

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 September 2010:

Queensland	4,532,269
Australia	22,407,675
<i>Qld share of national population</i>	20.2%

Population growth (12 months to 30 Sep 2010):

Queensland	1.8%
Australia	1.6%
<i>Qld share of national growth</i>	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).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2010 (48.6%), followed by net overseas migration (41.2%) and net interstate migration (10.2%) (Figure 3).
- 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 months to 30 September 2009.
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2010, net overseas migration to Queensland was 33,827 persons. This was a decline from the level

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.

Figure 1: Annual population change, Queensland

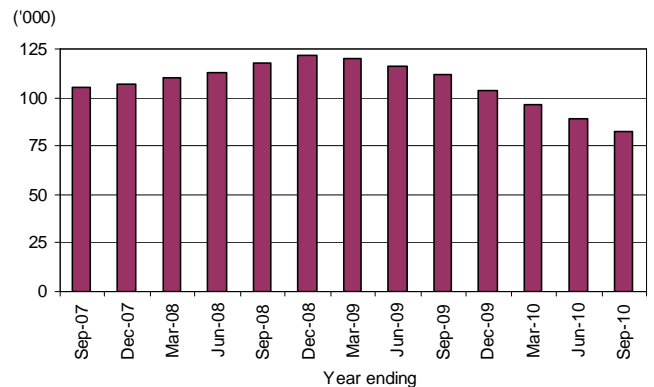


Figure 2: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 September 2010

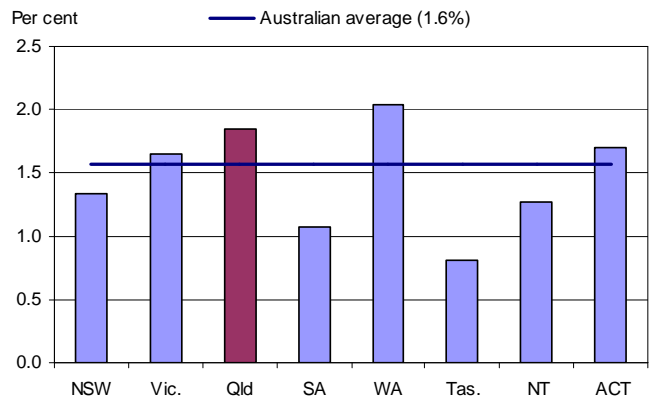


Figure 3: Annual population increase by component of growth, Queensland

