Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2014

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 December 2014:
Queensland .......................................................... 4,750,513
Australia .......................................................... 23,625,561
Queensland share of national population .................20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2014):
Queensland .......................................................... 1.4%
Australia .......................................................... 1.4%
Queensland share of national growth ..................... 19.4%

Main findings

• Queensland’s preliminary ERP at 31 December 2014 was 4,750,513 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 64,195 persons over the 12 months, and 11,416 persons since 30 September 2014 (Figure 1).

• Queensland recorded a population growth rate in line with the national average (1.4%), slightly below Victoria and Western Australia and similar to New South (Figure 2).

• Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2014 (53.5%) followed by net overseas migration (37.8%) and net interstate migration (8.7%) (Table 1).

• In the 12 months to 31 December 2014, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 34,362 persons, a decrease from the 34,603 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2014.

• Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2014 was 24,235 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 September 2014 (28,147 persons).

• Net interstate migration contributed 5,598 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2014, a decrease from the 5,942 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2014.

Table 1: Components of population increase, Queensland

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