

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 June 2008:

Queensland	4,293,915
<i>Percentage share of Australia</i>	<i>20.0%</i>
Australia	21,431,781

State capital city statistical division population and share of state population at 30 June 2008:

	persons	% share
Sydney	4,399,722	63.0
Melbourne	3,892,419	73.3
Brisbane	1,945,639	45.3
Adelaide	1,172,105	73.1
Perth	1,602,559	73.8
Greater Hobart	209,287	42.1

Commentary

- Data in this publication are based on the 2008 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), which include reformed Queensland local government areas.
- Queensland's estimated resident population at 30 June 2008 was 4,293,915 persons. Queensland's population as a proportion of the national population increased from 19.2% in June 2003 to 20.0% in June 2008.
- Queensland is the most decentralised state in mainland Australia. In June 2008, only 45.3% of Queensland's population resided in Brisbane Statistical Division (SD). In comparison, 73.8% of persons in Western Australia resided in Perth SD, 73.3% of persons in Victoria resided in Melbourne SD and 73.1% of persons in South Australia resided in Adelaide SD.
- Brisbane remains the most populous local government area in Queensland and Australia. Seven of the top ten local government areas by population size in Queensland at 30 June 2008 were located in South East Queensland. Only Townsville City, Cairns City and Toowoomba Regional Council (ranked 6th, 7th and 8th respectively) were located outside the south east corner of the state (Table 1).
- Of the local government areas in Queensland, the largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2008 occurred in Brisbane City (17,368 persons), followed by Gold Coast City (13,210 persons) and Moreton Bay Regional Council (11,831 persons) (Table 2).
- Ipswich City (4.1%) and Cairns Regional Council (3.9%) recorded the fastest growth rates in Queensland in the 12 months ending 30 June 2008 (Table 3).

Table 1: Ten largest local government areas by population at 30 June 2008, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust ranking	Local government area*	Population (number)
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,027,847
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	497,848
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	356,709
4	4	Sunshine Coast (R)	312,804
5	6	Logan (C)	269,986
6	18	Townsville (C)	175,542
7	28	Cairns (R)	158,653
8	30	Toowoomba (R)	155,124
9	31	Ipswich (C)	154,153
10	45	Redland (C)	136,944

Table 2: Ten largest population increases by local government area, 12 months to 30 June 2008, Queensland

Qld ranking	Local government area*	Population increase (number)
1	Brisbane (C)	17,368
2	Gold Coast (C)	13,210
3	Moreton Bay (R)	11,831
4	Sunshine Coast (R)	8,734
5	Ipswich (C)	6,104
6	Cairns (R)	5,985
7	Logan (C)	5,225
8	Townsville (C)	5,134
9	Fraser Coast (R)	3,124
10	Redland (C)	2,876

Table 3: Ten fastest population increases by local government area (a), 12 months to 30 June 2008, Queensland

Qld ranking	Local government area*	Population increase (per cent)
1	Ipswich (C)	4.1
2	Cairns (R)	3.9
3	Moreton Bay (R)	3.4
4	Torres (S)	3.4
5	Fraser Coast (R)	3.4
6	Gladstone (R)	3.4
7	Lockyer Valley (R)	3.3
8	Whitsunday (R)	3.1
9	Townsville (C)	3.0
10	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.9

(a) Populations of less than 2,000 people at 30 June 2007 have been excluded from the fastest growth rankings.

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