

# Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2016

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## Key data

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

Queensland	4,883,739
Australia	24,385,635
Queensland share of national population	20.0%

### Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2016):

Queensland	1.5%
Australia	1.6%
Queensland share of national growth	18.9%

## Main findings

Note: This quarterly update incorporates results from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing to produce preliminary rebased estimates of the resident population. As such population estimates are revised from 30 September 2011 to 30 June 2016 (the recent intercensal period).

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 December 2016 was 4,883,739 persons (20.0% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 70,442 persons over the 12 months, and 16,313 persons since 30 September 2016 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.5% in the 12 months to 31 December 2016, below the national average (1.6%) and below Victoria (2.4%) and Australian Capital Territory (1.7%) (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2016 (45.7%) followed by net overseas migration (32.7%) and net interstate migration (20.8%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2016, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 32,160 persons, a decrease from the 33,264 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2016.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2016 was 23,023 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 September 2016 (21,259 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 14,652 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2016, an increase from the 12,966 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2016.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 December 2016	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	32,160	45.7
Net overseas migration	23,023	32.7
Net interstate migration	14,652	20.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,442</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

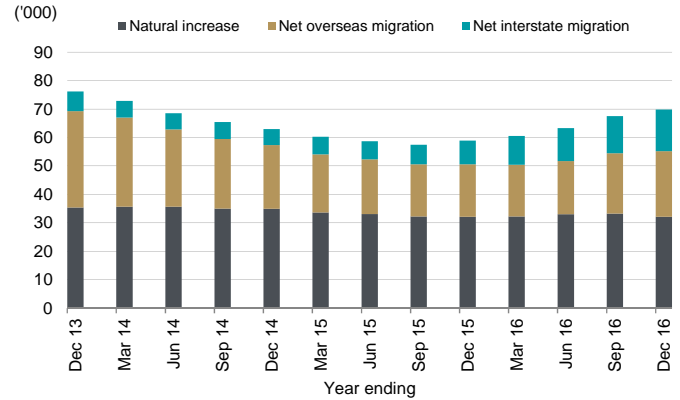


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2016

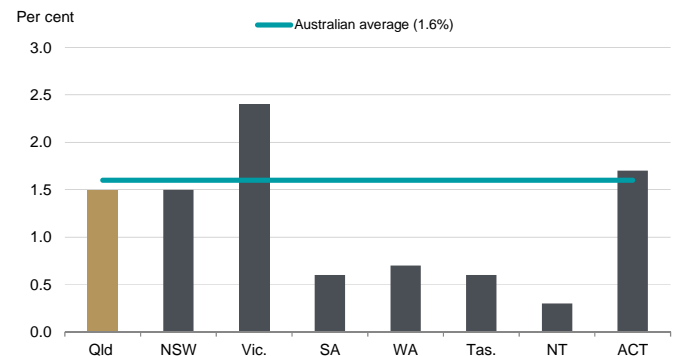


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

