

Population and Dwelling Profile

Sunshine Coast Regional Council

Updated April 2012

Estimated resident population

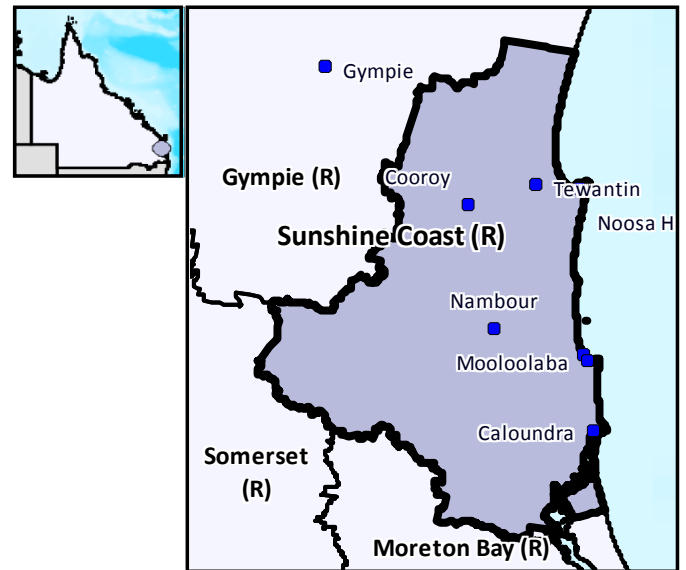
The preliminary estimated resident population of Sunshine Coast Regional Council at 30 June 2011 was 335,273 persons, an increase of 4,955 persons or 1.5 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 6,899 persons or 2.1 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 1,722 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 7,846 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

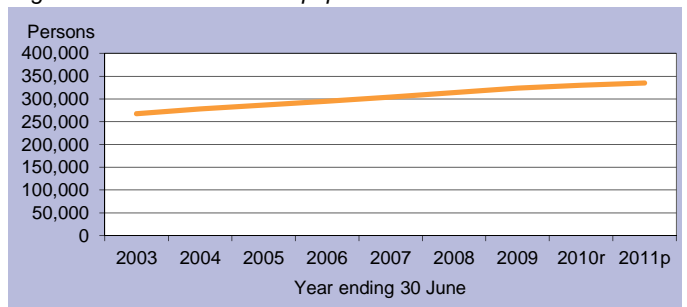
Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Sunshine Coast Regional Council will be between 367,345 and 388,539 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 466,187 and 555,616 persons (low and high series).



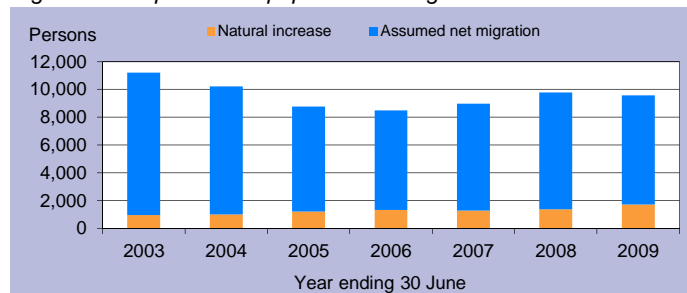
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Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

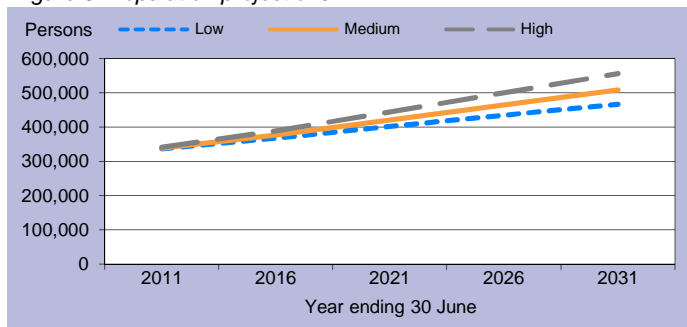


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

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	267,613	2,003	969	10,241	11,210	4.4
2004	277,830	2004	1,003	9,214	10,217	3.8
2005	286,591	2005	1,214	7,547	8,761	3.2
2006	295,084	2006	1,339	7,154	8,493	3.0
2007	304,070	2007	1,277	7,709	8,986	3.0
2008	313,851	2008	1,366	8,415	9,781	3.2
2009	323,419	2009	1,722	7,846	9,568	3.0
2010r	330,318	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	6,899	2.1
2011p	335,273	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	4,955	1.5

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	336,404	338,429	341,017	8,669	2.8
2016	367,345	376,733	388,539	7,661	2.2
2021	401,591	420,439	443,349	8,741	2.2
2026	434,678	464,552	499,465	8,823	2.0
2031	466,187	508,177	555,616	8,725	1.8

Table 3: Population by age group, Sunshine Coast (R)

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	56,786	35,144	74,323	81,019	47,812	40.8
	19.2%	11.9%	25.2%	27.5%	16.2%	
2031*	90,457	54,072	122,516	124,395	116,730	43.1
	17.8%	10.6%	24.1%	24.5%	23.0%	

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Sunshine Coast Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 2.3 years from a median age of 40.8 years in 2006 to a median age of 43.1 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 1,867 new dwelling approvals in Sunshine Coast Regional Council over the year ending December 2011, a decrease of 30.3 per cent from the previous year (2,678) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 64.3 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	2,097	972	3,069
2006	2,183	1,011	3,194
2007	2,659	1,111	3,770
2008	2,379	1,060	3,439
2009	1,951	334	2,285
2010	1,945	733	2,678
2011	1,200	667	1,867
Mar qtr 2011	321	229	550
Jun qtr 2011	291	206	497
Sep qtr 2011	310	166	476
Dec qtr 2011	278	66	344

* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

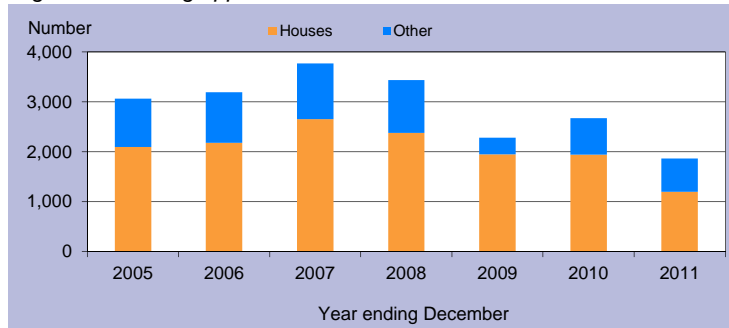
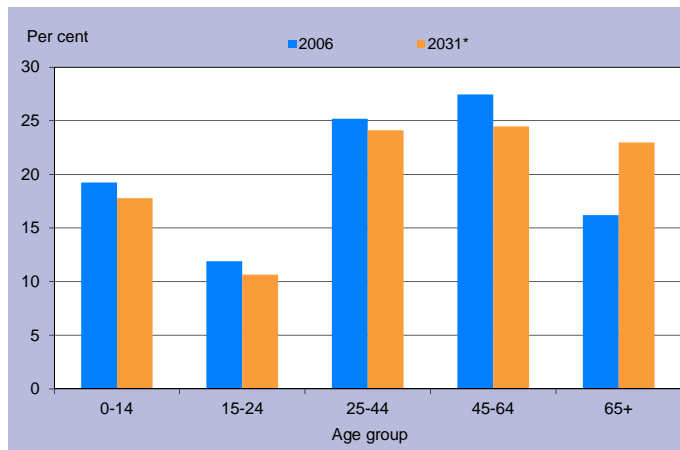


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	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, Sunshine Coast (R), 2006 and 2031*



* Medium series

Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Sunshine Coast 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			
	Sunshine Coast (R)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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