

E. How this report allocates local government areas to regions

In this report, we have grouped regions using Statistical Area 4 level (SA4) boundaries (areas typically having a population of more than 100,000 people) except for:

- Outback Queensland – where we provide analysis at the more detailed Statistical Area 3 level (SA3) when available
- Greater Brisbane – where we group 5 SA4 regions together (Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Brisbane East, Brisbane West, and Brisbane Inner City).

Some data sets we used are divided by local government area and not SA4. Because boundaries for local government areas and SA4 do not always align, we have applied the below process to allocate a local government area to a region.

If a local government area falls wholly within a region, we have allocated it to that region. If a local government area is bisected by a regional boundary, we have allocated it to the region with the highest population as at 30 June 2022. If there was a similar population within 2 or more regions, we have allocated it to a region based on the administrative centre of the local government area.

Figure E1 shows each local government area and the region we allocated it to.

Figure E1
Allocation of local government areas to regions

Local government area	Region	Local government area	Region
Aurukun Shire Council	Far North	Logan City Council	Logan – Beaudesert
Balonne Shire Council	Darling Downs – Maranoa	Longreach Regional Council	Outback – South
Banana Shire Council	Central Queensland	Mackay Regional Council	Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday
Barcaldine Regional Council	Outback – South	Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	Far North
Barcoo Shire Council	Outback – South	Maranoa Regional Council	Darling Downs – Maranoa
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Outback – South	Mareeba Shire Council	Cairns
Boulia Shire Council	Outback – South	McKinlay Shire Council	Outback – North
Brisbane City Council	Greater Brisbane	Moreton Bay City Council	Moreton Bay
Bulloo Shire Council	Outback – South	Mornington Shire Council	Outback – North
Bundaberg Regional Council	Wide Bay	Mount Isa City Council	Outback – North
Burdekin Shire Council	Townsville	Murweh Shire Council	Outback – South

Local government area	Region	Local government area	Region
Burke Shire Council	Outback – North	Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Far North
Cairns Regional Council	Cairns	Noosa Shire Council	Sunshine Coast
Carpentaria Shire Council	Outback – North	North Burnett Regional Council	Wide Bay
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Cairns	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Far North
Central Highlands Regional Council	Central Queensland	Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	Townsville
Charters Towers Regional Council	Townsville	Paroo Shire Council	Outback – South
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	Wide Bay	Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Far North
Cloncurry Shire Council	Outback – North	Quilpie Shire Council	Outback – South
Cook Shire Council	Far North	Redland City Council	Greater Brisbane
Croydon Shire Council	Far North	Richmond Shire Council	Outback – North
Diamantina Shire Council	Outback – South	Rockhampton Regional Council	Central Queensland
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	Outback – North	Scenic Rim Regional Council	Logan – Beaudesert
Douglas Shire Council	Cairns	Somerset Regional Council	Ipswich
Etheridge Shire Council	Far North	South Burnett Regional Council	Wide Bay
Flinders Shire Council	Outback – North	Southern Downs Regional Council	Darling Downs – Maranoa
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Wide Bay	Sunshine Coast Regional Council	Sunshine Coast
Gladstone Regional Council	Central Queensland	Tablelands Regional Council	Cairns
Gold Coast City Council	Gold Coast	Toowoomba Regional Council	Toowoomba
Goondiwindi Regional Council	Darling Downs – Maranoa	Torres Shire Council	Far North
Gympie Regional Council	Wide Bay	Torres Strait Island Regional Council	Far North
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Townsville	Townsville City Council	Townsville

Local government area	Region	Local government area	Region
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	Far North	Western Downs Regional Council	Darling Downs – Maranoa
Ipswich City Council	Ipswich	Whitsunday Regional Council	Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday
Isaac Regional Council	Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday	Winton Shire Council	Outback – South
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Far North	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	Central Queensland
Livingstone Shire Council	Central Queensland	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	Far North
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Far North	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Cairns
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Toowoomba		

Note: When necessary, we used the title of Moreton Bay instead of Moreton Bay – North and Moreton Bay – South, when it was not practical to split the local government area into one SA4 region.

Source: Compiled by the Queensland Audit Office using data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

