Population by age and sex, regional Queensland, 2013

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Note: Commentary for estimated resident population at 30 June 2008 are finalised and at 30 June 2013, preliminary. Data for local government areas are based on the 2013 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

Age structure

- The estimated resident population (ERP) of Queensland increased from 4,219,505 to 4,655,011 persons from 30 June 2008 to 30 June 2013, an average annual increase of 2.0%. The age structure within Queensland over the five year period has changed (Figure 1). The largest percentage point increase from 30 June 2008 to 2013 was in females aged 65–69 years (up 0.8 percentage point), while females aged 35–39 years had the largest percentage point decrease (0.9 percentage point).

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

Median age

- In the five years to 30 June 2013, the median age of Queensland’s population increased by 0.4 years (from 36.2 years to 36.6 years). Over the same period, the median age of males increased from 35.6 to 35.9 years, and the median age of females increased from 36.8 to 37.3 years.

- There were large variations in age structure among Queensland’s local government areas (LGAs) at 30 June 2013 (Figure 2). The highest median age was recorded in Hinchinbrook (S) with 46.9 years and the LGAs with the lowest median ages were predominantly Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities including Yarrabah (S) and Cherbourg (S) with 22.5 years each.

Child dependency ratio

- Queensland’s ‘child dependency ratio’ (the ratio of children aged 0–14 compared with those of working age (15–64 years) decreased marginally from 29.9% at 30 June 2008 to 29.8% at 30 June 2013).

- At 30 June 2013, the LGA of Mornington (S) had the highest dependency ratio with 59.3% and Diamantina (S) had the lowest with 14.6%.

Working-age population

- At 30 June 2013, 66.5% of Queensland’s population was within the working age population (those aged 15–64 years), a decrease from 67.5% at 30 June 2008.

- Diamantina (S) had the highest percentage of population within the working-age range (79.8%) at 30 June 2013. Fraser Coast (R) had the smallest percentage of working-age population (58.7%).

People aged 65 years and over

- The percentage of Queensland’s population aged 65 years and over at 30 June 2013 was 13.6%, an increase of 1.4 percentage points from 30 June 2008 (12.2%).

- At 30 June 2013, the percentage of population aged 65 years and over ranged from 23.0% in Hinchinbrook (S) to 1.7% in Doomadgee (S).

- Queensland’s ‘aged dependency ratio’ (ratio of those aged 65 years and over to the working ages of 15–64 years) increased from 18.1% at 30 June 2008 to 20.5% at 30 June 2013.

- At 30 June 2013, Fraser Coast (R) had the highest aged dependency ratio with 38.6%, while Doomadgee (S) had the lowest (2.8%).

Sex ratio

- There were 99.5 males per 100 females in Queensland at 30 June 2013, similar to the ratio of 99.8 at 30 June 2008.

- At 30 June 2013, the ratio of males to females in Queensland LGAs ranged from 163.9 males per 100 females in Croydon (S) to 87.6 males per 100 females in Lockhart River (S).

(C) = City, (R) = Regional Council, (S) = Shire, (T) = Town

1 Based on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), 2013.
Figure 2: Median age, LGAs in Queensland, 30 June 2013

LEGEND
Median Age
- 40 years or more
- 35 to less than 40 years
- 30 to less than 35 years
- Less than 30 years

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