Population growth, Queensland, June quarter 2015

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 June 2015:
Queensland ............................................................ 4,779,400
Australia .............................................................. 23,781,169
Queensland share of national population .................... 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 30 June 2015):
Queensland .................................................................... 1.2%
Australia .......................................................................... 1.4%
Queensland share of national growth ........................... 18.6%

Main findings

• Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 June 2015 was 4,779,400 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 58,929 persons over the 12 months, and 13,458 persons since 31 March 2015 (Figure 1).

• Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.2% in the 12 months to 30 June 2015, below the national average (1.4%) and below Victoria (1.7%), Australian Capital Territory (1.4%), New South Wales (1.4%) and Western Australia (1.3%) (Figure 2).

• Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 June 2015 (56.7%) followed by net overseas migration (32.4%) and net interstate migration (10.9%) (Table 1).

• In the 12 months to 30 June 2015, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 33,436 persons, a decrease from the 34,083 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2015.

• Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 30 June 2015 was 19,076 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31 March 2015 (20,857 persons).

• Net interstate migration contributed 6,417 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 June 2015, an increase from the 6,195 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2015.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

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