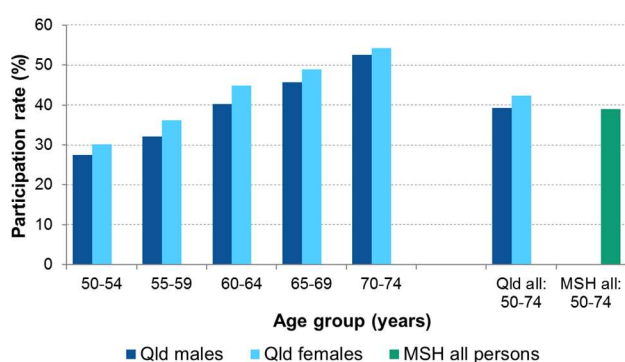


# Cancer screening: Participation in Metro South

## Bowel Screening – 2016-17

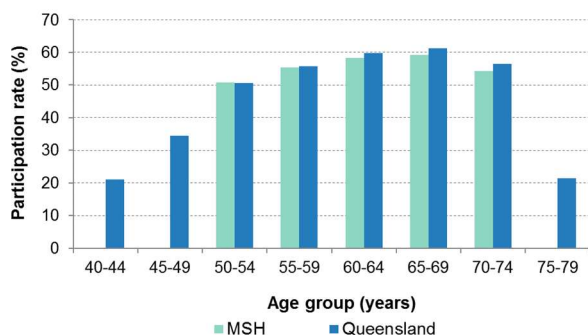
- Overall participation rate of 39.0% in Metro South
- Slightly lower than Qld and Aust. rates (both 41%)
- Marginal increase in participation over recent years
- Women and older age groups more likely to participate



- MSH rates lower than most other PHNs e.g.
  - Gippsland (highest at 49.3%)
  - Brisbane North (41.9%)

## Breast Screening – 2015-16

- Overall participation rate of 55.3% in Metro South
- Lower than Qld (56.4%) but higher than national rate (54.8%)
- No change in participation rates in recent years
- Older age groups more likely to take part



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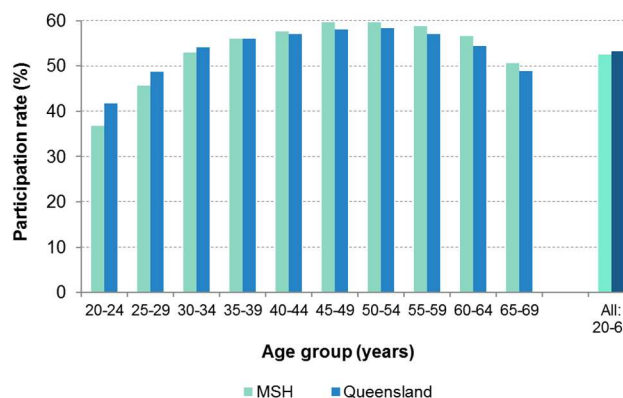
Metro South rates lower than many other mostly rural or regional PHNs e.g. Northern Qld highest at 61.5%

Metro South rates **higher** than most metropolitan PHNs:

- Gold Coast (54.3%)
- Brisbane North (54.2%)
- Sydney & Melbourne PHNs (range 46% - 53%)

## Cervical Screening – 2015-16

- Overall participation rate of 52.5% in Metro South
- Lower than Qld (53.2%) and national (55.4%) rates
- Participation gradually decreasing since 2007-08
- Women 40 to 59 years most likely to take part
- New 5-yearly screening testing from Dec 2017



- Metro South rates lower than most other PHNs e.g.
  - Northern Sydney (highest at 61.8%)
  - Brisbane North & Gold Coast (both 54.2%)

### Scope for improvement in Metro Sth in all programs

### Reducing risk of death

- Screen detected cancers less likely to cause death than cancers in never-screened individuals
- Women who participate in one program are more likely to participate in others: breaking the barriers is crucial
- Participation in cervical screening is higher in HPV-vaccinated women than in unvaccinated women

For further information see:

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/content/health-indicators-2018-metro-south-health.pdf>