

# Population growth, regional Queensland, 2014–15

Source: ABS 3218.0, released 30 March 2016

## Key data

### Fastest growing local government area (LGA)<sup>1</sup> in 2014–15:

Ipswich (C) ..... ↑ 2.7%

### Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)<sup>1</sup> in 2014–15:

Pimpama ..... ↑ 20.0%

<sup>1</sup> Based on the LGAs with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2015.

## Main findings

Note: SA2 geographies are defined under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2011. LGA geographies are defined under the ASGS, July 2015. All figures for 30 June 2014 are revised and figures for 30 June 2015 are preliminary.

- At 30 June 2015, 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 2015 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 2015 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (15,866 persons), Gold Coast (C) (9,757 persons) and Moreton Bay (R) (8,512 persons) (Table 2).
- Of Queensland LGAs with populations of 5,000 or more, Ipswich (C) recorded the fastest growth rate in the year to 30 June 2015 with 2.7%, followed by Gladstone (R) with 2.1% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was Southport (located in Gold Coast SA4) with 31,974 persons (ranked 21st most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2015 occurred in North Lakes - Mango Hill SA2 (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) (up 2,531 persons), Upper Coomera - Willow Vale SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) (up 1,502 persons) and Deeragun SA2 (located in Townsville SA4) (up 1,293 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2015, Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2015 (20.0% or an additional 1,006 persons).

**Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2015, Queensland**

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,162,186
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	555,608
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	425,482
4	5	Logan (C)	308,681
5	7	Sunshine Coast (R)	287,539
6	23	Townsville (C)	193,946
7	24	Ipswich (C)	193,015
8	35	Toowoomba (R)	163,232
9	37	Cairns (R)	160,285
10	48	Redland (C)	149,989

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2013–14	2014–15
— number —			
1	Brisbane (C)	16,613	15,866
2	Gold Coast (C)	8,635	9,757
3	Moreton Bay (R)	8,360	8,512
4	Ipswich (C)	5,094	5,042
5	Sunshine Coast (R)	4,898	4,837
6	Logan (C)	4,386	3,981
7	Townsville (C)	2,966	1,968
8	Cairns (R)	1,919	1,450
9	Gladstone (R)	2,191	1,393
10	Toowoomba (R)	1,766	1,330

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2014–15.

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2013–14	2014–15
— % —			
1	Ipswich (C)	2.8	2.7
2	Gladstone (R)	3.4	2.1
3	Moreton Bay (R)	2.0	2.0
4	Gold Coast (C)	1.6	1.8
5	Livingstone (S)	2.6	1.8
6	Sunshine Coast (R)	1.8	1.7
7	Mareeba (S)	0.8	1.4
8	Brisbane (C)	1.5	1.4
9	Logan (C)	1.5	1.3
10	Lockyer Valley (R)	1.8	1.3

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2015.

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