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AUSTRALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
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Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at September 2004:

Queensland	3,899,619
Percentage share of Australia	19.3%
Australia	20,168,867

Population growth (12 months to September 2004):

Queensland	↑	2.1%
Australia	↑	1.2%

Queensland components of population increase:

	Sep qtr	% of Aust
Natural increase	6,073	20.8
Net interstate migration	7,570	n.a.
Net overseas migration	3,939	13.9
Total	17,582	30.5

Commentary

- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at September 2004 was 3,899,619 persons, an increase of 17,582 persons in the quarter and 78,568 over the previous 12 months. This increase includes natural population increase (births minus deaths), net interstate migration and net overseas migration.
- Over the year to September 2004, Queensland's population increased by 2.1% compared with the Australian population growth of 1.2%. The increase for Queensland was slightly lower than the figure recorded in the previous twelve-month period to September 2003 (2.3%).
- Natural increase for Queensland was 6,073 persons in September quarter 2004 and 25,191 in the year ending September 2004, up 4.4% on the figure of 24,133 in the year ending September 2003.
- Net interstate migration to Queensland continues to be the highest of all Australian states and territories. In September quarter 2004, there were 7,570 more persons who moved to Queensland than moved away. In the year ending September 2004, net interstate migration to Queensland was 35,115 persons, down from 38,502 in the year ending September 2003.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 3,939 persons in September quarter 2004. In the year ending September 2004, net overseas migration was 18,262 persons, down from 23,692 in the year ending September 2003.

- Net interstate migration was the largest contributor to population change in Queensland in the September quarter (43.1%), with natural increase accounting for 34.5% and net overseas migration 22.4%.
- Queensland's population growth has eased slightly in the year ending September 2004. This is mainly a result of lower levels of net interstate migration and net overseas migration over this period.

Figure 1: Components of population increase, Queensland, year ending September

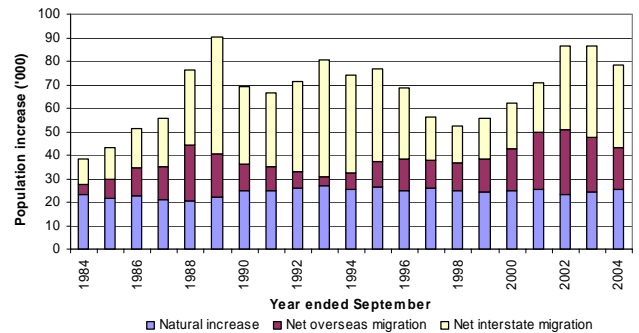


Figure 2: Population annual growth rate, Queensland and Australia, year ending September

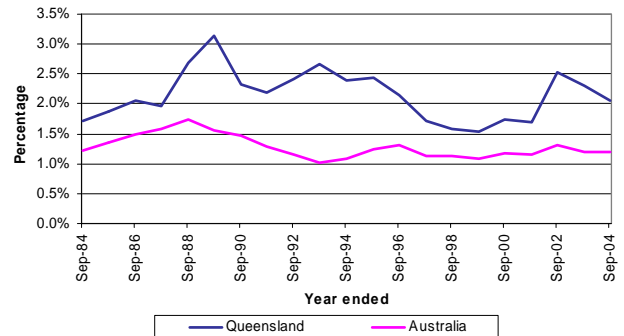


Figure 3: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending September 2004

