

ABOUT THE MARANOA REGION



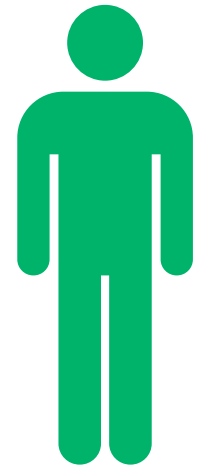
The Maranoa Region covers an area of 58,834.5 square kilometres, and is located in rural south-west Queensland, approximately 480 kilometres west of Brisbane.

It includes the townships of Roma, Mitchell, Injune, Surat, Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Jackson, Amby, Mungallala and Muckadilla and the region's many rural localities.

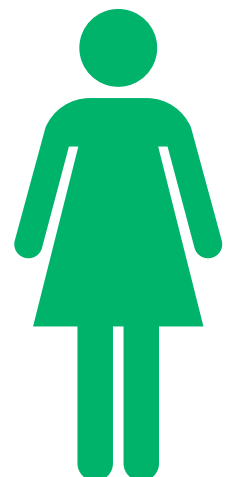
The region comprises an urban area of 31.7km² and a rural area of 58,802.8km² with approximately 70% of the permanent population living in the urban areas and approximately 30% in the rural areas.

About us ¹	Maranoa
Median age	36 ¹
No. of families	3,118 ¹
Average children per family	1.9 ¹
Private dwellings	6,508 ¹
Average people per household	2.41 ²
Median weekly household income	\$1,330 ²
Median weekly mortgage repayments	\$313 ²
Median house price	\$237,577 ⁴
Median weekly rent	\$270 ⁴
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	2.1 ¹

Our ages ²	Maranoa
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	996
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	1,304
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	896
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	985
Young workforce (25 to 34)	1,858
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	2,449
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	1,641
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	1,286
Seniors (70 to 84)	1,028
Elderly aged (85 and over)	225
Total	12,668



Male - 51.4%



Female - 48.6%

¹ - Statistics from the ABS 2016 Census

² - Source National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2019. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id, the population experts.

2016 Census	Maranoa	Queensland	Australia
People (> 15 yrs) who did voluntary work through an organisation or group in the previous 12 months	28.20%	18.80%	19.00%
Walk to work	6.90%	3.30%	3.50%
Both partners employed full time (in couple families)	32.50%	22.50%	21.60%
Types of dwellings / percentage of separate houses	93.20%	76.60%	72.90%
Homes owned outright	32.70%	28.50%	31.00%
3 or more registered motor vehicles per household	27.00%	19.00%	18.10%
Employment			
<i>Worked full-time</i>	68.20%	57.70%	57.70%
<i>Worked part-time</i>	22.70%	29.90%	30.40%
<i>Away from home</i>	5.40%	4.80%	5.00%
<i>Unemployed</i>	3.70%	7.60%	6.90%

Industry sector of employment

An analysis of the jobs held by the resident population in the Maranoa Region (economy.id data) shows the four largest employment sectors were:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (1,543 people or 18.9%)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (868 people or 10.6%)
- Mining (860 people or 10.5%)
- Construction (827 people or 10.1%)

Combined, these four industries employed 4,098 people in total or 50.1% of the total employed resident population.

The number of employed people in the Maranoa Region decreased between 2018/19 and 2019/20 by 1,089.

The largest changes in the jobs held by the resident population between 2018/19 and 2019/20 in the Maranoa Regional Council area were for those employed in:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (+270 persons)
- Transport, Postal and Warehousing (+56 person)
- Accommodation and Food Services (-102 persons)
- Education and Training (-64 persons)
- Construction (-53 persons)

Jobs to resident ratio for the Maranoa in 2019/20 was 1.18, meaning that there were more jobs than resident workers.

Mining had the highest ratio (3.19), while the lowest ratio was found in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (0.92).

Employment by industry (Total) - Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is our largest employer, generating 1,543 local jobs in 2019/20.

Employment by industry (Full Time Equivalent (FTE) numbers) - Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is our largest employer, generating 1,833 FTE jobs in 2019/20.

Employment self-sufficiency - In 2016 (last Census date), 79.8% of Maranoa Regional Council area's local workers were residents.

3. (Opposite) - Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

4. Source: Hometrack 2014-2018, Housing Valuation System.

Settlement history

European settlement dates from the late 1840s, with land used mainly for grazing. Growth took place during the late 1800s and early 1900s as small townships were established, aided by the opening of the western railway line in the 1880s and the establishment of gas mining. The population increased in the post-war years, and then declined slightly during the 1960s and 1970s. The population was relatively stable during the 1980s at about 13,000 people, falling marginally to about 12,600 in 1991, and then to 12,200 in 1996. The population was relatively stable between 1996 and 2001. Gradual growth took place during the early 2000s, with the population increasing to about 14,000 in 2011, largely due to expansion in coal seam gas exploration and mining. The population as at 30 June 2020 is now estimated at 12,688 and is relatively stable.

Indigenous background

The original inhabitants of the Maranoa Regional Council area were predominantly the Mandandanji and Gunggari Aboriginal people.

Employment (total) by industry Maranoa Region compared with Queensland							
Industry sector	2019/20			2018/19			Change
	Maranoa Number	Maranoa %	Queensland %	Maranoa Number	Maranoa %	Queensland %	2018/19 to 2019/20
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,543	18.9	3.1	1,273	15.5	2.8	270
Mining	860	10.5	2.6	901	11	2.6	-41
Manufacturing	304	3.7	6.9	308	3.8	7.1	-4
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	411	5	1.2	410	5	1.2	1
Construction	827	10.1	9.7	880	10.7	9.6	-53
Wholesale Trade	223	2.7	3.1	181	2.2	3	42
Retail Trade	499	6.1	9.5	531	6.5	9.9	-32
Accommodation and Food Services	408	5	7.2	510	6.2	7.4	-102
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	391	4.8	5.1	335	4.1	5.4	56
Information Media and Telecommunications	41	0.5	1.4	36	0.4	1.4	4
Financial and Insurance Services	62	0.8	2.6	69	0.8	2.6	-7
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	62	0.8	1.9	99	1.2	1.8	-37
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	165	2	7.1	168	2	6.7	-3
Administrative and Support Services	108	1.3	3.3	120	1.5	3.4	-12
Public Administration and Safety	590	7.2	6.8	623	7.6	6.7	-33
Education and Training	482	5.9	9	546	6.6	8.8	-64
Health Care and Social Assistance	868	10.6	13.8	909	11.1	13.6	-42
Arts and Recreation Services	58	0.7	1.7	66	0.8	1.8	-8
Other Services	265	3.2	4	258	3.1	4	7
Total industries	8,164	100	100	8,222	100	100	-58

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2021. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id (informed decisions). NIEIR-ID data are adjusted each year, using updated employment estimates. Each release may change previous years' figures.

Top 3 industries - Employment (total) Maranoa Region and Regional Queensland

Industry	2019/20			2018/19			Change
	Number	%	Regional Queensland %	Number	%	Regional Queensland %	2018/19 to 2019/20
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,543	18.9	5.4	1,273	15.5	4.7	270
Health Care and Social Assistance	868	10.6	13.9	909	11.1	13.3	-42
Mining	860	10.5	4	901	11	4.1	-41

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Top 5 industries - Resident workers industry of employment (Last census data) Maranoa Region and Regional Queensland

Industry	2016			2011			Change
	Number	%	Regional Qld%	Number	%	Regional Qld%	2011 to 2016
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,242	19.6	4.7	1,279	18.5	4.4	-37
Health Care and Social Assistance	691	10.9	12.8	701	10.2	10.7	-10
Public Administration and Safety	564	8.9	6	498	7.2	5.6	66
Retail Trade	482	7.6	10.3	605	8.8	10.6	-123
Construction	469	7.4	9.3	577	8.4	9.1	-108

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented by .id, the population experts.



Land area:
58,834.5 km²



Gross regional product (GRP):
\$2.193 billion³



Population:
12,688¹



Local jobs: 8,164²



Local business:
2,534¹



Unemployment rate:
3.2%⁴



Home to: Australia's largest cattle selling centre
Roma Saleyards

1. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0). Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id (informed decisions)

2. Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2021. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id (informed decisions)

3. Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2021. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id (informed decisions). Data are based on a 2018/19 price base for all years. NIEIR-ID data are inflation adjusted each year to allow direct comparison, and annual data releases adjust previous years' figures to a new base year.

4. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour force survey catalogue number 6202.0, and Department of Employment, Small Area Labour Markets. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id (informed decisions).

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Australia Day awards

Council's Australia Day awards program recognises and honours the outstanding achievement of individuals within the communities of the Maranoa Region. The awards identify excellence in sporting endeavours, recognise significant community events, and name citizens of the year and young citizens of the year.

Mitchell and surrounds	
Citizen of the year	Darryl Betzien
Young citizen of the year	Jaxson Wyman
Community events of the year	Booringa Fire & Water Festival 2019 (Booringa Action Group)
Cultural award	130th Anniversary Dinner
Junior sports award	Jett Cornelius
Member contribution award	Maranoa Diggers Race Club
Achievement award	Kent Morris

Jackson, Wallumbilla, Yuleba, Noonga and surrounds	
Citizen of the year	Paul Masson
Young citizen of the year	Samuel Collier
Community events of the year	2019 Australian Working Dog Championships
Cultural award	Festival of Small Halls
Sports award	Ross Kehl
Junior sports award	Matthew Williams
Member contribution award	Linda Hyland
Achievement award	Grant Harland

Injune and surrounds	
Citizen of the year	Joy Denton
Young citizen of the year	Alexis Pringle
Community events of the year	Bridal Blast
Cultural award	Men's Shed Injune
Sports award	Ashley McKay
Junior sports award	Charlize Stanford
Member contribution award	Danny & Donna Sutton
Achievement award	Rhett Bonisch

Surat and surrounds	
Citizen of the year	Jennifer Schwennesen
Young citizen of the year	Matthew Sutton
Community events of the year	Cobb & Co Festival 2019
Cultural award	Joanne (Sandy) Ferguson
Sports award	Tracey Porter
Junior sports award	Lucy Stanford
Member contribution award	Geoffrey Paterson
Achievement award	Benjamin Hancock

Roma and surrounds	
Citizen of the year	Donna Sutton
Young citizen of the year	Hannah Hughes
Community events of the year	Roma Clay Target Club 2019 National Down the Line Championships
Cultural award	Roma Performing Arts – Legally Blonde the Musical
Sports award	Donna Nugent
Junior sports award	Brodie Hewitt-Bryant
Member contribution award	Heather Hall

Andrea Murray Memorial award (regional award)

The Andrea Murray Memorial Award recognises someone in the community who has made a noteworthy contribution during the year and/or given outstanding services to the disability sector for a number of years.

The recipient of the Andrea Murray Memorial Award for 2020 was Judy Blinco.

Community event of the year for Surat

The Cobb and Co Festival 2019 was a huge success for the communities of Surat, Yuleba and the Maranoa region as a whole. The joint venture between the Yuleba Development Group and Surat and District Development Association celebrated 95 years since the last run of the Cobb & Co Coach in Australia.

The festival featured a re-enactment with the horse drawn coach, artist workshops, a bullock team and horse drawn carriages visiting local schools and more.

The event organisers encouraged participation across the community, with many groups using the opportunity to fundraise or hold complementary events which all added to the overall festival experience.

The Surat State School Choir had the amazing experience of performing on stage with Tania Kernaghan as part of the Cobb & Co Festival Concert.

The event was widely promoted by local media, radio, the Queensland Premier's Department, and even on Channel 7's Sunrise TV program.

It was estimated that there were 11,000 touch points with people over the week-long event.

Visitors travelled from as far as Melbourne and Adelaide. A number of backpackers (including some from Germany, France and New Zealand) volunteered to be part of the event and indicated that they would return for the 100th anniversary celebration in 2024.

The festival boosted a sense of pride in the community as people reflected on their connection with an iconic part of Australian pioneering history.