

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 Households with children

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.

Households with children

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Key takeaway

In 2021, households with children was the most common household life-stage group among households in Torres Strait Island (R), accounting for 58.9% (651 households). This share was higher than Regional Qld (36%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in couples with young children, which decreased by 60 households and 5.8 percentage points.

About this topic

Households with children groups households according to whether children are present and the life stage of those children. In this topic, life stage is based on the ages of the children in the household rather than the age of the parents.

This topic is useful for understanding likely demand for childcare, schools, youth services, and family housing. It should be read with household size, age structure, and dwelling type to build a fuller picture of family life in an area.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived subset of households that classifies households by whether children are present and by the ages of those children.
- The life-stage labels describe the ages of children in the household, not the ages of parents or carers.

Households with children by life stage

Torres Strait Island (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Couples with children	367	33.2%	25.2%	401	36.8%	26.1%	-34	-3.6
Couples with young children	226	20.4%	14.2%	286	26.2%	14.9%	-60	-5.8
Couples with mixed-age children	117	10.6%	3.9%	97	8.9%	3.9%	+20	+1.7
Couples with older children	72	6.5%	7.4%	66	6.1%	7.4%	+6	+0.4
Single parents with children	284	25.7%	10.8%	235	21.6%	10.5%	+49	+4.1
Single parents with young children	220	19.9%	4.7%	250	22.9%	4.9%	-30	-3.0
Single parents with mixed-age children	40	3.6%	1.4%	33	3.0%	1.4%	+7	+0.6
Single parents with older children	104	9.4%	5.0%	74	6.8%	4.7%	+30	+2.6
Total households with children	651	58.9%	36.0%	636	58.3%	36.6%	+15	+0.6
Total households	1,106	100.0%	100.0%	1,090	100.0%	100.0%	+16	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.