

Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2022

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2022:

Queensland	5,296,098
Australia	25,890,773
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2022):

Queensland	↑ 1.8%
Australia	↑ 0.9%
Queensland share of national growth	39.3%

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 assessing the impact of changed traveller behaviour on overseas migration estimates, which is likely to result in more frequent revisions to preliminary overseas migration estimates to reflect the most timely data available.

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 31 March 2022 was 5,296,098 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 92,075 persons over the 12 months, and 31,055 persons since 31 December 2021 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 1.8% in the 12 months to 31 March 2022, above the national average (0.9%) 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 March 2022 (58.6%) followed by natural increase (30.8%) and net overseas migration (13.0%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2022, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 28,333 persons, a decrease from the 30,478 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2021.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration for March quarter 2022 contributed 13,612 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a detraction of 1,701 persons in March quarter 2021.
- Net interstate migration contributed 53,984 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2022, an increase from the 50,162 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2021.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 Mar 2022	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	28,333	30.8
Net overseas migration	11,981	13.0
Net interstate migration	53,984	58.6
Total	92,075	100.0

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

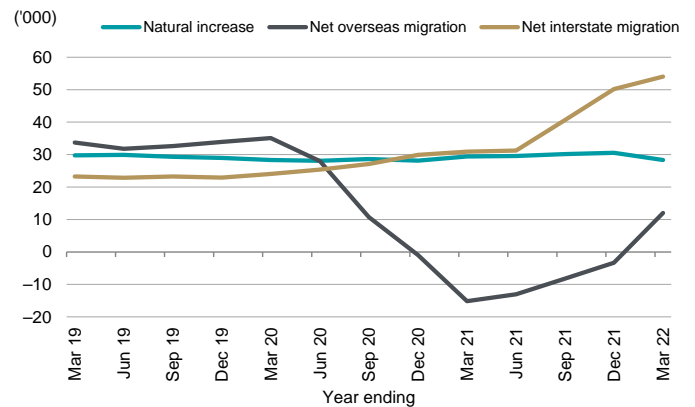


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2022

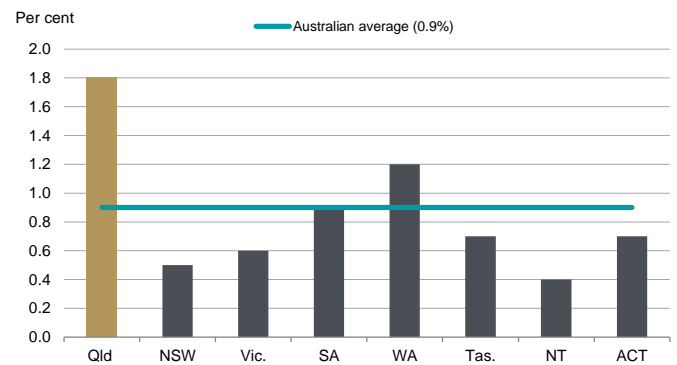


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

