Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2018

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 September 2018:
Queensland ............................................................ 5,033,141
Australia .............................................................. 25,101,917
Queensland share of national population .................... 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2018):
Queensland ............................................................ 1.7%
Australia .............................................................. 1.6%
Queensland share of national growth ........................... 21.8%

Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 September 2018 was 5,033,141 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 86,001 persons over the 12 months, and 21,925 persons since 30 June 2018 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.7% in the 12 months to 30 September 2018, above the national average (1.6%) and below Victoria (2.2%) and Australian Capital Territory (1.9%) (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2018 (37.0%) followed by natural increase (34.7%) and net interstate migration (28.3%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2018, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 29,871 persons, a decrease from the 30,221 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2018.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2018 was 31,814 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 June 2018 (28,668 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 24,316 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2018, a decrease from the 24,698 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2018.

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 2018

Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia