Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2005:
Queensland 3,980,778
Percentage share of Australia 19.5%
Australia 20,387,886

Population growth (12 months to September 2005):
Queensland ↑ 1.9%
Australia ↑ 1.2%

Queensland components of population increase:
Natural increase 6,315 20.2
Net interstate migration 6,125 n.a.
Net overseas migration 4,370 15.6
Total 16,810 28.4

Commentary

• Queensland’s preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2005 was 3,980,778 persons, an increase of 16,810 persons in the quarter and 75,119 over the previous 12 months.
• Over the year to 30 September 2005, Queensland’s population increased by 1.9%, compared with the Australian population growth of 1.2%. The increase for Queensland was lower than the figure recorded in the previous twelve-month period, to 30 September 2004 (2.2%).
• Natural increase for Queensland was 6,315 persons in September quarter 2005 and 27,568 in the year ending 30 September 2005, up 9.4% on the figure of 25,200 in the year ending 30 September 2004.
• Net interstate migration to Queensland continues to be the highest of all Australian states and territories. In September quarter 2005, there were 6,125 more persons who moved to Queensland than moved away. In the year ending 30 September 2005, net interstate migration to Queensland was 30,049 persons, down from 35,115 in the year ending 30 September 2004.
• Net overseas migration to Queensland was 4,370 persons in September quarter 2005. In the year ending 30 September 2005, net overseas migration was 17,502 persons, down from 22,379 in the year ending 30 September 2004.