Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2019

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 December 2019:
Queensland ............................................................ 5,129,996
Australia .............................................................. 25,522,169
Queensland share of national population .............. 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2019):
Queensland ............................................................ 1.6%
Australia .............................................................. 1.4%
Queensland share of national growth ................... 22.7%

Main findings

- Queensland’s preliminary ERP at 31 December 2019 was 5,129,996 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 79,336 persons over the 12 months, and 17,065 persons since 30 September 2019 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.6% in the 12 months to 31 December 2019, above the national average (1.4%) and below Victoria (1.9%) (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2019 (36.9%) followed by net overseas migration (34.2%) and net interstate migration (28.9%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2019, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 29,264 persons, a decrease from the 30,041 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2019.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2019 was 27,144 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 30 September 2019 (28,850 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 22,928 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2019, a decrease from the 23,281 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2019.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

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