

Population growth, Queensland, June quarter 2021

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 June 2021:

Queensland	5,221,170
Australia	25,739,256
Queensland share of national population	20.3%

Population growth (12 months to 30 June 2021):

Queensland	↑ 0.9%
Australia	↑ 0.2%
Queensland share of national growth	99.9%

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 30 June 2021 was 5,221,170 persons (20.3% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 45,925 persons over the 12 months, and 14,292 persons since 31 March 2021 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 0.9% in the 12 months to 30 June 2021, above the national average (0.2%) 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 30 June 2021 (67.4%) followed by natural increase (63.9%) and net overseas migration (-31.3%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 June 2021, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 29,352 persons, an increase from the 29,147 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2021.
- 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 30 June 2021 detracted 14,366 persons from Queensland's population. Net overseas migration for June quarter 2021 detracted 307 persons from Queensland's population, compared with a detraction of 1,514 persons in June quarter 2020.
- Net interstate migration contributed 30,939 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 June 2021, an increase from the 30,837 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2021.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 30 Jun 2021	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	29,352	63.9
Net overseas migration	-14,366	-31.3
Net interstate migration	30,939	67.4
Total	45,925	100.0

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

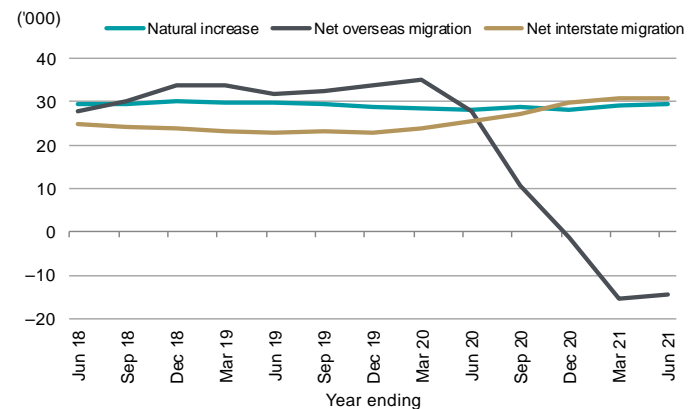


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 June 2021

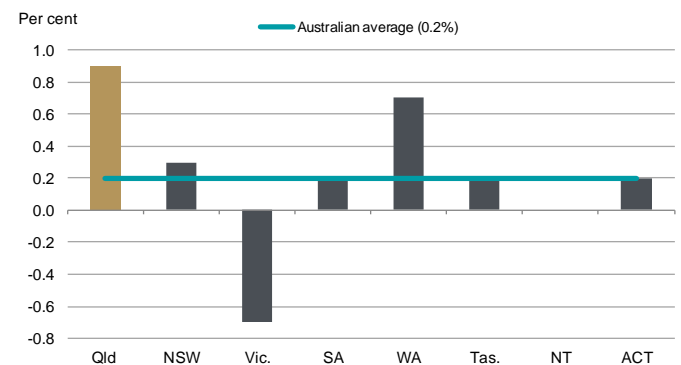


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

