

# Population growth, Queensland, September quarter 2023

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## Key data

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

Queensland	5,495,524
Australia	26,821,557
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

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

Queensland	↑ 2.7%
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Queensland share of national growth	21.8%

## Main findings

Population statistics are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting Australian Government closure of the international border from March 2020.

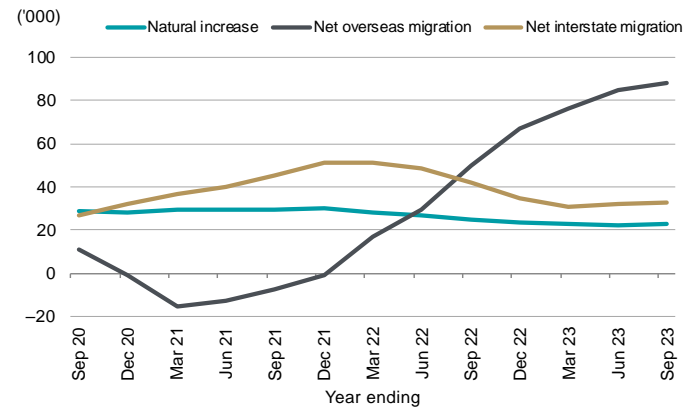
The ABS is assessing the impact of changed traveller behaviour on overseas migration estimates, which is likely to result in more frequent revisions to preliminary overseas migration estimates to reflect the most timely data available.

- Queensland's preliminary ERP at 30 September 2023 was 5,495,524 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 143,589 persons over the 12 months, and 35,104 persons since 30 June 2023 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 2.7% in the 12 months to 30 September 2023, above the national average (2.5%) and below Western Australia (3.3%) and Victoria (2.9%) (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 30 September 2023 (61.3%) followed by net interstate migration (22.7%) and natural increase (16.0%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2023, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 23,010 persons, an increase from the 22,222 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2023.
- Net overseas migration for September quarter 2023 contributed 21,946 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a contribution of 18,994 persons in September quarter 2022.
- Net interstate migration contributed 32,625 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 30 September 2023, an increase from the 32,255 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 June 2023.

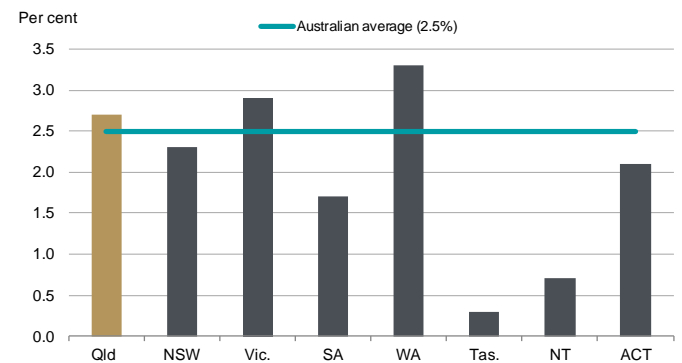
**Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland**

	12 months to 30 Sep 2023	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	23,010	16.0
Net overseas migration	87,954	61.3
Net interstate migration	32,625	22.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,589</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 September 2023**



**Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia**

