

Queensland Government population projections, 2018 edition: LGAs and SA2s

Sources: Queensland Government population projections, 2018 edition data and ABS 3235.0, *Population by age and sex, regions of Australia, 2016*

More detailed information on the projected total populations and age structures for Queensland's local government areas (LGAs) are available in the [LGA Snapshot¹](#) and [LGA projections data tables²](#).

Statistical area level 2 (SA2) [projections data tables³](#) are available on the QGSO website. The base population for these projections is the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics [preliminary rebased estimated resident population \(ERP\)⁴](#). Figures in the commentary below have been rounded for ease of interpretation. Rankings of LGAs and associated comments are based on the medium series.

Main findings

Brisbane is projected to remain the most populous LGA in Queensland, increasing from 1.18 million persons in 2016 to between 1.48 million and 1.64 million persons by 2041 (Table 1).

Gold Coast LGA is projected to remain the LGA with the second largest population in 2041 (increasing from 577,000 persons to between 831,000 and 1,076,000 persons in the 25 years to 2041), followed by Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Logan, Sunshine Coast and Townsville.

Of Queensland's top 10 LGAs by population size in 2041, eight are in South East Queensland. The remaining two LGAs, Townsville and Cairns, are in regional Queensland.

Brisbane LGA is projected to experience the largest population growth between 2016 and 2041, up between 296,000 and 451,000 persons. The population of the Gold Coast is also projected to grow significantly (between 254,000 and 499,000 persons), followed by Ipswich, Moreton Bay and Logan. Townsville is projected to have the largest population growth in regional Queensland, followed by Cairns and Mackay (Table 2).

Considerable population growth is projected for several Queensland SA2s. The largest growth is projected for Ripley (situated in Ipswich), up by 122,000 persons between 2016 and 2041. Other areas where high growth is projected include Greenbank (77,000), Jimboomba (67,000) and Coomera (62,000) (Figure 1). All top 10 SA2s with the largest projected population increases are in South East Queensland.

¹ <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/products/reports/qld-govt-pop-proj-lga-snapshot/index.php>

² <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/subjects/demography/population-projections/index.php>

³ <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/subjects/demography/population-projections/index.php>

⁴ <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/subjects/demography/population-estimates/reports/rebased-erp-reg-qld/index.php>

Table 1 Projected population, ten largest LGAs^(a), Queensland, at 30 June

LGA	2016 ERP	2041 projection series		
	persons	Low	Medium	High
Brisbane (C)	1,184,215	1,479,841	1,551,149	1,635,343
Gold Coast (C)	576,918	831,416	943,686	1,076,192
Moreton Bay (R)	438,313	639,626	690,602	750,214
Ipswich (C)	200,123	482,691	557,649	644,677
Logan (C)	313,785	502,450	554,327	614,918
Sunshine Coast (R)	303,389	462,160	518,004	578,762
Townsville (C)	192,058	253,722	282,281	313,315
Cairns (R)	162,451	206,548	236,593	269,481
Toowoomba (R)	164,595	187,121	204,332	223,151
Redland (C)	151,987	184,292	192,431	201,988

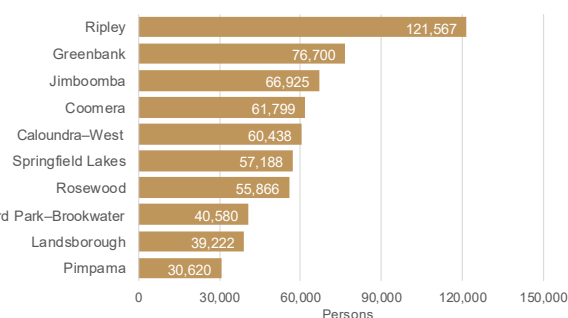
(a) Ranked according to the medium series projected population in 2041.

Table 2 Projected population change, ten largest growing LGAs^(a), Queensland, 25 years to 30 June 2041

LGA	Projection series		
	Low	Medium	High
Brisbane (C)	295,626	366,934	451,128
Gold Coast (C)	254,498	366,768	499,274
Ipswich (C)	282,568	357,526	444,554
Moreton Bay (R)	201,313	252,289	311,901
Logan (C)	188,665	240,542	301,133
Sunshine Coast (R)	158,771	214,615	275,373
Townsville (C)	61,664	90,223	121,257
Cairns (R)	44,097	74,142	107,030
Mackay (R)	20,212	40,577	61,174
Redland (C)	32,305	40,444	50,001

(a) Ranked according to medium series projected population growth between 2016 and 2041.

Figure 1 Projected population change, ten largest growing SA2s^(a), Queensland, 25 years to 30 June 2041, medium series



(a) Based on medium series projected population growth between 2016 and 2041.