

The areas of Queensland worst affected by housing stress

The areas of Queensland suffering most from housing stress have been revealed in a landmark report by the Community Housing Industry Association.

The [analysis by CHIA and the UNSW City Futures Research Centre](#) based on census data finds that 7.5 per cent of households in Brisbane and 8.1 per cent in regional Queensland are not appropriately housed.

This means they are either experiencing homelessness, living in overcrowded homes or spending over 30 per cent of their income on rent.

The worst-affected area is Logan-Beaudesert where 10 per cent – or 12,500 households – are not appropriately housed.

Moreton Bay North is second with 9.9 per cent, followed by Ipswich with nine per cent.

In regional Queensland, the Gold Coast has the highest rate of housing stress at 9.9 per cent – or 24,400 households – followed by Cairns with 8.9 per cent.

Q Shelter CEO Fiona Caniglia said the report showed that Queensland is experiencing some of the worst housing stress in the nation.

“It points to the vital importance of Commonwealth Government investment in housing solutions for Queensland in addition, to accelerate investment from the State,” she said.

“Queensland faces high net inward migration which is adding pressure to the market.”

“Australian Government investment, combined with various measures underway since the Queensland Housing Summit, will help accelerate growth in housing supply,” said Ms Caniglia.

CHIA CEO Wendy Hayhurst said the report highlighted the importance of a long-term national housing strategy with clear targets to address the housing need right across Australia.

“There are currently 640,000 Australian households whose housing needs are not being met, and this figure is projected to increase to 940,000 by 2041,” she said.

“The Commonwealth has laid important foundations for expanding social and affordable housing and it is reassuring to see them seriously grapple with this challenge.

“However we will need to muster additional investment from all levels of Government and superannuation funds to meet this challenge. It is hard to think of a higher priority than giving all Australians a stable and secure home.”

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About Q Shelter

For over 35 years, Q Shelter has worked as a peak body to improve housing outcomes for Queenslanders.

Over this time, we have remained an unwavering voice for solutions through advocacy, strategic engagement and capacity building.

Besides influencing solutions and policy, Q Shelter provides professional development and shares resources to assist other organisations to be effective, so that our combined capacity to respond to housing need is strengthened.

About Community Housing Industry Australia

CHIA is the peak industry body for the Australian community housing industry, which provides one in five of Australia’s social housing properties, complementing public housing.

Community housing providers manage an \$18 billion-plus portfolio of more than 118,000 rental properties, which are home to people who are on low and moderate incomes who find it hard to access affordable or appropriate housing in the private market.