Population by age and sex, regional Queensland, 2014

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Note: Commentary for estimated resident population as at 30 June 2009 are finalised and estimated resident population as at 30 June 2014 are preliminary. Data for local government area are based on the 2014 Australian Statistical Geography Standard.

Age structure

- The estimated resident population (ERP) of Queensland increased from 4,328,771 to 4,722,447 from 30 June 2009 to 30 June 2014, an average annual increase of 1.8%. The age structure within Queensland over the five year period has changed. The largest percentage point increase from 30 June 2009 to 30 June 2014 was in females aged 65 to 69 years (up 0.8 of a percentage point of total females), while males aged 35 to 39 years had the largest percentage point decrease (0.9 of a percentage point of total males) (Figure 1).

![Figure 1: Population by age and sex at 30 June, Queensland](image)

Median age

- In the five years to 30 June 2014, the median age of Queensland’s population increased by 0.6 years (from 36.2 years to 36.8 years). Over the same period, the median age of males increased from 35.6 to 36.0 years, and the median age of females increased from 36.9 to 37.5 years.

- There were large variations in age structure among Queensland’s local government areas (LGAs) at 30 June 2014 (Figure 2). The highest median age was recorded in Hinchinbrook Shire LGA at 47.4 years and the LGAs with the lowest median ages were predominantly Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities including Yarrabah Shire LGA (22.9 years) and Cherbourg Shire LGA (23.8 years).

Child dependency ratio

- Queensland’s ‘child dependency ratio’ (the number of children aged 0 to 14 years per 100 persons aged 15 to 64 years) increased marginally from 29.8 as at 30 June 2009 to 29.9 as at 30 June 2014.

- As at 30 June 2014, the LGA of Cherbourg Shire had the highest dependency ratio with 56.8 and Diamantina Shire had the lowest dependency ratio with 16.6.

Working-age population

- As at 30 June 2014, 66.2% of Queensland’s population was within the working-age population (those aged 15 to 64 years), a decrease from 67.5% as at 30 June 2009.

- As at 30 June 2014, Diamantina Shire LGA had the highest percentage of population within the working-age range (78.4%). Fraser Coast Regional LGA had the smallest percentage of working-age population (58.1%).

Persons aged 65 years and over

- The percentage of Queensland’s population aged 65 years and over as at 30 June 2014 was 14.0%, an increase of 1.6 percentage points from 30 June 2009 (12.4%).

- As at 30 June 2014, the percentage of population aged 65 years and over ranged from 23.5% in Hinchinbrook Shire LGA to 1.7% in Doomadgee Shire LGA.

- Queensland’s ‘aged dependency ratio’ (ratio of those aged 65 years and over per 100 persons aged 15 to 64 years) increased from 18.4 as at 30 June 2009 to 21.1 at 30 June 2014.

- As at 30 June 2014, Fraser Coast Regional LGA had the highest aged dependency ratio with 40.3, while Doomadgee Shire LGA had the lowest (2.7).

Sex ratio

- There were 99.3 males for every 100 females in Queensland as at 30 June 2014, similar to the ratio of 99.8 as at 30 June 2009.

- As at 30 June 2014, the ratio of males to females in Queensland LGAs ranged from 163.4 males for every 100 females in Croydon Shire to 87.5 males for every 100 females in Lockhart River Shire.
Figure 2: Median age, LGAs in Queensland, 30 June 2014