Population growth, Queensland, June quarter 2020

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 June 2020:
Queensland ............................................................ 5,174,437
Australia .............................................................. 25,687,041
Queensland share of national population .................... 20.1%

Population growth (12 months to 30 June 2020):
Queensland ............................................................ 1.6%
Australia .................................................................... 1.3%
Queensland share of national growth ......................... 25.1%

Main findings


- Queensland’s preliminary ERP at 30 June 2020 was 5,174,437 persons (20.1% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 80,553 persons over the 12 months, and 13,028 persons since 31 March 2020 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.6% in the 12 months to 30 June 2020, above the national average (1.3%) and the highest of all state and territories. (Figure 2).
- Natural increase made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 June 2020 (35.2%) followed by net overseas migration (33.4%) and net interstate migration (31.5%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 June 2020, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 28,329 persons, a decrease from the 28,869 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2020.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 30 June 2020 was 26,876 persons. This was lower than the level recorded during the 12 month period to 31 March 2020 (33,491 persons).
- Net interstate migration contributed 25,348 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 June 2020, an increase from the 24,021 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2020.

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 June 2020

Figure 3  Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

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