

# Regional Population Growth (ABS Cat No 3218.0)

Latest period: 2017-18

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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. Estimates for 30 June 2018 are preliminary, estimates for 2017 are revised from previous publications, while estimates are final for 2001 to 2016.

## Tasmania and its regions

The ABS estimated that Tasmania's total population grew by 5 791 persons (or 1.1 per cent), to 528 201 persons as at 30 June 2018, 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 2018.

Through the year to 30 June 2018, 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 a state-level (Chart 1).

## Local government areas

As at 30 June 2018, the LGA with the largest population in Tasmania was Launceston, which accounted for 12.8 per cent of Tasmania's estimated total population. This was followed by Clarence LGA (10.8 per cent), Hobart LGA (10.2 per cent) and Glenorchy LGA (9.0 per cent) (Table 2).

In absolute terms, the Hobart LGA experienced the largest growth of 783 persons through the year to 30 June 2018, followed by Clarence LGA (up 779 persons), Launceston LGA (up 594 persons) and Kingborough LGA (up 586 persons).

As at 30 June 2018, the LGAs with the strongest yearly growth in percentage terms were Flinders (up 3.1 per cent), Sorell (up 3.0 per cent), Huon Valley, Brighton and Latrobe (all up 2.0 per cent).

**Table 1: Population change by region, as at 30 June 2018, original data**

Original Data	Population	Change of	
	Jun 2018 (persons)	previous year (persons)	(%)
Hobart and South East	271 214	3 892	1.5
Launceston and North East	145 033	1 218	0.8
West and North West	111 954	681	0.6
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>528 201</b>	<b>5 791</b>	<b>1.1</b>

SOURCE: REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH, ABS CAT NO 3218.0

**Chart 1: Tasmania's population size by LGA, as at 30 June 2018, original data**



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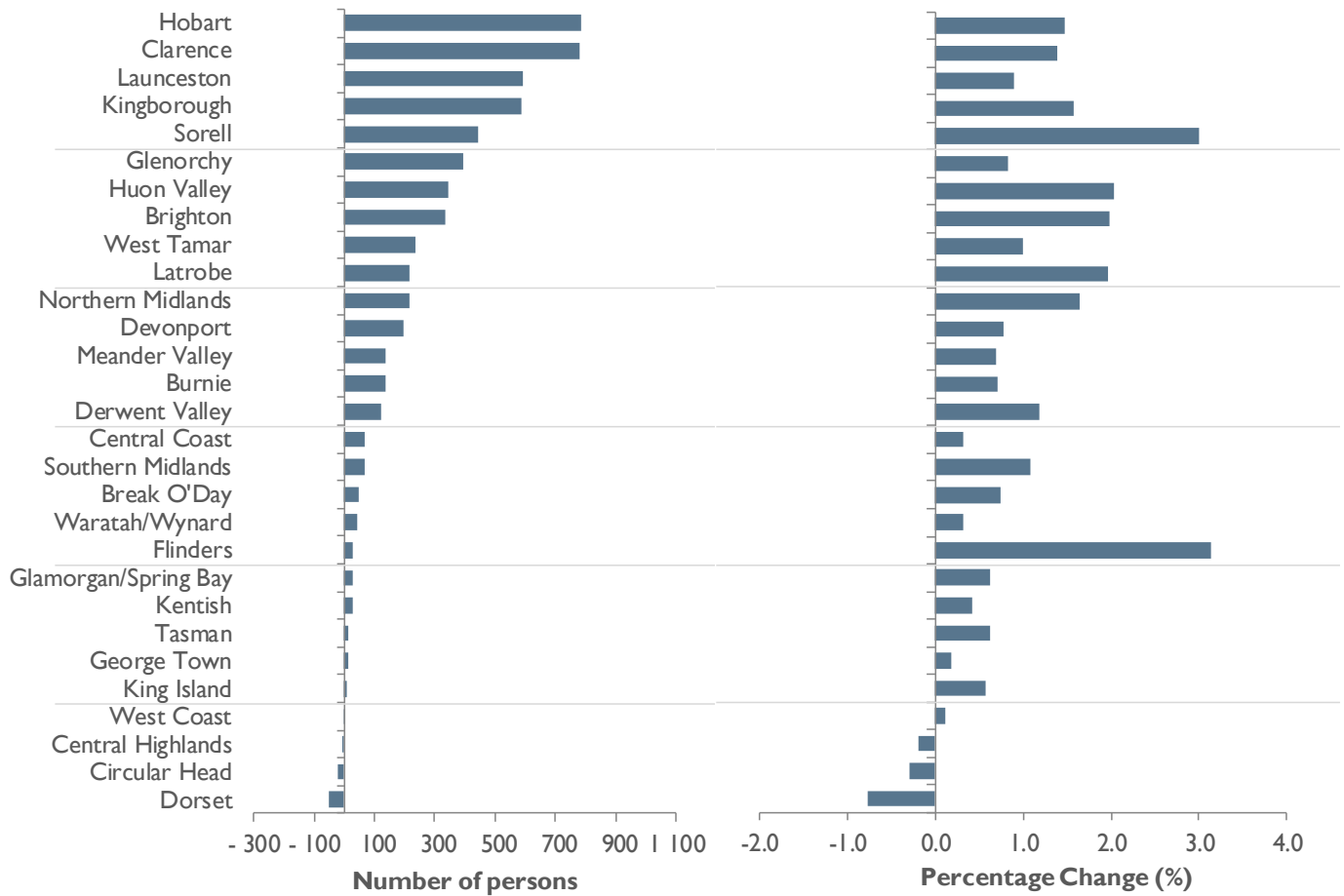
Of the 29 LGAs in Tasmania, three LGAs experienced a decline in population through the year to 30 June 2018. Dorset recorded the most significant population decrease in absolute terms (down 52 persons), followed by Circular Head (down 24 persons) and Central Highlands (down 4 persons).

Through the year to 30 June 2018, the percentage declines in population experienced by these LGAs were a 0.8 per cent decline for Dorset, 0.3 per cent decline for Circular Head and 0.2 per cent decline for Central Highlands (Chart 2).

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Chart 2: Population change by LGA, 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2018, original data



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

Original Data	Estimated Population		Change		Share
	Jun 2017	Jun 2018	in Population		Jun 2018
	(persons)	(persons)	(persons)	(%)	(%)
	Revised	Preliminary			
Break O'Day	6 186	6 232	46	0.7	1.2
Brighton	16 959	17 294	335	2.0	3.3
Burnie	19 213	19 348	135	0.7	3.7
Central Coast	21 835	21 904	69	0.3	4.1
Central Highlands	2 148	2 144	- 4	-0.2	0.4
Circular Head	8 090	8 066	- 24	-0.3	1.5
Clarence	56 166	56 945	779	1.4	10.8
Derwent Valley	10 169	10 290	121	1.2	1.9
Devonport	25 217	25 415	198	0.8	4.8
Dorset	6 704	6 652	- 52	-0.8	1.3
Flinders	957	987	30	3.1	0.2
George Town	6 918	6 931	13	0.2	1.3
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	4 500	4 528	28	0.6	0.9
Glenorchy	47 241	47 636	395	0.8	9.0
Hobart	52 901	53 684	783	1.5	10.2
Huon Valley	16 875	17 219	344	2.0	3.3
Kentish	6 297	6 324	27	0.4	1.2
King Island	1 592	1 601	9	0.6	0.3
Kingborough	37 148	37 734	586	1.6	7.1
Latrobe	11 111	11 329	218	2.0	2.1
Launceston	66 855	67 449	594	0.9	12.8
Meander Valley	19 576	19 713	137	0.7	3.7
Northern Midlands	13 084	13 300	216	1.7	2.5
Sorell	14 774	15 218	444	3.0	2.9
Southern Midlands	6 052	6 118	66	1.1	1.2
Tasman	2 389	2 404	15	0.6	0.5
Waratah/Wynyard	13 756	13 800	44	0.3	2.6
West Coast	4 162	4 167	5	0.1	0.8
West Tamar	23 535	23 769	234	1.0	4.5
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>522 410</b>	<b>528 201</b>	<b>5 791</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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