Queensland women at a glance

Queensland females make up:

- 50.5% of all Queenslanders
- 20.1% of Australia’s total female population.

Around one in five Queensland women (22.1%) was born overseas.2

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females make up about 4% of Queensland’s total female population.4

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About half of Queensland females live in the Greater Brisbane area.3

The median age for birth in 2015–17 is 84.4 years for Queensland females — 4.4 years longer than for Queensland males.3

The median age for childbirth for Queensland mothers is 30.4 years

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