

Community report

Cairns (R)

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

AREA

Cairns (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Housing rental payments

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, \$350 to \$399 was the most common rent band among households renting their home in Cairns (R), accounting for 16.5% (3,578 households). This share was higher than Regional Qld (12.3%).

About this topic

Housing rental payments show the weekly rent reported by households that rent their dwelling. It is a direct measure of current housing cost for renters and is not affected by home equity or mortgage history.

This topic is useful for understanding rental affordability and potential housing stress, especially when read with household income and tenure. Raw rental amounts are not directly comparable over time because of inflation, so rental quartiles are better for comparing change.

Interpretation notes

- This topic applies only to households that rent their dwelling and records weekly rent for the dwelling counted on Census night.
- Raw rent ranges are not directly comparable over time because inflation and market conditions change.

Weekly housing rental payments

Cairns (R) - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional Qld %
Less than \$100	434	2.0%	3.6%
\$100-\$149	930	4.3%	5.1%
\$150-\$199	1,176	5.4%	5.9%
\$200-\$249	1,967	9.1%	8.6%
\$250-\$299	3,096	14.3%	12.0%
\$300-\$349	3,082	14.2%	12.8%
\$350-\$399	3,578	16.5%	12.3%
\$400-\$449	2,534	11.7%	10.8%
\$450-\$499	1,855	8.6%	8.6%
\$500-\$549	834	3.8%	5.2%
\$550-\$649	804	3.7%	5.6%
\$650-\$749	277	1.3%	2.3%
\$750-\$849	85	0.4%	1.1%
\$850+	191	0.9%	1.6%
Not stated	841	3.9%	4.6%
Total households renting	21,684	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: enumerated.