

Queensland Seniors—a snapshot of Older Queenslanders¹

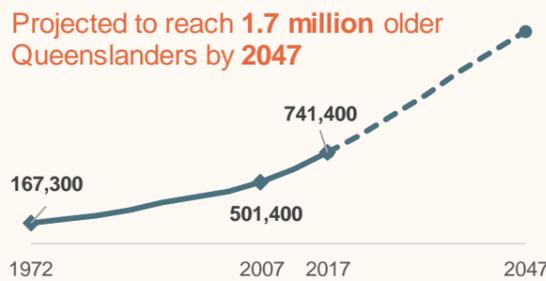
Population



741,422 estimated usual residents aged 65 years and over in June 2017

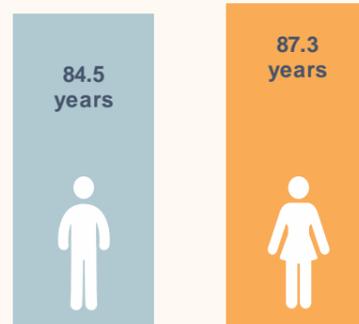
In 2016:
8.1% spoke a language other than English
 Almost **1 in 3** were born overseas

Number of older Queenslanders increased by almost 50% since 2007



Older Queenslanders can expect to live longer, with both sexes experiencing increasing life expectancy.

Life expectancy at age 65 years, 2016



Economic security



More than **1 in 8** older Queenslanders were in the labour force in 2016, including **1 in 4** aged 65–69 years.



Older female labour force participation in Queensland more than doubled from 2001 to 2016.

In 2016–17, the average age of intended retirement was similar for men and women aged 45 years and over:

65.5 years (Men)
64.8 years (Women)

In 2015–16, more than half of older Queenslanders rely on pensions and government payments as their main source of income, particularly those aged 75 years.



The average age of intended retirement from the labour force for those aged 45 years and over increased by 2.2 years for males and 3.0 years for females between 2004–05 and 2016–17.

Older Queenslanders in the labour force were increasingly likely to be employed part-time as they age.

Housing and living arrangements

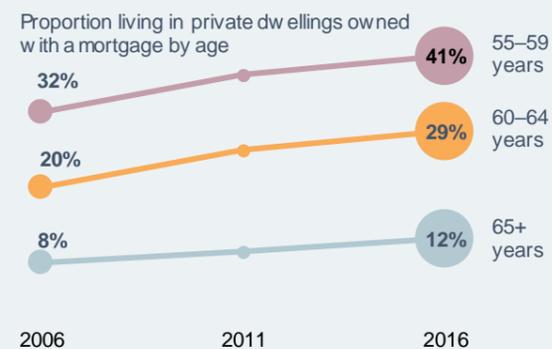


In 2016:

- more than **3 in 4** older Queenslanders aged 85 years and over were living in private dwellings, reflecting a desire to age in place.
- 1 in 5** Queenslanders aged 85 years or older were living in residential aged care.

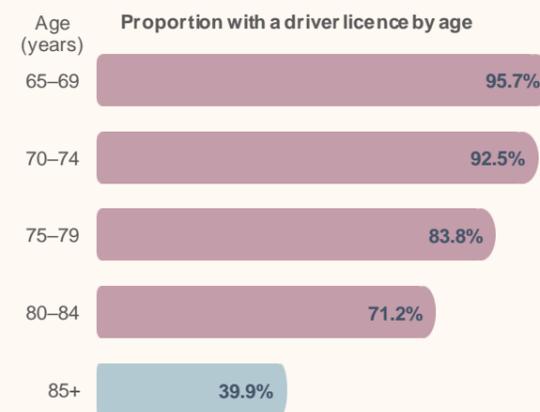
In 2016:
1 in 4 older Queenslanders in private dwellings lived alone.
 Women were more likely than men to live alone, and this likelihood increased with age.

More people approaching and beyond retirement age lived in dwellings with active mortgages:



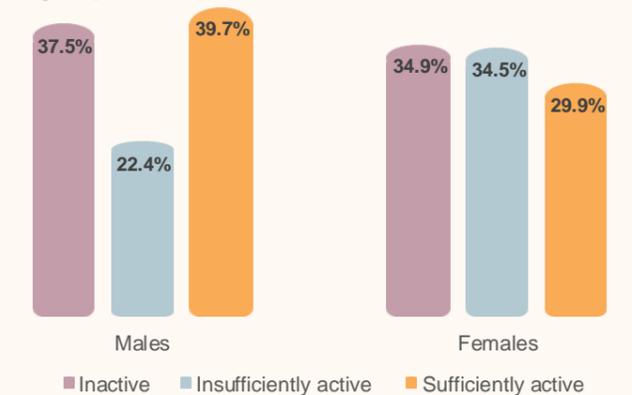
Social characteristics

Less than **2 in 5** of those aged 85 years and over held a driver licence in 2017.



Nearly **1 in 5** older Queenslanders provided unpaid care to another older person or a person with a disability in 2015.

In 2016:
 Almost **1 in 5** older Queenslanders aged 65–69 years provided unpaid child care.
 More than **1 in 5** older Queenslanders aged 65–79 years undertook voluntary work for an organisation or group.



More older men than older women participated in sufficient physical activity in the last week prior to the 2014–15 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.

¹aged 65 years and over unless otherwise stated.