

How do I access COMSIS?

Anyone can access COMSIS and registration is free, fast and easy. Simply enter your details into the registration screen at

<https://statistics.qgso.qld.gov.au/comsis>

Once you receive your confirmation email you are ready to go.

What help is available?

COMSIS is easy to use, but initially we suggest you go through the online tutorial that best suits your needs. Use the Quick Start Tutorial to quickly familiarize yourself with the COMSIS online environment. Use the Detailed Tutorials for additional information.

For further assistance, email
COMSIS_support@communities.qld.gov.au

Supporting evidence-based decision making

The public release of COMSIS by the Department supports evidence-based decision making by community services sector organisations. Data in COMSIS can be used in conjunction with other data and local knowledge to build an evidence base.

A strong evidence base is needed for planning effective community services as it helps to identify, prioritise and address unmet needs, to target disadvantaged individuals, families and communities.

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What is available in COMSIS?

COMSIS provides a single comprehensive source of local, regional and statewide information with over 200 datasets.

Data topics available in COMSIS include demography, education, employment, family, housing, income, remoteness and disadvantage.

The data collections are supplied by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and are focused on the identification of social disadvantage across Queensland.

COMSIS is a dynamic database and will be updated as additional or more recent data becomes available, ensuring it remains a current, comprehensive and significant tool for government and the Non-profit Community Services Sector.

Geographic areas/locations

COMSIS enables you to query topics of interest for various geographic areas including Queensland, the Department of Communities' regions, Local Government Areas and Statistical Local Areas.

Regional profiles

COMSIS also provides statewide and regional summaries for each of the seven Department of Communities' regions.

Regional profiles include a combination of maps, graphs, tables and key findings on selected data topics.

Disadvantage-Need-Risk rankings

Disadvantage-Need-Risk (DNR) rankings are a method to identify and rank the high priority groups-locations across Queensland using a combination of measures of disadvantage, need and risk.

Through the release of Disadvantage-Need-Risk analysis, COMSIS supports the Non-profit Community Services Sector to access robust data for use in evidence-based planning. Provision of Disadvantage-Need-Risk rankings provides access to findings of internal research and analysis, without incurring any of the costs associated with research and analysis activities.

Localities with lower Disadvantage-Need-Risk ranking indicate higher need for support services than areas with a higher Disadvantage-Need-Risk ranking. Rankings provide a starting point for local discussion and should not be used in isolation.

Disadvantage-Need-Risk topics in COMSIS include homelessness, volatile substance misuse, youth justice, vulnerable children and families, and youth at risk of unemployment.