Population by age and sex, regions of Queensland, 2015

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Note: Commentary for estimated resident population as at 30 June 2010 are finalised and estimated resident population as at 30 June 2015 are preliminary. Data for local government area are based on the 2015 Australian Statistical Geography Standard.

Age structure

- The estimated resident population (ERP) of Queensland increased from 4,404,744 to 4,778,854 from 30 June 2010 to 30 June 2015, an average annual increase of 1.6%. The age structure within Queensland over the five year period has changed (Figure 1). The largest percentage point increase from 30 June 2010 to 2015 was in females aged 65–69 years (up 0.7 of a percentage point), while males aged 35–39 years had the largest percentage point decrease (0.9 of a percentage point).

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

Median age

- In the five years to 30 June 2015, the median age of Queensland’s population increased by 0.5 years (from 36.4 years to 36.9 years). Over the same period, the median age of males increased from 35.7 to 36.1 years, and the median age of females increased from 37.0 to 37.6 years.

- There were large variations in age structure among Queensland’s local government areas (LGAs) at 30 June 2015 (Figure 2). The highest median age was recorded in Hinchinbrook Shire LGA with 47.9 years and the LGAs with the lowest median ages were predominantly Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities including Cherbourg Shire LGA (22.4 years) and Yarrabah Shire LGA (23.4 years).

Child dependency ratio

- Queensland’s ‘child dependency ratio’ (the ratio of children aged 0–14 compared with those of working age 15–64 years) increased marginally from 29.8% as at 30 June 2010 to 30.0% as at 30 June 2015.

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Working–age population

- As at 30 June 2015, the LGA of Cherbourg Shire had the highest dependency ratio with 56.6% and Diamantina Shire had the lowest dependency ratio with 13.5%.

People aged 65 years and over

- The percentage of Queensland’s population aged 65 years and over as at 30 June 2015 was 14.4%, an increase of 1.7 percentage points from 30 June 2010 (12.7%).

- As at 30 June 2015, the percentage of population aged 65 years and over ranged from 24.3% in Fraser Coast Regional LGA to 1.9% in Doomadgee Shire LGA.

- Queensland’s ‘aged dependency ratio’ (ratio of those aged 65 years and over to the working ages of 15–64 years) increased from 18.8% as at 30 June 2010 to 21.8% at 30 June 2015.

- As at 30 June 2015, Fraser Coast Regional LGA had the highest aged dependency ratio with 42.3%, while Doomadgee Shire LGA had the lowest (2.9%).

Sex ratio

- There were 99.1 males for every 100 females in Queensland as at 30 June 2015, lower than the ratio of 99.7 as at 30 June 2010.

- As at 30 June 2015, the ratio of males to females in Queensland LGAs ranged from 161.8 males for every 100 females in Cloncurry Shire LGA to 89.9 males for every 100 females in Woorabinda Shire LGA.
Figure 2  Median age, Local Government Areas in Queensland, 30 June 2015

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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