Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2019

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 September 2019:
Queensland ............................................................ 5,115,451
Australia .............................................................. 25,464,116
Queensland share of national population ..................... 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2019):
Queensland ............................................................ 1.7%
Australia ............................................................. 1.5%
Queensland share of national growth ......................... 22.8%

Main findings

• Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 September 2019 was 5,115,451 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 84,692 persons over the 12 months, and 20,941 persons since 30 June 2019 (Figure 1).

• Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.7% in the 12 months to 30 September 2019, above the national average (1.5%) and below Victoria (2.0%)(Figure 2).

• Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2019 (37.0%) followed by natural increase (35.5%) and net interstate migration (27.5%) (Table 1).

• In the 12 months to 30 September 2019, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 30,041 persons, an increase from the 29,882 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2019.

• Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2019 was 31,370 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 June 2019 (32,373 persons).

• Net interstate migration contributed 23,281 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2019, an increase from the 22,831 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2019.

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 2019

Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia