

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2010:

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| Queensland | 4,498,900 |
| Australia | 22,271,864 |
| <i>Qld share of national population</i> | <i>20.2%</i> |

Population growth (12 months to 31 Mar 2010):

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Queensland | 2.2% |
| Australia | 1.8% |
| <i>Qld share of national growth</i> | <i>24.1%</i> |

Queensland components of population increase:

| | 12 mths to Mar 2010 | % of growth |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Net overseas migration | 44,833 | 46.2 |
| Natural increase | 41,223 | 42.5 |
| Net interstate migration | 11,012 | 11.3 |
| Total | 97,068 | 100.0 |

Commentary

- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at 31 March 2010 was 4,498,900 persons, 20.2% of the Australian population.
- Queensland's population increased by 97,068 persons over the 12 months to 31 March 2010. This represented an easing from the estimated increase in the 12-month period to 31 December 2009 (106,670 persons) (Figure 1). This was a growth rate of 2.2%, the second-highest growth rate of all states and territories, and higher than the growth rate for Australia (1.8%) (Figure 2). These figures are preliminary and should be treated with caution.
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2010 (46.2%), followed by natural increase (42.5%) and net interstate migration (11.3%).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2010, net overseas migration to Queensland was 44,833 persons, less than the level recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2009.
- Natural increase (births minus deaths) in the year ending 31 March 2010 was 41,223 persons (the highest 12-monthly figure recorded since the introduction of the estimated resident population series by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1971).

- Net interstate migration to Queensland (11,012 persons over the 12 months to 31 March 2010) 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: Annual population change, Queensland

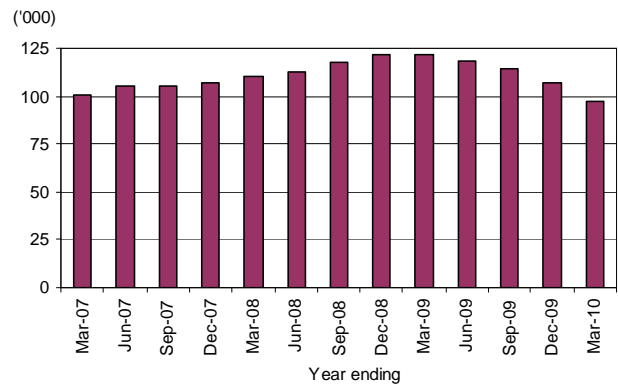


Figure 2: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2010

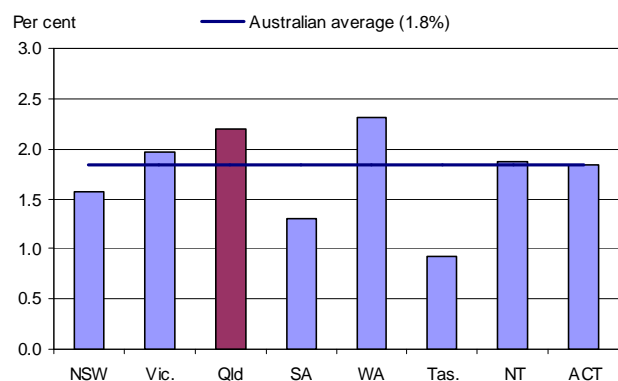


Figure 3: Annual population increase by component of growth, Queensland

