

Population growth, Queensland, March quarter 2024

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Key data

Preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) as at 31 March 2024:

Queensland	5,560,452
Australia	27,122,411
Queensland share of national population	20.5%

Population growth (12 months to 31 March 2024):

Queensland	↑ 2.5%
Australia	↑ 2.3%
Queensland share of national growth	21.9%

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 2024 was 5,560,452 persons (20.5% of the Australian population). This reflects an increase of 134,596 persons over the 12 months, and 33,204 persons since 31 December 2023 (Figure 1).
- Queensland recorded a population growth rate of 2.5% in the 12 months to 31 March 2024, above the national average (2.3%) 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 31 March 2024 (61.5%) followed by net interstate migration (23.0%) and natural increase (15.5%) (Table 1).
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2024, natural increase (births minus deaths) was 20,872 persons, a decrease from the 21,262 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2023.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the international borders have impacted net overseas migration. Net overseas migration for March quarter 2024 contributed 21,468 persons to Queensland's population, compared with a contribution of 26,522 persons in March quarter 2023.
- Net interstate migration contributed 30,930 persons to population change in Queensland over the 12 months to 31 March 2024, a decrease from the 31,595 persons recorded during the 12 months to 31 December 2023.

Table 1 Components of population increase, Queensland

	12 months to 31 Mar 2024	Share of growth
	persons	%
Natural increase	20,872	15.5
Net overseas migration	82,794	61.5
Net interstate migration	30,930	23.0
Total	134,596	100.0

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

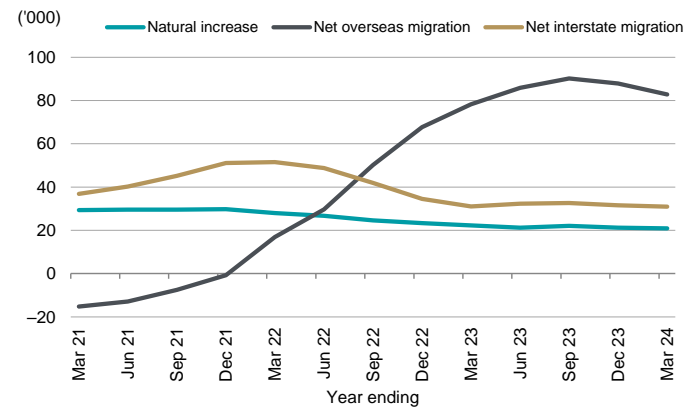


Figure 2 Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 March 2024

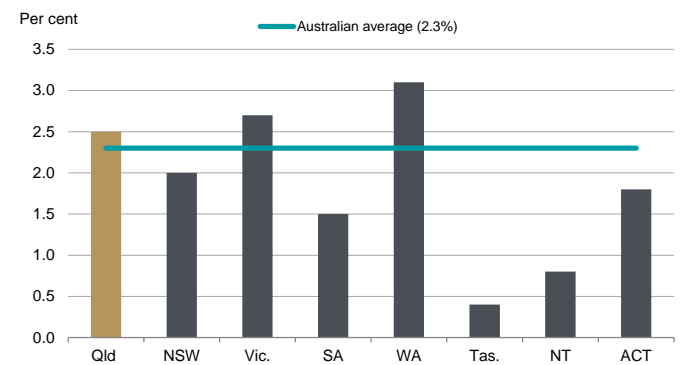


Figure 3 Annual population growth rate, Queensland and Australia

