

## Western Queensland

## PHN Fact sheet 2024

### Snapshot:

Western Queensland PHN has a total population of 63731 people. Of this total, 13052 are First Nations people. The total population growth from 2016 to 2022 was -0.07%. The population aged 65 years and over equates to 8941 people. Population growth for this age group from 2016 to 2022 was 14.96%. The PHN covers 937234.65 square kilometres. Snapshot information is based on data published by the Public Health Information Development Unit (PHIDU) at Torrens University, from the Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023. Population data for 2016 is sourced from the PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2017, which is used to calculate population growth.

### Key Information:

Western Queensland PHN has 3.92% of its population who require assistance for core activities due to a disability. The unemployment rate for the labour force is 4.78%. People who use another language and who do not speak English well account for 0.4% of people, while 0.12% do not speak English at all. Unemployment rate is based on the PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023. Need for assistance due to disability and English language proficiency are based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population and Housing 2021.

### Demographics:

Western Queensland PHN has a male population of 32537 people, which equates to 51.05% of the total population. Females account for 31194 people. That is 48.95% of the total population. Demographics information is based on PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023.

### Age:

Western Queensland PHN has the following age distribution: Zero to fourteen year olds account for 13643 people. 15- to 24-year-olds account for 7666 people. 25- to 44-year-olds account for 17633 people. 45- to 64-year-olds account for 15849 people. 65- to 84-year-olds account for 8054 people. Lastly those aged 85 years and above account for 887 people. This data is sourced from the PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023.

Data has been obtained from a range of publicly available sources, and the Department of Health and Aged Care does not take responsibility for data quality. Last Updated: March 2025