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Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at June 2003

Queensland	3,796,775
Percentage share of Australia	19.1%
Australia	19,881,469

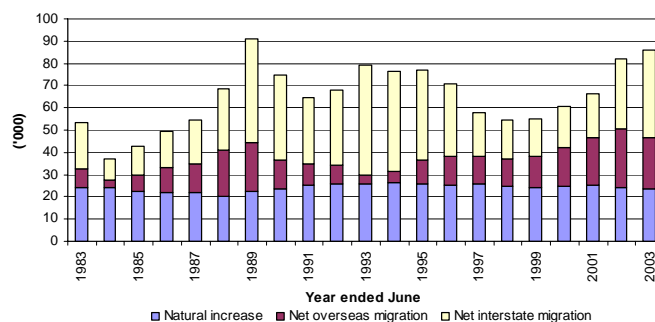
Population increase (12 months to June 2003)

Queensland	↑	2.3%
Australia	↑	1.2%

Queensland components of population increase

	Jun qtr	% of Aust
Natural increase	7,649	24.1
Net interstate migration	9,739	n.a.
Net overseas migration	4,136	18.8
Total	21,524	40.0

Figure 1: Components of population increase, Queensland, year ending June quarter



Commentary

- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at June 2003 was 3,796,775 persons, an increase of 21,524 persons since March 2003 and 85,803 since June 2002. This increase includes natural population increase (births minus deaths), net interstate migration and net overseas migration.
- Over the 12 months ending June 2003, Queensland's population increased by 2.3 per cent. In comparison, the Australian population increased by 1.2 per cent.
- The natural increase for Queensland was 7,649 persons for June quarter 2003 and 23,783 for the year ending June 2003, down 2.3% on 24,337 for the year ending June 2002.
- Net interstate migration to Queensland was the major contributor to population growth in June quarter 2003, as 9,739 more persons moved to Queensland than moved away. For the year ending June 2003, net interstate migration was 39,207, up 25.7% on 31,201 for the year ending June 2002 and the highest net interstate migration level since the 12 months ending June 1995.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 4,136 persons in June quarter 2003. For the year ending June 2003, net overseas migration was 22,813, down 13.9% on 26,488 for the year ending June 2002.
- In this issue, the Australian Bureau of Statistics has made significant revisions to the components of population change back to September quarter 2001. For Queensland, there has been a moderate downward revision to net overseas migration which has been more than offset by an increase to the net interstate migration component. These revisions resulted in a decrease of over 47,400 persons in the estimate of Australia's population for March quarter 2003. In comparison, Queensland's population for the same quarter was revised up by almost 1,000 persons. Hence, Queensland's share of Australia's estimated residential population increased from 18.99% to 19.04% as a result of the revisions.

Figure 2: Population annual growth rate, Queensland and Australia, June 1987 to June 2003

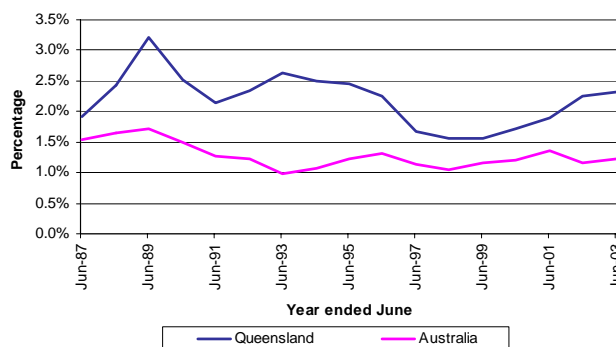


Figure 3: Population growth rate, Australia and States and Territories, year ending June quarter 2003

