

Rebased estimated resident population, regional Queensland, 2016

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Introduction

Following each Census of Population and Housing, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) revises (rebases) the official estimates of population, known as the estimated resident population (ERP), to reflect the latest Census benchmarks.

On 28 July 2017, the ABS released preliminary rebased ERP for sub-state regions based on 2016 Census results for each year at 30 June, 2012 to 2016. The difference between the rebased ERP and the unrebased ERP is known as the intercensal difference.

Please note: Estimated resident population figures are different to the Census count of persons by place of usual residence, as they include a number of adjustments to take account of Census undercount and people overseas at the time of the Census.

Commentary

- Preliminary rebased ERPs at 30 June 2016 were larger than the previously released ERPs (on 30 March 2017) for 33 out of 78 local government areas (LGAs) in Queensland.
- The largest intercensal differences for 30 June 2016 were recorded for Sunshine Coast (C) (10,399) followed by the Gold Coast (R) (9,274).
- The preliminary rebased ERP for 30 June 2016 for Brisbane (C) was 1,184,215. This was slightly larger in size to the ERP prior to rebasing (1,180,285), with an intercensal difference of 3,930 persons or 0.3%.
- For all LGAs in South East Queensland^(a), except Redland (C), rebased populations were higher at 30 June 2016 than previously estimated.
- The preliminary rebased ERP figures show that 68.6% of the Queensland population lived in South East Queensland at 30 June 2016 (Table 1). This was a slightly larger proportion compared with the previous estimate of 68.1%.
- The largest downward intercensal adjustments in regional Queensland were experienced in Mackay (R) (-5,837), Gladstone (R) (-4,138) and Townsville (C) (-3,856).
- Rebasing resulted in a substantial change in ERP for some smaller local government areas. Expressed as a proportion of the population, the intercensal differences for 30 June 2016 ranged between -39.5% for Burke (S) to 32.7% for Lockhart River (S).

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

LGA geographies are defined under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2016.

(a) For the purposes of this information brief, Toowoomba (R) has not been included in South East Queensland.

Table 1 Estimated resident population at 30 June, LGAs in Queensland

	Rebased ^(b) ERP 2016	Intercensal difference 2016	Average annual growth rate 2011 to 2016
	— persons —		%
South East Queensland^(a)			
Brisbane (C)	1,184,215	3,930	1.7
Gold Coast (C)	576,918	9,274	2.3
Moreton Bay (R)	438,313	3,562	2.4
Logan (C)	313,785	139	1.8
Sunshine Coast (R)	303,389	10,399	2.6
Ipswich (C)	200,123	1,533	3.1
Redland (C)	151,987	-93	1.1
Noosa (S)	54,033	11	1.1
Scenic Rim (R)	40,975	695	1.8
Lockyer Valley (R)	39,486	91	1.9
Somerset (R)	25,173	873	2.5
Other local government areas with ERP > 10,000			
Townsville (C)	192,058	-3,856	1.3
Toowoomba (R)	164,595	126	1.1
Cairns (R)	162,451	519	1.5
Mackay (R)	117,703	-5,837	0.3
Fraser Coast (R)	102,953	282	1.1
Bundaberg (R)	94,453	-187	0.5
Rockhampton (R)	81,589	-1,720	0.7
Gladstone (R)	63,288	-4,138	1.3
Gympie (R)	50,292	1,033	1.4
Livingstone (S)	37,055	-400	2.1
Southern Downs (R)	35,622	-232	0.6
Whitsunday (R)	34,626	356	1.3
Western Downs (R)	34,197	246	1.1
South Burnett (R)	32,747	158	0.6
Cassowary Coast (R)	29,396	675	0.5
Central Highlands (R)	28,783	-2,300	-0.5
Tablelands (R)	25,312	258	0.8
Mareeba (S)	22,157	128	1.3
Isaac (R)	21,563	-2,410	-1.4
Mount Isa (C)	19,332	-2,666	-2.6
Burdekin (S)	17,313	-338	-0.5
Banana (S)	14,607	-581	-0.3
Maranoa (R)	12,928	-701	-0.8
Charters Towers (R)	12,074	-258	-0.6
Douglas (S)	11,997	153	1.4
Hinchinbrook (S)	10,990	-186	-1.4
Goondiwindi (R)	10,837	-201	-0.1
North Burnett (R)	10,623	378	0.5
Smaller LGAs	68,939	-3,141	-0.6
Queensland^(c)	4,848,877	6,924	1.6

(b) Preliminary, rebased using 2016 Census results and subject to revision.

(c) Intercensal difference summed for all Queensland LGAs does not match the intercensal difference for Queensland as a whole due to subsequent revisions made to state-level unrebased ERP (ABS 3101.0 Dec 2016), that were not applied to the sub-state level unrebased ERP (ABS 3218.0 2015-16).