

# Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2022

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## Key data

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

Queensland	5,378,277
Australia	26,268,359
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

### Population growth (12 months to 31 December 2022):

Queensland	↑ 2.2%
Australia	↑ 1.9%
Queensland share of national growth	23.5%

## 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 December 2022 was 5,378,277 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 116,562 persons over the 12 months, and 29,278 persons since 30 September 2022 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 2.2% in the 12 months to 31 December 2022, above the national average (1.9%) and below Western Australia (2.3%) (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2022 (49.8%) followed by net interstate migration (29.6%) and natural increase (20.5%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2022, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 23,939 persons, a decrease from the 25,018 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2022.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration for December quarter 2022 contributed 13,427 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a contribution of 1,593 persons in December quarter 2021.
- Net interstate migration contributed 34,545 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2022, a decrease from the 41,903 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2022.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 Dec 2022	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	23,939	20.5
Net overseas migration	58,078	49.8
Net interstate migration	34,545	29.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,562</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

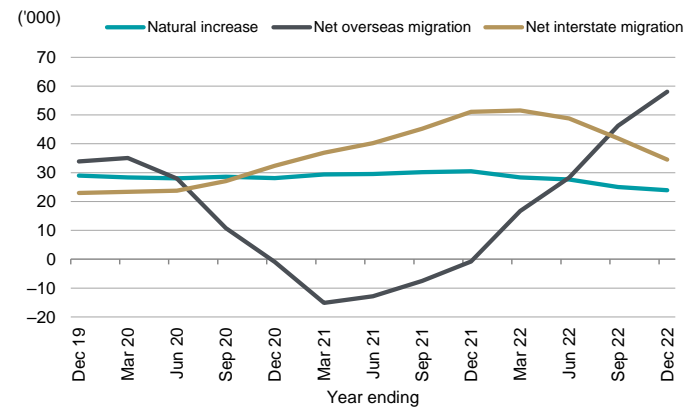


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2022

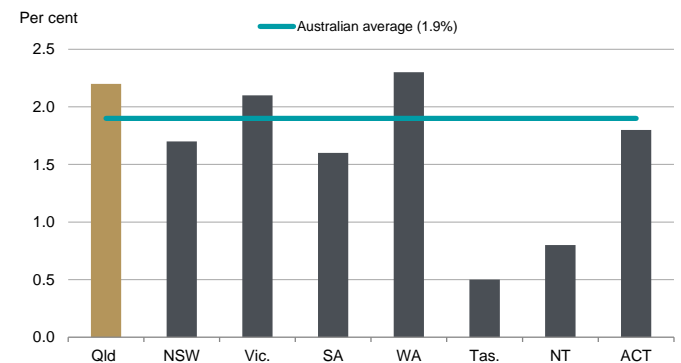


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

