



# LGAs of South East Queensland: Somerset

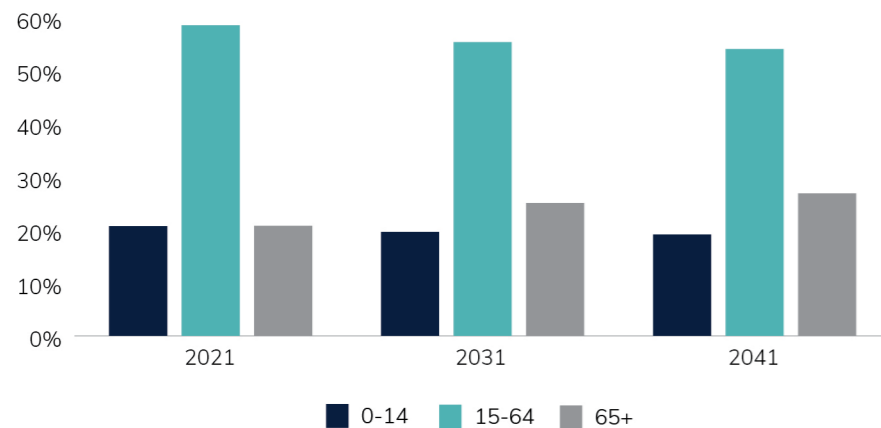


## Population

**26,279** population in 2020, to increase by **48.5%** to **39,017** in 2041.

By 2041, the 65+ population cohort will make up **26.8%** of the total population (Figure 1). Just over half the population will be of working age.

Figure 1: Sommerset LGA population projection by age cohort



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



## Housing

**Dwelling approvals:** Accounted for **0.4%** of 12 LGA's new dwelling approvals between 2016 and 2021. **98.0%** of these approvals were new houses, reflecting almost entirely low-density development in this area.

**Housing affordability:** In 2016, **7.5%** of households experienced mortgage stress (**6<sup>th</sup>**), whilst **10.2%** experienced rental stress (**9<sup>th</sup>**).

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 **0.4%** of employed persons by LGA of work in 2016 (**12<sup>th</sup>**).

**Largest employing industries:** Manufacturing (**17.8%**), Agriculture, forestry and mining at (**13.2%**).



## Skills

**Occupations:** Labourers is the largest occupation (**21.7%**), followed by Managers (**17.5%**).

**Education:** **16.4%** of the working population has a Bachelor's degree or higher qualification (**12<sup>th</sup>**).



## Transport

- **83.7%** private vehicle (7<sup>th</sup>)
- **2.0%** public transport (9<sup>th</sup>)
- **4.0%** active transport (5<sup>th</sup>)
- **11.8%** worked at home (1<sup>st</sup>)



## Connectivity

**Average commuting distance** for residents of **33.9km** (the highest in SEQ).

**47%** of people work in the same LGA (**10<sup>th</sup>**).

**2<sup>nd</sup> lowest** 45-minute job access, providing employed residents with access to **5.4%** of SEQ jobs in 2019.



## Liveability

### Social infrastructure measures

- Health infrastructure (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Education (10<sup>th</sup>)
- Arts and culture (8<sup>th</sup>)
- Community and sports N/A

2<sup>nd</sup> lowest **walkability** score.

Access to public space is **16.2%**, the **2<sup>nd</sup> lowest** in SEQ in 2018.



## Implications

Expected to add less than 20,000 new residents to the SEQ population but will still experience significant growth.

Commuting distance is currently very high compared to the SEQ region. New residents will likely have to spend a large portion of time commuting in a car.

