

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 Household income

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, \$2,000 to \$2,499 was the most common household-income band among households in Cairns (R), accounting for 11.5% (7,139 households). This share was higher than Regional Qld (10.8%).

About this topic

Household income shows the combined gross income reported for households. Because households are the common economic unit for sharing housing and living costs, this topic is widely used in socio-economic analysis.

This topic helps indicate economic resources, but income is not the same as wealth and can be strongly affected by household composition, retirement, and labour force participation. The dollar ranges are shown for the latest Census year only, so household income quartiles are more suitable for comparisons over time.

Interpretation notes

- Total household income combines gross weekly income reported for the household and is affected by how many people contribute income.
- Because it is not adjusted for household size or composition, it should not be treated as a direct measure of living standards.

Weekly household income

Cairns (R) – Total households (Enumerated)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional Qld %
Negative Nil Income	1,011	1.6%	1.8%
1 To 149	344	0.6%	0.7%
150 To 299	785	1.3%	1.2%
300 To 399	1,450	2.3%	2.3%
400 To 499	3,195	5.1%	6.1%
500 To 649	2,865	4.6%	4.7%
650 To 799	3,634	5.9%	6.9%
800 To 999	4,206	6.8%	6.8%
1000 To 1249	4,852	7.8%	7.5%
1250 To 1499	4,928	7.9%	7.6%
1500 To 1749	3,856	6.2%	5.6%
1750 To 1999	3,686	5.9%	5.5%
2000 To 2499	7,139	11.5%	10.8%
2500 To 2999	4,339	7.0%	6.7%
3000 To 3499	3,550	5.7%	5.5%
3500 To 3999	2,095	3.4%	3.2%
4000 To 4499	1,092	1.8%	1.7%
4500 To 4999	1,686	2.7%	2.9%
5000 To 5999	986	1.6%	1.8%
6000 To 7999	736	1.2%	1.2%
8000 Or More	239	0.4%	0.6%
Not stated	5,372	8.7%	9.0%

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional Qld %
Total	62,046	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: enumerated.