

**Main Features**

**Preliminary estimated resident population at June 2001**

Queensland	3,627,816
<i>Percentage share of Australia</i>	<i>18.7%</i>
Australia	19,386,663

**Capital City Statistical Division share of State (June 2001)**

Brisbane	46%
Sydney	63%
Melbourne	73%
Australia	64%

**Population growth (12 months to June 2001)**

Queensland	↑	1.7%
Western Australia	↑	1.4%
Victoria	↑	1.3%
Australia	↑	1.2%

**Commentary**

- Queensland's estimated resident population at June 2001 was 3,627,816 persons (representing 18.7% of Australia's population).
- Queensland's population increased by 61,002 persons during the twelve months to June 2001. The rate of growth (1.7%) was the fastest within Australia, followed by Western Australia (1.4%) and Victoria (1.3%).
- Two thirds of Queensland's 125 local government areas experienced population growth or had a constant population in the year ended June 2001. Of the 41 local government areas that recorded a decline in population, 28 of these lost only 25 persons or less during the year.
- Queensland is the most decentralised State in mainland Australia. At June 2001, only 46% of Queensland's population resided in the Statistical Division (SD) of Brisbane. This compared with 73% of persons in Victoria residing in the Melbourne SD and 63% of persons in New South Wales residing in the Sydney SD.
- Brisbane (1.8%) recorded the highest population increase of all the capital cities during 2000-01, followed by Darwin (1.7%) and Melbourne (1.6%).

- Within Queensland, the largest population increases to June 2001 occurred in Brisbane City (17,232 persons), Gold Coast City (13,044 persons), Maroochy Shire (3,384 persons) and Redland Shire (3,381 persons).
- Brisbane City and Gold Coast City were ranked first and second in Australia in terms of population increase. The shires of Maroochy and Redland were ranked ninth and tenth respectively.

**Table 1: Top ten population increases by local government area (LGA), Queensland, year ending June 2001**

Qld Ranking	Aust Ranking	LGA	Increase (Number)
1	1	Brisbane City	17,232
2	2	Gold Coast City	13,044
3	9	Maroochy Shire	3,384
4	10	Redland Shire	3,381
5	12	Pine Rivers Shire	3,146
6	32	Caloundra City	1,775
7	42	Mackay City	1,467
8	44	Logan City	1,434
9	46	Thuringowa City	1,427
10	52	Townsville City	1,215

**Figure 1: Capital City Statistical Division Population as a Proportion of State, June 2001**

