



LGAs of South East Queensland: Noosa



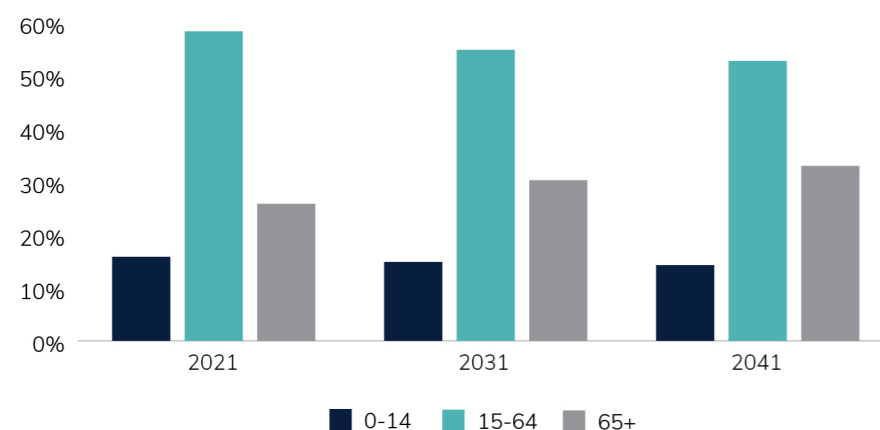
Population

56,587 population in 2020, to increase by **14.9%** to **64,999** in 2041.

By 2041, the 65+ population cohort will make up **32.9%** of the total population, the highest in SEQ (Figure 1).

Just over half the population will be of working age.

Figure 1: Noosa LGA population projection by age cohort



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



Housing

Dwelling approvals: Accounted for **1.0%** of 12 LGA's new dwelling approvals between 2016 and 2021. **67.8%** of these approvals were new houses.

Housing affordability: In 2016, **8.0%** of households experienced mortgage stress (**3rd**), whilst **12.8%** experienced rental stress (**7th**).

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.



Employment

Accounted for **1.4%** of employed persons by LGA of work in 2016 (**9th**).

Largest employing industries: Accommodation and food services (**15.2%**), Retail trade (**14.4%**).



Skills

Occupations: Professionals is the largest occupation (**17.5%**), followed by Technicians and trade workers (**14.8%**).

Education: **22.6% of the working population** has a Bachelor's degree or higher qualification (**6th**).



Transport

- **79.9%** private vehicle (**10th**)
- **4.4%** active transport (**3rd**)
- **2.7%** public transport (**8th**)
- **11.8%** worked at home (**1st**)



Connectivity

Average commuting distance for residents of **21.9km**.

65.0% of people work in same LGA (**5th**).

3rd lowest 45-minute job access, providing employed residents with access to **7.0%** of SEQ jobs in 2019.



Liveability

Social infrastructure measures

- Health infrastructure (**9th**)
- Arts and culture (**7th**)
- Education (**12th**)
- Community and sports (**8th**)

4th lowest walkability score.

Access to public space is **60.7%**, the **2nd highest** in SEQ in 2018.



Implications

Noosa will see the **smallest population growth rate among the 12 LGAs**, with constraints on land availability restricting further growth.

Slow growth will be supplemented by an increase in the proportion of older age cohorts in the LGA, which will need investment in health infrastructure access.

