

Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2022

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 September 2022:

Queensland	5,354,801
Australia	26,124,814
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

Population growth (12 months to 30 September 2022):

Queensland	↑ 2.2%
Australia	↑ 1.6%
Queensland share of national growth	27.3%

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 30 September 2022 was 5,354,801 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 114,446 persons over the 12 months, and 28,179 persons since 30 June 2022 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 2.2% in the 12 months to 30 September 2022, above the national average (1.6%) 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 2022 (40.7%) followed by net overseas migration (37.4%) and natural increase (21.9%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2022, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 25,018 persons, a decrease from the 27,647 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2022.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration for September quarter 2022 contributed 15,415 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a detraction of 1,486 persons in September quarter 2021.
- Net interstate migration contributed 46,623 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2022, a decrease from the 55,418 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2022.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 30 Sep 2022	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	25,018	21.9
Net overseas migration	42,805	37.4
Net interstate migration	46,623	40.7
Total	114,446	100.0

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

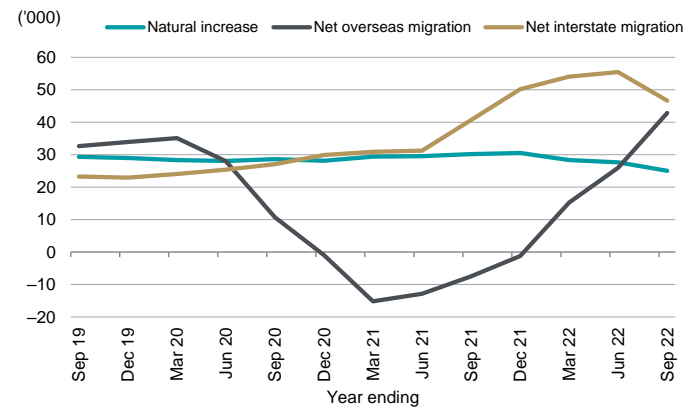


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 September 2022

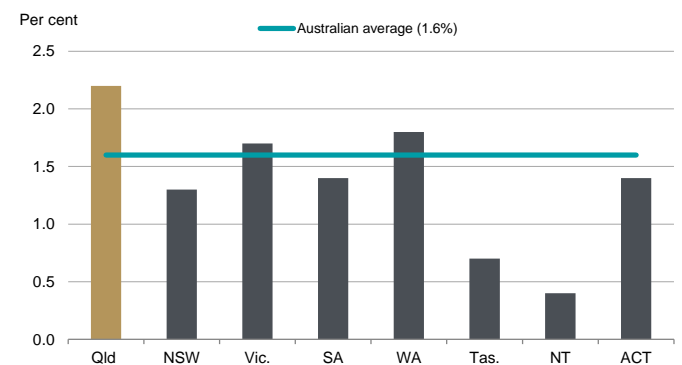


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

