

# Population and Dwelling Profile

Whitsunday Regional Council

Updated April 2012

## Estimated resident population

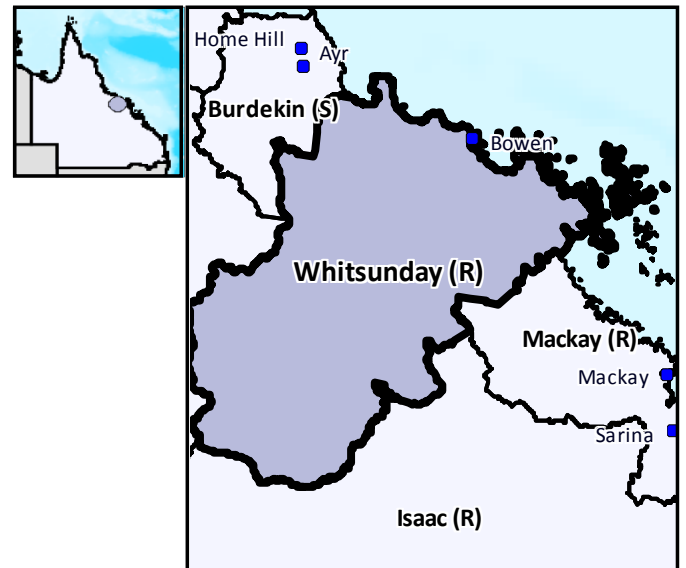
The preliminary estimated resident population of Whitsunday Regional Council at 30 June 2011 was 35,065 persons, an increase of 365 persons or 1.1 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 506 persons or 1.5 per cent in the year to June 2010 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

## Components of population change

In the year to June 2009, natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 278 persons while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 679 persons (Table 1 and Figure 2).

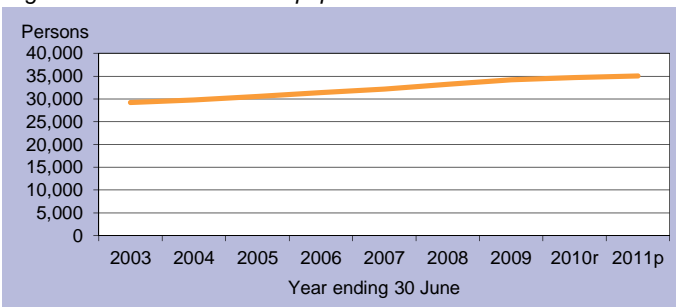
## Population projections

Projections released in 2011 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Whitsunday Regional Council will be between 39,289 and 41,841 persons (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 49,180 and 60,428 persons (low and high series).



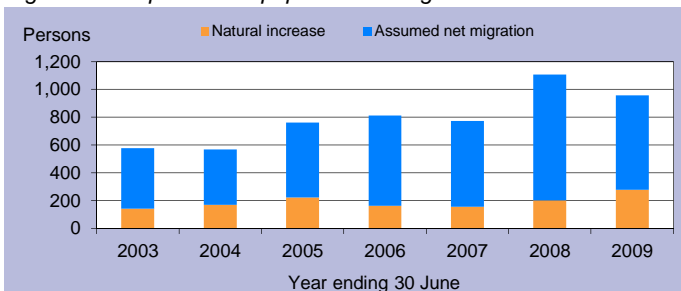
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Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



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Figure 3: Population projections

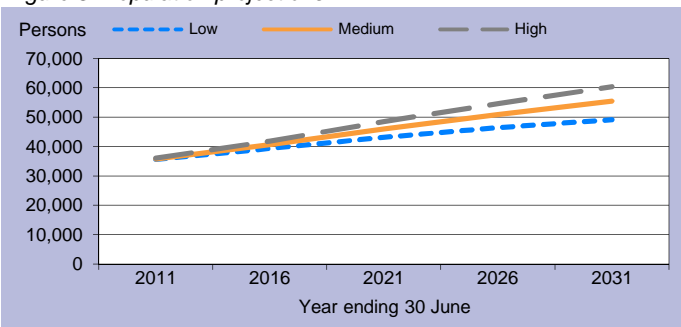


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

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	29,214	2,003	142	435	577	2.0
2004	29,781	2004	169	398	567	1.9
2005	30,543	2005	223	539	762	2.6
2006	31,355	2006	162	650	812	2.7
2007	32,129	2007	155	619	774	2.5
2008	33,237	2008	201	907	1,108	3.4
2009	34,194	2009	278	679	957	2.9
2010r	34,700	2010r	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	506	1.5
2011p	35,065	2011p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	365	1.1

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	35,608	35,743	36,062	878	2.7
2016	39,289	40,618	41,841	975	2.6
2021	43,126	46,008	48,451	1,078	2.5
2026	46,392	50,928	54,635	984	2.1
2031	49,180	55,451	60,428	905	1.7

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

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	5,666	4,238	9,448	8,620	3,383	37.5
	18.1%	13.5%	30.1%	27.5%	10.8%	
2031*	8,887	6,043	16,612	13,949	9,961	40.6
	16.0%	10.9%	30.0%	25.2%	18.0%	

\* Medium series

### Age structure

The median age of Whitsunday Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 3.1 years from a median age of 37.5 years in 2006 to a median age of 40.6 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 43 new dwelling approvals in Whitsunday Regional Council over the year ending December 2011, a decrease of 78.8 per cent from the previous year (203) (Table 5). Separate houses made up 81.4 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	169	182	351
2006	226	230	456
2007	254	259	513
2008	177	110	287
2009	159	93	252
2010	131	72	203
2011	35	8	43
Mar qtr 2011	13	0	13
Jun qtr 2011	12	6	18
Sep qtr 2011	3	2	5
Dec qtr 2011	7	0	7

\* Excludes alterations/additions

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

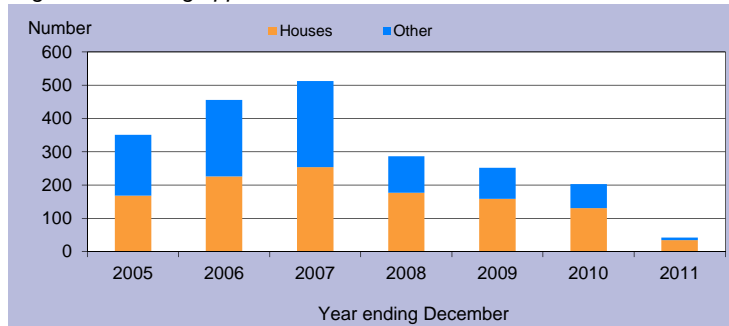
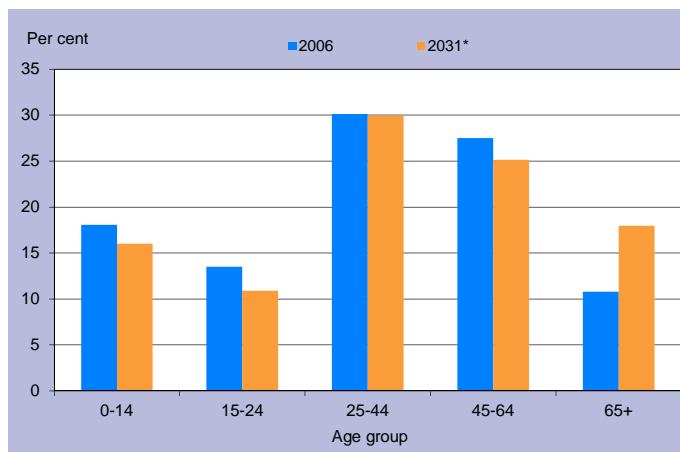


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	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, Whitsunday (R), 2006 and 2031\*



\* Medium series

### Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Whitsunday Regional Council was 2.4 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			
	Whitsunday (R)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	2006
Separate house	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.8	1.7	2.1	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.6

Sources for the Population and Dwelling Profile:

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