Estimated resident population

The preliminary estimated resident population of Gulf Regional Development Plan (GRDP) at 30 June 2011 was 7,521 persons, an increase of 50 persons or 0.7 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 82 persons or 1.1 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 141 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a loss of 121 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of GRDP will be between 7,566 and 8,322 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 7,549 and 10,016 persons (low and high series).

Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Population trends</th>
<th>As at 30 Jun Est. resident population</th>
<th>Year to 30 Jun Natural increase</th>
<th>Assumed net migration</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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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>
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Age structure

The median age of GRDP’s population is projected to increase by 5.7 years from a median age of 30.3 years in 2006 to a median age of 36.0 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 4 new dwelling approvals in GRDP over the year ending December 2011, a decrease of 60.0 per cent from the previous year (10) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 100.0 per cent of all new dwelling approvals over the year ending December 2011 (Figure 5).

Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in GRDP was 3.0 persons. This compares with an average household size of 2.6 for all of Queensland in the same year (Table 6).

Table 3: Population by age group, GRDP

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* Medium series

Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

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Table 5: New dwelling approvals*

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Figure 4: Age distribution, GRDP, 2006 and 2031*

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