Estimated resident population

The preliminary estimated resident population of Barcoo Shire Council at 30 June 2011 was 344 persons, a decrease of 1 person or 0.3 per cent over the year. This compares with a decrease of 8 persons or 2.3 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 1 person while assumed net migration resulted in a loss of 18 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Barcoo Shire Council will be between 312 and 362 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 274 and 415 persons (low and high series).

Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

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<tr>
<th>Population trends</th>
<th>Annual population change</th>
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<td>As at 30 Jun</td>
<td>Est. resident population</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>415</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>383</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>374</td>
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<td>2010r</td>
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<td>2011p</td>
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p = preliminary  r = revised  n.y.a. = not available

Table 2: Population projections

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<th>Projected population</th>
<th>Average annual change (medium series)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Low series</td>
<td>Medium series</td>
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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>333</td>
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<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>312</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>299</td>
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<td>2026</td>
<td>286</td>
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<td>2031</td>
<td>274</td>
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p = preliminary  r = revised

Figure 1: Estimated resident population

Figure 2: Components of population change

Figure 3: Population projections
Table 3: Population by age group, Barcoo (S)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Age group</th>
<th>Median age</th>
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<td>0-14</td>
<td>61</td>
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<td>15-24</td>
<td>63</td>
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<td>25-44</td>
<td>122</td>
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<td>45-64</td>
<td>103</td>
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<td>65+</td>
<td>34</td>
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2006: 61, 63, 122, 103, 34, 36.4

2031*: 37, 33, 90, 141, 43, 46.3

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Barcoo Shire Council's population is projected to increase by 9.9 years from a median age of 36.4 years in 2006 to a median age of 46.3 years in 2031 (Table 3 and Figure 4). The median age of Queensland in 2031 is projected to be 40.2 years, under the medium series (Table 4).

Dwelling approvals

For the year ending December 2011, Barcoo Shire Council has had no reported new dwelling approvals (Table 5 and Figure 5).

Table 5: New dwelling approvals*

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<tr>
<th>Year ending December</th>
<th>New dwelling approvals</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Houses</td>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>Dec qtr 2011</td>
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* Excludes alterations/additions

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Barcoo Shire Council was 2.2 persons. This compares with an average household size of 2.6 for all of Queensland in the same year (Table 6).

Table 6: Average household size by dwelling type

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<th>Dwelling type</th>
<th>Average household size</th>
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<td>Barcoo (S)</td>
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<td>Separate house</td>
<td>2.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Semi-detached, flats, etc</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other dwellings inc caravans</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>All occupied private dwellings</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile: