Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2014

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 September 2014:
Queensland ............................................................ 4,740,927
Australia .............................................................. 23,581,029
Queensland share of national population .................... 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2014):
Queensland .................................................................... 1.5%
Australia .......................................................................... 1.5%
Queensland share of national growth ........................... 19.6%

Main findings

• Queensland’s preliminary ERP at 30 September 2014 was 4,740,927 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 69,423 persons over the 12 months, and 18,480 persons since 30 June 2014 (Figure 1).

• Queensland recorded the third–highest population growth rate (1.5%) of all states and territories in the 12 months to 30 September 2014 and was the same as the national average of 1.5% (Figure 2).

• Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2014 (49.8%) followed by net overseas migration (41.6%) and net interstate migration (8.6%) (Table 1).

• In the 12 months to 30 September 2014, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 34,603 persons, an increase from the 34,512 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2014.

• Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2014 was 28,878 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 June 2014 (30,270 persons).

• Net interstate migration contributed 5,942 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2014, an increase from the 5,753 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2014.

Table 1: Components of population increase, Queensland

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