



LGAs of South East Queensland: Ipswich

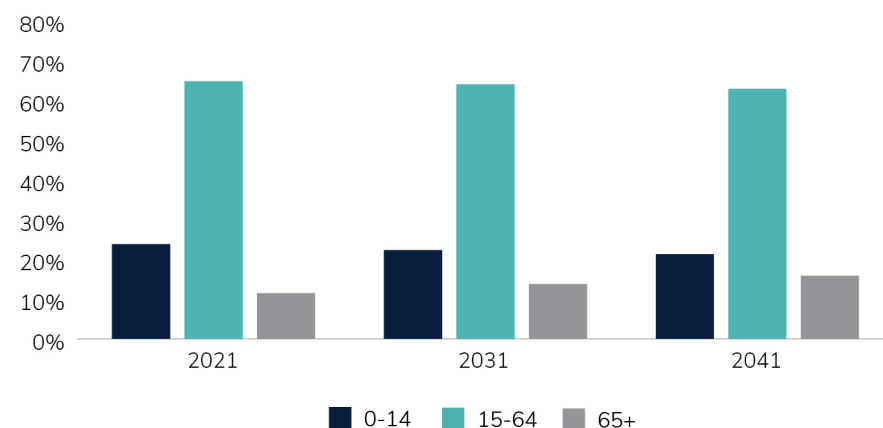


Population

229,845 population in 2020, to increase by **142.6%** to **557,649** in 2041.

In 2041, Ipswich LGA will be the only LGA that has a higher population aged 0-14 than the aged 65+ population (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Ipswich LGA population projection by age cohort



Source: BCARR analysis of Queensland Government population projections, 2018.



Housing

Dwelling approvals: Accounted for **8.9%** of 12 LGA's new dwelling approvals between 2016 and 2021. **87.0%** of these approvals were for new houses.

Housing affordability: Lowest dwelling price to income ratio in SEQ in 2018-19. In 2016, **5.9%** of households experienced mortgage stress (**10th**), whilst **14.0%** experienced rental stress (**2nd**).



Employment

Accounted for **4.2%** of employed persons by LGA of work in 2016 (**7th**).

Largest employing industries: Health care and social assistance (**14.4%**), Manufacturing (**12.0%**).



Skills

Occupations: Professionals is the largest occupation (**18.4%**), followed by Community and personal service workers (**14.0%**).

Education: **21.1% of the working population** has a Bachelor's degree or higher qualification (**9th**).



Transport

- **86.3%** private vehicle (4th)
- **7.9%** public transport (4th)
- **1.9%** active transport (10th)
- **3.3%** worked at home (12th)



Connectivity

Average commuting distance for residents* of **20.9km**.

47.1% of people work in Ipswich LGA (**9th**).

4th highest 45-minute job access, providing employed residents access to **50.6%** of SEQ jobs in 2019.



Liveability

Social infrastructure measures

- Health infrastructure (11th)
- Education (4th)
- Arts and culture (5th)
- Community and sports (12th)

5th lowest walkability score.

Access to public space is **49.8%**, the **5th highest** in SEQ.

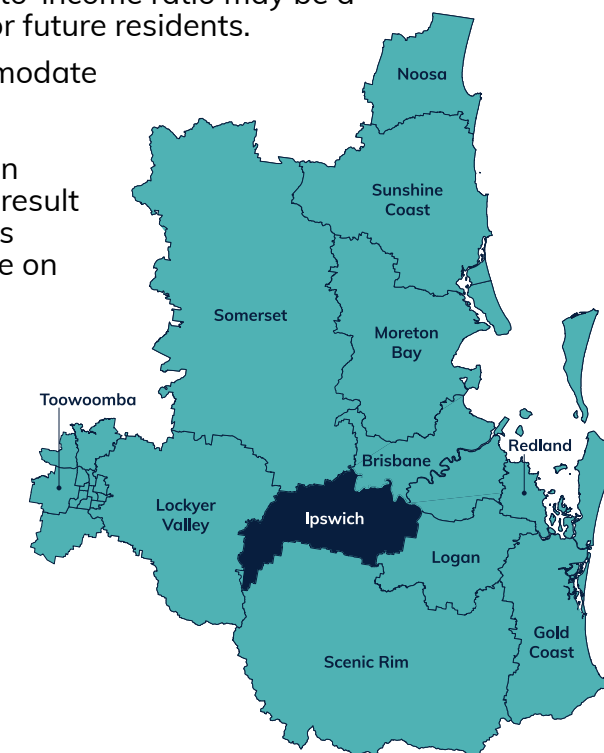


Implications

Access to services will require significant investment, particularly as population is expected to more than double.

Low dwelling price-to-income ratio may be a key consideration for future residents.

Expected to accommodate just **6%** of SEQ job growth compared to **18%** of population growth, which may result in lengthy commutes and putting pressure on transport systems.



Sources: BCARR analysis of ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016, ABS Cat. 8731.0 Building Approvals, Australia, 2016 to 2021, and data from the Australian Urban Observatory.