

Regional Population Growth (ABS Cat No 3218.0)

Latest period: 2015-16

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This data release describes sub-State level population estimates on an LGA basis. Please note that the ABS publication provides various other sub-State regional groupings, which can be accessed via the ABS publication.

All estimates in this data release are effective 30 June for each year. The estimates are final for 2006 to 2011 and preliminary rebased for 2012 to 2016, based on the results of the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Tasmania and its regions

As at 30 June 2016, the ABS estimated that Tasmania's total population grew by 2 192 persons (or 0.4 per cent) to 517 588 persons compared to the previous year (Table 1). Tasmania's population, as a proportion of Australia's population, was 2.1 per cent as at 30 June 2016.

Through the year to 30 June 2016, the majority of population growth was in the Hobart and South East region (Table 1). Over the past decade, this region has grown at a faster rate than the other two regions, contributing the majority of growth at the state-level. The West and North West region has experienced negative growth since 2012. However, this trend is becoming less negative (Chart 1).

Local government areas

As at 30 June 2016, the LGA with the largest population in Tasmania was Launceston, which accounted for 12.9 per cent of Tasmania's estimated total population. This was followed by Clarence (10.6 per cent), Hobart (10.0 per cent) and Glenorchy (9.0 per cent) (Table 2).

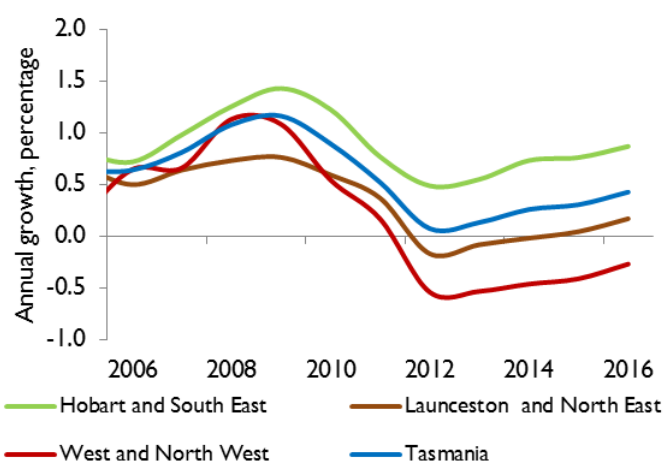
In absolute terms, Clarence experienced the largest growth of 540 persons through the year to 30 June 2016, followed by Hobart (up 352 persons), Kingborough (up 334 persons) and Glenorchy (up 331 persons).

Table 1: Population change by region, as at 30 June 2016, original data

Original Data	Population	Change of previous year	
	(persons)	(persons)	(%)
Hobart and South East	262 485	2 255	0.9
Launceston and North East	143 537	240	0.2
West and North West	111 566	-303	-0.3
Tasmania	517 588	2 192	0.4

SOURCE: REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH, ABS CAT NO 3218.0

Chart 1: Tasmania's population size by LGA, as at 30 June 2016, original data



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As at 30 June 2016, the LGAs with the strongest yearly growth in percentage terms were Flinders (up 4.0 per cent), Latrobe (up 1.9 per cent), Sorell (up 1.8 per cent) and Huon Valley (up 1.3 per cent) (Chart 2).

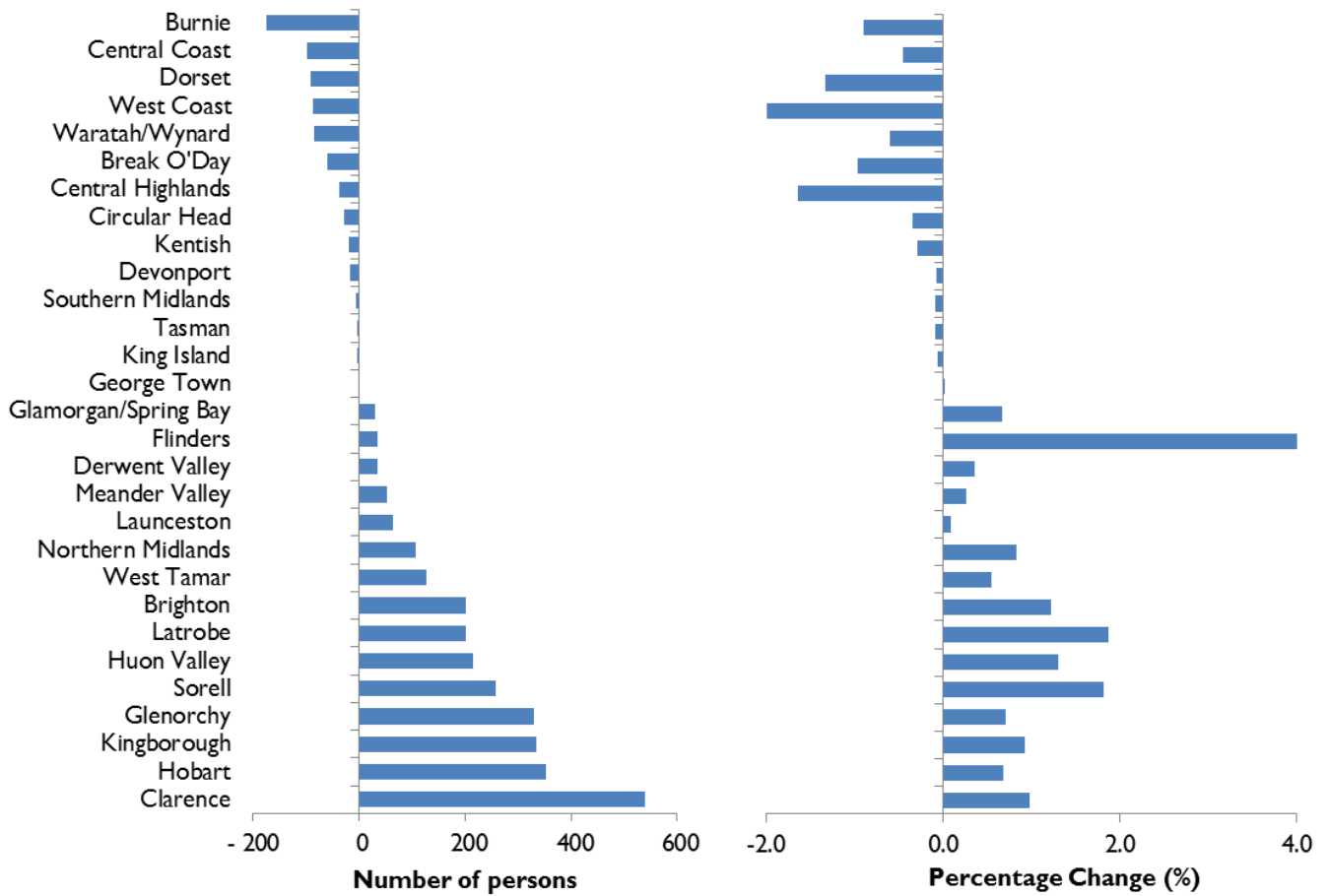
Of the 29 LGAs in Tasmania, 13 LGAs experienced a decline in population through the year to 30 June 2016. Burnie recorded the most significant population decrease in absolute terms (down 174 persons), followed by Central Coast (down 97 persons).

Through the year to 30 June 2016, the LGAs with the greatest percentage decline in population were the West Coast (down 2.0 per cent) and Central Highlands (down 1.6 per cent) (Chart 2).

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Chart 2: Population change by LGA, 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2016, original data



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Table 2: Key data by LGA, Tasmanian Population, original data

Original Data	Estimated Population		Change		Share
	June 15 (persons) Revised	June 16 (persons) Preliminary	in Population (persons)	(%)	June 16 (%)
Break O'Day	6 253	6 193	-60	-1.0	1.2
Brighton	16 408	16 610	202	1.2	3.2
Burnie	19 478	19 304	-174	-0.9	3.7
Central Coast	21 948	21 851	-97	-0.4	4.2
Central Highlands	2 200	2 164	-36	-1.6	0.4
Circular Head	8 201	8 173	-28	-0.3	1.6
Clarence	54 545	55 085	540	1.0	10.6
Derwent Valley	10 055	10 091	36	0.4	1.9
Devonport	25 276	25 259	-17	-0.1	4.9
Dorset	6 837	6 746	-91	-1.3	1.3
Flinders	890	926	36	4.0	0.2
George Town	6 815	6 817	2	0.0	1.3
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	4 491	4 521	30	0.7	0.9
Glenorchy	46 066	46 397	331	0.7	9.0
Hobart	51 398	51 750	352	0.7	10.0
Huon Valley	16 459	16 675	216	1.3	3.2
Kentish	6 321	6 303	-18	-0.3	1.2
King Island	1 618	1 617	-1	-0.1	0.3
Kingborough	35 929	36 263	334	0.9	7.0
Latrobe	10 738	10 940	202	1.9	2.1
Launceston	66 799	66 864	65	0.1	12.9
Meander Valley	19 543	19 596	53	0.3	3.8
Northern Midlands	12 935	13 043	108	0.8	2.5
Sorell	14 136	14 393	257	1.8	2.8
Southern Midlands	6 145	6 140	-5	-0.1	1.2
Tasman	2 398	2 396	-2	-0.1	0.5
Waratah/Wynyard	13 967	13 883	-84	-0.6	2.7
West Coast	4 322	4 236	-86	-2.0	0.8
West Tamar	23 225	23 352	127	0.5	4.5
Tasmania	515 396	517 588	2 192	0.4	100.0

Note: Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
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