

Population growth, regional Queensland, 2019–20

Source: ABS 3218.0, released 30 March 2021

Key data

Fastest growing local government area (LGA)¹ in 2019–20:

Ipswich (C)..... ↑ 3.4%

Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)¹ in 2019–20:

Ripley..... ↑ 20.3%

¹Based on the LGAs with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2020.

Main findings

Notes:

All figures for 30 June 2019 are revised and figures for 30 June 2020 are preliminary.

- At 30 June 2020, 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 2020 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 2020 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (19,352 persons), Gold Coast (C) (14,754 persons) and Moreton Bay (R) (10,197 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 2020 with 3.4%, followed by Sunshine Coast (R) with 2.5% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was North Lakes - Mango Hill (located in Moreton Bay - South SA4) with 39,565 people (ranked 8th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2020 occurred in Pimpama SA2 (located in Gold Coast SA4) (up 2,666 persons), Caloundra - West SA2 (located in Sunshine Coast SA4) (up 2,243 persons) and Springfield Lakes SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) (up 1,982 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2020, Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2020 (20.3% or an additional 1,645 persons).

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

Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2020, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population
			number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,272,999
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	635,191
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	479,639
4	8	Logan (C)	341,985
5	9	Sunshine Coast (R)	336,482
6	20	Ipswich (C)	229,845
7	30	Townsville (C)	196,800
8	40	Toowoomba (R)	170,356
9	42	Cairns (R)	168,449
10	49	Redland (C)	160,331

Table 2 Ten largest growing LGAs(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2018–19	2019–20
		— number —	
1	Brisbane (C)	22,709	19,352
2	Gold Coast (C)	13,909	14,754
3	Moreton Bay (R)	9,986	10,197
4	Sunshine Coast (R)	8,553	8,092
5	Logan (C)	7,859	7,632
6	Ipswich (C)	8,743	7,534
7	Townsville (C)	1,003	1,778
8	Cairns (R)	1,387	1,600
9	Redland (C)	1,976	1,530
10	Fraser Coast (R)	1,247	1,488

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2019–20.

Table 3 Ten fastest growing LGAs(a), Queensland

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2018–19	2019–20
		— % —	
1	Ipswich (C)	4.1	3.4
2	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.7	2.5
3	Gold Coast (C)	2.3	2.4
4	Logan (C)	2.4	2.3
5	Moreton Bay (R)	2.2	2.2
6	Mareeba (S)	1.0	1.7
7	Whitsunday (R)	0.9	1.6
8	Brisbane (C)	1.8	1.5
9	Torres Strait Island (R)	2.2	1.4
10	Livingstone (S)	1.2	1.4

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2020.