

Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2021

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 December 2021:

Queensland	5,265,043
Australia	25,766,605
Queensland share of national population	20.4%

Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2021):

Queensland	↑ 1.4%
Australia	↑ 0.5%
Queensland share of national growth	57.6%

Main findings

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

The latest ERP is based on adjusted 2021 Census counts, updated with quarterly estimates of births, deaths, overseas and interstate migration.

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 December 2021 was 5,265,043 persons (20.4% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 73,689 persons over the 12 months, and 25,256 persons since 30 September 2021 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.4% in the 12 months to 31 December 2021, 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 2021 (68.1%) followed by natural increase (41.1%) and net overseas migration (-6.6%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2021, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 30,255 persons, an increase from the 29,808 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 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 31 December 2021 detracted 4,838 persons from Queensland's population. Net overseas migration for December quarter 2021 detracted 640 persons from Queensland's population, compared with a deduction of 5,172 persons in December quarter 2020.
- Net interstate migration contributed 50,162 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2021, an increase from the 40,619 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2021.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 Dec 2021	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	30,255	41.1
Net overseas migration	-4,838	-6.6
Net interstate migration	50,162	68.1
Total	73,689	100.0

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

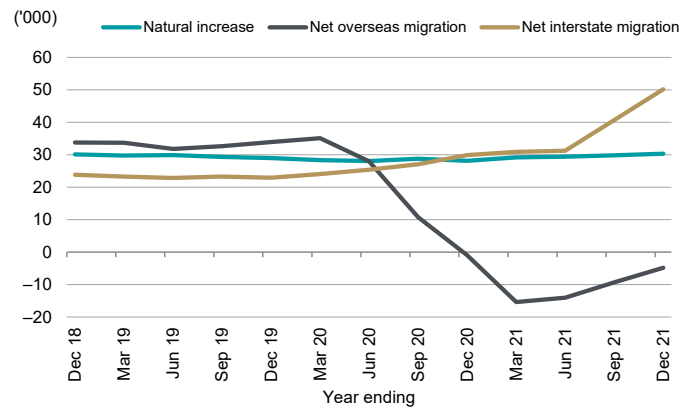


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2021

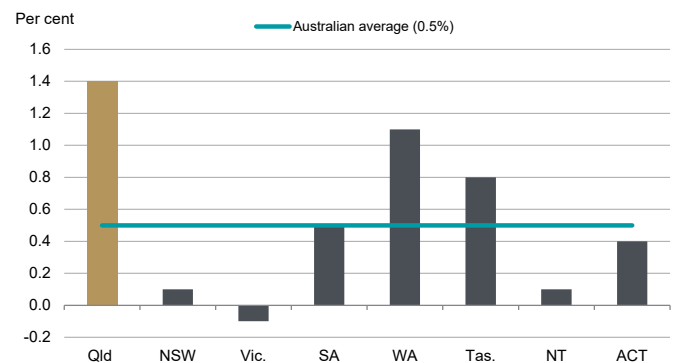


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

