

# Central Highlands Region

Local Government Area



snapshot 2014

## Main Townships

Emerald	Bauhinia
Gemfields	Arcadia Valley
Duaringa	Rolleston
Dingo	Springsure
Comet	Tieri
Capella	Blackwater
Bluff	

## Tourism

Emerald Botanic Gardens  
Lake Maraboon  
Fairbairn Dam  
Carnarvon Gorge  
Blackdown Tablelands  
The Big Easel  
Gemfields  
Blackwater International  
Coal Centre  
Historic Railway



## 2011 – Population and Housing Census (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

### Demographics

Size:	59,969.9 km <sup>2</sup>
Temperature:	14.6 – 28.8 °C
Annual Rainfall:	633 mm
Population:	28,715
ATSI:	1,020
Children under 19 years:	8,964
Median Age:	31 years
Ancestry:	Australian English Irish Scottish German
Country of Birth:	Australia New Zealand England Phillipines South Africa
Emergency Services:	
Police Stations:	8
Ambulance Stations:	10
Fire Stations (QFS):	5
Hospitals:	6
Schools:	28
Early Childhood/Daycare:	15
Aged Care Services:	7

### Employment

There were 15,656 people who reported being in the labour force (aged 15 years and over) in the week before Census night in Central Highlands Region.

- » 70.7% were in full time employment
- » 20.3% were in part time employment
- » 2.5% were unemployed

There were 69.7% of people aged 15 years and over involved in unpaid domestic work in the week before the Census night in Central Highlands Region.

The top industry subgroups that people in Central Highlands Region were employed in:

- » Coal Mining – 3,401 people
- » Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming – 1,375 people
- » School Education – 769 people
- » Accommodation – 432 people
- » Cafes, Restaurants and Takeaway Food Services – 406 people

### Median weekly incomes:

- » Personal – \$831
- » Family – \$2,321
- » Household – \$1,998

### Volunteers:

- » 23.9% of the population participated in volunteer hours

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### Housing

#### Private Dwelling Occupancy:

- » 1,993 people owned outright
- » 2,630 people owned with a mortgage
- » 3,988 people rented
- » 357 people had other arrangements or were unstated

Median weekly rent: – \$112

Median monthly mortgage repayment: – \$2,000

#### Household Compositions:

- » 76.3% family households
- » 19.6% single households
- » 4.2% group households

### Families

#### Family Composition:

- » 36.8% were couples without children
- » 52.9% were couples with children
- » 9.2% were single parent families

#### Employment Status of Families:

- » 29.2% couple families where both employed full time
- » 1.9% couple families where both employed part time
- » 24.4% couple families had one employed full time and the other part time
- » 20.7% couple families had one employed full time and the other not working

### Priority Areas

#### Social:

- » Blackwater pool
- » Blackwater Hospital and health service
- » GP Super Clinic Emerald
- » McIndoe Park – sporting development

#### Economic:

- » Fully seal the Blackwater – Rolleston Road
- » Emerald water treatment plant
- » Emerald Airport extensions
- » Rubyvale intersection

#### Environment:

- » Flood mitigation – Panorama Creek crossing
- » Flood mitigation – Emerald
- » Blackwater water and sewerage supply upgrade
- » Rift Range interpretive walk

#### Regional Policy & Innovation:

- » Workforce development strategy
- » Emerging leaders program

### National Parks

- » Blackdown Tableland
- » Carnarvon Gorge
- » Isla Gorge
- » Minerva Hills

### Highways

- » Capricorn
- » Gregory
- » Dawson

### Transport

- » Emerald Airport
- » Bus
- » Train – Spirit of the Outback

SOURCE: Australian Bureau of Statistics – 2011 Population and Housing Census (usual residents).  
Queensland Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR) – Regional Profiles 2013.