

townsville economic *statistics* & facts

THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE has a large presence in Townsville, with a *major army barracks and a RAAF base.*

TOWNSVILLE IS A CITY OF LEARNING with the *world-renowned James Cook University*, a TAFE college, the Australian Institute of Marine Science, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and CSIRO Davies Laboratory among other institutions located here.

NUMEROUS MINES AND REFINERIES are located in Townsville & surrounding areas, making the city a base for fly-in-fly-out miners.

PORT OF TOWNSVILLE handles more than 10 million tonnes of cargo, & moves more than *\$3.5 billion worth of exports*, each year. Major exports are sugar, cattle, fertiliser, mineral concentrates & refined mineral products (copper, lead, nickel & zinc).

 **270,500**

is 2031's projected population growth from today's 190,000 residents

WHO LIVES THERE?

The wider region's projected population is expected to grow from today's 235,000 people to 317,000 by 2031.



The median age of Townsville's population is **33** which is lower than state & national medians

\$70,000  is Townsville's approximate median household income

Townsville is located south of Ingham, east of Charters Towers & north of the Burdekin

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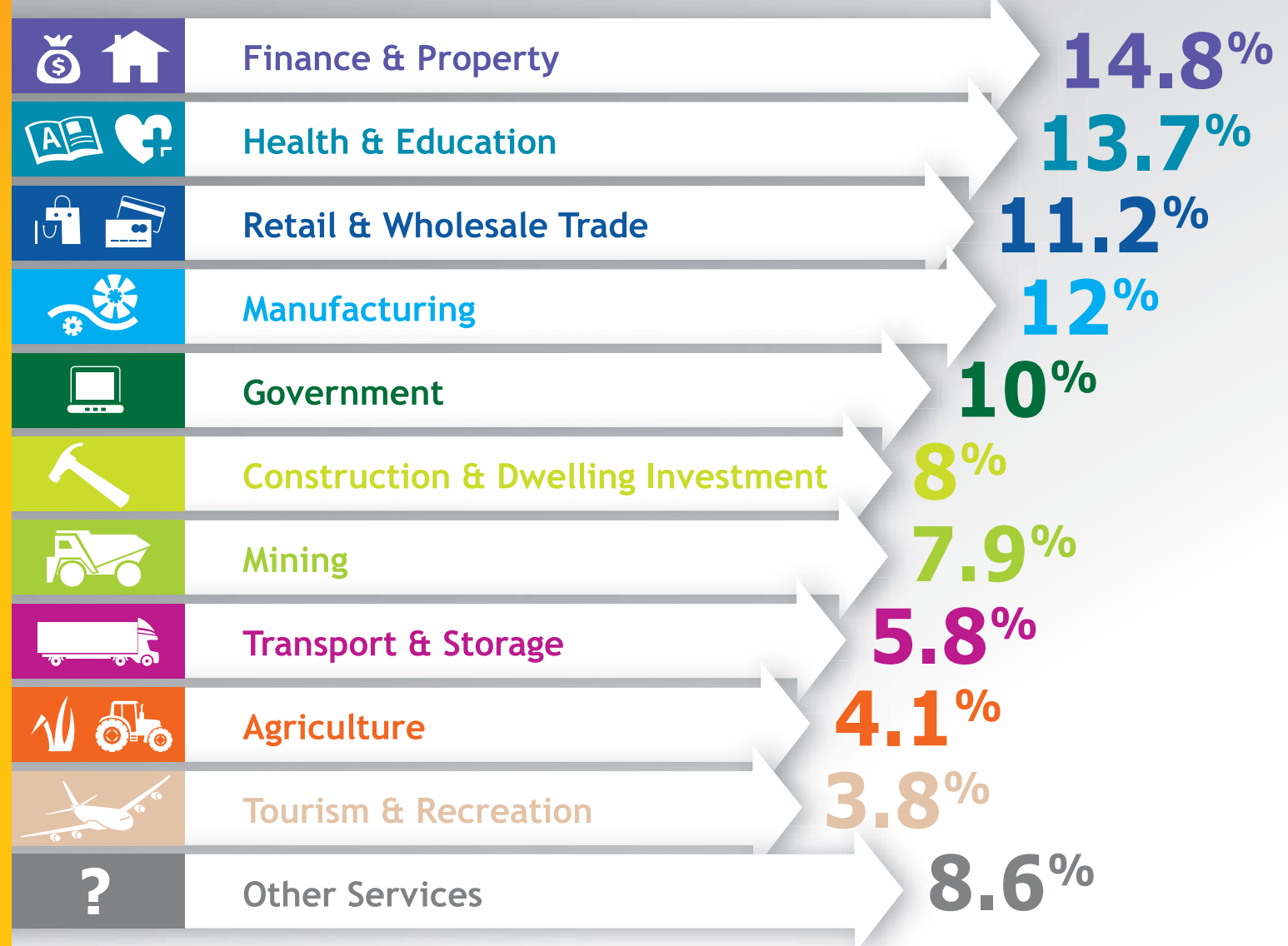
Townsville is *unofficially* known as north Queensland's capital.

TOWNSVILLE IS NORTH QUEENSLAND'S SIGNATURE EVENT HOST, with the annual Australian Festival of Chamber Music, Magnetic Island Race Week (yachts), Townsville Offshore Superboat Championship, & the Full Noise Festival & Groovin The Moo music festivals each year, as well as numerous other expos held in the city annually.

THE WIDER REGION hosts the country's largest *Australia-Italian Festival* (Ingham) & the Charters Towers Country Music Festival.

TOWNSVILLE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS ONLY 4.3% (as at September 2010): making it *much lower* than state & national rates.

Townsville's Major Industries shown in percentages of the district economy



Townsville has a diverse economy that is also one of the fastest growing in Queensland



Townsville hosts national level NRL and NBL teams, as well as the annual Townsville 400 V8 Supercars race

