

# Population growth, regional Queensland, 2024–25

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## Key data

Fastest growing LGA<sup>1</sup> in 2024–25:

Ipswich (C).....↑ 3.5%

Fastest growing SA2<sup>1</sup> in 2024–25:

Ripley ..... ↑ 15.4%

<sup>1</sup> Based on the LGAs (local government areas) with 5,000 persons or more and SA2s (statistical area level 2) with 2,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2025.

## Main findings

All figures for 30 June 2024 are revised population estimates and figures for 30 June 2025 are preliminary population estimates.  
(C) = City, (S) = Shire, (R) = Regional Council

- As at 30 June 2025, Brisbane (C), Gold Coast (C) and Moreton Bay (C) were the largest LGAs by population size in both Queensland and Australia (Table 1).
- As at 30 June 2025, seven of Queensland's top 10 LGAs by population size were in South East Queensland (SEQ). Townsville (C), Toowoomba (R) and Cairns (R) (ranked 7th, 8th and 9th respectively) were outside SEQ.
- The largest population increases over the year to 30 June 2025 in Queensland LGAs occurred in Brisbane (C) (21,464 persons), Logan (C) (11,949 persons) and Gold Coast (C) (11,944 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 2025 with 3.5%, followed by Logan (C) with 3.1% (Table 3).
- As at 30 June 2025, the most populous SA2 in Queensland was Springfield Lakes (located in Ipswich SA4) with 29,522 people (ranked 10th most populous of all SA2s within Australia).
- The largest increases in population for Queensland SA2s in the year to June 2025 occurred in Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) (3,131 persons), Caloundra West - Baringa SA2 (located in Sunshine Coast SA4) (1,980 persons) and Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve SA2 (located in Logan - Beaudesert SA4) (1,812 persons).
- For Queensland SA2s with populations of 2,000 or more, Ripley SA2 (located in Ipswich SA4) recorded the fastest annual growth rate to 30 June 2025 (15.4% or an additional 3,131 persons).

**Table 1 Ten largest LGAs, as at 30 June 2025, Queensland**

Qld rank	Aust. rank	LGA	Population
			number
1	1	Brisbane (C)	1,375,301
2	2	Gold Coast (C)	691,230
3	3	Moreton Bay (C)	532,445
4	6	Logan (C)	403,515
5	8	Sunshine Coast (R)	381,957
6	15	Ipswich (C)	268,272
7	30	Townsville (C)	206,260
8	38	Toowoomba (R)	186,276
9	41	Cairns (R)	179,334
10	45	Redland (C)	172,831

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

Qld rank	LGA	Population increase	
		2023–24	2024–25
		— number —	
1	Brisbane (C)	31,635	21,464
2	Logan (C)	14,546	11,949
3	Gold Coast (C)	15,157	11,944
4	Moreton Bay (C)	12,371	10,951
5	Ipswich (C)	8,669	9,138
6	Sunshine Coast (R)	9,407	7,659
7	Redland (C)	3,383	2,891
8	Fraser Coast (R)	2,775	2,573
9	Townsville (C)	3,042	2,288
10	Toowoomba (R)	2,480	2,201

(a) Based on the ten largest growing LGAs during 2024–25.

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

Qld rank	LGA	Annual growth	
		2023–24	2024–25
		— % —	
1	Ipswich (C)	3.5	3.5
2	Logan (C)	3.9	3.1
3	Lockyer Valley (R)	2.7	2.4
4	Scenic Rim (R)	1.7	2.2
5	Fraser Coast (R)	2.4	2.1
6	Moreton Bay (C)	2.4	2.1
7	Livingstone (S)	2.3	2.1
8	Sunshine Coast (R)	2.6	2.0
9	Gympie (R)	2.3	2.0
10	Whitsunday (R)	2.6	1.8

(b) Based on LGAs with 5,000 persons or more as at 30 June 2025.

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