

# Population growth, Queensland, December quarter 2023

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## Key data

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

Queensland	5,528,292
Australia	26,966,789
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

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

Queensland	↑ 2.6%
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Queensland share of national growth	21.7%

## 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 2023 was 5,528,292 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 141,378 persons over the 12 months, and 30,195 persons since 30 September 2023 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 2.6% in the 12 months to 31 December 2023, above the national average (2.5%) and below Western Australia (3.3%) and Victoria (2.8%) (Figure 2).
- Net overseas migration made the largest contribution to population growth in Queensland in the 12 months to 31 December 2023 (62.2%) followed by net interstate migration (22.3%) and natural increase (15.5%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 December 2023, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 21,845 persons, a decrease from the 23,010 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2023.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration for December quarter 2023 contributed 16,539 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a contribution of 19,128 persons in December quarter 2022.
- Net interstate migration contributed 31,595 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 December 2023, a decrease from the 32,625 persons recorded during the 12 months to 30 September 2023.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 Dec 2023	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	21,845	15.5
Net overseas migration	87,938	62.2
Net interstate migration	31,595	22.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>141,378</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

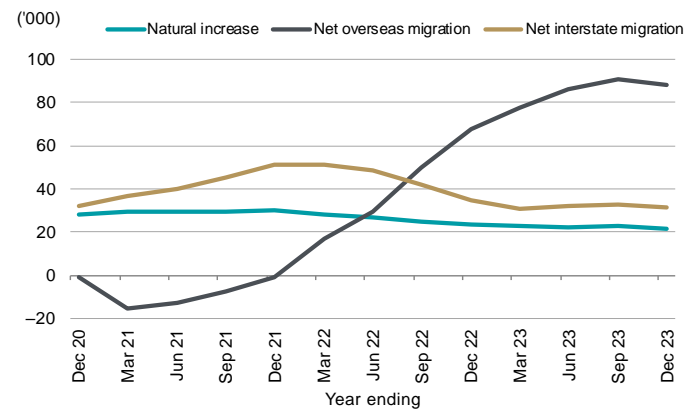


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2023

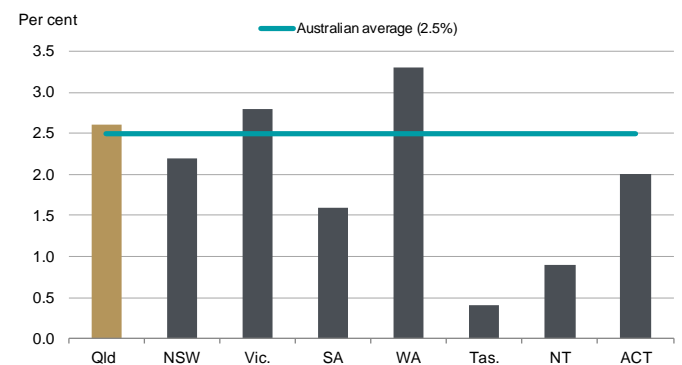


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

