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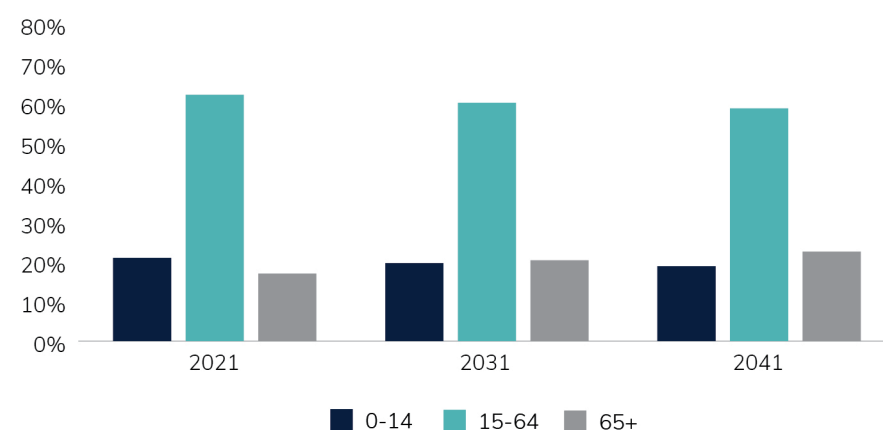
Population

479,639 population in 2020, to increase by **44.0%** to **690,602** in 2041.

By 2041, Moreton Bay LGA will have a greater share of people in the 65+ age cohort than the 0-14 age cohort, mirroring trends in other LGAs (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Moreton Bay LGA population projection by age cohort

- 0-14
- 15-64
- 65+

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

Housing

Dwelling approvals: Accounted for **14.0%** of 12 LGA's new dwelling approvals (**3rd**) between 2016 and 2021.

74.7% of these approvals were new houses.

Housing affordability: In 2016, **6.8%** of households experienced mortgage stress (**8th**), whilst **14.0%** experienced rental stress (**6th**).

Employment

Accounted for **7.6%** of employed persons by LGA of work in 2016 (**3rd**).

Largest employing industries: Health care and social assistance (**14.9%**), Retail trade (**14.0%**).

Skills

Occupations: Professionals is the largest occupation (**17.4%**), followed by Technicians and trade workers (**14.4%**).

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

Transport

- **83.0%** the private vehicle (9th)
- **9.0%** public transport (2nd)
- **2.2%** active transport (9th)
- **3.3%** worked at home (10th)

Connectivity

Average commuting distance for residents of **21.4km.**

47.7% of people work in the same LGA (**8th**).

5th highest 45-minute job access, providing employed residents with access to **40.6%** of SEQ jobs in 2019.

Liveability

Social infrastructure measures
- Health infrastructure (8th)
- Education (5th)
- Arts and culture (9th)
- Community and sports (4th)

4th highest walkability score.

Access to public space is **58.3%**, the **4th highest** in SEQ in 2018.

Implications

The LGA is expected to accommodate **13%** of SEQ population growth but just **7%** of job growth, indicating that many residents may need to commute to Brisbane LGA for work.

Continued low self-containment rates may place strain on roads and public transport.

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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.