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Population

Table 1 shows the estimated resident population for the Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) region in 2020 was 650,996. The Gold Coast population has grown by 2.5 per cent annually from 2015 to 2020 which is above the Queensland rate of 1.6 per cent. The two SA3 regions with the highest growth population annually from 2015 to 2020 were Ormeau-Oxenford (6.1 per cent) and Surfers Paradise (2.5 per cent).

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

SA4/SA3/State	As of 30 June			Average annual growth rate	
	2010	2015	2020	2010-2020	2015-2020
	number			%	
Broadbeach- Burleigh	60,527	63,659	67,014	1.0	1.0
Coolangatta	51,653	54,378	58,850	1.3	1.6
Gold Coast- North	61,451	67,117	72,214	1.6	1.5
Gold Coast- Hinterland	17,669	18,633	20,350	1.4	1.8
Mudgeeraba- Tallebudgera	31,556	34,110	36,681	1.5	1.5
Nerang	63,883	68,691	72,274	1.2	1.0
Ormeau-Oxenford	92,978	117,043	157,455	5.4	6.1
Robina	46,511	50,714	55,211	1.7	1.7
Southport	56,449	60,082	63,967	1.3	1.3
Surfers Paradise	36,953	41,589	46,980	2.4	2.5
Gold Coast SA4	519,630	576,016	650,996	2.3	2.5
Queensland	4,404,744	4,777,692	5,176,186	1.6	1.6

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

Age Breakdown

Table 2 shows the GCPHN region has the highest percentage in the age category of 25-44 years of age (27.4 per cent) which is in line with the Queensland figure (27.3 percent). As of the 30 June 2020, the rate of people over 65 years old in the GCPHN region was 17 per cent, which was above the Queensland rate of 16.1 per cent. Within the GCPHN region, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest percentage of people aged 0-14 year (23.6 per cent), Southport had the largest percentage of people aged 15-24 (15.6 per cent) and Gold Coast-North had the largest percentage of people aged over 65 (24.2 percent).

Table 2. Estimated resident population by age and SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 30 June 2020

	0-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Broadbeach-Burleigh	9,978	14.9	6,962	10.4	19,943	29.8	16,615	24.8	13,516	20.2
Coolangatta	10,042	17.1	6,261	10.6	15,244	25.9	15,528	26.4	11,775	20.0
Gold Coast-North	10,291	14.3	7,932	11.0	17,245	23.9	19,242	26.6	17,504	24.2
Gold Coast Hinterland	3,612	17.7	2,200	10.8	4,024	19.8	6,470	31.8	4,044	19.9
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	8,259	22.5	4,852	13.2	8,498	23.2	9,820	26.8	5,252	14.3
Nerang	14,345	19.8	8,751	12.1	18,827	26.0	18,740	25.9	11,611	16.1
Ormeau-Oxenford	37,120	23.6	21,443	13.6	46,601	29.6	35,238	22.4	17,053	10.8
Robina	9,724	17.6	7,995	14.5	15,129	27.4	13,152	23.8	9,211	16.7
Southport	9,039	14.1	9,975	15.6	18,532	29.0	15,308	23.9	11,113	17.4
Surfers Paradise	5,224	11.1	5,839	12.4	14,567	31.0	11,897	25.3	9,453	20.1
Gold Coast	117,634	18.1	82,210	12.6	178,610	27.4	162,010	24.9	110,532	17.0
Queensland	999,054	19.3	657,838	12.7	1,412,436	27.3	1,274,977	24.6	831,881	16.1

Source: ABS 3235.0, Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia. This data set is a component of the minimum data set.

Median age

Table 3 shows that as of the 30 June 2020, the median age for the GCPHN region was 38.8 years. This was an increase of 1.2 from the median age of 37.6 years at 30 June 2010. Within the region, Gold Coast Hinterland had the highest median age of 46.1 years while Gold Coast North had the largest increase in median age (four years) from 30 June 2010 to 30 June 2020.

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

	As at 30 June			Change
	2010	2015	2020	2010-2020
	Years			Years
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
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	2.2
Gold Coast	37.6	38.1	38.8	1.2
Queensland	36.4	36.9	37.8	1.4

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

Indigenous

Table 4 shows the number of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in GCPHN region was 12,818 people based of 2016 Census data. Within the region, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest number of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples with 3,518.

Table 4. Estimated Resident Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status by SA3, Gold Coast SA4 and Queensland, 2019/20

	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	Proportion of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population
Broadbeach-Burleigh	921	7.4%
Coolangatta	1,565	12.5%
Gold Coast-North	1,399	11.2%
Gold Coast Hinterland	414	3.3%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	669	5.4%
Nerang	1,615	12.9%
Ormeau-Oxenford	3,518	28.2%
Robina	830	6.6%
Southport	1,408	11.3%
Surfers Paradise	501	4.0%
Gold Coast	12,818	5.4%
Queensland	238,522	

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

Table 5 shows the predicted population of the GCPHN region to be 961,076 persons as at 30 June 2041 with an increase of 2.0% per year over 25 years. Within the region, Ormeau-Oxenford is projected to have the largest population as at 30 June 2041 with 273,833 persons. Within the region, Ormeau-Oxenford, is projected to have the fastest growth in population from 30 June 2016 to 2041 with an average annual rate of 3.2 per cent per year.

Table 5. Projected population by SA3, Gold Coast SA4 and Queensland

	Number						%
	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	Average annual growth rate per year 2016-2041
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
Gold Coast SA4	591,570	665,515	739,186	813,421	887,304	961,076	2.0
Queensland	4,848,877	5,261,567	5,722,780	6,206,566	6,686,604	7,161,661	1.6

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

Country of birth

Table 6 shows that in 2016 in the GCPHN region, 160,312 (28.1 percent) of people were born overseas. Within the 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 per cent.

Table 6. Country of birth by SA3, Gold Coast and Queensland, 2016

	Born in Australia		Born Overseas					
	Number	%	Born in English speaking background countries		Born in non-English speaking background countries		Total	
			Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Broadbeach-Burleigh	40,890	64.00%	8,774	14.20%	6,835	11.10%	15,596	25.30%
Coolangatta	39,668	74.60%	6,222	11.70%	3,131	5.90%	9,341	17.60%
Gold Coast-North	39,658	60.20%	11,551	17.50%	9,237	14.00%	20,782	31.50%
Gold Coast Hinterland	12,755	68.90%	2,837	15.30%	1,155	6.20%	3,992	21.60%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	23,473	70.30%	5,567	16.70%	2,545	7.60%	8,108	24.30%
Nerang	45,140	67.1	11,315	16.80%	6,498	9.70%	17,800	26.50%
Ormeau-Oxenford	79,035	65.40%	23,906	19.80%	9,401	7.80%	33,310	27.60%
Robina	29,418	59.50%	8,419	17.00%	8,232	16.60%	16,651	33.70%
Southport	33,800	57.40%	8,249	14.00%	11,882	20.20%	20,133	34.20%
Surfers Paradise	20,917	51.20%	5,611	13.70%	8,995	22.00%	14,594	35.70%
Gold Coast	364,761	64.00%	92,480	16.20%	67,858	11.90%	160,312	28.10%
Queensland	3,343,819	71.10%	493,066	10.50%	522,810	11.10%	1,015,875	21.60%

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, General Community Profile- G01 and G09. This data set is a component of the minimum data set.

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%)

Migration one year ago

Table 7 shows the percentage of people in the GCPHN region with a different address one year ago was 19 per cent. 402,470 persons resided in the same address as one year ago and 107,089 persons (or 19 per cent) resided in a different address one year ago. Furthermore, within the GCPHN region, Surfers Paradise had the largest percentage of people with a different address one year ago with 22.9 per cent.

Table 7. 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 QLD	Rest of Australia	Overseas	Total		
Broadbeach-Burleigh	43,574	8,170	1,768	1,193	11,302	18.50%	60,998
Coolangatta	38,759	6,234	1,836	658	8,903	16.90%	52,637
Gold Coast North	46,102	9,562	1,670	1,071	12,496	19.10%	65,356
Gold Coast Hinterland	14,032	2,035	300	126	2,504	13.60%	18,360
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	25,633	3,806	791	278	4,960	15.00%	33,029
Nerang	50,347	8,444	1,246	670	10,536	15.80%	66, 509
Ormeau-Oxenford	83,516	20,215	3,271	1,551	25,376	21.30%	119,123
Robina	34,929	7,068	1,385	1,100	9,697	19.80%	48,943
Southport	40,359	8,602	1,489	1,729	12,020	20.60%	58,363
Surfers Paradise	25,218	5,906	1,301	1,974	9,297	22.90%	40,526
Gold Coast	402,470	80,033	15,054	10,349	107,089	19.00%	563,834
Queensland	3,423,989	655,524	77,129	66,975	813,045	17.50%	4,648,722

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

Migration five years ago

Table 8 shows the percentage of people in GCPHN region with a different address five years ago was 48.4 per cent (259,347 persons) which is higher than the Queensland state figure of 44.1 per cent. Within the GCPHN region, Ormeau-Oxenford had the largest percentage of people with a different address five years ago with 54.1 per cent.

Table 8. 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	46.70%	58,488
Coolangatta	24,285	14,476	5,101	1,853	21,954	43.60%	50,326
Gold Coast North	26,140	21,321	4,889	3,994	30,818	49.20%	62,640
Gold Coast Hinterland	9,493	5,053	847	411	6,438	36.50%	17,630
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	16,099	9,444	2,507	1,137	13,323	42.70%	31,230
Nerang	31,071	20,458	3,842	2,579	27,514	43.80%	62,870
Ormeau-Oxenford	42,881	43,111	9,393	6,325	60,044	54.10%	111,038
Robina	19,570	15,274	4,243	3,716	23,713	50.70%	46,730
Southport	23,311	17,201	4,152	5,573	27,561	49.10%	56,097
Surfers Paradise	13,340	11,552	3,454	5,319	20,667	52.60%	39,312
Gold Coast	232,300	175,864	43,354	34,745	259,347	48.40%	536,368
Queensland	2,118,153	1,456,714	220,316	228,095	1,942,926	44.10%	4,406,728

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

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage

Table 9 shows the percentage of people in the GCPHN region in the least disadvantaged quintile was 17.6 per cent and 9.0 per cent were in the most disadvantaged quintile. Within the region, Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera had the largest percentage of people in the least disadvantaged quintile with 35.8 per cent.

Table 9. 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	3.40%	14.30%	25.90%	36.30%	20.10%
Coolangatta	5.50%	30.80%	28.60%	24.00%	11.10%
Gold Coast-North	22.60%	28.10%	22.70%	14.20%	12.50%
Gold Coast-Hinterland	0.00%	5.00%	42.30%	38.70%	14.00%
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	0.00%	13.70%	9.70%	40.80%	35.80%
Nerang	7.00%	17.50%	26.80%	37.30%	11.40%
Ormeau-Oxenford	4.10%	18.60%	23.80%	28.00%	25.60%
Robina	4.10%	12.60%	32.80%	32.90%	17.60%
Southport	25.90%	21.60%	24.80%	22.90%	4.80%
Surfers Paradise	10.90%	29.90%	14.40%	22.20%	22.60%
Gold Coast	9.00%	20.10%	24.70%	28.60%	17.60%

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 \$86,060 per year. In this same year 13,525 or 9.1 per cent were low-income families. Additionally, Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera had the highest median total family income with \$95,992 per year and Gold Coast North had the lowest median total family income with \$74,360 per year.

Table 10. 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	8.20%	4,916	31.20%	5,242	33.20%	2,676	17.00%	89,440
Coolangatta	1,180	8.60%	4,546	33.00%	4,764	34.80%	1,738	12.60%	83,408
Gold Coast-North	1,887	10.70%	6,508	37.00%	5,380	30.60%	2,111	12.00%	74,360
Gold Coast Hinterland	452	8.90%	1,645	32.40%	1,695	33.40%	703	13.90%	84,292
Mudgeeraba-Tallebudgera	691	7.50%	2,536	27.60%	3,332	36.30%	1,594	17.40%	95,992
Nerang	1,593	8.70%	5,770	31.50%	6,861	37.40%	2,270	12.40%	86,476
Ormeau-Oxenford	2,504	7.70%	8,954	27.40%	12,820	39.30%	5,077	15.60%	94,744
Robina	1,228	9.30%	4,319	32.50%	4,694	35.40%	1,706	12.90%	84,084
Southport	1,669	11.70%	4,987	35.00%	4,553	31.90%	1,612	11.30%	75,556
Surfers Paradise	1,001	10.60%	2,982	31.50%	2,827	29.90%	1,681	17.80%	84,240
Gold Coast	13,525	9.10%	47,157	31.60%	52,191	34.90%	21,183	14.20%	86,060
Queensland	115,233	9.40%	377,889	30.90%	408,072	33.40%	186,810	15.30%	86,372

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

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

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
		Palm Beach
	Gold Coast - North	Arundel
		Biggera Waters
		Coomababah
		Labrador
		Paradise Point - Hollywell
		Runaway Bay
	Gold Coast Hinterland	Guanaba - Springbrook
		Tamborine - Canungra
	Mudgeeraba - Tallebudgera	Currumbin Valley - Tallebudgera
		Mudgeeraba - Bonogin
		Reedy Creek - Andrews
	Nerang	Carrara
		Highland Park
		Nerang - Mount Nathan
		Pacific Pines - Gaven
		Worongary - Tallai
	Ormeau - Oxenford	Coomera
		Helensvale
		Hope Island
		Jacobs Well - Alberton
		Ormeau - Yatala
		Oxenford - Maudsland
		Pimpama
		Upper Coomera - Willow Vale
	Robina	Clear Island Waters
		Merrimac
		Robina
		Varsity Lakes
	Southport	Ashmore
		Molendinar
		Parkwood
		Southport - North
		Southport - South
	Surfers Paradise	Benowa
		Bundall
		Main Beach
		Surfers Paradise



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