

### Main Features

#### Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2009:

Queensland	4,450,418
Australia	22,065,671
<i>Qld share of national population</i>	<i>20.2%</i>

#### Population growth (12 months to 30 Sep 2009):

Queensland	2.7%
Australia	2.1%
<i>Qld share of national growth</i>	<i>25.5%</i>

#### Queensland components of population increase:

	12 mths to Sep 2009	% of growth
Net overseas migration	58,103	50.4
Natural increase	41,117	35.7
Net interstate migration	15,983	13.9
Total	115,203	100.0

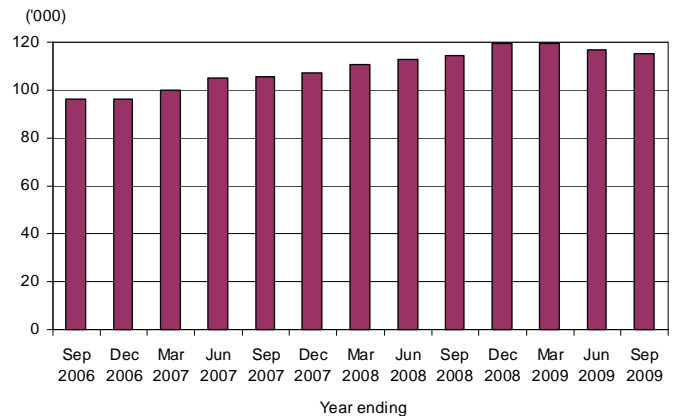
### Commentary

- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2009 was 4,450,418 persons, 20.2% of the Australian population.
- Queensland's population increased by 115,203 persons over the 12 months to 30 September 2009. This represented an easing from the estimated increases in the 12-month periods to 31 March 2009 (119,373 persons) and 30 June 2009 (116,533 persons) (Figure 1). This was a growth rate of 2.7%, the second-highest growth rate of all states and territories, and higher than the growth rate for Australia (2.1%) (Figure 2). These figures are preliminary and should be treated with some caution.
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2009 (50.4%), followed by natural increase (35.7%) and net interstate migration (13.9%).
- In the year ending 30 September 2009, net overseas migration to Queensland was 58,103 persons, slightly less than the record level recorded during the 2008 calendar year.
- Natural increase (births minus deaths) was 41,117 persons, the highest 12-monthly figure recorded since the introduction of the estimated resident population series by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1971. This figure is expected to be revised downwards, as it is a preliminary figure

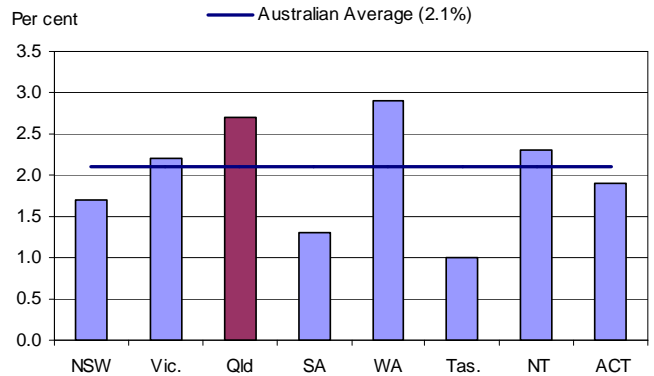
based on year of registration, rather than year of occurrence.

- Net interstate migration to Queensland (15,983 persons over the 12 months to 30 September 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 change, Queensland**



**Figure 2: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 September 2009**



**Figure 3: Population increase by component of growth, Queensland**

