

# Climate



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There are four different climate zones in Queensland, namely:



Note: There are in total eight climate zones in Australia; four of which are present in Queensland.

Source: Queensland Government Department of Public Works, *Smart and sustainable homes – Designing for Queensland’s climate*.

## Rockhampton

Rockhampton is located on the Tropic of Capricorn and is classified as having a subtropical climate.

Typical daytime temperature ranges are between 22 and 32 degrees Celsius in the summer, and 9 to 23 degrees Celsius in the winter. See [Sustainable Housing](#) for design strategies that have been developed to help cool the home in summer and heat it in winter.

The average annual rainfall is about 798 mm, with the ‘wet season’ generally being December to March and the ‘dry season’ June to September.

The Fitzroy River flows through the city centre and has a documented history of flooding. [Flood maps](#) can be viewed on Rockhampton Regional Council’s Floodplain Management website.

## Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast

Situated just north of the Tropic of Capricorn, Yeppoon also has a subtropical climate.

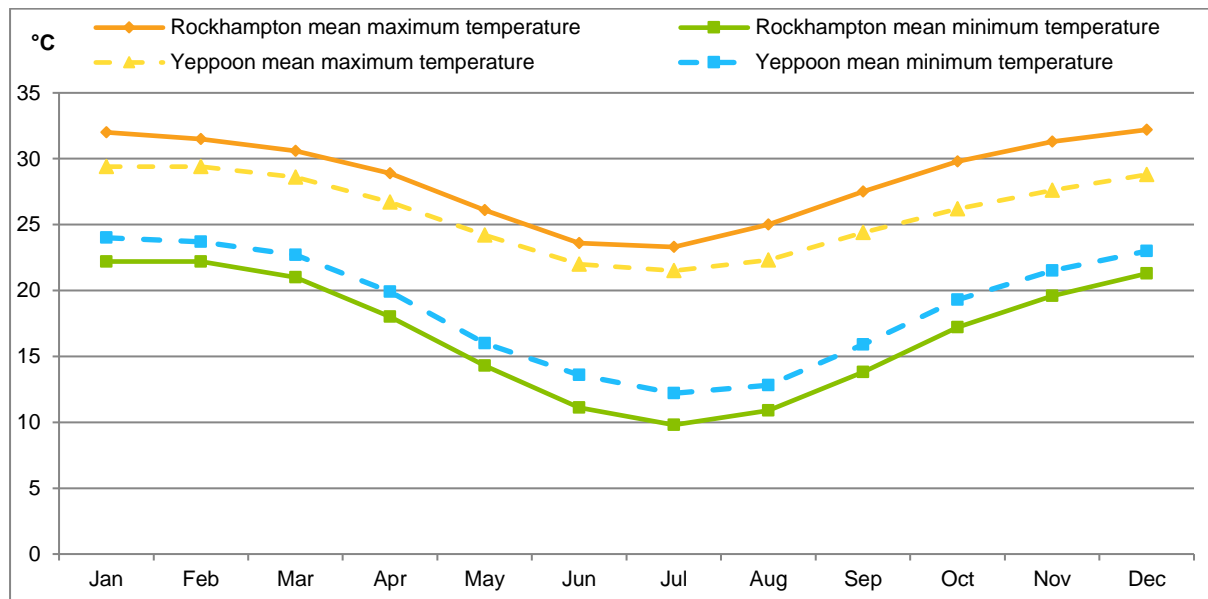
Typical daytime temperature ranges are between 23 and 30 degrees Celsius in the summer and 12 to 22 degrees Celsius in the winter.

The average annual rainfall is about 970 mm, with a wet summer and drier winter.

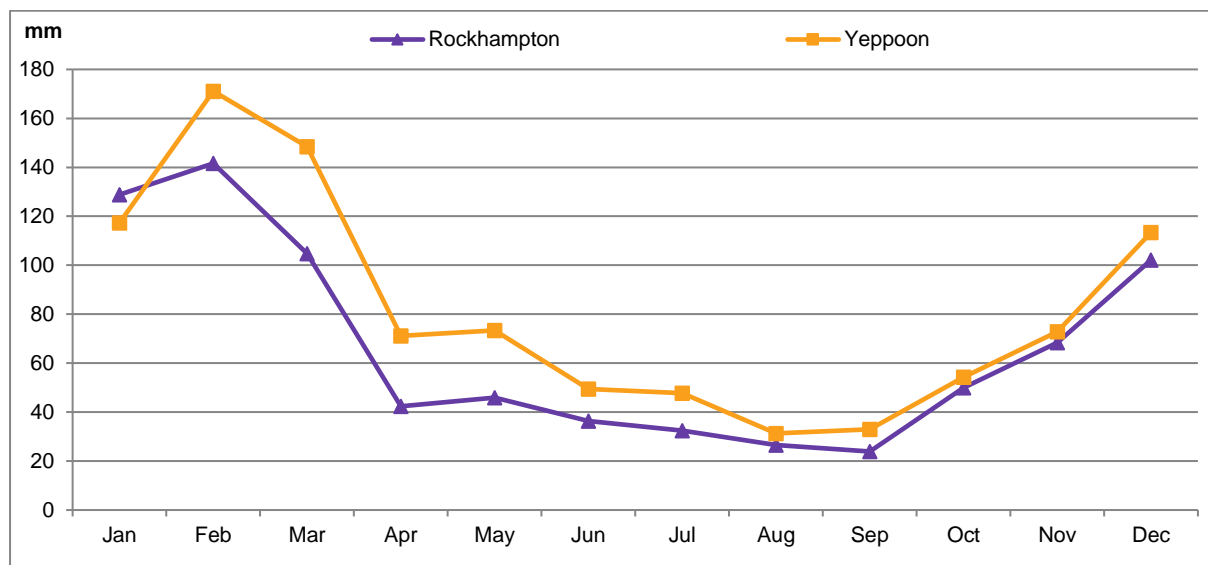
Water drains from the sand dunes of Shoalwater Bay area to Waterpark Creek on the Capricorn Coast. The [Flood Maps](#) and [Storm Tide Hazard](#) can be viewed on [Livingstone Shire Council’s Disaster Dashboard](#).

Source: Bureau of Meteorology, 2023

## Mean monthly maximum and minimum temperatures, Rockhampton (a) and Yeppoon (b) 2023



## Mean monthly rainfall, Rockhampton (a) and Yeppoon (b), 2023



(a) Based on observations recorded at Rockhampton Airport from 1939 to 2024.

(b) Based on observations recorded at Yeppoon Esplanade from 1993 to 2024 (temperature) and 1994 to 2024 (rainfall).

Source: Bureau of Meteorology, January 2024