

Northern Queensland

# PHN Fact sheet 2024

## Snapshot:

Northern Queensland has a total population of 722748 people. Of this total 90152 are First Nations people. The total population growth for 2016 to 2022 was 0.04%. The population aged 65 years and over equate to 252928 people. Population growth for this age group for 2016 to 2022 was 0.3%. The PHN covers 510719.69 square kilometres. Snapshot information is based on data published by the Public Health Information Development Unit at Torrens University from the Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network December 2023.

## Key Information:

Northern Queensland have 5.41% of its population who require assistance for core activities due to a disability. The unemployment rate is 3.23%. People who do not speak English well account for 0.28% of the population, while 0.94% do not speak English at all.

## Demographics:

Northern Queensland has a male population of 365430 people, which equates to 51% of the total population. Females account for 357317 people or 49% of the total population. Demographics information is based on Estimated Resident Population for 2022 calculated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

## Age:

Northern Queensland has the following age distribution: Zero to fourteen year olds account for 138985 people. 15- to 24-year-olds account for 89442 people. 25- to 44-year-olds account for 190307 people. 45- to 64-year-olds account for 187824 people. 65- to 84-year-olds account for 241592 people. And lastly those aged 85 years and above account for 11336 people. This data is sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**Source**: a – Australian Bureau of Statistics – Census of Population and Housing 2021 l b – PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia Data by Primary Health Network Dec 2023

**ERP**: Estimated Resident Population l Need for Assistance: Core activity need for assistance (ASSNP) l English Proficiency: Proficiency in spoken English (ENGLP) | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au) Data has been obtained from a range of publicly available sources, and DoHAC does not take responsibility for data quality. Last Updated: May 2024