Main Features

Preliminary* estimated resident population at 30 June 2011:
Queenland 4,580,725
Australia 22,620,554
Old share of national population 20.3%

Population growth (12 months to 30 June 2011):
Queenland 1.7%
Australia 1.4%
Old share of national growth 23.3%

Queensland components of population increase:
12 mths to 30 June 2011 % of growth
Natural increase 36,433 48.7
Net overseas migration 31,266 41.8
Net interstate migration 7,150 9.6
Total 74,849 100.0

Commentary

• Queensland’s preliminary estimated resident population at 30 June 2011 was 4,580,725 persons, 20.3% of the Australian population.

• Queensland’s population increased by 74,849 persons over the 12 months to 30 June 2011 (Figure 1), a slight increase on the 73,170 increase in the 12 months to 31 March 2011. Queensland (1.7%) recorded the third-highest rate of growth of all states and territories, and a higher rate than Australia’s (1.4%) (Figure 2).

• Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 June 2011 (48.7%), followed by net overseas migration (41.8%) and net interstate migration (9.6%).

• Natural increase (births minus deaths) in the year ending 30 June 2011 was 36,433 persons, an increase from the 35,119 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2010 (Figure 3).

• In the 12 months to 30 June 2011, net overseas migration to Queensland was 31,266 persons. This was slightly higher than the level recorded during the 12-month period to 30 March 2011 (30,714), but below the 36,414 figure in the 12-month period to 30 June 2010.

• Net interstate migration to Queensland continues to ease, contributing 7,150 persons to population growth in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 June 2011.

* Figures quoted in this brief are preliminary and subject to revision. Therefore, movements over recent quarters, in particular for net overseas migration and natural increase, should be treated with caution.