

# Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2018

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## Key data

### Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2018:

Queensland .....	4,990,681
Australia .....	24,899,077
Queensland share of national population .....	20.0%

### Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2018):

Queensland .....	↑ 1.7%
Australia .....	↑ 1.6%
Queensland share of national growth .....	21.9%

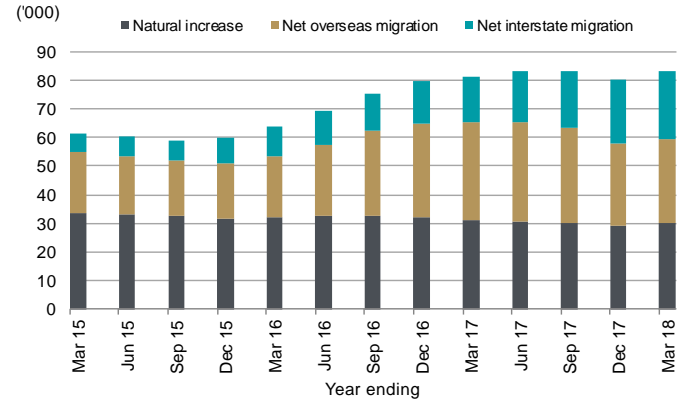
## Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 March 2018 was 4,990,681 persons (20.0% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 83,333 persons over the 12 months, and 26,345 persons since 31 December 2017 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.7% in the 12 months to 31 March 2018, above the national average (1.6%) and below Victoria (2.2%) and Australian Capital Territory (2.1%) (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2018 (36.0%) followed by net overseas migration (35.2%) and net interstate migration (28.8%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2018, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 30,006 persons, an increase from the 28,954 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2017.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2018 was 29,323 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31 December 2017 (29,051 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 24,004 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2018, an increase from the 22,510 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2017.

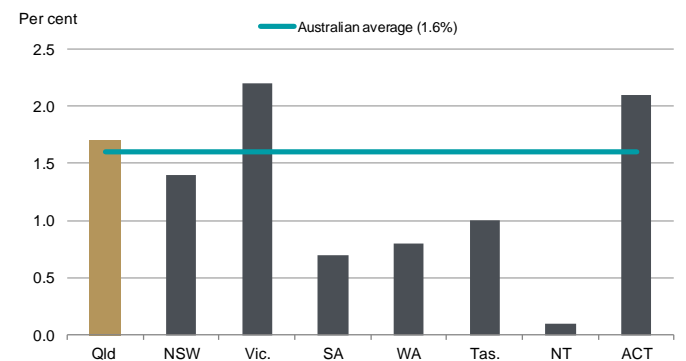
**Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland**

	12 months to 31 March 2018	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	30,006	36.0
Net overseas migration	29,323	35.2
Net interstate migration	24,004	28.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,333</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 March 2018**



**Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia**

