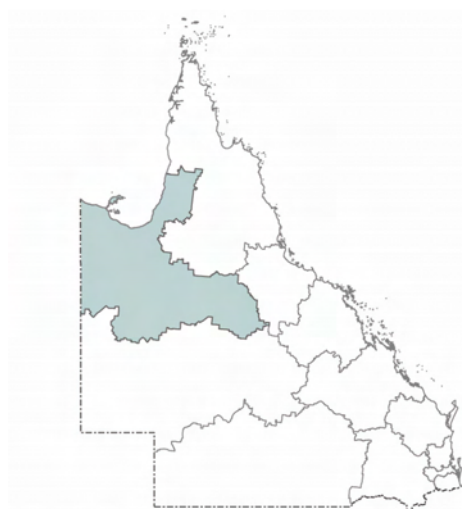


North West Region Profile



Population: 33,336

Local Councils:

- » **Burke Shire Council**
- » **Carpentaria Shire Council**
- » **Cloncurry Shire Council**
- » **Doomadgee Aboriginal Council**
- » **Flinders Shire Council**
- » **McKinlay Shire Council**
- » **Mornington Shire Council**
- » **Mt Isa City Council**
- » **Richmond Shire Council**

Estimated population

- As at 30 June 2007, the estimated population of the region was 33,336, representing 0.8% of the state's population.

Age profiles

- In June 2007, 25.5% of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 68.2% were aged 15 to 64 years and 6.4% were aged 65 years and over.

Urban centres and localities*

- The region comprises 11 urban centres and localities.
- Mt Isa had the largest population at 30 June 2007, with 20,361 persons.
- Gununa had the highest population density in the region, with 506.5 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 7,016 persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- This represents 22.7% of the region's total population.

Overseas-born persons

- At the 2006 Census, 2,810 persons were born overseas (9.1% of the total population).
- 24,404 persons were Australian-born (78.9% of the total population).
- Mt Isa had the largest number of overseas-born persons (2,305), followed by Cloncurry (204).

Proficiency in spoken English

- At the 2006 Census, 830 persons born overseas stated that they spoke a language other than English at home (29.5% of the overseas-born population).
- Of these persons, 77 stated that they spoke English not well, or not at all.

One-parent families

- At the 2006 Census, there were 1,144 one-parent families in the region, representing 16.4% of all families.

School students

- In the 12 months ending 31 December 2006, there were 6,147 school students in the region.
- Mt Isa had the largest number of school students (4,258), followed by Cloncurry with 560 school students.

Post-school qualifications

- At the 2006 Census, there were 10,971 persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification.
- This represents 47.9% 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 558 unemployed persons, representing an unemployment rate of 3.7%.
- The unemployment rate in Queensland was 4.7%.
- Within the region, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in Doomadgee (6.6%), followed by Carpentaria (5.2%).

Building approvals

- In the 12 months ending 30 September 2008, 99 dwelling units in new residential buildings were approved in the region.
- Valued at \$22.9 million, the approvals represented 0.2% of the total value of state's approvals.
- The value of non-residential building approvals was \$15.8 million, which represented 0.2% of the state's approvals.

Reference: www.oesr.qld.gov.au