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| Queensland Seniors—a snapshot of Older Queenslanders1 | |
| Image result for queensland icon 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. | 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.    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.  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. |
| 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.**   **More people** approaching and beyond retirement age lived in dwellings with **active mortgages:**  **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. | Social characteristics **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.  Nearly **1 in 5** older Queenslanders **provided unpaid care** to another older person or a person with a disability in 2015.  Less than **2 in 5** of those aged 85 years and over **held a driver licence** in 2017. |
| 1aged 65 years and over unless otherwise stated. | |

