

Community report

Torres Strait Island (R)

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

AREA

Torres Strait Island (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Unpaid domestic work

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.

Unpaid domestic work

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Key takeaway

In 2021, doing unpaid domestic work was the most common response among residents aged 15 and over in Torres Strait Island (R), accounting for 66.9% (1,873 people). This share was similar to Regional Qld (67.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in less Than 5 Hours, which decreased by 165 people and 4.2 percentage points.

About this topic

Unpaid domestic work measures how much time people aged 15 years and over spent doing housework for their household in the week before the Census. It helps show the distribution of unpaid labour that supports home and family life.

This topic is useful for understanding household roles, time pressures, and gender or life-stage differences in unpaid work. It is best read with household type, employment, and income, because the amount of unpaid domestic work can be shaped by family structure and the ability to outsource tasks.

Interpretation notes

- The hours refer to unpaid domestic work done for the person's household in the week before the Census.

- This topic does not measure childcare, disability care, or other unpaid help unless it falls within domestic work for the household.

Unpaid domestic work

Torres Strait Island (R) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Did Unpaid Domestic Work	1,873	66.9%	67.1%	1,931	65.4%	69.3%	-58	+1.5
Less Than 5 Hours	777	27.7%	19.3%	942	31.9%	20.9%	-165	-4.2
Between 5 And 14 Hours	591	21.1%	26.7%	529	17.9%	26.3%	+62	+3.2
Between 15 And 29 Hours	280	10.0%	12.1%	147	5.0%	12.2%	+133	+5.0
30 Hours Or More	225	8.0%	9.0%	313	10.6%	10.0%	-88	-2.6
Did No Unpaid Domestic Work	715	25.5%	24.3%	706	23.9%	20.2%	+9	+1.6
Not Stated	202	7.2%	8.6%	324	11.0%	10.4%	-122	-3.8
Total	2,801	100.0%	100.0%	2,954	100.0%	100.0%	-153	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.