

Gold Coast Primary Health Network Needs Assessment 2022



Demographics for our region

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Population

The estimated resident population for the Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) region as of 30 June 2021 was 649,659.

The Gold Coast population has grown 22.9% from 2011 to 2021 which is above the Queensland rate of 16.5%. SA3 regions with the highest annual population growth during this period were Ormeau-Oxenford (65.5%) and Surfers Paradise (22.7%).

Table 1. Estimated resident population, Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2011-2021

Region	Estimated resident population			Change growth rate (%)
	2011	2016	2021	2011-2021
Queensland	4,476,778	4,845,152	5,217,653	16.5%
Gold Coast SA4	528,766	589,933	649,659	22.9%
Broadbeach-Burleigh	60,897	64,301	67,271	10.5%
Coolangatta	52,242	55,111	58,194	11.4%
Gold Coast-North	62,272	68,258	70,111	12.6%
Gold Coast Hinterland	17,713	18,970	20,349	14.9%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	32,158	34,431	36,507	13.5%
Nerang	64,888	69,282	70,705	9.0%
Ormeau-Oxenford	97,113	124,550	160,674	65.5%
Robina	47,200	51,381	54,655	15.8%
Southport	56,993	60,937	65,430	14.8%
Surfers Paradise	37,290	42,712	45,763	22.7%

Source: ABS 3218.0, Regional Population Growth, Australia, various editions. This data set is a component of the minimum data set.

Age Breakdown

In 2021, the largest proportion of GCPHN population living in the GCPHN region was aged 25-44 years (27.2%). Children aged 14 and under accounted for 17.6% and persons aged 65 and over accounted for 17.8% of the total Gold Coast population.

The distribution of the Gold Coast population across age groups was aligned with the distribution of the total Queensland population.

Among Gold Coast SA3 regions, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest percentage of people aged 0-14 year (23.0%), Southport had the largest percentage of people aged 15-24 (15.3%), and Gold Coast-North had the largest percentage of people aged over 65 (26.4%).

Table 2. Population by age groups, Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2021

Region	0-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Queensland	964,319	18.7%	637,245	12.4%	1,389,541	26.9%	1,289,431	25.0%	875,603	17.0%
Gold Coast SA4	112,672	17.6%	77,240	12.1%	174,546	27.2%	161,960	25.3%	114,349	17.8%
Broadbeach-Burleigh	9,585	14.4%	7,030	10.6%	19,754	29.8%	16,981	25.6%	13,047	19.6%
Coolangatta	9,401	16.3%	6,000	10.4%	15,450	26.9%	15,008	26.1%	11,653	20.3%
Gold Coast-North	9,164	13.2%	7,069	10.2%	15,855	22.9%	18,975	27.3%	18,320	26.4%
Gold Coast Hinterland	3,481	17.3%	1,943	9.7%	4,238	21.1%	6,299	31.0%	4,159	20.7%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	7,982	22.2%	4,382	12.2%	8,548	23.7%	9,883	27.4%	5,240	14.5%
Nerang	13,568	19.5%	8,291	11.9%	18,242	26.2%	18,141	26.0%	11,439	16.4%
Ormeau-Oxenford	36,360	23.0%	20,523	13.0%	46,070	29.0%	36,404	23.0%	18,693	11.0%
Robina	9,232	17.1%	7,178	13.3%	14,815	27.5%	12,788	23.7%	9,887	18.3%
Southport	8,915	13.8%	9,873	15.3%	18,405	28.5%	15,373	23.8%	11,912	18.5%
Surfers Paradise	4,996	11.1%	4,940	10.9%	13,166	29.1%	12,118	26.8%	9,988	22.1%

Source: ABS Community Profiles, GO1, based on 2021 Census data

Median age

As of the 30 June 2020, the median age for the GCPHN region was 38.8 years. This was an increase of 1.2 years from the median age of 37.6 years in 2010. Within the region, Gold Coast Hinterland population had the highest median age of 46.1 years, while Gold Coast North saw the largest increase in median age by 4.0 years from 2010 to 2020.

Table 3. Median age of population, Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2010-2020

Region	2010	2015	2020	Change 2010-2020
Queensland	36.4	36.9	37.8	1.4
Gold Coast SA4	37.6	38.1	38.8	1.2
Broadbeach-Burleigh	39.5	39.8	41.1	1.6
Coolangatta	40.6	41.7	42.2	1.6
Gold Coast-North	41.7	43.5	45.7	4.0
Gold Coast Hinterland	42.4	44.3	46.1	3.7
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	36.9	37.8	39.2	2.3
Nerang	36.3	37.2	39.1	2.8
Ormeau-Oxenford	33.9	33.5	33.5	-0.4
Robina	36.4	37	37.6	1.2
Southport	36.2	36.8	37.9	1.7
Surfers Paradise	38.8	39.4	41.0	2.2

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

Indigenous population

Based on 2021 Census data, 13,901 people in the Gold Coast regions identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background, accounting for 5.9% of total population.

Almost a third of Gold Coast Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population lived in Ormeau-Oxenford SA3 region (n=4,359; 31.4% of total population).

Table 4. Population by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2021

Region	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population	Proportion of Gold Coast's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population
Queensland	237,303	
Gold Coast SA4	13,901	5.9%
Broadbeach-Burleigh	1,013	7.3%
Coolangatta	1,429	10.3%
Gold Coast-North	1,292	9.3%
Gold Coast Hinterland	432	3.1%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	750	5.4%
Nerang	1,759	12.7%
Ormeau-Oxenford	4,359	31.4%
Robina	919	6.6%
Southport	1,419	10.2%
Surfers Paradise	528	3.8%

Source: AIHW analysis of MBS data and Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) population data. This data set is a component of the minimum data set.

Projected population

Projected annual population growth for the Gold Coast region from 2016 to 2041 is 2.0%, which means that by 2041, Gold Coast is predicted to have a population of 961,076. The projected rate of growth is higher than for the total Queensland for this period (1.6%).

Within the region, Ormeau-Oxenford SA3 region is projected to have the fastest growth in population from 2016 to 2041, with an average annual rate of 3.2% per year.

Table 5. Projected population, Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2016-2041

Region	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	Average annual growth rate (2016-2041)
Queensland	4,848,877	5,261,567	5,722,780	6,206,566	6,686,604	7,161,661	1.6%
Gold Coast SA4	591,570	665,515	739,186	813,421	887,304	961,076	2.0%
Broadbeach-Burleigh	64,491	69,367	74,625	80,359	85,563	91,960	1.4%
Coolangatta	55,141	58,370	62,051	65,316	69,356	73,003	1.1%
Gold Coast-North	68,379	74,492	81,047	89,383	98,326	110,619	1.9%
Gold Coast-Hinterland	19,023	19,866	20,911	21,784	22,437	23,179	0.8%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	34,504	37,172	38,787	39,989	41,806	43,705	1.0%
Nerang	69,402	75,384	83,701	90,942	97,134	102,786	1.6%
Ormeau-Oxenford	125,111	160,210	191,932	222,426	250,127	273,833	3.2%
Robina	51,508	54,099	56,955	60,416	64,345	66,551	1.0%
Southport	61,128	66,422	72,455	80,287	88,973	98,478	1.9%
Surfers Paradise	42,883	50,133	56,721	62,518	69,237	76,963	2.4%

Source: Queensland Government Population Projections, 2018 edition (medium series). This data set is a component of the minimum data set.

Country of birth

In 2021, 185,278 (28.9%) of people in the GCPHN region were born overseas. Within the region, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest number of persons born overseas with 45,496 persons, and Surfers Paradise had the largest percentage of people born overseas with 36.9%.

Table 6. Country of birth by SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2021

Region	Born in Australia		Born Overseas				Total	
	Number	%	Born in English speaking background countries		Born in non-English speaking background countries			
			Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Queensland	3,679,899	71.4%	518,523	10.1%	651,810	12.6%	1,170,333	22.7%
Gold Coast SA4	418,554	65.3%	96,634	15.1%	88,644	13.8%	185,278	28.9%
Broadbeach-Burleigh	44,825	67.5%	8,840	13.3%	8,508	12.8%	17,348	26.1%
Coolangatta	43,962	76.4%	6,402	11.1%	4,115	7.2%	10,517	18.3%
Gold Coast-North	42,463	61.2%	11,267	16.2%	11,373	16.4%	22,640	32.6%
Gold Coast Hinterland	14,502	72.1%	2,999	14.9%	1,395	6.9%	4,394	21.8%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	25,854	71.8%	5,541	15.4%	3,195	8.9%	8,736	24.2%
Nerang	47,971	68.8%	10,762	15.4%	7,932	11.4%	18,694	26.8%
Ormeau-Oxenford	104,635	66.2%	28,185	17.8%	17,311	11.0%	45,496	28.8%
Robina	33,449	62.1%	8,282	15.4%	9,797	18.2%	18,079	33.5%
Southport	37,082	57.5%	8,431	13.1%	14,206	22.0%	22,637	35.1%
Surfers Paradise	23,882	52.7%	5,912	13.1%	10,782	23.8%	16,694	36.9%

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile-G01 and G09c. This data set is a component of the minimum data set. Note: ESB: Based on the main English-speaking countries of UK, Ireland, Canada, USA, South Africa and New Zealand; NESB: Includes countries not identified individually, 'Inadequately described' and 'At sea' responses.

The top 5 English speaking backgrounds in the Gold Coast region in 2021 were: New Zealand (7.1%), England (4.9%), South Africa (1.4%), Scotland (0.6%), and Unites States of America (0.5%).

The top 5 non-English speaking backgrounds in the Gold Coast region in 2021 were: Mandarin (1.8%), Japanese (0.9%), Portugese (0.8%), Spanish (0.8%), and Korean (0.6%).

Migration

Tables 7 and 8 show that the 19.0% of people in the GCPHN region had a different address one year ago, and 48.4% had a different address five years ago.

Surfers Paradise SA3 region saw the largest proportion of migration in the last year (22.9%), and Ormeau-Oxenford SA3 region in the last five years (22.9%).

Table 7. Place of usual residence one year ago, Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2016

Region	Same Address	Different Address				Proportion with different address (%)	Total persons
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total		
Queensland	3,423,989	655,524	77,129	66,975	813,045	17.5%	4,648,722
Gold Coast SA4	402,470	80,033	15,054	10,349	107,089	19.0%	563,834
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

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

Table 8. Place of usual residence five years ago, Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2016

Region	Same Address	Different Address				Proportion with different address (%)	Total persons
		Within Queensland	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total		
Queensland	2,118,153	1,456,714	220,316	228,095	1,942,926	44.1	4,406,728
Gold Coast SA4	232,300	175,864	43,354	34,745	259,347	48.4	536,368
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

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

The Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area.

Table 9 shows the distribution of population in each Gold Coast SA3 region across the five quintiles, with quintile 1 being the most disadvantaged and quintile 5 the least disadvantaged. In 2016, 9.0% of Gold Coast population was living in areas of most disadvantage and 17.6% in areas of least disadvantage.

Within the Gold Coast region, Southport SA3 had the largest percentage of population in the most disadvantaged quintile (25.9%) and Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera SA3 had the largest percentage of people in the least disadvantaged quintile (35.8%).

Table 9. Population by Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage quintiles, Gold Coast SA3 regions, 2016

	Quintile 1 (most disadvantaged) (%)	Quintile 2 (%)	Quintile 3 (%)	Quintile 4 (%)	Quintile 5 (least disadvantaged) (%)
Gold Coast SA4	9.0%	20.1%	24.7%	28.6%	17.6%
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%

Source: ABS 2033.0.55.001 Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2016, (Queensland Treasury derived). This data set is a component of the minimum data set.

Total family income

Table 10 shows the median total family income in Gold in 2016 was \$104,468 per year. In this same year 11,626 or 6.7% were low-income families. Additionally, Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera had the highest median total family income with \$116,584 per year and Gold Coast North had the lowest median total family income with \$89,700 per year.

Table 10. Total annual family income, Gold Coast SA3 region, 2021

	Less than \$33,800		\$33,800 to \$77,999		\$78,000 to \$155,999		\$156,000 or more per		Median income \$/year
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Queensland	94,168	6.9%	363,384	26.6%	464,993	34.0%	332,448	24.3%	105,248
Gold Coast SA4	11,676	6.8%	46,083	26.7%	61,701	35.8%	52,962	30.7%	104,468
Broadbeach-Burleigh	1,036	6.0%	4,294	24.8%	5,717	33.1%	5,032	29.1%	113,048
Coolangatta	957	6.3%	4,048	26.5%	5,282	34.5%	3,822	25.0%	107,536
Gold Coast-North	1,579	8.3%	6,251	33.0%	6,248	32.9%	3,585	18.9%	89,700
Gold Coast Hinterland	368	6.4%	1,568	27.5%	1,953	34.2%	1,290	22.6%	102,700
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	625	6.2%	2,266	22.6%	3,399	33.9%	2,964	29.6%	116,584
Nerang	1,258	6.5%	5,117	26.2%	7,359	37.7%	4,260	21.9%	104,364
Ormeau-Oxenford	2,593	5.9%	10,475	23.9%	17,144	39.1%	10,305	23.5%	109,668
Robina	1,034	7.0%	3,981	26.9%	5,550	37.5%	3,224	21.8%	102,492
Southport	1,360	8.6%	4,933	31.1%	5,551	34.5%	2,929	18.5%	91,156
Surfers Paradise	873	7.9%	3,150	28.4%	3,485	31.4%	2,759	24.9%	99,840

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, General Community Profile- G02 and G32

Australian Statistical Geography Standard

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) provides a framework of statistical areas used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and other organisations to enable the publication of statistics that are comparable and spatially integrated. First introduced in 2011, the ASGS replaced the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) that had been in use since 1984. The ASGS provides users with an integrated set of standard areas that can be used for analysing, visualising, and integrating statistics produced by the ABS and other organisations.

Statistical Area Level

- Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4s) are specifically designed for the output of Labour Force Survey data and reflect labour markets within each State and Territory within the population limits imposed by the Labour Force Survey sample. Most SA4s have a population above 100,000 persons to provide sufficient sample size for Labour Force estimates. In regional areas, SA4s tend to have lower populations (100,000 to 300,000). In metropolitan areas, the SA4s tend to have larger populations (300,000 to 500,000). SA4s are aggregations of whole SA3s.
- Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s) are designed for the output of regional data. SA3s create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics, administrative boundaries or labour markets. SA3s generally have populations between 30,000 and 130,000 persons. They are often the functional areas of regional towns and cities with a population in excess of 20,000, or clusters of related suburbs around urban commercial and transport hubs within the major urban areas. SA3s are aggregations of whole SA2s.
- Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s) are designed to reflect functional areas that represent a community that interacts together socially and economically. They consider Suburb and Locality boundaries to improve the geographic coding of data to these areas and in major urban areas SA2s often reflect one or more related suburbs. The SA2 is the smallest area for the release of many ABS statistics, including the Estimated Resident Population (ERP), Health and Vitals and Building Approvals data. SA2s generally have a population range of 3,000 to 25,000 persons and have an average population of about 10,000 persons. SA2s are aggregations of whole SA1s.

Table 11. Gold Coast Statistical Area Level 4, 3 and 2 (2021)

Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA4)	Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA3)	Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2)
Gold Coast	Broadbeach-Burleigh	Broadbeach Waters
		Burleigh Heads
		Burleigh Waters
		Mermaid Beach-Broadbeach
		Mermaid Waters
		Miami
	Coolangatta	Coolangatta
		Currumbin-Tugun
		Currumbin Waters
		Elanora
	Gold Coast-North	Palm Beach
		Arundel
		Biggera Waters
		Coombabah
		Labrador
	Gold Coast Hinterland	Paradise Point-Hollywell
		Runaway Bay
	Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	Guanaba-Springbrook
		Tamborine-Canungra
	Nerang	Currumbin Valley-Tallebudgera
		Mudgeeraba-Bonogin
		Reedy Creek-Andrews
		Carrara
		Highland Park
	Ormeau-Oxenford	Nerang-Mount Nathan
		Pacific Pines-Gaven
		Worongary-Tallai
		Coomera
		Helensvale
		Hope Island
		Jacobs Well-Alberton
		Ormeau (East)-Stapylton
		Ormeau (West)-Yatala
Oxenford-Maudsland		
Pimpama-North		
Upper Coomera-North		
Upper Coomera (South)-Wongawallan		
Willow Vale-Pimpama (West)		
Robina	Clear Island Waters	
	Merrimac	
	Robina-East	
	Robina-West	
	Varsity Lakes	

	Southport	Ashmore
		Molendinar
		Parkwood
		Southport-North
		Southport-South
	Surfers Paradise	Benowa
		Bundall
		Main Beach
		Surfers Paradise-North
		Surfers Paradise-South



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