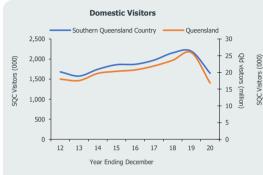
Southern Queensland Country Regional Snapshot



Year Ending December 2020



	Visitors	Holiday	VFR	Business	Expenditure (\$m)
Domestic Overnight	1,646,000	516,000	571,000	436,000	\$578.5m
Annual % change ¹	▼ -25.0%	▼ -19.6%	▼ -36.4%	▼ -16.5%	▼ -28.6%
3-yr trend % change ²	▼ -5.2%	▼ -5.8%	▼ -6.9%	▼ -2.9%	▼ -4.3%
International Overnight	10,000	n/p	n/p	n/p	\$8.9m
3-yr trend % change	▼ -24.5%	n/p	n/p	n/p	▼ -26.6%
TOTAL	1,656,000	n/p	n/p	n/p	\$587.4m
3-yr trend % change	▼ -5.6%	n/p	n/p	n/p	▼ -6.3%







Domestic Visitors

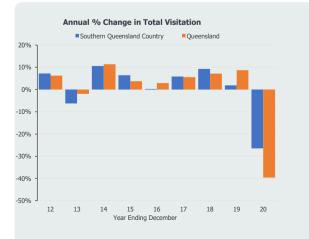
The year ending December 2020 includes all of the major impacts of COVID-19 restrictions on domestic travel to date. Queensland's borders closed on 3 April and all non-essential travel was banned soon after. Intrastate overnight travel was permitted within Queensland from 1 June, while interstate borders were reopened to all states except Victoria on 10 July but were reclosed to New South Wales and ACT a month after. Borders reopened to ACT as of 25 September, all of regional NSW by 3 November and Victoria and Greater Sydney on 1 December. Restrictions were put in place on Greater Sydney again on 20 December.

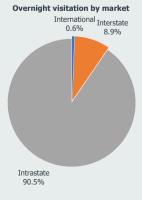
- Domestic visitation in the December quarter 2020 was 7.2 per cent lower compared to the December quarter 2019 and nights decreased by 11.0 per cent. Intrastate visitation increased by 3.9 per cent in the December quarter compared to the previous year.
- In the year ending December 2020, domestic overnight visitor expenditure in Southern Queensland Country decreased by 28.6 per cent to \$578.5 million due to visitation decreasing by 25.0 per cent to 1.6m.
- The Average Length of Stay (ALoS) increased by 0.2 nights to 2.9 nights, while total domestic nights decreased by 20.0 per cent to 4.7m nights. Average spend per night decreased by 10.7 per cent to \$123 per night.
- In the year ending December 2020, decreases in visitation were seen across all purposes of travel. Visiting friends and relatives decreased 36.4 per cent to 571,000, holiday visitation was down by 19.6 per cent to 516,000 and business visitation was down 16.5 per cent to 436,000.
- Intrastate visitation decreased by 14.6 per cent to 1.5m. The largest intrastate markets are Brisbane, which decreased 15.2 per cent to 730,000 visitors, and intraregional travel, which decreased by 27.3 per cent to 289,000. Visitors from the Sunshine Coast increased to 17.9 per cent to 158,000.
- Interstate visitation decreased by 66.4 per cent to 148,000, which included a 59.6 per cent reduction in New South Wales visitation to 110,000 visitors.

International Visitors

NOTE: International Visitor Survey (IVS) interviews have been paused due to border closures in late March 2020. As a result, from June 2020 the IVS has been produced using more extensive immigration and incoming passenger card information and spend has been imputed to previous IVS interviews.

• International visitation decreased by 24.5 per cent on average over the past three years to 10,000 in the year ending December 2020. Over the same period visitors ALoS increased by 1.7 per cent on average to 28.7 nights and total nights decreased by 24.1 per cent to 281,000. Overnight visitor expenditure decreased by 26.6 per cent to \$8.9m.





December quarter 2020							
Domestic	SQC	Queensland					
Visitors	461,000	5,112,000					
Change vs December 2019	-7.2%	-24.3%					
Nights	1,196,000	19,855,000					
Change vs December 2019	-11.0%	-24.5%					

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Year Ending December 2020

Domestic visitors to Southern Queensland Country

	Visitors	Annual % Chg	Nights	Annual % Chg	Length of Stay	Year # Chg
Holiday	516,000	-19.6%	1,269,000	-20.8%	2.5	0.0
VFR	571,000	-36.4%	1,767,000	-25.9%	3.1	0.4
Business	436,000	-16.5%	1,298,000	-19.7%	3.0	-0.1
Domestic ³	1,646,000	-25.0%	4,718,000	-20.0%	2.9	0.2
Intrastate						
Holiday	501,000	1.3%	1,225,000	7.9%	2.4	0.2
VFR	499,000	-35.1%	1,417,000	-26.7%	2.8	0.3
Business	397,000	1.4%	1,161,000	-4.9%	2.9	-0.2
Intrastate	1,498,000	-14.6%	4,160,000	-8.0%	2.8	0.2
Interstate						
Holiday	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
VFR	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
Business	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
Interstate	148,000	-66.4%	558,000	-59.5%	3.8	0.6

Domestic day trip visitors

Total Visitors	Day trip visitors	Year % Chg	Expenditure (\$) million	Year % Chg
SQC	3,155,000	-21.4%	\$397.8m	-16.7%
Queensland	39,272,000	-25.7%	\$4,247.9m	-27.2%
Australia	164,192,000	-33.9%	\$17,433.1m	-33.8%

State comparison - Domestic

All Visitors	Visitors	Year % Chg	Nights	Year % Chg
Queensland	16,851,000	-35.0%	66,194,000	-35.7%
NSW	24,447,000	-37.3%	83,772,000	-31.6%
Victoria	13,963,000	-53.1%	46,232,000	-44.6%
Australia	72,514,000	-38.3%	275,404,000	-34.1%
Holiday Visitors	Visitors	Year % Chg	Nights	Year % Chg
_	Visitors 6,433,000		Nights 25,737,000	
Visitors		% Chg		% Chg
Visitors Queensland	6,433,000	% Chg -35.7%	25,737,000	% Chg -40.7%

International visitors to Southern Queensland Country

All Visitors	Visitors	Trend % Chg	Nights	Trend % Chg
Holiday	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
VFR	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
Business	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
Education	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
Total ³	10,000	-24.5%	281,000	-24.1%

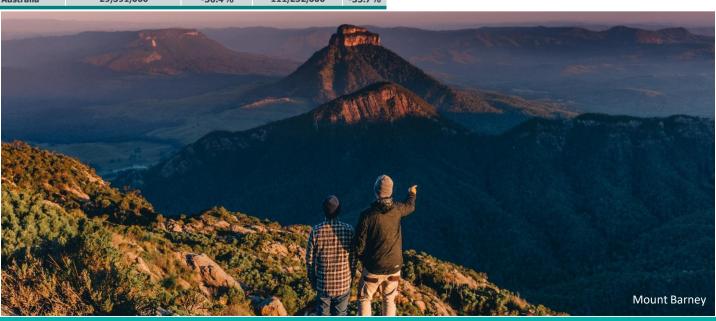
State comparison - International

All Visitors	Visitors	Year % Chg	Nights	Year % Chg
Queensland	493,000	-82.3%	12,361,000	-77.5%
NSW	839,000	-80.9%	24,428,000	-74.7%
Victoria	615,000	-80.4%	19,599,000	-73.2%
Australia	1,705,000	-80.4%	68,973,000	-74.9%
Holiday Visitors	Visitors	Year % Chg	Nights	Year % Chg
-	Visitors 302,000		Nights 4,365,000	
Visitors		% Chg		% Chg
Visitors Queensland	302,000	% Chg -83.9%	4,365,000	% Chg -80.9%

Regional snapshots for all Queensland regions are available on the TEQ website. Overview snapshots are also available for both domestic and international visitors. www.teq.queensland.com.

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For tourism region definitions, please see https://www.tra.gov.au/Regional/tourism-regions.



Regional Comparison



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Year Ending December 2020

Domestic regional comparison % Proportion of Travel Purpose Length of Holiday % Share of Year **Niahts VFR Business Total Visitors** Visitors Nights Total Visitors % Cha % Cha 4,727,000 Brishane -42.8% 14,016,000 -41.4% 3.0 0.1 26% 44% 19% 28% Gold Coast 2,222,000 -47.1% 7,619,000 -54.0% 3.4 -0.5 49% 37% 10% 13% TNO 1,448,000 -34.7% 6,993,000 -37.5% 4.8 -0.2 48% 22% 25% 9% Sunshine Coast 10,527,000 -0.1 58% 7% 18% 3,034,000 -25.1% -27.6% 3.5 32% SGRR 1,788,000 7,044,000 -22 2% 3.9 0.0 33% 29% 28% 11% -22.8% SOC 1.646.000 -25.0% 4.718.000 -20.0% 2.9 0.2 31% 35% 26% 10% Townsville 2,778,000 -42.0% 35% 27% 28% 797,000 -38.6% 3.5 -0.2 5% Outback 0.5% 28% 16% 47% 823,000 -5.6% 4,311,000 5.2 5% n/p Whitsundays 532,000 -0.4% 2,124,000 -4.4% 4.0 62% 18% 14% 3% n/p Fraser Coast 575,000 -4.5% 1,905,000 -11.4% 3.3 n/p 47% 37% 8% 3% Mackay* 939,000 0.6% 3.8% 3.905.000 4.2 n/p 15% 13% 63% 6%

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Total Queensland

International regional comparison					% Proportion of Travel Purpose					
Total Visitors	Visitors	Annual % change	Nights	Annual % change	Length of stay	Nights change	Holiday %	VFR %	Business %	% Share of Total Visitors
Brisbane	273,000	-81.6%	6,306,000	-77.2%	23.1	4.5	46%	31%	8%	55%
Gold Coast	173,000	-84.0%	2,348,000	-76.0%	13.6	4.5	74%	18%	2%	35%
TNQ	133,000	-83.5%	1,451,000	-78.8%	10.9	2.5	89%	7%	2%	27%
Sunshine Coast	56,000	-83.0%	634,000	-77.7%	11.3	2.7	76%	23%	2%	11%
SGBR	23,000	-83.9%	254,000	-87.8%	11.2	-3.6	76%	16%	0%	5%
sqc*	10,000	-24.5%	281,000	-24.1%	28.7	n/p	36%	48%	7%	2%
Townsville	23,000	-81.7%	239,000	-83.5%	10.3	-1.1	75%	16%	2%	5%
Outback	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
Whitsundays	43,000	-80.4%	232,000	-83.1%	5.4	-0.8	95%	2%	1%	9%
Fraser Coast	26,000	-80.3%	168,000	-73.2%	6.5	1.7	89%	9%	1%	5%
Mackay*	7,000	-27.8%	65,000	-28.4%	9.2	n/p	64%	31%	0%	1%
Total Queensland	493,000	-82.3%	12,361,000	-77.5%	25.1	5.3	61%	29%	6%	100%

Notes/Sources:

TNQ= Tropical North Queensland; SGBR = Southern Great Barrier Reef and SQC = Southern Queensland Country

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) changed the way it reports regional statistics. Essentially, the ABS moved from using political boundaries such as local government areas to a framework based on population densities, called the Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS). Statistical Area 2s (SA2s), which represent one level of the ASGS, replace local government areas (LGA) previously used to define tourism region boundaries. SA2 boundaries closely resemble that of the former tourism region boundaries (defined by LGA boundaries) in Queensland with any differences not being material.

The data included in this report is sourced from the National and International Visitor Surveys (NVS & IVS) conducted by Tourism Research Australia (TRA). These are large and comprehensive surveys that provide valuable data on a national, state, and regional level. The variable nature of travel, combined with sampling variability (which all surveys are subject to) means that regional results need to be viewed as indicative only. It is likely that not all segments of the region will experience the changes noted on a regional level.

Tourism Research Australia has transitioned NVS sampling to 100 per cent mobile phone interview (from 50 per cent mobile phone/50 per cent landline) to refelect current phone usage trends. The change in methodology has seen a break in series so please use caution when comparing 2019 to previous year's results.

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Footnotes:

- 1. Annual change refers to the percentage change between the year to the date covered by this report compared to the same period one year prior.
- 2. Trend change refers to the percentage change between the average of the three years to the date covered by this report, compared to the average for the same period one year prior. Trend change has been used to analyse changes for regions with small sample sizes.
- 3. This figure includes "Other" visitors.

^{*} Three-year trend change % 2