

Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2016

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2016:

Queensland	4,826,966
Australia	24,051,404
Queensland share of national population	20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2016):

Queensland	1.3%
Australia	1.4%
Queensland share of national growth	18.9%

Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 March 2016 was 4,826,966 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 61,769 persons over the 12 months, and 18,979 persons since 31 December 2015 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.3% in the 12 months to 31 March 2016, below the national average (1.4%) and below Victoria (1.9%) and New South Wales (1.4%) (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2016 (52.2%) followed by net overseas migration (31.4%) and net interstate migration (16.4%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2016, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 32,244 persons, an increase from the 32,192 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2015.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2016 was 19,407 persons. This was the same as the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31 December 2015 (19,407 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 10,118 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2016, an increase from the 8,326 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2015.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 March 2016	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	32,244	52.2
Net overseas migration	19,407	31.4
Net interstate migration	10,118	16.4
Total	61,769	100.0

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

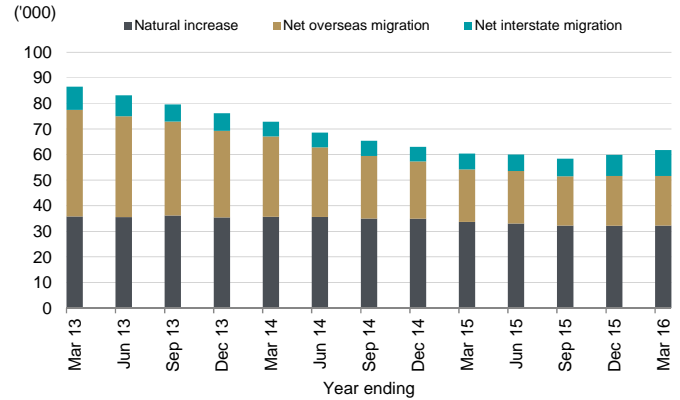


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2016

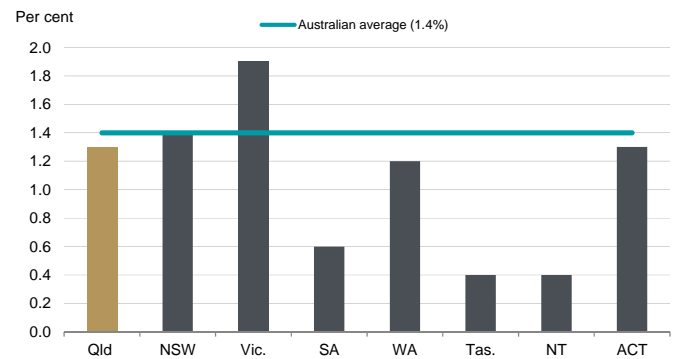


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

