

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 December 2008:

Queensland	4,349,529
Australia	21,643,987
Qld share of national population	20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2008):

Queensland	2.5%
Australia	1.9%
Qld share of national growth	26.3%

Queensland components of population increase:

	12 mths to Dec 2008	% of growth
Net overseas migration	49,713	46.6
Natural increase	35,799	33.5
Net interstate migration	21,228	19.9
Total	106,740	100.0

Commentary

- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at 31 December 2008 was 4,349,529 persons. Queensland's population accounts for 20.1% of the Australian population.
- Queensland's population increased by a record 106,740 persons over the 12 months to 31 December 2008. This was a growth rate of 2.5%, the second-highest growth rate of all states and territories, and higher than the growth rate for Australia (1.9%) (Figure 1).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2008 (46.6%), followed by natural increase (33.5%) and net interstate migration (19.9%).
- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 49,713 persons in the year ending 31 December 2008. The figure for the latest 12-month period was the highest recorded since the introduction of the estimated resident population series by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1971.
- Natural increase (births minus deaths) in the year ending 31 December 2008 for Queensland was 35,799 persons, the highest on record since the introduction of the series by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1971. The growth in natural increase is due to an increase in the number of registered births.

- Net interstate migration to Queensland (21,228 persons over the 12 months to 31 December 2008) continues to ease from the levels recorded in the early part of this decade, but still remains the highest of all Australian states and territories.

Figure 1: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2008

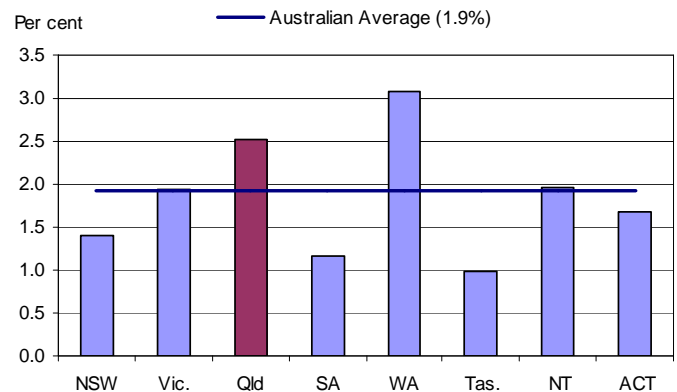


Figure 2: Population increase by component of growth, Queensland, year ending 31 December

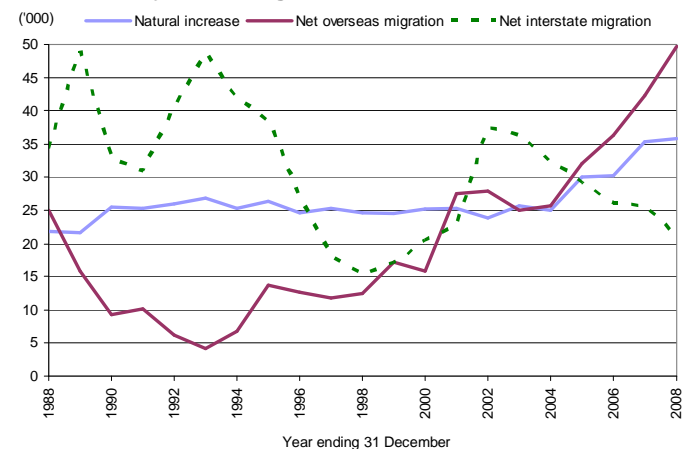


Figure 3: Population annual growth rate, Queensland and Australia, year ending 31 December

