

Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2015

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Key data

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

Queensland	4,808,771
Australia	23,940,278
Queensland share of national population	20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2015):

Queensland	1.3%
Australia	1.4%
Queensland share of national growth	18.3%

Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 December 2015 was 4,808,771 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 59,714 persons over the 12 months, and 13,967 persons since 30 September 2015 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.3% in the 12 months to 31 December 2015, below the national average (1.4%) and below Victoria (1.9%), New South Wales (1.4%) and Australian Capital Territory (1.4%) (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2015 (53.6%) followed by net overseas migration (32.5%) and net interstate migration (13.9%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2015, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 31,981 persons, an increase from the 31,617 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2015.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2015 was 19,407 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 September 2015 (19,774 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 8,326 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2015, an increase from the 6,890 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2015.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 December 2015	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	31,981	53.6
Net overseas migration	19,407	32.5
Net interstate migration	8,326	13.9
Total	59,714	100.0

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

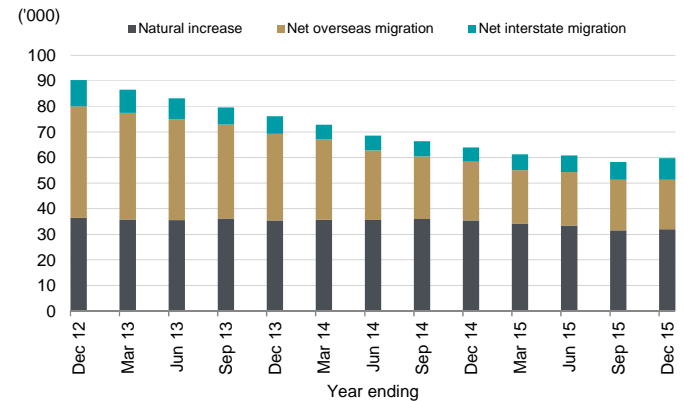


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2015



Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

