

Revised Queensland Population Projections 2014

The Queensland Government Statistician has released in early 2014, its 2013 series of population projections.

Given the very significant reliance that state government agencies, local authorities and businesses have on population projections, the release of the 2013 series is a significant event.

The data tables for the [2011](#) and [2013](#) series population projections, respectively, are available for the medium and high series projections.

The 2013 series has added 2036 to its projection period, with the 2011 series projections ending in 2031.

The 2036 population projection for Queensland is now 7.095million persons, being 7.6% higher than the 2011 series projection of 6.600million persons.

The 2011 population starting point for Queensland has been revised downwards by 134,713 persons, or

- a continuation of lower interstate migration levels during 2010 and 2011 (for which data was not available)
- an over-reporting of population estimates for Queensland in the period leading up to the 2011 Census

Other key differences include:

- The 2013 series has adopted **lower (-2.5%) annual growth rates for Queensland from 2011 to 2016**
- The 2013 series projects **higher growth rates in the 2016 to 2031 period (0.8%)** resulting in the 2031 population being 1.8% higher than the 2011 series projection.

The downwards revision to Brisbane City's starting population has also had a significant impact on Queensland's population distribution. Brisbane City's population has been revised downwards by 134,713 persons, or 2.9% of the total population.

Queensland local government areas receiving the largest decreases to their 2011 starting population

- Gold Coast City (almost 29,000 persons)
- Sunshine Coast Region (including Noosa Shire – 20,000 persons)
- Townsville City (11,000 persons)
- Cairns Region (10,700 persons)
- Toowoomba Region (9,000 persons)
- Fraser Coast Region (7,000 persons) and
- Bundaberg Region almost 6,500 persons).

The 2013 population projection series have also changed the regional distribution of future growth. Southern Queensland is projected to receive a larger share of future growth than the 2011 series projection.

During the 2011 to 2031 period, the only three Statistical Divisions achieving higher growth rates are:

- Brisbane (an additional 8,000 persons per annum [+20%]),
- Gold Coast (+2,550 persons per annum [+20%]) and
- Far North (+ 238 persons per annum [+5%]).

The Statistical Divisions recording the greatest decreases in population growth (expressed as per

- Wide Bay Burnett (-2,100 [-34%])
- Darling Downs (-1,800 [-36%])
- West Moreton (-1,250 [-31%]) and
- Mackay (-550 [-11%]).

Local authorities recording the greatest annual increases in population growth are:

- Brisbane City (+5,100 [+55%])
- Gold Coast City (+2,550 [+20%])
- Moreton Bay Region (+2,450 [+34%]) and
- Logan City (+1,100 [+14%]).

Local authorities recording the greatest annual decreases in population growth are:

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- Toowoomba Region (-1,650 [-41%])
- Bundaberg Region (-820 [-40%])
- Ipswich City (-810 [-5%])
- Lockyer Valley Region (-550 [-43%]) and
- Scenic Rim Region (-490 [-24%]).