

# Regional internal migration, 2018–19

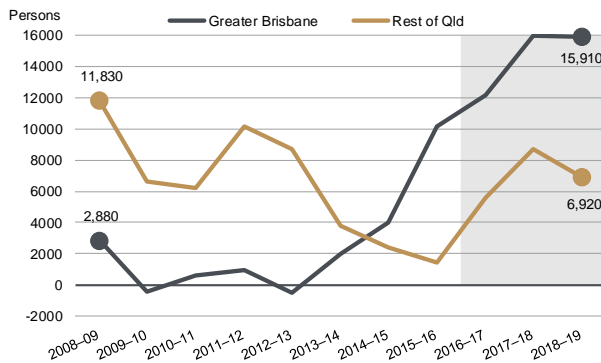
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Regional internal migration is the movement of people from one region to another within Australia. Net regional internal migration is the net gain or loss of population to a region through this movement.

## Main findings

- Greater Brisbane (15,910 persons), Greater Melbourne (2,250) and Greater Hobart (990) were the only greater capital city regions to experience net internal migration gains in 2018–19.
- The net internal migration gain to Greater Brisbane in 2018–19 was similar to the gain in 2017–18 (16,000 persons), with both years higher than any other gains in the past decade.
- Rest of Queensland gained 6,920 persons from internal migration in 2018–19, which was lower than the gain in 2017–18 (8,700 persons) (Figure 1).
- Within Queensland, more people (48,230) moved from Rest of Queensland to Greater Brisbane than the reverse (41,020), resulting in a net gain to Greater Brisbane of 7,210 persons. This accounted for nearly half (45%) of Greater Brisbane's gain from net internal migration in 2018–19.

**Figure 1 Net internal migration over time, Greater Brisbane and Rest of Queensland<sup>(a)</sup>**

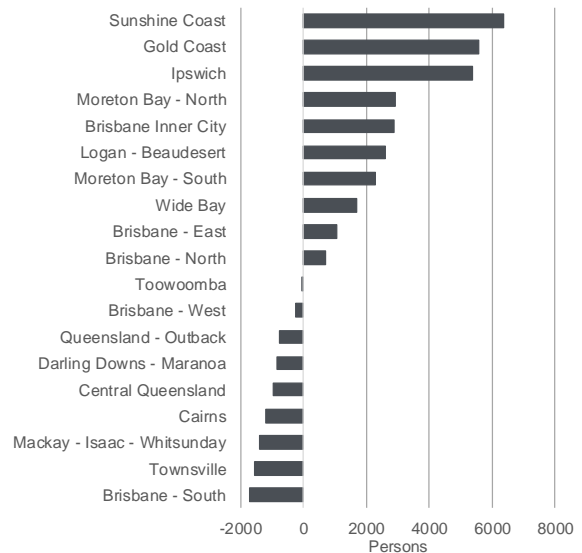


(a) Greater Brisbane includes the SA4s of Brisbane Inner City, Brisbane–North, Brisbane–South, Brisbane–East and Brisbane–West, plus Ipswich, Logan–Beaudesert, Moreton Bay–North, and Moreton Bay–South, while Rest of Queensland is the remainder of SA4s in Queensland.

## Statistical area level 4 (SA4)

- Sunshine Coast (6,370 persons), Gold Coast (5,560) and Ipswich (5,380) received the highest net internal migration gains of Queensland SA4s in 2018–19.
- Logan–Beaudesert had the largest increase in net internal migration gain, nearly doubling (up 98%).
- SA4s with the highest net losses include: Brisbane–South (–1,700 persons), Townsville (–1,550) and Mackay–Isaac–Whitsunday (–1,390) (Figure 2).

**Figure 2 Net regional internal migration, Qld SA4s<sup>(a)</sup>**



(a) Ranked by size of net migration gain/loss.

## Statistical area level 3 (SA3)

In 2018–19, Ormeau–Oxenford on the Gold Coast had the third-highest net internal migration gain of all Australian SA3s (5,630 persons) (Table 1). Springfield–Redbank, to the southwest of Brisbane, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Queensland and 9<sup>th</sup> nationally with a net gain of 3,140 people.

Queensland SA3s with the highest net losses included Springwood–Kingston (–1,660) and Sunnybank (–1,210) and the regional areas of Townsville (–1,130 persons) and Cairns–South (–1,070).

**Table 1 SA3s with highest net internal migration gains and losses, Queensland, 2018–19**

SA3	Migration type		
	Arrivals	Departures	Net
— number —			
Highest net internal migration gains			
Ormeau–Oxenford	18,000	12,370	5,630
Springfield–Redbank	12,310	9,170	3,140
Jimboomba	7,260	4,360	2,900
North Lakes	11,350	8,660	2,700
Caloundra	9,740	7,420	2,320
Highest net internal migration losses			
Springwood–Kingston	8,430	10,090	–1,660
Sunnybank	4,600	5,810	–1,210
Townsville	13,720	14,850	–1,130
Cairns–South	8,120	9,190	–1,070
Mackay	7,350	8,270	–920