

Queensland's future SA2 populations

Queensland Government projections, 2025 edition

Sources: Queensland Government population, household and dwelling projections, 2025 edition data; ABS, *Regional Population by Age and Sex*, various editions

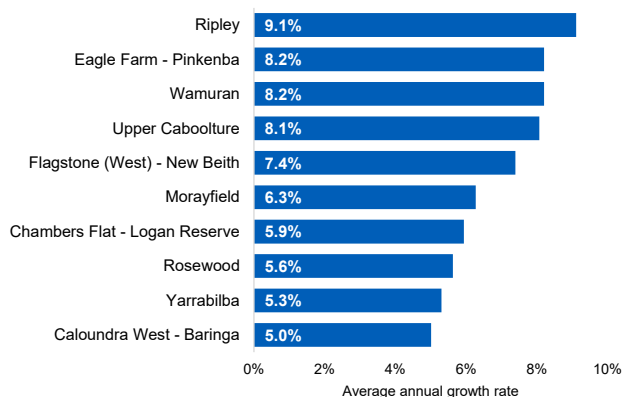
Projected populations for Queensland's statistical areas level 2 (SA2) are available for the medium series only. The base population for these projections is the 2021 Australian Bureau of Statistics [final estimated resident population \(ERP\)](#)¹. Detailed [data tables for SA2s are available](#)². Figures in the commentary below have been rounded for ease of interpretation. Rankings of SA2s and associated comments are based on the medium series. All year references in this publication are "at 30 June".

Main findings

In 2025, Springfield Lakes was Queensland's largest SA2 by population, with an ERP of 29,520. By 2046, the most populous SA2 is projected to be Ripley with 115,610 persons projected (Table 1).

South East Queensland (SEQ), will be home to the top 10 SA2s by population size in 2046, along with those experiencing the most growth in both magnitude and rate to 2046 (Figure 1). Growth in these top 10 SA2s is projected to account for 20.3% of Queensland's overall growth i.e. 1 in 5 new Queensland residents will live in these areas.

Figure 1 Projected population change, medium series, 10 fastest growing SA2s^(a), Queensland, 25 years to 2046



(a) SA2s with an ERP of over 1,000 in 2021. Ranked according to medium series projected growth rate, 2021 to 2046

Several of these high-growth SA2s have declared Priority Development Areas (PDA), parcels of land where accelerated development can occur, and hence population growth³.

The largest SA2 outside SEQ is projected to be Burdell-Mt Low in Townsville, with a population of 35,120 persons projected, up by 15,390 persons.

Beyond SEQ, Gordonvale-Trinity is the SA2 projected to grow by the most persons, up by 23,450, to reach 33,410 persons by 2046. The average annual growth rate projected for Gordonvale-Trinity is almost 5.0% per year, and 11th fastest in the state. This SA2 is home to the Mt Peter PDA.

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SA2	2021	2046		Ave. annual growth
	ERP	Projection	Growth	
	— persons —			%
Ripley	13,042	115,607	102,565	9.1%
Flagstone (West) - New Beith	10,191	60,711	50,520	7.4%
Rosewood	14,490	56,992	42,502	5.6%
Coomera	20,615	60,242	39,627	4.4%
Caloundra West - Baringa	15,970	54,237	38,267	5.0%
Newstead - Bowen Hills	18,451	48,840	30,389	4.0%
Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve	9,010	38,148	29,138	5.9%
Boronia Heights - Park Ridge	19,564	48,539	28,975	3.7%
Yarrabilba	10,922	39,781	28,859	5.3%
Southport - North	18,179	45,598	27,419	3.7%

(a) Ranked according to the medium series projected population growth over 2021 to 2046.

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¹ <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/2021-22>

² <https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/statistics/theme/population/population-projections/regions>

³ <https://www.edq.qld.gov.au/priority-development-areas-pda>