



LGAs of South East Queensland: Sunshine Coast

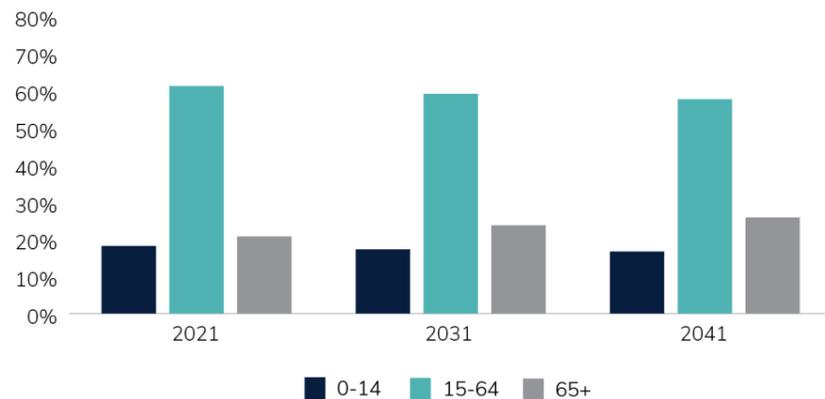


Population

336,482 population in 2020, to increase by **53.9%** to **518,004** in 2041.

By 2041, the 65+ population cohort will make up **25.7%** of the total population (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Sunshine Coast LGA population projection by age cohort



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



Housing

Dwelling approvals: Accounted for **12.5%** of 12 LGA's new dwelling approvals between 2016 and 2021. **69.0%** of these approvals were new houses.

Housing affordability: In 2016, **7.2%** of households experienced mortgage stress (**8th**), whilst **13.3%** experienced rental stress (**4th**).

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 **7.5%** of employed persons by LGA of work in 2016 (**4th**).

Largest employing industries: Health care and social assistance (**16.4%**), Retail trade (**11.7%**).



Skills

Occupations: Professionals is the largest occupation (**20.0%**), followed by Clerical and administrative workers (**14.4%**).

Education: **24.5% of the working population** has a Bachelor's degree or higher qualification (**3rd**).



Transport

- **84.5%** private vehicle (5th)
- **2.8%** public transport (6th)
- **3.7%** active transport (7th)
- **6.4%** worked at home (7th)



Connectivity

Average commuting distance for residents of **21.1km**.

77.6% of people work in the same LGA (**4th**)

8th highest 45-minute job access, providing employed residents with access to **9.3%** of SEQ jobs in 2019.



Liveability

Social infrastructure measures

- Health infrastructure (5th)
- Education (8th)
- Arts and culture (10th)
- Community and sports (6th)

3rd highest walkability score.

Access to public space is **52.2%**, the **6th highest** in SEQ in 2018.



Implications

The LGA is expected to contribute a higher proportion of SEQ's population growth than its job growth. Coupled with low 45-minute job access, this may place **pressure on commuting times and transport systems**.

