

# Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2023

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## Key data

### Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2023:

Queensland	5,418,453
Australia	26,473,055
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

### Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2023):

Queensland	↑ 2.3%
Australia	↑ 2.2%
Queensland share of national growth	22.1%

## 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 2023 was 5,418,453 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 124,197 persons over the 12 months, and 36,425 persons since 31 December 2022 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 2.3% in the 12 months to 31 March 2023, above the national average (2.2%) and below Western Australia (2.8%) and Victoria (2.4%) (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 March 2023 (56.5%) followed by net interstate migration (25.0%) and natural increase (18.5%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2023, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 22,924 persons, a decrease from the 23,720 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2022.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration for March quarter 2023 contributed 23,386 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a contribution of 15,934 persons in March quarter 2022.
- Net interstate migration contributed 31,070 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2023, a decrease from the 34,545 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2022.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 Mar 2023	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	22,924	18.5
Net overseas migration	70,203	56.5
Net interstate migration	31,070	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,197</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

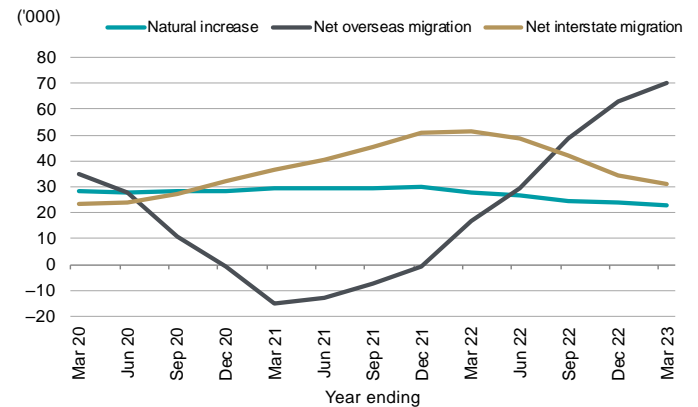


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2023

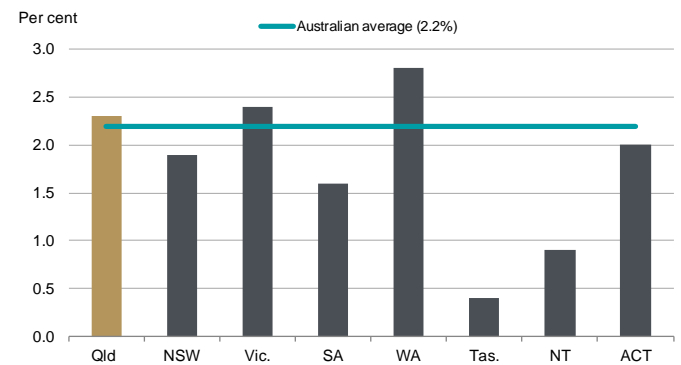


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

