

Community report

Cairns (R)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

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COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Number of bedrooms per dwelling

Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Enumerated topics describe where people or dwellings were counted on Census night.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 3-bedroom dwellings was the most common bedroom count among occupied private dwellings in Cairns (R), accounting for 33% (21,723 dwellings). This share was lower than Regional Qld (36%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 4-bedroom dwellings, which increased by 2,514 dwellings and 2.4 percentage points.

About this topic

Number of bedrooms per dwelling records the bedroom count of occupied private dwellings. It is a simple but useful indicator of dwelling size and housing capacity.

This topic is most informative when read with dwelling type, household size, and household type. Together, these measures can help identify whether housing stock is suited to local household needs and can signal issues such as crowding or affordability pressure.

Interpretation notes

- The count refers to bedrooms in occupied private dwellings, not the total number of rooms.

- Bedroom count can suggest dwelling capacity, but it should be read with household size before drawing conclusions about crowding.

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Cairns (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
0 or 1 bedrooms	4,471	6.8%	6.4%	4,181	6.7%	5.9%	+290	+0.1
2 bedrooms	12,853	19.5%	16.8%	12,198	19.6%	16.5%	+655	-0.1
3 bedrooms	21,723	33.0%	36.0%	20,766	33.3%	37.2%	+957	-0.3
4 bedrooms	17,928	27.2%	27.7%	15,414	24.8%	25.9%	+2,514	+2.4
5 bedrooms or more	3,839	5.8%	6.2%	3,071	4.9%	5.4%	+768	+0.9
Not stated	5,107	7.7%	7.0%	6,641	10.7%	9.0%	-1,534	-3.0
Total households	65,917	100.0%	100.0%	62,267	100.0%	100.0%	+3,650	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.