Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2010:
Queensland 4,532,269
Australia 22,407,675
Old share of national population 20.2%

Population growth (12 months to 30 Sep 2010):
Queensland 1.8%
Australia 1.6%
Old share of national growth 23.8%

Queensland components of population increase:
12 mths to 30 Sep 2010 % of growth
Natural increase 39,961 48.6
Net overseas migration 33,827 41.2
Net interstate migration 8,399 10.2
Total 82,187 100.0

Commentary

• Figures quoted in this brief are preliminary and subject to revision. As such, comparisons between time periods should be treated with caution.

• Queensland’s preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2010 was 4,532,269 persons, 20.2% of the Australian population.

• Queensland’s population increased by 82,187 persons over the 12 months to 30 September 2010 (Figure 1). This was the lowest figure recorded since the year ending 31 March 2002. This moderation in population growth was also evident at the national level where growth was the lowest recorded since September quarter 2006. The latest population growth rate in Queensland (1.8%) was the second-highest of all states and territories, and higher than for Australia (1.6%) (Figure 2).

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• Natural increase (births minus deaths) in the year ending 30 September 2010 was 39,961 persons, an increase from the 39,066 persons recorded during the 12-month period to 30 June 2010 (39,696), and significantly below the 56,812 figure in the 12-month period to 30 September 2009.

• Net interstate migration to Queensland was 8,399 persons over the 12 months to 30 September 2010, the lowest on record since the inception of the current interstate series in 1981.

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