

Regional internal migration, Queensland, 2020–21

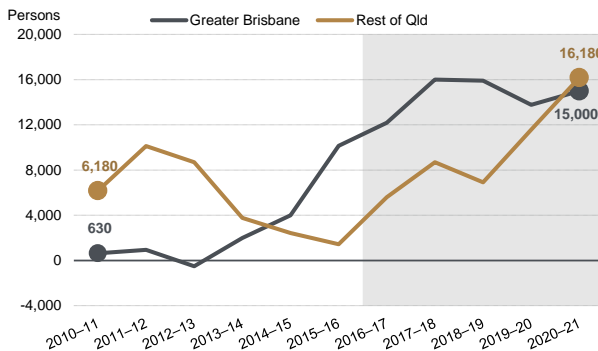
Source: ABS Regional Population, released 29 March 2022

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 (15,000 persons) and Greater Perth (6,470) were the only greater capital city regions to gain from internal migration in 2020–21.
- The net internal migration gain to Greater Brisbane in 2020–21 was lower than the gains in 2017–18 and 2018–19 (~16,000 persons), however higher than all other years in the time series (since 2006–07).
- Rest of Queensland gained 16,180 persons from internal migration in 2020–21, the second-highest nationally behind Rest of New South Wales (18,030). Rest of Queensland's 2020–21 gain was the highest since the time series began (Figure 1).
- Within Queensland, more people (45,970) moved from Rest of Queensland to Greater Brisbane than the reverse (43,100), resulting in a net gain to Greater Brisbane of 2,870 persons. This accounted for nearly 1 in 5 (19%) of Greater Brisbane's gain from net internal migration in 2020–21.

Figure 1 Net internal migration over time, Greater Brisbane and Rest of Queensland^(a)

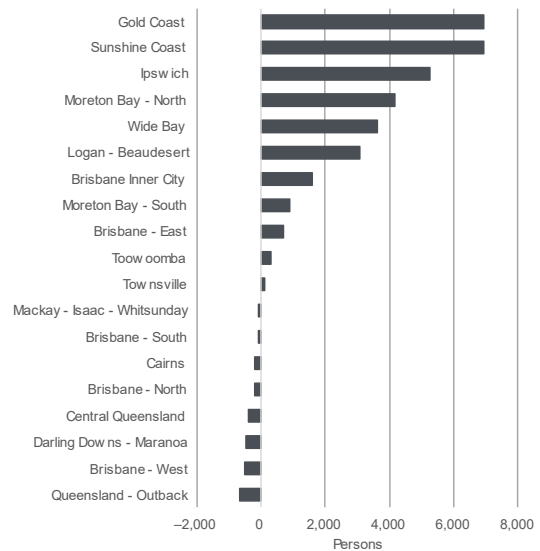


(a) Greater Brisbane includes the SA4s of Brisbane Inner City, Brisbane–North, Brisbane–South, Brisbane–East and Brisbane–West, Ipswich, Logan–Beaudesert, Moreton Bay–North, and Moreton Bay–South.

Statistical area level 4 (SA4)

- Gold Coast (6,940 persons), Sunshine Coast (6,940) and Ipswich (5,280) received the highest net internal migration gains of Queensland SA4s in 2020–21.
- Wide Bay had the largest proportional increase in net internal migration gain, up 69% on the 2019–20 level.
- SA4s with the highest net losses include Queensland–Outback (–650 persons), Brisbane–West (–500) and Darling Downs–Maranoa (–460) (Figure 2).

Figure 2 Net regional internal migration, Qld SA4s^(a)



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

Statistical area level 3 (SA3)

In 2020–21, Ormeau–Oxenford on the Gold Coast had the fourth-highest net internal migration gain of all Australian SA3s (4,690 persons) (Table 1). Jimboomba, to the south-west of Brisbane, ranked 2nd in Queensland and 9th nationally with a net gain of 2,560 people.

Queensland SA3s with the highest net losses included Springwood–Kingston (–1,590 persons), Capalaba (–700) and Sunnybank (–640) and the regional areas of Outback–North (–550) and Cairns–South (–540).

Table 1 SA3s with highest net internal migration gains and losses, Queensland, 2020–21

SA3	Migration type		
	Arrivals	Departures	Net
— number —			
Highest net internal migration gains			
Ormeau–Oxenford	17,530	12,840	4,690
Jimboomba	7,340	4,780	2,560
Caloundra	10,070	7,620	2,460
Springfield–Redbank	12,180	9,740	2,440
Ipswich Inner	11,630	9,830	1,800
Highest net internal migration losses			
Springwood–Kingston	7,970	9,560	–1,590
Capalaba	6,010	6,710	–700
Sunnybank	4,630	5,260	–640
Outback–North	2,300	2,850	–550
Cairns–South	7,980	8,520	–540