

Population Growth, Regional Queensland, 2012–13

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Key data

Fastest growing Local government area (LGA)¹ in 2012–13:

Gladstone (R) ↑ 4.1%

Fastest growing Statistical Area, Level 2 (SA2)¹ in 2012–13:

Pimpama..... ↑ 15.8%

¹Based on the LGAs and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2013.

Main findings

Note: SA2 geographies are defined under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2011. LGA geographies are defined under the ASGS, July 2013. As such, the LGA de-amalgamations that occurred 1 January 2014 have not been incorporated in this release. All figures for 30 June 2012 are revised and figures for 30 June 2013 are preliminary.

- At 30 June 2013, Brisbane (C), Gold Coast (C), Moreton Bay (R) and Sunshine Coast (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 2013 were located in South East Queensland (SEQ). Townsville (C), Cairns (R) and Toowoomba (R) (ranked 6th, 8th and 9th respectively) were located outside SEQ.
- The largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2013 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (20,859), Gold Coast (C) (11,028) and Moreton Bay (R) (8,581) (Table 2).
- Of Queensland LGAs with populations of 2,000 or more, Gladstone (R) recorded the fastest growth rate in the year to 30 June 2013 with 4.1%, followed by Weipa (T) with 3.8% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was Southport (located in Gold Coast SA4) with 30,602 people (ranked 18th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2013 occurred in Upper Coomera - Willow Vale SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) (up 2,062), North Lakes - Mango Hill SA2 (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) (up 1,931) and Deeragun SA2 (located in Townsville SA4) (up 1,545).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2013, Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2013 (15.8% or an additional 591 persons).

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Table 1: Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2013, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,131,191
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	537,844
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	408,914
4	4	Sunshine Coast (R) ^(a)	330,498
5	6	Logan (C)	300,667
6	20	Townsville (C)	189,238
7	24	Ipswich (C)	183,105
8	30	Cairns (R) ^(a)	168,618
9	35	Toowoomba (R)	160,251
10	46	Redland (C)	147,437

(a) Based on LGAs prior to the de-amalgamation.

Table 2: Ten largest growing LGAs^(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2011–12	2012–13
— number —			
1	Brisbane (C)	20,453	20,859
2	Gold Coast (C)	11,614	11,028
3	Moreton Bay (R)	10,282	8,581
4	Logan (C)	6,632	6,561
5	Sunshine Coast (R) ^(b)	6,115	6,104
6	Ipswich (C)	5,571	5,334
7	Townsville (C)	4,432	4,692
8	Cairns (R) ^(b)	3,220	3,220
9	Mackay (R)	3,202	2,747
10	Rockhampton (R) ^(b)	3,057	2,653

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2012–13.

(b) Based on LGAs prior to the de-amalgamation.

Table 3: Ten fastest growing LGAs^(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2011–12	2012–13
— % —			
1	Gladstone (R)	3.4	4.1
2	Weipa (T)	6.8	3.8
3	Somerset (R)	1.7	3.2
4	Lockyer Valley (R)	1.8	3.1
5	Ipswich (C)	3.2	3.0
6	Townsville (C)	2.5	2.5
7	Central Highlands (R)	3.3	2.5
8	Mackay (R)	2.8	2.3
9	Rockhampton (R) ^(b)	2.7	2.3
10	Logan (C)	2.3	2.2

(a) Based on LGAs with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2013.

(b) Based on Rockhampton (R) prior to the de-amalgamation.

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

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