

## OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL RESEARCH

# Information Brief Australian Demographic Statistics March Quarter 2007

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#### **Main Features**

# Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2007:

Queensland	4,162,018
Percentage share of Australia	19.9%
Australia	20.948.948

### Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2007):

Queensland	2.3%
Australia	1.5%

### Queensland components of population increase\*:

12	2 mths to Mar 2007	% of growth
Natural increase	32,270	35.1
Net interstate migration	26,678	29.0
Net overseas migration	31,323	34.0
Total	92,050	100.0

<sup>\*</sup> Differences between total growth and the sum of the components of change are due to intercensal error.

### Commentary

- This release contains scheduled annual revisions for the period from September quarter 2005 to June quarter 2006. The revisions incorporate updated natural increase using date of occurrence births and deaths data, net overseas migration using the migration adjustment based on actual traveller behaviour (the final in the series using the '12/12 month rule'), and net interstate migration revised from September quarter 2001 to June quarter 2006 using information from the 2006 Census of Population and Housing on one-year-ago and five-years-ago interstate movements.
- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2007 was 4,162,018 persons, representing 19.9% of the Australian population. Queensland's population increased by 92,050 persons over the 12 months to 31 March 2007, compared with an increase of 96,371 persons in the previous 12-month period. This largely reflects a slight easing in net overseas migration over this period.
- Over the year to 31 March 2007, Queensland's population increased by 2.3%, compared with the Australian population growth rate of 1.5%.
- Natural increase (births minus deaths) for Queensland was 32,270 persons in the year ending 31 March 2007, up 6.8% on the figure of 30,225 in the year ending 31 March 2006. This was Queensland's largest ever annual natural increase.

- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 31,323 persons in the year ending 31 March 2007, down 5.1% on the 32,989 persons in the previous year.
- Annual net interstate migration to Queensland has increased for the first time since 2002. In the 12 months to 31 March 2007 net interstate migration to Queensland was 26,678 persons compared with 26,171 persons a year earlier.

Figure 1: Components of population increase, Queensland, year ending 31 March

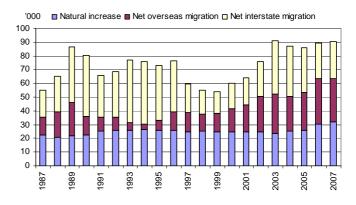


Figure 2: Population annual growth rate, Queensland and Australia, year ending 31 March

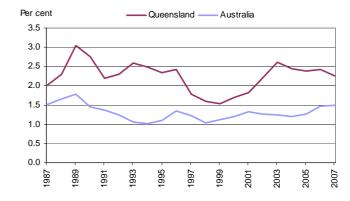


Figure 3: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2007

