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| Queensland seniors —a snapshot of older Queenslanders | |
| Image result for queensland icon**People**  An estimated **864,516** residents aged 65 years and over in June 2021...  ...by June 2023, this had increased to **926,752,** and for the first time, Queensland had over **100,000** residents 85 years and older.    **The number of older Queenslanders has more than doubled since 2001...**  **...and is projected to double again just after 2051**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **In 2021:** | | | **8.2%** spoke a **language other than English** | Almost **1 in 3** were **born overseas** | | **Wellbeing**  Older Queenslanders are living longer...but men have higher rates of hospitalisations for heart disease and diabetes than women, and they are more likely to be overweight or obese, and more likely to drink at risky levels.  Women, on the other hand, are more likely to be admitted to hospital for injuries resulting from a fall.    Older Queenslanders are driving, volunteering and caring for others, however, these activities decline with age. |
| **Housing and living arrangements**  Almost **95%** of older Queenslanders at home during the 2021 Census, were living in private dwellings.   * almost **2 in 3** lived in homes with at least 2 spare bedrooms * around **15%** were renting * women were more likely than men to live alone, and this increased with age.     For our oldest Queenslanders (85 years and older):   * more than **3 in 4** older Queenslanderswere **living in private dwellings** in 2021 * **almost 1 in 5** Queenslanders **were living in residential aged care** in 2021 * **27,416** were receiving a home care package in 2022–23 * **50,075** were receiving support from the Commonwealth Home Support Programme in 2022–23.   **More people approaching and beyond retirement age are living in mortgaged dwellings** | **Economic security**  Older Queenslanders are staying in the labour force longer, especially older women.  Superannuation coverage and balances are increasing, but there is a gap in the median balances for men and women persists, narrowing with age (2020–21).      Intended retirement ages are increasing as well; **53.1%** of people 45 years and over in 2020–21, intend to retire between 65–69 years  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. |