

Population and Dwelling Profile

Gladstone Regional Council

Updated April 2012

Estimated resident population

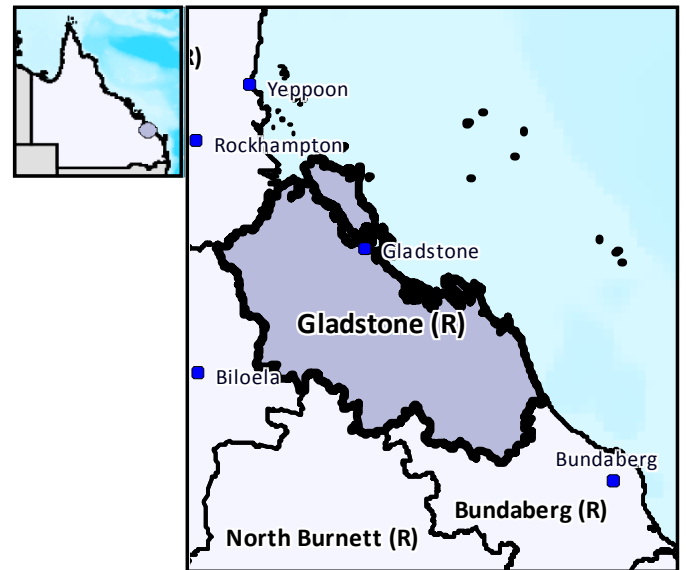
The preliminary estimated resident population of Gladstone Regional Council at 30 June 2011 was 62,319 persons, an increase of 2,115 persons or 3.5 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 561 persons or 0.9 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 693 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 1,170 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

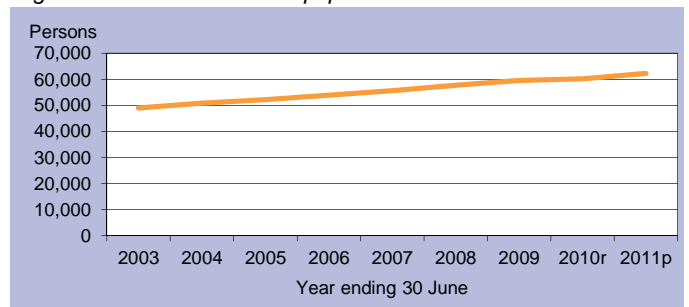
Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Gladstone Regional Council will be between 70,959 and 77,629 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 93,565 and 123,420 persons (low and high series).



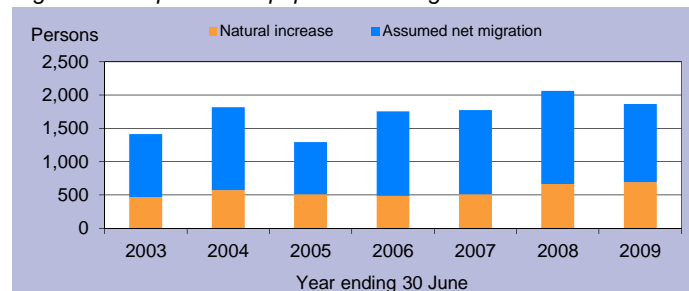
C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council T = Town

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

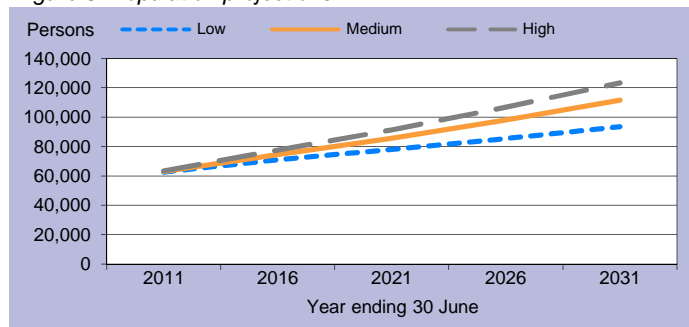


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

Population trends		Annual population change				
As at 30 Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30 Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Annual change Total	Per cent
2003	49,075	2,003	471	945	1,416	3.0
2004	50,891	2004	572	1,244	1,816	3.7
2005	52,186	2005	513	782	1,295	2.5
2006	53,941	2006	490	1,265	1,755	3.4
2007	55,716	2007	512	1,263	1,775	3.3
2008	57,780	2008	664	1,400	2,064	3.7
2009	59,643	2009	693	1,170	1,863	3.2
2010r	60,204	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	561	0.9
2011p	62,319	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,115	3.5

p = preliminary r = revised n.y.a. = not available

Table 2: Population projections

	Projected population			Average annual change (medium series)	
	Low series	Medium series	High series	Number	Per cent
2011	62,587	62,982	63,510	1,808	3.1
2016	70,959	74,459	77,629	2,295	3.4
2021	78,004	85,655	91,302	2,239	2.8
2026	85,455	98,174	106,738	2,504	2.8
2031	93,565	111,690	123,420	2,703	2.6

Table 3: Population by age group, Gladstone (R)

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	12,831	7,082	15,972	13,610	4,446	34.7
	23.8%	13.1%	29.6%	25.2%	8.2%	
2031*	23,578	13,348	30,349	27,757	16,653	37.9
	21.1%	12.0%	27.2%	24.9%	14.9%	

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Gladstone Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 3.2 years from a median age of 34.7 years in 2006 to a median age of 37.9 years in 2031 (Table 3 and Figure 4). The median age of Queensland in 2031 is projected to be 40.2 years, under the medium series (Table 4).

Dwelling approvals

There were 956 new dwelling approvals in Gladstone Regional Council over the year ending December 2011, an increase of 66.0 per cent from the previous year (576) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 82.2 per cent of all new dwelling approvals over the year ending December 2011 (Figure 5).

Table 5: New dwelling approvals*

Year ending	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
December			
2005	417	142	559
2006	522	109	631
2007	659	66	725
2008	459	145	604
2009	217	19	236
2010	488	88	576
2011	786	170	956
Mar qtr 2011	148	4	152
Jun qtr 2011	206	21	227
Sep qtr 2011	188	103	291
Dec qtr 2011	244	42	286

* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

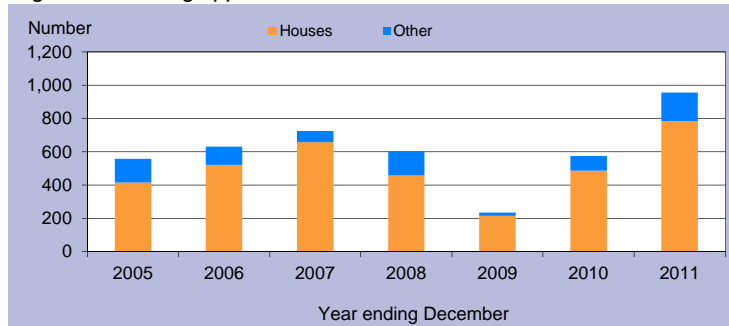
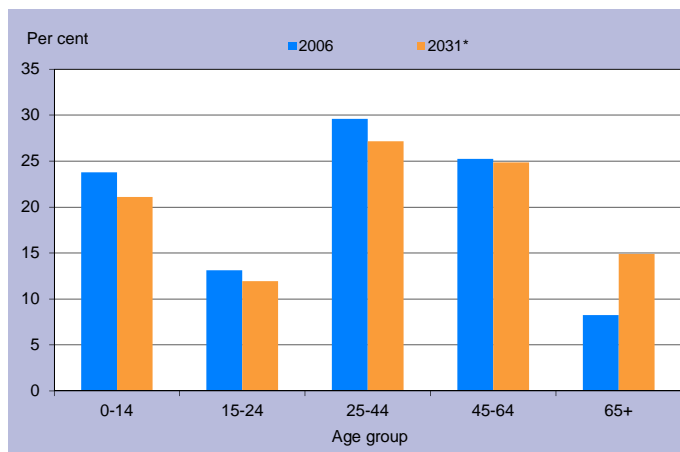


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	834,682	578,600	1,169,244	1,013,986	494,396	36.1
	20.4%	14.1%	28.6%	24.8%	12.1%	
2031*	1,205,836	814,688	1,703,235	1,578,741	1,290,350	40.2
	18.3%	12.4%	25.8%	23.9%	19.6%	

* Medium series

Figure 4: Age distribution, Gladstone (R), 2006 and 2031*



* Medium series

Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Gladstone Regional Council was 2.6 persons. This compares with an average household size of 2.6 for all of Queensland in the same year (Table 6).

Table 6: Average household size by dwelling type

Dwelling type	Average household size			
	Gladstone (R)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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