



Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 June 2007:

Queensland	4,182,062
<i>Percentage share of Australia</i>	<i>19.9%</i>
Australia	21,017,222

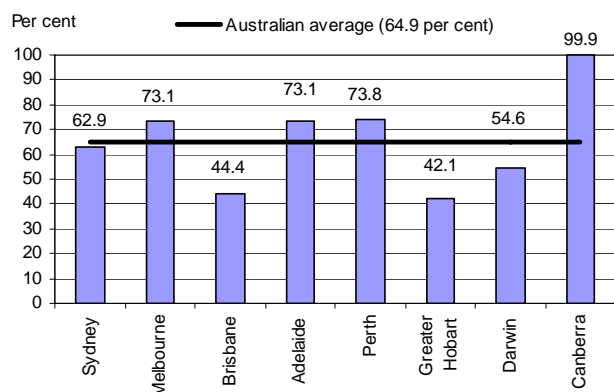
Capital city statistical division population and share of state population at 30 June 2007:

	persons	% share
Sydney	4,336,374	62.9
Melbourne	3,806,092	73.1
Brisbane	1,857,594	44.4
Adelaide	1,158,259	73.1
Perth	1,554,769	73.8
Greater Hobart	207,484	42.1

Commentary

- Data in this publication are based on the 2007 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Queensland local government areas in this edition reflect the boundaries existing prior to the implementation of the Queensland Government reform of the state's local government system at 15 March 2008.
- Queensland's estimated resident population at 30 June 2007 was 4,182,062 persons. Queensland's population as a proportion of the national population increased from 18.9% in June 2002 to 19.9% in June 2007.
- Queensland is the most decentralised state in mainland Australia. In June 2007, only 44.4% of Queensland's population resided in Brisbane Statistical Division (SD). In comparison, 73.8% of persons in Western Australia resided in Perth SD, 73.1% of persons in Victoria resided in Melbourne SD and 62.9% of persons in New South Wales resided in Sydney SD.

Figure 1: Capital city statistical division share of state population at 30 June 2007



- Perth SD (2.3%) and Brisbane SD (2.0%) recorded the highest state capital city SD population growth rates in the 12 months to 30 June 2007, followed by Melbourne SD (1.6%), Sydney SD (1.2%), Adelaide SD (1.1%) and Greater Hobart SD (0.9%).
- The population of the Brisbane City local government area reached one million persons for the first time at 30 June 2007. Brisbane remains the most populous local government area in Queensland and Australia. Eight of the top ten local government areas by population in Queensland at 30 June 2007 were located in South East Queensland. Only Cairns City and Townsville City (ranked 7th and 10th respectively) were located outside the south east corner of the state.

Table 1: Ten largest local government areas by population at 30 June 2007, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust ranking	Local government area	Population (number)
1	1	Brisbane City	1,007,901
2	2	Gold Coast City	524,667
3	11	Logan City	180,358
4	23	Maroochy Shire	157,238
5	30	Pine Rivers Shire	150,268
6	31	Ipswich City	148,700
7	39	Cairns City	140,913
8	40	Caboolture Shire	139,707
9	43	Redland Shire	133,723
10	58	Townsville City	103,702

- Of the local government areas in Queensland, the largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2007 occurred in Gold Coast City (17,228 persons), followed by Brisbane City (15,725 persons) and Pine Rivers Shire (5,408 persons).

Table 2: Ten largest population increases by local government area, 12 months to 30 June 2007, Queensland

Qld ranking	Local government area	Population increase (number)
1	Gold Coast City	17,228
2	Brisbane City	15,725
3	Pine Rivers Shire	5,408
4	Ipswich City	5,051
5	Maroochy Shire	4,574
6	Cairns City	4,355
7	Caboolture Shire	4,348
8	Caloundra City	2,892
9	Thuringowa City	2,847
10	Hervey Bay City	2,754