



# ECONOMIC REPORT

Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region



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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this profile is to present an economic overview of the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area which includes the Rockhampton Regional Council and Livingstone Shire Council areas. The profile provides information and statistics on various economic and related indicators such as demographics, employment, business and industry, building activity, tourism, education, transport and affordability. This profile has been developed by Capricorn Enterprise.

Demographic information provided in this publication consists of the latest estimated resident population, changes to population and age characteristics, and population projections.

Information on employment is provided by way of employment figures by industry and occupation, labour force statistics and mean taxable income.

The business and industry sections include information on business counts, production and activity in the agriculture and mining sectors, and data on Queensland's commodity exports as it relates to the region.

The building activity section gives a concise summary of the number and value of building approvals in the region.

Information on education provided in this profile includes the number of primary and secondary schools in the region, information on activity at Central Queensland University, vocational education and training, as well as 2016 and 2021 Census figures on the qualifications of the region's population.

Road and air travel statistics are all reported in the transport section.

Finally, details of the region's liveability are provided in the form of retail price information, fuel prices and house prices for both purchase and rental markets.

Note: Results from the ABS 2021 Census of Population and Housing have been released progressively in 2022 and 2023. This profile has been updated following the Census release.

Australia's latest Census was held in August 2021 and included new questions while some previous questions were not included. Data collected in the Census helps government, businesses and organisations to make informed decisions.

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# Overview

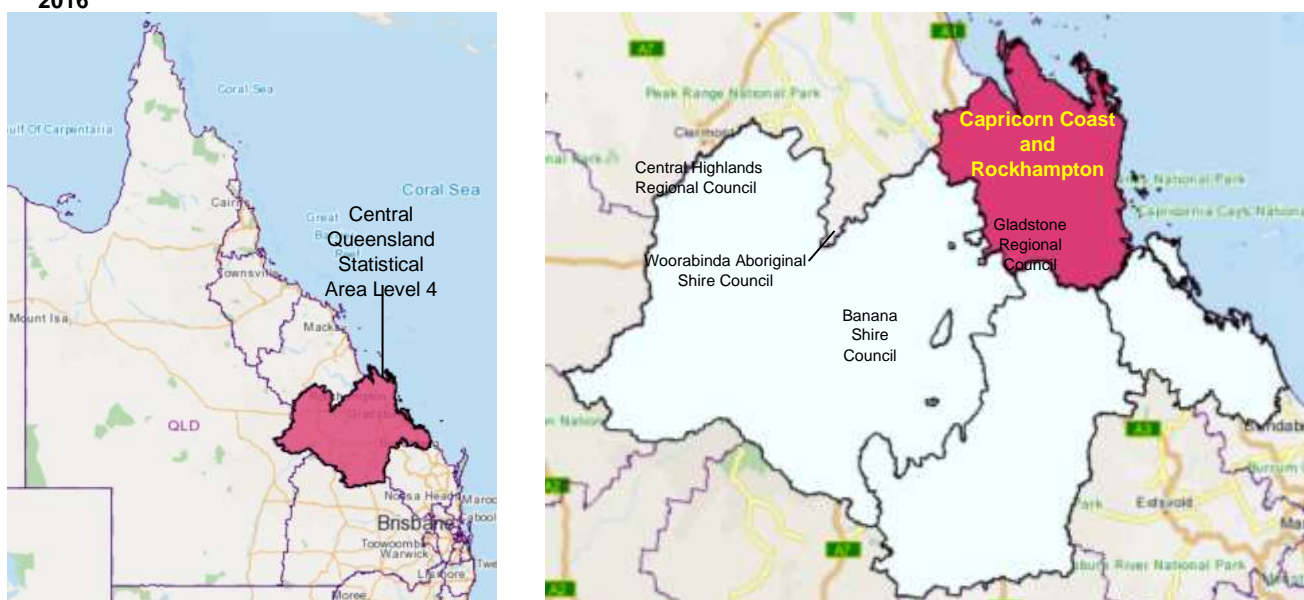
## Key indicators at a glance

- Gross Regional Product - \$7.3b (2021/22)
- Population – 124,675 persons
- Average annual population growth – 1.0%
- Population projection 2046 – 159,893 persons
- March quarter 2023 Labour force – 67,921 persons
- March quarter 2023 unemployment rate 3.5%

## Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton

The Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area comprises the two local government areas of Rockhampton Regional Council and Livingstone Shire Council. It is within the Central Queensland Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4) and covers a total area of 18,356 km<sup>2</sup> and accounts for 1.1% of the state's area.

**Figure 1 Australia, Central Queensland SA4 and Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area, 2016**



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2011.

There are 19 Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) within the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area as listed below. The Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area includes the urban centres of Emu Park, Gracemere, Mount Morgan, Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

[Berserker](#)

[Bouldercombe](#)

[Emu Park](#)

[Frenchville - Mount Archer](#)

[Glenlee - Rockyview](#)

[Gracemere](#)

[Lakes Creek](#)

[Mount Morgan](#)

[Norman Gardens](#)

[Park Avenue](#)

[Parkhurst – Kawana](#)

[Rockhampton – West](#)

[Rockhampton City](#)

[Rockhampton Surrounds –](#)

[East](#)

[Rockhampton Surrounds –](#)

[North](#)

[Rockhampton Surrounds –](#)

[West](#)

[Shoalwater Bay](#)

[The Range – Allenstown](#)

[Yeppoon](#)

Note: maps of SA2 areas can be downloaded from *Queensland Statistical Areas, Level 2 (SA2), 2021*, <https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/geographies-maps/maps/queensland-statistical-areas-level-2-sa2-2021>

Figure 2 Statistical Area Level 2 in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2011



Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geography Standard, 2011.

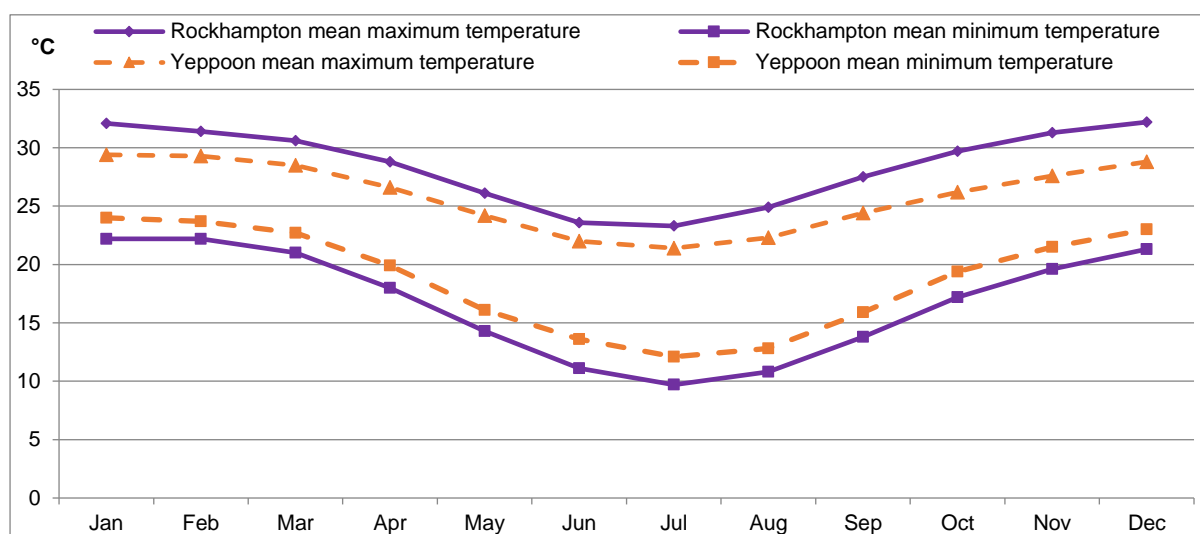
Source: The State of Queensland (Queensland Treasury), 2015

## Climate

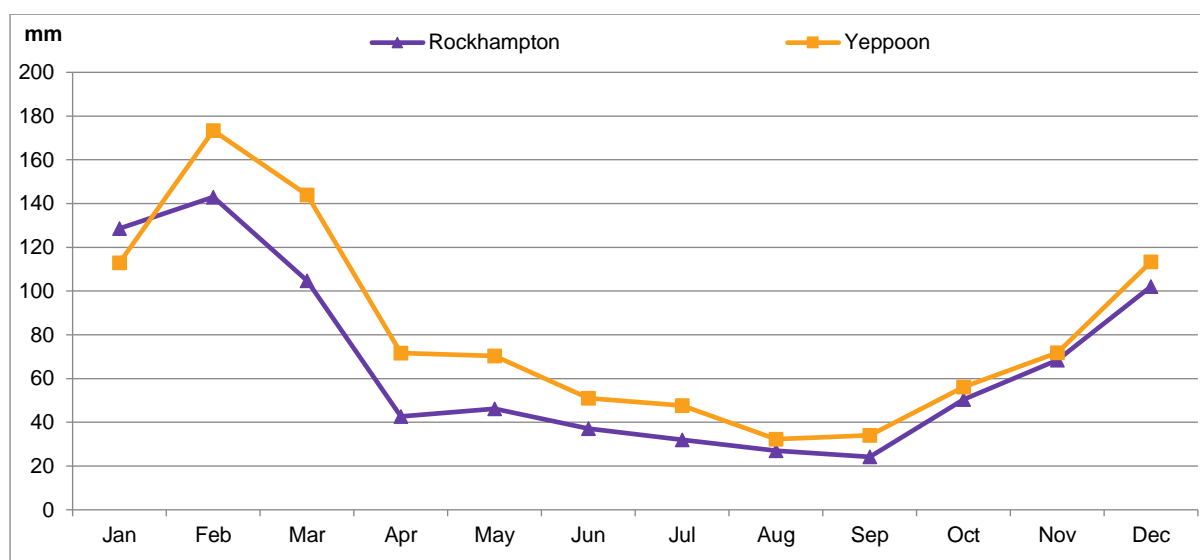
The Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area enjoys a subtropical climate with wet summers and low winter rainfall. The highest mean monthly maximum temperature in Rockhampton is in December, 32.2°C. Yeppoon's highest mean monthly maximum temperature is in January, 29.4°C. The lowest mean monthly minimum temperature in Rockhampton is 9.7°C in July and 12.1°C in Yeppoon in July.

Both Yeppoon and Rockhampton have their highest mean monthly rainfall in February (173.4 mm and 143.0 mm respectively). Rockhampton's lowest mean monthly rainfall is in September, with just 24.2 mm, whereas Yeppoon's lowest mean monthly rainfall is in August, with 32.3 mm.

**Figure 3 Mean monthly maximum and minimum temperatures, Rockhampton (a) and Yeppoon (b)**



**Figure 4 Mean monthly rainfall, Rockhampton (a) and Yeppoon (b)**



(a) Based on observations recorded at Rockhampton Airport from 1939 to 2022.

(b) Based on observations recorded at Yeppoon Esplanade from 1993 to 2022 (temperature) and 1994 to 2022 (rainfall).

Source: *Climate statistics for Australian locations*, Bureau of Meteorology, 2023.

## DEMOGRAPHY

### Quick stats

- 2022 estimated resident population – 124,675 persons
- 2017 - 2022 average annual increase in population – 1.0%
- Greater proportion of persons aged 0 to 19 years than Queensland
- Greater proportion of persons aged 55 to 69 years and 75 years and over than Queensland
- 2046 population projection – 159,370 persons
- 2021 – 2046 average annual increase in population – 1,463 persons

### Estimated Resident Population

The estimated resident population of the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area at 30 June 2022 was 124,675 persons, 2.3% of the total Queensland population. Between 30 June 2017 and 30 June

2022, the population in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area increased by an average of 1.0% per annum, a lower growth rate than Queensland, which increased by an average of 1.6% per annum.

While the population of the region increased between 2017 and 2022, population change varied significantly by Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2). The fastest population growth over the five-year period occurred in Yeppoon SA2 (an average of 2.3 % per annum), followed by Rockhampton Surrounds - North SA2 and Parkhurst – Kawana SA2 (both an average of 1.7% per annum).

**Table 1 Estimated resident population by SA2 (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2017, 2021 and 2022**

Statistical Area Level 2(b)	Area km <sup>2</sup>	Estimated resident population as at 30 June			Change (c)	
		2017	2021	2022	2017-2022	
		— number —			%	persons
Berserker	10.0	6,976	7,113	7,176	0.6	40
Bouldercombe	1,338.7	1,869	1,965	1,966	1.0	19
Emu Park	40.8	5,571	5,837	5,953	1.3	76
Frenchville - Mount Archer	30.2	9,157	9,154	9,248	0.2	18
Glenlee - Rockyview	208.0	5,130	5,286	5,457	1.2	65
Gracemere	154.1	12,056	12,582	12,810	1.2	151
Lakes Creek	16.8	4,967	4,944	4,963	0.0	1
Mount Morgan	490.7	2,935	2,960	2,990	0.4	11
Norman Gardens	36.1	10,489	10,828	10,938	0.8	90
Park Avenue	5.0	5,183	5,343	5,372	0.7	38
Parkhurst - Kawana	28.4	7,109	7,559	7,741	1.7	126
Rockhampton - West	34.5	6,003	5,954	5,971	-0.1	6
Rockhampton City	51.2	3,376	3,402	3,419	0.3	9
Rockhampton Surrounds - East	680.2	3,509	3,533	3,590	0.5	16
Rockhampton Surrounds - North	7,566.9	4,345	4,628	4,737	1.7	78
Rockhampton Surrounds - West	4,359.0	2,915	3,025	3,094	1.2	36
Shoalwater Bay	3,177.0	17	22	22	5.3	1
The Range - Allentown	5.5	8,319	8,075	8,035	-0.7	57
Yeppoon	78.6	18,892	20,575	21,193	2.3	460
<b>Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton</b>	<b>18,311.7</b>	<b>118,818</b>	<b>122,785</b>	<b>124,675</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1,171</b>
Queensland	1,734,174.0	4,928,374	5,217,653	5,326,622	1.6	79,650
Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton as % of Queensland	..	2.4	2.4	2.3	..	..

(a) Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016.

(b) A map detailing boundaries for Statistical Area Level 2s can be found in the Introduction of this profile.

(c) Average annual growth rate.

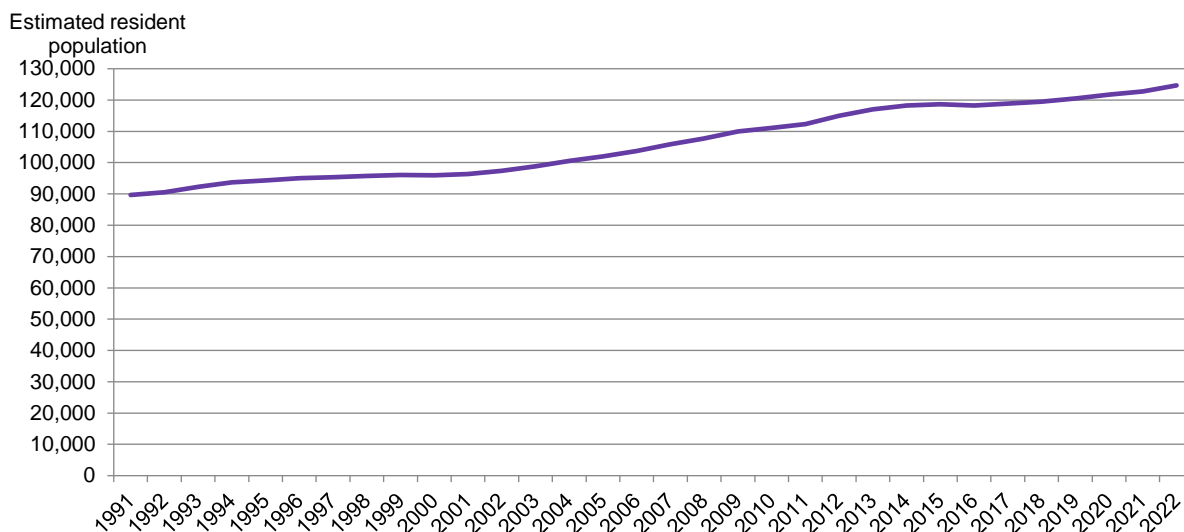
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Regional Population Growth, Australia*, cat. no. 3218.0.

## Population

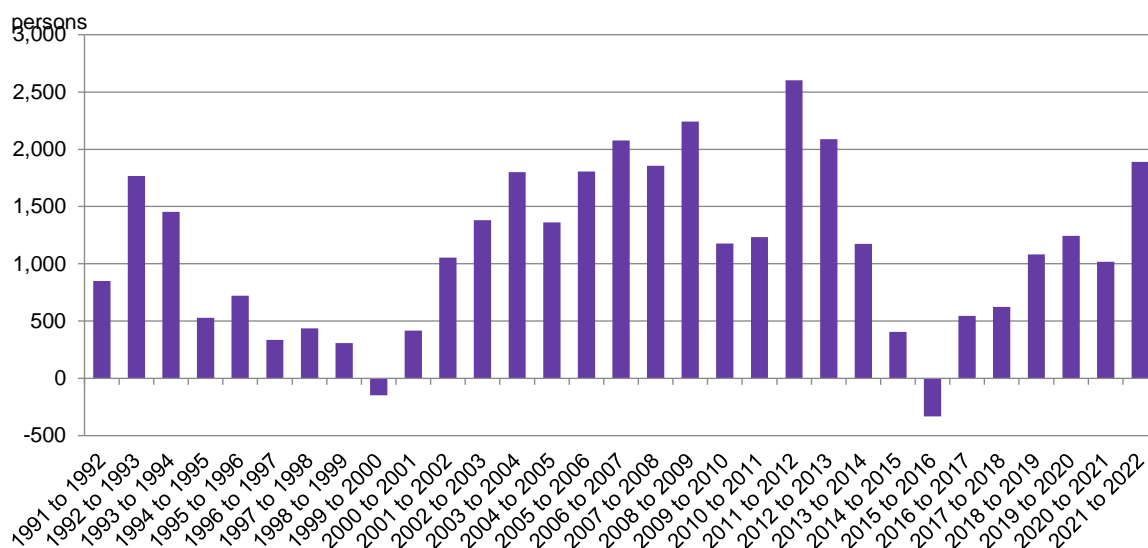
Longer-term historical estimated resident population data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicate that the population of the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area has increased since 1991. The population increased from 89,668 persons in 1991 to 124,675 persons in 2022. This was an increase of 35,007 persons at an average annual growth rate of 1.3%.

Annual population change for the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area has varied considerably between 1991 and 2022. The largest population change was between 2011 and 2012, with an increase of 2,603 persons. The greatest population decline occurred between 2015 and 2016 with a decrease of 333 persons.

**Figure 5 Estimated resident population (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 1991 to 2022**



**Figure 6 Annual change in the estimated resident population, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 1991 to 2022**



2017-2021 figures are preliminary rebased. 2022 figures are preliminary.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Regional Population Growth, Australia*, cat. no. 3218.0.

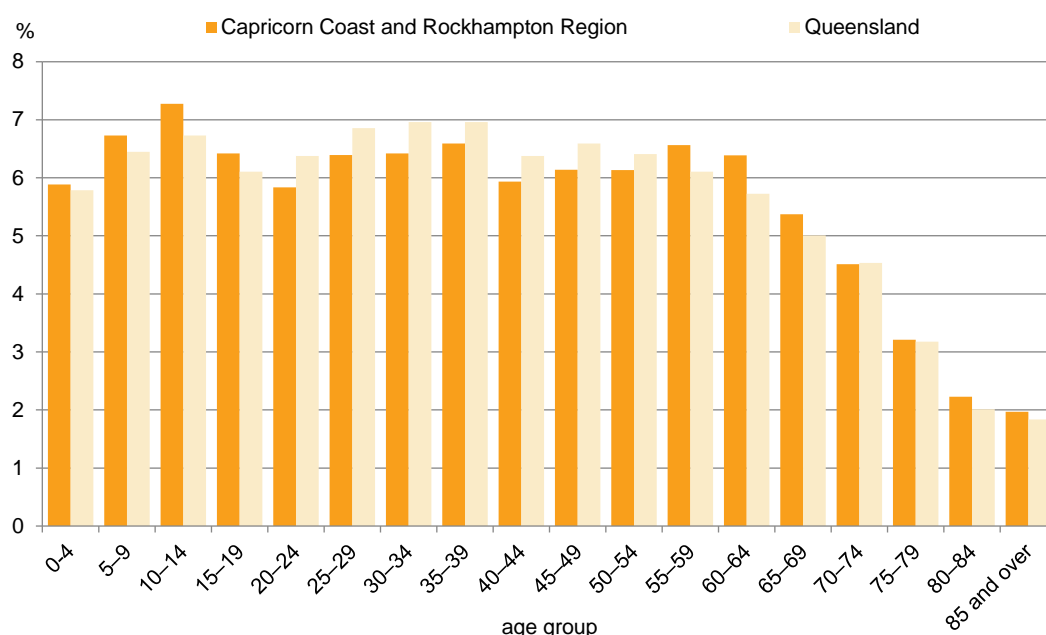
## Age Characteristics

Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicate that the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area, as at 30 June 2021, had a greater proportion of persons aged 0 to 19 years, 55 to 69 years and 75 years and over when compared with Queensland. The largest percentage difference between the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area and Queensland was those persons aged 60 to 64 years (0.7 percentage points higher) and persons aged 10 to 14 years and 55 to 59 years (both 0.5 percentage points higher).

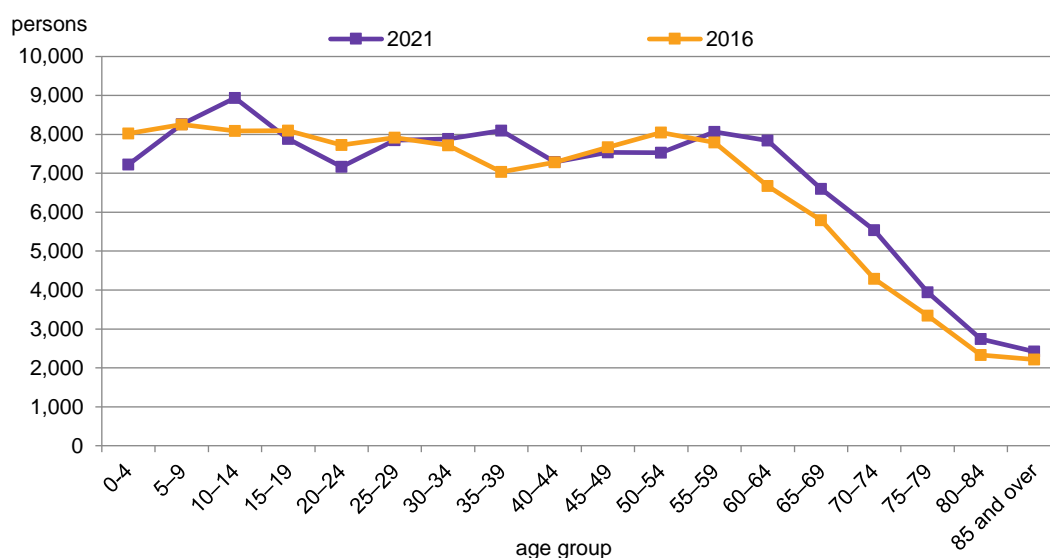
Between 2016 and 2021, the greatest increase in population in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area was persons aged 70 to 74 years (1,258 persons), followed by persons aged 60 to 64 years (1,170 persons) and 35 to 39 years (1,054 persons). The greatest decrease in population in the area was persons aged 0 to 4 years (794 persons) and 20 to 24 years (560 persons). As at 30

June 2021, the median age for the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area was 38.8 years compared to 38.4 years in Queensland.

**Figure 7 Estimated resident population by age, as a percentage of the population, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area and Queensland, 2021(a)**



**Figure 8 Estimated resident population by age, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2016 and 2021 (a)**



(a) 2001 to 2016 figures are final. 2019 figures are revised. 2021 figures are preliminary.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Population Estimates by Age and Sex, Australia and States*, cat. no. 3235.0.

## Population Projections

Population projections published by Queensland Treasury and Trade, 2023 edition, indicate that the population of the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area will increase to 159,370 persons by the year 2046. The Region is projected to have a higher rate of growth (1.0%) than the Central Queensland SA4 (0.8%) but slower rate than Queensland (1.4%). It is predicted the region will grow on average by 1,463 persons per year between 2021 and 2046.

**Table 2 Population projections (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area, Central Queensland SA4 and Queensland, 2021 to 2046**

Area	Estimated resident population 2021	- Projected resident population -					Average annual growth	
		2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	2021 to 2046	
		— number —					persons	%
<b>Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton</b>	<b>122,785</b>	<b>129,654</b>	<b>137,284</b>	<b>144,914</b>	<b>152,329</b>	<b>159,370</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Central Qld SA4	231,104	241,661	254,921	269,381	284,149	298,831	2,709	0.8
Queensland	5,217,653	5,663,247	6,079,887	6,492,441	6,899,969	7,299,934	83,291	1.4
Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton as a % of CQ SA4	53.1	53.7	53.9	53.8	53.6	53.3	..	..
Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton as a % of Queensland	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	..	..

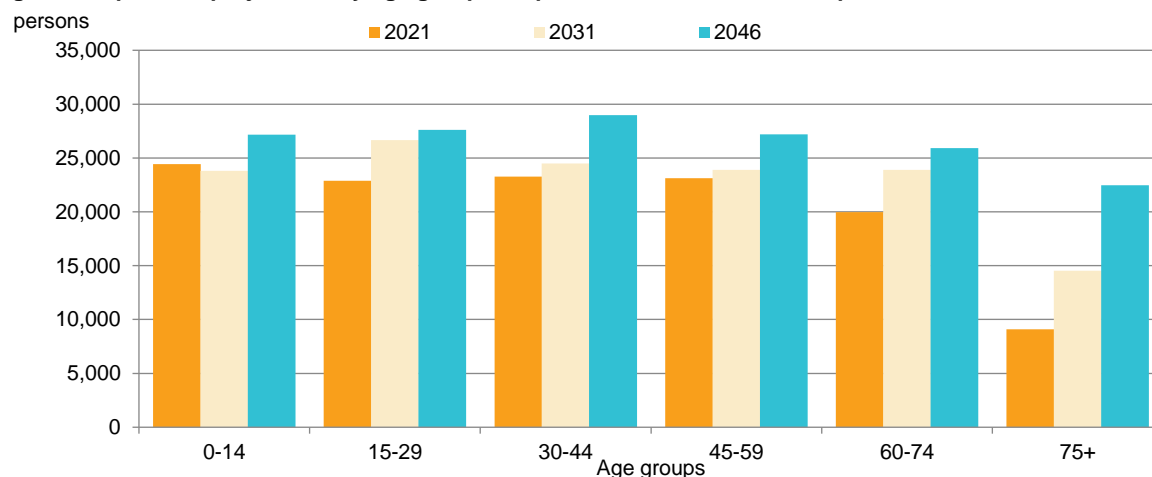
SA4 = Statistical area level 4

(a) Medium series.

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

All age groups are projected to experience growth; however, the greatest percentage growth is being projected in the 60 to 74 years (29.8%) and over 75 years age groups (147.1%).

**Figure 9 Population projections by age groups, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2021, 2031 and 2046**



Source: Queensland Government population projections, 2023 edition (medium series), Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury and Trade.

## EMPLOYMENT

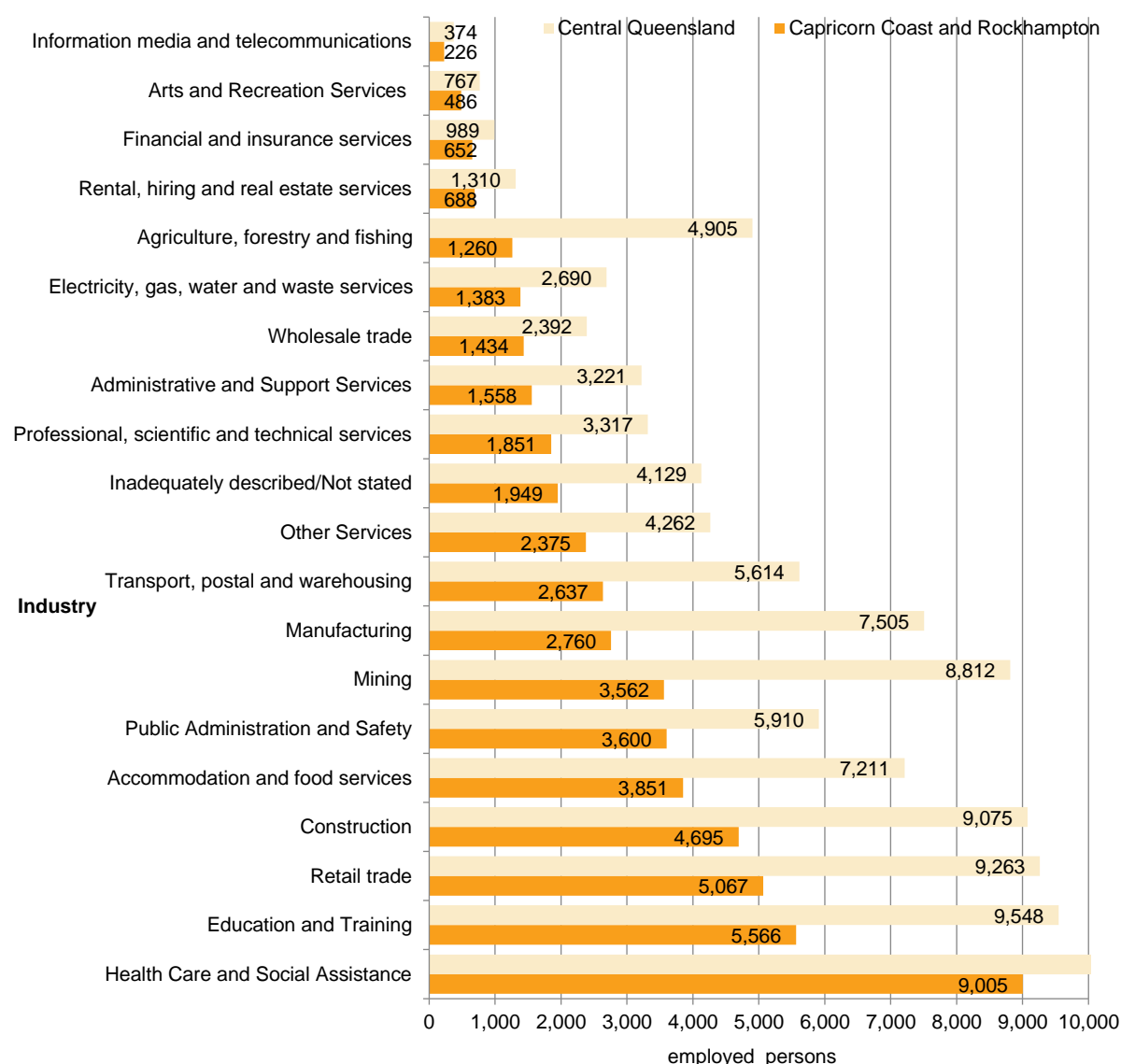
### Quick stats

- 2021 Census largest employing industry - health care and social assistance 16.5%
- 2016-2021 highest percentage growth of employed persons – health care and social assistance
- 2016-2021 highest increase in number of employed persons – health care and social assistance
- 2021 Census largest occupational group – professionals
- 2021 Census 1,869 workers in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area resided outside the region.
- March quarter 2023 labour force – 67,921 persons.
- March quarter 2023 unemployment rate – 3.5%.
- March quarter 2023 estimated number of unemployed persons – 2,399 persons.
- 2021 Census 86.3% of employed residents worked within the region
- 2019 average total personal income - \$64,113
- 2019 median total personal income - \$51,421
- 2019 average employee income - \$61,424

## Employment by Industry

At the time of the 2021 Census, health care and social assistance was the largest employing industry in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area, accounting for 9,005 (16.5%) of the region's employed workforce. Other significant industries included education and training (10.2%), retail trade (9.3%) and construction (8.6%).

**Table 3 Employed persons (a)(b) by industry, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton and Central Queensland SA4, 2021**



(a) Based on usual residence.

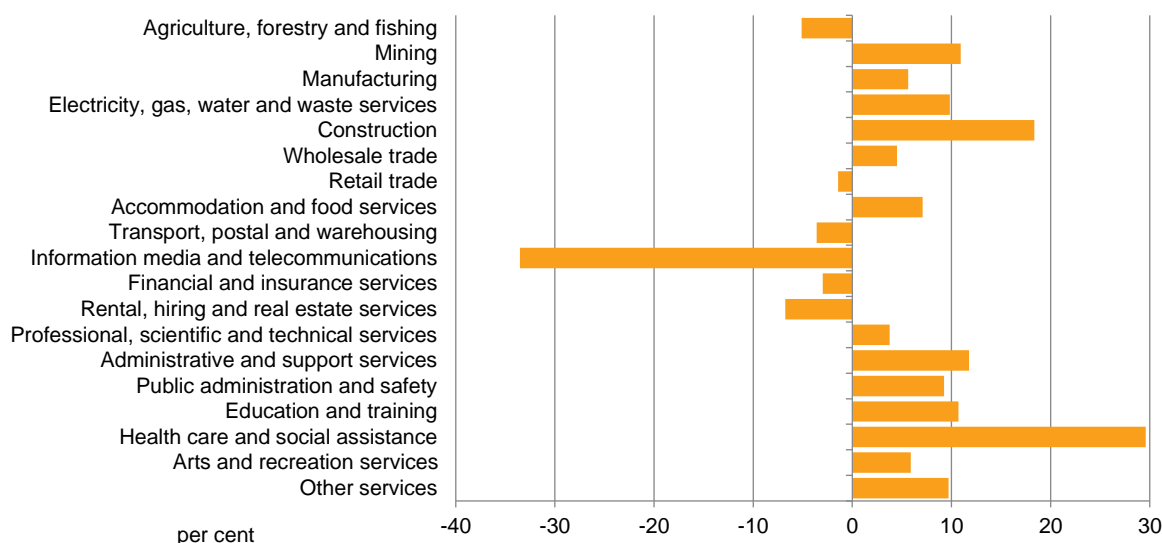
(b) Aged 15 years and over.

(c) Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

Health care and social assistance experienced the highest percentage growth of employed persons by industry between 2016 and 2021 at 29.6%, followed by construction (18.4%), and administrative and support services (11.8%). Persons employed in information media and telecommunications experienced the largest decline (-33.5%). Between 2016 and 2021, health care and social assistance had the greatest increase in the number of persons employed of all industries (2,056 persons). Information media and telecommunications had the largest decrease in persons employed of all industries (-114 persons).

**Figure 10 Percentage change in employed persons (a) (b) by industry (c), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2016 to 2021**



(a) Based on place of usual residence.

(b) Aged 15 years and over.

(c) Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021

## Occupation

At the time of the 2021 Census, the largest occupational group of residents in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area was professionals (9,089 persons), followed by technicians and trades workers (8,938 persons) and community and personal service workers (7,489 persons). With the exception of clerical and administrative workers, occupations experienced growth between the 2011 and 2021 censuses, although sales workers contracted between 2016 and 2021. The greatest increases were community and personal service workers (46.8%) and professionals (17%).

**Figure 11 Employed persons (a) (b) (c) by occupation (d), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2011, 2016 and 2021**



(a) Based on place of usual residence.

(b) Aged 15 years and over.

(c) Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Standard Classification of Occupations.

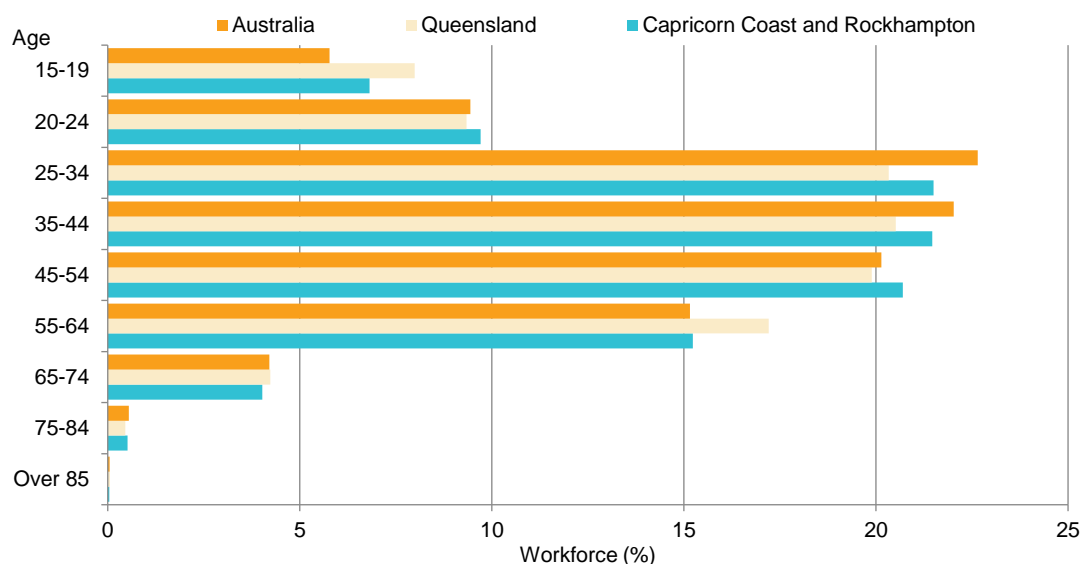
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

## Age

The workforce profile for the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area in 2021 showed a higher proportion of workers in the younger age groups (15-19 years) compared to the National average.

The proportion of workers in the 55-64 years age group was significantly lower in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area than the State average.

**Figure 12 Labour force by age group, 2021**

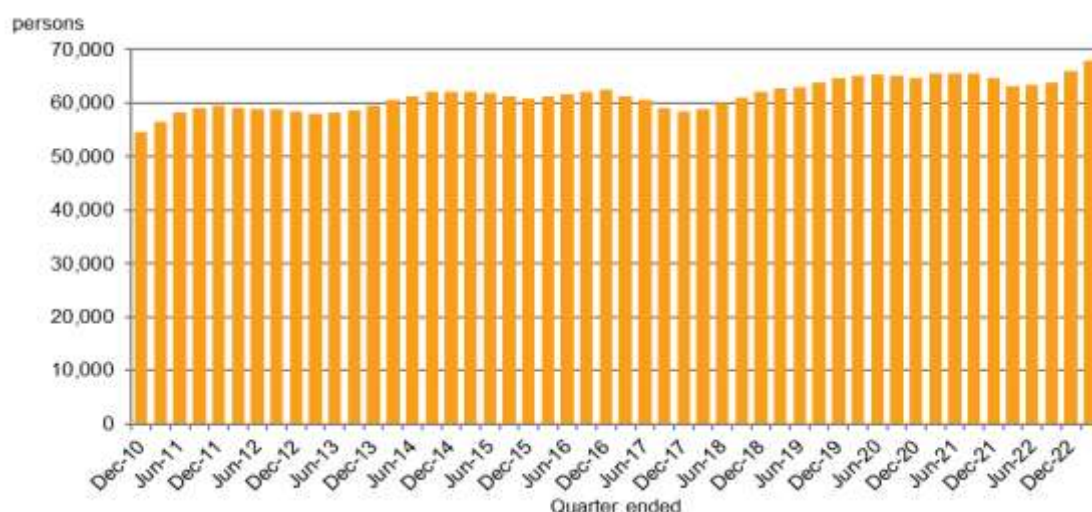


Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021*

## Labour force

The total estimated labour force in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area for the March quarter 2023 was 67,921 persons. Between the December quarter 2010 and March quarter 2023, the average annual growth rate of the labour force in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area was 2.0%.

**Figure 13 Labour force (a) (b), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2010 to 2023**



(a) Estimates of unemployment and the unemployment rate at the regional level can display significant variability and should be viewed with caution. Quarter-to-quarter comparisons may not be indicative of actual movements in the labour market. It is therefore recommended that year-on-year comparisons be used.

(b) Based on smoothed (four quarter average) data.

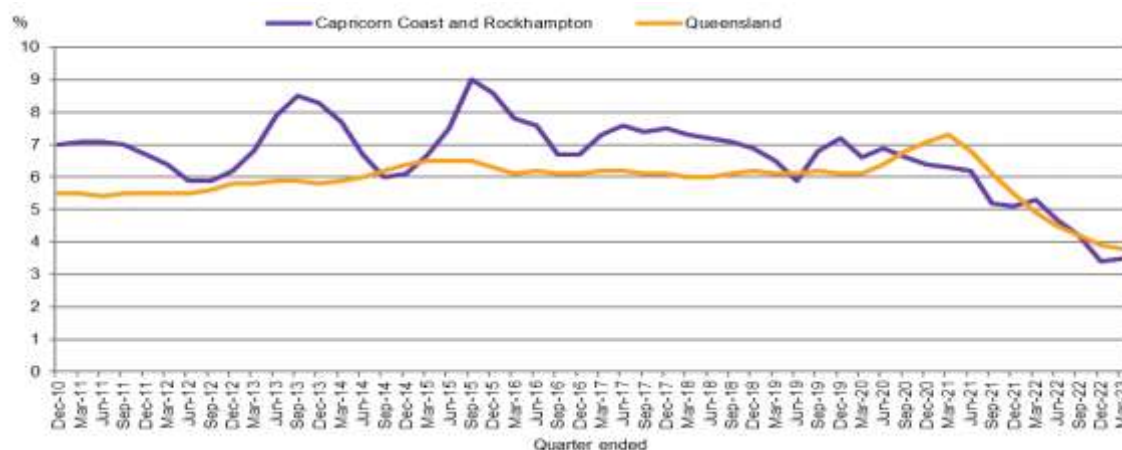
Source: Australian Government National Skills Commission, *Small Area Labour Markets Australia* various editions.

## Unemployment

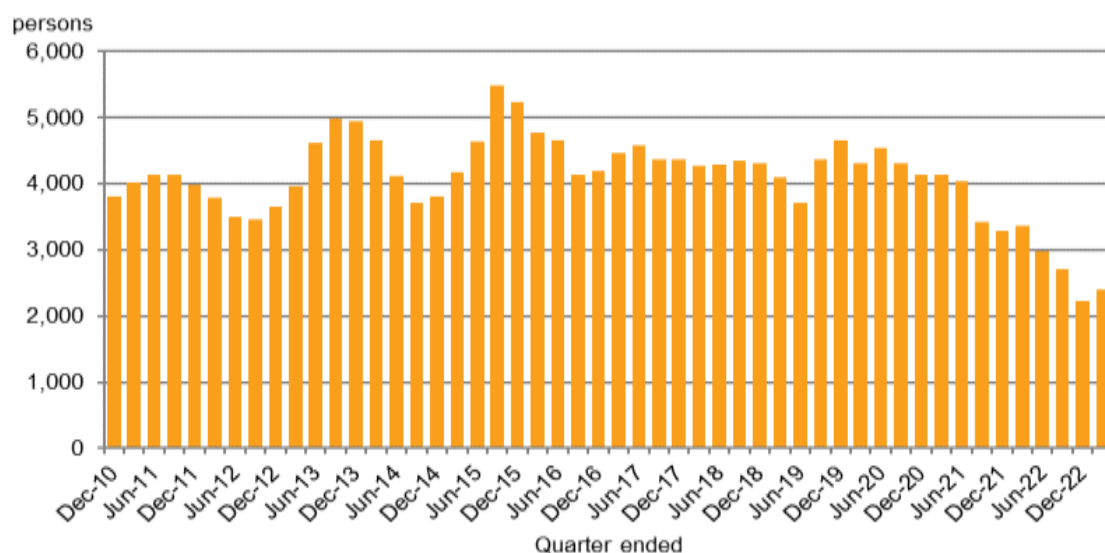
Synthetic estimates from the Australian Government National Skills Commission indicate the unemployment rate in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area in the March quarter 2023 was 3.5%, a 1.8 percentage points decrease from the same quarter in 2022. Unemployment rates have fallen since June 2020 following a peak of 7.0%, although the March quarter experienced a 0.1 percentage points increase from the previous quarter. The unemployment rate for the region in the March quarter 2023 was 0.3 percentage points lower than the rate for Queensland.

The estimated number of unemployed persons in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area for the March quarter 2023 was 2,399 persons. This was an increase of 178 unemployed persons from the previous quarter.

**Figure 14 Unemployment rate (a) (b), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area and Queensland, December quarter 2010 to March quarter 2023 (c)**



**Figure 15 Unemployed persons (a) (b), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, December quarter 2010 to March quarter 2023 (c)**



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(b) Based on smoothed (four quarter average) data.

(c) Smoothed data (data based on four quarter average) is not available prior to December quarter 2010.

Source: Australian Government National Skills Commission, *Small Area Labour Markets Australia* various editions.

## Journey to Work

At the time of the 2021 Census, 49,077 people worked in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. Of these persons, 96.1% resided in the region, while 3.8% (1,869 persons) resided elsewhere. Four hundred and forty-six persons resided in Sunshine Coast Regional Council and worked in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area, while 160 persons resided in other states and territories and worked in the region.

**Table 4 Employed persons (a)(b) by place of usual residence (c), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton 2021**

Place of usual residence	Persons	%
<b>Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton</b>	<b>47,148</b>	<b>96.1</b>
Sunshine Coast (R)	446	0.9
Gladstone (R)	200	0.4
Brisbane (S)	169	0.3
Gold Coast (R)	168	0.3
Central Highlands (Qld) (C)	105	0.2
Banana (C)	76	0.2
Bundaberg (R)	74	0.2
Mackay (R)	72	0.1
Moreton Bay (R)	67	0.1
Logan (C)	44	0.1
Elsewhere in Queensland	279	0.6
Elsewhere in Australia	160	0.3
<i>Total persons with usual residences outside Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton</i>	<i>1,869</i>	<i>3.8</i>
No usual address (Qld)	60	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,077</b>	<b>100.0</b>

At the time of the 2021 Census, 54,604 employed persons resided in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. Of these persons, 86.3% worked within the region, while 9.6% (5,267 persons) worked elsewhere. This included 1,972 persons who worked in the Central Highlands Regional Council area, 1,288 persons who worked in the Isaac Regional Council area and 349 usual residents of the region who worked in other states and territories.

**Table 5 Employed persons (a), usual residents of the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton by location of workplace (b) (c), 2021**

Place of work	Persons	%
<b>Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton</b>	<b>47,145</b>	<b>86.3</b>
Central Highlands (R)	1,972	3.6
Isaac (R)	1,288	2.4
Banana (S)	474	0.9
Brisbane (C)	352	0.6
Gladstone (R)	206	0.4
Mackay (C)	185	0.3
Sunshine Coast (C)	43	0.1
Gold Coast (R)	35	0.1
Townsville (R)	32	0.1
Western Downs (R)	29	0.1
Elsewhere in Queensland	302	0.6
Elsewhere in Australia	349	0.6
<i>Total persons with place of work outside the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton</i>	<i>5,267</i>	<i>9.6</i>
No fixed address (Qld)	2,147	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,604</b>	<b>100.0</b>

C = City R = Regional Council

(a) Aged 15 years and over.

(b) Place of work is coded from the workplace address question on the Census form and relates to where the person worked in the week prior to census night.

(c) Place of work is based on local government areas as per Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geographic Standard.

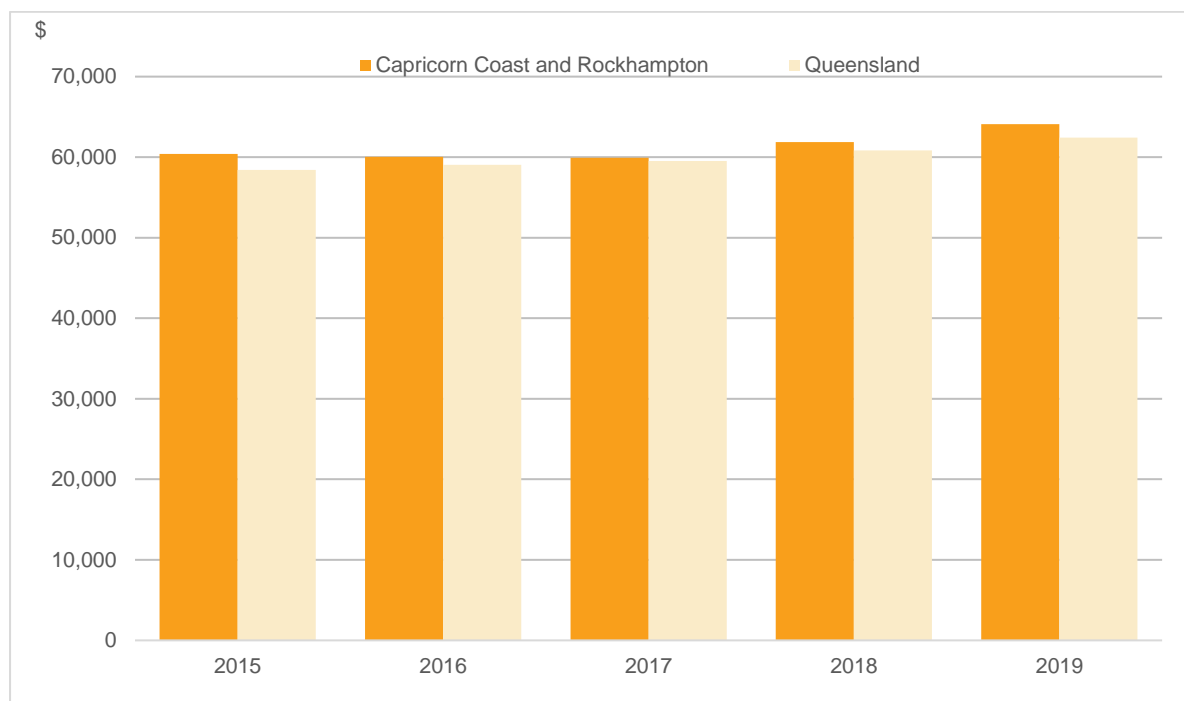
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021

## Estimates of Personal Income

Estimates of personal income show that the mean total personal income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton region for the 2018-19 financial year was \$64,113. The mean employee income in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area for the 2018-19 financial year was \$63,727. This was \$1,704 more than the mean employee income for Queensland (\$60,464).

Between the financial years 2015 and 2019, the mean total personal income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area increased by \$3,723 (6.2%). This was less than Queensland for the same period (\$3,976 or 6.8%).

**Figure 16 Mean income from wages and salaries (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area and Queensland, 2015-19**

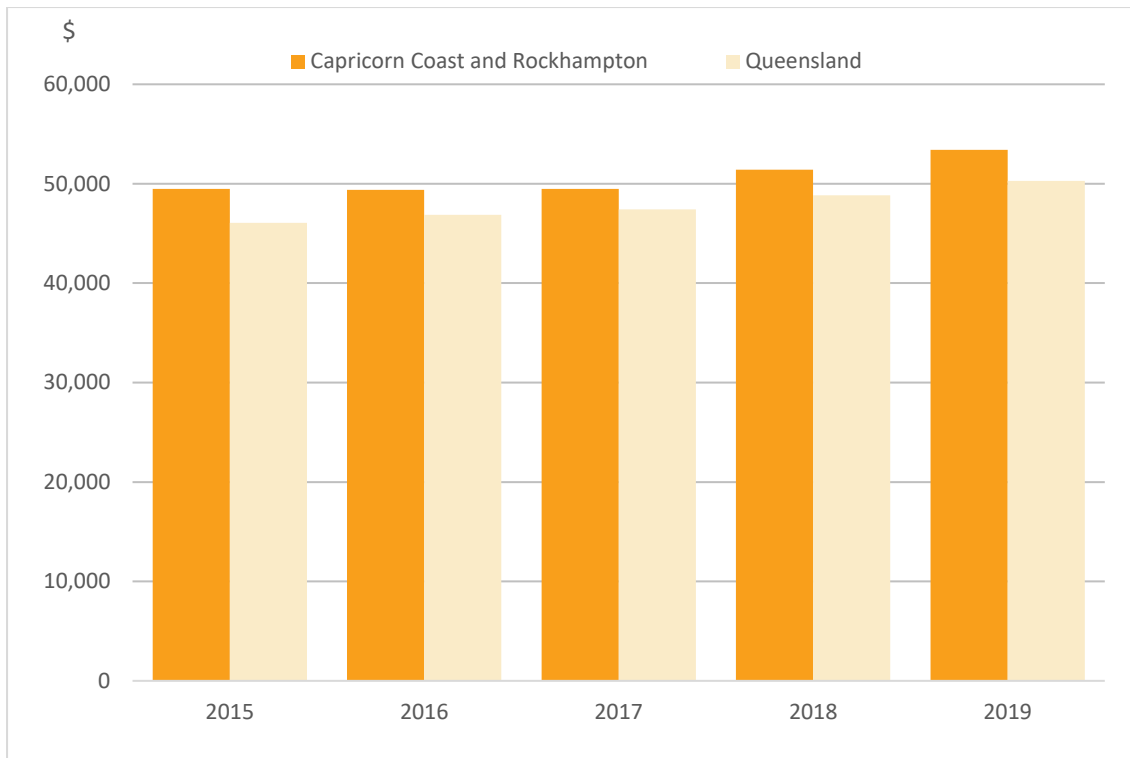


(a) Wage and salary income, as reported on the income tax return, includes gross income as well as allowances, commissions, bonuses, tips, gratuities, consultation fees, honoraria, termination pays, lumps sums and other payments for services.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, 2015-19*, cat. no. 6524.0.55.002.

The mean measures the total income divided by the number of income earners. Because income is not equally distributed, as there are generally more low income earners with fewer high income earners, using medians can be a more accurate reflection of income data.

The median total personal income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area for the 2019 financial year was \$53,397. This was \$3,099 more than the median total income for Queensland (\$50,298). Between the financial years 2015 and 2019, the median total personal income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area increased by \$3,914 (3.8%). This was less than Queensland for the same period (\$4,246 or 3.0%).



(a) Wage and salary income, as reported on the income tax return, includes gross income as well as allowances, commissions, bonuses, tips, gratuities, consultation fees, honoraria, termination pays, lumps sums and other payments for services.

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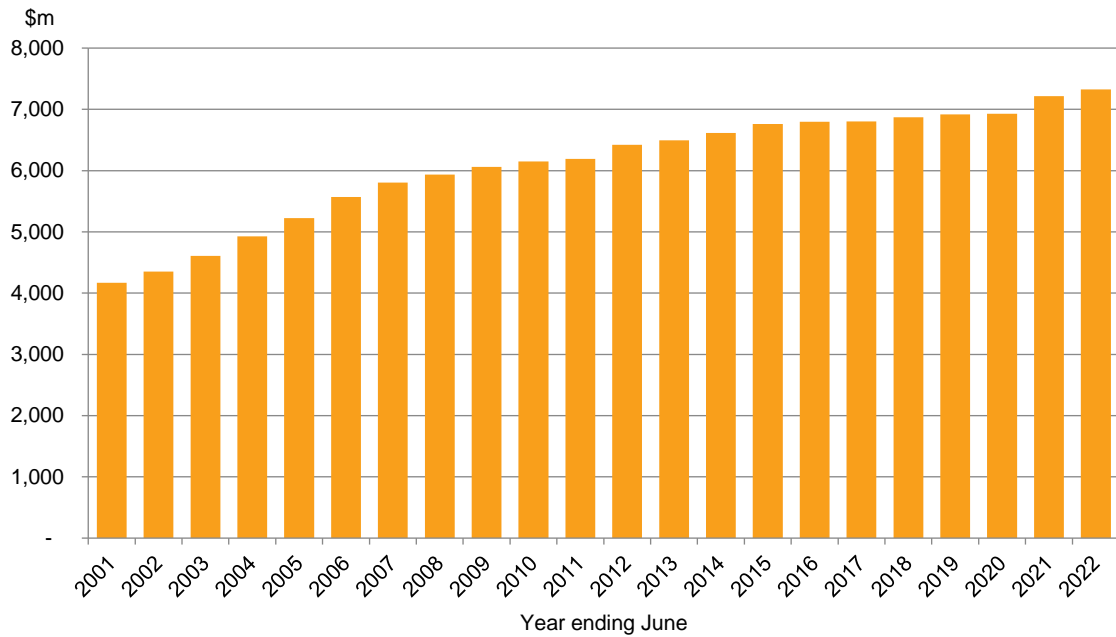
## INDUSTRY

### Quick stats

- 2021-22 gross regional product, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region - \$7.3b
- Resources contribution to the 2021-22 economy \$2.83b gross regional product
- Total gross value of agricultural product in 2020-21 - \$239.8M
- Cattle and calves slaughtering continued to be the most valuable agricultural product
- 75.2% of agricultural production – livestock slaughtering
- \$43,774 M – commodity exports from Gladstone Port, 2021-22
- Coal – second main commodity exported in dollar value terms, 2021-22
- China– major country of destination for exports, 2021-22
- 94.6 M tonnes – overseas exports of coal, coke and briquettes, 2021-22

### Gross Regional Product

The gross regional product (GRP) in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region was estimated to be \$7,324 million in 2021-22, an increase of 1.6% from the previous year.



Data is based on 2020/21 price base for all years.  
Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) 2023.

In 2021-22, the Queensland Resources sector provided \$661m in wages paid directly to 4,314 full time employees and \$654m for goods and services purchased locally in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region.

**Table 6 Resources industry contribution, \$M, Local Government Areas of Fitzroy Region, 2021-22**

	Banana (S)	Central Highlands (R)	Gladstone (R)	Livingstone (R)	Rockhampton (R)	Fitzroy
<b>Direct Contributions</b>						
Wages (\$M)	198	461	383	290	371	1,800
Goods and Services purchased locally (\$M)	349	823	1,600	153	501	3,500
<b>Gross Regional Product (\$M)</b>	1,100	2,200	3,200	927	1,900	11,000
<b>Royalties (\$M) shared across Queensland</b>						2,500

Source: Queensland Resources Council, *What are Resources Worth* (various locations), 2023

Over the ten years to 2021-22, the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region GRP recorded an average annual growth of 1.4%. From 2001-02 to 2021-22, the average annual growth rate was 3.4%.

Other local government areas in Queensland have also experienced a slowing of the GRP average annual growth rate.

**Table 7 Headline GRP, \$ Million, Local Government Areas, 2001-02 to 2021-22**

	2001-02	2011-12	2021-22	Ave annual growth 2002-2022	Ave annual growth 2012 - 2022
Bundaberg	2,883	4,320	5,072	3.8	1.7
Cairns	5,537	8,506	10,216	4.2	2.0
Livingstone	803	1,228	1,611	5.0	3.1
Rockhampton	3,547	5,195	5,714	3.1	1.0
<b>Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>6,423</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>

Data are based on a 2020-21 price base for all years. NEIR-ID data are inflation adjusted each year to allow direct comparison, and annual data releases adjust previous years' figures to a new base year.

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2018. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id, the population experts.

The industry composition of the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region's economy based on estimates of value-added shows health care and social assistance is the prominent industry in the region, accounting for 13.1% of value added in 2021-22 up 4.1 percentage points from 2011-22. Construction, at 9.7%, and electricity, gas and water supply and construction at 8.8%, were the next largest contributors to region's economy. The largest change in composition was observed in mining, up 4.9 percentage points from 2011-2012. Financial and insurance services recorded the largest fall in its share of value added, down 2.1 percentage points, followed by manufacturing, down 1.8 percentage points.

**Table 8 Composition of value added (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region, 2011-12 and 2021-22**

Industry	Composition		Change in composition
	2011-12	2021-22	
	— % —		Percentage points
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3.7	4.6	0.9
Mining	2.8	7.7	4.9
Manufacturing	8.4	6.6	-1.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	8.3	8.8	0.5
Construction	11.3	9.7	-1.6
Wholesale trade	4.6	4.1	-0.5
Retail trade	6.3	5.5	-0.8
Accommodation and food services	3.3	2.6	-0.6
Transport, postal and warehousing	8.2	7.3	-0.9
Information media and telecommunications	0.9	0.6	-0.3
Financial and insurance services	5.1	3.1	-2.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	2.6	2.1	-0.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.7	3.2	-0.5
Administrative and support services	2.4	3.8	1.4
Public administration and safety	7.3	6.2	-1.1
Education and training	8.7	7.6	-1.1
Health care and social assistance	9.0	13.1	4.1
Arts and recreational services	0.4	0.5	0.0
Other services	3.0	3.0	0.0
<b>Gross value added</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>

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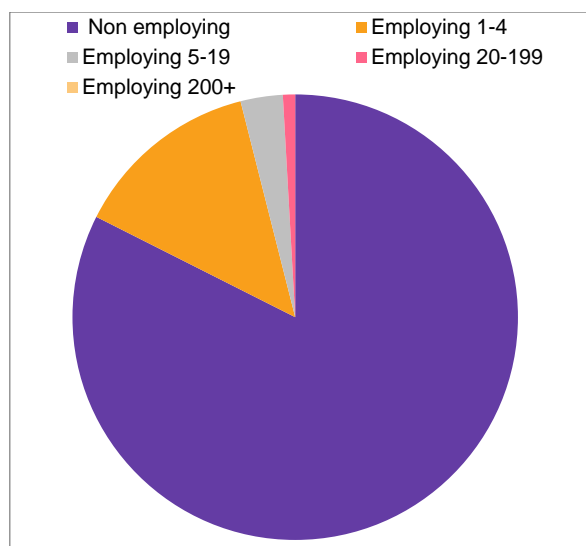
NEIR-ID data are adjusted each year using updated employment estimates. Each release may change previous years' figures.

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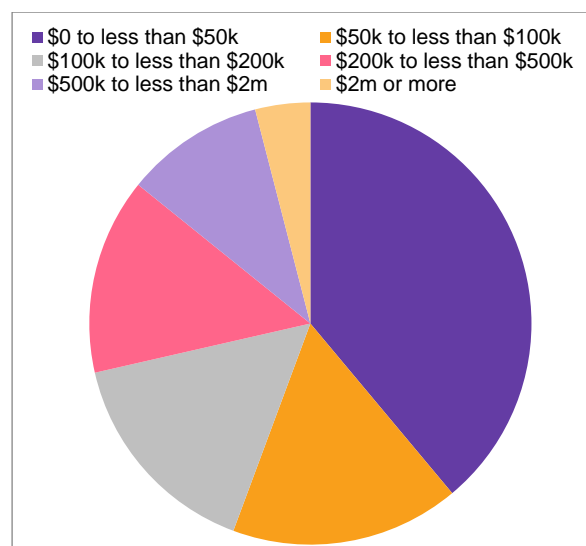
## Agricultural Production

Agriculture, forestry and fishing accounted for 15.1% of all businesses registered in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area as at 30 June 2021. Over four-fifths (84.2%) of these businesses were non-employing and almost two-fifths (39.0%) had a turnover of less than \$50,000 per annum.

**Figure 17 Counts of businesses by employee size in agriculture, forestry and fishing industry, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, as at 30 June 2021**



**Figure 18 Counts of businesses by turnover in agriculture, forestry and fishing industry, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, as at 30 June 2021**



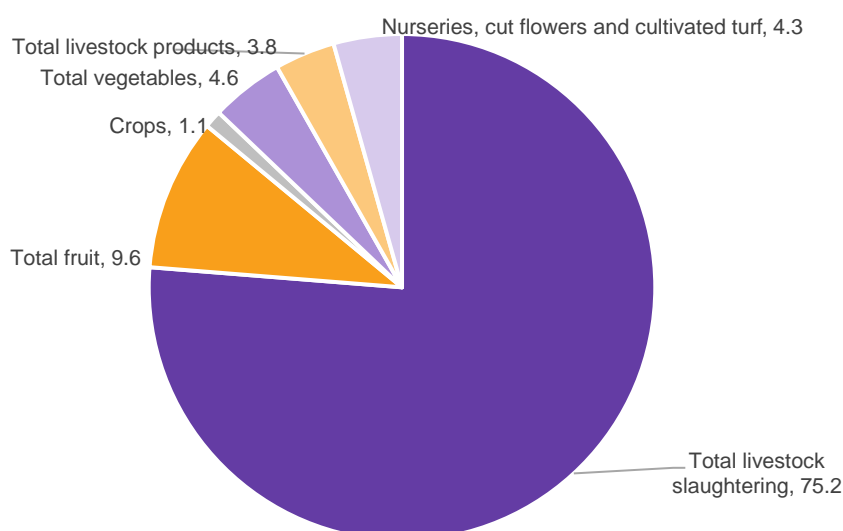
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(b) Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition (ABS cat. no.1292.0).

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 8165.0, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions.

In 2020-21, livestock slaughtering made up 75.2% of the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area's total value of agricultural production. Fruit crops were the second highest agricultural commodity (9.6%), followed by vegetables (4.6%).

**Figure 19 Percentage of agricultural commodity value (a) (b), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2020-21 (c)**



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 2020-21*, cat. no. 7503.0.

The total gross value of agricultural production in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area was \$239.8 million, or 16.8% of the Central Queensland SA4 total. The most valuable agricultural product in the region for 2020-21 was cattle and calves slaughtered (\$178.9 million). Cattle and calves slaughtered accounted for 16.9% of the Central Queensland SA4 gross agricultural production.

**Table 9 Value (a) of agricultural production for the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2020-21 (c)**

Agricultural commodity	Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton 2020-21	Region as a proportion of Central Qld SA4 2020-21	Region as a proportion of Queensland 2020-21
	\$ m	— % —	
Cereals for grain (wheat, sorghum)	1.9	1.8	0.2
Non-cereal crops – other pulses and legumes	0.7	0.6	0.0
Other broadacre crops	0.2	2.9	0.6
Total broadacre crops	2.8	1.2	0.1
Hay	2.6	13.1	1.8
Nurseries, cut flowers and cultivated turf	10.2	89.0	5.0
Citrus fruits	1.7	25.6	0.5
Mangoes	2.2	65.1	1.8
Avocados	0.2	21.6	0.1
Orchard fruit - other	0.0	100.0	3.0
Pineapples	10.2	100.0	18.2
<i>Total fruit</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>63.8</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>Total vegetables</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>42.4</i>	<i>0.8</i>
<i>Total crops</i>	<i>50.3</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Cattle and calves slaughtered	178.9	17.0	3.0
Poultry slaughtered	1.4	85.5	0.2
Other livestock slaughtered	0.0	2.5	0.1
<i>Total livestock slaughtering</i>	<i>180.4</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>2.6</i>
Milk	4.3	56.4	2.1
<i>Total livestock products</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>72.3</i>	<i>1.4</i>
<b>Total agriculture</b>	<b>239.8</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>

na = not available(a) Values represented in this collection are gross value (i.e. the value placed on recorded production at wholesale prices, realised in the market place).

(b) Price information is collected at a state and territory level and applied to substate levels which may not be reflective of prices in regional Australia.

(c) The 2020-21 Agricultural Census was the last Agricultural Census to be conducted by the ABS.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 2020-21*, cat. no. 7503.0.

## Mineral Production

In 2018-19, bauxite had the highest value of production within the mining industry in Queensland, after coal. Figures are reported based on the percentage of returns the Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy received from Mining Lease and Mineral Development Lease holders in a particular year.

**Table 10 Quantity and value of minerals produced, Queensland, 2020-21**

Commodity	Unit of measure	Quantity produced	Value of production
Bauxite	tonnes	36,169,895	1,415,090,312
Zinc	tonnes	1,523,996	2,121,758,058
Phosphate	tonnes	5,450	642,572
Lead	tonnes	455,533	999,048,635
Gold (ore/concentrate)	tonnes	3,694,736	135,877,087
Gold (bullion)	kg	171	708,904,659
Copper (concentrate)	tonnes	252,750	653,456,513
Clays	tonnes	406,404	48,181,239
Silica	tonnes	3,435,049	74,509,534
Limestone	tonnes	3,140,832	37,821,513
Queensland Total	tonnes	54,030,327	8,724,290,191

Note: Gold concentrate is traditionally refined into bullion before sale.

## Exports from Queensland Ports

Merchandise goods exported from Queensland ports totalled \$121,886 million in 2021-22, an increase of 105.0% from the previous financial year. Exports from the Gladstone Port in the Central Queensland region totalled \$43,774 million in 2021-22, an increase of 124.0% from the previous year. Gladstone Port exports were 35.9 % of the total value of Queensland's merchandise export.

**Table 11 Commodities exported by Queensland ports, 2021-22**

Queensland ports	Value of exports	Proportion of Queensland exports
	\$m	%
Abbot Point	9,113	7.5
Brisbane	19,146	15.7
Bundaberg	14	0.0
Cairns	176	0.1
Gladstone	43,774	35.9
Hay Point	40,959	33.6
Innisfail	18	0.0
Karumba	299	0.2
Mackay	325	0.3
Townsville	7,118	5.8
Weipa	717	0.6
Other (a)	228	0.2
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>121,886</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes data for a number of smaller Queensland ports which could not be separately assigned to a region.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *International merchandise exports, Australia*, cat. no. 5368.0

In dollar value terms in 2021-22, combined confidential items was the main type of commodity exported from the Gladstone Port (48.0%), followed by coal (45.5%). The specialisation ratio reflects the importance of a commodity exported from the region compared with Queensland as a whole. The major commodity with the highest specialisation ratio for Gladstone Port was combined confidential items (2.4) followed by inorganic chemicals (2.0).

**Table 12 Principal commodity exports from Gladstone Port and total Queensland ports, 2021-22p(a)**

Commodity	Gladstone Port		Queensland		Specialisation ratio (a)
	Value of exports	Proportion of total	Value of exports	Proportion of total	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	
Combined confidential items	21,010	48.0	23,983	19.7	2.4
Coal, coke and briquettes	19,918	45.5	69,784	57.3	0.8
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	1,345	3.1	5,794	4.8	0.6
Non-ferrous metals (aluminium)	1,183	2.7	5,350	4.4	0.6
Cereals and cereal preparations	92	0.2	1,750	1.4	0.1
Inorganic chemicals	85	0.2	100	0.1	2.0
Vegetables and fruit	81	0.2	975	0.8	0.3
Animal oils and fats	39	0.1	497	0.4	0.3
Fertilisers	11	0.0	554	0.5	0.0
Chemical materials and products, nes	8	0.0	228	0.2	0.0
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>43,774</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>121,886</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>

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(a) The ratio of the percentage for the region to the percentage for Queensland. (b) Includes other commodities.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *International merchandise exports, Australia*, cat. no. 5368.0.

In 2021-22, China was the major country of destination for commodity exports from Gladstone Port, accounting for 8.9% of the value of commodities exported, followed by Japan (8.5%) and Republic of Korea (6.2%). The major countries of destination with the highest specialisation ratio for Gladstone Port were China (0.6), Malaysia (0.6), Japan (0.5) and Singapore (0.5).

**Table 13 Major countries of destination for exports from Gladstone Port and Queensland, 2021-22**

Country	Gladstone Port		Queensland		Specialisation ratio (a)
	Value of exports	Proportion of total	Value of exports	Proportion of total	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	
China	10,882	8.9	16,893	13.9	0.6
Japan	10,381	8.5	22,351	18.3	0.5
Korea, Republic of	7,555	6.2	18,058	14.8	0.4
India	5,723	4.7	20,500	16.8	0.3
Malaysia	1,998	1.6	3,083	2.5	0.6
Vietnam	1,142	0.9	5,794	4.8	0.2
Taiwan	1,046	0.9	5,496	4.5	0.2
Brazil	775	0.6	2,424	2.0	0.3
Singapore	693	0.6	1,394	1.1	0.5
Netherlands	507	0.4	3,925	3.2	0.1
Others	3,073	2.5	21,969	18.0	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,886</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>121,886</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>

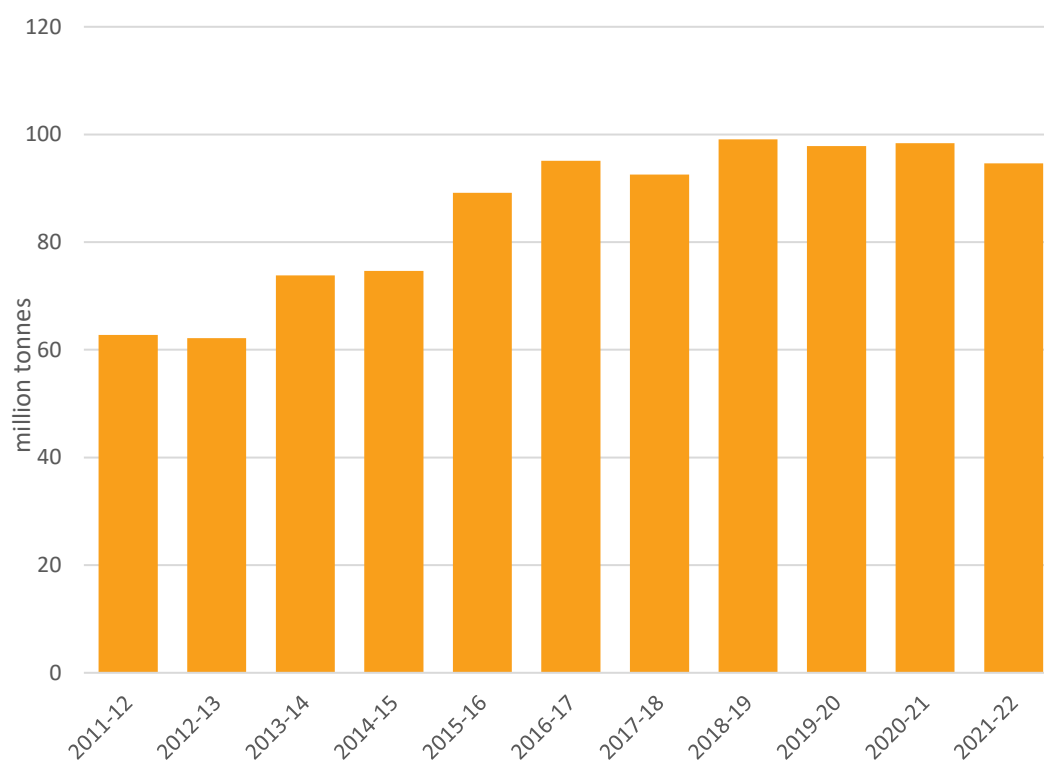
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(a) The ratio of the percentage for the region to the percentage for Queensland.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *International merchandise exports, Australia*, cat. no. 5368.0.

In the 2021-22 financial year, overseas exports of coal, coke and briquettes from Gladstone Port totalled 94.6 million tonnes. This was 3.7 million tonnes or 3.8% less than the 2020-21 financial year.

**Figure 20 Coal, coke and briquette exports from Gladstone Port, 2011-12 to 2021-22**



Australian Bureau of Statistics, *International merchandise exports, Australia*, cat. no. 5368.0.

In 2021-22, Queensland commodities exported overseas from Gladstone Port increased 523.8% (\$102.345.5 million) from 2020-21. The commodities exported from Gladstone Port in 2021-22 with the most significant increases in total value were cereals unmilled up 582.4%, wheat up 372.2% and coal up 308.1%. Most commodities exported experienced increases in total value.

**Table 14 Principal commodity exports from Gladstone Port, 2020-21 and 2021-22**

Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Change
		— \$m —	%
Combined confidential items	13,757.7	21,009.6	52.7
Coal	4,880.3	19,918.4	308.1
Aluminium ores and concentrates	-	1,271.5	-
Aluminium	749.7	1,183.0	57.8
Inorganic chemicals	47.4	84.8	78.9
Vegetables	-	81.5	-
Cereals, unmilled	8.5	58.0	582.4
Ferrous waste and scrap	33.0	47.3	43.3
Animal oils and fat	16.5	38.7	134.5
Wheat	7.2	34.0	372.2
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>19,540.6</b>	<b>121,886.1</b>	<b>523.8</b>

(a) Total includes other commodities.

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *International merchandise exports, Australia*, cat. no. 5368.0.

# BUSINESS

## Quick stats

- 30,795 entities with an active Australian Business Number
- 8,659 businesses registered as at 30 June 2022
- 18.8% of registered businesses were in construction
- 24.4% of businesses reported turnover \$0 < \$50,000

## Business Counts

In November 2022, the total number of entities with an active Australian Business Number (ABN) listed with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area was 30,795.

The greatest percentage of businesses listed with the ATO within the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area in November 2022 was individual/sole trader (48.9%), followed by Australian private company (15.3%) and family partnership (10.7%).

**Table 15 Breakdown of entity types for active ABNs in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton (a), November 2022**

Type	Total number	Percent
ATO Regulated Self-Managed Superannuation Fund	1,752	5.7
Australian Private Company	4,723	15.3
Australian Public Company	59	0.2
Cash Management Trust	3	0.0
Co-operative	3	0.0
Corporate Unit Trust	2	0.0
Deceased Estate	76	0.2
Discretionary Investment Trust	1,085	3.5
Discretionary Services Management Trust	119	0.4
Discretionary Trading Trust	1,706	5.5
Family Partnership	3,292	10.7
Fixed Trust	36	0.1
Fixed Unit Trust	294	1.0
Hybrid Trust	29	0.1
Individual/Sole Trader	15,044	48.9
Limited Partnership	15	0.0
Listed Public Unit Trust	2	0.0
Local Government Entity	2	0.0
Other Incorporated Entity	825	2.7
Other Partnership	969	3.1
Other Trust	79	0.3
Other Unincorporated Entity	412	1.3
Public Trading Trust	2	0.0
State Government Entity	59	0.2
State Government Statutory Authority	1	0.0
Strata-title	202	0.7
Unlisted Public Unit Trust	1	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,795</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton includes the postcode range 4698-4706, 4710, 4711 and 4714.

Source: Australian Tax Office, 'ABN Lookup Tool', 2022

In 2021-22, there were 8,659 businesses registered in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. The largest industry was construction (18.8%), followed by agriculture, forestry and fishing (15.2%) and rental, hiring and real estate services (9.6%).

Non-employing businesses made up 58.0% of all registered businesses, followed by businesses employing between one and four people (27.9%) in 2021-22.

**Table 16 Counts of registered businesses (a) by industry and employment size, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2021-22**

Industry	Employment size					Total business numbers	
	Non-employing	1-4	5-19	20-199	200+	number	%
	- business numbers -						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,105	172	29	14	0	1,319	15.2
Mining	19	22	9	7	0	67	0.8
Manufacturing	126	70	66	10	0	284	3.3
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	16	14	6	0	0	33	0.4
Construction	801	605	192	24	0	1624	18.8
Wholesale trade	82	44	21	12	0	155	1.8
Retail trade	199	137	102	25	0	473	5.5
Accommodation and food services	113	121	122	44	3	395	4.6
Transport, postal and warehousing	449	116	46	18	0	624	7.2
Information media and telecommunications	25	21	3	0	0	48	0.6
Financial and insurance services	152	73	24	3	0	254	2.9
Rental, hiring and real estate services	687	103	35	10	0	830	9.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	300	223	65	31	0	615	7.1
Administrative and Support Services	188	85	46	11	0	339	3.9
Public Administration and Safety	6	12	0	0	0	12	0.1
Education and Training	66	42	12	6	0	123	1.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	320	169	83	12	0	580	6.7
Arts and Recreation Services	56	39	14	3	0	117	1.4
Other Services	308	349	89	6	0	755	8.7
Not Classified	3	3	0	0	0	12	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8,659</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Per cent	58.0	27.9	11.1	2.7	0.0	100.0	

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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, Jun 2018 to Jun 2022*, cat. no. 8165.0.

Between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years, there were changes in the number of businesses registered in Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. Overall, the region experienced a net gain of 523 business registrations, with increases in construction (94 businesses), other services (80 businesses) and agriculture, forestry and fishing (76 businesses).

Industries which experienced a decrease in total number of businesses included transport, postal and warehousing, public administration and safety and education and training (10,12 and 3 businesses respectively).

**Table 17 Change in counts of registered businesses (a) by industry and employment size, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2020-21 to 2021-22**

Industry	Employment size					Total change
	Non - employing	1-4	5-19	20- 199	200+	
	- Business numbers -					number
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	69	8	6	-1	0	76
Mining	-4	-10	6	0	0	1
Manufacturing	-2	-12	18	2	0	16
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	-5	5	3	0	0	3
Construction	56	12	32	-1	0	94
Wholesale Trade	11	4	-2	6	0	18
Retail Trade	25	1	-15	2	0	21
Accommodation and Food Services	7	9	1	4	3	15
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	-13	0	11	12	-3	-10
Information Media and Telecommunications	-3	11	0	0	0	10
Financial and Insurance Services	19	14	-1	-3	0	42
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	29	1	2	3	0	33
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	-1	22	-6	9	0	18
Administrative and Support Services	44	-17	5	1	0	38
Public Administration and Safety	-3	6	-3	0	0	-12
Education and Training	-4	2	-6	0	-3	-3
Health Care and Social Assistance	49	4	12	-6	0	67
Arts and Recreation Services	5	-5	-2	3	0	11
Other Services	54	14	9	0	0	80
Not Classified	-4	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>523</b>

(a) It is not currently possible to account for those businesses which operate out of several locations, other than at their main location. This is particularly relevant for larger businesses, which commonly establish outlets in numerous states and 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.

(b) Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition (ABS cat. no.1292.0).

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, various editions*, cat. no. 8165.0.

Of the 8,656 businesses with turnover registered in 2021-22 in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area, 24.4% reported a turnover of between \$0 and less than \$50,000, while 31.0% had between \$50,000 and less than \$200,000. A further 37.2% reported a turnover between \$200,000 and less than \$2 million. Turnover of \$2 million or more was reported by 7.6% of businesses.

**Table 18 Counts of registered businesses (a) by industry and turnover range, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2021-22**

Industry	Turnover range – number of businesses						Total
	\$0 to less than \$50k	\$50k to less than \$200	\$200k to less than \$2m	\$2m to less than \$5,	\$5m to less than \$10m	\$10m or more	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	463	431	371	43	6	12	1,319
Mining	12	10	30	3	0	10	67
Manufacturing	52	78	123	18	3	11	281
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	16	9	9	3	6	0	36
Construction	263	486	744	90	26	16	1624
Wholesale trade	30	41	47	17	6	6	155
Retail trade	41	47	17	6	6	155	86
Accommodation and food services	58	65	236	27	6	9	395
Transport, postal and warehousing	258	182	149	23	12	6	624
Information media and telecommunications	18	12	18	0	0	0	51
Financial and insurance services	85	57	90	12	3	3	251
Rental, hiring and real estate services	238	329	232	25	6	9	830
Professional, scientific and technical services	150	214	197	31	9	3	612
Administrative and Support Services	86	130	102	15	3	6	339
Public Administration and Safety	3	3	12	0	0	0	15
Education and Training	37	43	33	0	3	3	129
Health Care and Social Assistance	129	88	189	275	22	0	6
Arts and Recreation Services	39	47	40	0	0	0	117
Other Services	130	260	332	20	9	3	755
Not Classified	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,683</b>	<b>3,216</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>8,656</b>
Per cent	24.4	31.0	37.2	4.8	1.4	1.4	100

(a) It is not currently possible to account for those businesses which operate out of several locations, other than at their main location. This is particularly relevant for larger businesses, which commonly establish outlets in numerous states and 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.

(b) Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition (ABS cat. no. 1292.0).

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, Jun 2022*, cat. no. 8165.0.

Between the 2017-18 and 2021-22 financial years there was an increase of 4.7% in businesses with no employees and a 32.6% increase in the number of businesses with between 20 to 199 employees. Between 2019-20 and 2021-22, the number of registered businesses that recorded turnover has increased. There was an 114.0% increase in the number of businesses with a turnover of greater than \$10 million during this period while the numbers of businesses with lower turnovers increased at lower rates.

**Table 19 Business counts, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2017-18 to 2021-22**

Workforce size	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Non employing	4,796	59.7	4,494	57.9	4,577	59.1	4,692	57.7	5,021	58.0
1-4 employees	2,173	27.0	2,090	27.0	2,063	26.6	2,351	28.9	2,420	27.9
5-19 employees	913	11.4	878	11.3	903	11.7	894	11.0	964	11.1
20-199 employees	178	2.2	197	2.5	206	2.7	205	2.5	236	2.7
200+ employees	3	0.0	3	0.0	6	0.1	6	0.1	3	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,037</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,742</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,136</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,659</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Turnover Range	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
\$0 to \$50k	1,933	25.0	2,183	26.8	2,112	24.4
\$50k < \$200k	2,448	31.6	2,481	30.5	2,683	31.0
\$200k < \$2m	2,870	37.1	2,942	36.2	3,216	37.2
\$2m < \$5m	311	4.0	375	4.6	415	4.8
\$5m < \$10m	94	1.2	119	1.5	122	1.4
>\$10m	57	0.7	74	0.9	122	1.4
Total	7,739	100.0	8,133	100.0	8,656	100.0

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, various editions*, cat. no. 8165.0.

## HOUSING

### Quick stats

- Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region median house price, year to March 2023 – \$385,000
- Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region median unit and townhouse price, year to March 2023 - \$320,000
- Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region median vacant urban land price, year to March 2023 - \$212,900
- Median weekly rent June quarter 2023
  - \$330, 2 bedroom flats or units
  - \$430, 3 bedroom houses
  - \$500, 4 bedroom houses
- 466 residential dwelling approvals, year ending 30 June 2023
- Residential dwelling approvals: \$247.3 million year ending 30 June 2023
- Non-residential building approvals: \$113.2 million year ending 30 June 2023
- 669 lots approved in the year ending 31 December 2022

### Median house, unit/townhouse and urban vacant land prices

The median house price in the 12 months to the end of March 2023 was \$385,000 in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region. While the Rockhampton (R) median price was less than that of Mackay and Cairns Regional Councils, and Townsville and Brisbane Cities, the Livingstone (S) median price was higher than the Rockhampton (R) median.

The median unit and townhouse price in the 12 months to the end of March 2023 was \$320,000 in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region. These median prices were higher than in Gladstone, Central Highlands, Mackay, Cairns local government areas. The median unit/townhouse price increased 3.4% in Rockhampton (R) and 6.0% in Livingstone (S) in the 12 months to the end of March 2023.

The median vacant urban land price in the 12 months to the end of March 2023 was \$212,900 in Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region. The median price increased by 9.2% in the region, increased by 22.5% in Livingstone (S) and decreased 19.4% in Rockhampton (R).

**Table 20 Median house prices, Median unit/townhouse prices and Median vacant urban land prices, Rockhampton Regional Council area and other selected local government areas, 12 months to June 2023**

Local government area	Median house prices		Median unit/townhouse prices		Median vacant urban land prices	
	12 months to end of Mar 2023	Change over 1 year	12 months to end of Mar 2023	Change over 1 year	12 months to end of Mar 2023	Change over 1 year
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region	385,000	5.5	320,000	0.0	212,900	9.2
Rockhampton (R)	350,000	9.4	305,000	3.4	153,000	-19.4
Livingstone (S)	600,000	17.0	355,000	6.0	245,000	22.5
Bundaberg (R)	445,000	20.3	330,000	14.2	225,000	28.6
Gladstone (R)	405,000	3.8	245,000	-2.0	159,000	13.0
Central Highlands (R)	287,000	0.7	210,000	-1.9	35,000	63.6
Mackay (R)	437,000	4.3	295,000	9.5	189,250	-3.9
Townsville (C)	400,000	6.7	275,000	-3.5	192,000	10.3
Cairns (R)	565,000	13.0	295,000	11.3	245,000	8.9
Brisbane (C)	990,000	5.3	515,000	5.3	650,000	49.4

R = Regional Council C = City S = Shire n.a. = not available

Source: Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Office of the Valuer-General, Property Sales

## Median Weekly Rent

During the June quarter 2023, the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area recorded a median weekly rental price of \$330 for two-bedroom flats/units, \$430 for three-bedroom houses and \$500 for four-bedroom houses.

**Table 21 Median weekly rent for two-bedroom flats/units, select local government areas, June quarter 2022 to June quarter 2023**

Local government area	Jun qtr 2022	Sep qtr 2022	Dec qtr 2022	Mar qtr 2023	June qtr 2023
Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton	300	300	310	320	330
Bundaberg (R)	285	300	315	320	330
Central Highlands (R)	270	270	288	300	300
Gladstone (R)	260	270	280	293	295
Mackay (R)	325	340	350	350	360
Townsville (C)	320	330	330	340	350
Cairns (R)	370	375	385	398	400
Brisbane (C)	460	475	495	520	550

**Table 22 Median weekly rent for three-bedroom houses, select local government areas, March quarter 2022 to March quarter 2023**

Local government area	Jun qtr 2022	Dec qtr 2022	June qtr 2023	Dec qtr 2022	Mar qtr 2023
— \$ —					
Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton	380	400	400	420	430
Bundaberg (R)	375	400	410	425	450
Central Highlands (R)	320	320	325	350	350
Gladstone (R)	340	350	370	380	390
Mackay (R)	425	450	450	460	470
Townsville (C)	380	390	400	400	410
Cairns (R)	460	475	490	500	510
Brisbane (C)	510	530	550	560	580

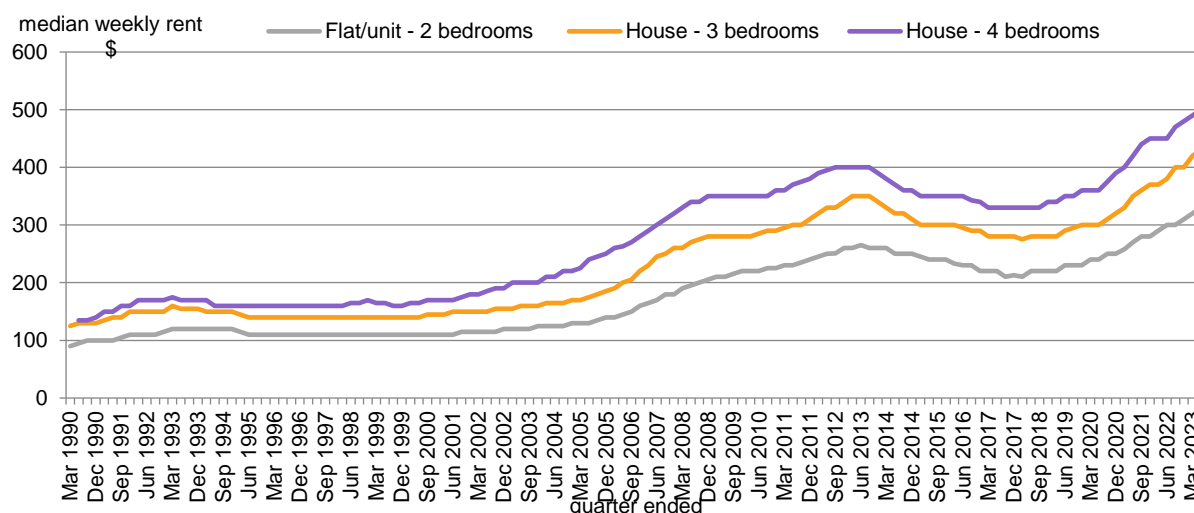
**Table 23 Median weekly rent for four-bedroom houses, select local government areas, March quarter 2022 to March quarter 2023**

Local government area	Jun qtr 2022	Sep qtr 2022	Dec qtr 2022	Mar qtr 2023	June qtr 2023
— \$ —					
Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton	450	470	480	490	500
Bundaberg (R)	450	485	500	500	520
Central Highlands (R)	410	420	430	450	460
Gladstone (R)	420	430	450	460	460
Mackay (R)	480	500	500	520	540
Townsville (C)	450	450	470	480	490
Cairns (R)	550	550	570	595	600
Brisbane (C)	620	650	650	675	690

R = Regional Council C = City Source: Residential Tenancies Authority, 2023

Median weekly rents in June quarter 2023 in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region increased for two-bedroom flats and units, three-bedroom houses and four-bedroom houses by 10.0%, 13.2% and 11.1% respectively from the June quarter 2022.

**Figure 21 Median weekly rent, four-bedroom houses, three-bedroom houses and two-bedroom flats and units, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, December quarter 1990 to June 2023**



Source: Residential Tenancies Authority, 2023

## Building Approvals

In the 12 months ending 30 June 2023, there were 466 new residential dwelling approvals in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. Yeppoon SA2 accounted for 39.7% of all new residential dwelling units in the region, followed by Rockhampton City SA2, Parkhurst - Kawana SA2, 10.3% and Gracemere 7.5%. Total residential building value in the year ending June 2023 for the region was \$247.3 million and accounted for 1.3% of residential building value in Queensland. Total building value for the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area decreased by 11.0% between the year ended June 2022 and the year ended June 2023.

**Table 24 Building approvals by SA2, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, year ended June 2023**

Statistical area level 2 (a)(b)	New residential dwelling units	New residential building value (c)	Total residential building value (d)	Non-residential building value (d)	Total building value (d)
	Number		- \$m -		
Berserker	2	0.7	3.8	3.8	7.6
Bouldercombe	2	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.2
Emu Park	31	15.9	19.8	0.3	20.1
Frenchville - Mount Archer	2	1.0	5.5	14.2	19.7
Glenlee - Rockyview	13	6.5	8.0	0.1	8.2
Gracemere	35	11.3	14.0	3.5	17.5
Lakes Creek	5	0.9	2.5	1.1	3.6
Mount Morgan	2	0.6	2.5	1.0	3.5
Norman Gardens	20	7.8	12.5	2.9	15.3
Park Avenue	0	0.0	1.9	6.7	8.6
Parkhurst - Kawana	48	22.9	25.1	29.2	54.2
Rockhampton - West	22	5.8	9.3	6.7	16.0
Rockhampton City	52	23.0	24.1	12.5	36.6
Rockhampton Region - East	19	8.4	10.9	0.5	11.4
Rockhampton Region - North	17	7.2	12.7	0.4	13.2
Rockhampton Region - West	6	2.2	3.1	1.0	4.1
Shoalwater Bay	0	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.4
The Range - Allenstown	5	2.7	9.9	12.9	22.8
Yeppoon	185	65.0	80.2	12.2	92.4
<b>Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>182.7</b>	<b>247.3</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>360.5</b>
Queensland	35,222	16,542.2	19,157.3	15,444.4	34,601.5
Capricorn Region as % of Queensland	1.3	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.0

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(a) Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2021.

(b) A map detailing boundaries for statistical area level 2 localities can be found in the Introduction section of this profile.

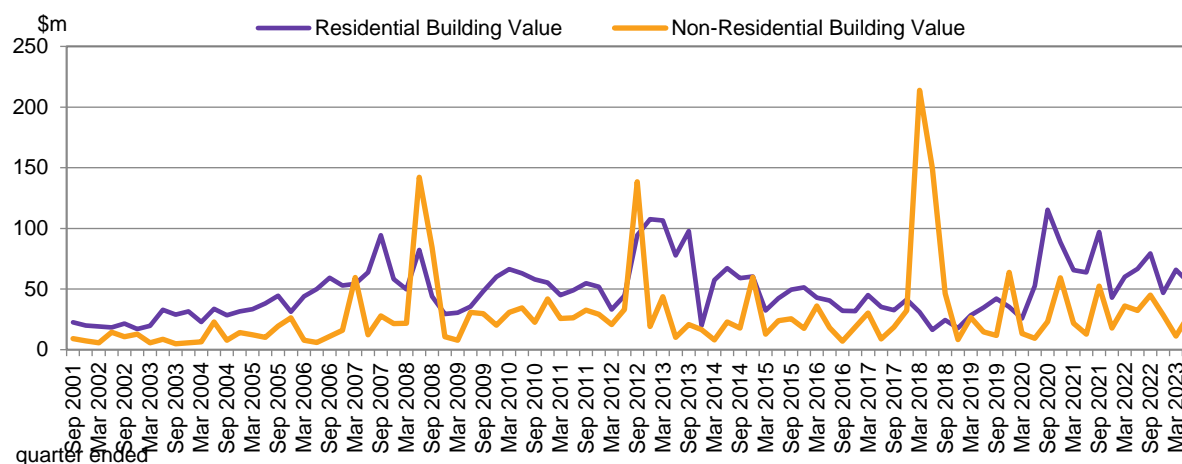
(c) Excludes alterations, additions and conversions.

(d) Includes alterations, additions and conversions.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Building Approvals, Australia*, cat. no. 8731.0.

The value of residential building approvals in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area during the quarter ended 30 June 2023 (\$55.4 million) was less than the March quarter 2023 (\$65.9 million). The value of non-residential buildings approved in the June quarter 2023 was \$28.5 million, more than the previous quarter figure of \$11.2 million.

**Figure 22 Value of residential and non-residential building approvals (a) (b), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, September quarter 2001 to June quarter 2023**



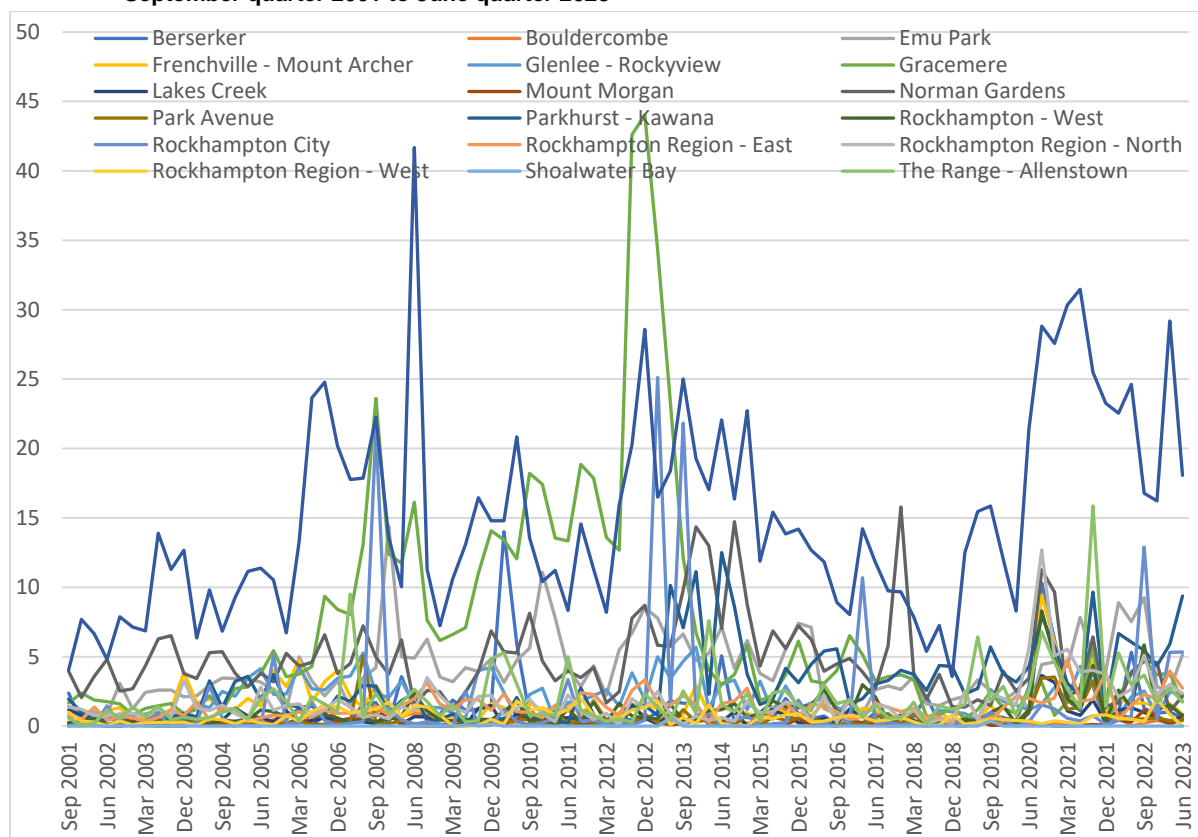
(a) Includes alterations, additions and conversions.

(b) Quarterly figures are based on June 2023 release of ABS cat. no. 8731.0. The entire time period is fully revised at each quarterly release. Therefore, figures may be different from those presented in the past.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Building Approvals, Australia*, cat. no. 8731.0.

At the SA2 level, residential building value fluctuated from quarter to quarter. In the June quarter 2023, Yeppoon SA2 recorded a residential building value of \$18.1 million, followed by Parkhurst – Kawana SA2, \$9.4 million.

**Figure 23 Value of residential building approvals (a) (b), SA2s in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, September quarter 2001 to June quarter 2023**



(a) Includes alterations, additions and conversions.

(b) Quarterly figures are based on June 2023 release of ABS cat. no. 8731.0. The entire time period is fully revised at each quarterly release. Therefore, figures may be different from those presented in the past.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Building Approvals, Australia*, cat. no. 8731.0.

## Land Activity

In the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area, 669 residential lots were approved in year ending December 2022. This was more than the number of lots to the same period December 2021 (218 lots).

**Table 25 Land development, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2019-2022**

Year ending Dec 31	Lot approvals (a)(b)	Lot production (a)	Lot registration (c)(d)(e)(f)	Volume of sales	Total dwelling approvals
2019	268	155	na	294	na
2020	129	164	264	602	417
2021	218	325	351	643	558
2022	669	246	370	365	450

(a) Includes urban and rural residential.

(b) Lot approvals are the number of residential allotments, in a subdivision plan, which have been approved by a local government.

(c) Lot production relates to the number of residential allotments which have been completed with regard to infrastructure requirements and have been sealed by the local government authority.

(d) Includes 60 m<sup>2</sup> to 50,000 m<sup>2</sup> lots.

(e) Lot registrations are the final stage in the development of allotments where the lots have been registered with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

(f) Includes 140 m<sup>2</sup> to 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> lots.

Source: Queensland Treasury and Trade, *Residential Land Development Activity Profile*, Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council, December Quarter 2022 and Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Office of the Valuer-General, Property Sales.

## EDUCATION

### Quick stats

- 2,682 apprentices and trainees, June quarter 2021
- 302 school-based apprentices and trainees, June quarter 2021
- 7,199 students enrolled at Rockhampton campuses CQUniversity, 2020
- 56.6% of persons 15 years and over held a non-school educational qualification, 2021 Census
- Society and culture was the most common field of qualification
- 41 primary schools, 11 secondary schools and 5 combined schools.
- 54.4% of 21,832 school students in the region attended government schools

### Apprentices and Trainees

During the June quarter 2022, a total of 2,648 apprentices and trainees were in training in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. The largest employer industry was construction (598 persons), followed by other services (405 persons) and mining (298 persons). The industry with the largest increase in apprentice and trainee numbers between the June quarter 2021 and June quarter 2022 was other services (98 persons), followed by health care and social assistance (57 persons).

In the June quarter 2022, 248 school-based apprentices and trainees were in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. The largest group of school-based apprentices and trainees was in construction (58 persons), followed by other services (43 persons).

**Table 26 Apprentices and trainees (a) by employer industry, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton (b), June quarter 2016 - 2022**

Employer Industry	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15	14	12	6	7	9	6
Mining	103	115	146	227	234	201	298
Manufacturing	245	218	175	194	212	230	295
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	50	68	74	65	64	65	77
Construction	385	343	330	359	385	513	596
Wholesale trade	37	30	32	33	27	35	39
Retail trade	95	87	78	65	81	90	100
Accommodation	137	140	111	124	134	137	164
Transport, postal and warehousing	83	53	57	50	37	54	91
Information media and telecommunications	7	6	9	9	12	12	15
Financial and insurance services	5	9	9	8	2	5	12
Rental, hiring and real estate services	6	4	3	2	3	11	36
Professional, scientific and technical services	32	20	33	39	45	65	82
Administrative and support services	154	174	138	108	125	127	143
Public administration and safety	73	54	52	57	64	65	85
Education and training	10	11	8	9	12	32	22
Health care and social assistance	55	63	64	71	77	112	150
Arts and recreation services	22	11	12	23	29	29	33
Other services	199	208	220	245	287	307	405
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>2,648</b>

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), VOCSTATS, 2023

**Table 27 School-based apprentices and trainees by employer industry, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, June quarter 2016 - 2022**

Employer Industry	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	7	6	8	3	4	5	3
Mining	1	3	1	1	3	2	4
Manufacturing	33	31	25	27	22	30	25
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	0	0	2	1	3	4	4
Construction	35	26	24	28	47	62	58
Wholesale trade	2	2	2	5	6	6	4
Retail trade	17	14	13	16	31	25	14
Accommodation	49	55	35	59	66	36	32
Transport, postal and warehousing	16	7	11	5	6	5	5
Information media and telecommunications	0	1	3	2	2	2	1
Financial and insurance services	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Rental, hiring and real estate services	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Professional, scientific and technical services	8	5	7	1	3	9	8
Administrative and support services	40	50	31	20	10	12	7
Public administration and safety	1	0	3	1	0	0	0
Education and training	4	4	0	3	4	3	4
Health care and social assistance	11	9	11	18	20	17	24
Arts and recreation services	4	3	5	15	23	13	12
Other services	31	22	27	28	41	36	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>248</b>

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), VOCSTATS, 2023

## Vocational education and training students

In 2021, 5,952 students completed vocational education and training qualifications in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region. Society and culture had the largest number of vocational education and training students in the area (1,565 students), followed by engineering and related technologies (953 students) and management and commerce (854 students). Of the 5,962 completions, 2,277 were achieved by students attending high schools in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region.

**Table 28 Qualification completed for program field of education, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region, 2016-2020**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021p
Natural and physical sciences	23	22	4	7	11	18
Information technology	159	102	122	107	124	17
Engineering and related technologies	1,349	1,484	1,051	877	944	953
Architecture and building	273	297	270	212	174	219
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	120	92	130	113	78	63
Health	683	387	567	367	312	373
Education	207	280	131	435	257	221
Management and commerce	779	852	940	835	779	854
Society and culture	1,083	1,209	1,243	1,088	1,334	1,565
Creative arts	20	15	19	16	12	19
Food, hospitality and personal services	432	391	346	323	360	372
Mixed field programmes	290	285	345	367	727	892
Not known	592	1,643	1,580	1,601	1,489	391
<b>Total completions</b>	<b>6,008</b>	<b>7,065</b>	<b>6,755</b>	<b>6,358</b>	<b>6,596</b>	<b>5,952</b>

P = preliminary

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), VOCSTATS, 2023

## CQUniversity

The main campus of CQUniversity is situated in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. In 2020, there were 7,199 students enrolled at Rockhampton campuses.

**Table 29 CQUniversity student numbers by campus, 2014 to 2020**

Campus	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Australian campuses	No. of students						
Brisbane	3,279	3,333	3,362	3,491	3,722	3,944	3,853
Bundaberg	1,575	1,712	1,870	1,884	1,979	2,035	2,058
Cairns	543	642	900	1,107	1,419	1,780	2,132
Emerald	721	930	822	805	820	987	987
Gladstone	1,950	2,215	2,308	2,330	2,223	2,469	2,723
Mackay	4,470	4,952	5,036	4,697	4,593	4,833	4,593
Melbourne	1,908	2,180	2,336	3,156	4,050	4,974	3,625
Noosa	1,105	969	926	870	978	1,035	931
Rockhampton	6,333	7,780	7,909	6,653	6,514	6,888	7,199
Sydney	2,583	2,790	3,001	3,407	3,588	3,618	2,538
Townsville	528	624	811	987	1,314	1,390	1,632
Distance education	2,160	2,224	2,293	2,289	2,337	2,533	2,993
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>27,118</b>	<b>30,033</b>	<b>31,195</b>	<b>31,386</b>	<b>33,231</b>	<b>36,220</b>	<b>35,226</b>

(a) Total includes students on other campuses

Source: CQUniversity Annual Report

The equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) determines the total study load of equivalent full-time students, recognising that many students do not study full time. The EFTSL at the Rockhampton Campuses of CQUniversity was 3,341.8 in 2020.

**Table 30 Student load (EFTSL) by education sector and year, Rockhampton Campuses**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Higher education	2,148.1	2,140.5	2,170.4	2,073.2	2,044.2	2,037.4	1,956.2
VET	949.3	1,475.9	1,334.5	1,087.5	962.5	1,163.8	1,385.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,097.4</b>	<b>3,616.4</b>	<b>3,504.9</b>	<b>3,160.7</b>	<b>3,006.7</b>	<b>3,201.2</b>	<b>3,341.8</b>

Source: CQUniversity Annual Report

## Educational Qualifications

Of persons aged 15 years and over in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area at the time of the 2021 Census, 56.6% (55,192 persons) held a non-school educational qualification, compared with 62.5% (2,618,666 persons) in Queensland. In the region, the proportion of persons with a non-school qualification was less than that of Queensland for Bachelor degree or higher and advanced diploma and diploma. The proportion of Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area residents with a certificate was higher than in Queensland.

**Table 31 Non-school educational qualifications (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area and Queensland, 2021**

Educational qualification	Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton	Queensland	Region as a % of Queensland
	— persons —		%
Bachelor degree or higher	13,567	918,468	1.5
Advanced diploma and diploma	6,762	395,615	1.7
Certificate	24,333	927,894	2.6
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>55,192</b>	<b>2,618,666</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Persons 15 years and over	97,594	4,191,802	2.3
Proportion with qualifications	56.6	62.5	..

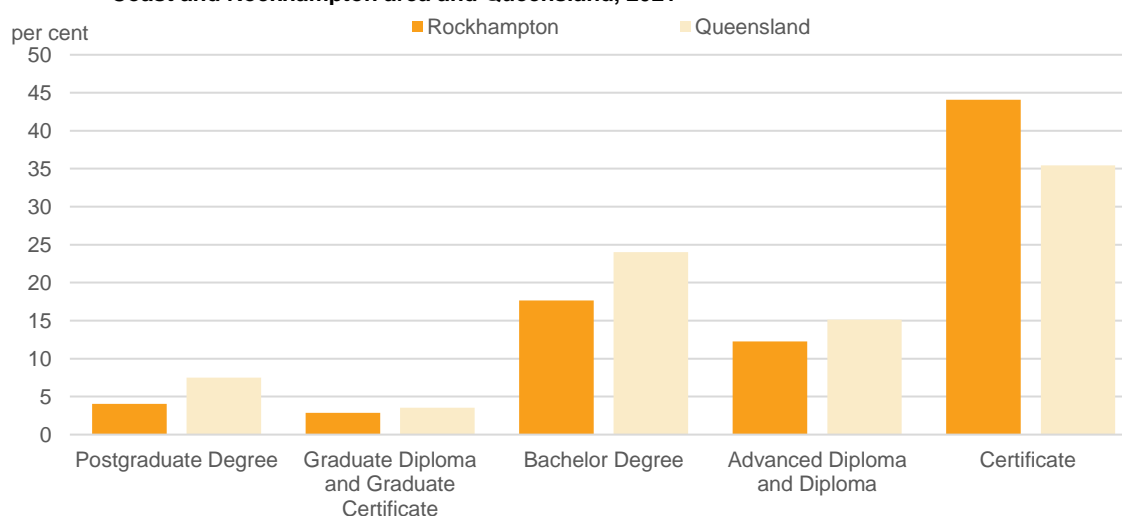
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(a) Persons aged 15 years and over and based on place of usual residence.

(b) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, *General Community Profile*.

**Figure 24 Proportion of persons aged 15 years and over with a non-school qualification by type, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area and Queensland, 2021**



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, *General Community Profile*.

In the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area at the time of the 2021 Census, the most common field of qualification was in engineering and related technologies (18.2%). This was the second most popular field of study for Queensland (14.5%). Management and commerce was the second most popular field of study for the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area (13.6%), followed by health (10.9%).

**Table 32 Field of educational qualification (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area and Queensland, 2021**

Field of qualification	Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton			Queensland		
	number	%	rank	number	%	rank
Engineering and Related Technologies	10,048	18.2	1	352,200	15.7	2
Management and Commerce	7,525	13.6	2	380,136	14.5	1
Health	6,022	10.9	3	480,526	18.4	4
Society and Culture	5,849	10.6	4	285,611	10.9	3
Education	4,698	8.5	5	309,683	11.8	5
Food Hospitality and Personal Services	3,129	5.7	6	205,309	7.8	7
Architecture and Building	2,961	5.4	7	146,167	5.6	6
Agriculture Environmental and Related Studies	1,167	2.1	8	151,067	5.8	11
Natural and Physical Sciences	930	1.7	9	49,434	1.9	10
Creative Arts	846	1.5	10	63,861	2.4	8
Information Technology	745	1.3	11	86,519	3.3	9
Mixed Field Programmes	105	0.2	12	64,750	2.5	12
Field of study not stated or inadequately described	11,162	20.2	..	391,177	14.9	..
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>55,192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2,618,666</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>

.. = not applicable

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over and based on place of usual residence.

(b) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses. Variations may occur in totals due to rounding.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

## Primary and Secondary Schools

There is a variety of primary and secondary school options in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area. In 2021, the region's schools comprised 41 primary schools, 11 secondary schools and 5 schools that combine both primary and secondary schooling.

**Table 33 Primary and secondary schools by type, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2021**

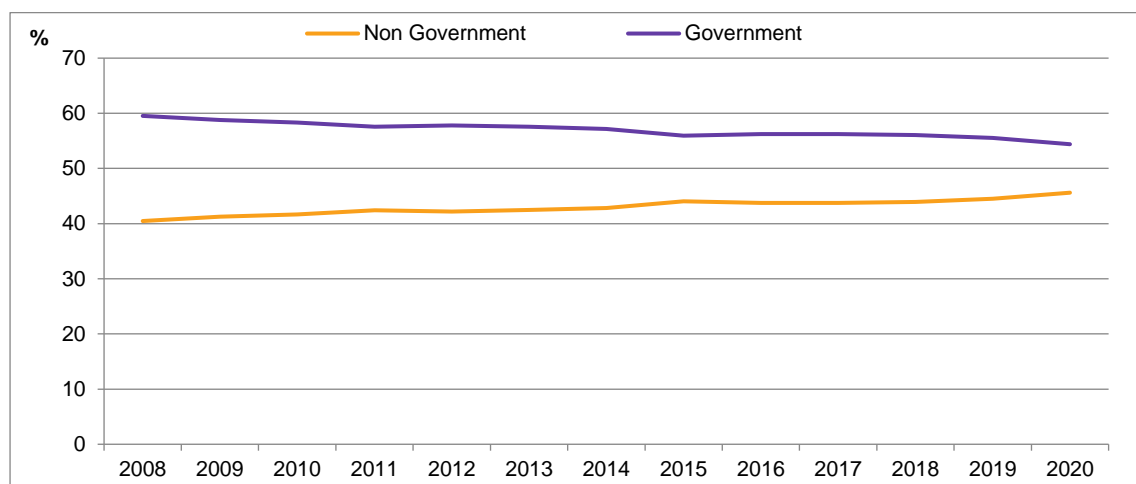
Type of school	Number
Primary state schools	33
Primary non-state schools	8
Secondary state schools	5
Secondary non-state schools	6
Combined primary and secondary non-state schools	5
Special schools	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>

Source: Department of Education and Training, Education Directory.

Of the 21,832 students enrolled at schools in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area in 2020, 54.4% (11,875 students) were in government schools and 45.6% (9,957 students) were in non-government schools.

Between 2008 and 2020, the proportion of students attending government schools in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area have generally declined, from 59.5% of total students to 54.4%. Conversely, students attending non-government schools have generally increased from 40.5% of total students to 45.6% by 2020, with periods of variability.

**Figure 25 Percentage of students attending government and non-government schools, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2008 to 2020**



Source: Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority 2021

## TRANSPORT

### Quick stats

- Highest average daily traffic movements 11,373 vehicles - Yeppoon Rd, 2020.
- Highest average daily number of heavy vehicles 1,520 vehicles – Bruce Highway north of Scrubby Creek, 2020
- Highest number of light vehicles, 10,476 vehicles – Yeppoon Road
- Average monthly unleaded petrol prices have been lower than Brisbane since June 2020
- During 2022, a total of 484,711 passengers passed through Rockhampton Airport

### Roads

Five major roads provide access to and from Rockhampton. In 2020, the Yeppoon Road at Iron Pot Creek had the highest average daily traffic movements (11,373 vehicles), while the Emu Park Road had the lowest average daily traffic movements (4,739 vehicles).

**Table 34 Average annual daily traffic count (a), Bruce Highway, Capricorn Highway, Yeppoon Road and Emu Park Road, 2014-20**

Location	Average annual daily traffic (no. of vehicles)						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Bruce Highway (b)	10,063	8,606	9,723	10,113	9,210	10,113	10,113
Bruce Highway (c)	7,342	7,495	7,426	7,426	7,426	7,458	7,426
Capricorn Highway (d)	5,039	5,321	4,868	4,938	4,938	4,938	4,938
Emu Park Road (e)	5,242	5,468	4,774	4,739	4,739	4,739	4,739
Yeppoon Road (f)	10,913	11,077	11,249	11,373	11,558	11,149	11,373

(a) All directions.

(b) Bruce Highway, south of Rockhampton, 30m north of Scrubby Creek (road section 10E).

(c) Bruce Highway, north of Rockhampton, 150 m north of Terra Nova Drive (road section 10F).

(d) Capricorn Highway, 3 km west of Gracemere (road section 16A).

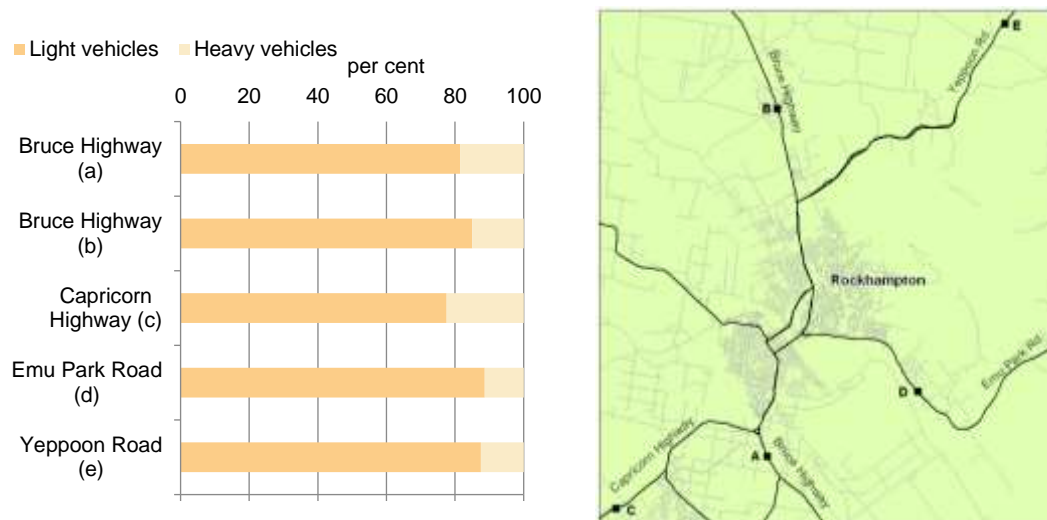
(e) Emu Park Road, Hartington St, Nerimbera (road section 194).

(f) Yeppoon Road, Iron Pot Creek (road section 196).

Source: Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, 2020 traffic census data.

Of the five locations selected, the Bruce Highway north of Scrubby Creek had the highest number of heavy vehicles (1,520). The Yeppoon Road at Iron Pot Creek had the highest number of light vehicles (10,476) while the Emu Park Road had the highest percentage of light vehicle traffic (88.7%).

**Figure 26 Average annual daily traffic count, all directions, light and heavy vehicles, Bruce Highway, Capricorn Highway, Yeppoon Road and Emu Park Road, 2020**



Note: heavy vehicles comprise trucks and buses, articulated vehicles and road trains.

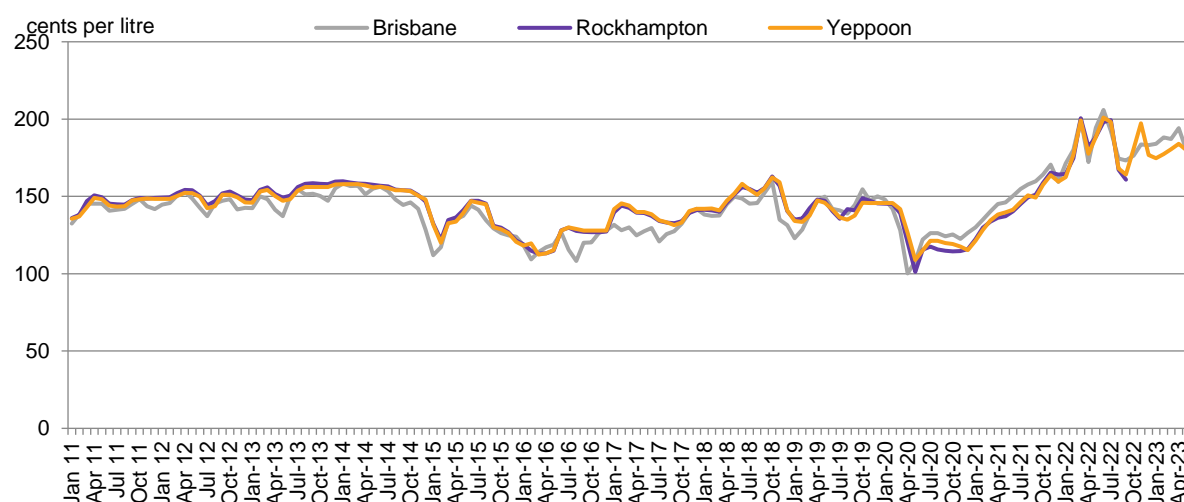
- (a) Bruce Highway, 1 km north of Scrubby Creek (road section 10E).
- (b) Bruce Highway, 150 m north of Terra Nova Drive (road section 10F).
- (c) Capricorn Highway, 3 km west of Gracemere (road section 16A).
- (d) Emu Park Road, Hartington St, Nerimbera (road section 194).
- (e) Yeppoon Road, Iron Pot Creek (road section 196).

Source: Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, 20

## Fuel Prices

In the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton Region, between January 2011 and June 2023, most average monthly unleaded petrol prices were higher than Brisbane Metro; however, averages since June 2020 have frequently been lower in Rockhampton and Yeppoon. Rockhampton and Yeppoon average monthly unleaded petrol prices increased to 198.1 and 201.0 cents per litre respectively in June 2022. Fuel averages were 175.5 and 177.0 cents per litre in Rockhampton and Yeppoon respectively in June 2023.

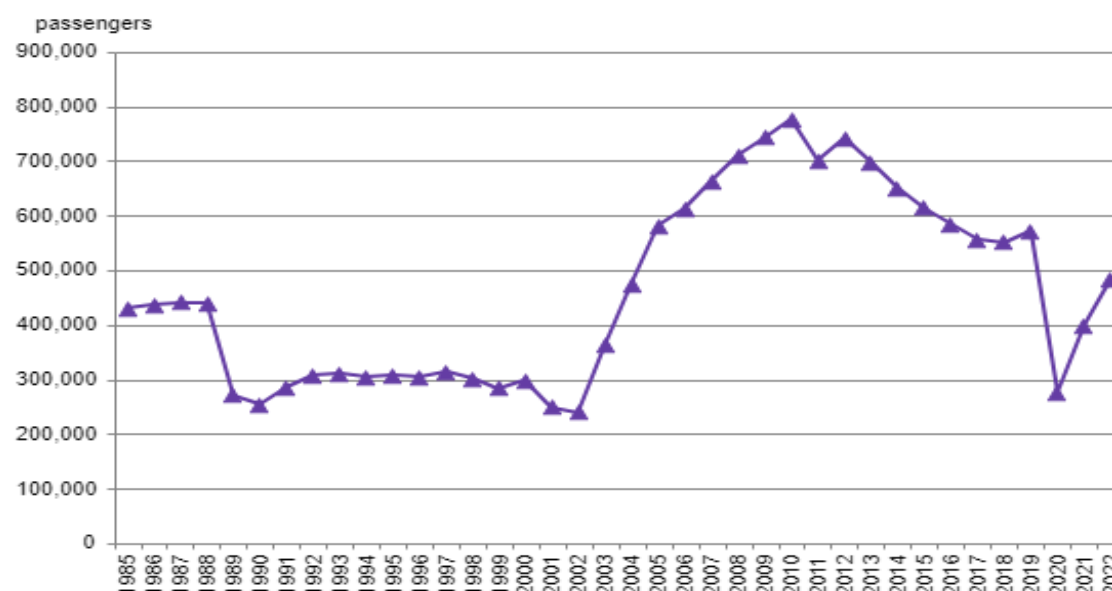
**Figure 27 Average monthly fuel prices, unleaded petrol, Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Brisbane Metro, January 2011 to June 2023**



Source: FuelTrac Pty Ltd, Australian Automobile Association and Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (Australia).

## Air Travel

Rockhampton Airport is the major air transport facility servicing the region. Expanded facilities at the airport cater for both domestic and international airlines. During 2022, a total of 484,711 passengers passed through Rockhampton Airport. This was an increase of 21.2% from the 400,082 passengers in 2021 and reflects the continued recovery of domestic travel from COVID-19 closures. The average annual rate of change in passenger movements between 2012-13 and 2021-22 was a decrease 3.0%, or an average of 21,179 passengers per year.



Note: Regional airlines data cannot be separately identified from 2013 and onwards.

Source: Bureau of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Communications, Airport Traffic Data 1985 to 2022

## LIVEABILITY

### Quick stats

- Prices in Fitzroy region for different household goods and services were both higher and lower than Brisbane

### Retail Prices

A survey of retail prices in Queensland in 2015 compared the prices of a range of household goods and services between Brisbane and 27 regional centres. Priced items were grouped into ten categories representing different household expenses. Together these constitute the all groups index. Regional centres have an index relative to Brisbane, which was given an index of 100. Rockhampton had an All Items index of 96.6, or 3.4% less expensive than Brisbane over all items.

The housing index included median weekly rents for dwellings, electricity and other household fuels. Housing accounts for 22.2% of the average Queensland household expenditure. Housing was 21.3% less expensive in Rockhampton and 21.4% and 34.5% less expensive in Emerald and Gladstone respectively than Brisbane.

The food and non-alcoholic beverages index included bread and cereal products, dairy and related products, fruit and vegetables, dining-out meals and takeaway, meat and seafood and non-alcoholic beverages. This category accounts for 16.3% of the average Queensland household expenditure. For food and non-alcoholic beverages, only Rockhampton in the Fitzroy SA4 recorded lower prices

than Brisbane (18.1%). Gladstone was the dearest centre surveyed in the region, with prices for these goods 12.7% higher than Brisbane.

The transportation index included unleaded and diesel fuel, mechanic charges, taxi fares, vehicle registration, roadside assistance membership, CTP insurance and driver licences and sundries such as car batteries, motor oil, tyres and spark plugs. In the average Queensland household, transportation accounts for more than one tenth (11.4%) of expenditure. In Rockhampton, the transportation index was 2.4% higher than Brisbane while it was 0.6% and 1.2 %lower in Gladstone and Emerald respectively.

The insurance and financial services index included household contents insurance, comprehensive motor vehicle insurance, financial services and deposit and loan facilities. Rockhampton was significantly higher than Brisbane and all other centres with an index of 138.0 or 38.0% above the Brisbane region.

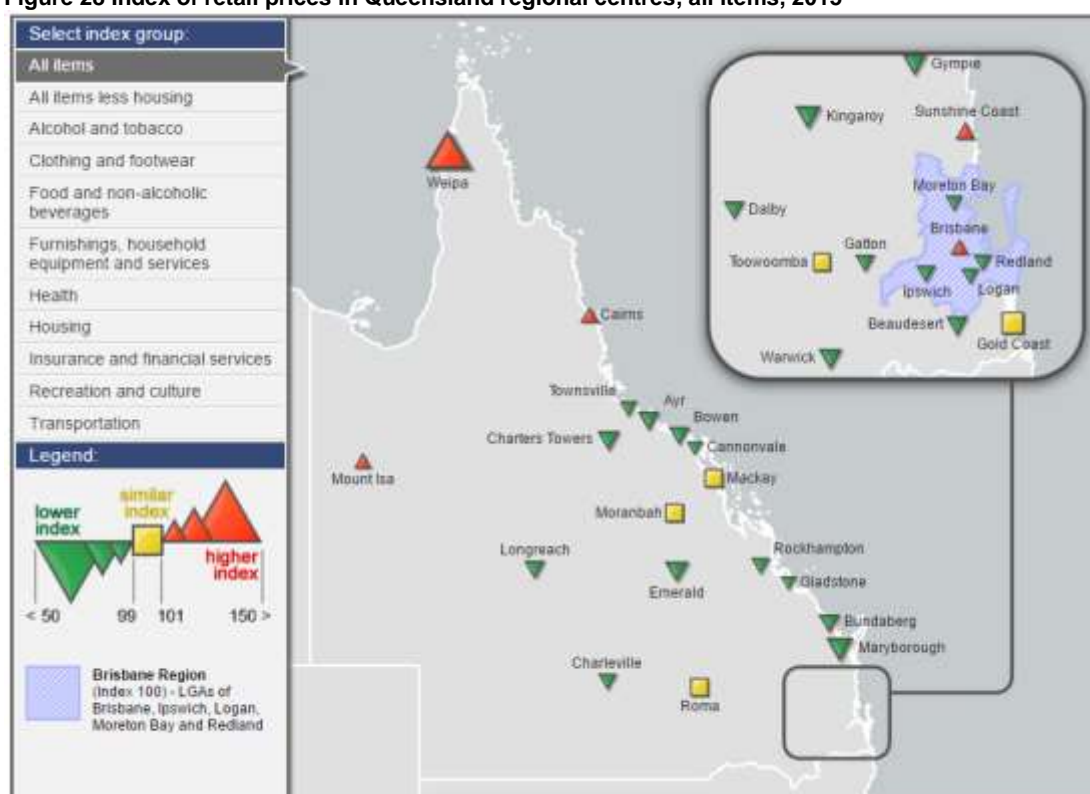
**Table 35 Index of regional prices (a), Brisbane and select centres, 2015**

Centre	Item groups					
	All items	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Housing	Insurance and financial services	Health	Transportation
Bundaberg	94.3	102.4	73.9	87.6	99.8	99.8
Emerald	91.3	103.0	65.5	108.6	100.1	98.8
Gladstone	98.9	112.7	78.6	90.1	100.1	99.4
Mackay	99.4	107.9	77.1	95.2	100.0	105.7
Rockhampton	96.6	81.9	78.7	138.0	100.0	102.4
Brisbane	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Base: Brisbane = 100.0.

Source: Queensland Treasury and Trade, *Prices across Queensland: how they compare, 2016*.

**Figure 28 Index of retail prices in Queensland regional centres, all items, 2015**



Source: The State of Queensland (Queensland Treasury and Trade) 2014, *Index of retail prices in Queensland regional centres, 2015, interactive map*, URL: <http://www.ggsso.qld.gov.au/products/reports/index-retail-prices-qld-reg-centres/index-retail-prices-qld-reg-centres-2015-map.php> accessed 20 February 2017.

## SOCIAL AMENITIES

### Boat Registrations

In June 2020, there were 10,361 recreational boats registered in the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton postcode areas, an increase of 1.5% from 2019. The majority of boats registered had a length between three and four metres (29.4%) while the largest percentage growth was in boats between 8 and 8.9 metres (4.7%).

**Table 36 Boat registrations, Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020**

Boat length	2013	2017	2018	2019	2020
<3m	237	93	90	90	82
3-3.99m	3,256	2,965	2,988	3,029	3,049
4-4.49m	2,249	2,489	2,513	2,548	2,588
4.5-4.99m	1,060	1,504	1,555	1,584	1,603
5-5.99m	1,236	1,397	1,429	1,485	1,543
6-7.99m	733	968	983	1,009	1,027
8-9.99m	197	206	203	211	221
10-11.99m	144	139	133	126	121
>12m	114	129	125	124	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,226</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>10,018</b>	10,206	<b>10,361</b>

Source: Department of Transport and Main Roads, 2020

## Sporting Clubs

A number of sporting and leisure clubs and associations operate within the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton area.

**Table 37 Sporting clubs (a), Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton, February 2019**

Sport	Clubs
Horse sports (b)	16
Martial arts	16
Bowling (c)	12
Rugby league	13
Football (Soccer)	11
Motor sports (d)	11
Swimming	8
Rugby union	9
Water sports (e)	8
Shooting (f)	7
Tennis	7
Hockey (g)	6
AFL	6
Cricket	6
Dancing - various	6
Netball and basketball	6
Cycling (h)	5
Golf	5
Gymnastics	4
Athletics and running	5
Squash	3
Other	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>

(a) Type and number of sporting clubs is likely to be incomplete.

(b) Includes horse racing clubs.

(c) Includes indoor bowls clubs.

(d) Includes aero, car, motocross, four wheel drive, go karts, motorboat, and rally clubs.

(e) Includes sailing, canoe/outrigger, rowing and water skiing.

(f) Includes archery and sports shooting.

(g) Includes indoor, outdoor and inline hockey clubs.

(h) Includes cycling, mountain bikes, trials and BMX clubs.

Source: Rockhampton Regional Council