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Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2009:

Queensland 4,380,383 Australia 21,779,117 Qld share of national population 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2009):

Queensland	2.6%
Australia	2.1%
Qld share of national growth	25.7%

Queensland components of population increase:

12 mths t	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 secondhighest 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.

Net interstate migration to Queensland (19,978 persons over the 12 months to 31 March 2009) 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 March 2009

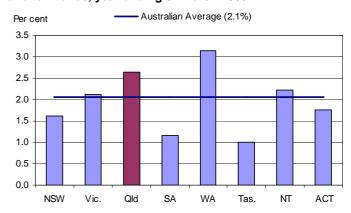


Figure 2: Population increase by component of growth, Queensland, year ending 31 March

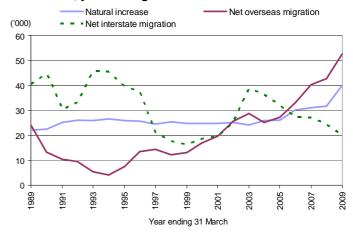


Figure 3: Population annual growth rate, Queensland and Australia, year ending 31 March

