

# Population growth, regional Queensland, 2016–17

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## Key data

### Fastest growing local government area (LGA)<sup>1</sup> in 2016–17:

Ipswich (C)..... ↑ 3.2%

### Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)<sup>1</sup> in 2016–17:

Pimpama..... ↑ 30.8%

<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 2017.

## Main findings

### Notes:

The estimates in this publication are the first to be prepared using the component method, which enables population change to be broken down into the components of natural increase, net internal and overseas migration.

SA2 and LGA geographies are defined under the ASGS, July 2016 and ASGS, July 2017 respectively. All figures for 30 June 2016 are preliminary rebased and figures for 30 June 2017 are preliminary.

- At 30 June 2017, 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 2017 were located in South East Queensland (SEQ). Townsville (C), Toowoomba (R) and Cairns (R) (ranked 7th, 8th and 9th respectively) were located outside SEQ.
- The largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2017 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (22,392 persons), Gold Coast (C) (15,412 persons) and Moreton Bay (R) (9,805 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 2017 with 3.2%, followed by Sunshine Coast (R) with 2.7% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was Upper Coomera - Willow Vale (located in Gold Coast SA4) with 33,507 people (ranked 10th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2017 occurred in Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) (up 2,966 persons), Jimboomba SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (up 2,103 persons) and North Lakes - Mango Hill SA2 (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) (up 2,084 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2017, Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2017 (30.8% or an additional 2,966 persons).

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

**Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2017, Queensland**

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population
			number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,206,607
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	592,330
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	448,118
4	8	Logan (C)	319,652
5	9	Sunshine Coast (R)	311,551
6	24	Ipswich (C)	206,467
7	30	Townsville (C)	193,601
8	37	Toowoomba (R)	166,409
9	38	Cairns (R)	164,536
10	50	Redland (C)	154,312

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2015–16	2016–17
		— number —	
1	Brisbane (C)	18,301	22,392
2	Gold Coast (C)	13,562	15,412
3	Moreton Bay (R)	9,771	9,805
4	Sunshine Coast (R)	7,406	8,162
5	Ipswich (C)	5,685	6,344
6	Logan (C)	4,787	5,867
7	Redland (C)	1,946	2,325
8	Cairns (R)	1,680	2,085
9	Toowoomba (R)	1,352	1,814
10	Townsville (C)	1,332	1,543

(a) Based on LGAs with the largest growth during 2016–17.

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2015–16	2016–17
		— % —	
1	Ipswich (C)	2.9	3.2
2	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.5	2.7
3	Gold Coast (C)	2.4	2.7
4	Moreton Bay (R)	2.3	2.2
5	Brisbane (C)	1.6	1.9
6	Logan (C)	1.5	1.9
7	Scenic Rim (R)	1.6	1.9
8	Lockyer Valley (R)	1.6	1.8
9	Douglas (S)	1.4	1.6
10	Redland (C)	1.3	1.5

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2017.