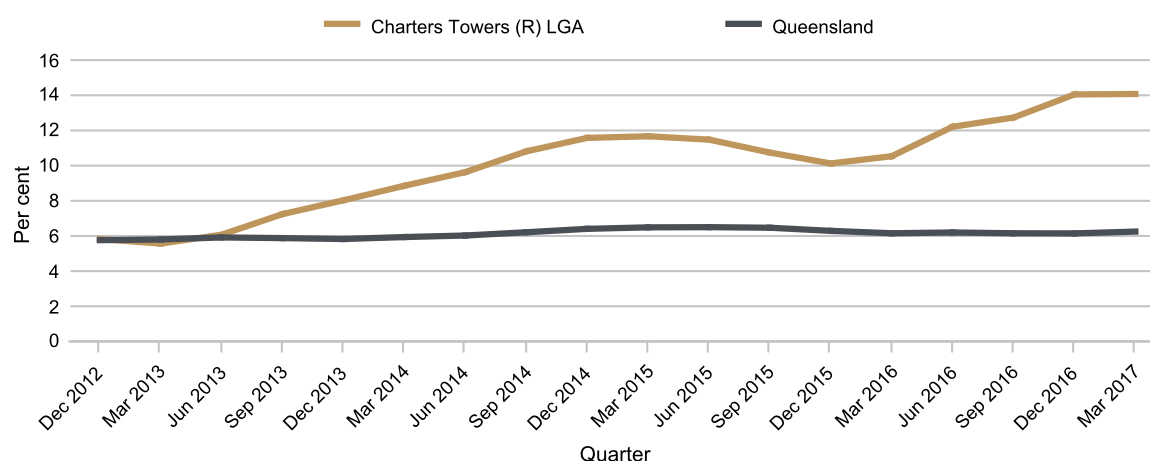
LGA / State	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Charters Towers (R)	714	5,073	14.1
Queensland	156,627	2,506,666	6.2

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

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

Figure 10 Unemployment rate^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



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

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

Employment by industry

Employment by industry has been derived from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. A person's industry of employment was classified based on responses to a range of questions from the Census and is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over who work. This is based on place of usual residence.

The top five industry subdivisions of employment for Charters Towers (R) LGA were:

1. Agriculture (10.6%)
2. Preschool and School Education (9.8%)
3. Metal Ore Mining (9.3%)
4. Public Administration (5.4%)
5. Other Store-Based Retailing (4.5%)

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 13.7% of employed persons worked in Mining industry
- 11.5% of employed persons worked in Education and training industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 5.26 in Mining industry

Queensland

- 11.9% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 10.7% of employed persons worked in Retail trade industry

Table 28 Employment by industry, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2011

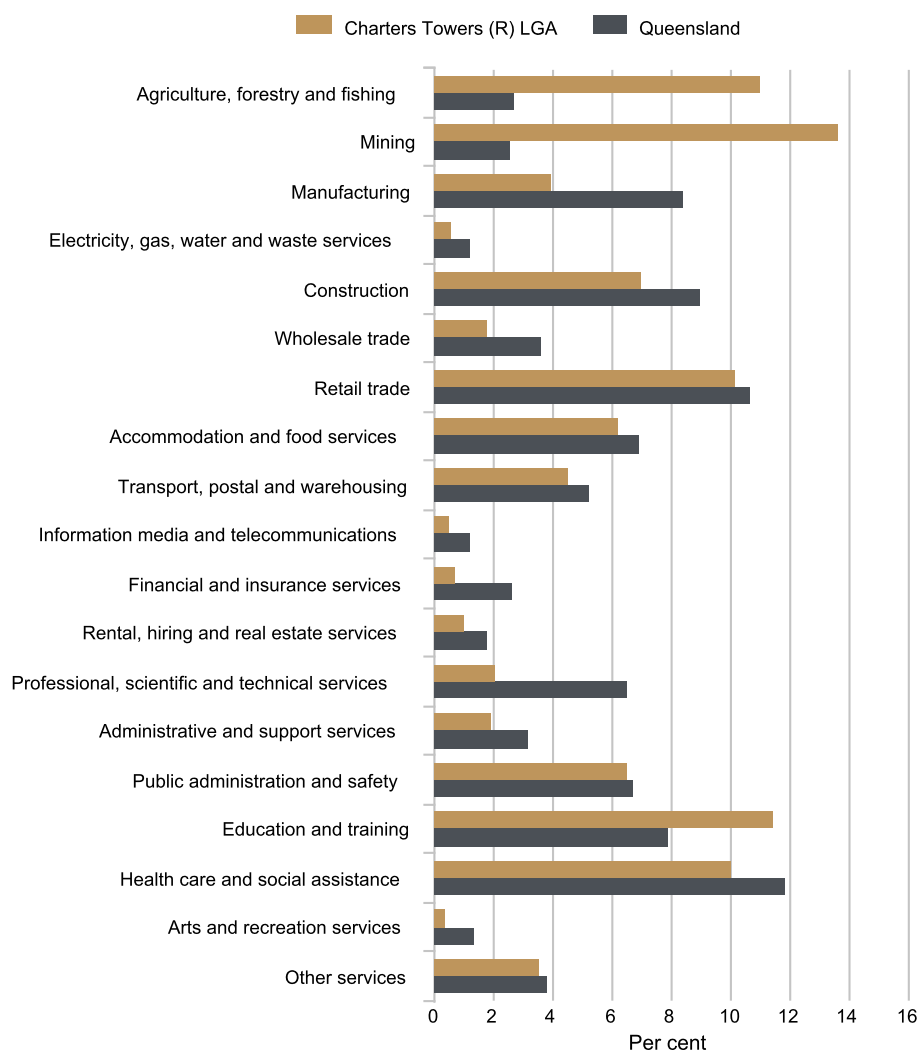
Industry	Charters Towers (R) LGA		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	568	11.1	55,416	2.7	4.07
Mining	702	13.7	52,955	2.6	5.26
Manufacturing	206	4.0	171,669	8.4	0.48
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	29	0.6	24,828	1.2	0.46
Construction	359	7.0	183,780	9.0	0.78
Wholesale trade	94	1.8	74,288	3.6	0.50
Retail trade	524	10.2	217,610	10.7	0.96
Accommodation and food services	322	6.3	141,855	7.0	0.90
Transport, postal and warehousing	234	4.6	107,072	5.3	0.87
Information media and telecommunications	27	0.5	25,358	1.2	0.42
Financial and insurance services	39	0.8	54,153	2.7	0.29
Rental, hiring and real estate services	51	1.0	37,007	1.8	0.55
Professional, scientific and technical services	105	2.0	132,754	6.5	0.31
Administrative and support services	98	1.9	65,015	3.2	0.60
Public administration and safety	336	6.5	136,818	6.7	0.97
Education and training	589	11.5	160,921	7.9	1.45
Health care and social assistance	514	10.0	242,559	11.9	0.84
Arts and recreation services	20	0.4	28,444	1.4	0.28
Other services	183	3.6	78,713	3.9	0.92
Total^(a)	5,139	100.0	2,039,275	100.0	1.00

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Basic Community Profile - B43 (usual residence)

Figure 11 Percentage of employment by industry^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Basic Community Profile - B43 (usual residence)

Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation has been derived from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. A person's occupation of employment was classified based on responses to a range of questions from the Census and is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over who work. This is based on place of usual residence.

The top five occupation sub-major groups of employment for Charters Towers (R) LGA were:

1. Machine and Stationary Plant Operators (7.3%)
2. Farmers and Farm Managers (7.2%)
3. Sales Assistants and Salespersons (5.8%)
4. Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (5.3%)
5. Education Professionals (5.3%)

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 16.2% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation
- 14.6% of employed persons worked in Managers occupation
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.98 in Machinery operators and drivers occupation

Queensland

- 18.9% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 14.9% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation

Table 29 Employment by occupation, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2011

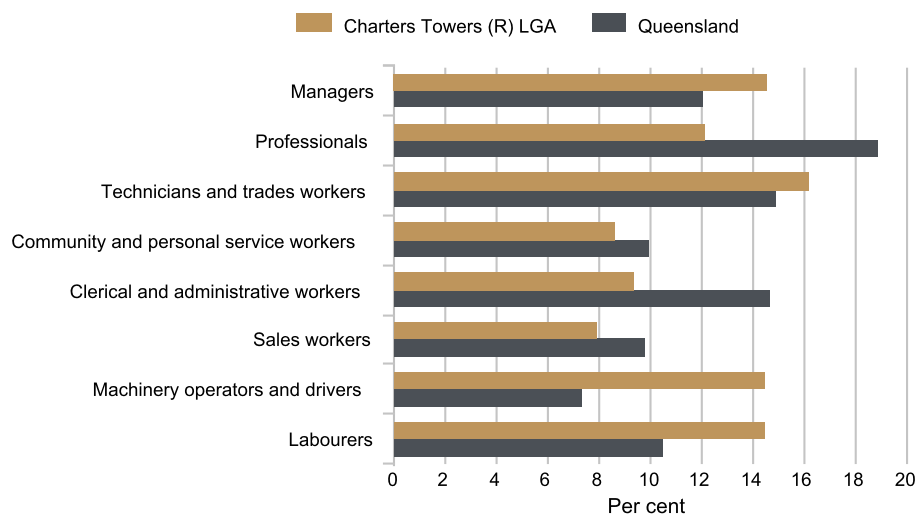
Occupation	Charters Towers (R) LGA		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Managers	749	14.6	245,605	12.0	1.21
Professionals	626	12.2	385,583	18.9	0.64
Technicians and trades workers	831	16.2	304,564	14.9	1.08
Community and personal service workers	443	8.6	202,979	10.0	0.87
Clerical and administrative workers	480	9.3	299,326	14.7	0.64
Sales workers	405	7.9	199,633	9.8	0.81
Machinery operators and drivers	746	14.5	149,322	7.3	1.98
Labourers	744	14.5	215,236	10.6	1.37
Total^(a)	5,138	100.0	2,039,278	100.0	1.00

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Basic Community Profile - B45 (usual residence)

Figure 12 Percentage of employment by occupation^(a), Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Basic Community Profile - B45 (usual residence)

Industry and development

Building approvals

Information on building approvals are compiled by the ABS, and are collected from sources such as local government authorities and other principal certifying authorities. The estimates for any month may be revised or corrected in later months. This can occur as a result of corrections made by a provider of data, the late provision of approval records and, occasionally, by approvals being identified after construction work has commenced. Data in this profile topic are updated monthly with an approximate delay of 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in August 2017.

The number of new houses approved in Charters Towers (R) LGA in the 12 months ending 31 May 2017 was

10 approvals

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- 10 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 May 2017
- \$4.6 million of building value in residential building approvals

Queensland

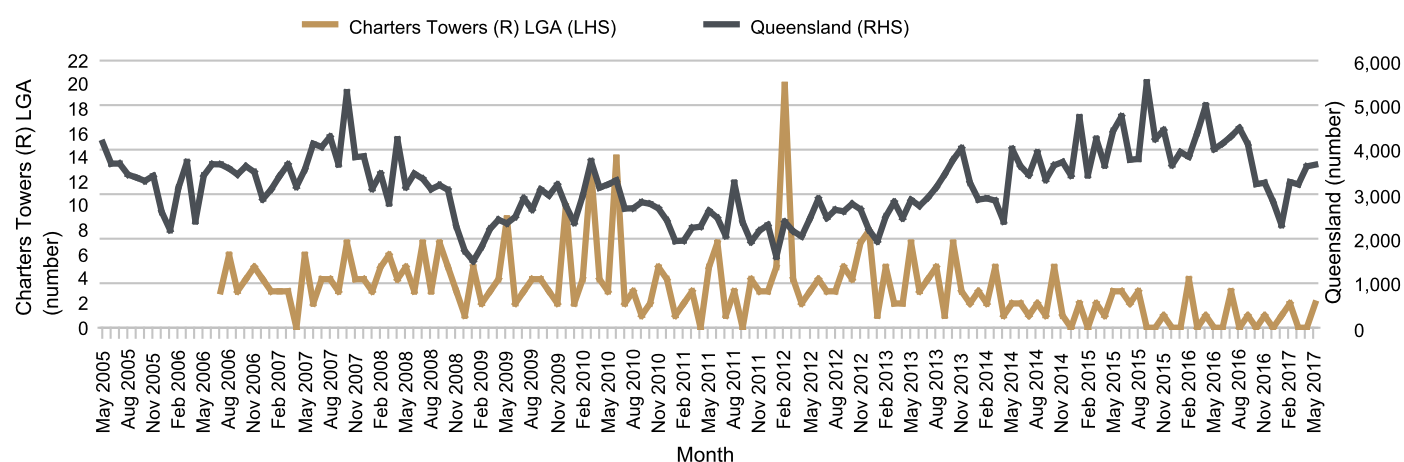
- 23,872 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 May 2017
- \$13,673.8 million of building value in residential building approvals

Table 30 Residential and non-residential building approvals, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 May 2017

LGA / State	Residential Building Approvals				Building Value				
	New Houses	New Other	Alterations, additions and conversions	Total	Residential		Non-residential		Total
	— number —				\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Charters Towers (R)	10	0	0	10	4,637	51.3	4,404	48.7	9,042
Queensland	23,872	18,410	166	42,448	13,673,842	62.8	8,116,833	37.2	21,790,675

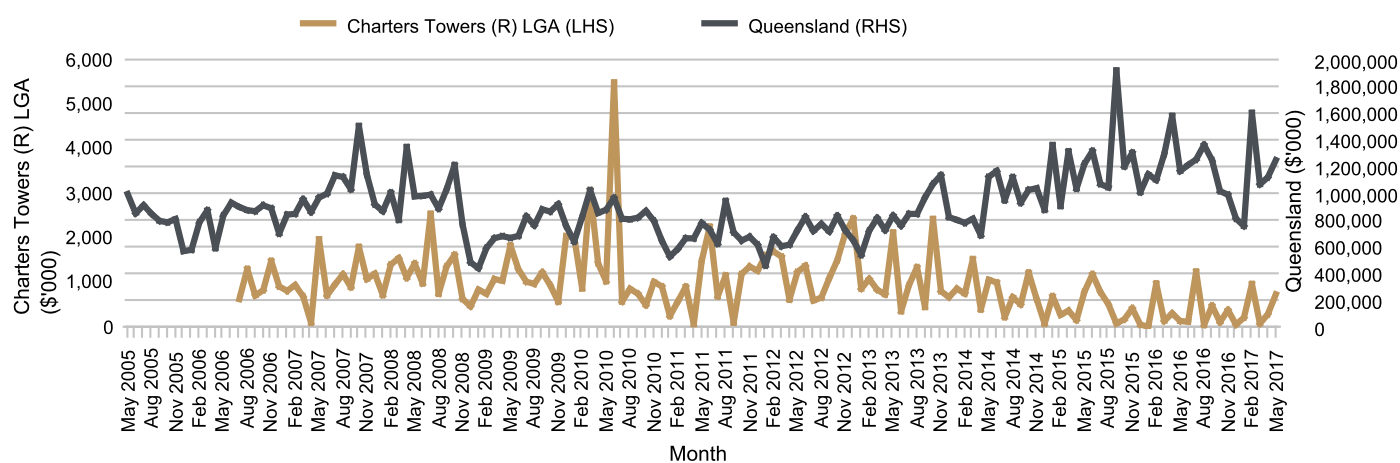
Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

Figure 13 Number of residential building approvals, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



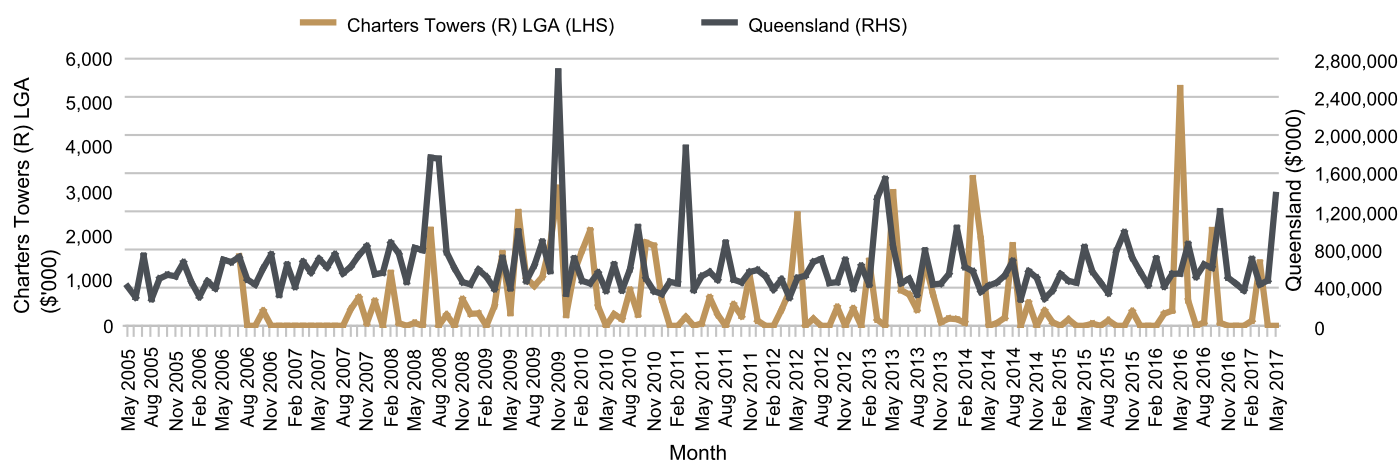
Source: ABS 8731.0, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

Figure 14 Value of residential building approvals, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



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

Figure 15 Value of non-residential building approvals, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland



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

Environment

Protected areas – parks, forests and reserves

Protected areas are derived from a spatial dataset sourced from the Queensland Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing. While a relatively small area of national park is below mean sea level, data presented in this table are based on areas located above mean sea level. Areas are based on a GIS calculated spherical area and not the official gazetted area. GIS calculations reference the latitude/longitude projection and are based on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA 94). Data in this profile topic are updated every two years. The next planned update is in June 2019.

Charters Towers (R) LGA

- Protected area of 1,566.3 km² as at 2017
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 1,501.6 km²

Queensland

- Protected area of 130,526.2 km² as at 2017
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 98,222.4 km²

The total protected area within Charters Towers (R) LGA as at 2017 was

1,566.3 km²

Table 31 Protected areas - parks, forests and reserves, Charters Towers (R) LGA and Queensland, 2017

LGA / State	National Park ^(a)	State Forest	Timber Reserve	Forest Reserve	Total
	— area (km ²) —				
Charters Towers (R)	1,501.6	64.8	0.0	0.0	1,566.3
Queensland	98,222.4	31,096.3	664.9	542.6	130,526.2

(a) Includes Conservation Parks, Resources Reserves and National Parks Cape York Aboriginal land (where applicable).

Source: Queensland Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing

Abbreviations

..	not applicable
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
LGA	local government area
LHS	left-hand side
n.a.	not available
p	preliminary
r	revised
R	Regional Council
RHS	right-hand side

Explanatory notes

Profile explanatory notes

Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

A geographical framework covering all spatial areas of Australia and its external territories. The ASGS was developed by the ABS to allow statistics from different collections to be spatially comparable. The ASGS replaced the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).

Average annual growth rate

It is calculated as a percentage using the formula below, where P_0 is the population at the start of the period, P_n is the population at the end of the period and n is the length of the period between P_n and P_0 in years.

$$\left[\left(\frac{P_n}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right] \times 100$$

For example, to calculate the average annual rate of population change from 2006 to 2016, n is ten, P_0 is the population in 2006 and P_n is the population in 2016.

Cell confidentialisation

This profile utilises two types of data confidentialisation.

1. Source data confidentialisation - This refers to datasets that have been confidentialised by the data custodians. For example census data supplied by the ABS have small cell counts of 1 or 2 confidentialised to 0 or 3 and a small random adjustment made to all data to avoid any risk of releasing identifiable information. Caution should therefore be used when interpreting data where the cell count is small.
2. Concordance confidentialisation - This refers to datasets that have been concorded to a new geography and the resulting cell count is small. No reliance should be placed on these cell counts and as such have been confidentialised. Tables utilising this type of confidentialisation will report the cell as less than a specific value (for example <5).

Census 2011 data

Census data have 'small random adjustments' to ensure no data are released which could risk identifying individuals. As such, cells containing very small counts should be treated with extreme caution. Therefore discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and total.

Census 2016 data

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Census undercount

Due to the size and complexity of the Census of Population and Housing, whenever a Census is conducted it is inevitable that some people will be missed and some will be counted more than once. After each Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics conduct a Post Enumeration Survey to estimate the number of people who should have been counted in the Census and the actual Census counts. It is important to note, that all Census data reported in this profile do not have any adjustments made for Census undercount and readers should keep this in mind when making inferences from the data.

Concordances and concorded data

A concordance, in statistical terms, is a product that allows a user to convert data from one geographical region (under which data have been collected) to a new geographical region. In order to convert data from one geographical boundary to another, each region in the new boundary is assigned percentages of data from the old regions. These percentages in the concordance can be constructed using any number of variables. This profile utilises a population-based concordance (estimated resident population) at a specific point in time (2016). This type of concordance is useful when concording demography-based datasets such as labour force and family composition on a usual resident basis with time periods at or around 2016. It does not work as well when concording data on different counting methods (such as counts by place of work), non-population based datasets (such as business counts), or datasets collected at different time periods (such as data collected in 2006). Caution should therefore be used when interpreting non-resident based datasets that have been concorded.

One major assumption that is necessary when concording data is that the data (for example unemployed persons) are proportionately distributed across the region the same as total resident population (as total resident population is the variable used to derive the percentage splits). In some cases, this assumption will not be entirely correct. In the example of unemployed persons, within the region there may be more concentrated areas with a larger proportion of unemployed persons. This assumption should therefore be considered when interpreting datasets that have been concorded.

Local government area (LGA)

A geographical area under the responsibility of a local government council or an Indigenous government council. There are 78 LGAs in Queensland.

Region overview

Statistics in the profile overview have been derived from administrative geographical boundaries and the Bureau of Meteorology.

Rounding

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

Specialisation ratio

The ratio of the percentage for the Charters Towers (R) LGA to the percentage for Queensland. A specialisation ratio above 1.00 indicates Charters Towers (R) LGA has a larger share for that category than in Queensland. Similarly a specialisation ratio below 1.00 indicates Charters Towers (R) LGA has a smaller share for that category than in Queensland.

Topic explanatory notes

Aged care services

Community care services

Community care services provide home-based care for older people wanting to remain living independently in their own home improving their quality of life and helping them to remain active and connected to their own communities. The figures here include Mainstream Packaged Care places provided by Community Aged Care Package (CACAP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH), and Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) services, and Flexible Care places provided in a community setting by Multi-Purpose Services (MPS), Innovative Care, Consumer Directed Care (CDC), and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care (NATSI) Services.

Residential aged care

Residential Aged Care provides a range of supported accommodation services for older people who are unable to continue living independently in their own homes. The figures here include Mainstream Residential Aged Care places provided by Residential Aged Care Services (RACS), and Flexible Care places provided in a Residential setting by Multi-Purpose Services (MPS), and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care (NATSI) Services.

Transition care

Transition care program provides a package of services to enable older people after a hospital stay to return home rather than prematurely enter residential care. The program also gives older people and their families and carers time to consider long-term care arrangements.

Births and deaths

Births

Births data are based on the number of births registered during a calendar year by place of usual residence of the mother. This is different to the number of births which occurred during a calendar year. For further information on the differences between estimates of registered births and births occurring in a time period, refer to ABS website (cat. no. 3301.0).

As a result of changes in the timeliness of registration of births in Queensland, care should be taken when interpreting changes in Queensland births between 2006 and 2010. This lag has reduced in recent years, indicating potential improvements in the timeliness of registration of births in Queensland. The December quarter 2009 also saw the Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages devoting significant time and resources to follow-up and finalise birth registrations where there was previously incomplete information. As part of the Retrospective Births Project, 1,780 births were registered, with approximately 40% registered as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births (see paragraph 40 of cat. no. 3301.0 explanatory notes for more information). This project is now complete.

Deaths

Deaths data are based on the number of deaths registered during a calendar year by place of usual residence of the deceased. This is different to the number of deaths which occurred during a calendar year. For further information on the differences between estimates of registered deaths and deaths occurring in a time period, refer to ABS website (cat. no. 3302.0).

Country of birth

The list of countries are based on the most common Country of Birth responses (excluding Australia) reported in the 2011 Census. The categories of persons born in ESB and NESB countries are derived by aggregating countries from Table G09 of the General Community Profile (GCP). Due to the process of confidentialisation applied to the Census data by the ABS, total persons born overseas have been taken directly from Table G01 of the GCP to provide a more accurate count.

Employment by industry

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Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition.

Industry subdivision

The industry subdivision refers to the 2-digit industry classification from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition.

Employment by occupation

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Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2006 edition (Revision 1).

Occupation sub-major group

The occupation sub-major group refers to the 2-digit occupation classification from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2006 edition (Revision 1).

Indigenous

Refers to people who identify themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Median age

Median estimates have been calculated by the ABS and Queensland Treasury.

Median rent

Medians for regions with less than 10 lodgements in the 12 month period have not been reported.

Median rents do not include lodgements listed with \$0 rent.

Rental bonds data published by QGSO may not be directly comparable with data published by the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) due to geocoding of Rental Bonds data by QGSO and updates to bond records, including where additional bond forms are processed by RTA after quarterly data are supplied to QGSO.

Medians and averages

Average household size

Applicable to number of persons usually resident in occupied private dwellings. It includes partners, children, and co-tenants (in group households) who were temporarily absent on Census Night. A maximum of three temporary absentees can be counted in each household. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

Average number of persons per bedroom

Applicable to occupied private dwellings. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

Median mortgage repayment

Applicable to occupied private dwellings being purchased and includes dwellings being purchased under a rent/buy scheme. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

Median total family income

Applicable to families in family households. It excludes families where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and families where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night.

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Median total personal income

Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

Population projections

Population projections are based on a medium series.

Proficiency in spoken English

Based on the most common Language Spoken at Home responses reported in the 2011 Census for Australia.

Total family income

Median total family income estimates have been calculated by the ABS. Medians are only calculated where there were five or more total families. Median calculation excludes families where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and families where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night.

Total personal income

Median total personal income estimates have been calculated by the ABS.

Unemployment and labour force

Small Area Labour Force data have been generated from a Structure Preserving Estimation (SPREE) methodology using ABS and Centrelink data. As such these estimates can exhibit considerable variability and care should be taken when interpreting these values. For further information on these data, refer to the Australian Government Department of Employment website.