

Population Growth, Queensland, September quarter 2012

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 September 2012:

Queensland	4,584,589
Australia	22,785,464
Qld share of national population	20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2012):

Queensland	2.0%
Australia	1.7%
Qld share of national growth	23.9%

Main Findings¹

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 September 2012 was 4,584,589 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 91,389 persons over the 12 months to 30 September 2012, and 24,530 persons since 30 June 2012 (Figure 1).
- Queensland (2.0%) recorded the second-highest population growth rate of all jurisdictions and a higher rate than the nation (1.7%) in the 12 months to 30 September 2012 (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2012 (49.6%) followed by natural increase (37.1%) and net interstate migration (13.2%) (Table 1).
- Natural increase in the 12 months to 30 September 2012 was 33,923 persons, a slight increase from the 33,693 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2012.
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2012, net overseas migration to Queensland was 45,362 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 June 2012 (40,472).
- Net interstate migration contributed 12,104 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2012, an increase from the 11,796 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2012.
- Queensland recorded the largest gain from net interstate migration of all jurisdictions in the 12 months to 30 September 2012 (Figure 3).

Table 1: Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 30 Sep 2012	% of growth
Natural increase	33,923	37.1
Net overseas migration	45,362	49.6
Net interstate migration	12,104	13.2
Total	91,389	100.0

Figure 1: Quarterly population increase, Queensland

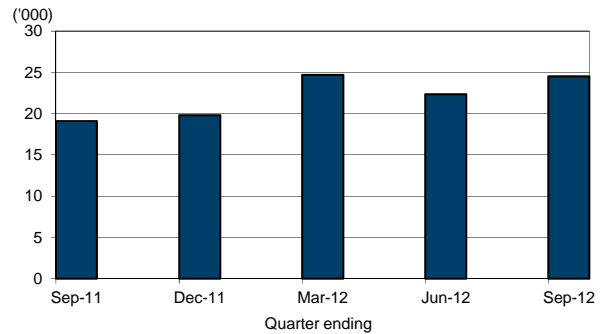


Figure 2: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 September 2012

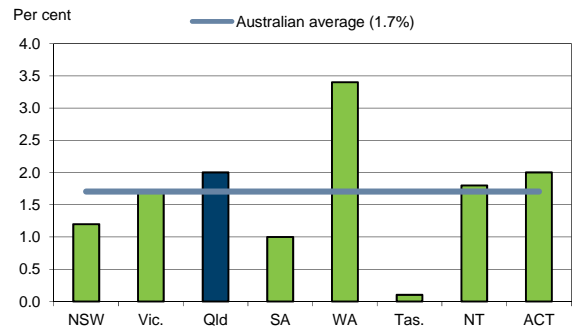
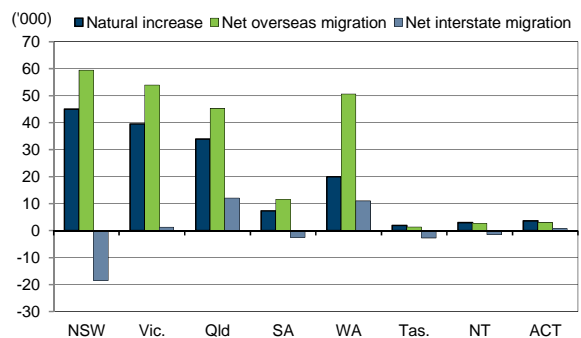


Figure 3: Components of annual population growth, states and territories, year ending 30 September 2012



¹ Historical analyses of trends in the size and rate of change in Queensland's ERP have been excluded from this brief. ERPs published by the ABS for periods prior to June quarter 2011 are not directly comparable to preliminary ERPs from the June quarter 2011 onwards. Further information is available in the June quarter 2012 edition of the ABS 3101.0 publication on the [ABS website](http://www.abs.gov.au).

