

Population and Dwelling Profile

Rockhampton Regional Council

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Estimated resident population

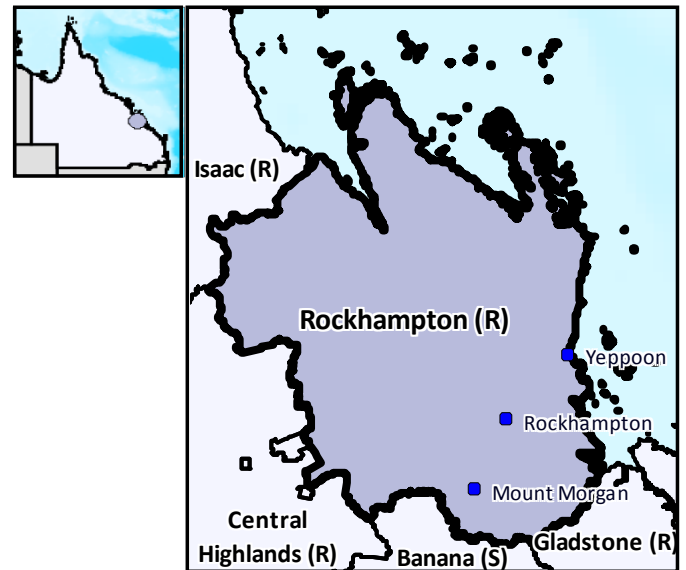
The preliminary estimated resident population of Rockhampton Regional Council at 30 June 2011 was 116,722 persons, an increase of 1,412 persons or 1.2 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 1,206 persons or 1.1 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 947 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 1,255 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

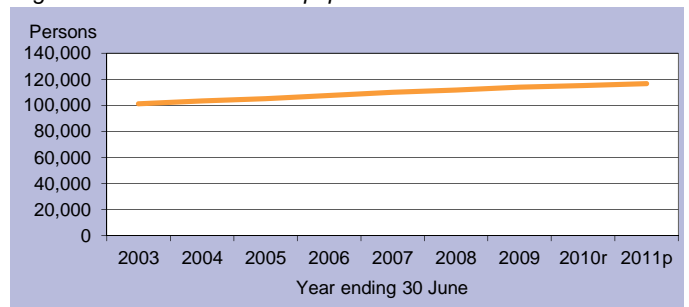
Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Rockhampton Regional Council will be between 126,095 and 130,448 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 150,810 and 175,293 persons (low and high series).



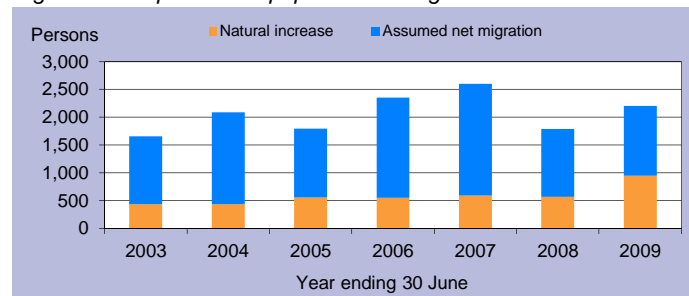
C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council T = Town

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

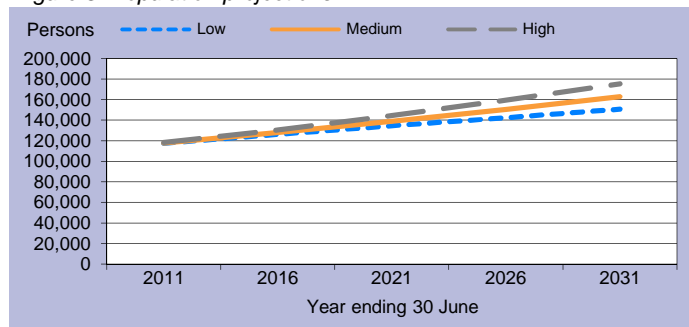


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

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	101,284	2,003	436	1,223	1,659	1.7
2004	103,370	2004	433	1,653	2,086	2.1
2005	105,165	2005	556	1,239	1,795	1.7
2006	107,517	2006	553	1,799	2,352	2.2
2007	110,116	2007	592	2,007	2,599	2.4
2008	111,902	2008	570	1,216	1,786	1.6
2009	114,104	2009	947	1,255	2,202	2.0
2010r	115,310	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,206	1.1
2011p	116,722	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,412	1.2

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	117,231	117,612	118,269	2,019	1.8
2016	126,095	127,915	130,448	2,061	1.7
2021	134,405	138,933	144,537	2,204	1.7
2026	142,384	150,450	159,348	2,303	1.6
2031	150,810	162,873	175,293	2,485	1.6

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

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	22,970	15,627	27,896	26,737	14,287	36.6
	21.4%	14.5%	25.9%	24.9%	13.3%	
2031*	31,543	20,097	41,272	36,416	33,550	39.8
	19.4%	12.3%	25.3%	22.4%	20.6%	

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Rockhampton Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 3.2 years from a median age of 36.6 years in 2006 to a median age of 39.8 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 480 new dwelling approvals in Rockhampton Regional Council over the year ending December 2011, an increase of 18.5 per cent from the previous year (405) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 90.4 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	586	79	665
2006	745	117	862
2007	791	234	1,025
2008	493	149	642
2009	363	82	445
2010	253	152	405
2011	434	46	480
Mar qtr 2011	70	4	74
Jun qtr 2011	83	18	101
Sep qtr 2011	147	6	153
Dec qtr 2011	134	18	152

* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

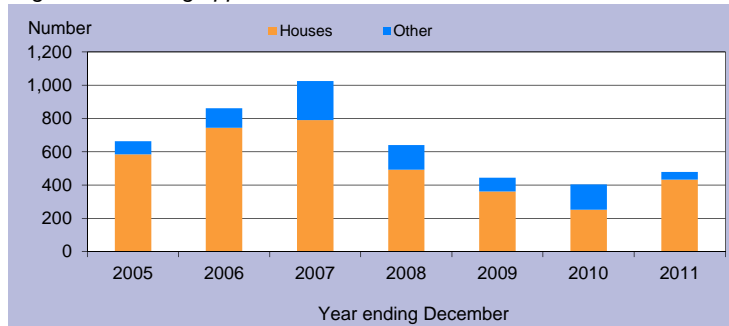
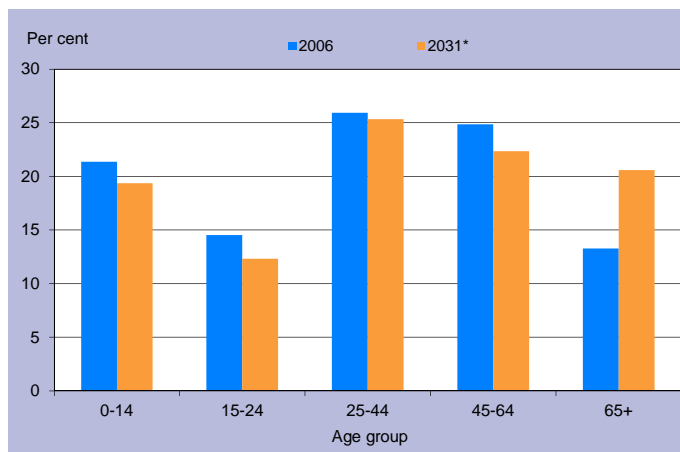


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	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, Rockhampton (R), 2006 and 2031*



* Medium series

Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Rockhampton 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			
	Rockhampton (R)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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