

Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2017

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Key data

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

Queensland	4,965,033
Australia	24,770,709
Queensland share of national population	20.0%

Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2017):

Queensland	↑ 1.7%
Australia	↑ 1.6%
Queensland share of national growth	21.0%

Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 December 2017 was 4,965,033 persons (20.0% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 81,461 persons over the 12 months, and 15,405 persons since 30 September 2017 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.7% in the 12 months to 31 December 2017, above the national average (1.6%) and below Victoria (2.3%) and Australian Capital Territory (2.2%) (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2017 (36.3%) followed by net overseas migration (36.0%) and net interstate migration (27.6%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2017, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 29,602 persons, a decrease from the 30,573 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2017.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2017 was 29,349 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 September 2017 (33,851 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 22,510 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2017, an increase from the 19,705 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2017.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 December 2017	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	29,602	36.3
Net overseas migration	29,349	36.0
Net interstate migration	22,510	27.6
Total	81,461	100.0

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

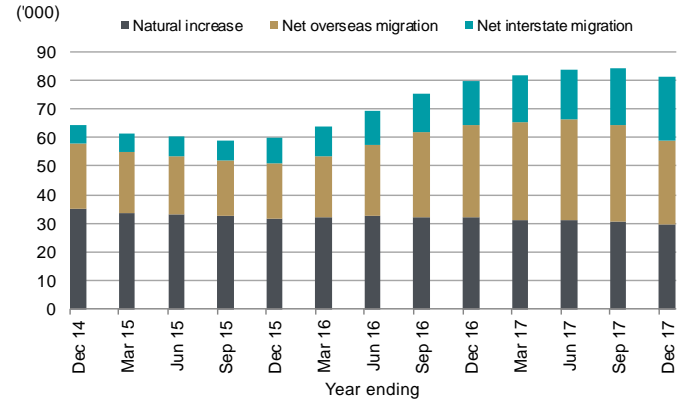


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2017

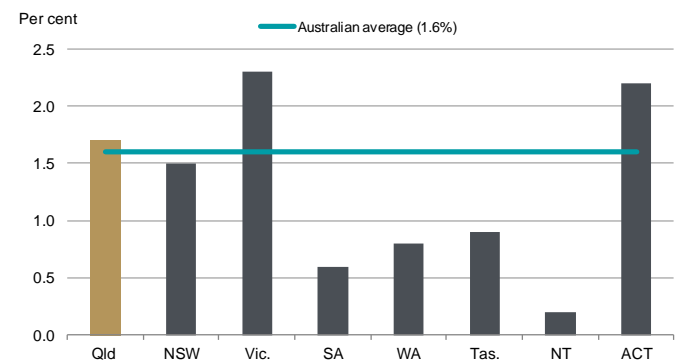


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

