

Population growth, regional Queensland, 2017–18

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Key data

Fastest growing local government area (LGA)¹ in 2017–18:

Ipswich (C)..... ↑ 3.5%

Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)¹ in 2017–18:

Pimpama..... ↑ 29.5%

¹Based on the LGAs with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2018.

Main findings

Notes:

The estimates in this publication are the first to be prepared using the component method, which enables population change to be broken down into the components of natural increase, net internal and overseas migration.

SA2 and LGA geographies are defined under the ASGS, July 2016 and ASGS, July 2018 respectively. All figures for 30 June 2017 are preliminary rebased and figures for 30 June 2018 are preliminary.

- At 30 June 2018, Brisbane (C), Gold Coast (C) and Moreton Bay (R) were the largest LGAs by population size in both Queensland and Australia (Table 1).
- Seven of Queensland's top 10 LGAs by population size at 30 June 2018 were located in South East Queensland (SEQ). Townsville (C), Toowoomba (R) and Cairns (R) (ranked 7th, 8th and 9th respectively) were located outside SEQ.
- The largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2018 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (22,942 persons), Gold Coast (C) (15,633 persons) and Moreton Bay (R) (10,372 persons) (Table 2).
- Of Queensland LGAs with populations of 5,000 or more, Ipswich (C) recorded the fastest growth rate in the year to 30 June 2018 with 3.5%, followed by Sunshine Coast (R) with 2.8% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was North Lakes - Mango Hill (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) with 35,844 people (ranked 7th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2018 occurred in Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) (up 3,674 persons), Jimboomba SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (up 2,489 persons) and North Lakes - Mango Hill SA2 (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) (up 2,392 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2018, Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) recorded the highest growth rate to 30 June 2018 (29.5% or an additional 3,674 persons).

C = City, R = Regional Council, S = Shire

Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2018, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population
			number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,231,605
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	606,774
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	459,585
4	8	Logan (C)	326,615
5	9	Sunshine Coast (R)	319,922
6	22	Ipswich (C)	213,638
7	30	Townsville (C)	194,072
8	39	Toowoomba (R)	167,657
9	42	Cairns (R)	165,525
10	50	Redland (C)	156,863

Table 2 Ten largest growing LGAs^(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2016–17	2017–18
		— number —	
1	Brisbane (C)	23,911	22,942
2	Gold Coast (C)	15,838	15,633
3	Moreton Bay (R)	9,921	10,372
4	Sunshine Coast (R)	8,301	8,780
5	Ipswich (C)	6,397	7,138
6	Logan (C)	5,976	6,128
7	Redland (C)	2,374	2,273
8	Cairns (R)	2,189	1,763
9	Toowoomba (R)	1,845	1,644
10	Fraser Coast (R)	1,080	1,421

(a) Based on LGAs with the largest growth during 2017–18.

Table 3 Ten fastest growing LGAs^(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2016–17	2017–18
		— % —	
1	Ipswich (C)	3.2	3.5
2	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.7	2.8
3	Gold Coast (C)	2.8	2.6
4	Moreton Bay (R)	2.3	2.3
5	Scenic Rim (R)	1.9	2.0
6	Lockyer Valley (R)	1.8	2.0
7	Logan (C)	1.9	1.9
8	Brisbane (C)	2.0	1.9
9	Redland (C)	1.6	1.5
10	Mareeba (S)	0.7	1.4

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2018.