

# Population by age and sex, regions of Queensland, 2025

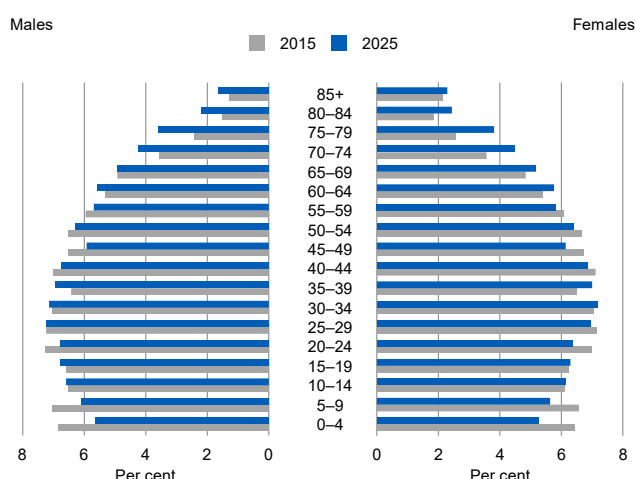
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Data for local government areas are based on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, Third Edition (2021). Calculations are based on pre-rounded estimates.

## Age structure

- The estimated resident population (ERP) of Queensland increased from 4,777,692 to 5,669,764 from 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2025, an average annual increase of 1.7%.
- 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 2015 to 30 June 2025 was in females aged 75–79 years (1.3 percentage points), while males aged 0–4 years had the largest percentage point decrease (1.2 percentage points).

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



## Median age

- In the ten years to 30 June 2025, the median age of Queensland's population increased by 1.7 years (from 36.9 years to 38.6 years). Over the same period, the median age of males increased from 36.1 to 37.7 years, and the median age of females increased from 37.7 to 39.4 years.
- There were large variations in age structure among Queensland's local government areas (LGAs) at 30 June 2025 (Figure 2). The highest median age was recorded in Hinchinbrook Shire LGA with 52.4 years and the LGA with the lowest median age was Cherbourg Shire LGA (22.9 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 30.0% at 30 June 2015 to 27.2% at 30 June 2025.
- As at 30 June 2025, Cherbourg Shire LGA had the highest child dependency ratio with 60.1% and Diamantina Shire had the lowest (15.5%).

## Working age population

- As at 30 June 2025, 64.9% of Queensland's population was within the working age population (those aged 15–64 years), a decrease from 65.9% as at 30 June 2015.
- As at 30 June 2025, Burke Shire LGA had the highest percentage of population within the working age range (72.4%). Fraser Coast Regional Council LGA had the smallest percentage of working age population (54.4%).

## People aged 65 years and over

- The percentage of Queensland's population aged 65 years and over as at 30 June 2025 was 17.4%, an increase of 3.1 percentage points from 30 June 2015 (14.3%).
- As at 30 June 2025, the percentage of population aged 65 years and over ranged from 31.4% in Fraser Coast Regional Council LGA to 4.0% 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 21.8% as at 30 June 2015 to 26.8% as at 30 June 2025.
- As at 30 June 2025, Fraser Coast Regional Council LGA had the highest aged dependency ratio with 57.7%, while Weipa Town LGA had the lowest (5.6%).

## Sex ratio

- There were 98.1 males for every 100 females in Queensland as at 30 June 2025, lower than the ratio of 98.8 as at 30 June 2015.
- As at 30 June 2025, the ratio of males to females in Queensland LGAs ranged from 146.1 males for every 100 females in Bulloo Shire LGA to 86.4 males for every 100 females in Aurukun Shire LGA.

