

Fitzroy Region Profile



Population: 210,294

Local Councils:

- » Banana Shire Council
- » Central Highlands Regional Council
- » Gladstone Regional Council
- » Rockhampton Regional Council
- » Woorabinda Aboriginal Council

Estimated population

- As at 30 June 2007, the estimated population of the region was 210,294, representing 5.0% of the state's population.

Age profiles

- In June 2007, 22.5% of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 66.8% were aged 15 to 64 years and 10.7% were aged 65 years and over.

Urban centres and localities*

- The region comprises 36 urban centres and localities.
- Rockhampton had the largest population at 30 June 2007, with 65,424 persons.
- Tannum Sands had the highest population density in the region, with 954.1 persons per square kilometre.

*An urban centre is a population cluster of 1,000 or more people while a locality is a population cluster of between 200 and 999 people (Source: www.oesr.qld.gov.au).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

- At the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, the region had 9,007 persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- This represents 4.6% of the region's total population.

Overseas-born persons

- At the 2006 Census, 15,982 persons were born overseas (8.2% of the total population).
- 163,905 persons were Australian-born (84.5% of the total population).
- Rockhampton had the largest number of overseas-born persons (7,559), followed by Gladstone (5,335).

Proficiency in spoken English

- At the 2006 Census, 3,586 persons born overseas stated that they spoke a language other than English at home (22.4% of the overseas-born population).
- Of these persons, 520 stated that they spoke English not well, or not at all.

One-parent families

- At the 2006 Census, there were 7,372 one-parent families in the region, representing 14.6% of all families.

School students

- In the 12 months ending 31 December 2006, there were 38,675 school students in the region.
- Rockhampton had the largest number of school students (19,752), followed by Gladstone with 10,564 school students.

Post-school qualifications

- At the 2006 Census, there were 68,416 persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification.
- This represents 45.8% of the population in this age group, which was lower than that for Queensland (50.4%).

Unemployment rate and labour force

- At the 2006 Census, the region had 4,317 unemployed persons, representing an unemployment rate of 4.6%.
- The unemployment rate in Queensland was 4.7%.
- Within the region, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in Gladstone (5.4%), followed by Rockhampton (5.3%).

Building approvals

- In the 12 months ending 30 September 2008, 1,595 dwelling units in new residential buildings were approved in the region.
- Valued at \$425.7 million, the approvals represented 3.9% of the total value of state's approvals.
- The value of non-residential building approvals was \$235.7 million, which represented 2.7% of the state's approvals.

Reference: www.oesr.qld.gov.au