



Demographic Overview

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Population

Estimated resident population, 30th June, 2017: 606,291 persons

Table 1: Estimated resident population by SA3, Gold Coast SA4 and Queensland

	2007	2012	2017	Average annual growth from 2012-2017
Broadbeach-Burleigh	58,461	61,961	64,998	1.0%
Coolangatta	50,842	53,042	55,866	1.0%
Gold Coast-North	58,443	63,505	69,299	1.8%
Gold Coast Hinterland	16,929	17,864	19,303	1.6%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	29,088	32,680	35,179	1.5%
Nerang	58,659	66,113	70,181	1.2%
Ormeau-Oxenford	74,755	102,338	132,732	5.3%
Robina	42,277	48,099	52,399	1.7%
Southport	52,550	57,908	62,199	1.4%
Surfers Paradise	35,814	38,562	44,135	2.7%
Gold Coast	479,818	542,072	606,291	2.3%
Queensland	4,111,018	4,568,687	4,929,152	1.5%

Source: ABS 3218.0, Regional Population Growth, Australia, various editions

Table 1 shows that the Gold Coast population has grown 2.3% from 2012 to 2017 which is slightly above the Queensland rate of 1.5%. The estimated resident population for Gold Coast in 2017 was 606,291 persons. The two SA3 regions with the highest growth in population were Ormeau-Oxenford (5.3%) and Surfers Paradise (2.7%).

Age Breakdown

Table 2: Estimated resident population by age and SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 30th June

	0-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Broadbeach - Burleigh	9,793	15.1%	7,340	11.3%	19,764	30.4%	15,918	24.5%	12,183	18.7%
Coolangatta	9,371	16.8%	6,159	11.0%	14,566	26.1%	14,975	26.8%	10,795	19.3%
Gold Coast - North	10,023	14.5%	8,137	11.7%	16,997	24.5%	18,203	26.3%	15,939	23.0%
Gold Coast Hinterland	3,513	18.2%	1,962	10.2%	4,100	21.2%	6,168	32%	3,560	18.4%
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	8,165	23.2%	4,372	12.4%	8,647	24.6%	9,419	26.8%	4,576	13.0%
Nerang	14,376	20.5%	8,877	12.6%	18,853	26.9%	17,826	25.4%	10,249	14.6%
Ormeau - Oxenford	32,401	24.4%	17,849	13.4%	39,067	29.4%	29,595	22.3%	13,820	10.4%
Robina	9,232	17.6%	7,826	14.9%	14,370	27.4%	12,405	23.7%	8,566	16.3%
Southport	9,188	14.8%	10,589	17.0%	17,454	28.1%	14,672	23.6%	10,296	16.6%
Surfers Paradise	5,087	11.5%	6,173	14.0%	13,521	30.6%	11,161	25.3%	8,193	18.6%
Gold Coast	111,149	18.3%	79,284	13.1%	167,339	27.6%	150,342	24.8%	98,177	16.2%
Queensland	967,026	19.6%	654,532	13.3%	1,349,993	27.4%	1,216,179	24.7%	741,422	15.0%

Source: ABS 3235.0, Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia

Table two shows the Gold Coast has the highest percentage of people in the age category of 25-44 years of age (27.6%) which is in line with the Queensland figure (27.4%). As of the 30th June 2017, the estimated resident population aged 65 years and over for the Gold Coast was 16.2%. Within the Gold Coast, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest percentage of people aged 0-14 years with 24.4%. Surfers Paradise had the largest percentage of people aged 15-64 with 69.9%. Furthermore, Gold Coast-North had the largest percentage of people aged 65+ with 23.0%.

Median age

Table 3: Median age by SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland

	As at 30 th June 2017, figures in years			Change
	2007	2012	2017	2007-2017
Broadbeach - Burleigh	40.1	39.4	40.0	-0.1
Coolangatta	40.8	40.9	42.2	1.3
Gold Coast - North	41.7	42.3	44.5	2.8
Gold Coast Hinterland	41.5	43.3	45.2	3.8
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	36.0	37.2	38.3	2.3
Nerang	35.5	36.6	37.8	2.3
Ormeau - Oxenford	34.2	33.7	33.3	-0.9
Robina	35.9	36.7	37.5	1.5
Southport	36.3	36.2	37.0	0.7
Surfers Paradise	40.0	38.8	39.8	-0.3
Gold Coast	37.5	37.8	38.3	0.8
Queensland	36.2	36.6	37.1	0.9

Source: ABS 3235.0, Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia unpublished data Queensland Treasury estimates.

Table three shows that as of the 30th June 2017, the median age for the Gold Coast community was 38.3 years. This was an increase of 0.8% from the median age of 37.5 years at the 30th June 2007. Within the region, Gold Coast Hinterland had the highest median age of 45.2 years and Gold Coast Hinterland had the largest increase in median age from 30th June 2007 to 30th June 2017 with 3.8 years.

Indigenous

Table 4: Indigenous status by SA3, Gold Coast SA4 and Queensland, 2016

	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both	Total	Percentage of Gold Coast population
Broadbeach - Burleigh	651	35	24	708	1.1%
Coolangatta	1,067	64	72	1,200	2.3%
Gold Coast - North	961	57	36	1,060	1.6%
Gold Coast Hinterland	285	10	19	315	1.7%
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	459	35	32	526	1.6%
Nerang	1,188	41	44	1,274	1.9%
Ormeau - Oxenford	2,177	102	73	2,353	1.9%
Robina	588	30	17	638	1.3%
Southport	1003	52	29	1,081	1.8%
Surfers Paradise	315	22	13	348	0.9%
Gold Coast	8,687	460	357	9501	1.7%
Queensland	148,943	21,053	16,493	186,482	4.0%

Source: ABS, Census of population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile-102

Table four shows the percentage of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Gold Coast was 1.7% or 9,501 people in 2016. Within the Gold Coast, Coolangatta had the largest percentage of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples with 2.3%.

Country of birth

Table 5: Country of birth by SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2016

	Born in Australia Born Overseas		Born Overseas					
	Number	%	Born in ESB countries		Born in NESB countries		Total	
			Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Broadbeach - Burleigh	40,890	64.0%	8,774	14.2%	6,835	11.1%	15,596	25.3%
Coolangatta	39,668	74.6%	6,222	11.7%	3,131	5.9%	9,341	17.6%
Gold Coast - North	39,658	60.2%	11,551	17.5%	9,237	14.0%	20,782	31.5%
Gold Coast Hinterland	12,755	68.9%	2,837	15.3%	1,155	6.2%	3,992	21.6%
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	23,473	70.3%	5,567	16.7%	2,545	7.6%	8,108	24.3%
Nerang	45,140	67.1%	11,315	16.8%	6,498	9.7%	17,800	26.5%
Ormeau - Oxenford	79,035	65.4%	23,906	19.8%	9,401	7.8%	33,310	27.6%
Robina	29,418	59.5%	8,419	17.0%	8,232	16.6%	16,651	33.7%
Southport	33,800	57.4%	8,249	14.0%	11,882	20.2%	20,133	34.2%
Surfers Paradise	20,917	51.2%	5,611	13.7%	8,995	22.0%	14,594	35.7%
Gold Coast	364,761	64.0%	92,480	16.2%	67,858	11.9%	160,312	28.1%
Queensland	3,343,819	71.1%	493,066	10.5%	522,810	11.1%	1,015,875	21.6%

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile- G01 and G09

Origin

The top 5 English speaking backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds for Gold Coast	
English Speaking	Non-English Speaking
New Zealand (7.9%)	China excludes SARs and Taiwan (1.2%)
England (5.2%)	Japan (0.7%)
South Africa (1.2%)	India (0.7%)
Scotland (0.6%)	Philippines (0.7%)
United States of America (0.5%)	Korea Republic of South (0.6%)

Table five shows that In the Gold Coast in 2016, 160,312 (or 28.1%) of people were born overseas. Within this region, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest number of persons born overseas with 33,310 persons. Furthermore, Surfers Paradise had the largest percentage of people born overseas with 35.7%.

Migration one year ago

Table six: Place of usual residence one year ago by SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2016

	Same Address	Different Address				Proportion with different address	Total persons
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total		
Broadbeach - Burleigh	43,574	8,170	1,768	1,193	11,302	18.5%	60,998
Coolangatta	38,759	6,234	1,836	658	8,903	16.9%	52,637
Gold Coast North	46,102	9,562	1,670	1,071	12,496	19.1%	65,356
Gold Coast Hinterland	14,032	2,035	300	126	2,504	13.6%	18,360
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	25,633	3,806	791	278	4,960	15.0%	33,029
Nerang	50,347	8,444	1,246	670	10,536	15.8%	66,509
Ormeau - Oxenford	83,516	20,215	3,271	1,551	25,376	21.3%	119,123
Robina	34,929	7,068	1,385	1,100	9,697	19.8%	48,943
Southport	40,359	8,602	1,489	1,729	12,020	20.6%	58,363
Surfers Paradise	25,218	5,906	1,301	1,974	9,297	22.9%	40,526
Gold Coast	402,470	80,033	15,054	10,349	107,089	19.0%	563,834
Queensland	3,423,989	655,524	77,129	66,975	813,045	17.5%	4,648,722

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile

Table six shows the percentage of people in Gold Coast with a different address one year ago was 19%. 402,470 persons resided in the same address as one year ago and 107,089 persons (or 19%) resided in a different address one year ago. Furthermore, within the Gold Coast Surfers Paradise had the largest percentage of people with a different address one year ago with 22.9%.

Migration five years ago

Table seven: Place of usual residence five years ago by SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2016

	Same Address	Different Address				Proportion with different address	Total persons
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total		
Broadbeach - Burleigh	26,112	17,982	4,914	3,850	27,318	46.7%	58,488
Coolangatta	24,285	14,476	5,101	1,853	21,954	43.6%	50,326
Gold Coast North	26,140	21,321	4,889	3,994	30,818	49.2%	62,640
Gold Coast Hinterland	9,493	5,053	847	411	6,438	36.5%	17,630
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	16,099	9,444	2,507	1,137	13,323	42.7%	31,230
Nerang	31,071	20,458	3,842	2,579	27,514	43.8%	62,870
Ormeau - Oxenford	42,881	43,111	9,393	6,325	60,044	54.1%	111,038
Robina	19,570	15,274	4,243	3,716	23,713	50.7%	46,730
Southport	23,311	17,201	4,152	5,573	27,561	49.1%	56,097
Surfers Paradise	13,340	11,552	3,454	5,319	20,667	52.6%	39,312
Gold Coast	232,300	175,864	43,354	34,745	259,347	48.4%	536,368
Queensland	2,118,153	1,456,714	220,316	228,095	1,942,926	44.1%	4,406,728

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile

Table seven shows the percentage of people in Gold Coast with a different address five years ago was 48.4%. 232,300 persons resided in the same address as five years ago and 259,347 (or 48.4%) resided in a different address as five years ago. Within the Gold Coast, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest percentage of people with a different address five years ago with 54.1%. The Gold Coast figure of 48.4% is higher than the Queensland state figure of 44.1%.

The index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage

Table 8: Population by index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage quintiles by SA3 and Gold Coast 2016.

	Quintile 1 (most disadvantaged)	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5 (least disadvantaged)
Broadbeach - Burleigh	3.4%	14.3%	25.9%	36.3%	20.1%
Coolangatta	5.5%	30.8%	28.6%	24.0%	11.1%
Gold Coast - North	22.6%	28.1%	22.7%	14.2%	12.5%
Gold Coast - Hinterland	0.0%	5.0%	42.3%	38.7%	14.0%
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	0.0%	13.7%	9.7%	40.8%	35.8%
Nerang	7.0%	17.5%	26.8%	37.3%	11.4%
Ormeau - Oxenford	4.1%	18.6%	23.8%	28.0%	25.6%
Robina	4.1%	12.6%	32.8%	32.9%	17.6%
Southport	25.9%	21.6%	24.8%	22.9%	4.8%
Surfers Paradise	10.9%	29.9%	14.4%	22.2%	22.6%
Gold Coast	9.0%	20.1%	24.7%	28.6%	17.6%

Source: ABS 2033.0.55.001 Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2016, (Queensland Treasury derived).

Table eight shows the percentage of people in Gold Coast in the least disadvantaged quintile was 17.6% and 9.0% in the most disadvantaged quintile was 9.0%. Within the region, Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera had the largest percentage of people in the least disadvantaged quintile with 35.8%.

Total family income

Table 9: Total family income by SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2016

	Less than \$33,800 per year		\$33,800 to \$77,999 per year		\$78,000 to \$155,999 per year		\$156,000 or more per year		Median \$/year
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	\$
Broadbeach - Burleigh	1,300	8.2%	4,916	31.2%	5,242	33.2%	2,676	17.0%	89,440
Coolangatta	1,180	8.6%	4,546	33.0%	4,764	34.8%	1,738	12.6%	83,408
Gold Coast - North	1,887	10.7%	6,508	37.0%	5,380	30.6%	2,111	12.0%	74,360
Gold Coast Hinterland	452	8.9%	1,645	32.4%	1,695	33.4%	703	13.9%	84,292
Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	691	7.5%	2,536	27.6%	3,332	36.3%	1,594	17.4%	95,992
Nerang	1,593	8.7%	5,770	31.5%	6,861	37.4%	2,270	12.4%	86,476
Ormeau - Oxenford	2,504	7.7%	8,954	27.4%	12,820	39.3%	5,077	15.6%	94,744
Robina	1,228	9.3%	4,319	32.5%	4,694	35.4%	1,706	12.9%	84,084
Southport	1,669	11.7%	4,987	35.0%	4,553	31.9%	1,612	11.3%	75,556
Surfers Paradise	1,001	10.6%	2,982	31.5%	2,827	29.9%	1,681	17.8%	84,240
Gold Coast	13,525	9.1%	47,157	31.6%	52,191	34.9%	21,183	14.2%	86,060
Queensland	115,233	9.4%	377,889	30.9%	408,072	33.4%	186,810	15.3%	86,372

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile- G02 and G28

Table nine shows the median total family income in Gold in 2016 was \$86,060 per year. With this, 13,525 or 9.1% were low income families. Additionally, Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera had the highest family income with \$95,992 per year and Gold Coast North had the lowest median total family income with \$74,360 per year.