Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2006:
Queensland 4,035,707
Percentage share of Australia 19.6%
Australia 20,551,865

Population growth (12 months to March 2006):
Queensland ↑ 2.0%
Australia ↑ 1.3%

Queensland components of population increase:

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<th>Net interstate migration</th>
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Commentary

- Queensland’s preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2006 was 4,035,707 persons, an increase of 19,459 persons in the quarter and 80,177 over the previous 12 months.
- Over the year to 31 March 2006, Queensland’s population increased by 2.0%, compared with the Australian population growth of 1.3%. The increase for Queensland was lower than the figure recorded in the previous twelve-month period, to 31 March 2005 (2.2%).
- Natural increase for Queensland was 7,102 persons in the March quarter 2006 and 28,913 in the year ending 31 March 2006, up 11.1% on the figure of 26,029 in the year ending 31 March 2005.
- Net interstate migration to Queensland continues to be the highest of all Australian states and territories. In March quarter 2006, there were 5,258 more persons who moved to Queensland than moved away. In the year ending 31 March 2006, net interstate migration to Queensland was 26,773 persons, down from 33,208 in the year ending 31 March 2005.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 7,099 persons in the March quarter 2006. In the year ending 31 March 2006, net overseas migration was 24,491 persons, down from 27,237 in the year ending 31 March 2005.