

# Population growth, regional Queensland, 2022–23

Source: ABS, *Regional population*, released 26 March 2024

## Key data

**Fastest growing local government area (LGA)<sup>1</sup> in 2022–23:**

Logan (C) ..... ↑ 4.1%

**Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)<sup>1</sup> in 2022–23:**

Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve ..... ↑ 18.4%

<sup>1</sup>Based on the LGAs with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2023.

## Main findings

Notes:

All figures for 30 June 2022 are revised population estimates and figures for 30 June 2023 are preliminary population estimates.

- At 30 June 2023, Brisbane (C), Gold Coast (C) and Moreton Bay (R) were the largest LGAs by population size in both Queensland and Australia (Table 1).
- Seven of Queensland's top 10 LGAs by population size at 30 June 2023 were located in South East Queensland (SEQ). Townsville (C), Toowoomba (R) and Cairns (R) (ranked 7th, 8th and 9th respectively) were located outside SEQ.
- The largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2023 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (39,730 persons), Gold Coast (C) (18,909 persons) and Logan (C) (14,714 persons) (Table 2).
- Of Queensland LGAs with populations of 5,000 or more, Logan (C) recorded the fastest growth rate in the year to 30 June 2023 with 4.1%, followed by Ipswich (C) with 3.5% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was Redbank Plains (located in Ipswich SA4) with 27,198 people (ranked 12th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2023 occurred in Boronia Heights - Park Ridge SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (up 2,042 persons), Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) (up 1,988 persons) and Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (up 1,971 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2023, Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2023 (18.4% or an additional 1,971 persons).

C = City, R = Regional Council, S = Shire

**Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2023, Queensland**

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,323,162
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	666,087
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	510,104
4	7	Logan (C)	377,773
5	8	Sunshine Coast (R)	365,942
6	15	Ipswich (C)	251,148
7	30	Townsville (C)	201,433
8	35	Toowoomba (R)	181,821
9	40	Cairns (R)	175,398
10	46	Redland (C)	166,809

**Table 2 Ten largest growing LGAs<sup>(a)</sup>, Queensland**

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2021–2022	2022–23
		— number —	
1	Brisbane (C)	20,464	39,730
2	Gold Coast (C)	13,580	18,909
3	Logan (C)	12,386	14,714
4	Moreton Bay (R)	12,419	13,332
5	Sunshine Coast (R)	9,270	10,038
6	Ipswich (C)	9,326	8,508
7	Toowoomba (R)	3,132	3,434
8	Cairns (C)	2,735	3,413
9	Townsville (C)	2,677	3,299
10	Redland (C)	2,020	3,080

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2022–23.

**Table 3 Ten fastest growing LGAs<sup>(a)</sup>, Queensland**

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2021–2022	2022–23
		— % —	
1	Logan (C)	3.5	4.1
2	Ipswich (C)	4.0	3.5
3	Whitsunday (R)	2.3	3.1
4	Brisbane (C)	1.6	3.1
5	Gold Coast (C)	2.1	2.9
6	Lockyer Valley (R)	2.1	2.9
7	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.7	2.8
8	Moreton Bay (R)	2.6	2.7
9	Fraser Coast (R)	2.7	2.5
10	Livingstone (S)	2.6	2.5

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2023.