

# Population growth, regional Queensland, 2021–22

Source: ABS, *Regional population*, released 31 August 2023

## Key data

**Fastest growing local government area (LGA)<sup>1</sup> in 2021–22:**

Ipswich (C)..... ↑ 4.0%

**Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)<sup>1</sup> in 2021–22:**

Ripley..... ↑ 20.6%

<sup>1</sup>Based on the LGAs with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2022.

## Main findings

Notes:

All figures for 30 June 2021 are final rebased population estimates and figures for 30 June 2022 are revised population estimates.

- At 30 June 2022, 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 2022 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 2022 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (20,034 persons), Gold Coast (R) (13,480 persons) and Moreton Bay (C) (12,424 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 2022 with 4.0%, followed by Logan (C) with 3.5% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was Redbank Plains (located in Ipswich SA4) with 26,069 people (ranked 10th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2022 occurred in Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) (up 2,681 persons), Boronia Heights - Park Ridge SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (up 2,294 persons) and Pallara - Willawong SA2 (located in Brisbane - South SA4) (up 1,945 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2022, Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2022 (20.6% or an additional 2,681 persons).

**Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2022, Queensland**

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,283,002
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	647,078
3	3	Moreton Bay (R)	496,777
4	7	Logan (C)	363,057
5	8	Sunshine Coast (R)	355,889
6	15	Ipswich (C)	242,653
7	28	Townsville (C)	198,143
8	35	Toowoomba (R)	178,399
9	39	Cairns (R)	171,970
10	45	Redland (C)	163,732

**Table 2 Ten largest growing LGAs<sup>(a)</sup>, Queensland**

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2020–2021	2021–22
		— number —	
1	Brisbane (C)	-532	20,034
2	Gold Coast (C)	7,256	13,480
3	Moreton Bay (R)	7,731	12,424
4	Logan (C)	6,852	12,384
5	Ipswich (C)	6,536	9,339
6	Sunshine Coast (R)	8,245	9,255
7	Toowoomba (R)	1,693	3,144
8	Fraser Coast (R)	2,132	3,009
9	Cairns (R)	540	2,720
10	Townsville (C)	778	2,686

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2021–22.

**Table 3 Ten fastest growing LGAs<sup>(a)</sup>, Queensland**

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2020–2021	2021–22
		— % —	
1	Ipswich (C)	2.9	4.0
2	Logan (C)	2.0	3.5
3	Fraser Coast (R)	1.9	2.7
4	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.4	2.7
5	Livingstone (S)	1.7	2.6
6	Moreton Bay (R)	1.6	2.6
7	Gympie (R)	1.6	2.3
8	Whitsunday (R)	1.4	2.3
9	Gold Coast (C)	1.2	2.1
10	Lockyer Valley (R)	0.9	2.1

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2022.

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