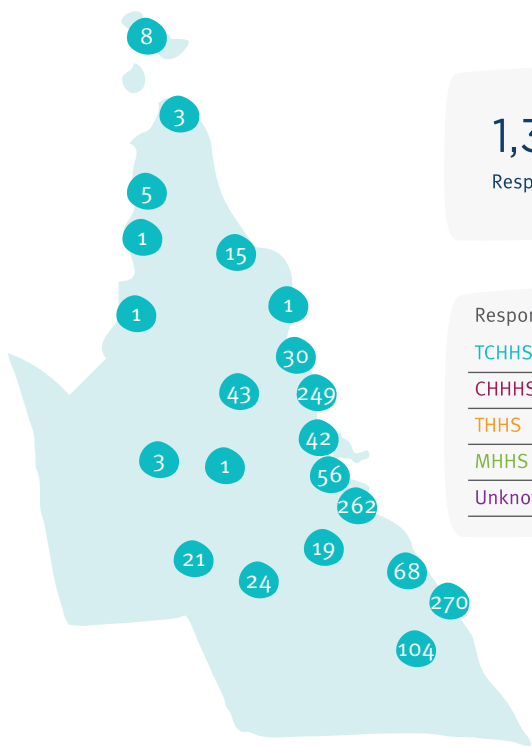


# Joint Regional Needs Assessment

## Survey responses and findings

This feedback / data was gathered over a two month period from July to August 2024.



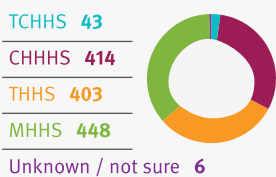
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Responses

694 Consumers / community providers  
352 Health service providers

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HHSs

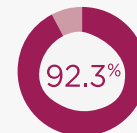
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LGAs

Responses by region



Nearly 10% of respondents identified as either Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin

Majority of respondents were between the ages of 25 to 74 years



LGA	Responses	% Population LGA
Mackay	270	0.22%
Townsville	262	0.13%
Cairns	249	0.14%
Isaac	104	0.47%
Whitsunday	68	0.18%
Hinchinbrook	56	0.51%
Cassowary	51	0.14%
Tablelands	41	0.15%
Douglas	30	0.24%
Flinders	24	1.60%
Richmond	21	2.76%
Charters Towers	19	0.16%
Cook	15	0.33%
Burdekin	15	0.09%
Torres Strait Island	8	0.19%
Croydon	3	1.13%
Napranum	3	0.34%
Yarrabah	2	0.08%
Etheridge	1	1.14%
Hope Vale	1	0.10%
Kowanyama	1	0.09%
Aurukun	1	0.09%

### Emerging themes: Health service providers

- Lack of specialists
- Medication shortages
- Mental health and alcohol and other drugs
- Children with developmental delays
- Older persons (aged care)

### Barriers to accessing care as identified by consumers

- Cost of visiting a health service provider
- Medication shortages
- Cost of medication
- Lack of specialists
- Long distance travel to visit a health service provider

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