

# Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2015

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## Key data

### Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2015:

Queensland .....	4,766,702
Australia .....	23,714,272
Queensland share of national population .....	20.1%

### Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2015):

Queensland .....	1.3%
Australia .....	1.4%
Queensland share of national growth .....	19.3%

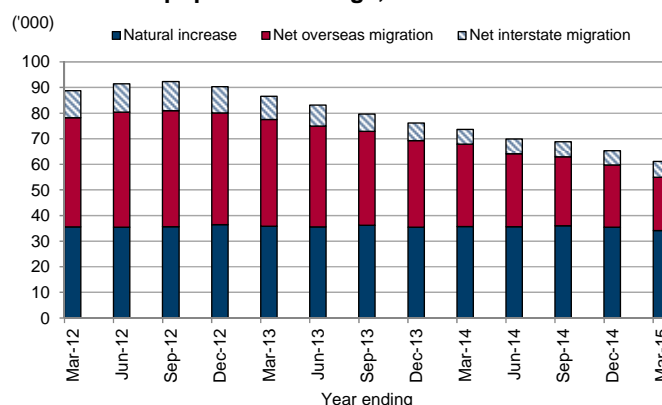
## Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 March 2015 was 4,766,702 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 61,135 persons over the 12 months, and 16,306 persons since 31 December 2014 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.3% in the 12 months to 31 March 2015, below the national average (1.4%) and below Victoria (1.7%), Western Australia (1.4%) and New South Wales (1.4%).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2015 (55.8%) followed by net overseas migration (34.1%) and net interstate migration (10.1%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2015, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 34,083 persons, a decrease from the 35,483 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2014.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2015 was 20,857 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31 December 2014 (24,235 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 6,195 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2015, an increase from the 5,598 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2014.

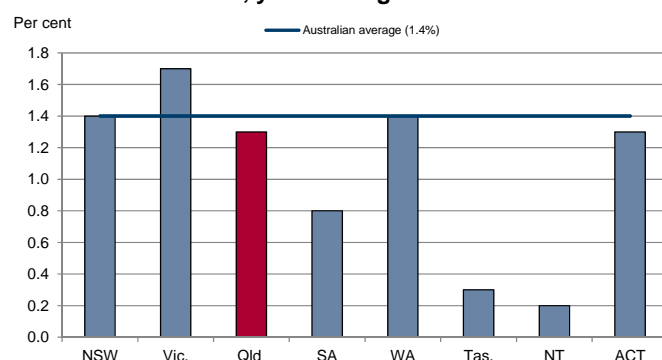
**Table 1: Components of population increase, Queensland**

	12 months to 31 March 2015	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	34,083	55.8
Net overseas migration	20,857	34.1
Net interstate migration	6,195	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,135</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Figure 1: Annual population increase by components of population change, Queensland**



**Figure 2: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2015**



**Figure 3: Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia**

