

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at June 2002

Queensland	3,707,175
Percentage share of Australia	18.9%
Australia	19,662,781

Population growth, top 3 States, 12 months to June 2002

Queensland	↑	2.2%
Victoria	↑	1.4%
Western Australia	↑	1.4%
Australia	↑	1.3%

Capital city statistical division share of State (June 2002)

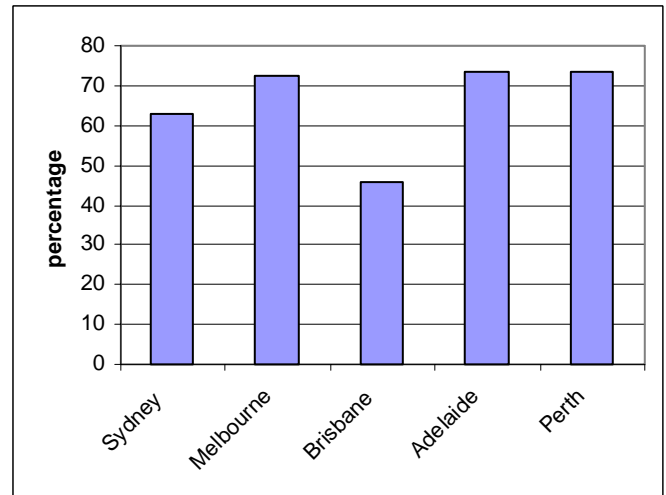
Brisbane	46%
Sydney	63%
Melbourne	72%
Adelaide	73%
Perth	73%
Australia	64%

Commentary

- Queensland's estimated resident population at June 2002 was 3,707,175 persons, representing 18.9% of Australia's population.
- Queensland's population increased by 78,229 persons during the twelve months to June 2002. The rate of growth (2.2%) was the fastest within Australia, followed by Victoria and Western Australia (both 1.4%).
- More than 80% of Queensland's 157 local government areas (including the 32 Aboriginal Councils and Island Councils) experienced population growth or had a constant population in the year ended June 2002. Of the 26 local government areas that recorded a decline in population, 20 of these lost only 30 persons or less during the year.
- Queensland is the most decentralised State in mainland Australia (Figure 1). At June 2002, only 46% of Queensland's population resided in the Brisbane Statistical Division (SD). This compared with 72% of persons in Victoria residing in the Melbourne SD and 63% of persons in New South Wales residing in the Sydney SD.

- Brisbane (2.3%) recorded the highest population increase of all the capital cities during 2001-02, followed by Melbourne and Perth (both 1.5%).

Figure 1: Capital city statistical division population as a proportion of State, June 2002



- Within Queensland, the largest population increases over the year to June 2002 occurred in Brisbane City (20,567 persons), Gold Coast City (14,754 persons), Pine Rivers Shire (5,136 persons) and Maroochy Shire (4,193 persons) (Table 1).
- Brisbane City and Gold Coast City were ranked first and second in Australia in terms of population increase. The shires of Pine Rivers and Maroochy were ranked seventh and twelfth respectively.

Table 1: Top ten population increases by local government area (LGA), Queensland, year ending June 2002

Qld ranking	Aust ranking	LGA	Increase (number)
1	1	Brisbane City	20,567
2	2	Gold Coast City	14,754
3	7	Pine Rivers Shire	5,136
4	12	Maroochy Shire	4,193
5	17	Redland Shire	3,119
6	21	Caboolture Shire	2,654
7	22	Caloundra City	2,591
8	26	Ipswich City	2,313
9	31	Logan City	1,926
10	34	Townsville City	1,837