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Statistical Note:

Cairns Now Leading Service Centre for Outback Queensland Statistical Region Population

As population grows in the North, Cairns has emerged in recent years as the leading regional city in Queensland servicing Queensland's Outback Statistical Divisions, that covers the majority of the State.

Residential population in the Cape, Torres Strait and Gulf regions serviced predominantly out of Cairns was estimated in 2014 at 38,177, ie. a rise of 4,752 or 12% over the past 10 years.

Next most populous outback region was that serviced out of Townsville at 29,831 including the Mt Isa area, up by 2,573 on 10 years ago.

The population of the southern Outback area relating to the regional cities of Rockhampton and Toowoomba has been static and was recorded in 2014 at 20,416.

Cairns also has important servicing links with air services northwards into Papua Indonesia and four centres in Papua New Guinea.

Table: Estimated Residential Population in Outback Queensland Statistical Divisions, 2014

<u>Area</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Major Regional Servicing City</u>
Far North Peninsula Area - Carpentaria/Gulf & Torres	38,177	Cairns
Mt Isa North	29,831	Townsville
Central West & South West	20,416	Rockhampton and Toowoomba

Source : Cummings Economics from, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat 3218.0.