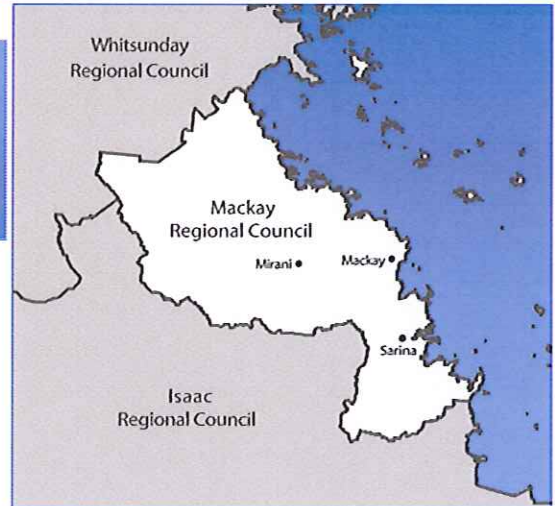


# Mackay Regional Council Population and Housing Profile

## Estimated resident population

The preliminary estimated resident population of Mackay Regional Council at 30 June 2009 was 116,123 people, an increase of 3,139 people or 2.8 per cent over the year. This compares with an increase of 3,027 people or 2.8 per cent in the year to June 2008 (Table 1 and Figure 1).



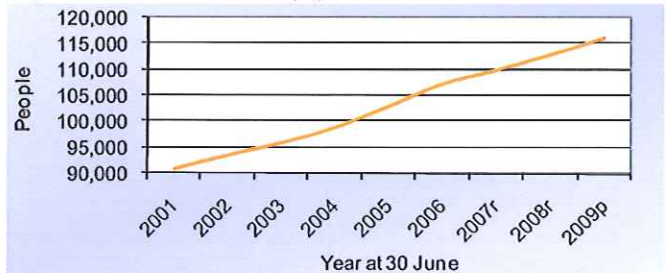
## Components of population change

In the year to June 2008 natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for an increase of 932 people while assumed net migration resulted in a gain of 2,095 people (Table 1 and Figure 2).

## Population projections

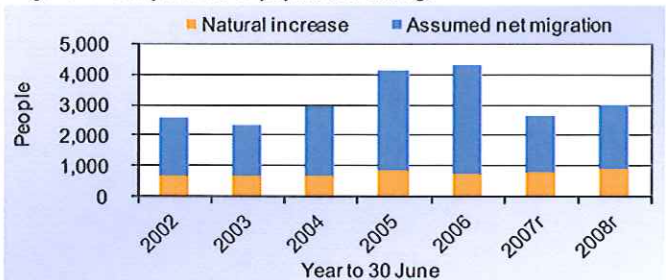
Projections released in 2008 indicate that by 2016 the expected population of Mackay Regional Council will be between 139,480 and 150,350 people (Table 2 and Figure 3). By 2031 this is expected to change to between 159,870 and 189,500 people (low and high series).

Figure 1: Estimated resident population



p = preliminary r = revised

Figure 2: Components of population change



r = revised

Figure 3: Population projections

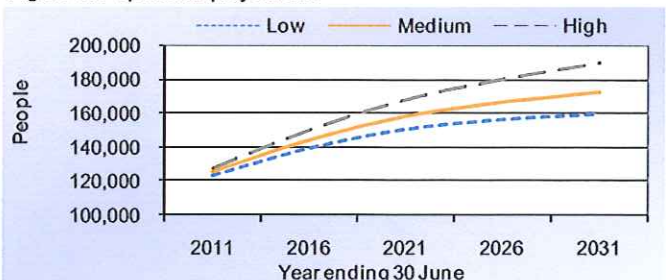


Table 1: Estimated resident population and components of change

Population trends		Annual population change				
Year at 30 Jun	Est. resident population	Year to 30 Jun	Natural increase	Assumed net migration	Annual change Total	Per cent
2001	91,084					
2002	93,649	2002	698	1,867	2,565	2.8%
2003	96,018	2003	716	1,653	2,369	2.5%
2004	98,957	2004	688	2,251	2,939	3.1%
2005	103,060	2005	877	3,226	4,103	4.1%
2006	107,332	2006	772	3,500	4,272	4.1%
2007r	109,957	2007	839	1,786	2,625	2.4%
2008r	112,984	2008	932	2,095	3,027	2.8%
2009p	116,123	2009	n.a.	n.a.	3,139	2.8%

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

Table 2: Population projections

	Projected population			Average annual change (medium series)	
	Low series	Medium series	High series	Number	Per cent
2011	123,341	125,669	128,214	3,667	3.2%
2016	139,485	144,463	150,345	3,759	2.8%
2021	150,719	158,529	168,066	2,813	1.9%
2026	156,542	166,958	179,982	1,686	1.0%
2031	159,878	172,993	189,497	1,207	0.7%

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

	Age group					Median age
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
2006	23,503	14,508	31,368	26,823	11,170	36
	21.9%	13.5%	29.2%	25.0%	10.4%	
2031*	32,593	19,170	47,289	43,091	30,847	40
	18.8%	11.1%	27.3%	24.9%	17.8%	

\* Medium series

### Age structure

The median age of Mackay Regional Council's population is projected to increase by 4 years from a median age of 36 years in 2006 to a median age of 40 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

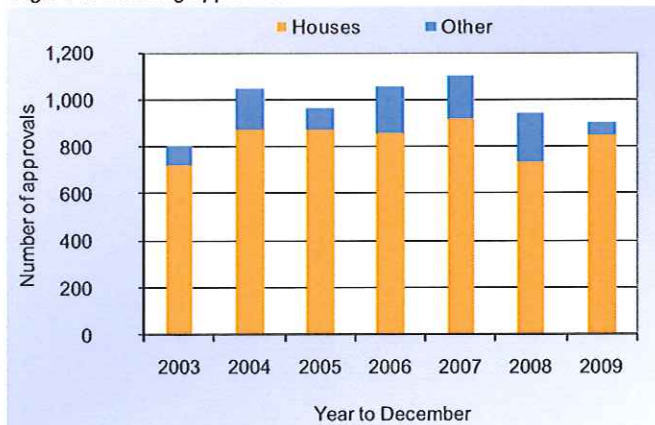
Dwelling activity decreased in Mackay Regional Council in the year ending December 2009 with 902 approvals, 94.2 per cent of them for separate houses (Table 5). Compared with 942 approvals in the previous year, these figures show a decrease of 4.2 per cent in dwelling activity (Figure 5).

Table 5: New dwelling activity

Year to	New dwelling approvals			
	December	Houses	Other	Total
2003		720	82	802
2004		875	173	1,048
2005		870	95	965
2006		859	200	1,059
2007		922	176	1,098
2008		737	205	942
2009		850	52	902
Mar Qtr 2009		126	13	139
Jun Qtr 2009		195	9	204
Sep Qtr 2009		280	6	286
Dec Qtr 2009		249	24	273

Includes ABS revisions from 2000-01

Figure 5: Dwelling approvals



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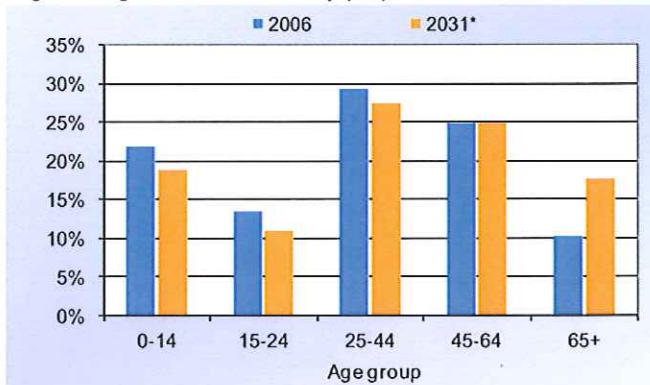
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Table 4: Population by age group, Queensland

	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, Mackay (RC), 2006 and 2031\*



### Household size

In 2006, the average household size for all occupied private dwellings in Mackay Regional Council was 2.6 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			
	Mackay (RC)			Qld
	1996	2001	2006	
Separate house	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8
Semi-detached, flats, etc	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.8
Other dwellings inc caravans	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
All occupied private dwellings	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6

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