

Population and Dwelling Profile

Toowoomba Regional Council

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Estimated resident population

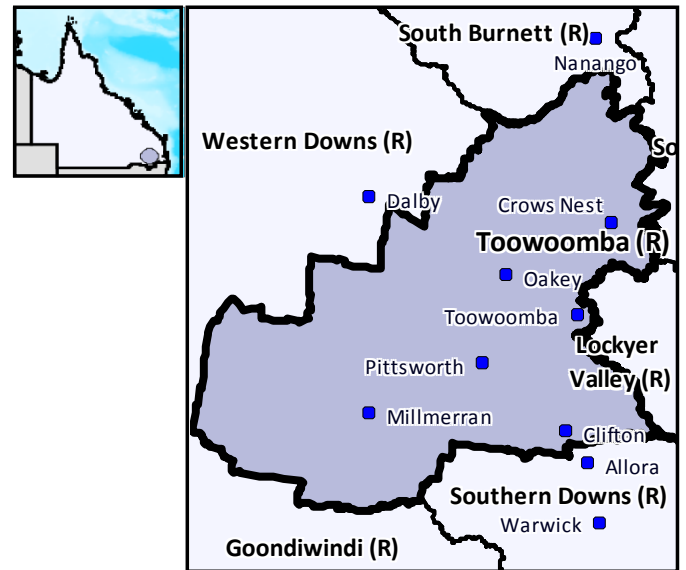
The preliminary estimated resident population of Toowoomba Regional Council at 30 June 2011 was 163,936 persons, an increase of 2,180 persons or 1.3 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 2,659 persons or 1.7 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 1,228 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 2,225 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

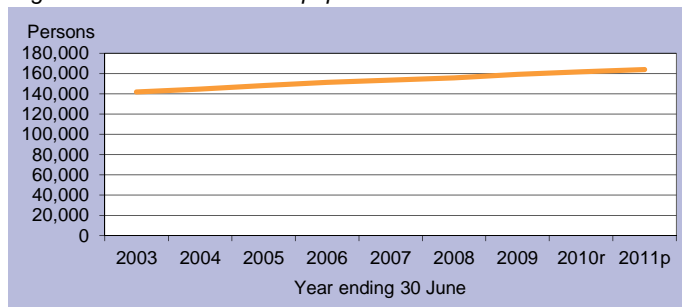
Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Toowoomba Regional Council will be between 175,503 and 185,039 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 221,184 and 266,496 persons (low and high series).



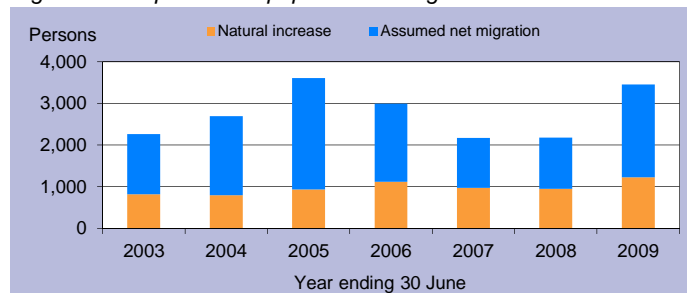
C = City S = Shire R = Regional Council T = Town

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

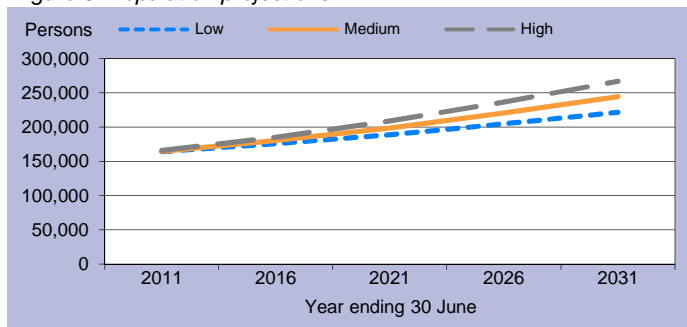


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

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	142,010	2,003	820	1,443	2,263	1.6
2004	144,702	2004	793	1,899	2,692	1.9
2005	148,305	2005	932	2,671	3,603	2.5
2006	151,297	2006	1,115	1,877	2,992	2.0
2007	153,467	2007	974	1,196	2,170	1.4
2008	155,644	2008	950	1,227	2,177	1.4
2009	159,097	2009	1,228	2,225	3,453	2.2
2010r	161,756	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,659	1.7
2011p	163,936	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,180	1.3

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	163,817	164,501	165,749	2,641	1.7
2016	175,503	180,052	185,039	3,110	1.8
2021	188,901	198,591	208,599	3,708	2.0
2026	204,615	220,571	236,385	4,396	2.1
2031	221,184	244,340	266,496	4,754	2.1

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

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	32,864	22,658	38,920	36,460	20,395	35.8
	21.7%	15.0%	25.7%	24.1%	13.5%	
2031*	47,321	30,563	58,986	57,306	50,161	40.3
	19.4%	12.5%	24.1%	23.5%	20.5%	

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Toowoomba Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 4.5 years from a median age of 35.8 years in 2006 to a median age of 40.3 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 700 new dwelling approvals in Toowoomba Regional Council over the year ending December 2011, a decrease of 32.0 per cent from the previous year (1,029) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 82.9 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	1,023	266	1,289
2006	860	325	1,185
2007	746	228	974
2008	722	208	930
2009	823	208	1,031
2010	790	239	1,029
2011	580	120	700
Mar qtr 2011	109	26	135
Jun qtr 2011	141	26	167
Sep qtr 2011	145	19	164
Dec qtr 2011	185	49	234

* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

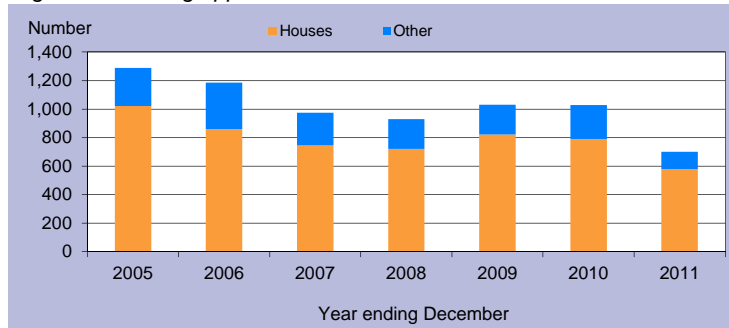
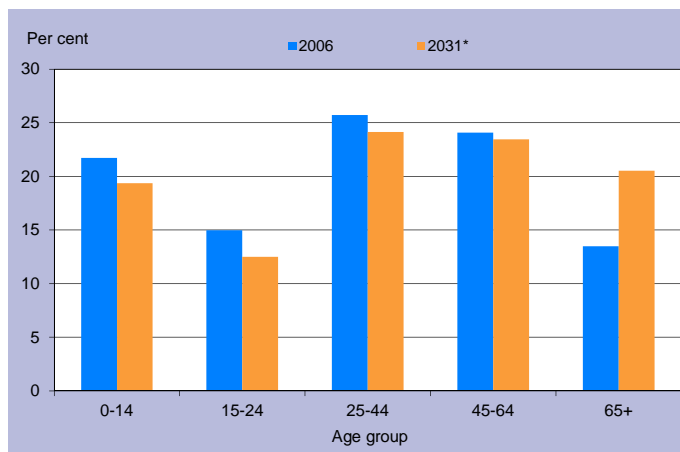


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	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, Toowoomba (R), 2006 and 2031*



* Medium series

Household size

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

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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