Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2020

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2020:
Queensland ............................................................ 5,160,023
Australia .............................................................. 25,649,985
Queensland share of national population .................... 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2020):
Queensland ............................................................... 1.7%
Australia .................................................................... 1.4%
Queensland share of national growth ........................... 23.8%

Main findings

• Queensland’s preliminary ERP at 31 March 2020 was 5,160,023 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 84,995 persons over the 12 months, and 26,745 persons since 31 December 2019 (Figure 1).

• Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.7% in the 12 months to 31 March 2020, above the national average (1.4%) and below Victoria (1.8%) (Figure 2).

• Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2020 (37.8%) followed by natural increase (34.0%) and net interstate migration (28.3%) (Table 1).

• In the 12 months to 31 March 2020, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 28,869 persons, a decrease from the 29,271 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2019.

• Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2020 was 32,105 persons. This was higher than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31 December 2019 (30,428 persons).

• Net interstate migration contributed 24,021 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2020, an increase from the 22,928 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2019.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

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