Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2017

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 September 2017:
Queensland ............................................................ 4,948,697
Australia .............................................................. 24,702,851
Queensland share of national population ................. 20.0%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2017):
Queensland ............................................................ 1.7%
Australia ............................................................. 1.6%
Queensland share of national growth ....................... 20.5%

Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 September 2017 was 4,948,697 persons (20.0% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 81,271 persons over the 12 months, and 20,240 persons since 30 June 2017 (Figure 1).

- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.7% in the 12 months to 30 September 2017, above the national average (1.6%) and below Victoria (2.4%) and Australian Capital Territory (1.8%) (Figure 2).

- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2017 (38.6%) followed by natural increase (37.6%) and net interstate migration (23.8%) (Table 1).

- In the 12 months to 30 September 2017, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 30,573 persons, a decrease from the 31,006 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2017.

- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2017 was 31,374 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 June 2017 (31,148 persons).

- Net interstate migration contributed 19,324 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2017, an increase from the 17,426 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2017.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

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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 2017

Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia