

Mareeba Shire

Towns and Districts Demographic Profile

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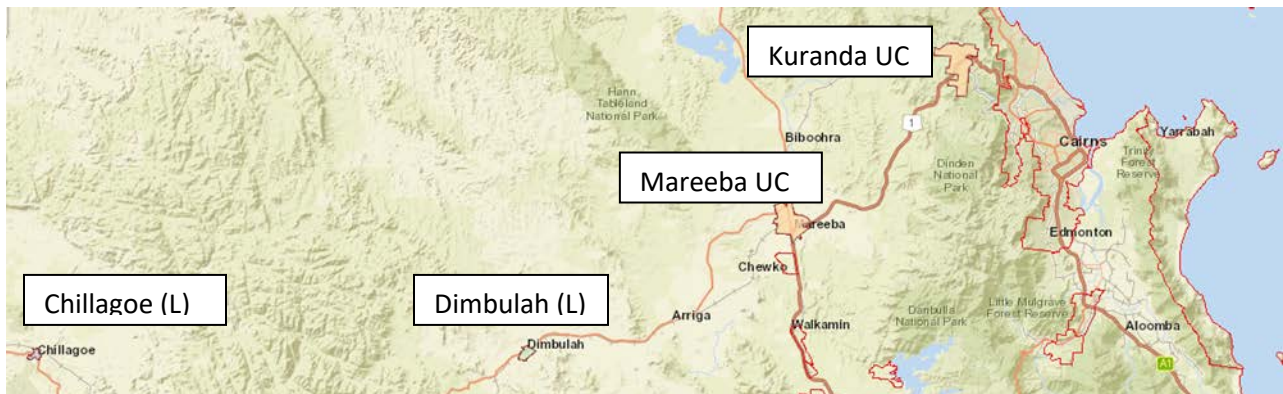
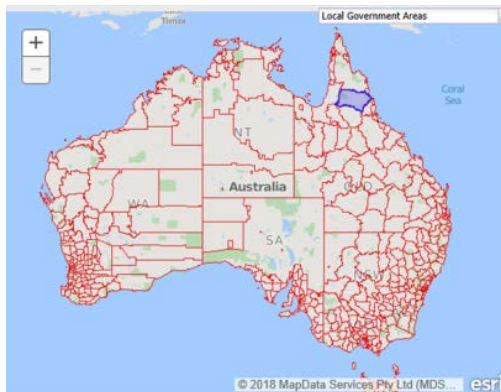
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Mareeba Shire – Population of Towns and Districts

Mareeba Shire Local Government Area covers 53,502 km² to the west of Cairns in Far North Queensland and had a total estimated resident population of 22,311 as at 30 June 2017p (ABS, ERP 2017p). There is one major urban centre, Mareeba, with an estimated population of 8,026 (36% of the total LGA population) and a smaller urban centre, Kuranda, with a population of 2,365 (10.6%) (ABS, ERP 2017p). The rest of the population lives in small localities and rural residential areas with the lush eastern side of the shire more densely populated than the dry west. The most westerly locality is Chillagoe, a small town with a population of around 194 persons, surrounded by sparsely populated beef cattle stations. Closer to Mareeba is Dimbulah, a town of around 385 people centred in an irrigated fruit and nut tree growing area (ABS Estimated Resident Population at 30 June 2017p). To the north and east of Mareeba runs the Great Dividing Range vegetated with mountainous tropical rainforest. Parts of this have been cleared over the years for cattle fattening, fruit and sugar cane farming, interspersed with rural residential areas such as Julatten and Mount Molloy (combined population 1,345) and the Kuranda District (population 4,496) (ABS 2016 Census).



SA2 = ABS Statistical Area Level 2, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016

UC = ABS Urban Centre, L = ABS Locality

Maps sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics website www.abs.gov.au

Mareeba Shire Towns

At the 2016 Census there were 7,741 usual residents counted as living in Mareeba urban centre (UC). However, the official ABS population figure is the mid-year estimated resident population (ERP) which takes into account other data additional to the census data. The preliminary ERP as at 30th June 2017p for Mareeba UC was 8,026 persons. Census and ERP data for towns in Mareeba Shire are shown in the table below.

Mareeba Shire Towns, Population at 2016 Census and Mid-Year Estimated Resident Population

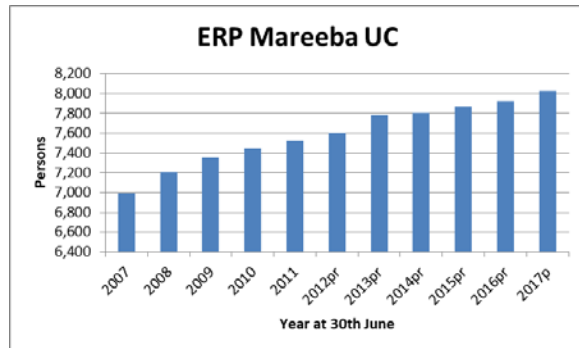
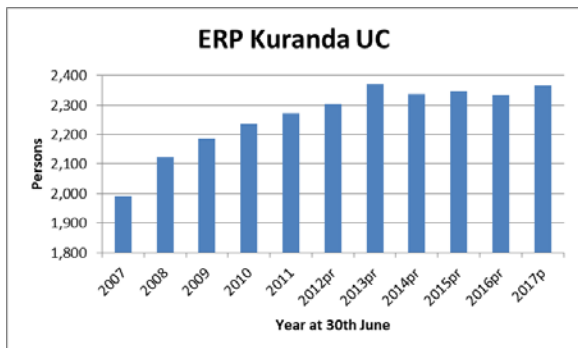
Town	Census 2016 Population (usual residents)	Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2016pr	Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2017p
Mareeba (UC)	7,741	7,927	8,026
Kuranda (UC)	2,242	2,335	2,365
Dimbulah (L)	372	382	385
Chillagoe (L)	188	193	194

UC = Urban Centre, L = Locality, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2016
 p = preliminary, pr = preliminary rebased

Source of data: ABS 2016 Census and Queensland Treasury *Estimated resident population (a) by urban centre and locality (b), Queensland, 2007 to 2017p*, based on ABS Cat.3218.0 *Regional Population Growth Australia 2017*

Mareeba urban centre (UC) increased its estimated resident population (ERP) by 99 persons from 7,927 at 30th June 2016 to 8,026 at 30th June 2017p, a growth of 1.25% over the year. Kuranda UC’s ERP increased by 30 persons at a rate of growth of 1.28% over the year. Dimbulah and Chillagoe populations remained stable.

In the ten years 2007 to 2017 the Mareeba UC population increased by 14.7% from 6,998 persons in 2007 to 8,026 in 2017. Kuranda UC grew 18.8% in the same period from 1,991 persons in 2007 to 2,365 in 2017 (Queensland Treasury and ABS Cat.3218.0 2017).



Source of data: Queensland Treasury *Estimated resident population (a) by urban centre and locality (b), Queensland, 2007 to 2017p*, based on ABS Cat.3218.0 *Regional Population Growth Australia*, various editions

Demographic Characteristics - Towns

A summary of the main demographic features of the towns in Mareeba Shire is given in the table below.

The Dimbulah (L) population had the oldest median age at 50 years and Mareeba (UC) the youngest at 41 years. Chillagoe (L) had the highest proportion of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people at 16.3%, although Mareeba (UC) had the highest number of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people (1,216). Kuranda (UC) had the highest median household income at \$1,058 per week and Chillagoe the lowest median household income at \$638 per week. All the towns had a lower median household income than the average for Queensland which was \$1,402 per week.

Mareeba Shire Towns, Demographic Characteristics, 2016 Census (usual residents)

	Mareeba UC	Kuranda UC	Dimbulah (L)	Chillagoe (L)	Mareeba (S) LGA	Queensland
Population	7,741	2,242	372	188	21,557	4,703,193
Median Age	41 years	46 years	50 years	46 years	43 years	37 years
% ATSI	15.7%	9.7%	9.6%	16.3%	13.0%	4.0%
Dwellings	3,509	1,169	214	119	9,636	1,987,313
Median Household Weekly Income	\$942	\$1,058	\$764	\$638	\$1,045	\$1,402

UC = Urban Centre, L = Locality, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016

ATSI = Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people

Source of data: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016

Mareeba Shire Towns, Population by Age, 2016 Census (usual residents)

	0-14 yrs		15-24 yrs		25-44 yrs		45-64 yrs		65 yrs and over	
Mareeba UC	1,480	19.1%	952	12.3%	1,767	22.8%	1,775	22.9%	1,768	22.8%
Kuranda UC	388	17.3%	176	7.9%	501	22.4%	762	34.1%	410	18.3%
Dimbulah (L)	57	15.2%	42	11.2%	66	17.6%	112	29.8%	99	26.3%
Chillagoe (L)	35	18.7%	7	3.7%	47	25.1%	54	28.9%	44	23.5%
Mareeba LGA	3,878	18.0%	2,351	10.9%	4,972	23.1%	6,215	28.8%	4,144	19.2%
Queensland		19.4%		13%		27.1%		25.2%		15.2%

Source of data: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016

Mareeba urban centre had the highest proportion of children aged 0-14 years (19.1%) compared with the other towns. Chillagoe had the lowest proportion of youth aged 15-24 years, comprising only 3.7% of its total population. All the towns had a higher percentage of their populations in the 45-64 age group than in the 25-44 year age group. Kuranda had the lowest percentage of people aged 65 years and over at 18.3% of its total population and Dimbulah the highest at 26.3%. All of the towns had a higher percentage of people aged 65 years and over in their populations than did Queensland as a whole (15.2%)(ABS 2016 Census).

Mareeba Urban Centre

Mareeba (UCL) UCL314016 (UCL)

Data Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing
Persons, place of usual residence (unless otherwise stated)

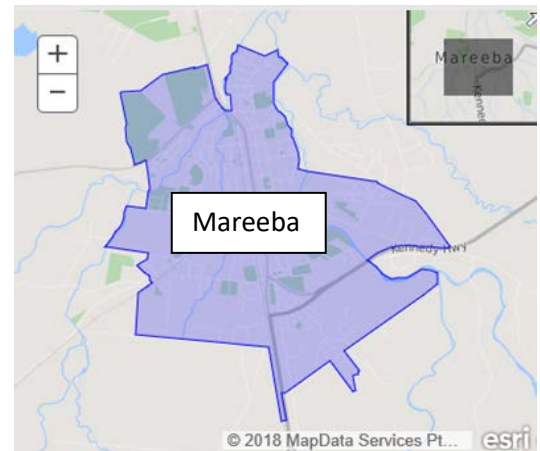
Mareeba is Mareeba Shire’s largest town and is located 64 km west of Cairns along the Kennedy Highway in Far North Queensland.



Source: ABS and Map Data Services 2018

Population

	7,741 persons
Male	3,773 48.8%
Female	3,966 51.2%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	1,216 15.7%
Median Age	41 yrs
Number of private dwellings	3,509



Age Structure ABS 2016 Census

Age Group (yrs)	Mareeba UC	Mareeba UC %	Mareeba Shire %	Qld %
0-14	1,480	19.1%	18.0%	19.4%
15-24	952	12.3%	10.9%	13.0%
25-44	1,767	22.8%	23.1%	27.1%
45-64	1,775	22.9%	28.8%	25.2%
65 +	1,768	22.8%	19.2%	15.2%

Industry of Employment

Top responses, Employed persons aged 15 yrs and over during week of census ABS 2016 Census

Industry	Mareeba UC persons	Mareeba UC %	Mareeba Shire %	Qld %
Other Fruit Tree & Nut Growing	170	6.3%	1.9%	0.2%
Hospitals (except Psychiatric)	123	4.6%	1.5%	4.3%
Supermarket & Grocery Stores	107	4.0%	1.0%	2.4%

(Small numbers have been randomized – no reliance should be placed on small cells)

Kuranda

Kuranda (UCL) ABS Code UCL315048 (UCL)

Data Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing
Persons, place of usual residence (unless otherwise stated)

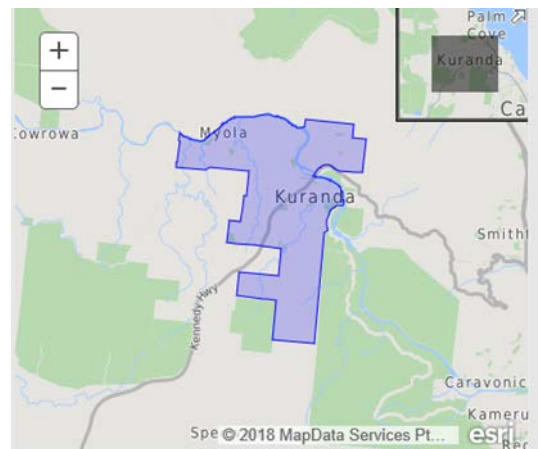
Kuranda is Mareeba Shire’s second largest town and is located 39 km east of Mareeba urban centre and 29 km west of Cairns in Far North Queensland.



Source: ABS and Map Data Services 2018

Population

	2,242 persons
Male	1,100 49.2%
Female	1,138 50.6%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	218 9.7%
Median Age	46 yrs
Number of private dwellings	1,169



Age Structure ABS 2016 Census

Age Group (yrs)	Kuranda persons	Kuranda %	Mareeba Shire %	Qld %
0-14	388	17.3%	18.0%	19.4%
15-24	176	7.9%	10.9%	13.0%
25-44	501	22.4%	23.1%	27.1%
45-64	762	34.1%	28.8%	25.2%
65 +	410	18.3%	19.2%	15.2%

Industry of Employment

Top responses, Employed persons aged 15 yrs and over during week of census ABS 2016 Census

Industry	Kuranda persons	Kuranda %	Mareeba Shire %	Qld %
Hospitals (except psychiatric)	49	6.1%	1.5%	4.3%
Cafes and Restaurants	30	3.7%	0.6%	2.3%
Supermarket & Grocery Stores	24	3.0%	1.0%	2.4%

(Small numbers have been randomized – no reliance should be placed on small cells)

Dimbulah

Dimbulah (L) ABS Code UCL322036 (UCL)

Data Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing
Persons, place of usual residence (unless otherwise stated)

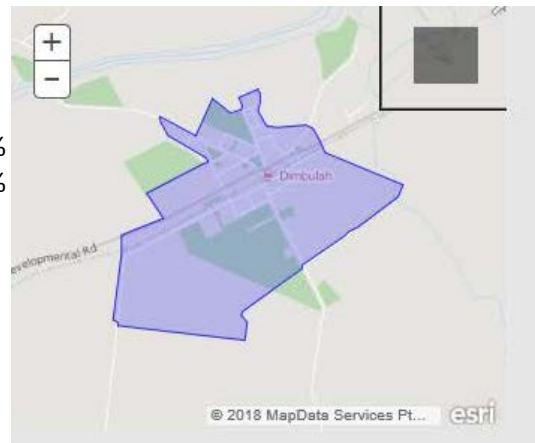
Dimbulah is a small town located 46 km west of Mareeba urban centre and 110 km west of Cairns along the Kennedy Highway in Far North Queensland.



Source: ABS and Map Data Services 2018

Population

	372 persons	
Male	191	51.2%
Female	182	48.8%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	35	9.6%
Median Age	50 yrs	
Number of private dwellings	214	



Age Structure

ABS 2016 Census

Age Group (yrs)	Dimbulah persons	Dimbulah %	Mareeba Shire %	Queensland %
0-14	57	15.2%	18.0%	19.4%
15-24	42	11.2%	10.9%	13.0%
25-44	66	17.6%	23.1%	27.1%
45-64	112	29.8%	28.8%	25.2%
65 +	99	26.3%	19.2%	15.2%

Industry of Employment

Top responses, Employed persons aged 15 yrs and over during week of census ABS 2016 Census

Industry	Dimbulah persons	Dimbulah %	Mareeba Shire %	Qld %
Education (Primary & Secondary)	12	11.9%	0.3%	1.3%
Local Government Administration	9	8.9%	1.0%	1.4%
Other Fruit & Tree Nut Growing	7	6.9%	1.9%	0.2%

(Small numbers have been randomized – no reliance should be placed on small cells)

Chillagoe

Chillagoe (L) ABS Code UCL322029 (UCL)

Data Source: ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing, Persons, place of usual residence (unless otherwise stated)

Chillagoe is a small town located 141 km west of Mareeba urban centre and 204 km west of Cairns along the Kennedy Highway in Far North Queensland.



Source: ABS and Map Data Services 2018

Population

	188 persons	
Male	90	48.6%
Female	95	51.4%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	30	16.3%
Median Age	46 yrs	
Number of private dwellings	119	



Age Structure

ABS 2016 Census

Age Group (yrs)	Chillagoe persons	Chillagoe %	Mareeba Shire %	Qld %
0-14	35	18.7%	18.0%	19.4%
15-24	7	3.7%	10.9%	13.0%
25-44	47	25.1%	23.1%	27.1%
45-64	54	28.9%	28.8%	25.2%
65 +	44	23.5%	19.2%	15.2%

Industry of Employment

Top responses, Employed persons aged 15 yrs and over during week of census ABS 2016 Census

Industry	Chillagoe persons	Chillagoe %	Mareeba Shire %	Qld %
Accommodation	13	34.2%	0.5%	1.4%
Primary Education	5	13.2%	2.8%	2.5%
Beef Cattle Farming (Specialised)	4	10.5%	0.6%	0.8%

(Small numbers have been randomized – no reliance should be placed on small cells)

Mareeba Shire Districts

The ABS identifies three districts at the Statistical Area Level 2 in the Mareeba Shire LGA: Mareeba SA2, Kuranda SA2 and an area that it calls Queensland Outback – Far North – Tablelands SA2 which is different from and does not include the Tablelands Regional Council LGA. This SA2 will therefore just be called “Outback”. These areas are shown in the maps below. The census and estimated resident population figures for these three districts are shown in the table below.

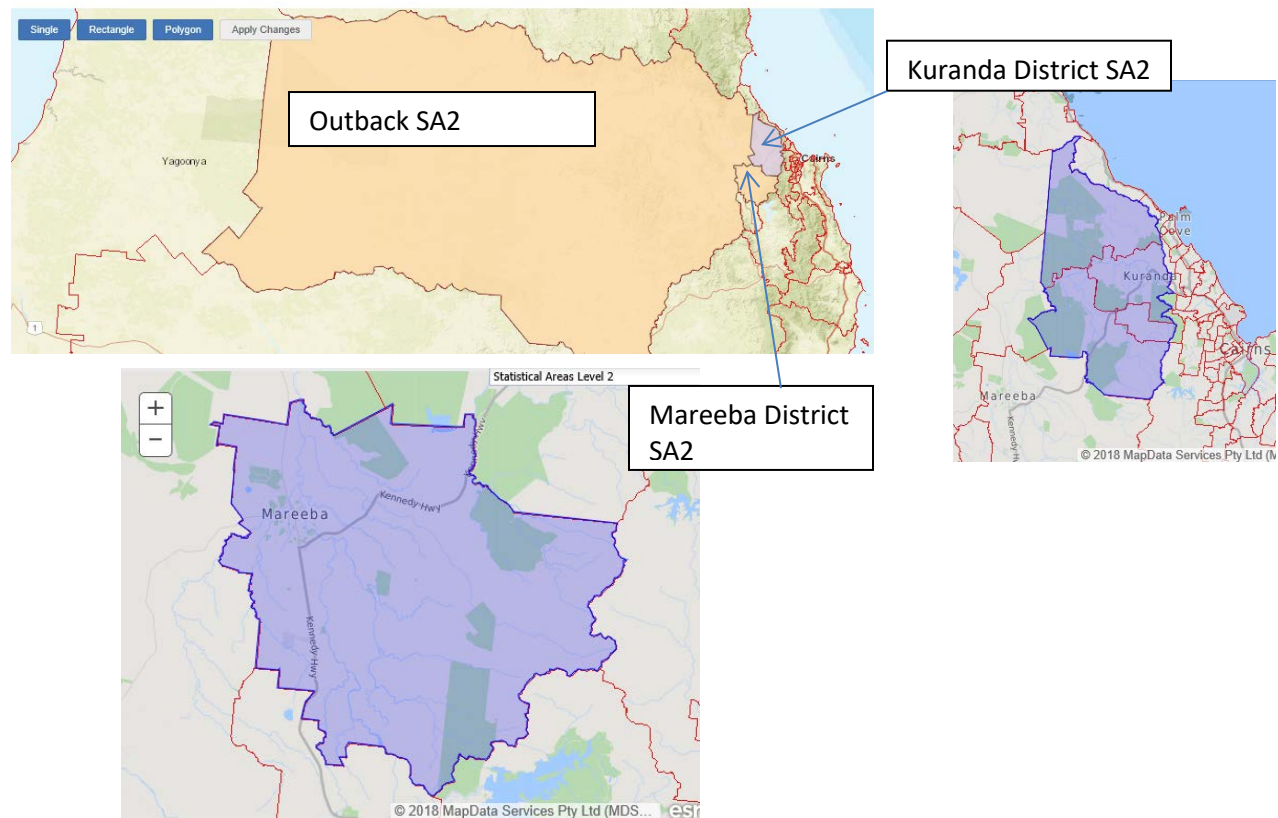
Mareeba Shire SA2 Districts, Population at 2016 Census and Mid-Year Estimated Resident Population

District (SA2)	Census 2016 Population (usual residents)	Estimated Resident Population as at 30 th June 2016pr	Estimated Resident Population as at 30 th June 2017p
Mareeba District (SA2)	11,079	11,334	11,473
Kuranda District (SA2)	4,496	4,684	4,715
Outback (SA2)	5,985	6,139	6,180
Total	21,560	22,157	22,368

SA2 = ABS Statistical Area Level 2, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016

p = preliminary, pr = preliminary rebased

Source of data: Queensland Treasury and ABS Cat.3218.0 *Regional Population Growth Australia 2016 and 2017*



Maps sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics website www.abs.gov.au

Demographic Characteristics – SA2 Districts

A summary of the main demographic characteristics of the SA2 Districts in Mareeba Shire, based on the ABS Census 2016, is given in the table below.

All the districts had a median age higher than that for Queensland (37 years), with the Kuranda District having the highest median age at 45 years. All had a much higher percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their populations than did Queensland (4.0%) with the Outback District having the highest at 15.4%. All districts had a lower median household weekly income than Queensland (\$1,402) with the Outback District having the lowest at \$979 (ABS 2016 Census).

Mareeba Shire SA2 Districts, Demographic Characteristics, 2016 Census (usual residents)

	Mareeba District SA2	Kuranda District SA2	Outback SA2	Mareeba (S) LGA	Queensland
Population	11,079	4,496	5,985	21,557	4,703,193
Median Age	41 years	45 years	44 years	43 years	37 years
% ATSI	12.3%	11.5%	15.4%	13.0%	4.0%
Dwellings	4,938	2,144	2,556	9,636	1,987,313
Median Household Weekly Income	\$1,041	\$1,125	\$979	\$1,045	\$1,402

SA2 = Statistical Area Level 2, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016

*Outback SA2: The ABS identifies this SA2 as Queensland – Outback – Far North – Tablelands, but since this can be confused with Tablelands Regional Council this report will label this SA2 as “Outback”

ATSI = Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people

Source of data: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016

Mareeba District SA2 had a similar proportion of children aged 0-14 years in its population (19.4%) as Queensland (19.4%). All the districts had a lower proportion of youth aged 15-24 years than did Queensland (13%), with Kuranda District having the lowest at 7.9%. All the districts also had a lower percentage of adults aged 25-44 years than did Queensland (27.1%) with Kuranda District having the lowest at 21.4%. Kuranda District had the highest percentage of people aged 45-64 years (34.5%) compared with the other districts and Queensland (25.2%). All districts had a higher percentage of people 65 years and older than Queensland (15.2%) with Mareeba District having the highest proportion (21.2%) (ABS 2016 Census).

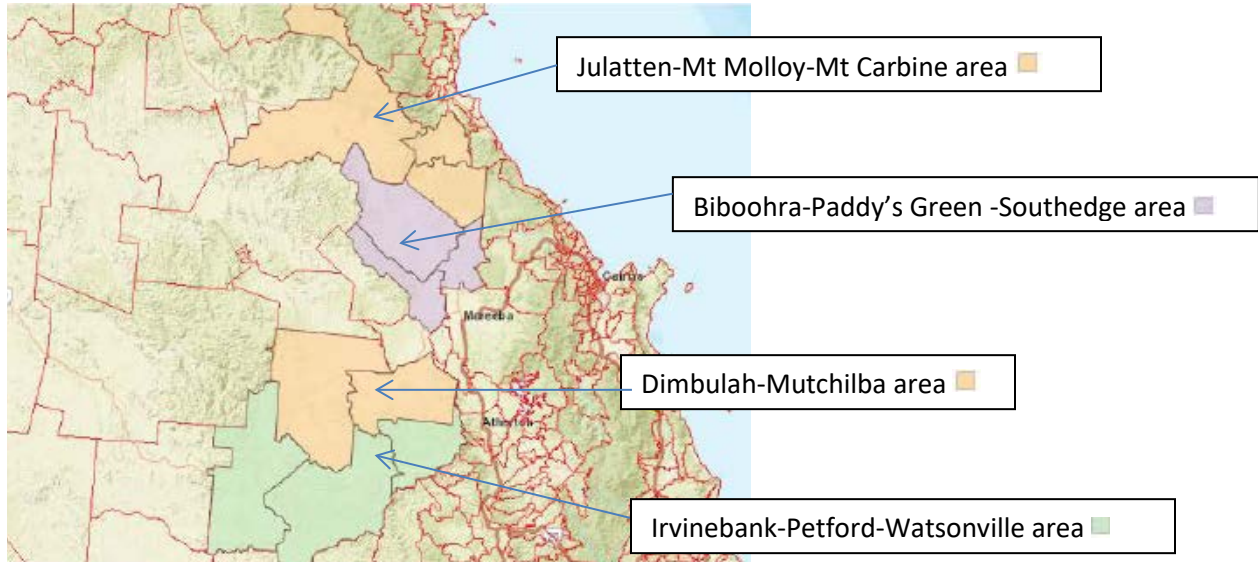
Mareeba Shire SA2 Districts, Population by Age, 2016 Census (usual residents)

	0-14 yrs		15-24 yrs		25-44 yrs		45-64 yrs		65 yrs and over	
Mareeba SA2	2,147	19.4%	1,296	11.7%	2,529	22.8%	2,742	24.8%	2,363	21.2%
Kuranda SA2	848	18.8%	356	7.9%	961	21.4%	1,556	34.5%	776	17.2%
Outback SA2	878	14.7%	700	11.7%	1,479	24.7%	1,920	32.1%	1,012	16.9%
Mareeba LGA	3,878	18.0%	2,351	10.9%	4,972	23.1%	6,215	28.8%	4,144	19.2%
Queensland		19.4%		13%		27.1%		25.2%		15.2%

Source of data: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016

Rural-Residential Areas

The Kuranda District SA2 described above encompasses the suburbs of Koah, Kuranda, Speewah and Mona Mona, parts of which are rural-residential areas. The Mareeba District SA2 is equivalent to the ABS Mareeba State Suburb, which includes some rural-residential areas. The Outback District SA2 covers the rest of the Shire and includes several distinct rural residential areas, shown on the map below. Some demographic characteristics of these areas are given below.



Map sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics Tablebuilder website www.abs.gov.au

Mareeba Shire, Rural-Residential Areas, Population at 2016 Census (usual residents)

	Dimbulah-Mutchilba	Julatten-Mt Molloy-Mt Carbine	Irvinebank-Watsonville-Petford	Biboohra-Paddy's Green-Southedge	Mareeba (S) LGA
Population	1,544	1,446	340	941	21,557
% ATSI	7.3%	5.3%	6.8%	3.9%	13.0%

ATSI = Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people

Source of data: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016, Tablebuilder, based on ABS State Suburb data

Mareeba Shire Rural-Residential Areas, Population by Age, 2016 Census (usual residents)

	0-14 yrs		15-24 yrs		25-44 yrs		45-64 yrs		65 yrs and over	
Dimbulah-Mutchilba	285	18.5%	146	9.5%	316	20.5%	508	32.9%	293	19.0%
Julatten-Mt Molloy-Carbine	219	15.1%	121	8.4%	224	15.5%	565	39.1%	320	22.1%
Irvinebank-Petford-Wats	51	15.0%	28	8.2%	45	13.2%	132	38.8%	91	26.8%
Biboohra-Paddy's Green	162	17.2%	123	13.1%	205	21.8%	291	30.9%	165	17.5%
Mareeba LGA	3,878	18.0%	2,351	10.9%	4,972	23.1%	6,215	28.8%	4,144	19.2%
Queensland		19.4%		13.0%		27.1%		25.2%		15.2%

Source of data: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016, Tablebuilder, based on ABS State Suburb data

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Quickstat links for towns and SA2s:

Mareeba Urban

Centre: http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/UCL314016?opendocument

Kuranda Urban Centre:

http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/UCL315048?opendocument

Dimbulah (Locality):

http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/UCL322036?opendocument

Chillagoe

(Locality): http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/UCL322029?opendocument

Outback SA2 (actually Tablelands SA2):

http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/315011400?opendocument

Mareeba SA2:

http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/306051170?opendocument

Kuranda SA2:

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