

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 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, Primary school age (5 to 11) was the most common category among residents in Torres Strait Island (R), accounting for 17.6% (727 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (8.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Young adults (18 to 24), which decreased by 131 people and 1.9 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

Torres Strait Island (R) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Early childhood (0 to 4)	438	10.6%	5.4%	551	12.2%	6.1%	-113	-1.6
Primary school age (5 to 11)	727	17.6%	8.9%	836	18.5%	9.4%	-109	-0.9
Secondary school age (12 to 17)	274	6.6%	7.8%	374	8.3%	7.7%	-100	-1.7
Young adults (18 to 24)	440	10.7%	7.9%	571	12.6%	8.3%	-131	-1.9
Early career adults (25 to 34)	643	15.6%	12.4%	695	15.4%	12.4%	-52	+0.2
Mid-life adults (35 to 49)	720	17.5%	19.0%	725	16.1%	19.6%	-5	+1.4
Pre-retirement adults (50 to 59)	414	10.0%	13.2%	397	8.8%	13.4%	+17	+1.2
Retirement transition (60 to 69)	293	7.1%	12.2%	280	6.2%	11.7%	+13	+0.9
Established seniors (70 to 84)	149	3.6%	11.3%	113	2.5%	9.4%	+36	+1.1
Advanced age (85 years and over)	12	0.3%	2.1%	4	0.1%	1.9%	+8	+0.2
Total	4,124	100.0%	100.0%	4,514	100.0%	100.0%	-390	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.