Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2014

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2014:
Queensland ............................................................ 4,708,510
Australia .............................................................. 23,425,741
Queensland share of national population ...............20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2014):
Queensland .................................................................... 1.6%
Australia .......................................................................... 1.7%
Queensland share of national growth ................... 19.5%

Main Findings

• Queensland’s preliminary ERP at 31 March 2014 was
  4,708,510 persons (20.1% of the Australian population).
  This reflects an increase of 75,755 persons over the 12
  months, and 20,306 persons since 31 December 2013
  (Figure 1).

• Queensland recorded the third-highest population growth
  rate (1.6%) of all state and territories in the 12 months to
  31 March 2014 and was lower than the national average
  of 1.7% (Figure 2).

• Natural increase made the largest contribution to
  population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to
  31 March 2014 (46.9%) followed by net overseas migration
  (45.5%) and net interstate migration (7.6%) (Table 1).

• In the 12 months to 31 March 2014, natural increase
  (births minus deaths) was 35,521 persons, an increase
  from the 35,460 persons recorded during the 12 months
  to 31 December 2013.

• Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months
  to 31 March 2014 was 34,462 persons. This was lower
  than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31
  December 2013 (36,961 persons).

• Net interstate migration contributed 5,772 persons to
  population change in Queensland over the 12 months to
  31 March 2014, a decrease from the 6,897 persons
  recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2013.

Table 1: Components of population increase, Queensland

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