

Population and Dwelling Profile

Gympie Regional Council

Updated April 2012

Estimated resident population

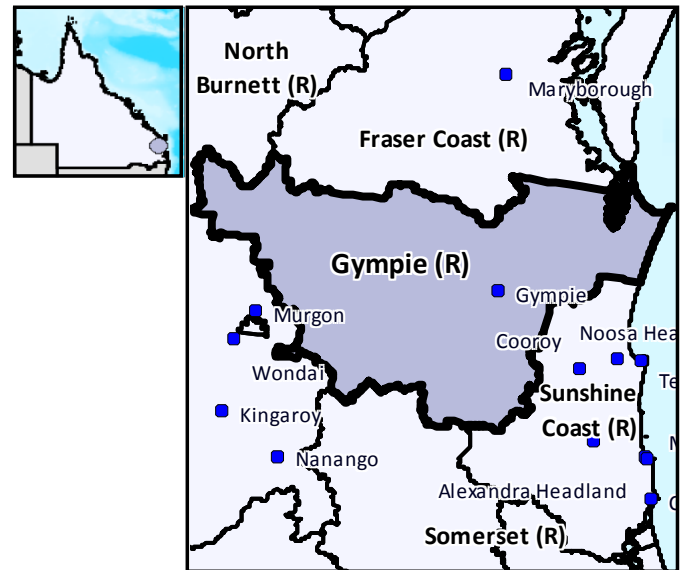
The preliminary estimated resident population of Gympie Regional Council at 30 June 2011 was 50,011 persons, an increase of 770 persons or 1.6 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 960 persons or 2.0 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 295 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 1,460 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

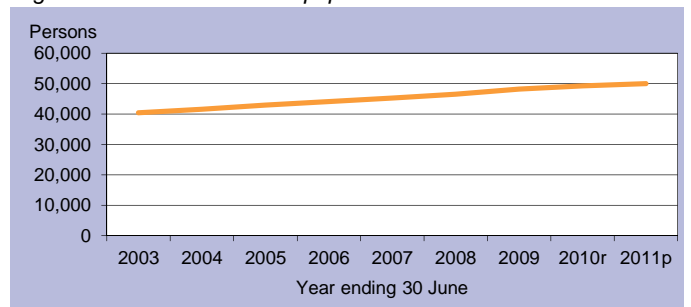
Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Gympie Regional Council will be between 51,901 and 54,568 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 61,636 and 72,974 persons (low and high series).



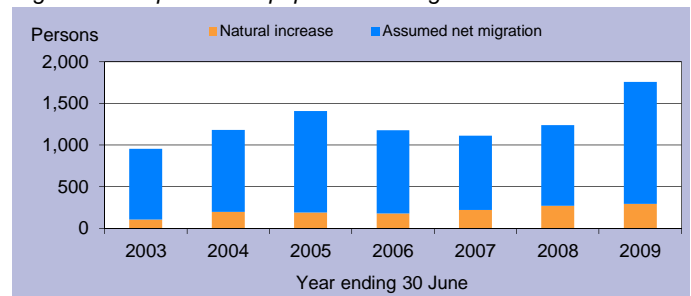
C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council T = Town

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

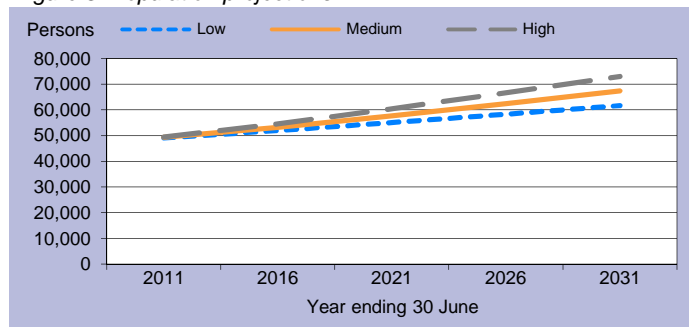


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

| 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 | 40,413 | 2,003 | 106 | 848 | 954 | 2.4 |
| 2004 | 41,593 | 2004 | 199 | 981 | 1,180 | 2.9 |
| 2005 | 43,001 | 2005 | 192 | 1,216 | 1,408 | 3.4 |
| 2006 | 44,177 | 2006 | 181 | 995 | 1,176 | 2.7 |
| 2007 | 45,287 | 2007 | 222 | 888 | 1,110 | 2.5 |
| 2008 | 46,526 | 2008 | 272 | 967 | 1,239 | 2.7 |
| 2009 | 48,281 | 2009 | 295 | 1,460 | 1,755 | 3.8 |
| 2010r | 49,241 | 2010r | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 960 | 2.0 |
| 2011p | 50,011 | 2011p | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 770 | 1.6 |

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 | 49,036 | 49,287 | 49,506 | 1,022 | 2.2 |
| 2016 | 51,901 | 53,217 | 54,568 | 786 | 1.5 |
| 2021 | 54,992 | 57,669 | 60,391 | 890 | 1.6 |
| 2026 | 58,269 | 62,443 | 66,608 | 955 | 1.6 |
| 2031 | 61,636 | 67,373 | 72,974 | 986 | 1.5 |

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

| | Age group | | | | | Median age |
|-------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| | 0-14 | 15-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | |
| 2006 | 9,383 | 4,759 | 10,380 | 13,021 | 6,637 | 41.2 |
| | 21.2% | 10.8% | 23.5% | 29.5% | 15.0% | |
| 2031* | 13,163 | 6,524 | 14,450 | 17,857 | 15,377 | 44.4 |
| | 19.5% | 9.7% | 21.4% | 26.5% | 22.8% | |

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Gympie Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 3.2 years from a median age of 41.2 years in 2006 to a median age of 44.4 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 287 new dwelling approvals in Gympie Regional Council over the year ending December 2011, a decrease of 28.4 per cent from the previous year (401) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 95.5 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 | 461 | 52 | 513 |
| 2006 | 462 | 117 | 579 |
| 2007 | 538 | 48 | 586 |
| 2008 | 527 | 48 | 575 |
| 2009 | 399 | 32 | 431 |
| 2010 | 359 | 42 | 401 |
| 2011 | 274 | 13 | 287 |
| Mar qtr 2011 | 56 | 2 | 58 |
| Jun qtr 2011 | 58 | 5 | 63 |
| Sep qtr 2011 | 69 | 0 | 69 |
| Dec qtr 2011 | 91 | 6 | 97 |

* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

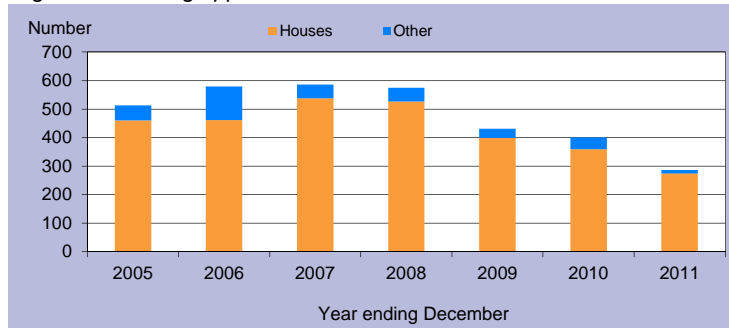
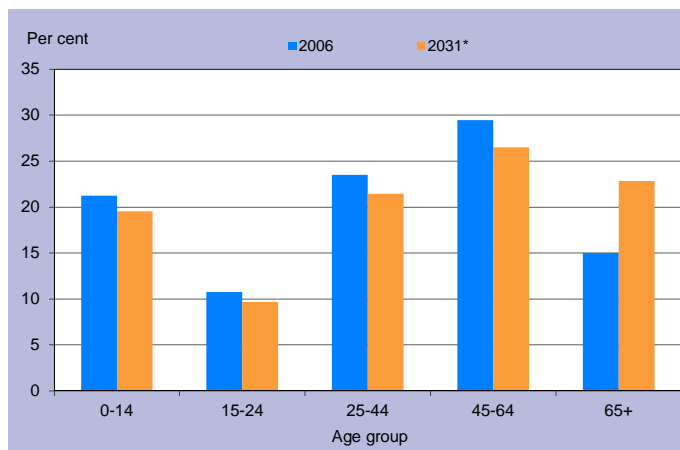


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

| | 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, Gympie (R), 2006 and 2031*



* Medium series

Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Gympie Regional Council was 2.5 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 | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|
| | Gympie (R) | | | Qld |
| | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2006 |
| Separate house | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| Semi-detached, flats, etc | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Other dwellings inc caravans | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| All occupied private dwellings | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 |

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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