

# Queensland seniors — a snapshot of older Queenslanders

## People

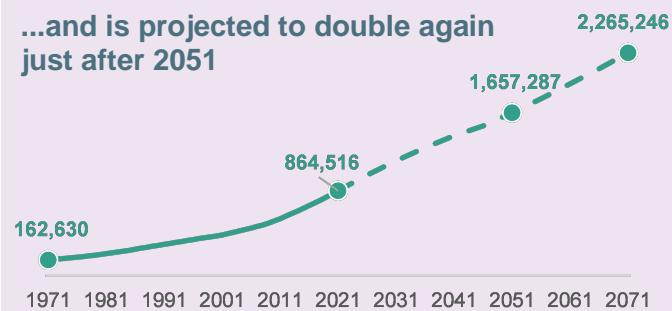


An estimated **864,516** residents aged 65 years and over in June 2021...

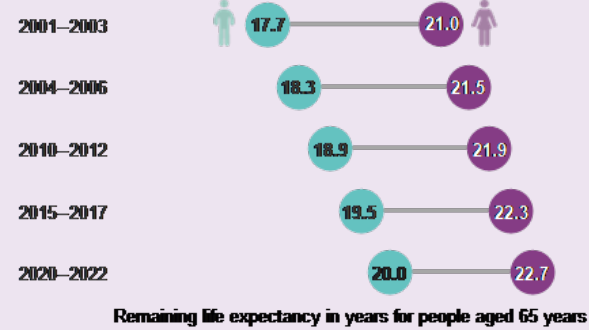
...by June 2023, this had increased to **926,752**, and for the first time, Queensland had over **100,000** residents 85 years and older.

The number of older Queenslanders has more than doubled since 2001...

...and is projected to double again just after 2051



## Male and female life expectancy at age 65 is increasing and the gap is shrinking



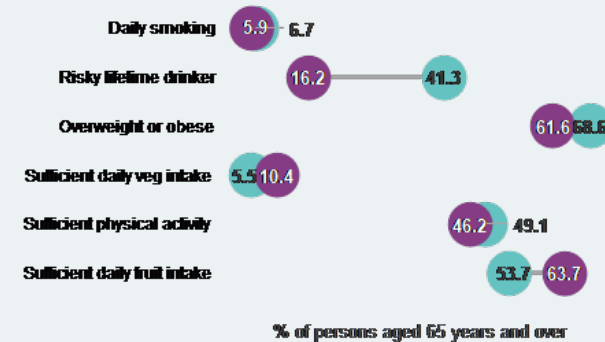
In 2021:  
8.2% spoke a language other than English  
Almost 1 in 3 were born overseas

## Wellbeing

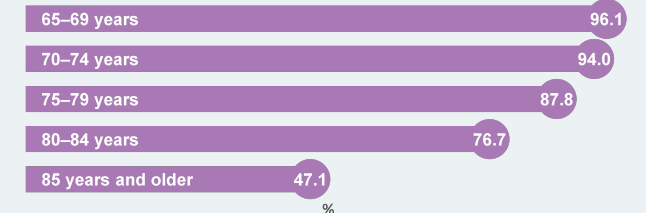
Older Queenslanders are living longer...but men have higher rates of hospitalisations for heart disease and diabetes than women, and they are more likely to be overweight or obese, and more likely to drink at risky levels.

Women, on the other hand, are more likely to be admitted to hospital for injuries resulting from a fall.

### Older men were much more likely than women to drink at risky levels

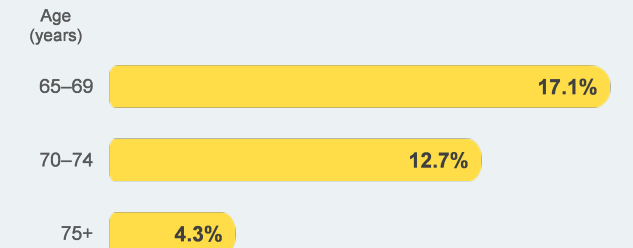


### The proportion of people with a licence declines rapidly after the age of 85

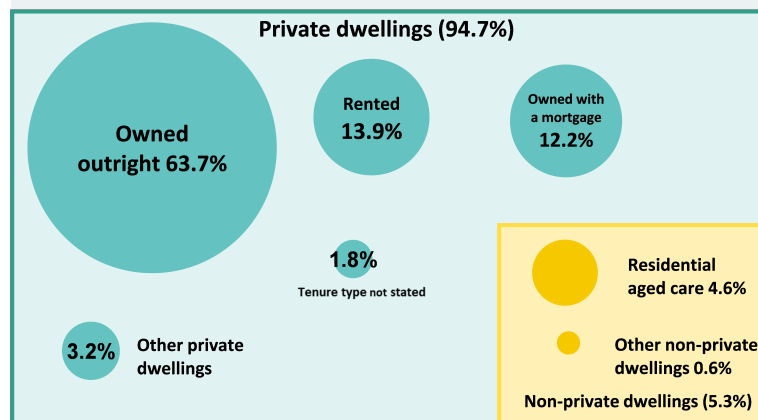


Older Queenslanders are driving, volunteering and caring for others, however, these activities decline with age.

### Around 1 in 6 older Queenslanders aged 65-69 years had provided unpaid child care



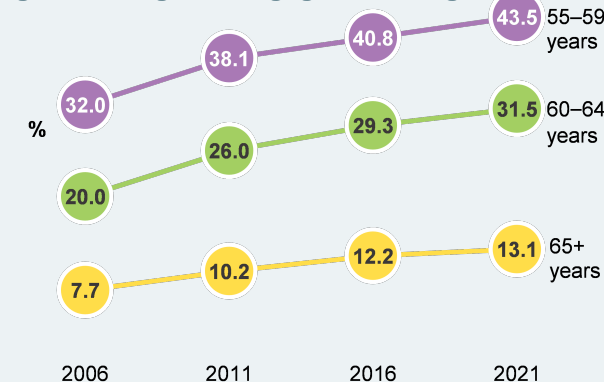
## Housing and living arrangements



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.

### More people approaching and beyond retirement age are living in mortgaged dwellings



For our oldest Queenslanders (85 years and older):

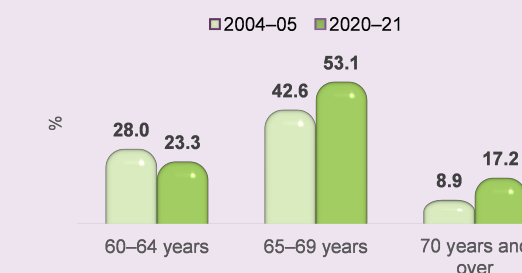
- more than **3 in 4** older Queenslanders were **living in private dwellings** in 2021
- almost **1 in 5** Queenslanders were **living in residential aged care** in 2021
- 27,416** were receiving a home care package in 2022-23
- 50,075** were receiving support from the Commonwealth Home Support Programme in 2022-23.

## Economic security

Older Queenslanders are staying in the labour force longer, especially older women.



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



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).

The gap in the median superannuation balance between men and women decreases with age

