

Population by age and sex, regions of Queensland, 2022

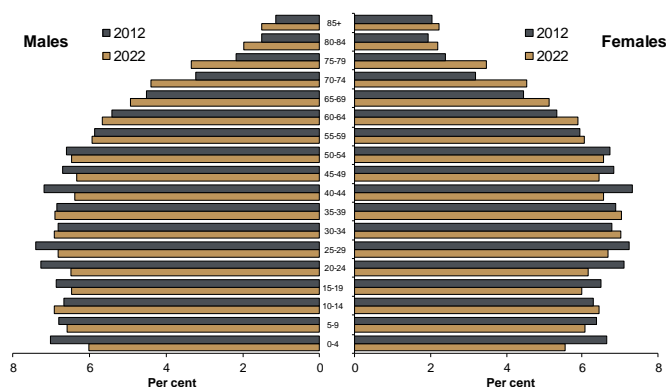
Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex*, released 28 September 2023, 11:30 am AEST

Note: Data for local government areas are based on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, Third Edition (2021). Calculations are based on pre-rounded estimates.

Age structure

- The estimated resident population (ERP) of Queensland increased from 4,568,687 to 5,320,496 from 30 June 2012 to 30 June 2022, an average annual increase of 1.5%.
- The age structure within Queensland over the ten-year period has changed (Figure 1). In terms of population shares, the largest percentage point increase from 30 June 2012 to 2022 was in females aged 70–74 years (up 1.3 percentage points), while females aged 0–4 years had the largest percentage point decrease (1.1 percentage point).

Figure 1 Population by age and sex, Queensland, as at 30 June



Median age

- In the ten years to 30 June 2022, the median age of Queensland's population increased by 2.0 years (from 36.6 years to 38.6 years). Over the same period, the median age of males increased from 35.9 to 37.8 years, and the median age of females increased from 37.3 to 39.3 years.
- There were large variations in age structure among Queensland's local government areas (LGAs) at 30 June 2022 (Figure 2). The highest median age was recorded in Hinchinbrook Shire LGA with 51.9 years and the LGA with the lowest median age was Woorabinda Shire LGA (23.2 years).

Child dependency ratio

- Queensland's 'child dependency ratio' (the ratio of children aged 0–14 compared with those of working age 15–64 years) decreased from 29.8% at 30 June 2012 to 29.2% at 30 June 2022.
- As at 30 June 2022, the LGA of Woorabinda Shire had the highest child dependency ratio with 62.7% and Diamantina Shire had the lowest (17.7%).

Working-age population

- As at 30 June 2022, 64.4% of Queensland's population was within the working age population (those aged 15–64 years), a decrease from 66.8% as at 30 June 2012.
- As at 30 June 2022, Diamantina Shire LGA had the highest percentage of population within the working-age range (73.3%). Fraser Coast Regional Council LGA had the smallest percentage of working-age population (54.8%).

People aged 65 years and over

- The percentage of Queensland's population aged 65 years and over as at 30 June 2022 was 16.9%, an increase of 3.6 percentage points from 30 June 2012 (13.3%).
- As at 30 June 2022, the percentage of population aged 65 years and over ranged from 30.1% in Fraser Coast Regional Council LGA to 3.3% in Weipa Town LGA.
- Queensland's 'aged dependency ratio' (ratio of those aged 65 years and over to the working ages of 15–64 years) increased from 19.9% as at 30 June 2012 to 26.2% as at 30 June 2022.
- As at 30 June 2022, Fraser Coast Regional Council LGA had the highest aged dependency ratio with 54.9%, while Weipa Town LGA had the lowest (4.7%).

Sex ratio

- There were 98.2 males for every 100 females in Queensland as at 30 June 2022, lower than the ratio of 99.5 as at 30 June 2012.
- As at 30 June 2022, the ratio of males to females in Queensland LGAs ranged from 142.7 males for every 100 females in Burke Shire LGA to 86.4 males for every 100 females in Aurukun Shire LGA.

Figure 2 Median age, Local Government Areas in Queensland, 30 June 2022

