

Main Features

Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 December 2005:

Queensland	4,001,023
<i>Percentage share of Australia</i>	<i>19.6%</i>
Australia	20,452,334

Population growth (12 months to December 2005):

Queensland	↑ 1.9%
Australia	↑ 1.2%

Queensland components of population increase:

	Dec qtr	% of Aust
Natural increase	7,629	22.9
Net interstate migration	7,812	n.a.
Net overseas migration	4,804	15.4
Total	20,245	31.4

Commentary

- Queensland's preliminary estimated resident population at 31 December 2005 was 4,001,023 persons, an increase of 20,245 persons in the quarter and 74,813 over the previous 12 months.
- Over the year to 31 December 2005, Queensland's population increased by 1.9%, compared with the Australian population growth of 1.2%. The increase for Queensland was lower than the figure recorded in the previous twelve-month period, to 31 December 2004 (2.1%).
- Natural increase for Queensland was 7,629 persons in December quarter 2005 and 28,113 in the year ending 31 December 2005, up 8.1% on the figure of 25,996 in the year ending 31 December 2004.
- Net interstate migration to Queensland continues to be the highest of all Australian states and territories. In December quarter 2005, there were 7,812 more persons who moved to Queensland than moved away. In the year ending 31 December 2005, net interstate migration to Queensland was 29,037 persons, down from 33,504 in the year ending 31 December 2004.
- Net overseas migration to Queensland was 4,804 persons in December quarter 2005. In the year ending 31 December 2005, net overseas migration was 17,663 persons, down from 20,275 in the year ending 31 December 2004.

- Queensland's population growth has eased to an increase of 74,813 persons in the year ending 31 December 2005, down from an increase of 79,775 persons in the previous 12-month period. This reflects lower levels of net interstate migration and net overseas migration over this period.

Figure 1: Components of population increase, Queensland, year ending 31 December

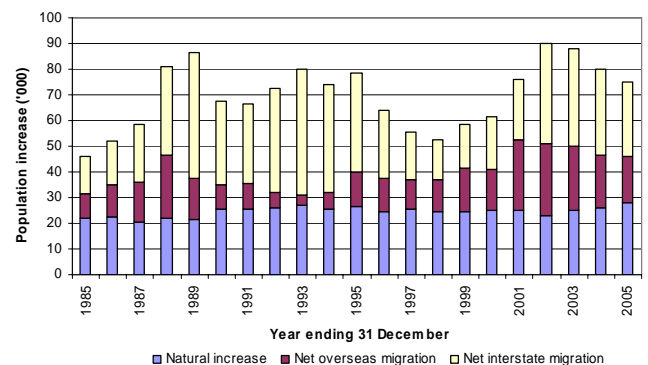


Figure 2: Population annual growth rate, Queensland and Australia, year ending 31 December

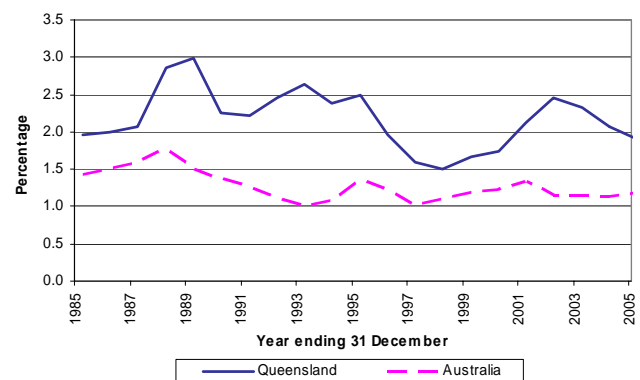


Figure 3: Population growth rate, Australia and states and territories, year ending 31 December 2005

