



# Queensland Regional Profiles

Resident Profile - people who live in the region

## Kawana region (ASGS 2021)

Compared with Sunshine Coast (R) Local Government Area (LGA) (ASGS 2021)

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# Region overview

The resident profiles provide details on a range of topics for people who live in the region. For some topics, more detailed data are available through the [Queensland Regional Database](#) (also known as QRSIS), developed and maintained by the Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury.

## Kawana region (ASGS 2021)

Kawana region comprises the four statistical area level 2s (SA2's) of Buddina - Minyama, Mountain Creek, Parrearra - Warana and Wurtulla - Birtinya.

Kawana region has a total land area of 25.2 km<sup>2</sup>, with an average daily temperature range of 15.8°C to 24.8°C and an average annual rainfall of 1,529 mm.

Data for Kawana region are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries based on the population spread at a point in time. Historical estimates for these geographies may be different to those in previously generated profiles as a result of an update to the underlying population-weighted concordance. Caution should therefore be exercised when comparing historical estimates.

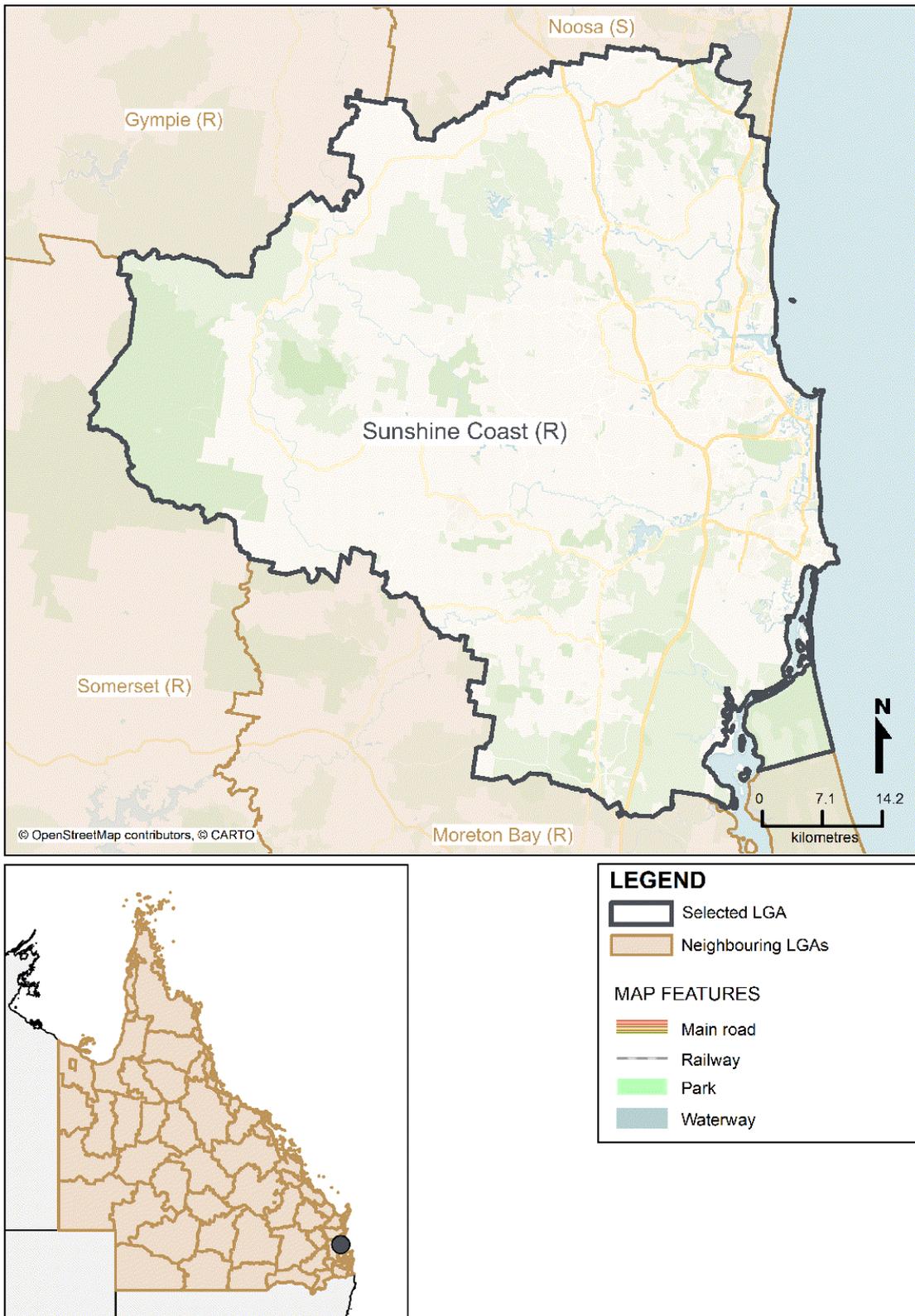
## Sunshine Coast (R) LGA (ASGS 2021)

Sunshine Coast (R) Local Government Area (LGA) has a total land area of 2,253.9 km<sup>2</sup>, with an average daily temperature range of 14.4°C to 24.8°C and an average annual rainfall of 1,629 mm.

Data for Sunshine Coast (R) LGA are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2021. In some cases these data have been concorded from other geographical boundaries based on the population spread at a point in time. Historical estimates for these geographies may be different to those in previously generated profiles as a result of an update to the underlying population-weighted concordance. Caution should therefore be exercised when comparing historical estimates.

This profile should be read in conjunction with the abbreviations and explanatory notes provided at the end of the profile.

Figure 1 Map of Sunshine Coast (R) Local Government Area (LGA) (ASGS 2021)



# Demography

## Estimated resident population

The estimated resident population (ERP) figure is the official population estimate. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2026.

As at 30 June 2024, the estimated resident population for Kawana region was

# 42,234 persons

### Kawana region

- ERP of 42,234 persons as at 30 June 2024
- Average annual growth rate of 1.6% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 2.3% over ten years
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest population with 12,310 persons
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the fastest population growth over five years with 3.3%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

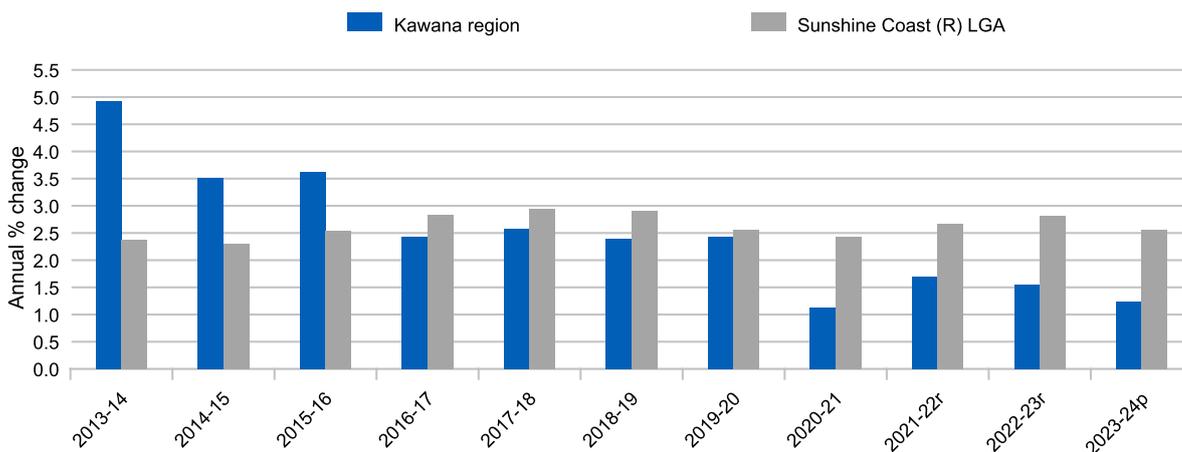
- ERP of 375,328 persons as at 30 June 2024
- Average annual growth rate of 2.6% over five years
- Average annual growth rate of 2.7% over ten years

**Table 1 Estimated resident population by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	As at 30 June			Average annual growth rate	
	2014	2019	2024p	2014–2024p	2019–2024p
	— number —			— % —	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>33,794</b>	<b>38,997</b>	<b>42,234</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Buddina - Minyama	6,672	6,868	7,199	0.8	0.9
Mountain Creek	9,963	12,057	12,310	2.1	0.4
Parrearra - Warana	9,736	10,195	11,115	1.3	1.7
Wurtulla - Birtinya	7,423	9,877	11,610	4.6	3.3
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>288,652</b>	<b>329,946</b>	<b>375,328</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>

Source: ABS, *Regional population*, various editions

**Figure 2 Estimated resident population growth, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



Source: ABS, *Regional population*, various editions

## Population by age and sex

The estimated resident population (ERP) figure is the official population estimate. For sub-state geographies, ERP figures are updated annually using a model which includes administrative data that indicate population change, such as registered births and deaths, dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and electoral enrolments. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2026.

### Kawana region

- 17.1% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2024
- 63.5% aged 15–64 years
- 19.5% aged 65+ years
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of persons aged 0–14 with 21.0%
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of persons aged 15–64 with 66.8%
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the largest percentage of persons aged 65+ with 25.3%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 17.1% aged 0–14 years as at 30 June 2024
- 61.1% aged 15–64 years
- 21.8% aged 65+ years

As at 30 June 2024, the proportion of the estimated resident population aged 65 years and over for Kawana region was

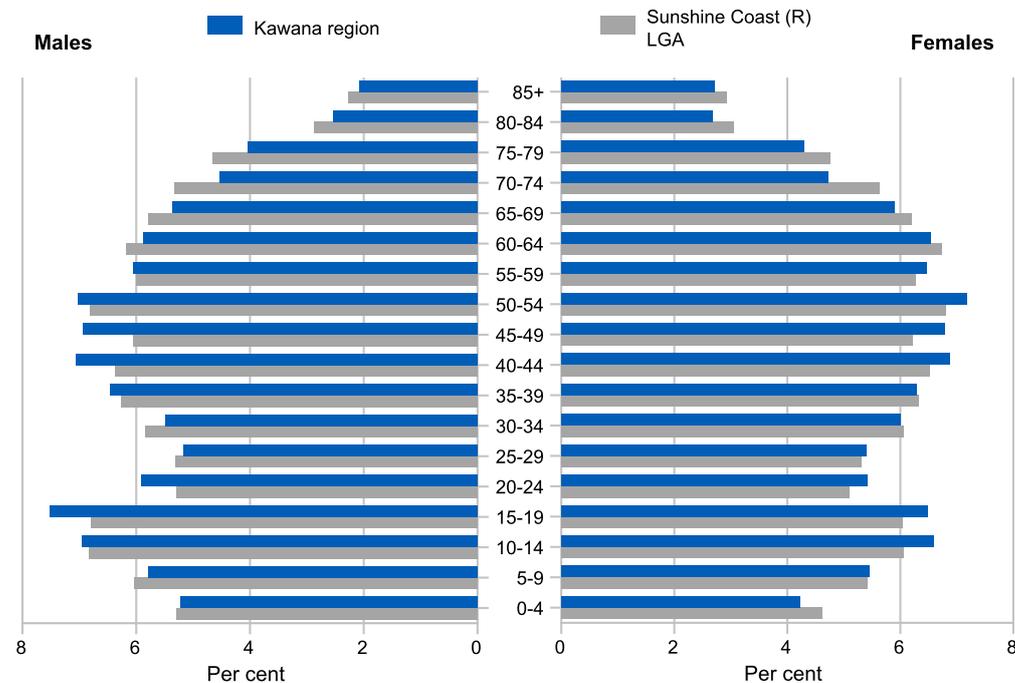
**19.5%**

**Table 2 Estimated resident population by age and SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 30 June 2024p**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Age group									
	0–14		15–24		25–44		45–64		65+	
	number	%								
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>11,169</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>8,218</b>	<b>19.5</b>
Buddina - Minyama	1,050	14.6	774	10.8	1,548	21.5	2,004	27.8	1,823	25.3
Mountain Creek	2,582	21.0	1,744	14.2	3,153	25.6	3,320	27.0	1,511	12.3
Parrearra - Warana	1,811	16.3	1,297	11.7	2,298	20.7	2,959	26.6	2,750	24.7
Wurtulla - Birtinya	1,774	15.3	1,524	13.1	3,292	28.4	2,886	24.9	2,134	18.4
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>64,144</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>43,549</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>90,076</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>95,877</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>81,682</b>	<b>21.8</b>

Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex, 2024*

**Figure 4 Estimated resident population by age and sex, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 30 June 2024p**



Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex, 2024*

## Median age

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age estimates have been calculated by the ABS and Queensland Treasury using single year of age estimated resident population data. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in September 2026.

As at 30 June 2024, the median age for Kawana region was

# 41.9 years

### Kawana region

- Median age of 41.9 years as at 30 June 2024
- Increase of 3.3 years from median age of 38.7 years as at 30 June 2014
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the highest median age of 47.6 years
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest increase in median age from 30 June 2014 to 30 June 2024 with 5.9 years

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- Median age of 42.9 years as at 30 June 2024
- Increase of 1.1 years from median age of 41.8 years as at 30 June 2014

**Table 3 Median age by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	As at 30 June			Change
	2014	2019	2024p	2014–2024p
	— years —			years
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Buddina - Minyama	44.1	45.7	47.6	3.5
Mountain Creek	32.4	34.8	38.3	5.9
Parrearra - Warana	42.0	44.4	46.1	4.1
Wurtulla - Birtinya	38.6	38.3	39.7	1.1
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS 3235.0, *Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia* unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates

## Population projections

The 2023 edition of the Queensland Government population projections are generated by applying assumptions regarding future trends in the components of population change (fertility, mortality and migration) and the latest planning and development intelligence available. Data presented in this topic are based on the medium series.

From 2021 to 2046, the population for Kawana region is projected to increase from

**40,407 persons to  
55,959 persons**

### Kawana region

- Population projected to be 55,959 persons as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 1.3% per year over 25 years
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 is projected to have the largest population as at 30 June 2046 with 17,550 persons
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 is projected to have the fastest growth in population from 30 June 2021 to 2046 with an average annual rate of 2.1% per year

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- Population projected to be 545,523 persons as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 1.8% per year over 25 years

**Table 4 Projected population by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	As at 30 June						Average annual growth rate
	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	2021–2046
	— number —						%
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>40,407</b>	<b>43,873</b>	<b>46,020</b>	<b>48,762</b>	<b>51,695</b>	<b>55,959</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Buddina - Minyama	7,009	7,186	7,670	8,544	9,398	10,571	1.7
Mountain Creek	12,133	12,472	12,485	12,483	12,551	12,705	0.2
Parrearra - Warana	10,481	12,012	13,339	14,738	16,007	17,550	2.1
Wurtulla - Birtinya	10,784	12,203	12,526	12,997	13,739	15,132	1.4
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>346,648</b>	<b>392,711</b>	<b>432,454</b>	<b>471,366</b>	<b>509,159</b>	<b>545,523</b>	<b>1.8</b>

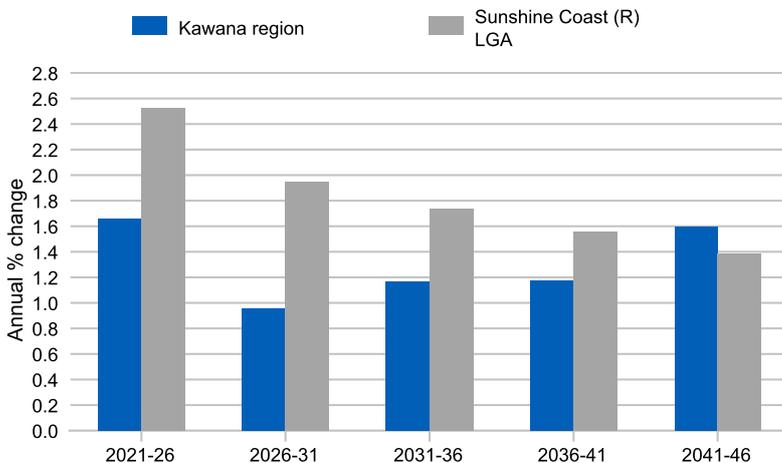
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) 2021 data are preliminary rebased estimated resident population (ERP).

For more detailed data on the Queensland Government population projections, please refer to the Queensland Government Statistician's Office website at <https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/statistics/theme/population/population-projections>

Source: Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition (medium series)

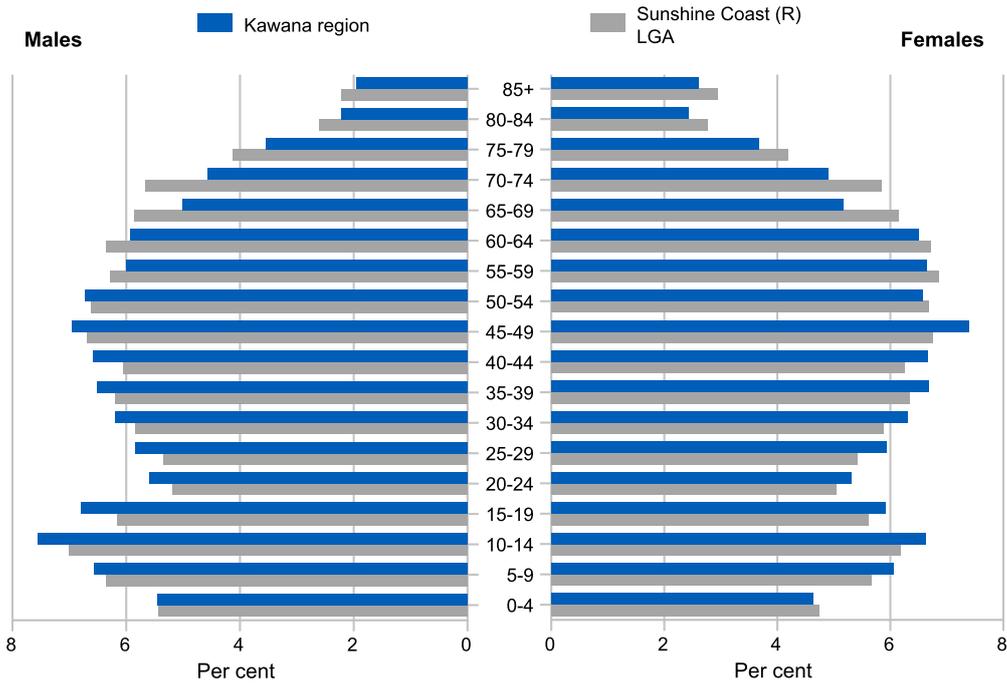
**Figure 5 Projected population change, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



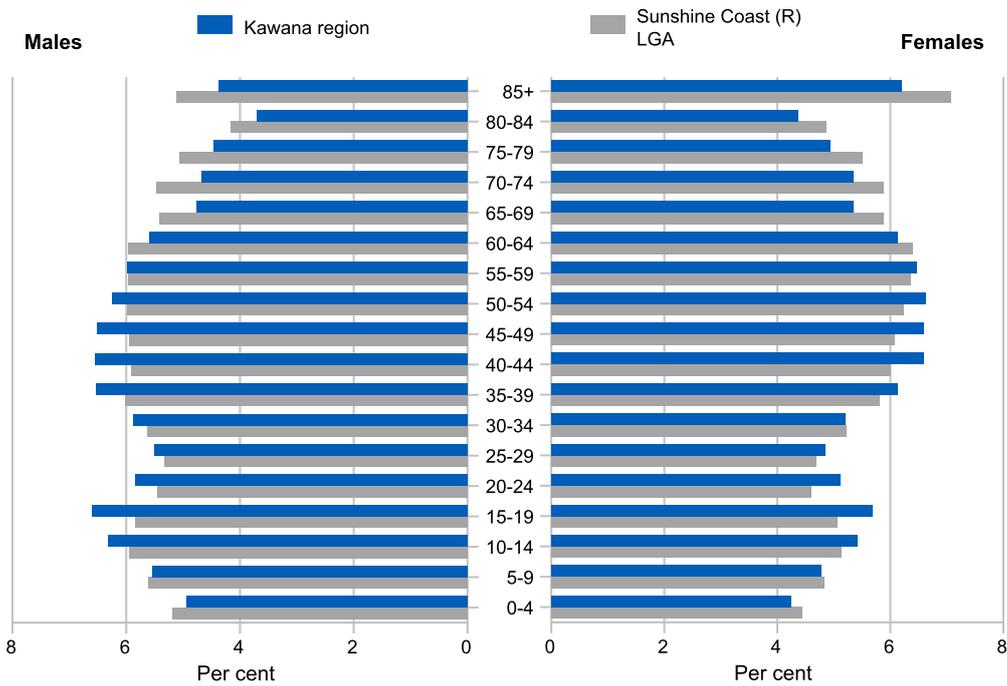
Source: Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition (medium series)

**Figure 6 Projected population by age and sex, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2046**

**30 June 2021**



**30 June 2046**



Source: Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition (medium series)

## Median age projections

The median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger. These median age projections have been calculated by Queensland Treasury using the Queensland Government population projections, 2023 edition. Data presented in this topic are based on the medium series.

As at 30 June 2046, the median age projection for Kawana region is

# 44.5 years

### Kawana region

- Median age projection of 44.5 years as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 2.9 years from a median age projection of 41.5 years as at 30 June 2026
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the highest median age projection of 49.3 years
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest increase in median age projection from 30 June 2026 to 30 June 2046 with 3.4 years

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- Median age projection of 46.5 years as at 30 June 2046
- Increase of 2.6 years from a median age projection of 43.9 years as at 30 June 2026

**Table 5 Median age projections by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	As at 30 June			Change
	2026	2036	2046	2026–2046
	— years —			years
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Buddina - Minyama	46.6	46.7	47.4	0.8
Mountain Creek	36.7	37.4	38.4	1.6
Parrearra - Warana	46.2	47.9	49.3	3.1
Wurtulla - Birtinya	39.9	42.1	43.3	3.4
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>

Source: Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition (medium series)

## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

This topic is based on the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status where each person is asked to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of Aboriginal peoples and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Kawana region was

# 2.2%

### Kawana region

- 889 persons (or 2.2%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons with 2.7%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 8,332 persons (or 2.4%) identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

**Table 6 Indigenous status by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	First Nations persons				Non-Indigenous persons		Total persons <sup>(b)</sup>	
	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both <sup>(a)</sup>	Total	number	%		
	— number —			number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>37,306</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>39,969</b>
Buddina - Minyama	121	0	3	125	1.8	6,410	92.2	6,956
Mountain Creek	259	5	10	273	2.3	11,248	94.1	11,950
Parrearra - Warana	192	12	3	203	2.0	9,726	93.6	10,392
Wurtulla - Birtinya	261	13	11	288	2.7	9,922	93.0	10,671
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>7,627</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>8,332</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>318,268</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>342,541</b>

(a) Applicable to persons who are of 'both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin'.

(b) Includes Indigenous status not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - 102*

## Births and deaths

Birth and death statistics are an estimate of the number of births and deaths that have been registered in Australia's state and territory Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages over a calendar year. These estimates are useful for two distinct purposes – use as a component of population growth and for analysis of fertility and mortality. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in November 2026.

The number of registered births in 2024 to mothers with a usual residence in Kawana region was

# 355 births

### Kawana region

- 355 registered births in 2024
- 259 registered deaths
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest crude birth rate with 9.6 births per 1,000 population

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 3,486 registered births in 2024
- 2,908 registered deaths

**Table 7 Registered births and deaths by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2024**

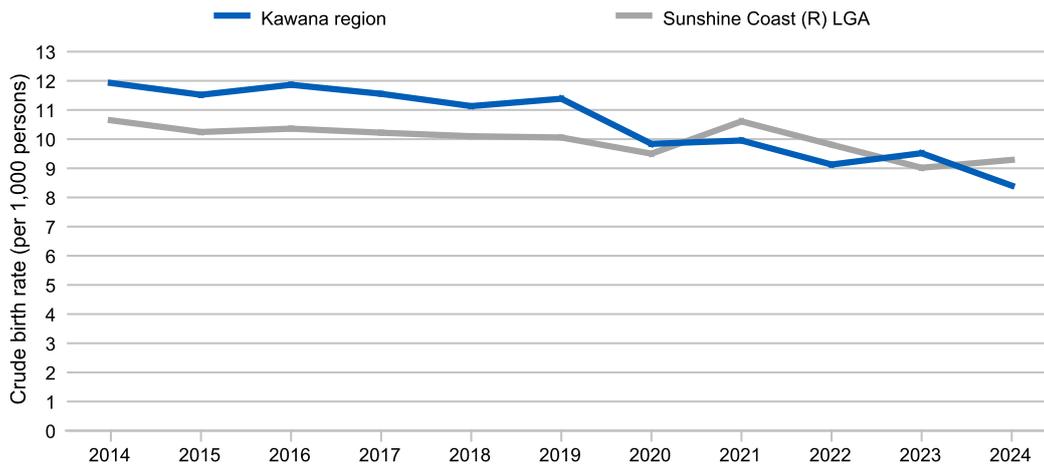
Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Births		Deaths		Natural increase
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>96</b>
Buddina - Minyama	53	7.4	26	3.6	27
Mountain Creek	97	7.9	25	2.0	72
Parrearra - Warana	94	8.5	103	9.3	-9
Wurtulla - Birtinya	111	9.6	105	9.0	6
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>3,486</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>578</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

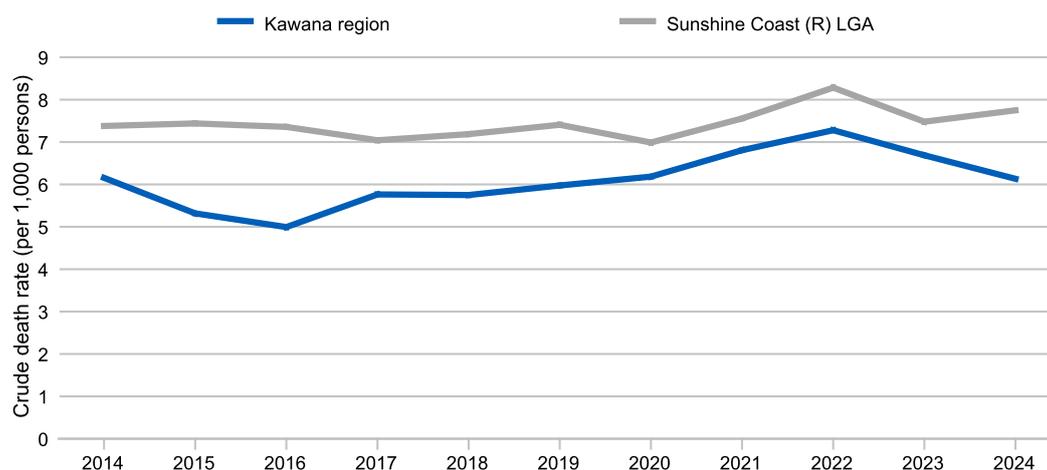
(a) Crude rate per 1,000 persons.

Source: ABS, *Births, Australia, various editions*; ABS, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

**Figure 7 Crude birth rate, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



Source: ABS, *Births, Australia, various editions*; ABS, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

**Figure 8 Crude death rate, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**

Source: ABS, *Births, Australia, various editions*; ABS, *Deaths, Australia, various editions*

## Migration 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with their usual address one year earlier (i.e. 10 August 2020). This is based on persons aged one year and over by place of usual residence.

### Kawana region

- 30,350 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 7,377 persons (or 18.6%) usually resided in a different address one year ago
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address one year ago with 23.2%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 260,805 persons usually resided in the same address as one year ago
- 60,519 persons (or 17.8%) usually resided in a different address one year ago

The percentage of persons in Kawana region with a different address one year ago was

# 18.6%

**Table 8 Place of usual residence one year ago<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Same address	Different address					Proportion with different address	Total persons <sup>(c)</sup>
		Same SA2	Elsewhere Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total <sup>(b)</sup>		
	number	— number —					%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>30,350</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>7,377</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>39,635</b>
Buddina - Minyama	5,339	175	700	161	75	1,130	16.3	6,912
Mountain Creek	9,457	345	1,172	299	86	1,932	16.3	11,843
Parrearra - Warana	7,925	235	1,278	248	61	1,859	18.1	10,289
Wurtulla - Birtinya	7,629	309	1,739	260	104	2,456	23.2	10,591
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>260,805</b>	<b>10,158</b>	<b>38,274</b>	<b>8,625</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>60,519</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>339,371</b>

(a) Based on persons aged one year and over.

(b) Includes persons who stated that they were usually resident at a different address 1 year ago but did not state that address.

(c) Includes persons who did not state whether they were usually resident at a different address 1 year ago.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G44*

## Migration 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares the usual address of household members on Census Night 2021 (10 August 2021) with their usual address five years earlier (i.e. 10 August 2016). This is based on persons aged five years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Kawana region with a different address five years ago was

# 50.8%

### Kawana region

- 16,651 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 19,308 persons (or 50.8%) usually resided in a different address five years ago
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of persons with a different usual address five years ago with 57.7%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 149,156 persons usually resided in the same address as five years ago
- 157,296 persons (or 48.3%) usually resided in a different address five years ago

**Table 9 Place of usual residence five years ago<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Same address	Different address					Proportion with different address	Total persons <sup>(c)</sup>
		Same SA2	Elsewhere Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total <sup>(b)</sup>		
	number	— number —					%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>16,651</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>11,787</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>19,308</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>37,996</b>
Buddina - Minyama	3,350	358	1,728	467	253	2,874	43.0	6,676
Mountain Creek	4,881	923	3,171	1,091	594	5,904	52.4	11,274
Parrearra - Warana	4,665	498	2,908	780	389	4,670	47.2	9,897
Wurtulla - Birtinya	3,755	500	3,980	789	442	5,860	57.7	10,149
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>149,156</b>	<b>20,941</b>	<b>94,408</b>	<b>25,791</b>	<b>12,458</b>	<b>157,296</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>325,609</b>

(a) Based on persons aged five years and over.

(b) Includes persons who stated that they were usually resident at a different address 5 years ago but did not state that address.

(c) Includes persons who did not state whether they were usually resident at a different address 5 years ago.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G45*

## Country of birth

Country of birth has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question 'In which country was the person born?'. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five English speaking backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds for Kawana region were:

English Speaking	Non-English Speaking
1. England (5.3%)	1. India (0.7%)
2. New Zealand (4.8%)	2. Philippines (0.6%)
3. South Africa (1.5%)	3. Germany (0.5%)
4. Scotland (0.6%)	4. Netherlands (0.4%)
5. United States of America (0.5%)	5. China excludes SARs and Taiwan (0.3%)

### Kawana region

- 8,475 persons (or 21.2%) were born overseas
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest number of persons born overseas with 2,934
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of persons born overseas with 24.6%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 70,749 persons (or 20.7%) were born overseas

**Table 10 Country of birth by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Born in Australia <sup>(a)</sup>		Born overseas						Total persons <sup>(d)</sup>
			Born in ESB countries <sup>(b)</sup>		Born in NESB countries <sup>(c)</sup>		Total <sup>(c)</sup>		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>29,676</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>5,443</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8,475</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>39,969</b>
Buddina - Minyama	5,157	74.1	896	12.9	458	6.6	1,364	19.6	6,956
Mountain Creek	8,587	71.9	1,897	15.9	1,021	8.5	2,934	24.6	11,950
Parrearra - Warana	7,830	75.3	1,350	13.0	699	6.7	2,068	19.9	10,392
Wurtulla - Birtinya	8,102	75.9	1,300	12.2	799	7.5	2,109	19.8	10,671
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>254,485</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>45,714</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>25,041</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>70,749</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>342,541</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Australia', 'Australia (includes External Territories), nfd', 'Norfolk Island' and 'Australian External Territories, nec' responses.

(b) Based on the main English speaking countries of UK, Ireland, Canada, USA, South Africa and New Zealand.

(c) Includes countries not identified individually, 'Inadequately described' and 'At sea' responses.

(d) Includes not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G01 and G09*

## Proficiency in spoken English

Proficiency in spoken English has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question 'How well does the person speak English?', if the person speaks a language other than English at home. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five non-English languages spoken at home for the total population of Kawana region were:

### Language spoken

1. Indo Aryan Languages (0.9%)
2. Chinese Languages (0.7%)
3. Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages (0.5%)
4. German (0.4%)
5. Portuguese (0.4%)

### Kawana region

- 2,713 persons (or 6.8%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest number of persons who stated they spoke a language other than English at home with 971
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of persons who stated they spoke a language other than English at home with 8.1%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 21,739 persons (or 6.3%) stated they spoke a language other than English at home

Table 11 Proficiency in spoken English of persons by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Speaks English only		Speaks other language at home and speaks English						Persons <sup>(a)</sup> number
	number	%	Very well or well		Not well or not at all		Total		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>35,449</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>39,969</b>
Buddina - Minyama	6,147	88.4	349	5.0	34	0.5	387	5.6	6,956
Mountain Creek	10,542	88.2	894	7.5	74	0.6	971	8.1	11,950
Parrearra - Warana	9,306	89.5	552	5.3	51	0.5	607	5.8	10,392
Wurtulla - Birtinya	9,454	88.6	692	6.5	61	0.6	748	7.0	10,671
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>304,081</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>20,038</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>21,739</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>342,541</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes the categories 'Proficiency in English not stated' and 'Language and proficiency in English not stated'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G13*

## Religious affiliation

Religious affiliation has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question asking 'What is the person's religion?' This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The top five religious affiliations for Kawana region were:

### Religious affiliation

1. No Religion (46.6%)
2. Catholic (16.7%)
3. Anglican (12.4%)
4. Uniting Church (3.6%)
5. nfd (3.2%)

### Kawana region

- 17,550 persons (or 43.9%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the largest percentage of persons who stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion with 45.6%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 149,497 persons (or 43.6%) stated they were affiliated with a Christian religion

Table 12 Religious affiliation by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Religious affiliation						Total <sup>(b)</sup> number
	Christianity		Other <sup>(a)</sup>		No religion		
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>17,550</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>18,614</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>39,969</b>
Buddina - Minyama	3,121	44.9	137	2.0	3,077	44.2	6,956
Mountain Creek	5,019	42.0	407	3.4	5,771	48.3	11,950
Parrearra - Warana	4,743	45.6	170	1.6	4,771	45.9	10,392
Wurtulla - Birtinya	4,667	43.7	273	2.6	4,995	46.8	10,671
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>149,497</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>8,619</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>157,888</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>342,541</b>

(a) Includes 'Buddhism', 'Hinduism', 'Islam', 'Judaism' and 'Other Religions'.

(b) Comprises 'Not stated' and 'Inadequately described'.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G14*

## Family composition

In the context of the 2021 Census of Population and Housing, families are classified in terms of the relationships that exist between a single family reference person and each other member of that family. The family composition variable distinguishes between different types of families based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-child relationships, child dependency relationships or other familial relationships, in that order of preference. This is based on families by place of usual residence.

The percentage of total families in Kawana region which were couple families with children was

# 40.9%

### Kawana region

- 11,043 families
- 40.9% of total families were couple families with children
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest number of couple families with children with 1,579
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of one-parent families with 20.1%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 95,412 families
- 38.8% of total families were couple families with children

**Table 13 Family composition<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Couple family with no children		Couple family with children		One-parent family		Total <sup>(b)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>4,512</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>11,043</b>
Buddina - Minyama	882	46.4	715	37.6	275	14.5	1,900
Mountain Creek	1,089	32.2	1,579	46.7	680	20.1	3,380
Parrearra - Warana	1,320	45.8	1,117	38.7	431	14.9	2,883
Wurtulla - Birtinya	1,247	43.3	1,101	38.2	489	17.0	2,880
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>42,757</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>37,004</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>95,412</b>

(a) Includes same-sex couple families.

(b) Includes other families.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G29*

## Household composition

In the context of the 2021 Census of Population and Housing, a household is defined as one or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling. Household composition describes the type of household within a dwelling, whether a family is present or not and whether or not other unrelated household members are present. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of one family households in Kawana region was

# 71.8%

### Kawana region

- 14,743 households
- 71.8% of total households were one family households
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of one family households (78.6%)

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 127,927 households
- 70.6% of total households were one family households

**Table 14 Household composition by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	One family households		Multiple family households		Group households		Lone person households		Total households <sup>(a)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>10,589</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>14,743</b>
Buddina - Minyama	1,818	68.3	43	1.6	122	4.6	683	25.7	2,662
Mountain Creek	3,222	78.6	75	1.8	175	4.3	621	15.2	4,099
Parrearra - Warana	2,789	70.1	51	1.3	140	3.5	1,003	25.2	3,976
Wurtulla - Birtinya	2,760	68.9	58	1.4	268	6.7	924	23.1	4,006
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>90,372</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>30,061</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>127,927</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (occupied private dwellings)

## Dwellings by dwelling structure

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night. The dwelling structure variable classifies the structure of private dwellings enumerated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. Dwelling structure data is sourced from the ABS Address Register, and in some cases derived using additional information provided by Census field officers and building approvals data. This data is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Kawana region which were separate houses was

# 70.3%

### Kawana region

- 10,362 occupied private dwellings (or 70.3%) were separate houses
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest number of separate houses with 3,186
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of apartments with 21.0%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 93,500 occupied private dwellings (or 73.1%) were separate houses

**Table 15 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by dwelling structure and SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Separate house		Semi-detached <sup>(b)</sup>		Apartment <sup>(c)</sup>		Caravan <sup>(d)</sup>		Other <sup>(e)</sup>		Total <sup>(f)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>10,362</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14,743</b>
Buddina - Minyama	1,836	69.0	489	18.4	293	11.0	36	1.4	0	0.0	2,662
Mountain Creek	3,186	77.7	279	6.8	626	15.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	4,099
Parrearra - Warana	2,679	67.4	703	17.7	585	14.7	0	0.0	3	0.1	3,976
Wurtulla - Birtinya	2,661	66.4	497	12.4	842	21.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4,006
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>93,500</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>16,635</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>16,371</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>127,927</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Includes row or terrace house, townhouse etc.

(c) Includes flat or units.

(d) Includes cabin and houseboat.

(e) Includes improvised home, tent, sleepers out; house or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.

(f) Includes dwelling structures not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G36*

## Dwellings by tenure type

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night. The tenure type variable describes whether a household rents or owns the dwelling in which they were enumerated on Census Night 2021, or whether the household occupies it under another arrangement. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

The percentage of total occupied private dwellings in Kawana region which were fully owned was

# 31.3%

### Kawana region

- 4,609 occupied private dwellings (or 31.3%) were fully owned
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the largest number of fully owned dwellings with 1,506
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of rented dwellings with 41.8%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 43,429 occupied private dwellings (or 33.9%) were fully owned

**Table 16 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by tenure type and SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Fully owned		Being purchased <sup>(b)</sup>		Rented <sup>(c)</sup>		Other <sup>(d)</sup>		Total <sup>(e)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>4,609</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>4,723</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>4,999</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>14,743</b>
Buddina - Minyama	1,124	42.2	762	28.6	723	27.2	16	0.6	2,662
Mountain Creek	927	22.6	1,612	39.3	1,498	36.5	19	0.5	4,099
Parrearra - Warana	1,506	37.9	1,201	30.2	1,104	27.8	125	3.1	3,976
Wurtulla - Birtinya	1,052	26.3	1,148	28.7	1,674	41.8	87	2.2	4,006
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>43,429</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>44,168</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>127,927</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Includes dwellings being purchased under a shared equity scheme.

(c) Includes renting from a real estate agent, state housing authority, person not in the same household, community housing provider, other and not stated.

(d) Includes dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme and occupied rent-free.

(e) Includes tenure type not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G37*

## Homeless persons

Homelessness is a lack of one or more elements that represent 'home'. When a person does not have suitable accommodation alternatives, the ABS defines someone as homeless if their current living arrangement:

- is a dwelling that is inadequate,
- has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable,  
or
- does not allow them to have control of, and access to, space for social relations.

These counts are based on place of enumeration.

### Kawana region

- 165 homeless persons
- 41.6 homeless persons per 10,000 persons
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the highest rate of homelessness (100.2 persons per 10,000 persons)

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 1,205 homeless persons
- 35.1 homeless persons per 10,000 persons

The rate of homeless persons for Kawana region in 2021 was

**41.6 per 10,000  
persons**

**Table 17 Homeless persons by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Homeless persons		Total persons
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>39,679</b>
Buddina - Minyama	16	23.3	6,870
Mountain Creek	22	18.8	11,713
Parrearra - Warana	18	17.6	10,214
Wurtulla - Birtinya	109	100.2	10,882
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>343,461</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 10,000 persons.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Place of Enumeration Profile - G03* and ABS, *Census of Population and Housing: Estimating homelessness, 2021*

## Number of motor vehicles per dwelling

The number of motor vehicles variable records the number of registered motor vehicles, which are owned or used by members of a household, and which are garaged or parked near the occupied private dwelling on Census Night 2021. This is based on occupied private dwellings by place of enumeration.

The percentage of dwellings in Kawana region with 3 or more motor vehicles was

# 19.5%

### Kawana region

- 3.3% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 19.5% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the highest percentage of dwellings which had no motor vehicles with 4.6%
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the highest percentage of dwellings which had 3 or more motor vehicles with 22.1%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 3.9% of dwellings had no motor vehicles
- 20.8% of dwellings had 3 or more motor vehicles

**Table 18 Number of motor vehicles per occupied private dwelling (a)(b) by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	No motor vehicles		1 motor vehicle		2 motor vehicles		3 or more motor vehicles		Total dwellings <sup>(c)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5,266</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>5,929</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>14,743</b>
Buddina - Minyama	123	4.6	923	34.7	1,017	38.2	554	20.8	2,662
Mountain Creek	81	2.0	1,261	30.8	1,805	44.0	904	22.1	4,099
Parrearra - Warana	158	4.0	1,567	39.4	1,541	38.8	673	16.9	3,976
Wurtulla - Birtinya	122	3.0	1,515	37.8	1,566	39.1	741	18.5	4,006
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>44,461</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>50,224</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>26,582</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>127,927</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Excludes motorbikes, motor scooters and heavy vehicles.

(c) Includes number of motor vehicles not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G34*

# Society

## Department of Social Services payments

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the Australian Government's lead agency in the development and delivery of social policy, and is working to improve the lifetime wellbeing of people and families in Australia. The data are sourced from the DSS Payment Demographic dataset and are updated quarterly. The next planned update is in March 2026.

The number of recipients of the Age pension in Kawana region as at September quarter 2025 was

# 4,395 recipients

### Kawana region

- 4,395 recipients of the Age pension as at September quarter 2025
- 1,000 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 880 recipients of Jobseeker
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest number of recipients of Jobseeker with 265 recipients

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 46,205 recipients of the Age pension as at September quarter 2025
- 11,135 recipients of the Disability support pension
- 9,845 recipients of Jobseeker

**Table 19 Department of Social Services payments<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, September quarter 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Payment type									
	Age pension		Carer allowance		Disability support pension		Family tax benefit A		Jobseeker	
	recipients	rate <sup>(b)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(c)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(c)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(d)</sup>	recipients	rate <sup>(e)</sup>
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Buddina - Minyama	790	43.3	135	2.2	195	3.2	210	35.0	160	4.3
Mountain Creek	840	55.6	275	2.9	270	2.8	600	37.8	230	3.4
Parrearra - Warana	1,510	54.9	260	2.8	250	2.7	325	31.1	225	4.0
Wurtulla - Birtinya	1,255	58.8	260	2.7	285	2.9	425	37.7	265	4.0
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>46,205</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>9,310</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>11,135</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>16,645</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>9,845</b>	<b>5.0</b>

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Payments by geographical region are based on the recipient's geocoded address.

(b) Rate per 100 persons aged 65 years and over, as at 30 June 2024. Person counts are based on estimated resident population (ERP).

(c) Rate per 100 persons aged 16 years and over, as at 30 June 2024. Person counts are based on ERP.

(d) Rate per 100 families with children under 15 years, as at 30 June 2024. Counts of families with children under 15 years are derived by Queensland Treasury using 2021 Census counts of families with children under 15 years and usual resident persons, along with ERP aged 15 to 64 years.

(e) Rate per 100 persons aged 22 to 64 years, as at 30 June 2024. Person counts are based on ERP.

Source: Department of Social Services, Payment Demographic Data; ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G05*; ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G29*; ABS, *Regional population by age and sex, 2024*

## Regulated early childhood education and care services

The regulated early childhood education and care services data are based on administrative data supplied by the Department of Education. Data are updated twice yearly with a release approximately 1 month after the reporting period. The next planned update is in March 2026.

The number of regulated early childhood education and care services in Kawana region as at 31 August 2025 was

# 19 services

### Kawana region

- 19 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 31 August 2025
- 12 long day care services
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest number of services with 8

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 190 regulated early childhood education and care services as at 31 August 2025
- 109 long day care services

**Table 20 Regulated early childhood education and care services by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 31 August 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Family day care	Kindergartens	Long day care	School aged care	Limited hours care	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
	— number —					
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
Buddina - Minyama	0	0	2	1	0	3
Mountain Creek	0	1	5	2	0	8
Parrearra - Warana	1	1	1	1	0	4
Wurtulla - Birtinya	0	0	4	0	0	4
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>

(a) Total includes Other service types (for example Occasional care).

Source: Department of Education

## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The AEDC is a national collection of information about how children are developing prior to school. Every three years, teachers complete an instrument for each child in Prep. The AEDC instrument encompasses five domains of early childhood development which are predictors of a child's health, education and social outcomes. The five domain are:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills
- communication skills and general knowledge.

The AEDC reports whether children are on track, at risk or developmentally vulnerable across each of the five domains. Children that are developmentally vulnerable demonstrate much lower than average competencies in that domain.

### Kawana region

- 15.9% developmentally vulnerable children in one or more domains in 2024
- 6.0% developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in 2024
- The social competence and emotional maturity domain had the largest percentage of developmentally vulnerable children (6.0%)
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains (9.4%)

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 19.5% developmentally vulnerable children in one or more domains in 2024
- 9.1% developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in 2024
- The social competence domain had the largest percentage of developmentally vulnerable children (8.9%)

The percentage of developmentally vulnerable children in two or more domains in Kawana region in 2024 was

# 6.0%

**Table 21 Developmentally vulnerable children by domain by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2024**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Domain					Summary		Children assessed
	Physical health and wellbeing	Social competence	Emotional maturity	Language and cognitive	Communication skills and general knowledge	One or more domains	Two or more domains	
	— per cent —					— per cent—		number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>364</b>
Buddina - Minyama	2.9	0.0	2.9	4.3	1.4	10.0	1.4	70
Mountain Creek	5.5	9.4	9.4	7.1	3.1	22.0	9.4	127
Parrearra - Warana	3.6	2.4	3.6	1.2	3.6	10.7	3.6	84
Wurtulla - Birtinya	7.2	9.6	6.0	6.0	4.8	16.9	7.2	83
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>3,613</b>

Note: To preserve confidentiality, some regions have had results suppressed.

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Commonwealth Department of Education

## Highest level of schooling

Highest year of school completed has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question '*What is the highest year of primary or secondary school the person has completed?*'. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of total persons in Kawana region with highest level of schooling as Year 11 or 12 was

# 66.6%

### Kawana region

- 20,804 persons (or 66.6%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest percentage of whose highest level of schooling was Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent) with 71.2%
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the largest percentage whose highest level of schooling was Year 8 or below (or did not go to school) with 3.4%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 173,758 persons (or 63.9%) with highest level of schooling of Year 11 or 12 (or equivalent)

**Table 22 Highest level of schooling completed by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Did not go to school, or Year 8 or below		Year 9 or 10 or equivalent		Year 11 or 12 or equivalent		Total <sup>(a)</sup> number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>7,740</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>20,804</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>31,219</b>
Buddina - Minyama	184	3.2	1,431	25.1	3,665	64.3	5,703
Mountain Creek	150	1.7	1,965	22.5	6,207	71.2	8,723
Parrearra - Warana	284	3.4	2,194	26.5	5,290	64.0	8,266
Wurtulla - Birtinya	259	3.0	2,150	25.2	5,642	66.2	8,527
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>8,851</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>71,776</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>173,758</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>271,711</b>

(a) Includes highest year of schooling not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G16*

## Non-school qualification

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Kawana region with a non-school qualification was

# 65.1%

### Kawana region

- 21,312 persons (or 65.1%) with a non-school qualification
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of persons with a non-school qualification with 65.8%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 183,699 persons (or 64.9%) with a non-school qualification

**Table 23 Non-school qualifications<sup>(a)</sup> by level of education by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Level of education						Persons with a qualification <sup>(d)</sup>		Total persons
	Bachelor degree or higher <sup>(b)</sup>		Advanced diploma or diploma		Certificate <sup>(c)</sup>		number	%	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>7,596</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>21,312</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>32,723</b>
Buddina - Minyama	1,392	23.5	621	10.5	1,290	21.8	3,886	65.6	5,924
Mountain Creek	2,089	22.5	1,060	11.4	2,317	25.0	6,054	65.3	9,277
Parrearra - Warana	1,961	22.8	900	10.4	1,927	22.4	5,517	64.0	8,619
Wurtulla - Birtinya	2,267	25.5	882	9.9	2,062	23.2	5,855	65.8	8,903
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>60,823</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>30,911</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>68,454</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>183,699</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>283,049</b>

(a) Includes persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification within the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education.

(b) Includes bachelor degree, graduate diploma, graduate certificate and postgraduate degree.

(c) Includes Certificate, I, II, III and IV and Certificates not further defined responses.

(d) Includes inadequately described and not stated level of education responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G43 and G49*

## Non-school qualification by sex and age

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Kawana region with a non-school qualification was

# 65.2%

### Kawana region

- 21,312 persons (or 65.2%) with a non-school qualification
- 79.0% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 83.2% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 183,699 persons (or 64.9%) with a non-school qualification
- 77.4% males aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification
- 81.6% females aged 25–44 years with a non-school qualification

**Table 24 Non-school qualifications by sex and age, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Sex / age	Kawana region				Sunshine Coast (R) LGA			
	With NSQ <sup>(a)</sup>		Without NSQ		With NSQ <sup>(a)</sup>		Without NSQ	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
15–24 years	736	31.2	1,626	68.8	6,120	32.9	12,490	67.1
25–44 years	3,752	79.0	998	21.0	29,473	77.4	8,616	22.6
45–64 years	3,712	75.5	1,207	24.5	31,675	73.9	11,179	26.1
65 years and over	2,138	62.6	1,278	37.4	21,799	63.1	12,729	36.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,352</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>5,095</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>89,059</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>45,022</b>	<b>33.6</b>
<b>Females</b>								
15–24 years	887	38.5	1,417	61.5	7,253	38.6	11,524	61.4
25–44 years	4,390	83.2	886	16.8	34,360	81.6	7,741	18.4
45–64 years	3,926	69.2	1,746	30.8	34,289	71.0	14,018	29.0
65 years and over	1,731	43.2	2,280	56.8	18,730	47.1	21,053	52.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,950</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>6,313</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>94,645</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>54,323</b>	<b>36.5</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
15–24 years	1,637	35.1	3,029	64.9	13,376	35.8	24,013	64.2
25–44 years	8,150	81.3	1,874	18.7	63,827	79.6	16,359	20.4
45–64 years	7,644	72.1	2,956	27.9	65,966	72.4	25,195	27.6
65 years and over	3,889	52.4	3,533	47.6	40,532	54.5	33,783	45.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,312</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>183,699</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>99,352</b>	<b>35.1</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated level of education responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G01 and G49*

## Non-school qualification by field of study

Non-school qualification describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. This information is based on persons aged 15 years and over with a non-school qualification by place of usual residence.

The most common non-school qualification field of study in Kawana region was

**Management and  
Commerce (18.9%)**

### Kawana region

- 4,021 persons (or 18.9%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce
- 3,063 persons (or 14.4%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Health

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 31,153 persons (or 17.0%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Management and Commerce
- 24,366 persons (or 13.3%) with a non-school qualification studied in the field of Engineering and Related Technologies

**Table 25 Non-school qualifications by field of study, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Field of study	Kawana region		Sunshine Coast (R) LGA		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Natural and Physical Sciences	548	2.6	3,930	2.1	1.20
Information Technology	349	1.6	2,917	1.6	1.03
Engineering and Related Technologies	2,716	12.7	24,366	13.3	0.96
Architecture and Building	1,622	7.6	13,704	7.5	1.02
Agriculture Environmental and Related Studies	329	1.5	4,016	2.2	0.71
Health	3,063	14.4	23,678	12.9	1.12
Education	1,884	8.8	17,077	9.3	0.95
Management and Commerce	4,021	18.9	31,153	17.0	1.11
Society and Culture	2,292	10.8	21,270	11.6	0.93
Creative Arts	658	3.1	6,395	3.5	0.89
Food Hospitality and Personal Services	1,235	5.8	11,145	6.1	0.96
Mixed Field Programmes	47	0.2	268	0.1	1.51
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>21,312</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>183,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G50* and unpublished data

## Australian Defence Force service

Persons who have served in the Australian Defence Force have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question "Has the person ever served in the Australian Defence Force?". The term "Australian Defence Force" includes the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service, and NORFORCE. Non-Australian Defence forces are excluded. These data are based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Kawana region who have ever served in the Australian Defence Force

# 3.7%

### Kawana region

- 1,198 persons (or 3.7%) are either currently or have previously served in the Australian Defence Force.
- 68 persons (or 0.2%) are currently service members.
- 1,124 persons (or 3.4%) were previous service members.
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the largest percentage of persons who previously served (3.8%).

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 499 persons (or 0.2%) are currently serving in the Australian Defence Force.
- 10,818 persons (or 3.8%) previously served in the Australian Defence Force.

**Table 26 Australian Defence Force service<sup>(a)</sup> Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Australian Defence Force Service Persons						Never Served		Total persons <sup>(c)</sup>
	Currently Serving		Previously Serving <sup>(b)</sup>		Total		number	%	number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>29,868</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>32,723</b>
Buddina - Minyama	11	0.2	217	3.7	229	3.9	5,287	89.2	5,924
Mountain Creek	21	0.2	256	2.8	282	3.0	8,608	92.8	9,277
Parrearra - Warana	15	0.2	326	3.8	339	3.9	7,861	91.2	8,619
Wurtulla - Birtinya	21	0.2	325	3.7	348	3.9	8,112	91.1	8,903
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10,818</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>11,312</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>255,951</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>283,049</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

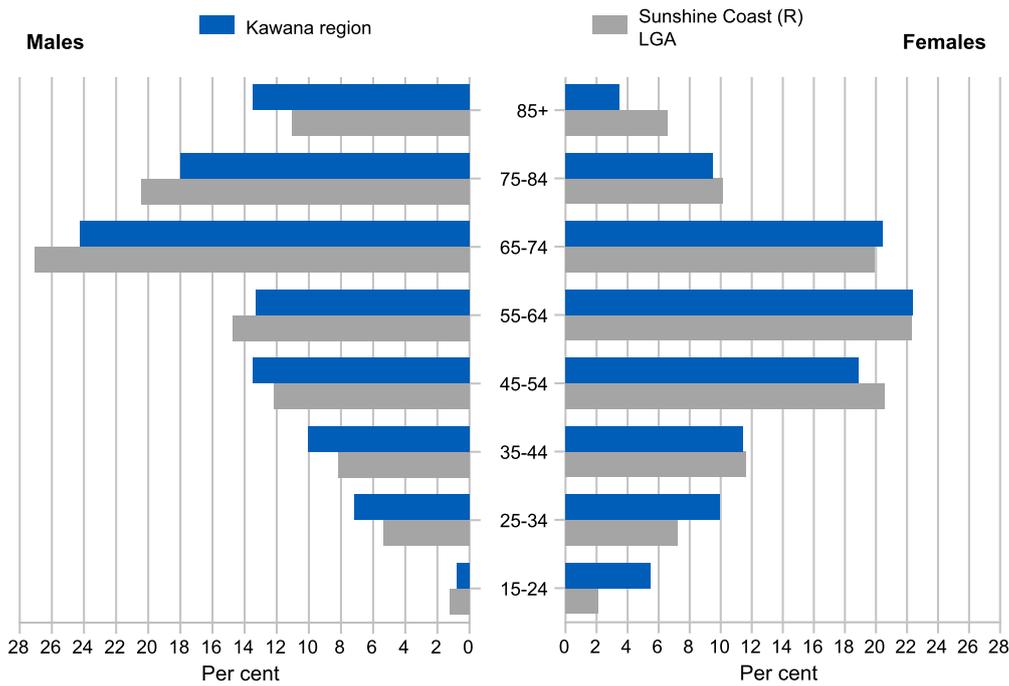
(a) Australian Defence Force service includes service in the regular and/or reserves service. Includes Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service and NORFORCE. Excludes service for non-Australian Defence forces.

(b) Includes previous service in the regular service and/or reserves service.

(c) Includes not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G22*

**Figure 9 Australian Defence Force service<sup>(a)</sup> total served by age and sex breakdown<sup>(b)</sup>, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**



(a) Australian Defence Force service includes service in the regular and/or reserves service. Includes Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service and NORFORCE. Excludes service for non-Australian Defence forces.  
 (b) The percentage breakdown of the age and sex of all the people who have ever served in the Australian Defence Force.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G22*

## Long-term health conditions by number of conditions

Long-term health conditions have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question "Has the person been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions?". This topic is restricted to conditions that the person has been told by a doctor or nurse that they have, and which have lasted, or are expected to last for six months or more. Conditions that may re-occur, that are controlled by medication or are in remission are also included. These data are based on persons by place of usual residence.

### Kawana region

- 11,276 persons (or 28.2%) with one or more long-term health conditions
- 1,180 persons (or 3.0%) with three or more long-term health conditions
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of persons with one or more long-term health conditions (29.6%)

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 103,266 persons (or 30.1%) with one or more long-term health conditions
- 11,722 persons (or 3.4%) with three or more long-term health conditions

The percentage of persons with one or more long-term health conditions in Kawana region was

# 28.2%

**Table 27** Count of selected long-term health conditions<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Long-term health condition count								None of the selected conditions		Total persons <sup>(b)</sup>
	One		Two		Three or More		Total		number	%	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>7,688</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>11,276</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>25,444</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>39,969</b>
Buddina - Minyama	1,303	18.7	390	5.6	220	3.2	1,909	27.4	4,348	62.5	6,956
Mountain Creek	2,241	18.8	608	5.1	199	1.7	3,046	25.5	8,010	67.0	11,950
Parrearra - Warana	2,084	20.1	711	6.8	372	3.6	3,163	30.4	6,393	61.5	10,392
Wurtulla - Birtinya	2,060	19.3	705	6.6	389	3.6	3,158	29.6	6,693	62.7	10,671
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>68,971</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>22,568</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>11,722</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>103,266</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>211,150</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>342,541</b>

(a) Measures the number of people who reported that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have one or more of the following selected long-term health conditions: arthritis, asthma, cancer (including remission), dementia (including Alzheimer's), diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes), heart disease (including heart attack or angina), kidney disease, lung condition (including COPD or emphysema), mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) and stroke. This count excludes "Any other long-term health condition(s)".

(b) Includes "Not stated" responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G20*

## Long-term health conditions by type of condition

Long-term health conditions have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question "Has the person been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions?". This topic is restricted to conditions that the person has been told by a doctor or nurse that they have, and which have lasted, or are expected to last for six months or more. Conditions that may re-occur, that are controlled by medication or are in remission are also included. These data are based on persons by place of usual residence.

The most common long-term health condition in Kawana region was

# Arthritis (9.4%)

### Kawana region

- The most common long-term health conditions were Arthritis (9.4%) and Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) (8.9%)

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- The most common long-term health conditions were Arthritis (10.5%) and Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) (9.4%)

**Table 28 Type of long-term health condition<sup>(a)</sup>, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Type of long-term health condition	Kawana region		Sunshine Coast (R) LGA	
	number	%	number	%
Arthritis	3,748	9.4	35,841	10.5
Asthma	3,193	8.0	27,897	8.1
Cancer (including remission)	1,446	3.6	12,866	3.8
Dementia (including Alzheimers)	338	0.8	3,182	0.9
Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)	1,334	3.3	12,594	3.7
Heart disease (including heart attack or angina)	1,606	4.0	15,967	4.7
Kidney disease	343	0.9	2,940	0.9
Lung condition (including COPD or emphysema) <sup>(b)</sup>	759	1.9	7,560	2.2
Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety)	3,559	8.9	32,210	9.4
Any other long term health conditions <sup>(c)</sup>	3,242	8.1	29,756	8.7
No long term health conditions	23,896	59.8	196,945	57.5
<b>Total persons<sup>(d)(e)</sup></b>	<b>39,961</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>342,537</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Measures the number of people who reported that they have been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions. Includes health conditions that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more, may occur from time to time, are controlled by medication or are in remission.

(b) "COPD" refers to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

(c) Includes any long-term health condition other than the ones listed.

(d) Includes "Not stated" responses.

(e) Respondents had the option to record multiple long-term health conditions. Therefore, the sum of components may not equal the total.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G19*

## Persons with a profound or severe disability

Persons with a profound or severe disability has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing variable 'Core activity need for assistance'. Persons with a profound or severe disability are defined as needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication because of a long term health condition (six months or more), a disability (lasting six months or more), or old age. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

The percentage of persons in Kawana region in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability was

# 5.6%

### Kawana region

- 2,243 persons (or 5.6%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the highest percentage of persons in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability with 7.0%
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the lowest percentage of persons in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability with 4.1%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 21,211 persons (or 6.2%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

**Table 29 Need for assistance with a profound or severe disability by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Need for assistance		No need for assistance		Total <sup>(a)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>35,667</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>39,969</b>
Buddina - Minyama	348	5.0	6,148	88.4	6,956
Mountain Creek	490	4.1	10,936	91.5	11,950
Parrearra - Warana	732	7.0	9,123	87.8	10,392
Wurtulla - Birtinya	673	6.3	9,460	88.7	10,671
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>21,211</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>302,650</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>342,541</b>

(a) Includes need of assistance not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G18*

## Voluntary work

Voluntary work undertaken for an organisation or group has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question 'In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing unpaid voluntary work through an organisation or group?' The variable is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

### Kawana region

- 4,858 persons (or 14.8%) undertook voluntary work
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the largest percentage of persons who undertook voluntary work with 15.9%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 44,376 persons (or 15.7%) undertook voluntary work

The percentage of persons in Kawana region who undertook voluntary work was

# 14.8%

**Table 30 Voluntary work by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Volunteer		Not a volunteer		Total <sup>(a)</sup>
	number	%	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>26,089</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>32,723</b>
Buddina - Minyama	941	15.9	4,541	76.7	5,924
Mountain Creek	1,382	14.9	7,473	80.6	9,277
Parrearra - Warana	1,276	14.8	6,899	80.0	8,619
Wurtulla - Birtinya	1,259	14.1	7,176	80.6	8,903
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>44,376</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>221,911</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>283,049</b>

(a) Includes voluntary work not stated.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G23*

## Aged care services

Information on aged care services are provided by the Australian Government. Information are based on the location of the service, rather than the region in which the service is delivered. In some instances, aged care services may have provided the address information of their approved provider in place of the address information of the individual aged care service. Users should be aware of this limitation when using these data. Aged care services are subsidised by the Australian Government under the Aged Care Act 1997. Data are updated annually with a release approximately 12 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in November 2026.

The number of aged care service operational places in Kawana region as at 30 June 2025 was

# 463 places

### Kawana region

- 18 aged care services as at 30 June 2025
- 463 aged care service operational places
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest number of aged care service operational places with 241

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 89 aged care services as at 30 June 2025
- 4,332 aged care service operational places

**Table 31 Aged care services by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 30 June 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Aged care services	Number of operational places by care type			
		Home care	Residential care	Restorative care	Total places
	number	— number —			
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>463</b>
Buddina - Minyama	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Creek	0	0	0	0	0
Parrearra - Warana	4	0	222	0	222
Wurtulla - Birtinya	14	0	241	0	241
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,152</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>4,332</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

## Emergency services, schools and hospitals

Information on emergency services, schools and hospitals are provided by administrative custodian agencies. Data are updated every two years. The next planned update is in May 2027.

As at April 2025, the number of schools in Kawana region was

# 5 schools

### Kawana region

- 5 schools as at April 2025
- 2 hospitals
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the largest number of schools with 3

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 81 schools as at April 2025
- 14 hospitals

**Table 32 Emergency services, schools and hospitals by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, April 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Police stations	Ambulance stations	Fire stations	Schools	Hospitals
	— number —				
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
Buddina - Minyama	0	1	0	1	0
Mountain Creek	0	0	0	3	0
Parrearra - Warana	1	0	1	1	0
Wurtulla - Birtinya	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: Department of Education; Queensland Ambulance Service; Queensland Fire and Emergency Services; Queensland Health; Queensland Police

## The Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage

Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a summary measure of the social and economic conditions of geographic areas across Australia. SEIFA, which comprises a number of indexes, is generated by ABS from the Census of Population and Housing. In 2021 an Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage was produced, ranking geographical areas in terms of their relative socio-economic disadvantage. The index focuses on low-income earners, relatively lower education attainment, high unemployment and dwellings without motor vehicles. Low index values represent areas of most disadvantage and high values represent areas of least disadvantage. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

### Kawana region

- 16.4% in least disadvantaged quintile
- 4.8% in most disadvantaged quintile
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest percentage of persons in the least disadvantaged quintile with 25.1%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 14.8% in least disadvantaged quintile
- 5.6% in most disadvantaged quintile

The percentage of persons in Kawana region in the least disadvantaged quintile was

# 16.4%

**Table 33 Population by Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage quintiles<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Quintile 1 (most disadvantaged)	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5 (least disadvantaged)
	— % —				
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>
Buddina - Minyama	6.9	9.2	17.5	43.0	23.4
Mountain Creek	6.1	0.0	49.3	38.1	6.5
Parrearra - Warana	6.7	9.0	34.0	36.0	14.3
Wurtulla - Birtinya	0.0	10.8	50.9	13.2	25.1
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>14.8</b>

(a) The quintiles are population based and derived at the Queensland level (state based quintiles and not national based quintiles).

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021, (Queensland Treasury derived)

## Remoteness

The Australian Bureau of Statistics develops the Remoteness Area (RA) classification each Census period using the University of Adelaide's Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia classification (ARIA+) mean scores. Data are updated every five years with a release approximately 18 months after the reporting period.

The most populated remoteness area in Kawana region in 2021 was

# Major City

### Kawana region

- 100.0% of the population were in major cities
- 0.0% of the population were in very remote Australia
- Major City had the largest percentage of population with 100.0%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 85.2% of the population were in major cities
- 0.0% of the population were in very remote Australia

**Table 34 Population<sup>(a)</sup> in remoteness areas<sup>(b)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Remoteness Area									
	Major City		Inner Regional Australia		Outer Regional Australia		Remote Australia		Very Remote Australia	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>39,898</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Buddina - Minyama	6,953	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mountain Creek	11,926	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Parrearra - Warana	10,375	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wurtulla - Birtinya	10,644	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>291,663</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>50,771</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

(a) Population based on 2021 usual resident population.

(b) Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Remoteness Area (RA) classification using ARIA+ mean scores.

Source: ABS, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), Remoteness Structure, July 2021; ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021

# Crime and Justice

## Recorded offences

The number and rates of recorded offences are collected by the Queensland Police Service. Recorded offences in this topic exclude offences for breach of bail. Data are updated annually. The next planned update is in December 2026.

The rate of total recorded offences for Kawana region in 2024–25 was

**6,168 per 100,000 persons**

### Kawana region

- 2,637 recorded offences in 2024–25, or 6,168 per 100,000 persons
- 300 offences against the person, or 702 per 100,000 persons
- 1,523 offences against property, or 3,562 per 100,000 persons
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the highest number of recorded offences with 792 or 6,716 per 100,000 persons

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 24,812 recorded offences in 2024–25, or 6,449 per 100,000 persons
- 2,950 offences against the person, or 767 per 100,000 persons
- 12,271 offences against property, or 3,190 per 100,000 persons

**Table 35 Recorded offences, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2024–25**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Type of offence							
	Offences against the person		Offences against property		Other offences		Total	
	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>	number	rate <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>6,168</b>
Buddina - Minyama	75	1,036	429	5,924	190	2,624	694	9,583
Mountain Creek	80	643	181	1,455	178	1,431	439	3,529
Parrearra - Warana	62	550	477	4,229	173	1,534	712	6,313
Wurtulla - Birtinya	83	704	436	3,697	273	2,315	792	6,716
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>12,271</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>9,591</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>24,812</b>	<b>6,449</b>

From 1 July 2021, the QPS implemented a decision to enhance the practice of recording criminal offences associated with domestic and family violence (DFV) investigations across the state within the QPS QPRIME administrative data system. When responding to and investigating a DFV occurrence, police across the state are now required to record all offences identified in that incident in the QPRIME system. This means that regions will likely see a statistical increase in a number of DFV related offence categories – for example DFV related assault, strangulation or wilful damage. However, offences such as assault and wilful damage also occur in situations unrelated to domestic and family relationships. Furthermore, increases could also be attributed to other factors, such as an increase in crime and/or population growth.

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Source: Queensland Police Service

# Economy

## Selected medians and averages

These selected medians and averages have been derived by using data based on the 2021 Census of Population and Housing and may not reflect medians that have been derived by administrative data and published in other profile topics. Where applicable, these estimates are based on place of usual residence. Medians and averages have been calculated by the ABS.

The median total personal income for Kawana region was

**not available**

### Kawana region

- Median mortgage repayment was not available
- Average household size was not available
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the highest median weekly family income with \$2,156 per week

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- Median mortgage repayment of \$1,915 per month
- Average household size of 2.5 persons per dwelling

**Table 36 Selected medians and averages by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Median / Average					
	Median mortgage repayment	Median total family income	Median total household income	Median total personal income	Average household size	Average number of persons per bedroom
	\$/month	\$/week	\$/week	\$/week	persons	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Buddina - Minyama	2,167	2,156	1,719	833	2.4	0.7
Mountain Creek	1,950	2,062	1,911	857	2.8	0.8
Parrearra - Warana	2,048	2,043	1,593	781	2.4	0.8
Wurtulla - Birtinya	2,000	2,092	1,779	824	2.5	0.8
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Medians and averages have not been calculated for the customised region.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G02*

## Median rent

Median rent estimates have been derived by Queensland Treasury using rental bond lodgements sourced by the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA). Medians are only calculated where there are 10 or more lodgements over the 12 month period. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately one month after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2026.

The number of lodgements in Kawana region for a 3 bedroom house in the 12 months ending 31 December 2025 was

# 316 lodgements

### Kawana region

- 379 lodgements for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 December 2025
- 316 lodgements for a 3 bedroom house
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the highest median rent per week for a 3 bedroom house (\$795)

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- Median rent of \$628 per week for a 2 bedroom flat/unit in the 12 months ending 31 December 2025
- Median rent of \$720 per week for a 3 bedroom house

**Table 37 Lodgements and median rent by dwelling type by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 12 months ending 31 December 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Lodgements				Median rent			
	1 bedroom flat/unit	2 bedroom flat/unit	3 bedroom house	4 bedroom house	1 bedroom flat/unit	2 bedroom flat/unit	3 bedroom house	4 bedroom house
	— number —				— \$ per week —			
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Buddina - Minyama	5	67	42	67	n.a.	700	795	1,100
Mountain Creek	3	25	67	137	n.a.	580	780	830
Parrearra - Warana	31	146	113	90	570	723	780	1,005
Wurtulla - Birtinya	34	141	94	140	515	650	740	860
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>830</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Median rent has not been calculated for the customised region.

Source: Residential Tenancies Authority, Rental Bonds data (Queensland Government Statistician's Office derived)

## Total personal income

Total personal income has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing question 'What is the total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances and other income a person usually receives?'. Median total personal income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury. The variable is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

The median total personal income in Kawana region was

**\$42,852 per year**

### Kawana region

- Median total personal income of \$42,852 per year
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the highest median total personal income with \$44,564 per year
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the lowest median total personal income with \$40,612 per year

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- Median total personal income of \$39,260 per year

**Table 38 Total personal income by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Less than \$20,800 per year		\$20,800 to \$51,999 per year		\$52,000 to \$103,999 per year		\$104,000 or more per year		Total <sup>(a)</sup> number	Median (\$/year)
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%		
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>7,275</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>10,764</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>8,688</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>32,723</b>	<b>42,852</b>
Buddina - Minyama	1,292	21.8	1,829	30.9	1,476	24.9	852	14.4	5,924	43,316
Mountain Creek	2,109	22.7	2,966	32.0	2,690	29.0	1,035	11.2	9,277	44,564
Parrearra - Warana	1,935	22.5	3,000	34.8	2,086	24.2	1,099	12.8	8,619	40,612
Wurtulla - Birtinya	1,939	21.8	2,969	33.3	2,436	27.4	1,037	11.6	8,903	42,848
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>66,226</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>98,183</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>27,298</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>283,049</b>	<b>39,260</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes personal income not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G02 and G17 and Queensland Treasury estimates

## Total family income

Total family income is the sum of the total personal incomes of each family member present in the household on 2021 Census Night. Family income only applies to classifiable families in occupied private dwellings. Low-income families have been defined as families in occupied private dwellings whose family income was less than \$650 per week or less than \$33,800 per year. Median total family income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury.

The median total family income in Kawana region was

**\$108,288 per year**

### Kawana region

- 634 low-income families (5.7%)
- Median total family income of \$108,288 per year
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the highest median total family income with \$112,112 per year
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the lowest median total family income with \$106,236 per year

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 6,087 low-income families (6.4%)
- Median total family income of \$99,840 per year

**Table 39 Total family income<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Less than \$33,800 per year		\$33,800 to \$77,999 per year		\$78,000 to \$155,999 per year		\$156,000 or more per year		Total <sup>(b)</sup> number	Median (\$/year) \$
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%		
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>3,710</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>11,043</b>	<b>108,288</b>
Buddina - Minyama	115	6.1	467	24.6	578	30.4	558	29.4	1,900	112,112
Mountain Creek	185	5.5	847	25.1	1,268	37.5	787	23.3	3,380	107,224
Parrearra - Warana	170	5.9	813	28.2	886	30.7	797	27.6	2,883	106,236
Wurtulla - Birtinya	164	5.7	763	26.5	978	34.0	740	25.7	2,880	108,784
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>27,753</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>33,373</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>20,406</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>95,412</b>	<b>99,840</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes same-sex couple families. Excludes 'Lone person', 'Group', 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households. Excludes overseas visitors.

(b) Includes partially stated and not stated income responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G02 and G32 and Queensland Treasury estimates

## Unemployment and labour force

Estimates of unemployment and labour force are produced by the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. The estimates are calculated by utilising administrative data such as Centrelink Newstart or JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients as well as ABS labour force estimates. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 3 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2026.

The unemployment rate in Kawana region at September quarter 2025 was

# 2.3%

### Kawana region

- 542 unemployed persons in September quarter 2025
- Unemployment rate of 2.3%
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the highest unemployment rate of 2.5%
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.1%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 6,003 unemployed persons in September quarter 2025
- Unemployment rate of 3.0%

**Table 40 Unemployment and labour force<sup>(a)</sup> by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, September quarter 2025**

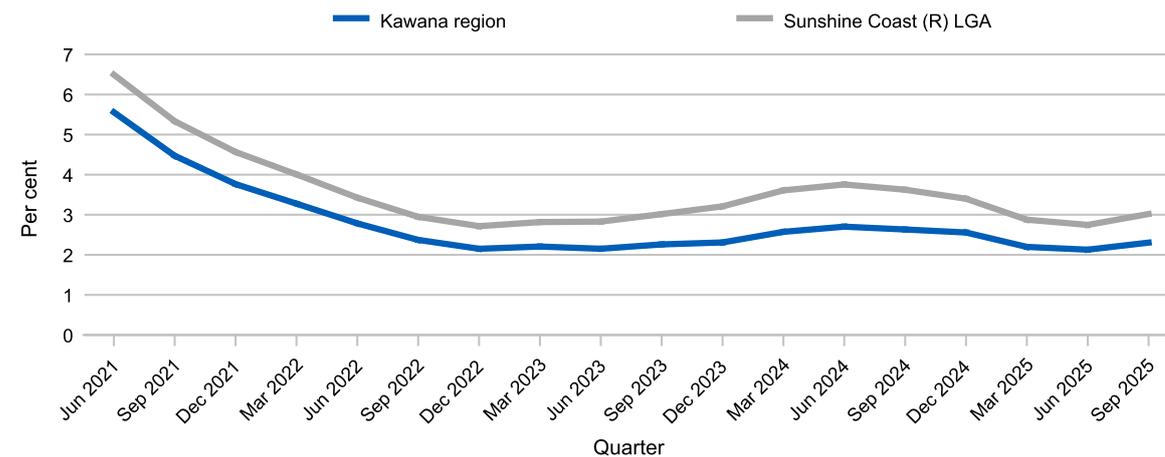
Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate
	— number —		%
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>23,519</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Buddina - Minyama	92	3,881	2.4
Mountain Creek	151	7,291	2.1
Parrearra - Warana	133	5,699	2.3
Wurtulla - Birtinya	166	6,648	2.5
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>6,003</b>	<b>198,868</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Based on a 4-quarter smoothed series.

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Small Area Labour Markets*, various editions

**Figure 11 Unemployment rate<sup>(a)</sup>, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



(a) Based on a 4-quarter smoothed series.

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Small Area Labour Markets*, various editions

## Employment by industry

Employment by industry has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing data. A person's industry of employment was classified based on responses to a range of questions from the Census and is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over who work. This is based on place of usual residence.

The top five industry subdivisions of employment for Kawana region were:

1. **Construction Services (7.6%)**
2. **Hospitals (7.3%)**
3. **Food and Beverage Services (7.1%)**
4. **Preschool and School Education (5.9%)**
5. **Medical and Other Health Care Services (5.5%)**

### Kawana region

- 19.3% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 12.5% of employed persons worked in Construction industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.27 in Financial and insurance services industry

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 18.0% of employed persons worked in Health care and social assistance industry
- 12.1% of employed persons worked in Construction industry

**Table 41 Employment by industry, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

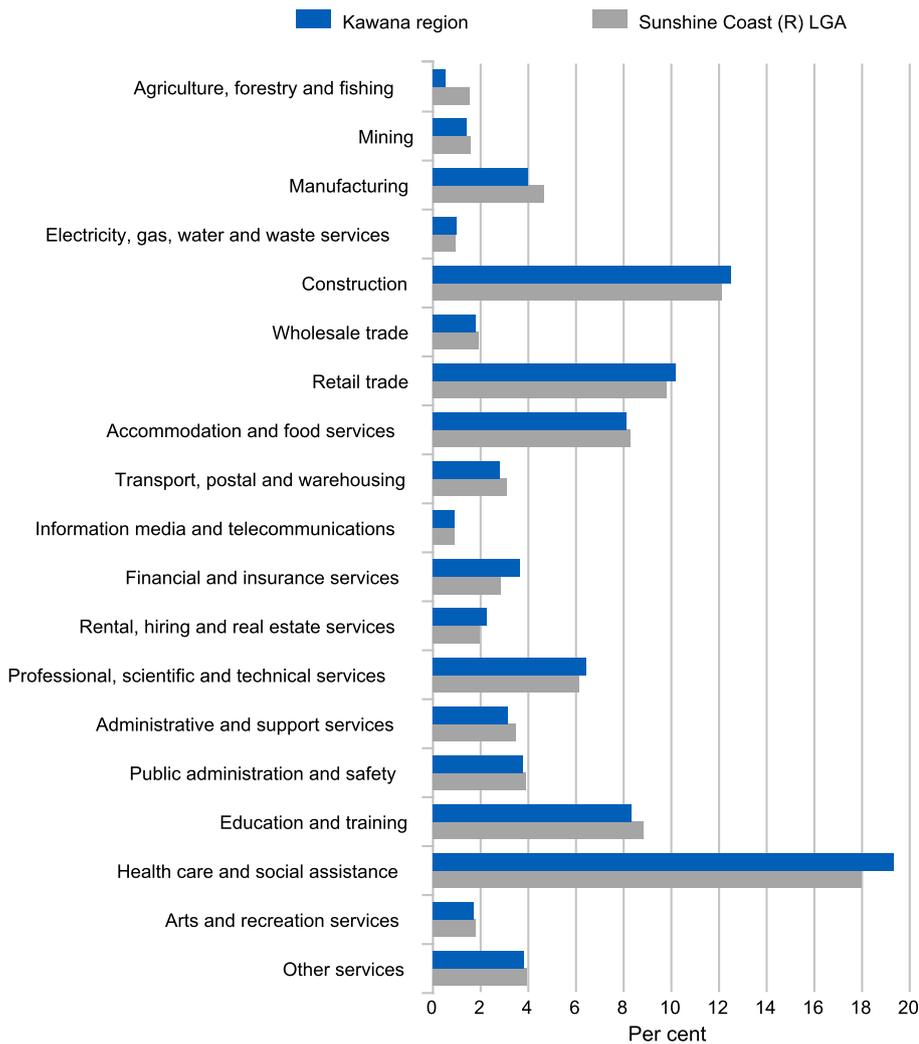
Industry	Kawana region		Sunshine Coast (R) LGA		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	102	0.5	2,457	1.5	0.34
Mining	278	1.4	2,506	1.6	0.90
Manufacturing	788	4.0	7,436	4.6	0.86
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	193	1.0	1,543	1.0	1.02
Construction	2,465	12.5	19,438	12.1	1.03
Wholesale trade	350	1.8	3,046	1.9	0.93
Retail trade	2,010	10.2	15,697	9.8	1.04
Accommodation and food services	1,598	8.1	13,273	8.3	0.98
Transport, postal and warehousing	549	2.8	4,974	3.1	0.90
Information media and telecommunications	182	0.9	1,425	0.9	1.04
Financial and insurance services	717	3.6	4,588	2.9	1.27
Rental, hiring and real estate services	445	2.3	3,122	1.9	1.16
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,271	6.4	9,846	6.1	1.05
Administrative and support services	617	3.1	5,562	3.5	0.90
Public administration and safety	744	3.8	6,264	3.9	0.97
Education and training	1,643	8.3	14,175	8.8	0.94
Health care and social assistance	3,809	19.3	28,814	18.0	1.07
Arts and recreation services	337	1.7	2,841	1.8	0.96
Other services	756	3.8	6,346	4.0	0.97
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>19,718</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>160,291</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G54* and unpublished data

**Figure 12 Percentage of employment by industry<sup>(a)</sup>, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G54* and unpublished data

## Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation has been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing data. A person's occupation of employment was classified based on responses to a range of questions from the Census and is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over who work. This is based on place of usual residence.

The top five occupation sub-major groups of employment for Kawana region were:

1. **Health Professionals (8.1%)**
2. **Sales Assistants and Salespersons (6.5%)**
3. **Specialist Managers (6.2%)**
4. **Carers and Aides (5.6%)**
5. **Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals (4.8%)**

### Kawana region

- 23.4% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 14.1% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.11 in Professionals occupation

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 21.1% of employed persons worked in Professionals occupation
- 15.2% of employed persons worked in Technicians and trades workers occupation

**Table 42 Employment by occupation, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

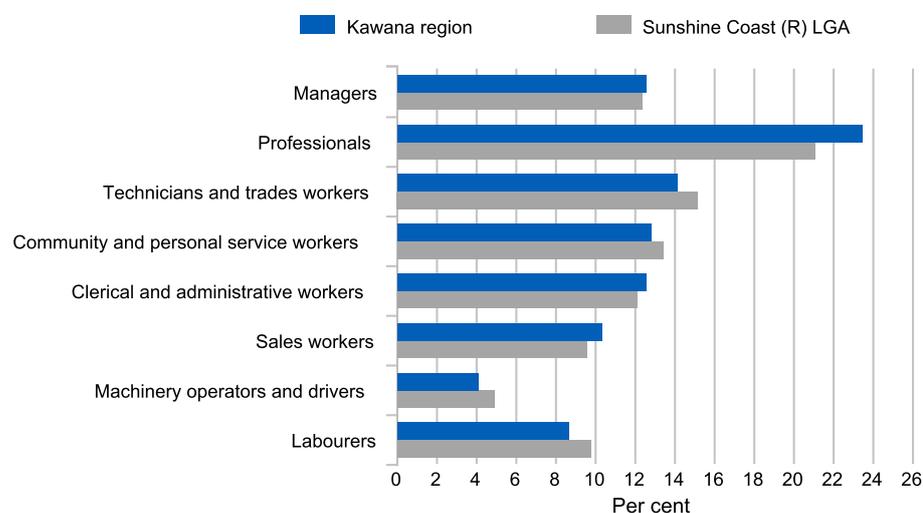
Occupation	Kawana region		Sunshine Coast (R) LGA		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	
Managers	2,469	12.5	19,747	12.3	1.02
Professionals	4,618	23.4	33,789	21.1	1.11
Technicians and trades workers	2,783	14.1	24,290	15.2	0.93
Community and personal service workers	2,519	12.8	21,525	13.4	0.95
Clerical and administrative workers	2,475	12.6	19,410	12.1	1.04
Sales workers	2,033	10.3	15,288	9.5	1.08
Machinery operators and drivers	807	4.1	7,863	4.9	0.83
Labourers	1,701	8.6	15,619	9.7	0.89
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>19,718</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>160,291</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G60* and unpublished data

**Figure 13 Percentage of employment by occupation<sup>(a)</sup>, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



(a) Total used to derive percentages includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile - G60* and unpublished data

## Families with children with no parent employed

Families with children with no parent employed have been derived from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing data and defined as either one parent families where the parent was either unemployed or not in the labour force or couple families where both parents were either unemployed or not in the labour force. This is based on families with children under 15 years of age.

The percentage of families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed in Kawana region was

# 7.7%

### Kawana region

- 319 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (7.7%)
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the highest percentage of families with no parent employed (8.9%)

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 2,880 families with children under 15 years of age and no parent employed (8.7%)

**Table 43 Families with children with no parent employed, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2021**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	One-parent family with parent not employed	Couple family with both parents not employed	Total families with no parent employed		Total families
	— number —	— number —	number	%	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>4,125</b>
Buddina - Minyama	26	18	44	7.5	590
Mountain Creek	86	28	114	7.4	1,538
Parrearra - Warana	49	20	69	7.1	969
Wurtulla - Birtinya	79	13	92	8.9	1,028
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>33,290</b>

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, unpublished data (families)

# Industry and development

## Building approvals

Information on building approvals are compiled by the ABS, and are collected from sources such as local government authorities and other principal certifying authorities. The estimates for any month may be revised or corrected in later months. This can occur as a result of corrections made by a provider of data, the late provision of approval records and, occasionally, by approvals being identified after construction work has commenced. Data are updated monthly with a release approximately 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2026.

### Kawana region

- 45 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 30 November 2025
- \$142.5 million of building value in residential building approvals
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the largest value of residential building approvals with \$52.6 million
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the largest value of non-residential building approvals with \$16.0 million

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 1,914 approved new houses in the 12 months ending 30 November 2025
- \$2,120.2 million of building value in residential building approvals

The number of new houses approved in Kawana region in the 12 months ending 30 November 2025 was

# 45 approvals

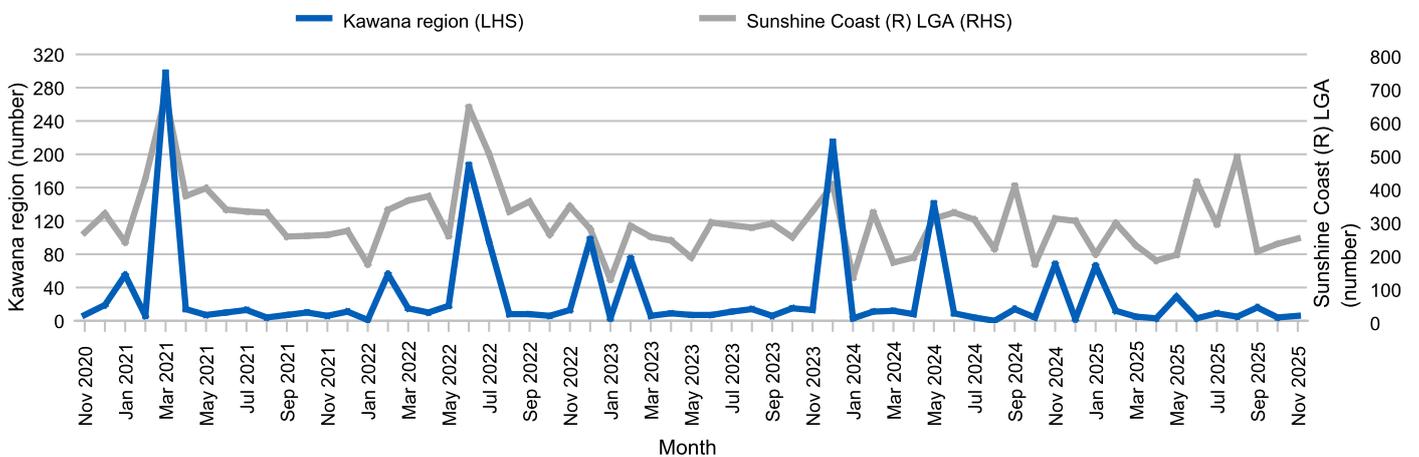
**Table 44 Residential and non-residential building approvals by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 12 months ending 30 November 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Residential Building Approvals				Building Value				
	New Houses	New Other <sup>(a)</sup>	Alterations, additions and conversions	Total	Residential		Non-residential		Total
	— number —				\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>142,464</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>29,879</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>172,343</b>
Buddina - Minyama	19	4	0	23	52,575	76.7	15,960	23.3	68,534
Mountain Creek	4	29	0	33	18,290	100.0	0	0.0	18,290
Parrearra - Warana	17	16	1	34	33,044	86.9	4,981	13.1	38,025
Wurtulla - Birtinya	5	65	0	70	38,556	81.2	8,938	18.8	47,494
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3,283</b>	<b>2,120,156</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>1,120,775</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>3,240,931</b>

(a) Other residential buildings include: semidetached, row or terrace houses or townhouses; and flats, units or apartments.

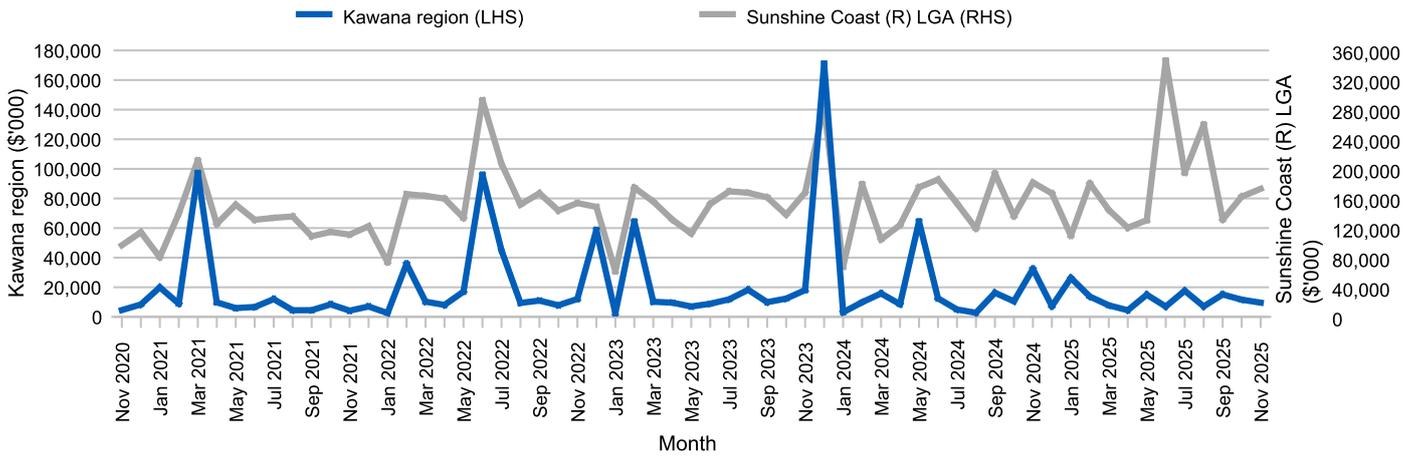
Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

**Figure 14 Number of residential building approvals, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



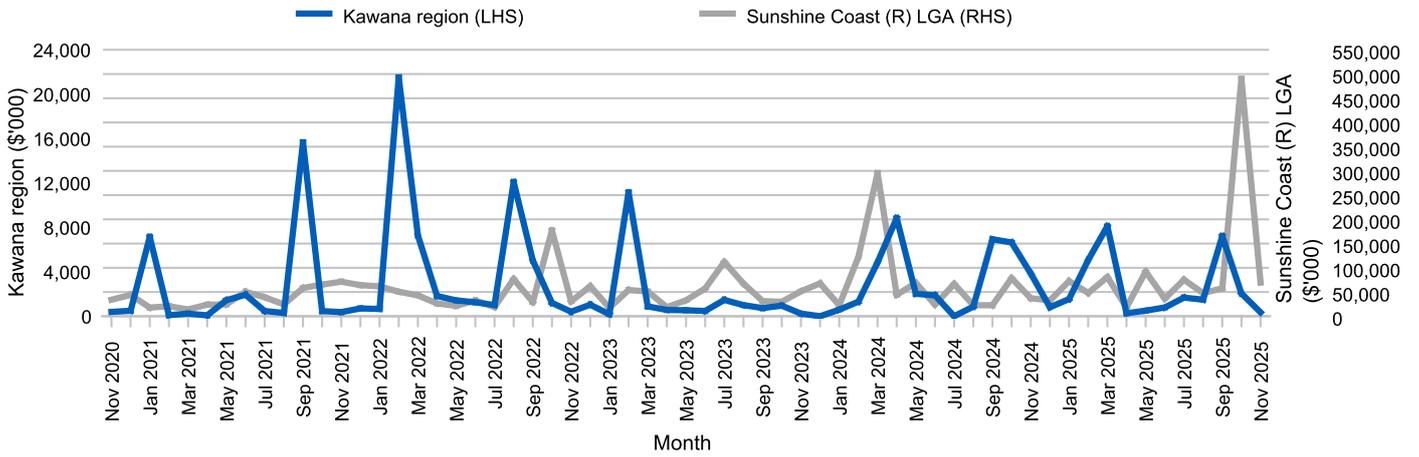
Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

**Figure 15 Value of residential building approvals, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

**Figure 16 Value of non-residential building approvals, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA**



Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions

## Residential dwelling sales

Residential dwelling sales data are sourced from the Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database as collected and maintained by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development. Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period. All figures are preliminary and are subject to further revision. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 4 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2026.

The highest median sale price in Kawana region in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025 was

**Buddina - Minyama  
SA2  
\$1,472,500**

### Kawana region

- 1,116 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- A median sale price has not been calculated for Kawana region
- Within the region, Buddina - Minyama SA2 had the highest median sale price with \$1,472,500

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 9,434 residential dwelling sales in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- Median sale price of \$1,010,000

**Table 45 Residential dwelling sales by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 12 months ending 30 September 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Number of sales			Median sale price		
	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings	Detached dwellings	Attached dwellings	Total dwellings
	— number —			— \$ —		
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Buddina - Minyama	108	124	232	1,960,000	1,005,000	1,472,500
Mountain Creek	173	91	264	1,160,000	750,000	996,000
Parrearra - Warana	171	153	324	1,542,500	930,000	1,387,500
Wurtulla - Birtinya	167	129	296	1,210,000	745,000	1,035,000
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>6,125</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>9,434</b>	<b>1,151,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>1,010,000</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: DR Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database, Sales module; DR Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB); Local government authority planning schemes; QGSO derived

## New house and vacant land sales

New house and vacant land sales data are sourced from the Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database as collected and maintained by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development. Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period. All figures are preliminary and are subject to further revision. Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 4 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2026.

A median sale price for a new house has not been calculated for Kawana region

### Kawana region

- 2 new house sales in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- A median new house sale price has not been calculated for Kawana region
- 4 vacant land sales
- A median vacant land sale price has not been calculated for Kawana region
- Median new house sale price has not been calculated for the regions within Kawana region
- Median vacant land sale price has not been calculated for the regions within Kawana region

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 123 new house sales in the 12 months ending 30 September 2025
- 502 vacant land sales
- Median new house sale price of \$979,950
- Median vacant land sale price of \$550,000

**Table 46 New house and vacant land sales by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 12 months ending 30 September 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Number of sales		Median sale price	
	New houses	Vacant land	New houses	Vacant land
	— number —		— \$ —	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Buddina - Minyama	0	2	n.a.	n.a.
Mountain Creek	1	0	n.a.	n.a.
Parrearra - Warana	1	2	n.a.	n.a.
Wurtulla - Birtinya	0	0	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>979,950</b>	<b>550,000</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: DR Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database, Sales module; DR Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB); Local government authority planning schemes; QGSO derived

## Residential lot registrations

Lot registrations data provide an indication of the volume of new lots developed and intended for residential purposes. Once a subdivisional plan has been certified by local government, it is lodged with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (DNRMMRRD) for registration of title. For more information refer to the [Residential land development activity profiles](#).

Data are updated quarterly with a release approximately 2 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in April 2026.

The number of residential lot registrations in Kawana region in the 12 months ending 31 December 2025 was

# 107 registrations

### Kawana region

- 107 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 31 December 2025
- 0 standard lot registrations
- 107 unit and townhouse lot registrations
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the largest number of residential lot registrations with 95

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 2,259 residential lot registrations in the 12 months ending 31 December 2025
- 1,593 standard lot registrations
- 666 unit and townhouse lot registrations

**Table 47 Residential lot registrations by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 12 months ending 31 December 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Standard residential lots			Unit and townhouse lots <sup>(b)</sup>	Total lots registered
	Urban 60m <sup>2</sup> to <2,500m <sup>2</sup>	Lower density 2,500m <sup>2</sup> to 5ha	Total standard lots <sup>(a)</sup>		
	— number —			number	number
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>107</b>
Buddina - Minyama	0	0	0	10	10
Mountain Creek	0	0	0	0	0
Parrearra - Warana	0	0	0	95	95
Wurtulla - Birtinya	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>2,259</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

n.a. = DNRMMRRD are currently undertaking the Cadastre and Address Modernisation (CAM). (Further details on the CAM can be found on the DNRMMRRD website.) During this process, the land size of some registered lots are temporarily unavailable. When the unknown land size accounts for more than 5% of registered standard lots, the urban/rural split is not published.

(a) Includes land area unknown.

(b) Lots on a building format plan or standard format plan that represent attached dwellings within a community title scheme. Excludes common property land parcels.

Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury estimates; Titles Queensland; Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development

## Business counts by employment size

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2026.

The number of businesses in Kawana region as at 30 June 2025 was

# 5,130 businesses

### Kawana region

- 1,368 businesses (or 26.7%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2025
- Within the region, Mountain Creek SA2 had the highest percentage of businesses employing 1 to 4 employees with 29.1%
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the highest percentage of businesses employing 20 to 199 employees with 3.5%

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 10,973 businesses (or 28.0%) employed 1 to 4 employees as at 30 June 2025

**Table 48 Registered businesses by employment size and SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 30 June 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	Non-employing		1–4 employees		5–19 employees		20–199 employees		200+ employees		Total number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5,130</b>
Buddina - Minyama	795	63.8	304	24.4	117	9.4	32	2.6	0	0.0	1,247
Mountain Creek	616	62.5	287	29.1	71	7.2	12	1.2	0	0.0	985
Parrearra - Warana	880	57.6	420	27.5	177	11.6	53	3.5	0	0.0	1,529
Wurtulla - Birtinya	836	61.1	357	26.1	136	9.9	29	2.1	9	0.7	1,369
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>23,573</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>10,973</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>3,703</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>39,239</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

## Business counts by turnover range

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2026.

The percentage of businesses with a turnover range of \$10 million or more in Kawana region as at 30 June 2025 was

# 1.5%

### Kawana region

- 75 businesses (or 1.5%) with a turnover range of \$10 million or more as at 30 June 2025
- Within the region, Parrearra - Warana SA2 had the largest number of businesses with a turnover range of \$10 million or more with 30

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 474 businesses (or 1.2%) with a turnover range of \$10 million or more as at 30 June 2025

**Table 49 Registered businesses by turnover range and SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 30 June 2025**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	\$0 to less than \$200k		\$200k to less than \$5m		\$5m to less than \$10m		\$10m or more		Total number
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>5,121</b>
Buddina - Minyama	646	51.8	554	44.4	22	1.8	17	1.4	1,247
Mountain Creek	602	61.1	380	38.6	0	0.0	3	0.3	985
Parrearra - Warana	740	48.5	729	47.8	31	2.0	30	2.0	1,526
Wurtulla - Birtinya	685	50.3	634	46.5	21	1.5	25	1.8	1,363
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>21,251</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>16,913</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>39,239</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

## Business counts by industry

Information on counts of registered businesses is produced by the ABS and presents counts of businesses sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR). Data are updated annually with a release approximately 9 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in December 2026.

The industry with the largest number of registered businesses in Kawana region as at 30 June 2025 was

# Construction (21.3%)

### Kawana region

- 21.3% of businesses in Construction industry as at 30 June 2025
- 14.2% of businesses in Professional, scientific and technical services industry
- Highest specialisation ratio of 1.31 in Financial and insurance services industry

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- 21.3% of businesses in Construction industry as at 30 June 2025
- 13.6% of businesses in Professional, scientific and technical services industry

**Table 50 Registered businesses by industry, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 30 June 2025**

Industry	Kawana region		Sunshine Coast (R) LGA		Specialisation ratio
	number	%	number	%	number
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	61	1.2	1,246	3.2	0.37
Mining	13	0.3	81	0.2	1.23
Manufacturing	166	3.2	1,465	3.7	0.87
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	15	0.3	102	0.3	1.12
Construction	1,094	21.3	8,376	21.3	1.00
Wholesale trade	135	2.6	988	2.5	1.05
Retail trade	306	6.0	2,341	6.0	1.00
Accommodation and food services	154	3.0	1,503	3.8	0.78
Transport, postal and warehousing	172	3.4	1,690	4.3	0.78
Information media and telecommunications	32	0.6	332	0.8	0.74
Financial and insurance services	291	5.7	1,701	4.3	1.31
Rental, hiring and real estate services	723	14.1	4,953	12.6	1.12
Professional, scientific and technical services	729	14.2	5,346	13.6	1.04
Administrative and support services	222	4.3	1,794	4.6	0.95
Public administration and safety	9	0.2	76	0.2	0.91
Education and training	103	2.0	773	2.0	1.02
Health care and social assistance	579	11.3	3,645	9.3	1.22
Arts and recreation services	73	1.4	672	1.7	0.83
Other services	247	4.8	2,144	5.5	0.88
Not classified	6	0.1	11	0.0	4.17
<b>Total<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>39,239</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions

# Environment

## Protected areas – parks, forests and reserves

Protected areas are derived from a spatial dataset sourced from the Queensland Department of Environment and Science. Data presented in this table are based on areas located above mean sea level. Areas are based on a GIS calculated cartesian area and not the official gazetted area. GIS calculations are referenced to GDA2020 / Australian Albers (EPSG:9473). Data are updated every two years. The next planned update is in August 2026.

### Kawana region

- Protected area of 0.5 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2024
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 0.5 km<sup>2</sup>
- Within the region, Wurtulla - Birtinya SA2 had the largest protected area with 0.5 km<sup>2</sup>

### Sunshine Coast (R) LGA

- Protected area of 623.1 km<sup>2</sup> as at 2024
- Largest protected area type was National Parks with 410.2 km<sup>2</sup>

The total protected area within Kawana region as at 2024 was

# 0.5 km<sup>2</sup>

**Table 51 Protected areas - parks, forests and reserves by SA2, Kawana region and Sunshine Coast (R) LGA, 2024**

Custom region / SA2 / LGA	National Park (a)	State Forest	Timber Reserve	Forest Reserve	Total
	— area (km <sup>2</sup> ) —				
<b>Kawana region</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Buddina - Minyama	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mountain Creek	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Parrearra - Warana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wurtulla - Birtinya	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
<b>Sunshine Coast (R) LGA</b>	<b>410.2</b>	<b>211.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>623.1</b>

(a) Includes Conservation Parks, Resources Reserves and National Parks Cape York Aboriginal land (where applicable).

Source: Queensland Department of Environment and Science

# Abbreviations

..	not applicable
\$k	thousand dollars
\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
LGA	Local Government Area
LHS	left-hand side
n.a.	not available
p	preliminary
r	revised
(R)	Regional Council
RHS	right-hand side
SAR	Special Administration Area
SA2	Statistical Area Level 2

# Explanatory notes

## Profile explanatory notes

### Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

A geographical framework covering all spatial areas of Australia and its external territories. The ASGS was developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to allow statistics from different collections to be spatially comparable. The ASGS replaced the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).

### Average annual growth rate

It is calculated as a percentage using the formula below, where  $P_0$  is the population at the start of the period,  $P_n$  is the population at the end of the period and  $n$  is the length of the period between  $P_n$  and  $P_0$  in years.

$$\left[ \left( \frac{P_n}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right] \times 100$$

For example, to calculate the average annual rate of population change from 2006 to 2016,  $n$  is ten,  $P_0$  is the population in 2006 and  $P_n$  is the population in 2016.

### Cell confidentialisation

This profile utilises two types of data confidentialisation.

1. Source data confidentialisation - This refers to datasets that have been confidentialised by the data custodians. For example census data supplied by the ABS have small cell counts of 1 or 2 confidentialised to 0 or 3 and a small random adjustment made to all data to avoid any risk of releasing identifiable information. Caution should therefore be used when interpreting data where the cell count is small.
2. Concordance confidentialisation - This refers to datasets that have been concorded to a new geography and the resulting cell count is small. No reliance should be placed on these cell counts and as such have been confidentialised. Tables utilising this type of confidentialisation will report the cell as less than a specific value (for example <5).

### Census 2021 data

Census data have 'small random adjustments' to ensure no data are released which could risk identifying individuals. As such, cells containing very small counts should be treated with extreme caution. Therefore discrepancies may occur between the sum of the component items and total.

### Census undercount

Due to the size and complexity of the Census of Population and Housing, whenever a Census is conducted it is inevitable that some people will be missed and some will be counted more than once. After each Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics conduct a Post Enumeration Survey to estimate the number of people who should have been counted in the Census and the actual Census counts. It is important to note, that all Census data reported in this profile do not have any adjustments made for Census undercount and readers should keep this in mind when making inferences from the data.

### Land area

Land area, as stated in the Region overview, are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

**Local government area (LGA)**

A geographical area under the responsibility of a local government council. There are 78 LGAs in Queensland.

**Region overview**

Statistics in the profile overview have been derived from data sourced to the Bureau of Meteorology and aggregated to administrative boundaries. Land area are based on the Australian Albers Equal Area projection (EPSG 3577).

**Rounding**

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

**Specialisation ratio**

The ratio of the percentage for the Kawana region to the percentage for Sunshine Coast (R) LGA. A specialisation ratio above 1.00 indicates Kawana region has a larger share for that category than in Sunshine Coast (R) LGA. Similarly a specialisation ratio below 1.00 indicates Kawana region has a smaller share for that category than in Sunshine Coast (R) LGA.

**Statistical Area Level 2**

Statistical Area Level 2s (SA2s) (2021) are small areas, approximately suburb size, with a population range of between 3,000 to 25,000 persons, and have an average population of about 10,000 persons. There are 546 SA2 regions that cover the state.

## Topic explanatory notes

### Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples

**First Nations**

Refers to people who identify themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

### Aged care services

Aged-care services subsidised by the Australian Government under the Aged Care Act 1997.

Based on the location of the service, rather than the region in which the service is delivered. In some instances, aged care services may have provided the address information of their Approved Provider in place of the address information of the individual aged care service. Users should be aware of this limitation when using these data. GIS locations are referenced to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020)(EPSG:7842).

**Home care services**

Following the Increasing Choices changes on 27 February 2017, places for the Home Care Packages Program are now assigned to consumers and not to services. Correspondingly, places data for the Home Care Packages Program are no longer captured in the stocktake. These figures only include flexible home care places in the: Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Program, Aged Care Innovative Pool Program and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

**Residential care**

Residential care provides a range of supported accommodation services for older people who are unable to continue living independently in their own homes. The figures here include flexible residential care places in the: Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Program, Aged Care Innovative Pool Program and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

**Restorative care**

Restorative care program provides a package of services to enable older people after a hospital stay to return home rather than prematurely enter residential care. The program also gives older people and their families and carers time to consider long-term care arrangements. These figures include places in the Transition Care Program and the Short-Term Restorative Care Program.

### Australian Defence Force service

This variable also includes people who previously served in the National Service and the Second Australian Imperial Force.

Regular service is considered a person's main ongoing job, and most roles are full-time in nature. Reserves service is normally part-time in nature and can include up to 200 days of service per year, depending on the role.

## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

### Confidentialisation

AEDC data are not reported for locations in which three or fewer children had been assessed.

Suppression of AEDC data also occurs when one or more of the following have not been met:

- At least 15 children with valid AEDC data reside in the geographic area
- At least two teachers contribute to the data collection for the geographic area
- 80 per cent or more of the completed Australian version of the Early Development Instruments are valid
- In order for a child's overall results to be valid, a maximum of one domain can be missing, and the child must be older than 3 years and not have special needs

Additional minor suppressions have occurred where necessary to preserve confidentiality of related suppressed cells.

Whilst some regions have had results suppressed, some regions have been included in neighbouring regions. In these instances, results have not been published for either of the combined regions.

### Developmentally 'vulnerable'

Children are allocated a score based on the results from the benchmark scores calculated in the 2009 AEDC data collection. In 2009 children who scored below the 10th percentile (in the lowest 10 per cent) of the national population were classified as developmentally vulnerable. These children demonstrate a much lower than average ability in the developmental competencies in that domain.

Developmentally vulnerable children are children facing some significant challenges in their development. As such, it is desirable to see the percentage of children who are 'vulnerable' decrease with each new AEDC collection cycle.

### Developmentally vulnerable on one or more domain/s

The percentage of children in the community who have at least one AEDC domain score/s below the 10th percentile.

### Developmentally vulnerable on two or more domain/s

The percentage of children in the community who have at least two AEDC domain scores below the 10th percentile.

### Domain: Communication skills and general knowledge

This domain measures a child's communication skills and general knowledge based on broad developmental competencies and skills.

### Domain: Emotional maturity domain

This domain measures a child's pro-social and helping behavior, anxious and fearful behavior, aggressive behavior and hyperactivity and inattention.

### Domain: Language and cognitive skills domain

This domain measures a child's basic literacy/numeracy, advanced literacy, interest in literacy/numeracy, and memory.

### Domain: Physical health and wellbeing domain

This domain measures a child's physical readiness for the school day, physical independence and gross and fine motor skills.

### Domain: Social competence domain

This domain measures a child's overall social competence, responsibility and respect, approaches to learning and readiness to explore new things.

## Births and deaths

### Births

Births data are based on the number of births registered during a calendar year by place of usual residence of the mother. This is different to the number of births which occurred during a calendar year. For further information on the differences between estimates of registered births and births occurring in a time period, refer to ABS website.

As a result of changes in the timeliness of registration of births in Queensland, care should be taken when interpreting changes in Queensland births between 2006 and 2010. This lag has reduced in recent years, indicating potential improvements in the timeliness of registration of births in Queensland.

### Deaths

Deaths data are based on the number of deaths registered during a calendar year by place of usual residence of the deceased. This is different to the number of deaths which occurred during a calendar year. For further information on the differences between estimates of registered deaths and deaths occurring in a time period, refer to ABS website.

## Business counts

It is not currently possible to account for those businesses which operate out of multiple locations, other than at their main location. This is particularly relevant for larger businesses, which commonly establish outlets in several or all states and many regions across Australia. The reason for this is that data pertaining to individual business locations are not currently available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register. Users should therefore be aware of this limitation when using counts of businesses included in this table.

Due to the process of confidentialisation applied by the ABS, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and total (see ABS methodology for more information).

## Business counts by industry

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition.

The 'Not classified' industry division is accurate at the time of release of data. Further refinements to this group will be made in subsequent releases, but will not be reflected in these counts.

## Country of birth

The list of countries are based on the most common 50 Country of Birth responses (excluding Australia) reported in the 2016 Census. The categories of persons born in ESB and NESB countries are derived by aggregating countries from Table G09 of the General Community Profile (GCP). Due to the process of confidentialisation applied to the Census data by the ABS, total persons born overseas have been taken directly from Table G01 of the GCP to provide a more accurate count.

## Department of Social Services payments

Data are extracted at a point in time, usually towards the end of the quarter. Refer to the DSS Benefit and Payment Recipient Demographics - quarterly data for additional information: <https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>.

### Confidentialisation

To protect individuals' privacy, all cells have been rounded to the nearest 5 and values from 1 to 7 are rounded to 5. Zero cells are actual zeros. This may result in non-additivity for some totals. Caution should be taken in re-calculating totals from rounded data, as this may compound the effects of rounding.

### Age pension

Age pension is a support payment for people who have reached the qualifying age. From 1 July 2013, the qualifying age for both men and women is 65 years. From 1 July 2017 the age pension qualifying age will progressively increase for non-veterans from 65 years to 67 years, reaching 67 years in 2023.

Age pension recipients have the choice of having their age pension paid by either the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). DHS pays the vast majority of age pensions. The data in this report only includes data for the DHS customers.

### Carer allowance

A Carer allowance is a supplementary payment for carers who provide daily care and attention at home for a person with a disability, severe medical condition or who is frail and aged. Carer allowance excludes HCC Only recipients and/or child care receivers.

### Disability support pension

A Disability support pension (DSP) is an income support payment for people who are unable to work for 15 hours or more per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a program of support due to permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. A DSP claimant must be aged 16 years or over and under Age pension age at date of claim, however once in receipt of DSP, a person can continue to receive DSP beyond Age pension age.

### Family tax benefit part A

Family tax benefit (FTB) was introduced to help with the cost of raising children. FTB part A is the most common payment to help with the cost of raising children and is paid per child. It includes a supplement per child that becomes payable after the end of the financial year. FTB part B gives extra assistance to single-parent families and to couple families where one income is low. It is paid on a per family basis and includes a supplement that becomes payable after the end of the financial year. FTB part A and B are income tested on family income.

### Jobseeker

JobSeeker Payment is the main income support payment for recipients aged between 22 years and pension age (the minimum qualifying age for Age Pension), who have capacity to work now or in the near future. JobSeeker Payment is available to people who are looking for work, who temporarily cannot work or study because of an injury or illness, or bereaved partners in the period immediately following the death of their partner, subject to meeting eligibility requirements. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system but are on a zero rate of payment and those who are suspended from payment.

From March quarter 2020, JobSeeker Payment replaced Newstart Allowance, Bereavement Allowance and Sickness Allowance.

## Emergency services, schools and hospitals

### Fire stations

Does not include Rural Fire Brigade.

### Hospitals

Includes both private and public hospitals, health clinics and satellite health centres. Excludes public dental and psychiatric facilities.

### Police stations

Does not include Police Beats.

### Schools

Includes both private and public schools and community school, educational unit, non-state school, school of distance education, special school, specific purpose school, state high school and state school.

## Employment by industry

### Employment by industry

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.

### Industry subdivision

The industry subdivision refers to the 2-digit industry classification from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition, revision 2 published in 2013.

## Employment by occupation

### Employment by occupation

Based on Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2013, version 1.3.

### Occupation sub-major group

The occupation sub-major group refers to the 2-digit occupation classification from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2013, version 1.3.

## Homeless persons

The prevalence estimates of homelessness cover usual residents in Australia on Census night and do not include:

- overseas visitors,
- people who were enumerated in offshore, shipping or migratory regions,
- people on an overnight journey by train or bus.

## Median age

Median estimates have been calculated by the ABS and Queensland Treasury.

## Median rent

Medians for regions with less than 10 lodgements in the 12 month period have not been reported.

Median rents do not include lodgements listed with \$0 rent.

Rental bonds data published by QGSO may not be directly comparable with data published by the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) due to geocoding of Rental Bonds data by QGSO and updates to bond records, including where additional bond forms are processed by RTA after quarterly data are supplied to QGSO.

## Medians and averages

### Average household size

Applicable to number of persons usually resident in occupied private dwellings. It includes partners, children, and co-tenants (in group households) who were temporarily absent on Census Night. A maximum of three temporary absentees can be counted in each household. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Average number of persons per bedroom

Applicable to number of persons usually resident in occupied private dwellings. It includes partners, children, and co-tenants (in group households) who were temporarily absent on Census Night. A maximum of three temporary absentees can be counted in each household. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Median mortgage repayment

Applicable to occupied private dwellings being purchased and includes dwellings being purchased under a rent/buy scheme. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Median total family income

Applicable to families in family households. It excludes families where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and families where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night.

### Median total household income

Applicable to occupied private dwellings. It excludes households where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and households where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night. It excludes 'Visitors only' and 'Other non-classifiable' households.

### Median total personal income

Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

## New house and vacant land sales

Vacant residential land have been defined as vacant - large house sites, vacant urban land and vacant rural land between 140m<sup>2</sup> and 2,500m<sup>2</sup> within planning zones. New house and land have been defined as a single unit dwelling or dwelling large house site on a newly registered block of land between 140m<sup>2</sup> and 2,500m<sup>2</sup>. All reporting periods are based on the contract date and not the settlement date.

## Non-school qualification by field of study

Excludes persons with a qualification out of the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

## Non-school qualification by sex and age

Excludes persons with a qualification out of the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

## Proficiency in spoken English

Based on the most common 29 Language used at home responses reported in the 2016 Census for Australia.

## Recorded offences

The reference date for recorded offences is the date an offence is reported to or detected by police. Data are based on the location in which the offence occurred. Rates are calculated using the Estimated Resident Population (ERP) as at 30 June of the reported financial year. The ERP for the latest year has been linearly extrapolated using the change between the previous two years.

### Offences against the person

The offence division of offences against the person includes the following offence sub-divisions: homicide (murder); other homicide; assault; sexual offences; robbery; and other offences against the person.

### Offences against property

The offence division of offences against property includes the following offence sub-divisions: unlawful entry with intent; arson; other property damage; unlawful use of motor vehicle; other theft (excluding unlawful entry); fraud; and handling stolen goods.

### Other offences

The offence division of other offences includes the following offence sub-divisions: drug offences; prostitution offences; liquor (excluding drunkenness); gaming, racing and betting offences; breach of domestic violence protection orders; trespassing and vagrancy; weapons act offences; good order offences; stock related offences; traffic and related offences; and miscellaneous offences.

## Residential dwelling sales

Medians are only calculated where there are ten or more sales over the time period.

### Attached dwellings

Attached dwellings include multi-unit dwellings (flats), building units or group titles within planning zones.

### Detached dwellings

Detached dwellings include single unit dwellings or large house sites.

### Residential dwelling sales

Residential dwelling sales include both new and established dwellings and all reporting periods are based on the contract date and not the settlement date.

## Residential lot registrations

Lot registration is the final stage in the development of new residential lots, and it is only after the title is registered that a lot legally exists. Lot registrations data provide an indication of the volume of new lots developed and intended for residential purposes.

The Queensland Government Statistician's Office applies a range of filters to DNRMMRRD's registered survey plans, such as parcel size and zoning information, to extract the lots registered for residential purposes. 'Urban residential' lots include standard lots typically for detached houses (60m<sup>2</sup> to <2,500m<sup>2</sup>) and lots under community titles schemes for units and townhouses. For this monitoring program, 'low density residential' lots are defined as standard lots between 2,500m<sup>2</sup> and 5 hectares in size.

## Total family income

Median total family income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury. Median calculation excludes families where at least one member aged 15 years and over did not state an income and families where at least one member aged 15 years and over was temporarily absent on Census Night.

## Total personal income

Median total personal income estimates incorporate medians calculated by both ABS and Queensland Treasury.

## Income data use considerations - Lockdown

A number of regions across the country were in various stages of lockdown on 2021 Census day, and the week preceding it, resulting in a greater number of people being temporarily stood down, which impacted their income. To gain a better understanding of the true income levels of Australians, guidance for people in lockdown on how to correctly respond was provided at the time on the Census website, as follows:

*'Please reflect your usual income, as it was before the commencement of the current COVID lockdown period.'*

## Unemployment and labour force

Small Area Labour Force data have been generated from a Structure Preserving Estimation (SPREE) methodology using ABS and Centrelink data. As such these estimates can exhibit considerable variability and care should be taken when interpreting these values.

As of the September quarter 2023 edition of the SALM publication, estimates for SA2s and LGAs are based on the 2021 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS). Changes between the 2016 and 2021 ASGS editions have resulted in breaks in series in some SA2s. The Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations did not publish unemployment rates for these SA2s, and these estimates have been derived by QGSO.

Historical estimates for SA2s and LGAs with a break in series between ASGS 2021 and ASGS 2016 or ASGS 2016 and ASGS 2011 are not available and are denoted by "n.a."

Estimates at the SA2 and LGA level are provided by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. Estimates for other region types, such as SA3 and SED, were derived by QGSO.

For further information refer to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations website.

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