Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 December 2010:
Queensland 4,548,661
Australia 22,477,378
Qld share of national population 20.2%

Population growth (12 months to 31 Dec 2010):
Queensland 1.7%
Australia 1.5%
Qld share of national growth 23.4%

Queensland components of population increase:
12 mths to 31 Dec 2010 % of growth
Natural increase 37,202 48.9
Net overseas migration 31,595 41.6
Net interstate migration 7,243 9.5
Total 76,040 100.0

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 31 December 2010 was 4,548,661 persons, 20.2% of the Australian population.

• Queensland’s population increased by 76,040 persons over the 12 months to 31 December 2010 (Figure 1). This moderation in population growth was also evident at the national level. Queensland (1.7%) recorded the third highest rate of population growth of all states and territories, and higher than for Australia (1.5%) (Figure 2).

• Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2010 (48.9%), followed by net overseas migration (41.6%) and net interstate migration (9.5%).

• Natural increase (births minus deaths) in the year ending 31 December 2010 was 37,202 persons, a decrease from the 39,886 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2009.

• In the 12 months to 31 December 2010, net overseas migration to Queensland was 31,595 persons. This was a decline from the level recorded during the 12-month period to 30 September 2010 (33,827), and significantly below the 50,754 figure in the 12-month period to 31 December 2009.

• Net interstate migration to Queensland was 7,243 persons over the 12 months to 31 December 2010.