

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2008:

Queensland	4,320,088
Australia	21,542,485
<i>Qld share of national population</i>	<i>20.1%</i>

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2008):

Queensland	2.5%
Australia	1.8%
<i>Qld share of national growth</i>	<i>27.0%</i>

Queensland components of population increase:

	12 mths to Sep 2008	% of growth
Net overseas migration	46,488	44.2
Natural increase	35,897	34.1
Net interstate migration	22,743	21.6
Total	105,128	100.0

Commentary

- This publication included a number of significant revisions. Scheduled annual revisions for 2006–07 were made for natural increase using date of occurrence births and deaths data, and net overseas migration using the migration adjustment based on actual traveller behaviour. The most significant revision relates to the estimate for 2006–07 net overseas migration, which was revised from a preliminary estimate of 177,617 to a final estimate of 232,824 for Australia, and from 33,536 to 46,263 for Queensland.
- Net interstate migration revisions were made from the September quarter 2006 onwards, with the introduction of an updated model based on 2006 census results.
- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2008 was 4,320,088 persons. Queensland's population accounts for 20.1% of the Australian population.
- Queensland's population increased by a record 105,128 persons over the 12 months to 30 September 2008. This was a growth rate of 2.5%, higher than the growth rate for Australia (1.8%) (Figure 1).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2008 (44.2%), followed by natural increase (34.1%) and net interstate migration (21.6%).

- Both net overseas migration and natural increase for Queensland are now at record levels.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 46,488 persons in the year ending 30 September 2008. Natural increase (births minus deaths) in the year ending 30 September 2008 for Queensland was 35,897 persons (Figure 2).
- The level of net interstate migration to Queensland continues to be the highest of all Australian states and territories, easing to 22,743 persons in the 12 months to 30 September 2008.

Figure 1: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 September 2008

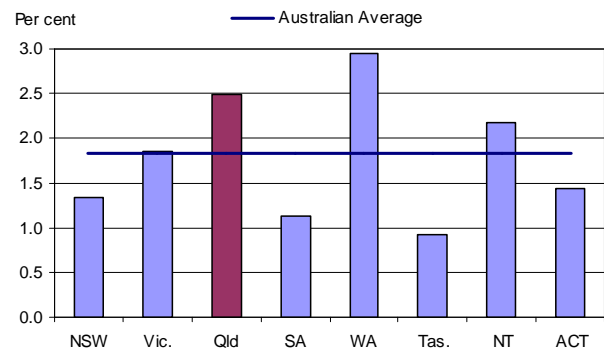


Figure 2: Population increase by component of growth, Queensland, year ending 30 September

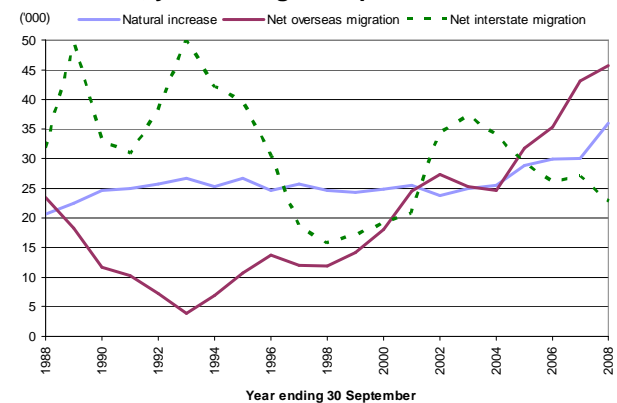


Figure 3: Population annual growth rate, Queensland and Australia, year ending 30 September

