

# Population and Dwelling Profile

## Somerset Regional Council

Updated April 2012

### Estimated resident population

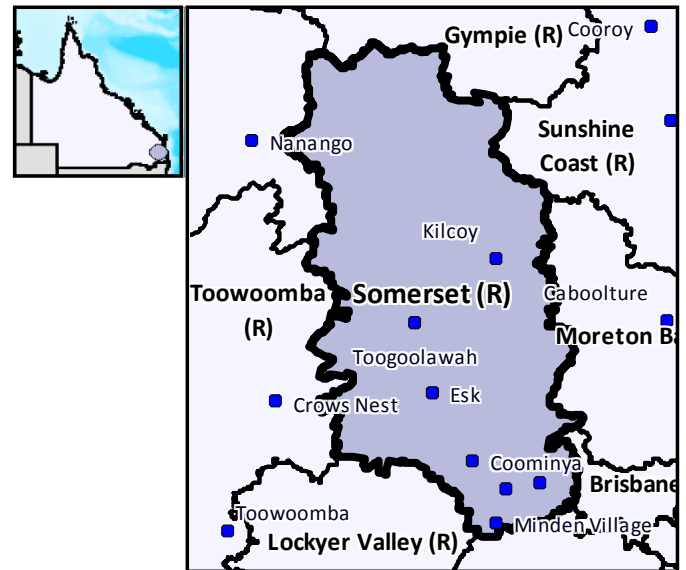
The preliminary estimated resident population of Somerset Regional Council at 30 June 2011 was 23,137 persons, an increase of 660 persons or 2.9 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 869 persons or 4.0 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

### Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 133 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 792 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

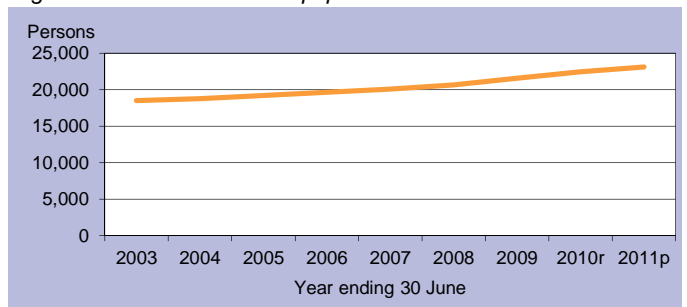
### Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Somerset Regional Council will be between 24,449 and 25,724 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 32,998 and 37,598 persons (low and high series).



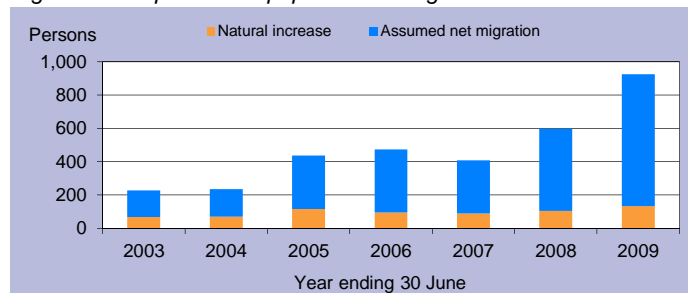
C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council T = Town

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

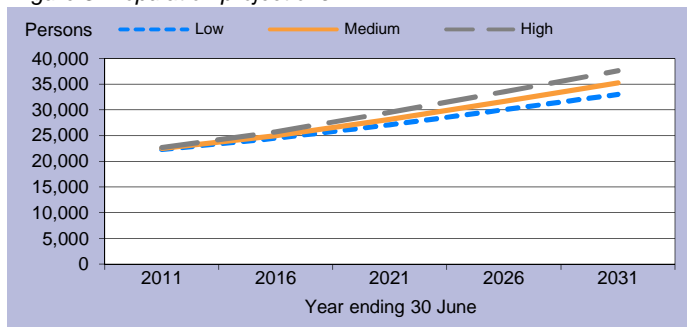


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

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	18,529	2,003	69	158	227	1.2
2004	18,765	2004	71	165	236	1.3
2005	19,202	2005	116	321	437	2.3
2006	19,676	2006	95	379	474	2.5
2007	20,085	2007	90	319	409	2.1
2008	20,683	2008	104	494	598	3.0
2009	21,608	2009	133	792	925	4.5
2010r	22,477	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	869	4.0
2011p	23,137	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	660	2.9

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	22,272	22,502	22,688	565	2.7
2016	24,449	24,997	25,724	499	2.1
2021	27,062	28,131	29,498	627	2.4
2026	30,020	31,613	33,527	696	2.4
2031	32,998	35,245	37,598	726	2.2

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

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	4,161	2,064	4,785	5,940	2,726	41.2
	21.1%	10.5%	24.3%	30.2%	13.9%	
2031*	6,142	3,022	7,472	10,796	7,814	46.8
	17.4%	8.6%	21.2%	30.6%	22.2%	

\* Medium series

### Age structure

The median age of Somerset Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 5.6 years from a median age of 41.2 years in 2006 to a median age of 46.8 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 227 new dwelling approvals in Somerset Regional Council over the year ending December 2011, a decrease of 14.3 per cent from the previous year (265) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 99.1 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	172	18	190
2006	182	5	187
2007	215	10	225
2008	291	18	309
2009	304	22	326
2010	260	5	265
2011	225	2	227
Mar qtr 2011	64	0	64
Jun qtr 2011	54	0	54
Sep qtr 2011	49	2	51
Dec qtr 2011	58	0	58

\* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

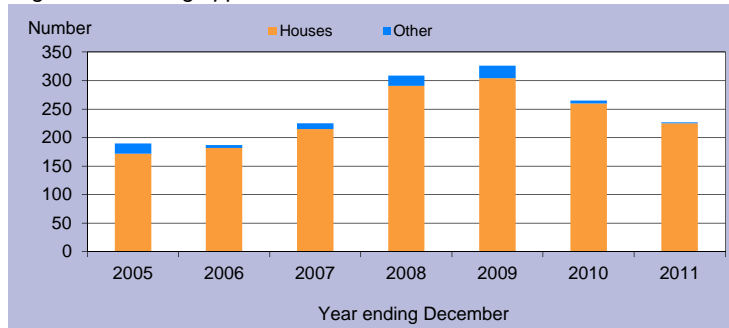
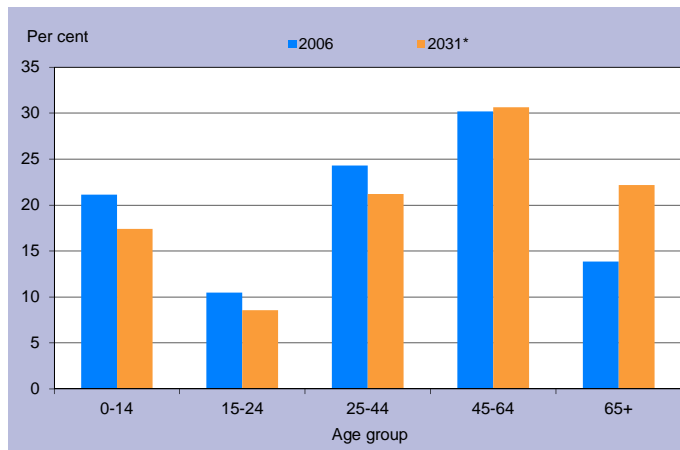


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	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, Somerset (R), 2006 and 2031\*



\* Medium series

### Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Somerset 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			
	Somerset (R)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	2.0	1.5	1.7	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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