

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 June 2009:

Queensland	4,425,103
<i>Percentage share of Australia</i>	20.2%
Australia	21,955,256

State capital city statistical division population and share of state population at 30 June 2009:

	persons	% share
Sydney	4,504,469	63.1
Melbourne	3,995,537	73.4
Brisbane	2,004,262	45.3
Adelaide	1,187,466	73.1
Perth	1,658,992	73.9
Greater Hobart	212,019	42.1

Commentary

- Queensland's estimated resident population at 30 June 2009 was 4,425,103 persons. Queensland's population as a proportion of the national population has increased from 19.4% in June 2004 to 20.2% in June 2009.
- Queensland is the most decentralised state in mainland Australia. In June 2009, only 45.3% of Queensland's population resided in Brisbane Statistical Division (SD). In comparison, 73.9% of persons in Western Australia resided in Perth SD, 73.4% of persons in Victoria resided in Melbourne SD and 73.1% of persons in South Australia resided in Adelaide SD.
- Brisbane Statistical Division reached the population milestone of two million for the first time, at 30 June 2009.
- 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 2009 were located in South East Queensland. Only Townsville City, Cairns City and Toowoomba Regional Council (ranked 6th, 7th and 9th 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 2009 occurred in Brisbane City (21,161 persons), followed by Gold Coast City (15,643 persons) and Moreton Bay Regional Council (13,260 persons) (Table 2).
- Ipswich City (5.0%), Lockyer Valley Regional Council (4.6%) and Somerset Regional Council (4.5%) recorded the fastest growth rates in Queensland in the 12 months ending 30 June 2009 (Table 3).

Table 1: Ten largest local government areas by population at 30 June 2009, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust ranking	Local government area*	Population (number)
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,052,458
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	515,157
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	371,162
4	4	Sunshine Coast (R)	323,423
5	6	Logan (C)	277,568
6	18	Townsville (C)	181,743
7	26	Cairns (R)	164,356
8	27	Ipswich (C)	162,383
9	31	Toowoomba (R)	159,098
10	46	Redland (C)	140,691

Table 2: Ten largest population increases by local government area, 12 months to 30 June 2009, Queensland

Qld ranking	Local government area*	Population increase (number)
1	Brisbane (C)	21,161
2	Gold Coast (C)	15,643
3	Moreton Bay (R)	13,260
4	Sunshine Coast (R)	9,572
5	Ipswich (C)	7,714
6	Logan (C)	6,680
7	Townsville (C)	5,606
8	Cairns (R)	5,172
9	Fraser Coast (R)	3,504
10	Toowoomba (R)	3,454

Table 3: Ten fastest population increases by local government area (a), 12 months to 30 June 2009, Queensland

Qld ranking	Local government area*	Population increase (per cent)
1	Ipswich (C)	5.0
2	Lockyer Valley (R)	4.6
3	Somerset (R)	4.5
4	Gympie (R)	3.8
5	Moreton Bay (R)	3.7
6	Fraser Coast (R)	3.6
7	Central Highlands (R)	3.6
8	Cairns (R)	3.2
9	Gladstone (R)	3.2
10	Townsville (C)	3.2

(a) Populations of less than 2,000 people at 30 June 2009 have been excluded from the fastest growth rankings.

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