Queensland Regional Profiles

Resident Profile - people who live in the region

Mareeba (S) Local Government Area (LGA) (ASGS 2021)

Compared with Queensland

19 December 2025

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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.

Mareeba (S) LGA (ASGS 2021)

Mareeba (S) Local Government Area (LGA) has a total land area of 53,491.1 km^2, with an average daily temperature range of 18.7°C to 31.5°C and an average annual rainfall of 1,012 mm.

Data for Mareeba (S) LGA are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries based on the population spread at a point in time. Historical estimates for these geographies may be different to those in previously generated profiles as a result of an update to the underlying population-weighted concordance. Caution should therefore be exercised when comparing historical estimates.

Queensland

Queensland has a total land area of 1,730,171.2 km^2, with an average daily temperature range of 16.4°C to 30.0°C and an average annual rainfall of 634 mm.

Data for Queensland are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021.

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

Figure 1 Map of Mareeba (S) Local Government Area (LGA) (ASGS 2021)
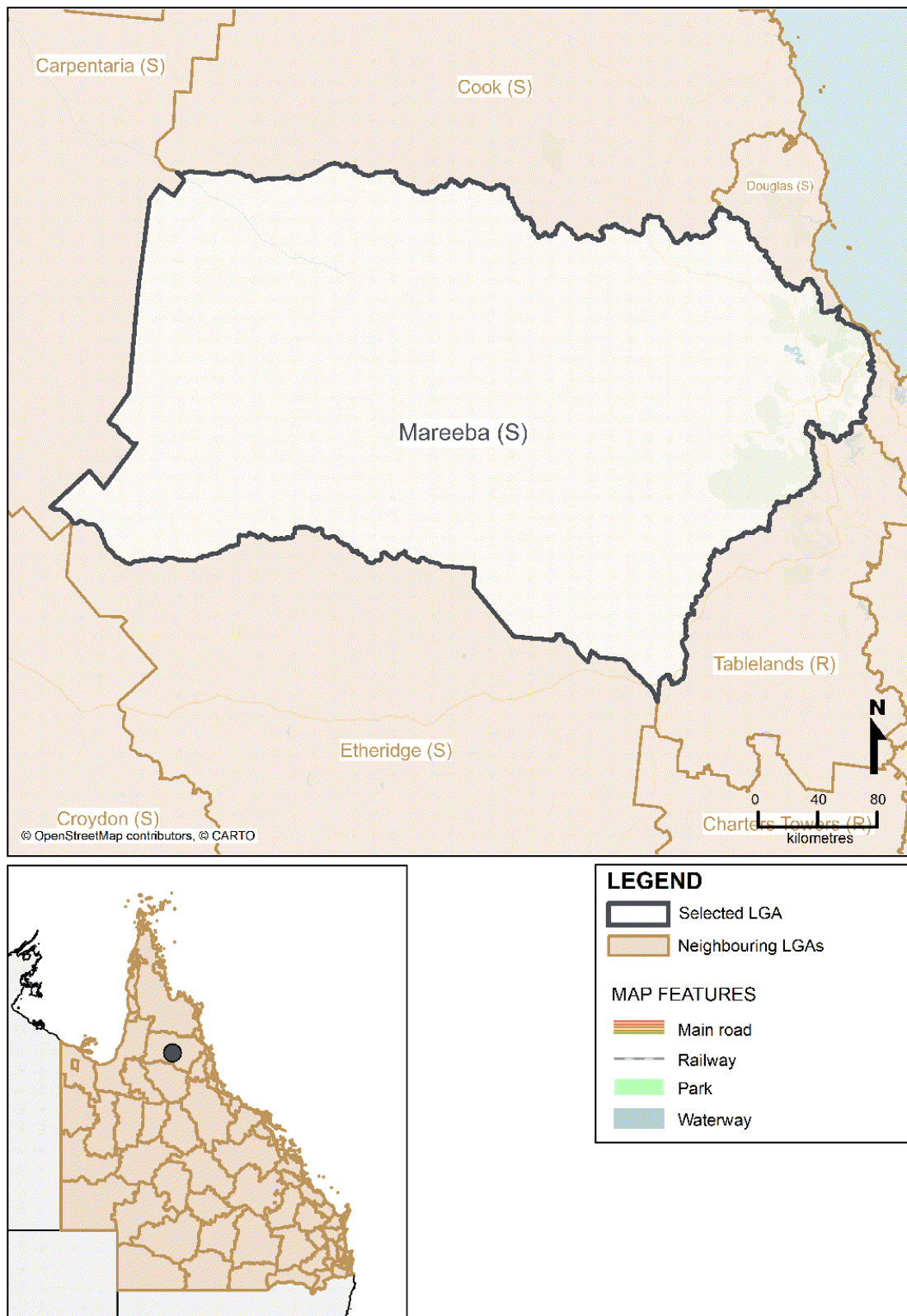
Demography

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 are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2026.

> As at 30 June 2024, the estimated resident population for Mareeba (S) LGA was
>
> ## 24,003 persons

Mareeba (S) LGA
- ERP of 24,003 persons as at 30 June 2024
- Average annual growth rate of 1.1% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.1% over ten years

Queensland
- ERP of 5,583,833 persons as at 30 June 2024
- Average annual growth rate of 1.9% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 1.7% over ten years

Table 1 Estimated resident population, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland

LGA / State	As at 30 June			Average annual growth rate	
	2014	2019	2024p	2014–2024p	2019–2024p
	— number —			— % —	
Mareeba (S)	21,542	22,681	24,003	1.1	1.1
Queensland	4,719,653	5,088,847	5,583,833	1.7	1.9

Source: ABS, *Regional population*, various editions

Figure 2 Estimated resident population growth, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
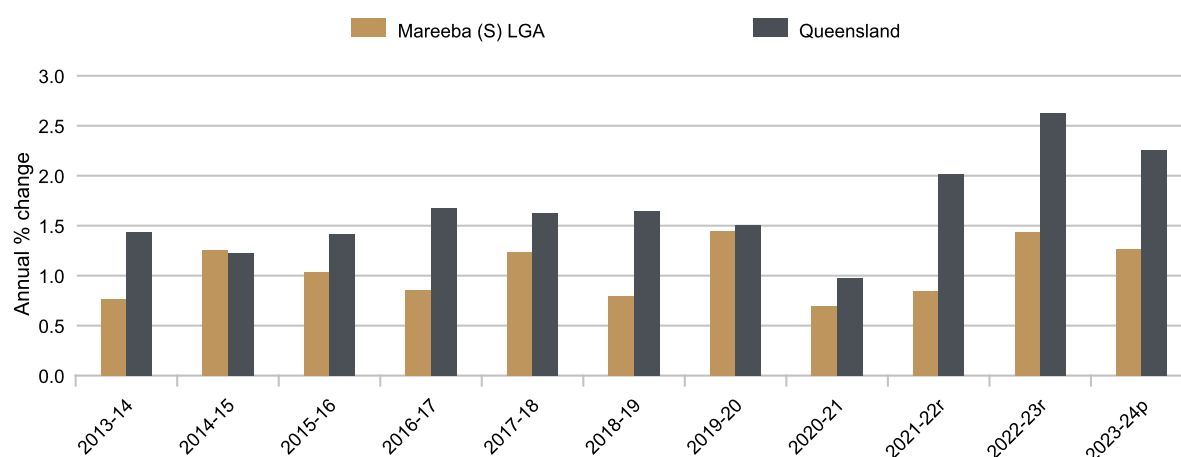
Source: ABS, *Regional population*, various editions

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 are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2026.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 16.4% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2024
- 62.1% aged 15–64 years
- 21.5% aged 65+ years

Queensland
- 18.0% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2024
- 64.8% aged 15–64 years
- 17.2% aged 65+ years

As at 30 June 2024, the proportion of the estimated resident population aged 65 years and over for Mareeba (S) LGA was

21.5%

Table 2   Estimated resident population by age, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2024p

LGA / State	Age group									
	0–14		15–24		25–44		45–64		65+	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Mareeba (S)	3,945	16.4	2,531	10.5	5,838	24.3	6,530	27.2	5,159	21.5
Queensland	1,005,953	18.0	723,325	13.0	1,554,847	27.8	1,340,850	24.0	958,858	17.2

Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex*, 2024

Figure 4 Estimated resident population by age and sex, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2024p
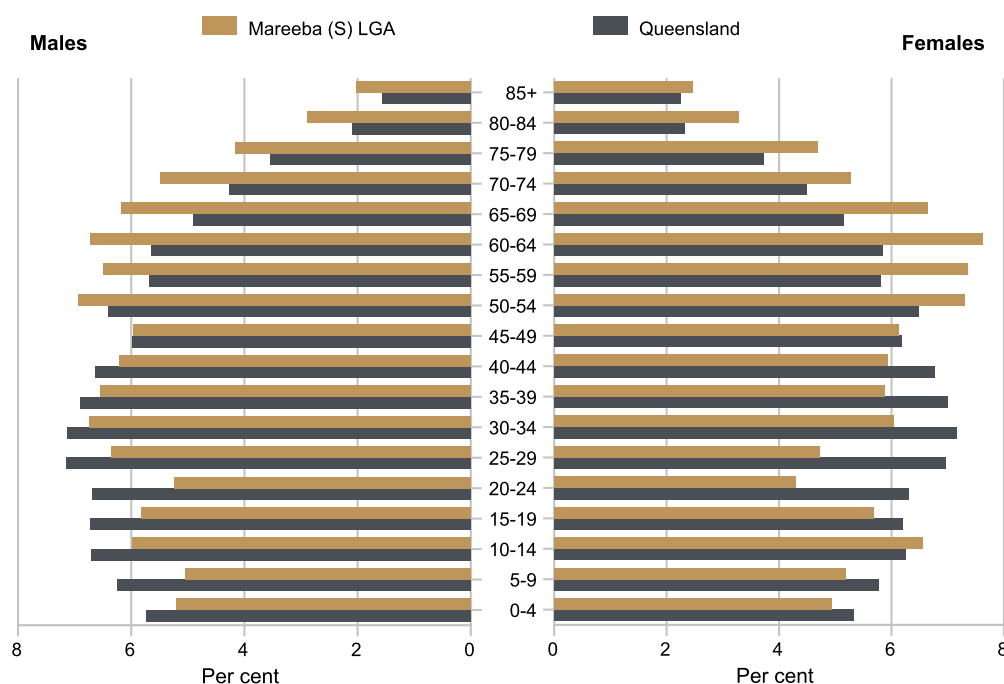
Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex*, 2024

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 are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2026.

As at 30 June 2024, the median age for Mareeba (S) LGA was

44.0 years

Mareeba (S) LGA
- Median age of 44.0 years as at 30 June 2024
- Increase of 2.4 years from median age of 41.6 years as at 30 June 2014

Queensland
- Median age of 38.5 years as at 30 June 2024
- Increase of 1.7 years from median age of 36.8 years as at 30 June 2014

Table 3   Median age, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland

LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2014	**2019**	**2024p**	**2014–2024p**
	— years —			years
Mareeba (S)	41.6	42.8	44.0	2.4
Queensland	36.8	37.6	38.5	1.7

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 2023 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 topic are based on the medium series.

From 2021 to 2046, the population for Mareeba (S) LGA is projected to increase from

23,174 persons to 28,684 persons

Mareeba (S) LGA
- Population projected to be 28,684 persons as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 0.9% per year over 25 years

Queensland
- Population projected to be 7,299,934 persons as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 1.4% per year over 25 years

Table 4   Projected population, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland

LGA / State	As at 30 June						Average annual growth rate
	2021(a)	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	2021–2046
	— number —						%
Mareeba (S)	23,174	24,391	25,449	26,627	27,707	28,684	0.9
Queensland	5,217,653	5,663,247	6,079,887	6,492,441	6,899,969	7,299,934	1.4

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) 2021 data are preliminary rebased 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
https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/statistics/theme/population/population-projections

Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2023 edition (medium series)

Figure 5 Projected population change, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
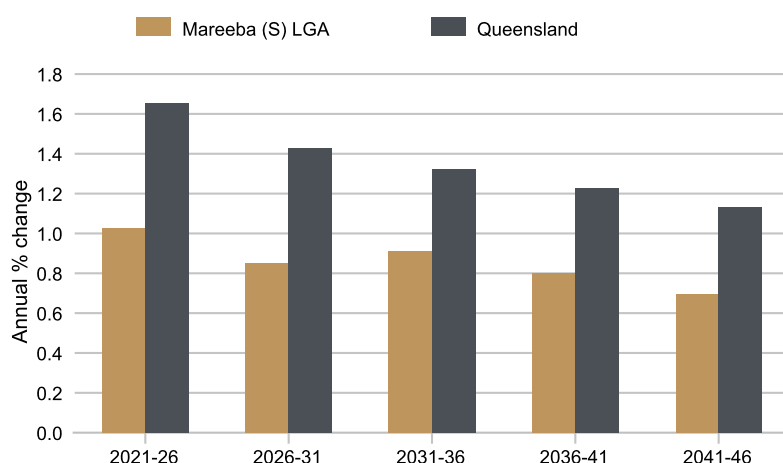
Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2023 edition (medium series)

Figure 6 Projected population by age and sex, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2046

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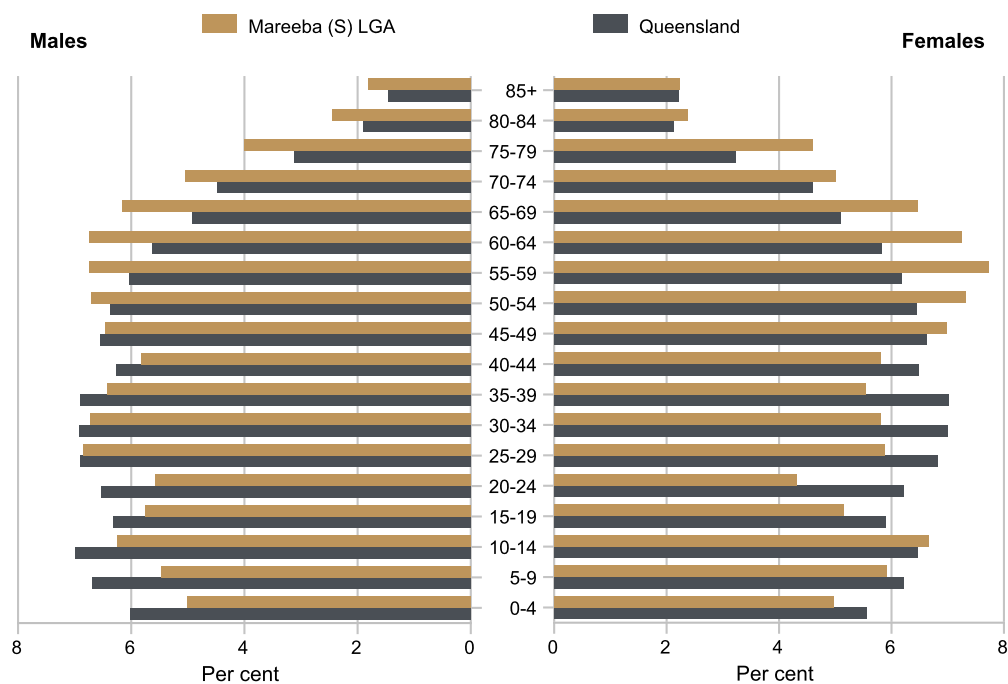
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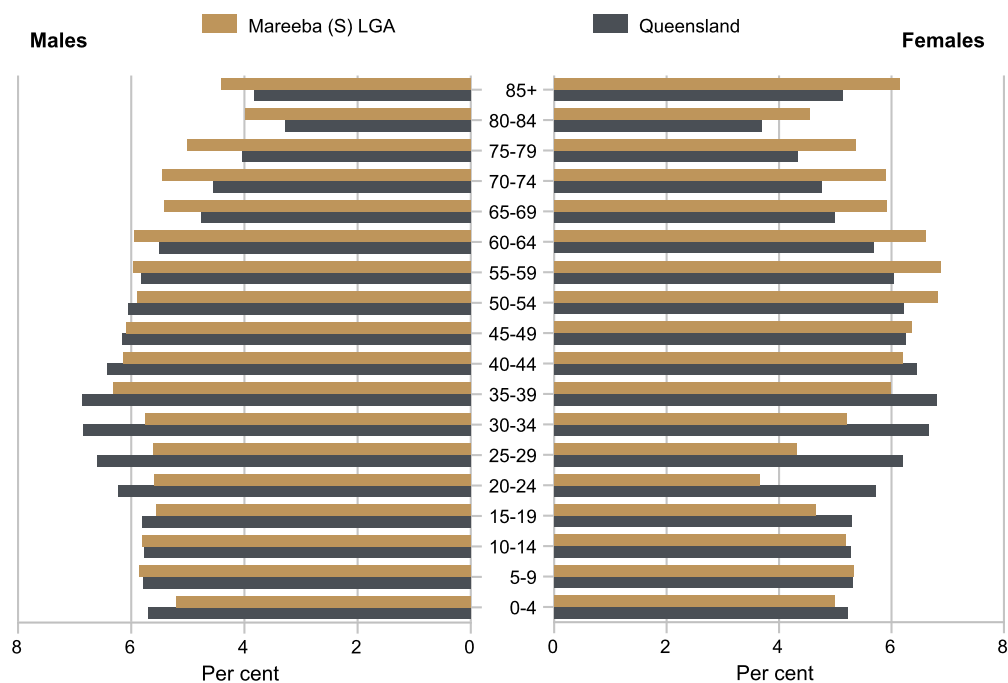
Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2023 edition (medium series)

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, 2023 edition. Data presented in this topic are based on the medium series.

As at 30 June 2046, the median age projection for Mareeba (S) LGA is

46.0 years

Mareeba (S) LGA

- Median age projection of 46.0 years as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 2.1 years from a median age projection of 44.0 years as at 30 June 2026

Queensland

- Median age projection of 41.6 years as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 2.0 years from a median age projection of 39.5 years as at 30 June 2026

Table 5   Median age projections, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland

| LGA / State	As at 30 June			Change
	2026	2036	2046	2026–2046
	— years —			years
Mareeba (S)	44.0	45.3	46.0	2.1
Queensland	39.5	40.8	41.6	2.0

Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2023 edition (medium series)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

This topic is based on the 2021 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 peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Mareeba (S) LGA was

14.3%

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 3,260 persons (or 14.3%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Queensland

- 237,303 persons (or 4.6%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Table 6   Indigenous status, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	First Nations persons					Non-Indigenous persons		Total persons[b]
	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both[a]	Total				
	— number —			number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	2,650	247	367	3,260	14.3	17,303	75.7	22,858
Queensland	193,405	21,772	22,122	237,303	4.6	4,635,042	89.9	5,156,138

(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, 2021, 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 are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in November 2026.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 254 registered births in 2024
- 221 registered deaths

Queensland
- 58,838 registered births in 2024
- 38,901 registered deaths

> The number of registered births in 2024 to mothers with a usual residence in Mareeba (S) LGA was
>
> ## 254 births

Table 7   Registered births and deaths, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2024

LGA / State	Births		Deaths		Natural increase
	number	rate[a]	number	rate[a]	number
Mareeba (S)	254	10.6	221	9.2	33
Queensland[b]	58,838	10.5	38,901	7.0	19,937

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, *Births, Australia, various editions;* ABS, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

Figure 7 Crude birth rate, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland[a]
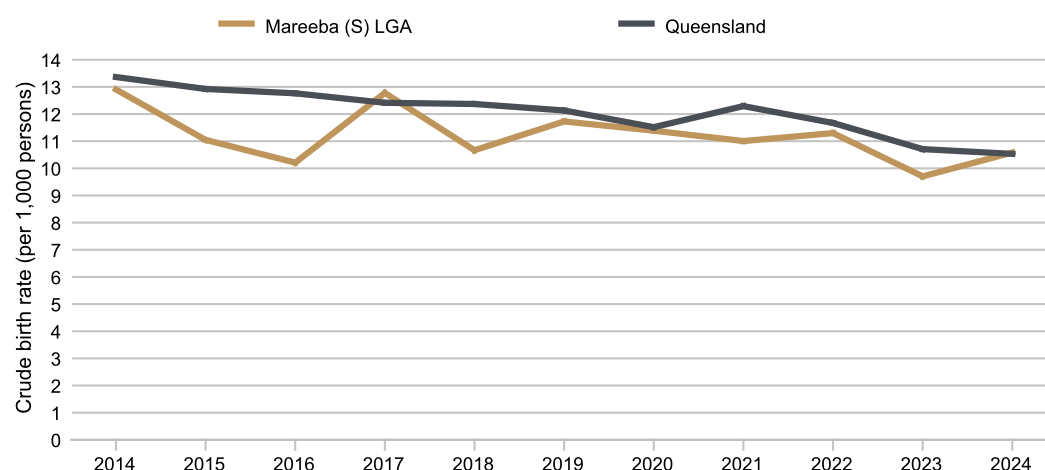
(a) Queensland totals include births where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

Source: ABS, *Births, Australia, various editions;* ABS, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

Figure 8 Crude death rate, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland(a)
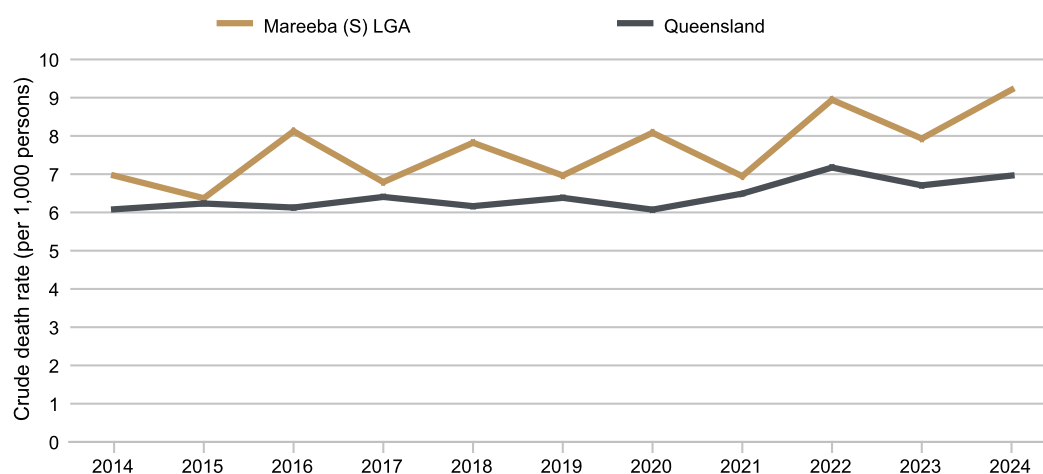
(a) Queensland totals include deaths where the usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode, Offshore and Migratory, and Queensland undefined.

Source: ABS, *Births, Australia, various editions;* ABS, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

Migration 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with their usual address one year earlier (i.e. 10 August 2020). This is based on persons aged one year and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Mareeba (S) LGA with a different address one year ago was

11.8%

Mareeba (S) LGA
• 16,431 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
• 2,667 persons (or 11.8%) usually resided in a different address one year ago

Queensland
• 3,909,222 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
• 868,358 persons (or 17.0%) usually resided in a different address one year ago

Table 8   Place of usual residence one year ago(a), Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

| LGA / State | Same address | Different address | | | | Proportion with different address | Total persons(c) |
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total(b)		
	number	— number —				%	number
Mareeba (S)	16,431	2,239	292	72	2,667	11.8	22,672
Queensland	3,909,222	719,541	97,770	34,773	868,358	17.0	5,100,249

(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, 2021, General Community Profile - G44*

Migration 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with their usual address five years earlier (i.e. 10 August 2016). This is based on persons aged five years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Mareeba (S) LGA with a different address five years ago was

31.3%

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 11,292 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 6,810 persons (or 31.3%) usually resided in a different address five years ago

Queensland

- 2,348,035 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 2,178,913 persons (or 44.8%) usually resided in a different address five years ago

Table 9   Place of usual residence five years ago[a], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Same address	Different address				Proportion with different address	Total persons[c]
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total[b]		
	number	— number —				%	number
Mareeba (S)	11,292	5,315	736	627	6,810	31.3	21,744
Queensland	2,348,035	1,635,871	276,658	215,572	2,178,913	44.8	4,863,678

(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, 2021, General Community Profile - G45*

Country of birth

Country of birth has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question '*In which country was the person born?*'. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 3,865 persons (or 16.9%) were born overseas

Queensland
- 1,170,334 persons (or 22.7%) were born overseas

The top five English speaking backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds for Mareeba (S) LGA were:

English Speaking
1. England (2.8%)
2. New Zealand (2.0%)
3. South Africa (0.6%)
4. United States of America (0.4%)
5. Scotland (0.3%)

Non-English Speaking
1. Italy (2.0%)
2. Germany (0.9%)
3. Papua New Guinea (0.6%)
4. Philippines (0.5%)
5. Taiwan (0.4%)

Table 10   Country of birth, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

| 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
Mareeba (S)	16,494	72.2	1,458	6.4	2,379	10.4	3,865	16.9	22,858
Queensland	3,680,014	71.4	524,705	10.2	645,628	12.5	1,170,334	22.7	5,156,138

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Australia', 'Australia (includes External Territories), nfd', 'Norfolk Island' and 'Australian External Territories, nec' responses.
(b) Based on the main English speaking countries of 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, 2021, General Community Profile - G01 and G09*

Proficiency in spoken English

Proficiency in spoken English has been derived from the 2021 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 Mareeba (S) LGA were:

Language spoken

1. **Italian (2.9%)**
2. **Chinese Languages (0.8%)**
3. **German (0.8%)**
4. **Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages (0.6%)**
5. **Indo Aryan Languages (0.5%)**

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 2,439 persons (or 10.7%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home

Queensland

- 696,056 persons (or 13.5%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home

Table 11   Proficiency in spoken English of persons, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

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
Mareeba (S)	17,006	74.4	2,132	9.3	307	1.3	2,439	10.7	22,858
Queensland	4,151,206	80.5	605,200	11.7	90,855	1.8	696,056	13.5	5,156,138

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, 2021, General Community Profile - G13*

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Religious affiliation

Religious affiliation has been derived from the 2021 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 Mareeba (S) LGA were:

Religious affiliation
1. **No Religion (36.2%)**
2. **Catholic (21.0%)**
3. **Anglican (9.2%)**
4. **Uniting Church (2.7%)**
5. **nfd (2.6%)**

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 9,957 persons (or 43.6%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion

Queensland
- 2,357,398 persons (or 45.7%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion

Table 12   Religious affiliation, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Religious affiliation						Total[b]
	Christianity		Other[a]		No religion		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	9,957	43.6	612	2.7	8,270	36.2	22,858
Queensland	2,357,398	45.7	258,850	5.0	2,099,765	40.7	5,156,138

(a) Includes 'Buddhism', 'Hinduism', 'Islam', 'Judaism' and 'Other Religions'.
(b) Comprises 'Not stated' and 'Inadequately described'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G14*

Family composition

In the context of the 2021 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 Mareeba (S) LGA which were couple families with children was

35.2%

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 5,600 families
- 35.2% of total families were couple families with children

Queensland
- 1,366,657 families
- 41.2% of total families were couple families with children

Table 13   Family composition[a], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Couple family with no children		Couple family with children		One-parent family		Total[b]
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	2,587	46.2	1,969	35.2	957	17.1	5,600
Queensland	551,069	40.3	563,327	41.2	230,026	16.8	1,366,657

(a) Includes same-sex couple families.
(b) Includes other families.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G29*

Household composition

In the context of the 2021 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.

Mareeba (S) LGA
• 7,836 households
• 66.8% of total households were one family households

Queensland
• 1,869,462 households
• 69.0% of total households were one family households

The percentage of one family households in Mareeba (S) LGA was

66.8%

Table 14   Household composition, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	One family households		Multiple family households		Group households		Lone person households		Total households[a]
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	5,233	66.8	179	2.3	293	3.7	2,131	27.2	7,836
Queensland	1,290,613	69.0	37,257	2.0	80,576	4.3	461,009	24.7	1,869,462

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

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 2021 Census of Population and Housing. Dwelling structure data is sourced from the ABS Address Register, and in some cases derived using additional information provided by Census field officers and building approvals data. This data is based on occupied private dwellings.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 7,071 occupied private dwellings (or 90.2%) were separate houses

Queensland

- 1,397,920 occupied private dwellings (or 74.8%) were separate houses

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Mareeba (S) LGA which were separate houses was

90.2%

Table 15   Occupied private dwellings(a) by dwelling structure, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Separate house		Semi-detached (b)		Apartment(c)		Caravan(d)		Other(e)		Total(f)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	7,071	90.2	98	1.3	380	4.8	135	1.7	99	1.3	7,836
Queensland	1,397,920	74.8	218,546	11.7	233,531	12.5	11,242	0.6	2,281	0.1	1,869,462

(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, 2021, General Community Profile - G36*

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 2021, or whether the household occupies it under another arrangement. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Mareeba (S) LGA which were fully owned was

39.6%

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 3,100 occupied private dwellings (or 39.6%) were fully owned

Queensland
- 543,285 occupied private dwellings (or 29.1%) were fully owned

Table 16   Occupied private dwellings(a) by tenure type, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Fully owned		Being purchased(b)		Rented(c)		Other(d)		Total(e)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	3,100	39.6	2,232	28.5	1,966	25.1	270	3.4	7,836
Queensland	543,285	29.1	643,459	34.4	618,442	33.1	35,170	1.9	1,869,462

(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, community housing provider, other and not stated.
(d) Includes dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme and occupied rent-free.
(e) Includes tenure type not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G37*

Homeless persons

Homelessness is a lack of one or more elements that represent 'home'. When a person does not have suitable accommodation alternatives, the ABS defines someone as homeless if their current living arrangement:

- is a dwelling that is inadequate,
- has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable,
  or
- does not allow them to have control of, and access to, space for social relations.

These counts are based on place of enumeration.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 308 homeless persons
- 129.8 homeless persons per 10,000 persons

Queensland

- 22,444 homeless persons
- 43.2 homeless persons per 10,000 persons

> The rate of homeless persons for Mareeba (S) LGA in 2021 was
>
> # 129.8 per 10,000 persons

Table 17   Homeless persons, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Homeless persons		Total persons
	number	rate[a]	number
Mareeba (S)	308	129.8	23,729
Queensland	22,444	43.2	5,195,745

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 10,000 persons.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Place of Enumeration Profile - G03* and ABS, *Census of Population and Housing: Estimating homelessness, 2021*

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 2021. This is based on occupied private dwellings by place of enumeration.

The percentage of dwellings in Mareeba (S) LGA with 3 or more motor vehicles was

23.9%

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 5.3% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 23.9% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles

Queensland
- 5.7% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 20.0% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles

Table 18   Number of motor vehicles per occupied private dwelling [a][b], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	No motor vehicles		1 motor vehicle		2 motor vehicles		3 or more motor vehicles		Total dwellings[c]
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	418	5.3	2,476	31.6	2,819	36.0	1,875	23.9	7,836
Queensland	106,309	5.7	658,705	35.2	701,752	37.5	373,952	20.0	1,869,462

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.
(b) Excludes motorbikes, motor scooters and heavy vehicles.
(c) Includes number of motor vehicles not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G34*

Society

Department of Social Services payments

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the Australian Government's lead agency in the development and delivery of social policy, and is working to improve the lifetime wellbeing of people and families in Australia. The data are sourced from the DSS Payment Demographic dataset and are updated quarterly. The next planned update is in March 2026.

The number of recipients of the Age pension in Mareeba (S) LGA as at September quarter 2025 was

3,245 recipients

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 3,245 recipients of the Age pension as at September quarter 2025
- 970 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 1,650 recipients of Jobseeker

Queensland
- 548,815 recipients of the Age pension as at September quarter 2025
- 184,260 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 191,610 recipients of Jobseeker

Table 19   Department of Social Services payments[a], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, September quarter 2025

LGA / State	Payment type									
	Age pension		Carer allowance		Disability support pension		Family tax benefit A		Jobseeker	
	recipients	rate[b]	recipients	rate[c]	recipients	rate[c]	recipients	rate[d]	recipients	rate[e]
Mareeba (S)	3,245	62.9	560	2.8	970	4.9	1,550	79.7	1,650	12.6
Queensland	548,815	57.2	141,705	3.1	184,260	4.1	285,675	50.1	191,610	6.1

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Payments by geographical region are based on the recipient's geocoded address.
(b) Rate per 100 persons aged 65 years and over, as at 30 June 2024. Person counts are based on estimated resident population (ERP).
(c) Rate per 100 persons aged 16 years and over, as at 30 June 2024. Person counts are based on ERP.
(d) Rate per 100 families with children under 15 years, as at 30 June 2024. Counts of families with children under 15 years are derived by Queensland Treasury using 2021 Census counts of families with children under 15 years and usual resident persons, along with ERP aged 15 to 64 years.
(e) Rate per 100 persons aged 22 to 64 years, as at 30 June 2024. Person counts are based on ERP.

Source: Department of Social Services, Payment Demographic Data; ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G05*; ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G29*; ABS, *Regional population by age and sex*, 2024

Regulated early childhood education and care services

The regulated early childhood education and care services data are based on administrative data supplied by the Department of Education. Data are updated twice yearly with a release approximately 1 month after the reporting period. The next planned update is in March 2026.

The number of regulated early childhood education and care services in Mareeba (S) LGA as at 31 August 2025 was

11 services

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 11 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 31 August 2025
- 3 long day care services

Queensland

- 3,355 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 31 August 2025
- 1,944 long day care services

Table 20   Regulated early childhood education and care services, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 31 August 2025

LGA / State	Family day care	Kindergartens	Long day care	School aged care	Limited hours care	Total[a]
	— number —					
Mareeba (S)	0	5	3	2	1	11
Queensland	90	477	1,944	829	13	3,355

(a) Total includes Other service types (for example Occasional care).

Source: Department of Education

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The AEDC is a national collection of information about how children are developing prior to school. Every three years, teachers complete an instrument for each child in Prep. The AEDC instrument encompasses five domains of early childhood development which are predictors of a child's health, education and social outcomes. The five domain are:
- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills
- communication skills and general knowledge.

The AEDC reports whether children are on track, at risk or developmentally vulnerable across each of the five domains. Children that are developmentally vulnerable demonstrate much lower than average competencies in that domain.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 27.8% developmentally vulnerable children in one or more domains in 2024
- 15.7% developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in 2024
- The physical health and wellbeing domain had the largest percentage of developmentally vulnerable children (14.4%)

Queensland
- 25.4% developmentally vulnerable children in one or more domains in 2024
- 13.6% developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in 2024
- The social competence domain had the largest percentage of developmentally vulnerable children (11.6%)

The percentage of developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in Mareeba (S) LGA in 2024 was

15.7%

Table 21   Developmentally vulnerable children by domain, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2024

LGA / State	Domain					Summary		Children assessed
	Physical health and wellbeing	Social competence	Emotional maturity	Language and cognitive	Communication skills and general knowledge	One or more domains	Two or more domains	
	— per cent —					— per cent—		number
Mareeba (S)	14.4	12.5	10.7	12.0	10.1	27.8	15.7	217
Queensland	11.4	11.6	11.5	8.4	8.9	25.4	13.6	57,956

Note: To preserve confidtentiality, some regions have had results suppressed.

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Commonwealth Department of Education

Highest level of schooling

Highest year of school completed has been derived from the 2021 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 by place of usual residence.

The percentage of total persons in Mareeba (S) LGA with highest level of schooling as Year 11 or 12 was

48.0%

Mareeba (S) LGA

• 8,793 persons (or 48.0%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)

Queensland

• 2,554,330 persons (or 63.6%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)

Table 22   Highest level of schooling completed, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

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
Mareeba (S)	1,358	7.4	5,932	32.4	8,793	48.0	18,330
Queensland	178,101	4.4	989,350	24.6	2,554,330	63.6	4,017,211

(a) Includes highest year of schooling not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G16*

Non-school qualification

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Mareeba (S) LGA with a non-school qualification was

54.6%

Mareeba (S) LGA

• 10,395 persons (or 54.6%) with a non-school qualification

Queensland

• 2,618,666 persons (or 62.5%) with a non-school qualification

Table 23   Non-school qualifications(a) by level of education, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Level of education						Persons with a qualification(d)		Total persons
	Bachelor degree or higher(b)		Advanced diploma or diploma		Certificate(c)				
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	2,328	12.2	1,443	7.6	4,043	21.3	10,395	54.6	19,025
Queensland	918,468	21.9	395,615	9.4	927,894	22.1	2,618,666	62.5	4,191,812

(a) Includes persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification within the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education.
(b) Includes bachelor degree, graduate diploma, graduate certificate and postgraduate degree.
(c) Includes Certificate, I, II, III and IV and Certificates not further defined responses.
(d) Includes inadequately described and not stated level of education responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G43 and G49*

Non-school qualification by sex and age

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Mareeba (S) LGA with a non-school qualification was

54.6%

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 10,395 persons (or 54.6%) with a non-school qualification
- 61.8% males aged 45–64 years with a non-school qualification
- 72.1% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

Queensland

- 2,618,666 persons (or 62.5%) with a non-school qualification
- 74.7% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 79.0% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

Table 24 Non-school qualifications by sex and age, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

Sex / age	Mareeba (S) LGA				Queensland			
	With NSQ[a]		Without NSQ		With NSQ[a]		Without NSQ	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males								
15–24 years	382	28.2	973	71.8	112,872	34.9	210,536	65.1
25–44 years	1,650	53.8	1,416	46.2	506,604	74.7	171,850	25.3
45–64 years	2,005	61.8	1,241	38.2	434,730	69.2	193,271	30.8
65 years and over	1,303	53.8	1,121	46.2	242,361	58.5	172,130	41.5
Total	*5,344*	*53.0*	*4,747*	*47.0*	*1,296,559*	*63.4*	*747,795*	*36.6*
Females								
15–24 years	362	36.1	640	63.9	126,061	40.2	187,779	59.8
25–44 years	1,779	72.1	690	27.9	561,754	79.0	149,323	21.0
45–64 years	1,972	62.4	1,187	37.6	436,404	66.0	225,018	34.0
65 years and over	927	40.4	1,366	59.6	197,876	42.9	263,238	57.1
Total	*5,053*	*56.6*	*3,870*	*43.4*	*1,322,101*	*61.6*	*825,352*	*38.4*
Persons								
15–24 years	742	31.4	1,620	68.6	238,938	37.5	398,307	62.5
25–44 years	3,431	62.0	2,107	38.0	1,068,360	76.9	321,181	23.1
45–64 years	3,981	62.1	2,426	37.9	871,131	67.6	418,300	32.4
65 years and over	2,236	47.4	2,485	52.6	440,235	50.3	435,368	49.7
Total	*10,395*	*54.6*	*8,633*	*45.4*	*2,618,666*	*62.5*	*1,573,154*	*37.5*

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated level of education responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G01 and G49*

Non-school qualification by field of study

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over with a non-school qualification by place of usual residence.

> The most common non-school qualification field of study in Mareeba (S) LGA was
>
> # Engineering and Related Technologies (15.3%)

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 1,591 persons (or 15.3%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies
- 1,213 persons (or 11.7%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce

Queensland

- 480,526 persons (or 18.4%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce
- 380,136 persons (or 14.5%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies

Table 25   Non-school qualifications by field of study, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

Field of study	Mareeba (S) LGA		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Natural and Physical Sciences	237	2.3	63,861	2.4	0.93
Information Technology	82	0.8	64,750	2.5	0.32
Engineering and Related Technologies	1,591	15.3	380,136	14.5	1.05
Architecture and Building	590	5.7	151,067	5.8	0.98
Agriculture Environmental and Related Studies	455	4.4	49,434	1.9	2.32
Health	916	8.8	285,611	10.9	0.81
Education	791	7.6	205,309	7.8	0.97
Management and Commerce	1,213	11.7	480,526	18.4	0.64
Society and Culture	1,027	9.9	309,683	11.8	0.84
Creative Arts	224	2.2	86,519	3.3	0.65
Food Hospitality and Personal Services	534	5.1	146,167	5.6	0.92
Mixed Field Programmes	11	0.1	4,427	0.2	0.63
Total(a)	**10,395**	**100.0**	**2,618,666**	**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, 2021, General Community Profile - G50* and unpublished data

Australian Defence Force service

Persons who have served in the Australian Defence Force have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question "Has the person ever served in the Australian Defence Force?". The term "Australian Defence Force" includes the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service, and NORFORCE. Non-Australian Defence forces are excluded. These data are based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 628 persons (or 3.3%) are either currently or have previously served in the Australian Defence Force.
- 22 persons (or 0.1%) are currently service members.
- 603 persons (or 3.2%) were previous service members.

Queensland

- 23,142 persons (or 0.6%) are currently serving in the Australian Defence Force.
- 139,973 persons (or 3.3%) previously served in the Australian Defence Force.

The percentage of persons in Mareeba (S) LGA who have ever served in the Australian Defence Force

3.3%

Table 26   Australian Defence Force service[(a)] Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Australian Defence Force Service Persons						Never Served		Total persons[(c)]
	Currently Serving		Previously Serving[(b)]		Total				
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	22	0.1	603	3.2	628	3.3	15,276	80.3	19,025
Queensland	23,142	0.6	139,973	3.3	163,112	3.9	3,747,281	89.4	4,191,812

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Australian Defence Force service includes service in the regular and/or reserves service. Includes Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service and NORFORCE. Excludes service for non-Australian Defence forces.
(b) Includes previous service in the regular service and/or reserves service.
(c) Includes not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G22*

Figure 9 Australian Defence Force service(a) total served by age and sex breakdown(b), Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021
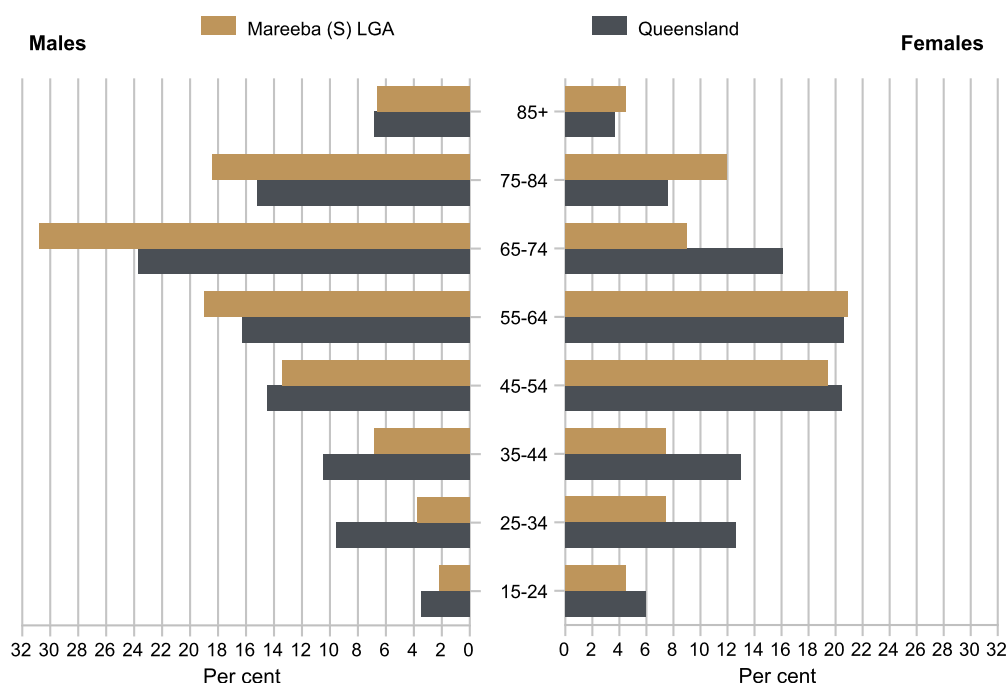

(a) Australian Defence Force service includes service in the regular and/or reserves service. Includes Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service and NORFORCE. Excludes service for non-Australian Defence forces.
(b) The percentage breakdown of the age and sex of all the people who have ever served in the Australian Defence Force.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G22*

Long-term health conditions by number of conditions

Long-term health conditions have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question "Has the person been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions?". This topic is restricted to conditions that the person has been told by a doctor or nurse that they have, and which have lasted, or are expected to last for six months or more. Conditions that may re-occur, that are controlled by medication or are in remission are also included. These data are based on persons by place of usual residence.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 5,595 persons (or 24.5%) with one or more long-term health conditions
- 677 persons (or 3.0%) with three or more long-term health conditions

Queensland

- 1,486,620 persons (or 28.8%) with one or more long-term health conditions
- 172,226 persons (or 3.3%) with three or more long-term health conditions

> The percentage of persons with one or more long-term health conditions in Mareeba (S) LGA was
>
> **24.5%**

Table 27   Count of selected long-term health conditions[a], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Long-term health condition count								None of the selected conditions		Total persons [b]
	One		Two		Three or More		Total				
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	3,710	16.2	1,202	5.3	677	3.0	5,595	24.5	13,261	58.0	22,858
Queensland	994,584	19.3	319,808	6.2	172,226	3.3	1,486,620	28.8	3,209,952	62.3	5,156,138

(a) Measures the number of people who reported that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have one or more of the following selected long-term health conditions: arthritis, asthma, cancer (including remission), dementia (including Alzheimer`s), diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes), heart disease (including heart attack or angina), kidney disease, lung condition (including COPD or emphysema), mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) and stroke. This count excludes "Any other long-term health condition(s)".
(b) Includes "Not stated" responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G20*

Long-term health conditions by type of condition

Long-term health conditions have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question "Has the person been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions?". This topic is restricted to conditions that the person has been told by a doctor or nurse that they have, and which have lasted, or are expected to last for six months or more. Conditions that may re-occur, that are controlled by medication or are in remission are also included. These data are based on persons by place of usual residence.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- The most common long-term health conditions were Arthritis (8.2%) and Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) (6.6%)

Queensland

- The most common long-term health conditions were Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) (9.6%) and Arthritis (8.8%)

The most common long-term health condition in Mareeba (S) LGA was

Arthritis (8.2%)

Table 28   Type of long-term health condition(a), Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

Type of long-term health condition	Mareeba (S) LGA		Queensland	
	number	%	number	%
Arthritis	1,880	8.2	456,145	8.8
Asthma	1,320	5.8	438,189	8.5
Cancer (including remission)	639	2.8	159,890	3.1
Dementia (including Alzheimers)	165	0.7	37,675	0.7
Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)	1,045	4.6	231,645	4.5
Heart disease (including heart attack or angina)	977	4.3	215,674	4.2
Kidney disease	242	1.1	47,742	0.9
Lung condition (including COPD or emphysema)(b)	474	2.1	106,983	2.1
Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety)	1,502	6.6	496,644	9.6
Any other long term health conditions(c)	1,439	6.3	434,958	8.4
No long term health conditions	12,559	54.9	3,001,372	58.2
Total persons(d)(e)	**22,864**	**100.0**	**5,156,147**	**100.0**

(a) Measures the number of people who reported that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions. Includes health conditions that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more, may occur from time to time, are controlled by medication or are in remission.
(b) "COPD" refers to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.
(c) Includes any long-term health condition other than the ones listed.
(d) Includes "Not stated" responses.
(e) Respondents had the option to record multiple long-term health conditions. Therefore, the sum of components may not equal the total.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G19*

Persons with a profound or severe disability

Persons with a profound or severe disability has been derived from the 2021 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 Mareeba (S) LGA in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability was

5.6%

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 1,270 persons (or 5.6%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

Queensland

- 309,366 persons (or 6.0%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

Table 29   Need for assistance with a profound or severe disability, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Need for assistance		No need for assistance		Total[a]
	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	1,270	5.6	18,047	79.0	22,858
Queensland	309,366	6.0	4,513,222	87.5	5,156,138

(a) Includes need of assistance not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G18*

Voluntary work

Voluntary work undertaken for an organisation or group has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question '*In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing unpaid voluntary work through an organisation or group?*' The variable is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Mareeba (S) LGA who undertook voluntary work was

15.2%

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 2,885 persons (or 15.2%) undertook voluntary work

Queensland

- 590,690 persons (or 14.1%) undertook voluntary work

Table 30   Voluntary work, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Volunteer		Not a volunteer		Total[a]
	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	2,885	15.2	12,925	67.9	19,025
Queensland	590,690	14.1	3,304,685	78.8	4,191,812

(a) Includes voluntary work not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G23*

Aged care services

Information on aged care services are provided by the Australian Government. 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 are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in November 2026.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 3 aged care services as at 30 June 2025
- 92 aged care service operational places

Queensland
- 1,013 aged care services as at 30 June 2025
- 45,986 aged care service operational places

The number of aged care service operational places in Mareeba (S) LGA as at 30 June 2025 was

92 places

Table 31   Aged care services, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2025

LGA / State	Aged care services	Number of operational places by care type			
		Home care	Residential care	Restorative care	Total places
	number	— number —			
Mareeba (S)	3	0	92	0	92
Queensland	1,013	338	44,361	1,287	45,986

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Emergency services, schools and hospitals

Information on emergency services, schools and hospitals are provided by administrative custodian agencies. Data are updated every two years. The next planned update is in May 2027.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 14 schools as at April 2025
- 3 hospitals

Queensland
- 1,814 schools as at April 2025
- 322 hospitals

As at April 2025, the number of schools in Mareeba (S) LGA was

14 schools

Table 32   Emergency services, schools and hospitals, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, April 2025

LGA / State	Police stations	Ambulance stations	Fire stations	Schools	Hospitals
	— number —				
Mareeba (S)	5	4	3	14	3
Queensland	335	315	244	1,814	322

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Department of Education; Queensland Ambulance Service; Queensland Fire and Emergency Services; Queensland Health; Queensland Police

The Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage

Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a summary measure of the social and economic conditions of geographic areas across Australia. SEIFA, which comprises a number of indexes, is generated by ABS from the Census of Population and Housing. In 2021 an Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage was produced, ranking geographical areas in terms of their relative socio-economic disadvantage. The index focuses on low-income earners, relatively lower education attainment, high unemployment and dwellings without motor vehicles. Low index values represent areas of most disadvantage and high values represent areas of least disadvantage. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 2.6% in least disadvantaged quintile
- 32.9% in most disadvantaged quintile

Queensland
- 20.0% in least disadvantaged quintile
- 20.0% in most disadvantaged quintile

> The percentage of persons in Mareeba (S) LGA in the least disadvantaged quintile was
>
> **2.6%**

Table 33   Population by Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage quintiles(a), Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Quintile 1 (most disadvantaged)	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5 (least disadvantaged)
	— % —				
Mareeba (S)	32.9	30.2	26.7	7.7	2.6
Queensland	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

(a) The quintiles are population based and derived at the Queensland level (state based quintiles and not national based quintiles).

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021, (Queensland Treasury derived)

Remoteness

The Australian Bureau of Statistics develops the Remoteness Area (RA) classification each Census period using the University of Adelaide's Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia classification (ARIA+) mean scores. Data are updated every five years with a release approximately 18 months after the reporting period.

The most populated remoteness area in Mareeba (S) LGA in 2021 was

Outer Regional Australia

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 0.0% of the population were in major cities
- 2.1% of the population were in very remote Australia
- Outer Regional Australia had the largest percentage of population with 96.8%

Queensland

- 64.8% of the population were in major cities
- 1.0% of the population were in very remote Australia

Table 34   Population[a] in remoteness areas[b], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	Remoteness Area									
	Major City		Inner Regional Australia		Outer Regional Australia		Remote Australia		Very Remote Australia	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Mareeba (S)	0	0.0	0	0.0	22,129	96.8	263	1.2	471	2.1
Queensland	3,331,214	64.8	997,752	19.4	688,325	13.4	71,255	1.4	52,457	1.0

(a) Population based on 2021 usual resident population.
(b) Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Remoteness Area (RA) classification using ARIA+ mean scores.

Source: ABS, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), Remoteness Structure, July 2021; ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021

Crime and Justice

Recorded offences

The number and rates of recorded offences are collected by the Queensland Police Service. Recorded offences in this topic exclude offences for breach of bail. Data are updated annually. The next planned update is in December 2026.

> The rate of total recorded offences for Mareeba (S) LGA in 2024–25 was
>
> # 17,939 per 100,000 persons

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 4,360 recorded offences in 2024–25, or 17,939 per 100,000 persons
- 812 offences against the person, or 3,341 per 100,000 persons
- 1,562 offences against property, or 6,427 per 100,000 persons

Queensland
- 620,898 recorded offences in 2024–25, or 10,879 per 100,000 persons
- 88,031 offences against the person, or 1,542 per 100,000 persons
- 276,314 offences against property, or 4,842 per 100,000 persons

Table 35   Recorded offences, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2024–25

LGA / State	Type of offence							
	Offences against the person		Offences against property		Other offences		Total	
	number	rate(a)	number	rate(a)	number	rate(a)	number	rate(a)
Mareeba (S)	812	3,341	1,562	6,427	1,986	8,171	4,360	17,939
Queensland	88,031	1,542	276,314	4,842	256,553	4,495	620,898	10,879

From 1 July 2021, the QPS implemented a decision to enhance the practice of recording criminal offences associated with domestic and family violence (DFV) investigations across the state within the QPS QPRIME administrative data system. When responding to and investigating a DFV occurrence, police across the state are now required to record all offences identified in that incident in the QPRIME system. This means that regions will likely see a statistical increase in a number of DFV related offence categories – for example DFV related assault, strangulation or wilful damage. However, offences such as assault and wilful damage also occur in situations unrelated to domestic and family relationships. Furthermore, increases could also be attributed to other factors, such as an increase in crime and/or population growth.

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Source: Queensland Police Service

Economy

Selected medians and averages

These selected medians and averages have been derived by using data based on the 2021 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. Medians and averages have been calculated by the ABS.

Mareeba (S) LGA
- Median mortgage repayment of $1,517 per month
- Average household size of 2.5 persons per dwelling

Queensland
- Median mortgage repayment of $1,733 per month
- Average household size of 2.5 persons per dwelling

The median total personal income for Mareeba (S) LGA was

$655 per week

Table 36   Selected medians and averages, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

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
Mareeba (S)	1,517	1,596	1,269	655	2.5	0.9
Queensland	1,733	2,024	1,675	787	2.5	0.8

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 are updated quarterly with a release approximately one month after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2026.

The median rent in Mareeba (S) LGA for a 3 bedroom house in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025 was

$450 per week

Mareeba (S) LGA
- Median rent of $360 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- Median rent of $450 per week for a 3 bedroom house

Queensland
- Median rent of $610 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- Median rent of $590 per week for a 3 bedroom house

Table 37   Lodgements and median rent by dwelling type, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 September 2025

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 —			
Mareeba (S)	44	91	143	74	273	360	450	580
Queensland	23,561	42,095	40,532	47,122	480	610	590	680

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

Figure 10 Median rent of three bedroom house, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
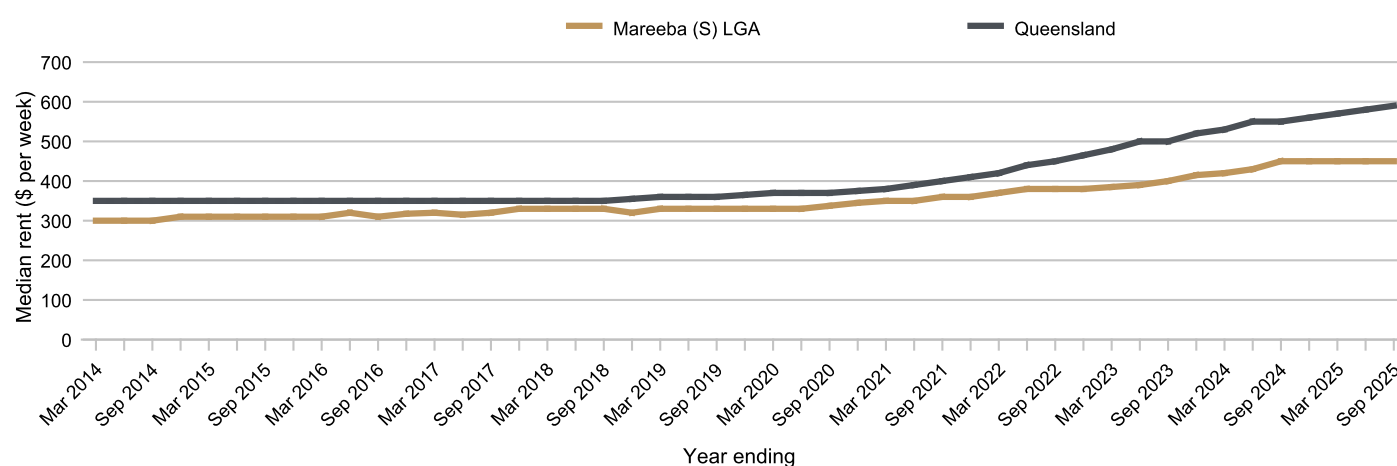
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

Total personal income

Total personal income has been derived from the 2021 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.

Mareeba (S) LGA

• Median total personal income of $34,060 per year

Queensland

• Median total personal income of $40,924 per year

The median total personal income in Mareeba (S) LGA was

$34,060 per year

Table 38   Total personal income, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

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	$
Mareeba (S)	4,563	24.0	6,265	32.9	3,777	19.9	1,097	5.8	19,025	34,060
Queensland	999,942	23.9	1,316,078	31.4	1,085,654	25.9	461,162	11.0	4,191,812	40,924

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes personal income not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, 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 2021 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.

Mareeba (S) LGA

• 541 low-income families (9.7%)
• Median total family income of $82,992 per year

Queensland

• 94,168 low-income families (6.9%)
• Median total family income of $105,248 per year

The median total family income in Mareeba (S) LGA was

$82,992 per year

Table 39   Total family income(a), Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

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	$
Mareeba (S)	541	9.7	1,787	31.9	1,782	31.8	807	14.4	5,600	82,992
Queensland	94,168	6.9	363,384	26.6	464,993	34.0	332,448	24.3	1,366,657	105,248

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, 2021, General Community Profile - G02 and G32

Unemployment and labour force

Estimates of unemployment and labour force are produced by the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. The estimates are calculated by utilising administrative data such as Centrelink Newstart or JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients as well as ABS labour force estimates. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 3 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2026.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 661 unemployed persons in June quarter 2025
- Unemployment rate of 5.8%

Queensland

- 124,229 unemployed persons in June quarter 2025
- Unemployment rate of 4.0%

> The unemployment rate in Mareeba (S) LGA at June quarter 2025 was
>
> # 5.8%

**Table 40   Unemployment and labour force[a], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, June quarter 2025**

LGA / State	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
Mareeba (S)	661	11,373	5.8
Queensland	124,229	3,098,573	4.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

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

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Small Area Labour Markets*, various editions

Figure 11 Unemployment rate[a], Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
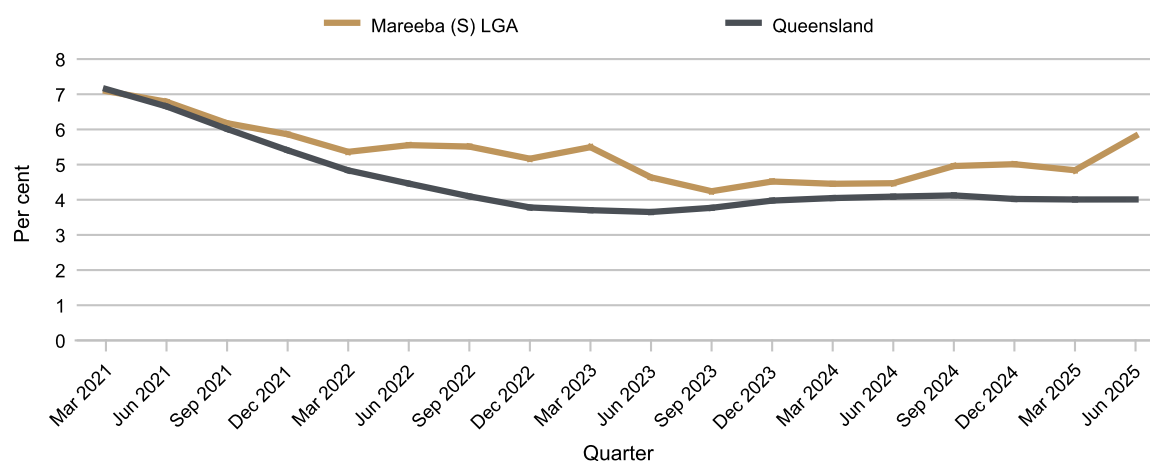
(a) Based on a 4-quarter smoothed series.

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Small Area Labour Markets*, various editions

Employment by industry

Employment by industry has been derived from the 2021 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 Mareeba (S) LGA were:

1. **Agriculture (15.0%)**
2. **Preschool and School Education (6.7%)**
3. **Construction Services (4.4%)**
4. **Public Administration (4.2%)**
5. **Food and Beverage Services (4.1%)**

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 16.9% of employed persons worked in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry
- 12.7% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 6.61 in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry

Queensland

- 15.4% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 9.3% of employed persons worked in Retail trade industry

Table 41   Employment by industry, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

Industry	Mareeba (S) LGA		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,534	16.9	62,444	2.6	6.61
Mining	295	3.2	55,486	2.3	1.43
Manufacturing	398	4.4	140,285	5.7	0.76
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	116	1.3	28,814	1.2	1.08
Construction	700	7.7	222,234	9.1	0.85
Wholesale trade	174	1.9	57,743	2.4	0.81
Retail trade	740	8.1	226,468	9.3	0.88
Accommodation and food services	516	5.7	175,850	7.2	0.79
Transport, postal and warehousing	364	4.0	115,870	4.7	0.84
Information media and telecommunications	33	0.4	23,379	1.0	0.38
Financial and insurance services	67	0.7	62,436	2.6	0.29
Rental, hiring and real estate services	84	0.9	42,931	1.8	0.53
Professional, scientific and technical services	295	3.2	164,129	6.7	0.48
Administrative and support services	309	3.4	81,926	3.4	1.01
Public administration and safety	666	7.3	150,358	6.2	1.19
Education and training	750	8.3	216,015	8.8	0.93
Health care and social assistance	1,156	12.7	375,511	15.4	0.83
Arts and recreation services	103	1.1	37,550	1.5	0.74
Other services	346	3.8	95,768	3.9	0.97
Total(a)	**9,088**	**100.0**	**2,444,090**	**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, 2021, General Community Profile - G54* and unpublished data

Figure 12 Percentage of employment by industry(a), Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
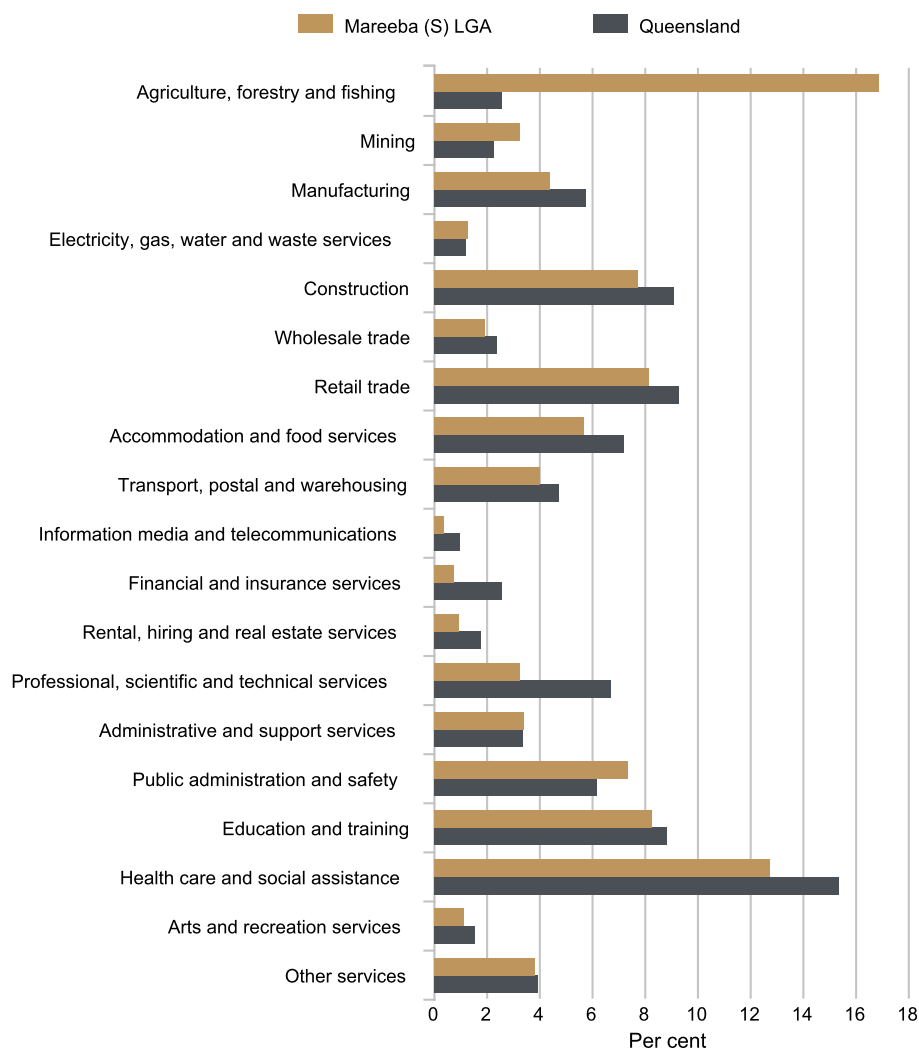
(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G54* and unpublished data

Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation has been derived from the 2021 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 Mareeba (S) LGA were:

1. **Farmers and Farm Managers (7.1%)**
2. **Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers (6.4%)**
3. **Sales Assistants and Salespersons (5.9%)**
4. **Carers and Aides (5.3%)**
5. **Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (4.5%)**

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 16.2% of employed persons worked in Labourers occupation
- 15.3% of employed persons worked in Managers occupation
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.61 in Labourers occupation

Queensland

- 21.4% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 13.7% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation

Table 42   Employment by occupation, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

Occupation	Mareeba (S) LGA		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Managers	1,391	15.3	305,755	12.5	1.22
Professionals	1,281	14.1	523,395	21.4	0.66
Technicians and trades workers	1,272	14.0	333,915	13.7	1.02
Community and personal service workers	1,131	12.4	301,039	12.3	1.01
Clerical and administrative workers	974	10.7	309,376	12.7	0.85
Sales workers	687	7.6	211,439	8.7	0.87
Machinery operators and drivers	644	7.1	166,739	6.8	1.04
Labourers	1,474	16.2	246,394	10.1	1.61
Total[a]	**9,088**	**100.0**	**2,444,090**	**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, 2021, General Community Profile - G60* and unpublished data

Figure 13 Percentage of employment by occupation(a), Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
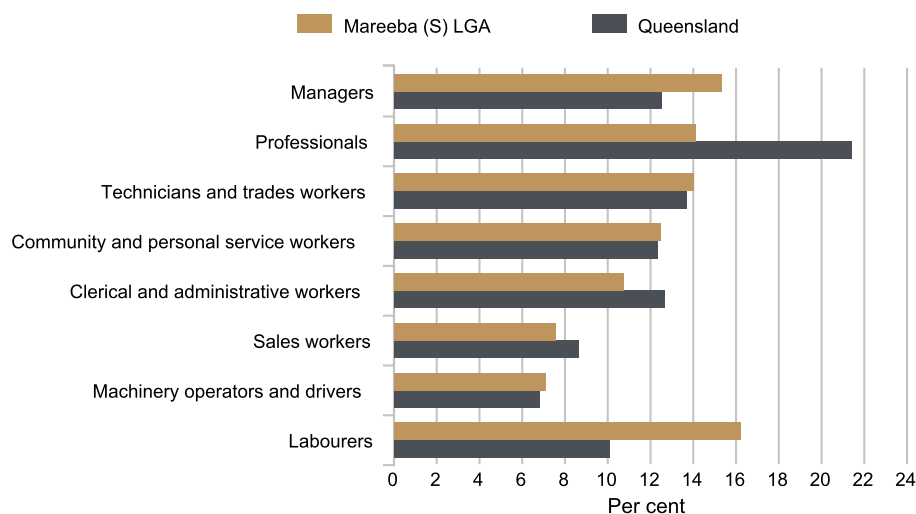
(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G60* and unpublished data

Families with children with no parent employed

Families with children with no parent employed have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing data and defined as either one parent families where the parent was either unemployed or not in the labour force or couple families where both parents were either unemployed or not in the labour force. This is based on families with children under 15 years of age.

Mareeba (S) LGA
• 345 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (18.5%)

Queensland
• 59,747 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (11.4%)

The percentage of families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed in Mareeba (S) LGA was

18.5%

Table 43   Families with children with no parent employed, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2021

LGA / State	One-parent family with parent not employed	Couple family with both parents not employed	Total families with no parent employed		Total families
	— number —		number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	246	99	345	18.5	1,869
Queensland	44,063	15,684	59,747	11.4	522,236

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (families)

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 are updated monthly with a release approximately 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2026.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 97 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 October 2025
- $57.0 million of building value in residential building approvals

Queensland

- 24,163 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 31 October 2025
- $24,885.9 million of building value in residential building approvals

The number of new houses approved in Mareeba (S) LGA in the 12 months ending 31 October 2025 was
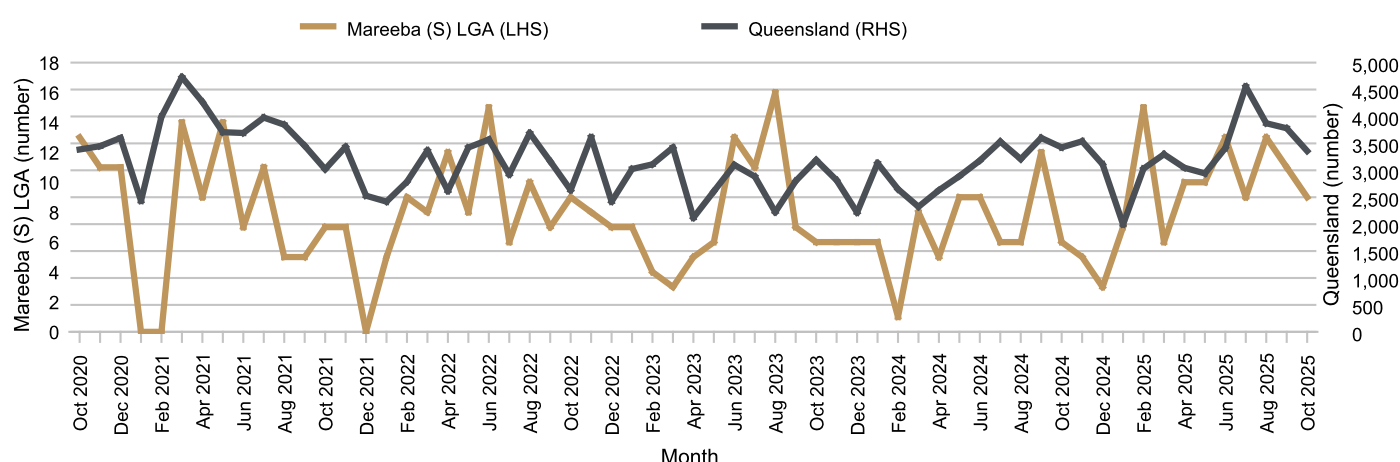
97 approvals

Table 44   Residential and non-residential building approvals, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 12 months ending 31 October 2025

LGA / State	Residential Building Approvals				Building Value				
	New Houses	New Other(a)	Alterations, additions and conversions	Total	Residential		Non-residential		Total
	— number —				$'000	%	$'000	%	$'000
Mareeba (S)	97	12	2	111	57,001	72.4	21,716	27.6	78,717
Queensland	24,163	15,650	130	39,943	24,885,943	66.4	12,617,186	33.6	37,503,129

(a) Other residential buildings include: semidetached, row or terrace houses or townhouses; and flats, units or apartments.
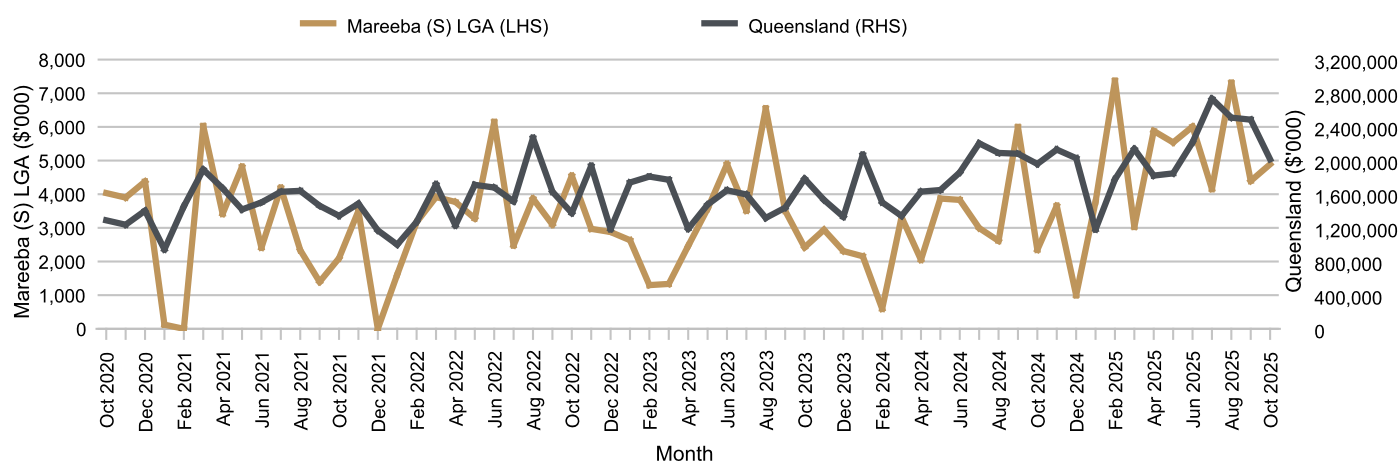
Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

Figure 14 Number of residential building approvals, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
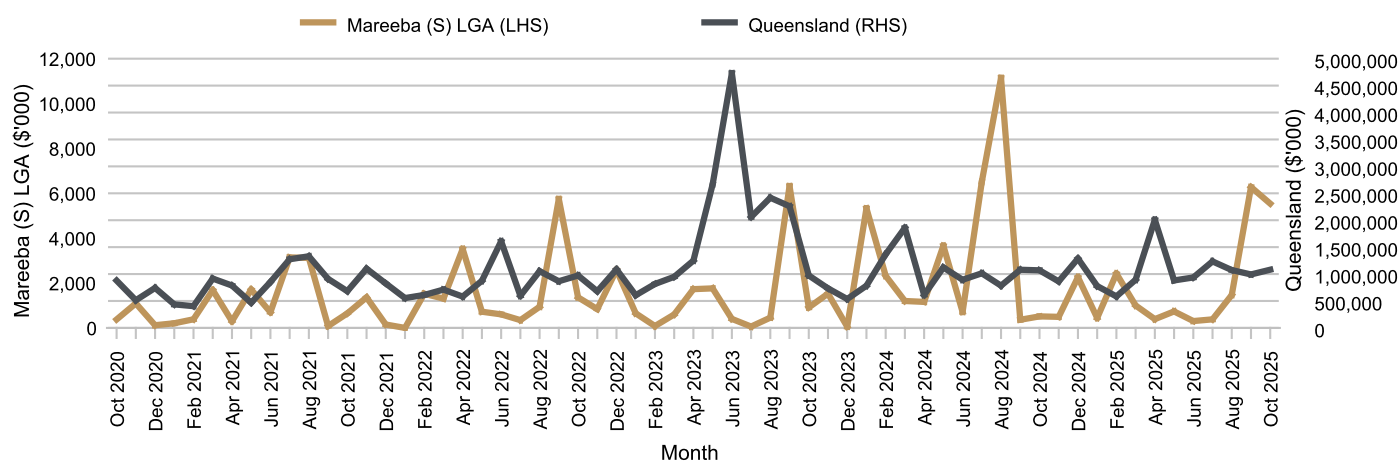

Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

Figure 15 Value of residential building approvals, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland

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

Figure 16 Value of non-residential building approvals, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland

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

Residential dwelling sales

Residential dwelling sales data are sourced from the Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database as collected and maintained by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development. Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period. All figures are preliminary and are subject to further revision. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 4 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2026.

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 444 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2025
- Median sale price of $552,500

Queensland

- 134,497 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2025
- Median sale price of $760,000

> The median sale price in Mareeba (S) LGA in the 12 months ending 30 June 2025 was
>
> ## $552,500

Table 45   Residential dwelling sales, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 June 2025

LGA / State	Number of sales			Median sale price		
	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings
	— number —			— $ —		
Mareeba (S)	411	33	444	560,000	390,000	552,500
Queensland	89,865	44,632	134,497	820,000	680,000	760,000

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: DR Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database, Sales module; DR Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB); Local government authority planning schemes; QGSO derived

Figure 17 Median value of residential dwelling sales, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland
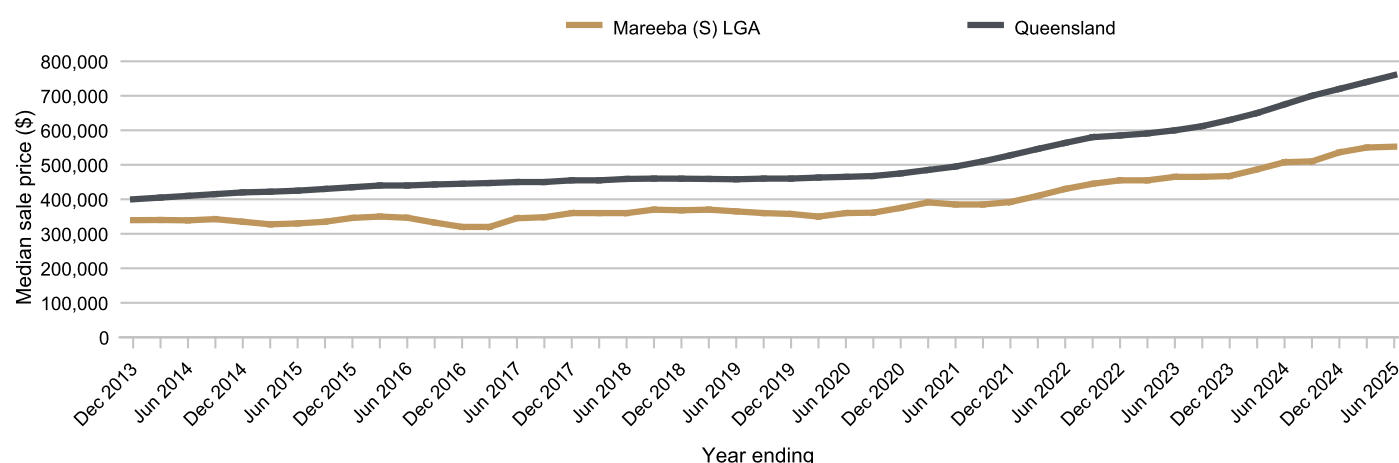
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: DR Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database, Sales module; DR Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB); Local government authority planning schemes; QGSO derived

New house and vacant land sales

New house and vacant land sales data are sourced from the Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database as collected and maintained by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development. Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period. All figures are preliminary and are subject to further revision. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 4 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2026.

A median sale price for a new house has not been calculated for Mareeba (S) LGA

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 5 new house sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2025
- A median new house sale price has not been calculated for Mareeba (S) LGA
- 74 vacant land sales
- Median vacant land sale price of $124,000

Queensland

- 2,245 new house sales in the 12 months ending 30 June 2025
- 12,160 vacant land sales
- Median new house sale price of $845,000
- Median vacant land sale price of $335,000

Table 46   New house and vacant land sales, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 June 2025

LGA / State	Number of sales		Median sale price	
	New houses	Vacant land	New houses	Vacant land
	— number —		— $ —	
Mareeba (S)	5	74	n.a.	124,000
Queensland	2,245	12,160	845,000	335,000

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: DR Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database, Sales module; DR Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB); Local government authority planning schemes; QGSO derived

Residential lot registrations

Lot registrations data provide an indication of the volume of new lots developed and intended for residential purposes. Once a subdivisional plan has been certified by local government, it is lodged with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (DNRMMRRD) for registration of title. For more information refer to the Residential land development activity profiles.

Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in January 2026.

> The number of residential lot registrations in Mareeba (S) LGA in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025 was
>
> ## 56 registrations

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 56 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- 56 standard lot registrations
- 0 unit and townhouse lot registrations

Queensland
- 28,887 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- 19,495 standard lot registrations
- 9,392 unit and townhouse lot registrations

Table 47   Residential lot registrations, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 12 months ending 30 September 2025

LGA / State	Standard residential lots			Unit and townhouse lots[b]	Total lots registered
	Urban 60m^2 to <2,500m^2	Lower density 2,500m^2 to 5ha	Total standard lots[a]		
	— number —			number	number
Mareeba (S)	n.a.	n.a.	56	0	56
Queensland	n.a.	n.a.	19,495	9,392	28,887

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

n.a. = DNRMMRRD are currently undertaking the Cadastre and Address Modernisation (CAM). (Further details on the CAM can be found on the DNRMMRRD website.) During this process, the land size of some registered lots are temporarily unavailable. When the unknown land size accounts for more than 5% of registered standard lots, the urban/rural split is not published.

(a) Includes land area unknown.
(b) Lots on a building format plan or standard format plan that represent attached dwellings within a community title scheme. Excludes common property land parcels.

Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury estimates; Titles Queensland; Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development

Business counts by employment size

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2026.

The number of businesses in Mareeba (S) LGA as at 30 June 2025 was

2,300 businesses

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 572 businesses (or 24.9%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2025

Queensland
- 135,571 businesses (or 25.9%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2025

Table 48   Registered businesses by employment size, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2025

LGA / State	Non-employing		1–4 employees		5–19 employees		20–199 employees		200+ employees		Total
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	1,411	61.3	572	24.9	257	11.2	60	2.6	0	0.0	2,300
Queensland	324,798	62.0	135,571	25.9	48,493	9.3	14,231	2.7	931	0.2	524,024

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

Business counts by turnover range

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2026.

The percentage of businesses with a turnover range of $10 million or more in Mareeba (S) LGA as at 30 June 2025 was

0.6%

Mareeba (S) LGA
- 13 businesses (or 0.6%) with a turnover range of $10 million or more as at 30 June 2025

Queensland
- 9,338 businesses (or 1.8%) with a turnover range of $10 million or more as at 30 June 2025

Table 49   Registered businesses by turnover range, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2025

LGA / State	$0 to less than $200k		$200k to less than $5m		$5m to less than $10m		$10m or more		Total
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
Mareeba (S)	1,308	56.9	947	41.2	32	1.4	13	0.6	2,300
Queensland	284,211	54.2	221,017	42.2	9,458	1.8	9,338	1.8	524,024

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

Business counts by industry

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2026.

The industry with the largest number of registered businesses in Mareeba (S) LGA as at 30 June 2025 was

Agriculture, forestry and fishing (27.3%)

Mareeba (S) LGA

- 27.3% of businesses in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry as at 30 June 2025
- 16.0% of businesses in Construction industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 3.43 in Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry

Queensland

- 17.0% of businesses in Construction industry as at 30 June 2025
- 12.4% of businesses in Professional, scientific and technical services industry

Table 50   Registered businesses by industry, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 30 June 2025

Industry	Mareeba (S) LGA		Queensland		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	627	27.3	41,591	7.9	3.43
Mining	24	1.0	1,920	0.4	2.85
Manufacturing	99	4.3	18,355	3.5	1.23
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	7	0.3	1,621	0.3	0.98
Construction	367	16.0	89,296	17.0	0.94
Wholesale trade	52	2.3	14,259	2.7	0.83
Retail trade	126	5.5	29,365	5.6	0.98
Accommodation and food services	83	3.6	20,199	3.9	0.94
Transport, postal and warehousing	110	4.8	40,605	7.7	0.62
Information media and telecommunications	14	0.6	4,156	0.8	0.77
Financial and insurance services	53	2.3	22,066	4.2	0.55
Rental, hiring and real estate services	201	8.7	61,255	11.7	0.75
Professional, scientific and technical services	143	6.2	65,088	12.4	0.50
Administrative and support services	98	4.3	24,359	4.6	0.92
Public administration and safety	4	0.2	1,271	0.2	0.72
Education and training	23	1.0	8,249	1.6	0.64
Health care and social assistance	106	4.6	43,544	8.3	0.55
Arts and recreation services	31	1.3	7,353	1.4	0.96
Other services	132	5.7	29,351	5.6	1.02
Not classified	0	0.0	255	0.0	0.00
Total(a)	**2,300**	**100.0**	**524,024**	**100.0**	**1.00**

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

Environment

Protected areas – parks, forests and reserves

Protected areas are derived from a spatial dataset sourced from the Queensland Department of Environment and Science. Data presented in this table are based on areas located above mean sea level. Areas are based on a GIS calculated cartesian area and not the official gazetted area. GIS calculations are referenced to GDA2020 / Australian Albers (EPSG:9473). Data are updated every two years. The next planned update is in August 2026.

The total protected area within Mareeba (S) LGA as at 2024 was

5,646.2 km^2

Mareeba (S) LGA
- Protected area of 5,646.2 km^2 as at 2024
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 5,297.8 km^2

Queensland
- Protected area of 130,615.4 km^2 as at 2024
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 98,432.8 km^2

Table 51   Protected areas - parks, forests and reserves, Mareeba (S) LGA and Queensland, 2024

LGA / State	National Park[a]	State Forest	Timber Reserve	Forest Reserve	Total
	— area (km^2) —				
Mareeba (S)	5,297.8	196.4	0.0	152.0	5,646.2
Queensland	98,432.8	31,018.9	662.6	501.0	130,615.4

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

Source: Queensland Department of Environment and Science

Queensland Government Statistician's Office

Abbreviations

. .	not applicable
$k	thousand dollars
$m	million dollars
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
RHS	right-hand side
(S)	Shire

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Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

A geographical framework covering all spatial areas of Australia and its external territories. The ASGS was developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (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_o 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_o in years.

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

For example, to calculate the average annual rate of population change from 2006 to 2016, n is ten, P_o 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 2021 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 sum of the component items and total.

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.

Land area

Land area, as stated in the Region overview, are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

Local government area (LGA)

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

Region overview

Statistics in the profile overview have been derived from data sourced to the Bureau of Meteorology and aggregated to administrative boundaries. Land area are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

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 Mareeba (S) LGA to the percentage for Queensland. A specialisation ratio above 1.00 indicates Mareeba (S) LGA has a larger share for that category than in Queensland. Similarly a specialisation ratio below 1.00 indicates Mareeba (S) LGA has a smaller share for that category than in Queensland.

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Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

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

Aged care services

Aged-care services subsidised by the Australian Government under the Aged Care Act 1997.

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. GIS locations are referenced to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020)(EPSG:7842).

Home care services
Following the Increasing Choices changes on 27 February 2017, places for the Home Care Packages Program are now assigned to consumers and not to services. Correspondingly, places data for the Home Care Packages Program are no longer captured in the stocktake. These figures only include flexible home care places in the: Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Program, Aged Care Innovative Pool Program and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

Residential care
Residential 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 flexible residential care places in the: Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Program, Aged Care Innovative Pool Program and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

Restorative care
Restorative 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. These figures include places in the Transition Care Program and the Short-Term Restorative Care Program.

Australian Defence Force service

This variable also includes people who previously served in the National Service and the Second Australian Imperial Force.

Regular service is considered a person's main ongoing job, and most roles are full-time in nature. Reserves service is normally part-time in nature and can include up to 200 days of service per year, depending on the role.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Confidentialisation

AEDC data are not reported for locations in which three or fewer children had been assessed.

Suppression of AEDC data also occurs when one or more of the following have not been met:
- At least 15 children with valid AEDC data reside in the geographic area
- At least two teachers contribute to the data collection for the geographic area
- 80 per cent or more of the completed Australian version of the Early Development Instruments are valid
- In order for a child's overall results to be valid, a maximum of one domain can be missing, and the child must be older than 3 years and not have special needs

Additional minor suppressions have occurred where necessary to preserve confidentiality of related suppressed cells.

Whilst some regions have had results suppressed, some regions have been included in neighbouring regions. In these instances, results have not been published for either of the combined regions.

Developmentally 'vulnerable'

Children are allocated a score based on the results from the benchmark scores calculated in the 2009 AEDC data collection. In 2009 children who scored below the 10th percentile (in the lowest 10 per cent) of the national population were classified as developmentally vulnerable. These children demonstrate a much lower than average ability in the developmental competencies in that domain.

Developmentally vulnerable children are children facing some significant challenges in their development. As such, it is desirable to see the percentage of children who are 'vulnerable' decrease with each new AEDC collection cycle.

Developmentally vulnerable on one or more domain/s

The percentage of children in the community who have at least one AEDC domain score/s below the 10th percentile.

Developmentally vulnerable on two or more domain/s

The percentage of children in the community who have at least two AEDC domain scores below the 10th percentile.

Domain: Communication skills and general knowledge

This domain measures a child's communication skills and general knowledge based on broad developmental competencies and skills.

Domain: Emotional maturity domain

This domain measures a child's pro-social and helping behavior, anxious and fearful behavior, aggressive behavior and hyperactivity and inattention.

Domain: Language and cognitive skills domain

This domain measures a child's basic literacy/numeracy, advanced literacy, interest in literacy/numeracy, and memory.

Domain: Physical health and wellbeing domain

This domain measures a child's physical readiness for the school day, physical independence and gross and fine motor skills.

Domain: Social competence domain

This domain measures a child's overall social competence, responsibility and respect, approaches to learning and readiness to explore new things.

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.

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.

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.

Business counts

It is not currently possible to account for those businesses which operate out of multiple locations, other than at their main location. This is particularly relevant for larger businesses, which commonly establish outlets in several or all states and many regions across Australia. The reason for this is that data pertaining to individual business locations are not currently available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register. Users should therefore be aware of this limitation when using counts of businesses included in this table.

Due to the process of confidentialisation applied by the ABS, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and total (see ABS methodology for more information).

Business counts by industry

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition.
The 'Not classified' industry division is accurate at the time of release of data. Further refinements to this group will be made in subsequent releases, but will not be reflected in these counts.

Country of birth

The list of countries are based on the most common 50 Country of Birth responses (excluding Australia) reported in the 2016 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.

Department of Social Services payments

Data are extracted at a point in time, usually towards the end of the quarter. Refer to the DSS Benefit and Payment Recipient Demographics - quarterly data for additional information: https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data.

Confidentialisation

To protect individuals' privacy, all cells have been rounded to the nearest 5 and values from 1 to 7 are rounded to 5. Zero cells are actual zeros. This may result in non-additivity for some totals. Caution should be taken in re-calculating totals from rounded data, as this may compound the effects of rounding.

Age pension

Age pension is a support payment for people who have reached the qualifying age. From 1 July 2013, the qualifying age for both men and women is 65 years. From 1 July 2017 the age pension qualifying age will progressively increase for non-veterans from 65 years to 67 years, reaching 67 years in 2023.
Age pension recipients have the choice of having their age pension paid by either the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). DHS pays the vast majority of age pensions. The data in this report only includes data for the DHS customers.

Carer allowance

A Carer allowance is a supplementary payment for carers who provide daily care and attention at home for a person with a disability, severe medical condition or who is frail and aged. Carer allowance excludes HCC Only recipients and/or child care receivers.

Disability support pension

A Disability support pension (DSP) is an income support payment for people who are unable to work for 15 hours or more per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a program of support due to permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. A DSP claimant must be aged 16 years or over and under Age pension age at date of claim, however once in receipt of DSP, a person can continue to receive DSP beyond Age pension age.

Family tax benefit part A

Family tax benefit (FTB) was introduced to help with the cost of raising children. FTB part A is the most common payment to help with the cost of raising children and is paid per child. It includes a supplement per child that becomes payable after the end of the financial year. FTB part B gives extra assistance to single-parent families and to couple families where one income is low. It is paid on a per family basis and includes a supplement that becomes payable after the end of the financial year. FTB part A and B are income tested on family income.

Jobseeker

JobSeeker Payment is the main income support payment for recipients aged between 22 years and pension age (the minimum qualifying age for Age Pension), who have capacity to work now or in the near future. JobSeeker Payment is available to people who are looking for work, who temporarily cannot work or study because of an injury or illness, or bereaved partners in the period immediately following the death of their partner, subject to meeting eligibility requirements. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system but are on a zero rate of payment and those who are suspended from payment.
From March quarter 2020, JobSeeker Payment replaced Newstart Allowance, Bereavement Allowance and Sickness Allowance.

Emergency services, schools and hospitals

Fire stations
Does not include Rural Fire Brigade.

Hospitals
Includes both private and public hospitals, health clinics and satellite health centres. Excludes public dental and psychiatric facilities.

Police stations
Does not include Police Beats.

Schools
Includes both private and public schools and community school, educational unit, non-state school, school of distance education, special school, specific purpose school, state high school and state school.

Employment by industry

Employment by industry
Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.

Industry subdivision
The industry subdivision refers to the 2-digit industry classification from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.

Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation
Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2013, version 1.3.

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), 2013, version 1.3.

Homeless persons
The prevalence estimates of homelessness cover usual residents in Australia on Census night and do not include:
- overseas visitors,
- people who were enumerated in offshore, shipping or migratory regions,
- people on an overnight journey by train or bus.

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 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.

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.

Median total household income

Applicable to occupied private dwellings. It excludes households where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and households where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

Median total personal income

Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

New house and vacant land sales

Vacant residential land have been defined as vacant - large house sites, vacant urban land and vacant rural land between 140m^2 and 2,500m^2 within planning zones. New house and land have been defined as a single unit dwelling or dwelling large house site on a newly registered block of land between 140m^2 and 2,500m^2. All reporting periods are based on the contract date and not the settlement date.

Non-school qualification by field of study

Excludes persons with a qualification out of the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

Non-school qualification by sex and age

Excludes persons with a qualification out of the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

Proficiency in spoken English

Based on the most common 29 Language used at home responses reported in the 2016 Census for Australia.

Recorded offences

The reference date for recorded offences is the date an offence is reported to or detected by police. Data are based on the location in which the offence occurred. Rates are calculated using the Estimated Resident Population (ERP) as at 30 June of the reported financial year. The ERP for the latest year has been linearly extrapolated using the change between the previous two years.

Offences against the person

The offence division of offences against the person includes the following offence sub-divisions: homicide (murder); other homicide; assault; sexual offences; robbery; and other offences against the person.

Offences against property

The offence division of offences against property includes the following offence sub-divisions: unlawful entry with intent; arson; other property damage; unlawful use of motor vehicle; other theft (excluding unlawful entry); fraud; and handling stolen goods.

Other offences

The offence division of other offences includes the following offence sub-divisions: drug offences; prostitution offences; liquor (excluding drunkenness); gaming, racing and betting offences; breach of domestic violence protection orders; trespassing and vagrancy; weapons act offences; good order offences; stock related offences; traffic and related offences; and miscellaneous offences.

Residential dwelling sales

Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period.

Attached dwellings

Attached dwellings include multi-unit dwellings (flats), building units or group titles within planning zones.

Detached dwellings

Detached dwellings include single unit dwellings or large house sites.

Residential dwelling sales

Residential dwelling sales include both new and established dwellings and all reporting periods are based on the contract date and not the settlement date.

Residential lot registrations

Lot registration is the final stage in the development of new residential lots, and it is only after the title is registered that a lot legally exists. Lot registrations data provide an indication of the volume of new lots developed and intended for residential purposes.

The Queensland Government Statistician's Office applies a range of filters to DNRMMRRD's registered survey plans, such as parcel size and zoning information, to extract the lots registered for residential purposes. 'Urban residential' lots include standard lots typically for detached houses ($60m^2$ to <$2,500m^2$) and lots under community titles schemes for units and townhouses. For this monitoring program, 'low density residential' lots are defined as standard lots between $2,500m^2$ and 5 hectares in size.

Total family income

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

Income data use considerations - Lockdown

A number of regions across the country were in various stages of lockdown on 2021 Census day, and the week preceding it, resulting in a greater number of people being temporarily stood down, which impacted their income. To gain a better understanding of the true income levels of Australians, guidance for people in lockdown on how to correctly respond was provided at the time on the Census website, as follows:

'Please reflect your usual income, as it was before the commencement of the current COVID lockdown period.'

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.

As of the September quarter 2023 edition of the SALM publication, estimates for SA2s and LGAs are based on the 2021 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS). Changes between the 2016 and 2021 ASGS editions have resulted in breaks in series in some SA2s. The Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations did not publish unemployment rates for these SA2s, and these estimates have been derived by QGSO.

Historical estimates for SA2s and LGAs with a break in series between ASGS 2021 and ASGS 2016 or ASGS 2016 and ASGS 2011 are not available and are denoted by "n.a.".

Estimates at the SA2 and LGA level are provided by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. Estimates for other region types, such as SA3 and SED, were derived by QGSO.

For further information refer to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations website.