

Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2020

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 December 2020:

Queensland	5,194,879
Australia	25,694,393
Queensland share of national population	20.2%

Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2020):

Queensland	↑ 1.1%
Australia	↑ 0.5%
Queensland share of national growth	42.6%

Main findings

Population statistics are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting Australian Government closure of the international border from March 2020.

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 December 2020 was 5,194,879 persons (20.2% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 58,114 persons over the 12 months, and 11,056 persons since 30 September 2020 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.1% in the 12 months to 31 December 2020, above the national average (0.5%) and the highest of all state and territories. (Figure 2).
- Net interstate migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2020 (51.7%) followed by natural increase (48.4%) and net overseas migration (-0.0%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2020, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 28,120 persons, a decrease from the 28,571 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2020.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration to Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2020 detracted 24 persons from Queensland's population. Net overseas migration for December quarter 2020 detracted 4,909 persons from Queensland's population, compared with a contribution of 6,580 persons in December quarter 2019.
- Net interstate migration contributed 30,018 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2020, an increase from the 27,115 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2020.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 Dec 2020	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	28,120	48.4
Net overseas migration	-24	-0.0
Net interstate migration	30,018	51.7
Total	58,114	100.0

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

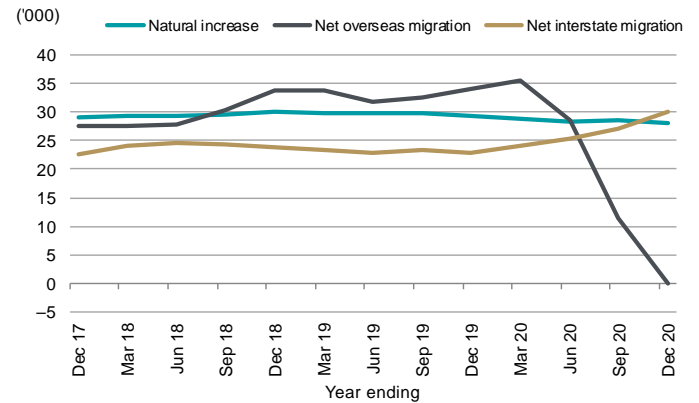


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2020

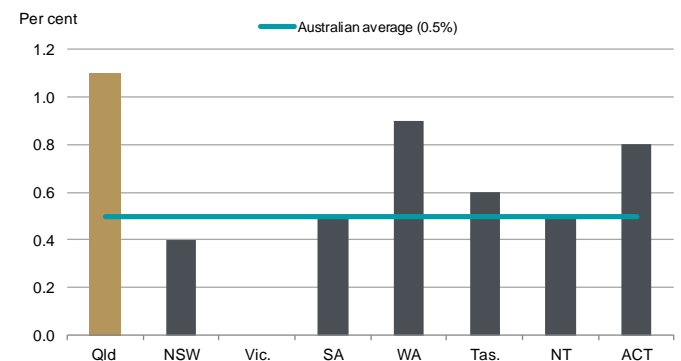


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

