

Population growth, regional Queensland, 2018–19

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Key data

Fastest growing local government area (LGA)¹ in 2018–19:

Ipswich (C)..... ↑ 4.1%

Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)¹ in 2018–19:

Ripley..... ↑ 26.6%

¹Based on the LGAs with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2019.

Main findings

Notes:

All figures for 30 June 2018 are revised and figures for 30 June 2019 are preliminary.

- At 30 June 2019, 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 2019 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 2019 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (23,044 persons), Gold Coast (C) (13,990 persons) and Moreton Bay (R) (10,009 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 2019 with 4.1%, followed by Sunshine Coast (R) with 2.7% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was North Lakes - Mango Hill (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) with 37,746 people (ranked 7th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2019 occurred in Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) (up 3,299 persons), Jimboomba SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (up 2,478 persons) and Springfield Lakes SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) (up 2,417 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2019, Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2019 (26.6% or an additional 1,703 persons).

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

Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2019, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population
			number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,253,982
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	620,518
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	469,465
4	8	Logan (C)	334,358
5	9	Sunshine Coast (R)	328,428
6	20	Ipswich (C)	222,307
7	30	Townsville (C)	195,032
8	39	Toowoomba (R)	169,008
9	42	Cairns (R)	166,862
10	51	Redland (C)	158,815

Table 2 Ten largest growing LGAs(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2017–18	2018–19
— number —			
1	Brisbane (C)	22,275	23,044
2	Gold Coast (C)	15,387	13,990
3	Moreton Bay (R)	10,243	10,009
4	Ipswich (C)	7,068	8,739
5	Sunshine Coast (R)	8,695	8,591
6	Logan (C)	6,007	7,864
7	Redland (C)	2,235	1,990
8	Cairns (R)	1,700	1,400
9	Toowoomba (R)	1,598	1,397
10	Fraser Coast (R)	1,406	1,264

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2018–19.

Table 3 Ten fastest growing LGAs(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2017–18	2018–19
— % —			
1	Ipswich (C)	3.4	4.1
2	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.8	2.7
3	Logan (C)	1.9	2.4
4	Gold Coast (C)	2.6	2.3
5	Torres Strait Island (R)	2.7	2.2
6	Moreton Bay (R)	2.3	2.2
7	Brisbane (C)	1.8	1.9
8	Lockyer Valley (R)	1.9	1.8
9	Gympie (R)	1.0	1.7
10	Somerset (R)	1.4	1.3

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2019.