

Population growth, regional Queensland, 2023–24

Source: ABS, *Regional population*, released 27 March 2025

Key data

Fastest growing local government area (LGA)¹ in 2023–24:

Logan (C)..... ↑ 3.9%

Fastest growing statistical area level 2 (SA2)¹ in 2023–24:

Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve..... ↑ 19.1%

¹ Based on the LGAs with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2024.

Main findings

Notes:

All figures for 30 June 2023 are revised population estimates and figures for 30 June 2024 are preliminary population estimates.

- At 30 June 2024, Brisbane (C), Gold Coast (C) and Moreton Bay (C) 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 2024 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 2024 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (32,159 persons), Gold Coast (C) (15,281 persons) and Logan (C) (14,615 persons) (Table 2).
- Of Queensland LGAs with populations of 5,000 or more, Logan (C) recorded the fastest growth rate in the year to 30 June 2024 with 3.9%, followed by Ipswich (C) with 3.5% (Table 3).
- The most populous SA2 in Queensland was Springfield Lakes (located in Ipswich SA4) with 28,313 people (ranked 12th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2024 occurred in Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) (up 2,703 persons), Caloundra West - Baringa SA2 (located in Sunshine Coast SA4) (up 2,453 persons) and Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (up 2,419 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more at 30 June 2024, Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2024 (19.1% or an additional 2,419 persons).

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

Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, at 30 June 2024, Queensland

Qld ranking	Aust. ranking	LGA	Population number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,355,640
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	681,389
3	3	Moreton Bay (C)	522,494
4	6	Logan (C)	392,339
5	8	Sunshine Coast (R)	375,328
6	15	Ipswich (C)	259,886
7	30	Townsville (C)	204,541
8	37	Toowoomba (R)	184,377
9	41	Cairns (R)	178,104
10	46	Redland (C)	170,225

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Population increase	
		2022–23	2023–24
		— number —	
1	Brisbane (C)	40,049	32,159
2	Gold Coast (C)	18,930	15,281
3	Logan (C)	14,665	14,615
4	Moreton Bay (C)	13,291	12,431
5	Sunshine Coast (R)	10,032	9,392
6	Ipswich (C)	8,465	8,781
7	Redland (C)	3,070	3,426
8	Townsville (C)	3,279	3,128
9	Fraser Coast (R)	2,866	2,750
10	Cairns (R)	3,412	2,707

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2023–24.

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

Qld ranking	LGA	Annual growth	
		2022–23	2023–24
		— % —	
1	Logan (C)	4.0	3.9
2	Ipswich (C)	3.5	3.5
3	Lockyer Valley (R)	2.9	2.8
4	Whitsunday (R)	3.1	2.6
5	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.8	2.6
6	Moreton Bay (C)	2.7	2.4
7	Brisbane (C)	3.1	2.4
8	Fraser Coast (R)	2.5	2.3
9	Gold Coast (C)	2.9	2.3
10	Gympie (R)	1.9	2.3

(a) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2024.