



What are the unemployment and participation rates for Indigenous Rockhampton residents?

According to 2016 Census data, the unemployment rate for Indigenous people in the Rockhampton LGA was 24.8 per cent, three times higher than for non-Indigenous job seekers (8.3 per cent). The participation rate for Indigenous people was 57.8 per cent.

	Indigenous	Non-indigenous
Unemployment rate (%)	24.8	8.3
Participation rate (%)	57.8	64.8

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016, Rockhampton LGA

What industries are Indigenous residents employed in?

Graph 1 depicts Indigenous employment by selected industries according to 2016 Census data. For example, 19 per cent of Indigenous workers were employed in Health Care and Social Assistance and 10 per cent were employed in Education and Training. Five per cent of Indigenous employment was in the Mining Industry.

Graph 1 Indigenous employment by selected industries



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2011 and 2016, Rockhampton LGA

What is the profile of unemployed people in Rockhampton? Do the skills of unemployed people in Rockhampton align with future employment opportunities in the region?

It is not possible to precisely match the skills of unemployed people with the skill requirements of growth industries. However, 2016 Census data sheds some light on the composition and skills of unemployed people in Rockhampton.

There were 3,470 unemployed people in the Rockhampton LGA, according to 2016 Census data. **Graph 2** depicts a demographic breakdown, showing that the largest age group of unemployed people was 15 to 24 year olds (34% of unemployed people). More than half of unemployed people (59%) were male and 15% identified as Indigenous.





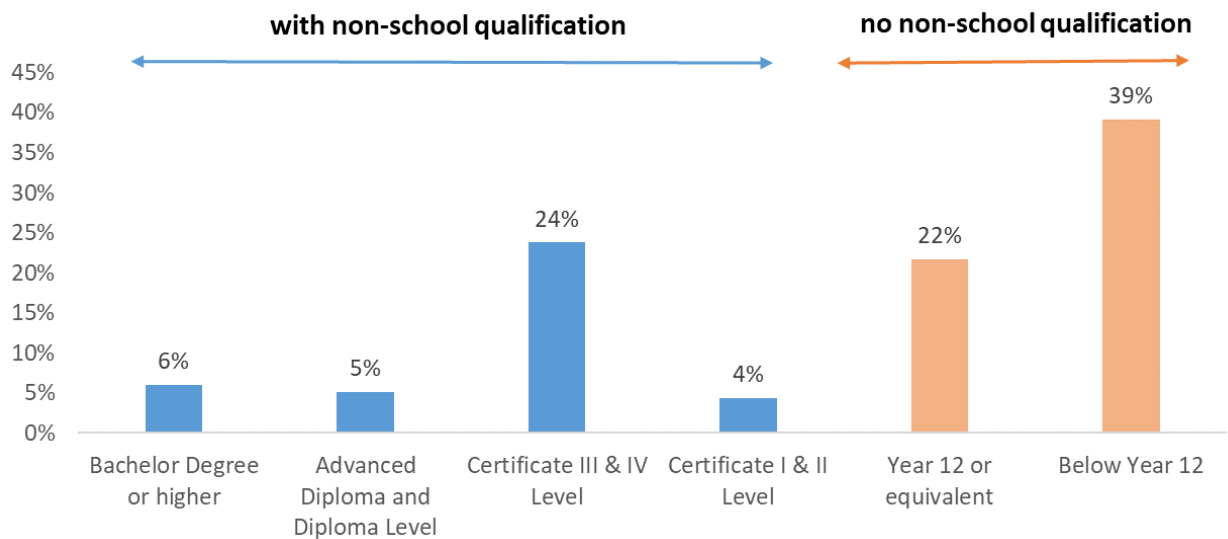
Graph 2. – Demographic information of unemployed in Rockhampton



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016, Rockhampton LGA

Graph 3 shows a breakdown of unemployed people by education level. For example, 6 per cent of unemployed people have a bachelor’s degree or higher, whereas 39 per cent of unemployed people have not completed year 12 and did not have a non-school qualification.

Graph3. – Unemployed by qualification in Rockhampton



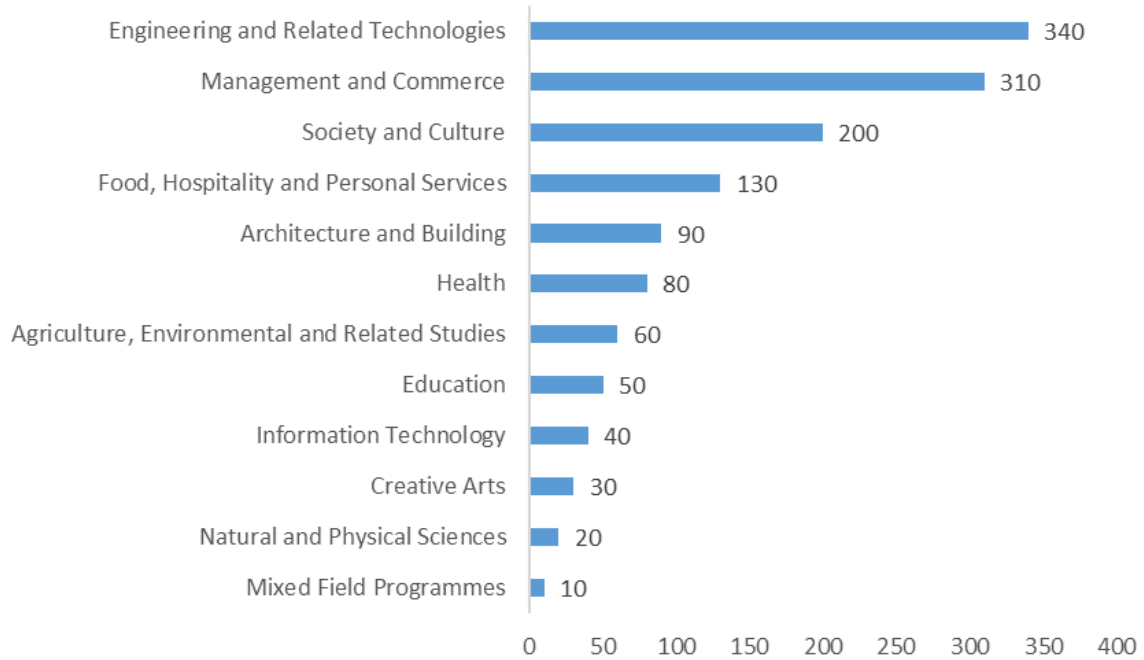
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Graph 4 depicts a breakdown of unemployed people in Rockhampton by field of study for those who had a non-school qualification. For example, 340 unemployed people had a qualification in Engineering and Related Technologies.

Graph 4. – Field of study of unemployed who had a non-school qualification in Rockhampton



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016, Rockhampton LGA

