

Community report

Etheridge (S)

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

AREA

Etheridge (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Service age groups

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.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

Service age groups

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49) was the most common category among residents in Etheridge (S), accounting for 15.5% (111 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (19%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69), which decreased by 37 people and 3.2 percentage points.

About this topic

Service age groups divide the population into broad life-stage bands such as children, young adults, working-age adults, and older people. The groupings are designed to reflect typical demand for age-based services and facilities rather than exact five-year cohorts.

This view is useful for planning childcare, schools, recreation, aged services, and other community infrastructure. It works best alongside five year age groups, household type, and dwelling data, which add more detail about who is living in an area and how needs may change over time.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived grouping rather than a direct Census question, so the age bands are planning-oriented summaries built from standard age data.
- Percentages relate to the total population; use five year age groups when exact cohort detail matters.

Age structure - Service age groups

Etheridge (S) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	41	5.7%	5.4%	56	7.0%	6.1%	-15	-1.3
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	64	9.0%	8.9%	78	9.8%	9.4%	-14	-0.8
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	23	3.2%	7.8%	17	2.1%	7.7%	+6	+1.1
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	54	7.6%	7.9%	47	5.9%	8.3%	+7	+1.7
Young workforce (25 to 34)	87	12.2%	12.4%	116	14.5%	12.4%	-29	-2.3
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	111	15.5%	19.0%	122	15.3%	19.6%	-11	+0.2
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	105	14.7%	13.2%	133	16.6%	13.4%	-28	-1.9
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	96	13.4%	12.2%	133	16.6%	11.7%	-37	-3.2
Seniors (70 to 84)	106	14.8%	11.3%	103	12.9%	9.4%	+3	+1.9
Elderly aged (85 and over)	6	0.8%	2.1%	3	0.4%	1.9%	+3	+0.4

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Total	714	100.0%	100.0%	799	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.