

# Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2018

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## Key data

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

Queensland .....	5,052,827
Australia .....	25,180,234
Queensland share of national population .....	20.1%

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

Queensland .....	↑ 1.8%
Australia .....	↑ 1.6%
Queensland share of national growth .....	22.2%

## Main findings

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 December 2018 was 5,052,827 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 89,905 persons over the 12 months, and 19,357 persons since 30 September 2018 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.8% in the 12 months to 31 December 2018, above the national average (1.6%) and below Victoria (2.2%) (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2018 (39.0%) followed by natural increase (34.6%) and net interstate migration (26.5%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2018, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 31,070 persons, an increase from the 29,871 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2018.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2018 was 35,039 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 September 2018 (32,143 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 23,796 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2018, a decrease from the 24,316 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2018.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 December 2018	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	31,070	34.6
Net overseas migration	35,039	39.0
Net interstate migration	23,796	26.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,905</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

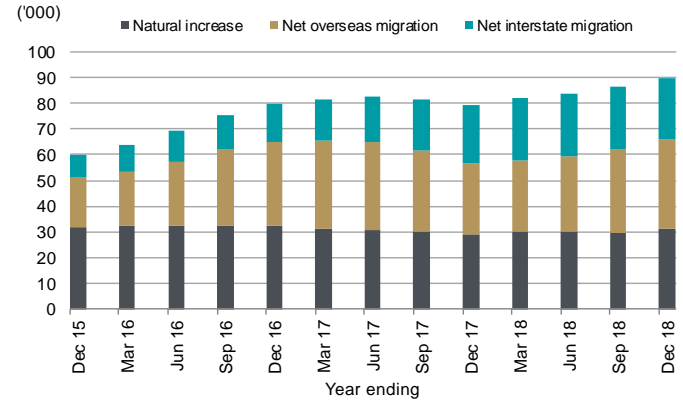


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2018

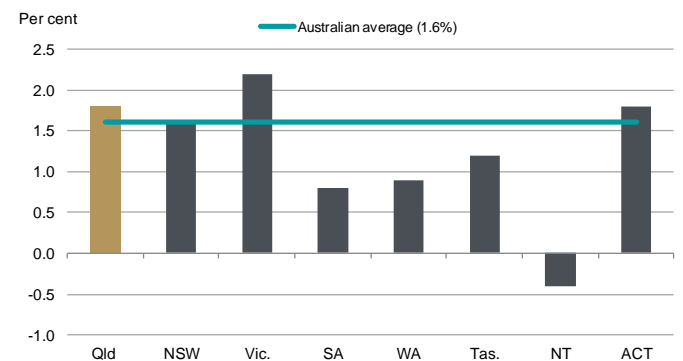


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

