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NOTE ON CENSUS 2016 RESULTS

The Census 2016 figures have again confirmed the Cairns region along with the Northern Territory as the leaders in northern Australia in population growth.

Residential population growth since the 2011 Census in Cairns and the immediate region including Tablelands, Mareeba, Cassowary Coast and Douglas has come in higher than inter-censal estimates of about 13,000, at a figure of almost 16,000.

However, the Census figures for the other major Queensland regions in the North will be disappointing with growth well down on Australian Bureau of Statistics inter-censal estimates.

In the Townsville region, instead of coming in at an increase of about 15,000, the actual increase was about 11,000.

Cairns and Townsville city local government increases were about the same at about Cairns 11,600 and Townsville 12,300. However, the rest of the immediate Townsville region's population showed a decline, whereas the rest of the immediate Cairns region increased by about 4,000.

Both the Mackay and Fitzroy regions' increases were down on inter-censal estimates of Mackay from about 7,500 to about 3,000 and Fitzroy from 18,000 to 9,500.

Of the northern major cities, Darwin showed the greatest growth of about 16,000 but residential population in the rest of the Northern Territory showed hardly any increase.

Counts of people "on the ground" at the time of the Census, including visitors have been recorded in this first release of census data without including overseas visitors.

However on these figures, Cairns immediate region is now up to just below 260,000 including domestic visitors of 31,000, an increase of about 4,000 on the 2011 Census.

The Kimberley and Pilbara regions both recorded residential population declines.

(Attached tables give details.)

ATTACHMENT

2016 & 2011 Census : Place of Enumeration Population**(Excluding overseas visitors, i.e. residents at home plus domestic visitors)**

Region	Area	2016		2011		Difference	
		Total	Domestic Visitors	Total	Domestic Visitors	Total	Domestic Visitors
Cairns	SA4	259,164	31,901	239,760	27,820	19,404	4,081
Townsville	SA4	233,727	17,657	221,757	16,186	11,970	1,471
Mackay	SA4	181,658	25,156	180,792	27,015	866	- (1,859)
Central	SA4	227,484	21,569	219,562	22,016	7,922	- (447)
NT	SA4	250,136	36,411	228,265	31,268	21,871	5,143
Kimberley	SA3	46,469	14,529	48,705	16,556	- (2,236)	- (2,027)
Pilbara	SA3	84,807	28,651	79,856	24,104	4,951	4,547

2016 & 2011 Census : Usual Place of Residence Population

Regions	Area	UPR		Difference
		2016	2011	
NT		228,833	211,943	16,890
Cairns	SA4	240,190	224,436	15,754
Townsville	SA4	229,031	217,897	11,134
Mackay	SA4	169,688	166,811	2,877
Central	SA4	220,912	211,344	9,568
Kimberley	SA3	34,364	34,793	- (429)
Pilbara	SA3	59,552	59,890	- (338)
Cities		2016	2011	Difference
Darwin	SA4	136,828	120,566	16,262
Cairns	LGA	156,901	145,338	11,563
Townsville	LGA	186,757	174,462	12,295
Mackay	LGA	114,965	112,978	1,987
Rockhampton	LGA	79,726	76,777	2,949