

# Population Growth, Regional Queensland, 2013–14

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## Key data

### Fastest growing Local Government Area (LGA)<sup>1</sup> in 2013–14:

Northern Peninsula Area (R) ..... ↑ 4.1%

### Fastest growing Statistical Area, Level 2 (SA2)<sup>1</sup> in 2013–14:

Pimpama..... ↑ 16.7%

<sup>1</sup>Based on the LGAs and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2014.

## Main findings

Note: SA2 geographies are defined under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2011. LGA geographies are defined under the ASGS, July 2014. All figures for 30 June 2013 are revised and figures for 30 June 2014 are preliminary.

- At 30 June 2014, 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 2014 were located in South East Queensland (SEQ). Townsville (C), Toowoomba (R) and Cairns (R) (ranked 6th, 8th and 9th respectively) were located outside SEQ.
- The largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2014 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (16,941), Gold Coast (C) (8,790) and Moreton Bay (R) (8,480) (Table 2).
- Of Queensland LGAs with populations of 2,000 or more, Northern Peninsula Area (R) recorded the fastest growth rate in the year to 30 June 2014 with 4.1%, followed by Gladstone (R) with 3.5% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was Southport (located in Gold Coast SA4) with 31,064 people (ranked 21st most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2014 occurred in North Lakes - Mango Hill SA2 (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) (up 2,248), Deeragun SA2 (located in Townsville SA4) (up 1,525) and Upper Coomera - Willow Vale SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) (up 1,084).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2014, Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2014 (16.7% or an additional 719 persons).

**Table 1: Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2014, Queensland**

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,146,787
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	546,067
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	417,137
4	5	Logan (C)	305,110
5	7	Sunshine Coast (R)	282,822
6	20	Townsville (C)	192,038
7	23	Ipswich (C)	188,047
8	35	Toowoomba (R)	161,970
9	38	Cairns (R)	158,985
10	48	Redland (C)	148,641

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2012–13	2013–14
— number —			
1	Brisbane (C)	19,514	16,941
2	Gold Coast (C)	10,461	8,790
3	Moreton Bay (R)	8,324	8,480
4	Ipswich (C)	5,130	5,146
5	Sunshine Coast (R)	5,113	4,986
6	Logan (C)	6,243	4,761
7	Townsville (C)	4,471	3,021
8	Gladstone (R)	2,423	2,209
9	Cairns (R)	2,861	2,051
10	Toowoomba (R)	2,408	1,811

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2013–14.

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2012–13	2013–14
— % —			
1	Northern Peninsula Area (R)	1.7	4.1
2	Gladstone (R)	3.9	3.5
3	Somerset (R)	3.1	3.0
4	Scenic Rim (R)	1.5	2.9
5	Ipswich (C)	2.9	2.8
6	Livingstone (S)	2.9	2.6
7	Moreton Bay (R)	2.1	2.1
8	Lockyer Valley (R)	3.0	1.9
9	Sunshine Coast (R)	1.9	1.8
10	Weipa (T)	3.7	1.7

(a) Based on LGAs with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2014.

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

