

Population and Dwelling Profile

Gold Coast City Council

Updated April 2012

Estimated resident population

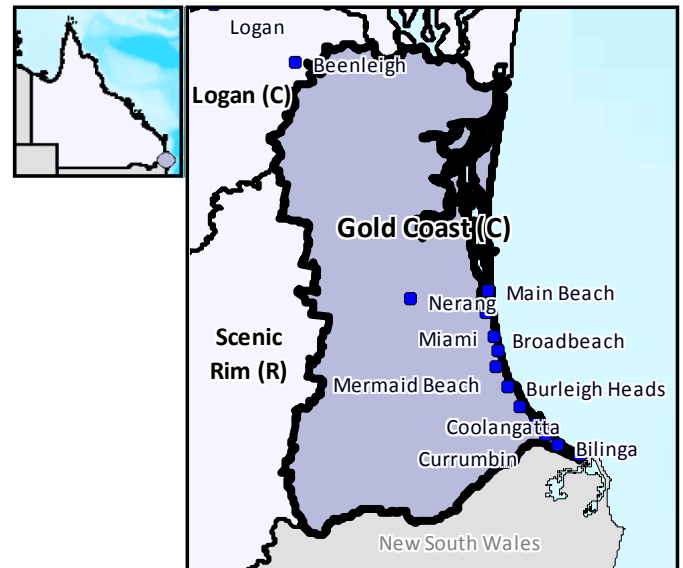
The preliminary estimated resident population of Gold Coast City Council at 30 June 2011 was 536,480 persons, an increase of 9,637 persons or 1.8 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 11,958 persons or 2.3 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 3,802 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 11,569 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

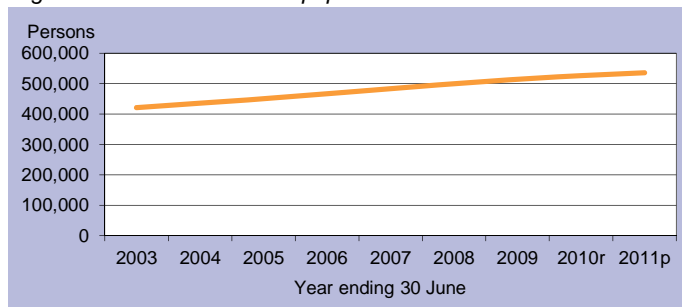
Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Gold Coast City Council will be between 593,016 and 635,791 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 724,492 and 875,457 persons (low and high series).



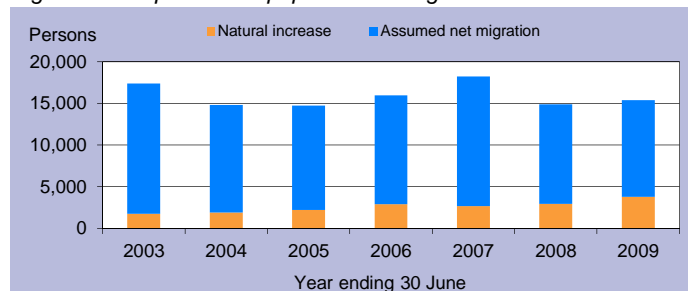
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Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

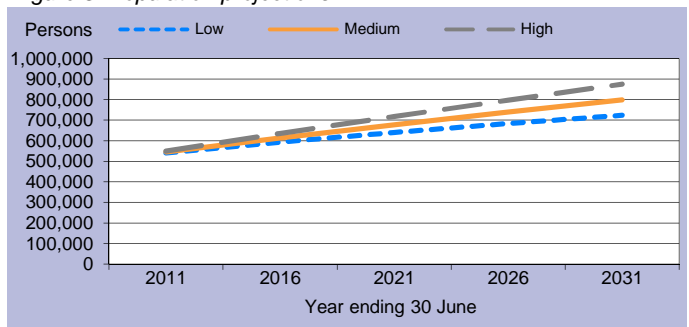


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

Population trends		Annual population change				
As at 30 Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30 Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Annual change Total	Per cent
2003	420,961	2,003	1,771	15,624	17,395	4.3
2004	435,772	2004	1,912	12,899	14,811	3.5
2005	450,482	2005	2,230	12,480	14,710	3.4
2006	466,433	2006	2,898	13,053	15,951	3.5
2007	484,638	2007	2,687	15,518	18,205	3.9
2008	499,514	2008	2,960	11,916	14,876	3.1
2009	514,885	2009	3,802	11,569	15,371	3.1
2010r	526,843	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11,958	2.3
2011p	536,480	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9,637	1.8

p = preliminary r = revised n.y.a. = not available

Table 2: Population projections

	Projected population			Average annual change (medium series)	
	Low series	Medium series	High series	Number	Per cent
2011	540,579	544,165	549,879	15,546	3.1
2016	593,016	613,280	635,791	13,823	2.4
2021	640,508	677,929	718,173	12,930	2.0
2026	684,072	739,276	797,677	12,269	1.7
2031	724,492	798,417	875,457	11,828	1.6

Table 3: Population by age group, Gold Coast (C)

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	84,091	64,736	134,549	118,273	64,784	37.6
	18.0%	13.9%	28.8%	25.4%	13.9%	
2031*	132,706	99,005	207,827	197,737	161,141	41.3
	16.6%	12.4%	26.0%	24.8%	20.2%	

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Gold Coast City Council's population is projected to increase by 3.7 years from a median age of 37.6 years in 2006 to a median age of 41.3 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

There were 2,436 new dwelling approvals in Gold Coast City Council over the year ending December 2011, a decrease of 22.5 per cent from the previous year (3,144) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 54.1 per cent of all new dwelling approvals over the year ending December 2011 (Figure 5).

Table 5: New dwelling approvals*

Year ending	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
December			
2005	3,049	3,287	6,336
2006	3,635	2,788	6,423
2007	3,672	3,765	7,437
2008	2,615	3,066	5,681
2009	1,976	1,552	3,528
2010	1,912	1,232	3,144
2011	1,317	1,119	2,436
Mar qtr 2011	278	209	487
Jun qtr 2011	410	460	870
Sep qtr 2011	343	276	619
Dec qtr 2011	286	174	460

* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

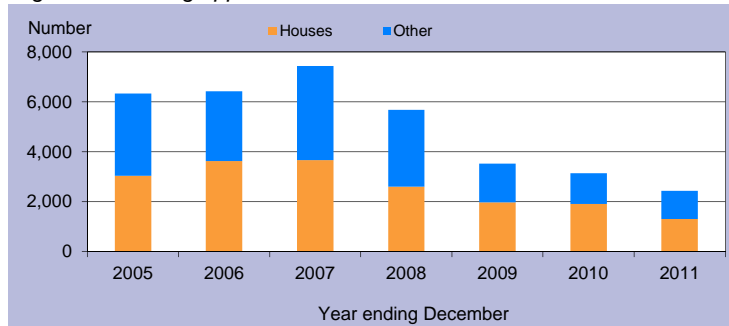
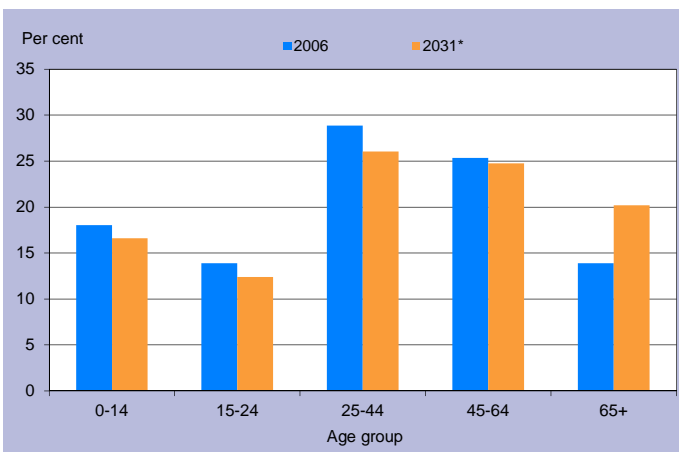


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	834,682	578,600	1,169,244	1,013,986	494,396	36.1
	20.4%	14.1%	28.6%	24.8%	12.1%	
2031*	1,205,836	814,688	1,703,235	1,578,741	1,290,350	40.2
	18.3%	12.4%	25.8%	23.9%	19.6%	

* Medium series

Figure 4: Age distribution, Gold Coast (C), 2006 and 2031*



* Medium series

Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Gold Coast City Council was 2.5 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

Dwelling type	Average household size			
	Gold Coast (C)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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