Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2009:
Queensland 4,380,383
Australia 21,779,117
Old share of national population 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2009):
Queensland 2.6%
Australia 2.1%
Old share of national growth 25.7%

Queensland components of population increase:
12 mths to Mar 2009 % of growth
Net overseas migration 52,600 46.7
Natural increase 40,088 35.6
Net interstate migration 19,978 17.7
Total 112,666 100.0

Commentary

- Queensland’s preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2009 was 4,380,383 persons. Queensland’s population accounts for 20.1% of the Australian population.

- Queensland’s population increased by a record 112,666 persons over the 12 months to 31 March 2009. This was a growth rate of 2.6%, the second-highest growth rate of all states and territories, and higher than the growth rate for Australia (2.1%) (Figure 1).

- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2009 (46.7%), followed by natural increase (35.6%) and net interstate migration (17.7%).

- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 52,600 persons in the year ending 31 March 2009. 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 March 2009 for Queensland was 40,088 persons, the highest on record since the introduction of the series by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1971. This figure should be treated with some caution, as preliminary birth and death estimates can fluctuate from quarter to quarter due to changes in registration processes.