

Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2017

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2017:

Queensland	4,907,608
Australia	24,511,773
Queensland share of national population	20.0%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2017):

Queensland	1.6%
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Queensland share of national growth	19.4%

Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 March 2017 was 4,907,608 persons (20.0% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 75,372 persons over the 12 months, and 23,869 persons since 31 December 2016 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.6% in the 12 months to 31 March 2017, in line with the national average and below Victoria (2.4%) and Australian Capital Territory (1.8%) (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2017 (41.4%) followed by net overseas migration (36.5%) and net interstate migration (20.9%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2017, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 31,225 persons, a decrease from the 32,104 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2016.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2017 was 27,521 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31 December 2016 (23,023 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 15,716 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2017, an increase from the 14,652 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2016.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 March 2017	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	31,225	41.4
Net overseas migration	27,521	36.5
Net interstate migration	15,716	20.9
Total	75,372	100.0

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

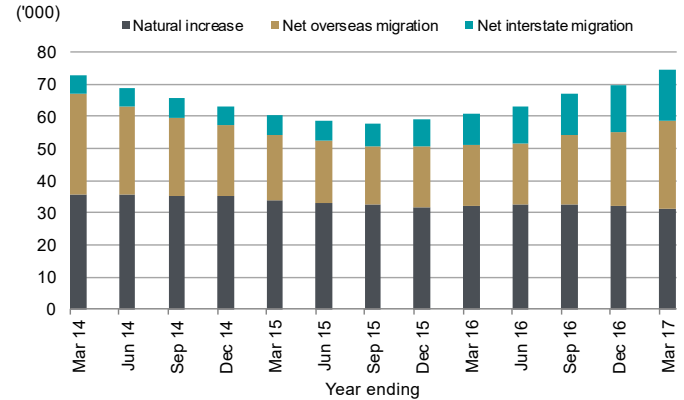


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2017

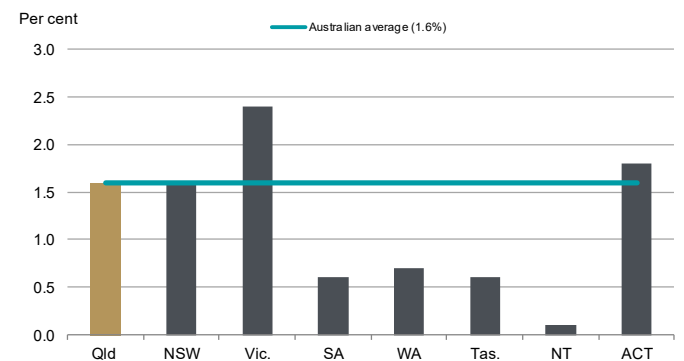


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

