

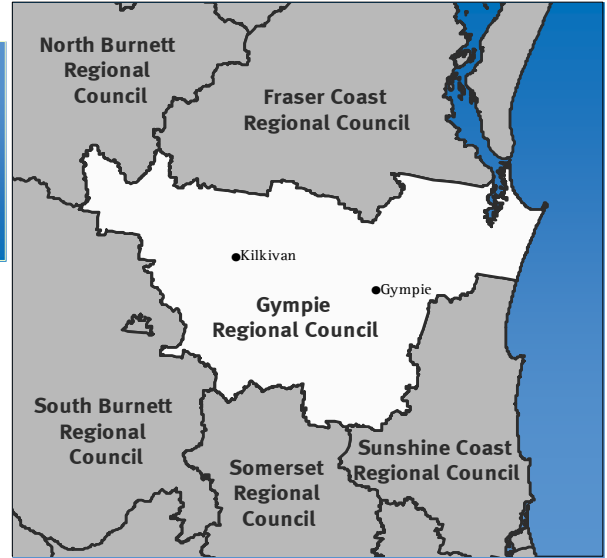
Population and housing profile

Gympie Regional Council

April 2010

Estimated resident population

The preliminary estimated resident population of Gympie Regional Council at 30 June 2009 was 48,282 people, an increase of 1,756 people or 3.8 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 1,239 people or 2.7 per cent in the year to June 2008 (Table 1 and Figure 1).



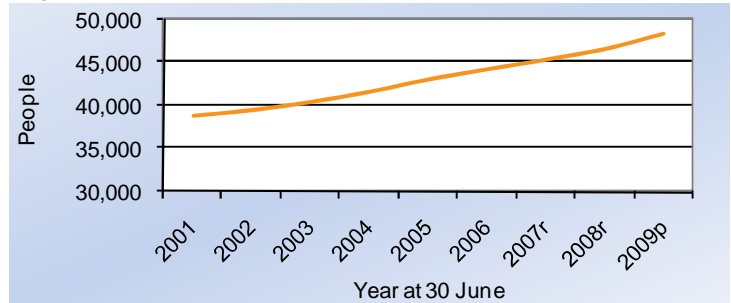
Components of population change

In the year to June 2008 natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 272 people while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 967 people (Table 1 and Figure 2).

Population projections

Projections released in 2008 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Gympie Regional Council will be between 50,960 and 54,790 people (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 57,490 and 68,520 people (low and high series).

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



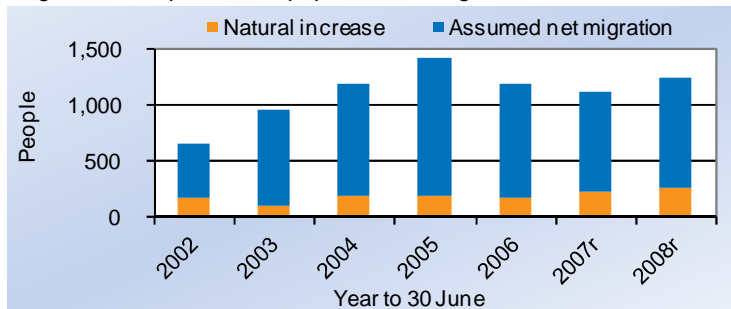
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Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

Population trends		Annual population change				
Year at 30 Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30 Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Total	Per cent
2001	38,807					
2002	39,459	2002	172	480	652	1.7%
2003	40,413	2003	106	848	954	2.4%
2004	41,593	2004	199	981	1,180	2.9%
2005	43,001	2005	192	1,216	1,408	3.4%
2006	44,177	2006	181	995	1,176	2.7%
2007r	45,287	2007	222	888	1,110	2.5%
2008r	46,526	2008	272	967	1,239	2.7%
2009p	48,282	2009	n.a.	n.a.	1,756	3.8%

p = preliminary r = revised n.a. = not available

Figure 2: Components of population change



r = revised

Table 2: Population projections

Year	Projected population			Average annual change (medium series)	
	Low series	Medium series	High series	Number	Per cent
	2011	48,072	48,826	49,823	930
2016	50,969	52,568	54,783	748	1.5%
2021	53,267	55,770	59,315	640	1.2%
2026	55,457	58,918	63,868	630	1.1%
2031	57,493	61,993	68,511	615	1.0%

Figure 3: Population projections

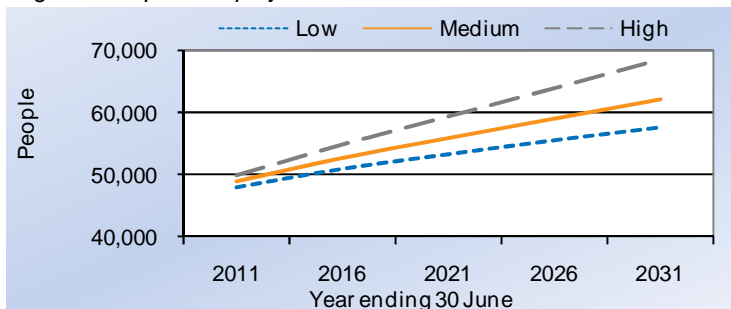


Table 3: Population by age group, Gympie (RC)

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	9,328	4,756	10,380	12,944	6,577	41
	21.2%	10.8%	23.6%	29.4%	15.0%	
2031*	11,640	5,696	12,826	16,874	14,959	46
	18.8%	9.2%	20.7%	27.2%	24.1%	

* Medium series

Age structure

The median age of Gympie Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 5 years from a median age of 41 years in 2006 to a median age of 46 years in 2031 (Table 3 and Figure 4). The median age for Queensland in 2031 is projected to be 41 years, under the medium series (Table 4).

Dwelling activity

Dwelling activity decreased in Gympie Regional Council in the year ending December 2009 with 431 approvals, 92.6 per cent of them for separate houses (Table 5). Compared with 575 approvals in the previous year, these figures show a decrease of 25.0 per cent in dwelling activity (Figure 5).

Table 5: New dwelling activity

Year to	New dwelling approvals		
	Houses	Other	Total
December 2003	456	46	502
2004	489	60	549
2005	443	53	496
2006	456	113	569
2007	537	49	586
2008	527	48	575
2009	399	32	431
Mar Qtr 2009	92	13	105
Jun Qtr 2009	84	3	87
Sep Qtr 2009	119	2	121
Dec Qtr 2009	104	14	118

Includes ABS revisions from 2000-01

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals

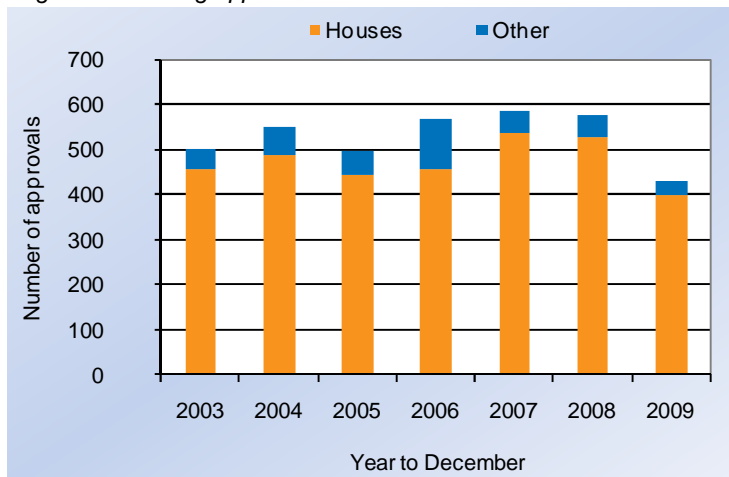
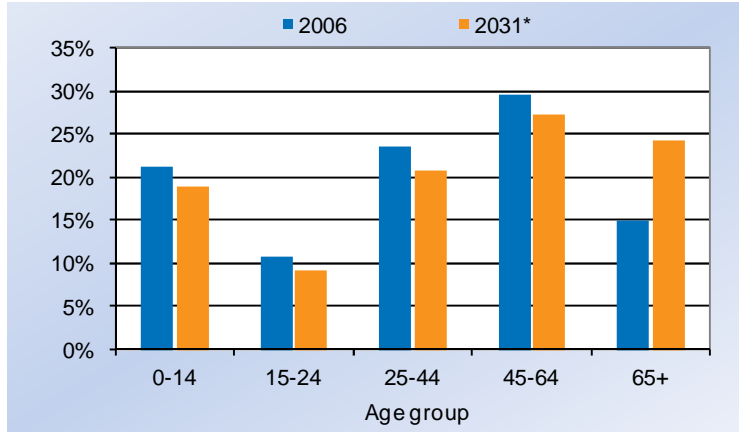


Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	834,591	578,170	1,171,154	1,014,106	493,525	36
	20.4%	14.1%	28.6%	24.8%	12.1%	
2031^	1,109,855	756,601	1,599,186	1,533,624	1,274,599	41
	17.7%	12.1%	25.5%	24.4%	20.3%	

^ Medium series

Figure 4: Age distribution, Gympie (RC), 2006 and 2031*



Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Gympie Regional Council was 2.5 people. 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			Qld 2006
	Gympie (RC)		2006	
	1996	2001		
Separate house	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6

Sources for the population and housing profile: ABS cat nos 3201.3, 3218.0, 3235.3; ABS unpublished births and deaths data; ABS unpublished dwelling approvals data; ABS Census of Population and Housing 1996, 2001 and 2006; QDIP Queensland's future population 2008 edition; Queensland government population projections 2008. Copyright 2010 OESR; Australian Bureau of Statistics

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