

# Population growth, Queensland, June quarter 2023

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## Key data

### Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 30 June 2023:

Queensland	5,459,413
Australia	26,638,544
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

### Population growth (12 months to 30 June 2023):

Queensland	↑ 2.6%
Australia	↑ 2.4%
Queensland share of national growth	22.2%

## 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 June 2023 was 5,459,413 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 138,472 persons over the 12 months, and 36,569 persons since 31 March 2023 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 2.6% in the 12 months to 30 June 2023, above the national average (2.4%) and below Western Australia (3.1%) and Victoria (2.7%) (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 June 2023 (60.7%) followed by net interstate migration (23.3%) and natural increase (16.0%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 June 2023, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 22,222 persons, a decrease from the 22,924 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2023.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration for June quarter 2023 contributed 22,982 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a contribution of 13,581 persons in June quarter 2022.
- Net interstate migration contributed 32,255 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 June 2023, an increase from the 31,070 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 March 2023.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 30 Jun 2023	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	22,222	16.0
Net overseas migration	83,995	60.7
Net interstate migration	32,255	23.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,472</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

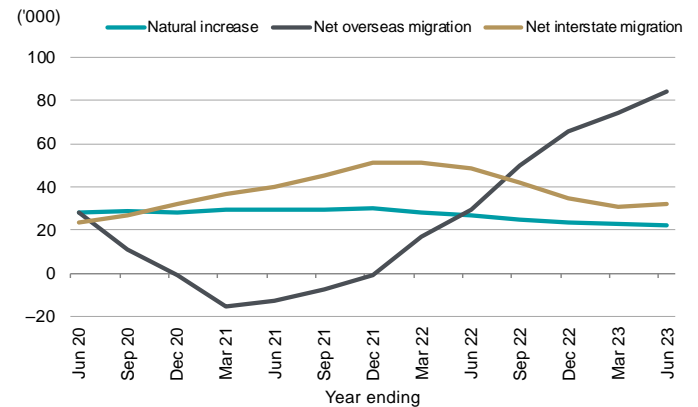


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 30 June 2023

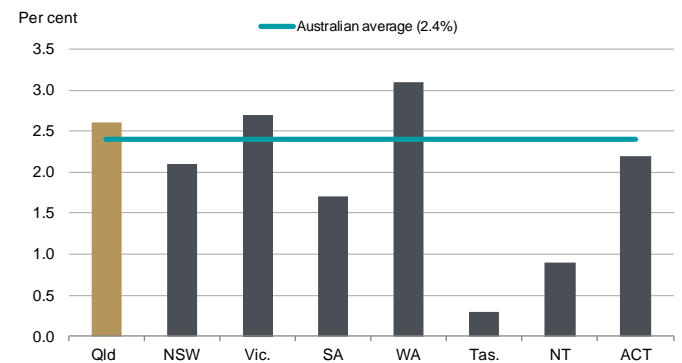


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

