

Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2021

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Key data

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

Queensland	5,240,520
Australia	25,750,198
Queensland share of national population	20.4%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2021):

Queensland	↑ 1.1%
Australia	↑ 0.3%
Queensland share of national growth	83.8%

Main findings

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

The ABS is investigating a data quality issue for overseas migration which is expected to result in historical revisions being published next quarter.

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 September 2021 was 5,240,520 persons (20.4% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 57,764 persons over the 12 months, and 19,287 persons since 30 June 2021 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.1% in the 12 months to 30 September 2021, above the national average (0.3%) 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 September 2021 (70.3%) followed by natural increase (51.6%) and net overseas migration (-21.9%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2021, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 29,808 persons, an increase from the 29,352 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 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 September 2021 detracted 12,663 persons from Queensland's population. Net overseas migration for September quarter 2021 detracted 4,901 persons from Queensland's population, compared with a detraction of 6,781 persons in September quarter 2020.
- Net interstate migration contributed 40,619 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2021, an increase from the 31,179 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2021.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 30 Sep 2021	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	29,808	51.6
Net overseas migration	-12,663	-21.9
Net interstate migration	40,619	70.3
Total	57,764	100.0

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

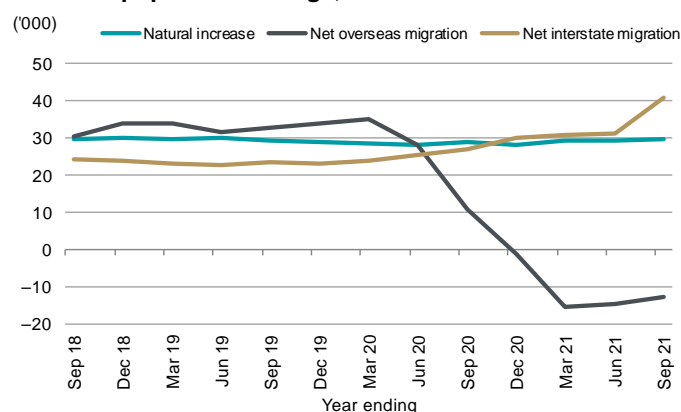


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 September 2021

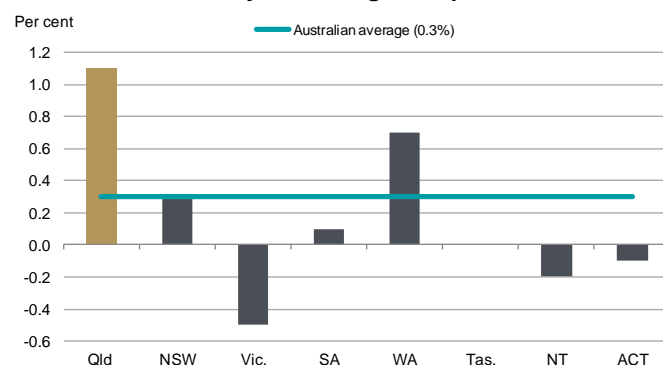


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

