

Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2015

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 September 2015:

Queensland	4,792,906
Australia	23,860,133
Queensland share of national population	20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2015):

Queensland	1.2%
Australia	1.3%
Queensland share of national growth	17.6%

Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 September 2015 was 4,792,906 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 55,232 persons over the 12 months, and 14,052 persons since 30 June 2015 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.2% in the 12 months to 30 September 2015, below the national average (1.3%) 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 September 2015 (57.2%) followed by net overseas migration (30.3%) and net interstate migration (12.5%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2015, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 31,617 persons, a decrease from the 33,436 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2015.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2015 was 16,725 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 June 2015 (19,076 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 6,890 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2015, an increase from the 6,417 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2015.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 30 September 2015	
	12 months to 30 September 2015	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	31,617	57.2
Net overseas migration	16,725	30.3
Net interstate migration	6,890	12.5
Total	55,232	100.0

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

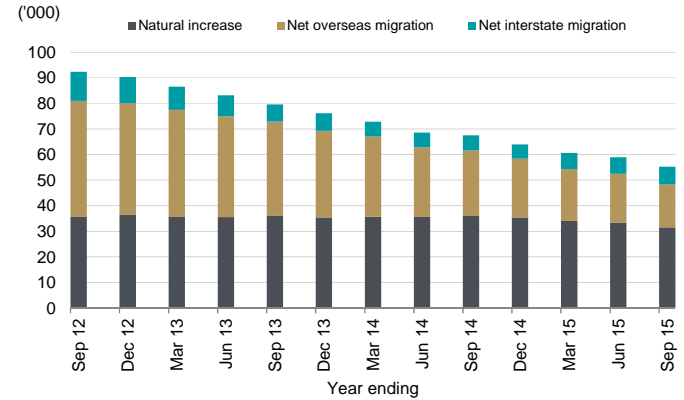


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 September 2015

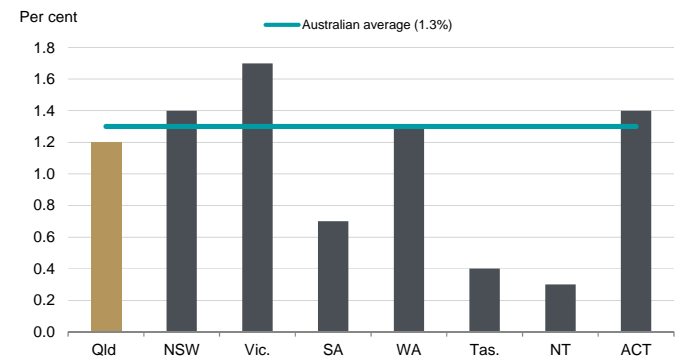


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

