

Population (ABS Cat No 3101.0)

Latest quarter: September quarter 2017

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Population growth

The ABS estimated that Tasmania's population increased by 1 165 persons, or 0.22 per cent, to 522 042 persons in the September quarter 2017. Nationally, population growth for the quarter was estimated to be 0.42 per cent.

As at 30 September 2017, Tasmania's population was 3 745 persons (or 0.72 per cent) higher than the level at 30 September 2016. This result was the third lowest growth rate of all jurisdictions for the period (above the Northern Territory and South Australia). National population growth of 1.63 per cent was recorded over the period.

Natural increase

In the September quarter 2017, Tasmania recorded negative natural population growth (more deaths than births) at 68 persons. This compares with a natural increase of 369 persons in the preceding quarter. Natural population growth increased by 797 persons in the year to September 2017, which is 502 persons less than the previous year.

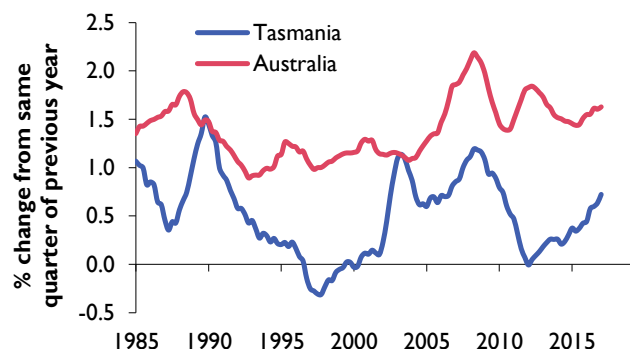
The negative natural population growth for the September quarter 2017 was the first occurrence of a negative result since the series commenced in 1981, and was due to an abnormally large number of deaths recorded in that quarter.

Migration

Interstate migration resulted in a net inflow of 346 persons to Tasmania in the September quarter 2017. This compares with a net inflow of 269 persons in the preceding quarter. Net interstate migration contributed 1 000 persons in the year to September 2017, which was 1 008 persons more than the previous year.

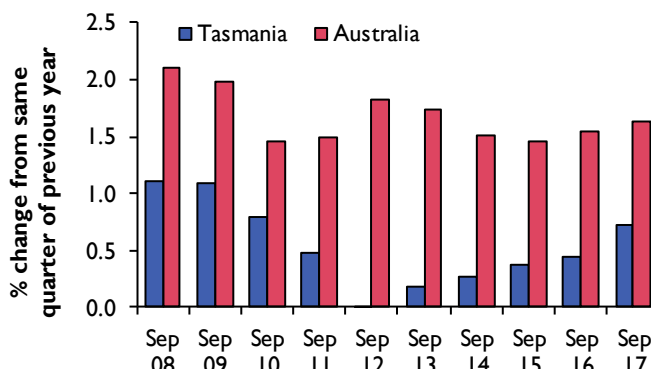
Overseas migration resulted in a net inflow to Tasmania of 887 persons in the September quarter 2017. This compares with a net inflow of 138 persons in the preceding quarter. Net overseas migration contributed 1 948 persons in the year to September 2017, which was 612 persons more than the previous year.

Chart 1: Annual population growth since 1990, Tasmania and Australia, original data



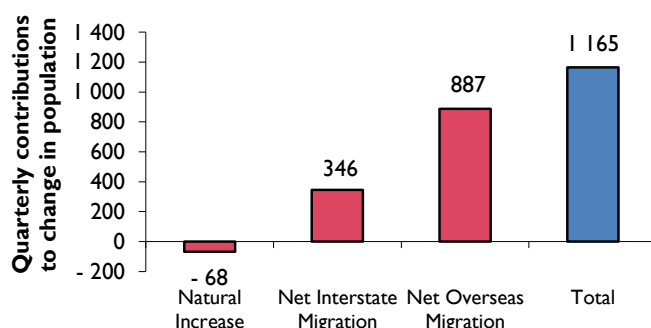
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Chart 2: Percentage change in population from same quarter of previous year, Tasmania and Australia, original data



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Chart 3: Contributions to growth, September quarter 2017, original data



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Table 1: Key data by jurisdiction, September quarter 2017, original data

<i>Original data</i>	Current qtr population	Change from previous qtr	Change from previous qtr	Change over previous year	Change over previous year
	Persons (‘000’s)	Persons (‘000’s)	Per cent (%)	Persons (‘000’s)	Per cent (%)
New South Wales	7 895.8	34.8	0.44	123.1	1.58
Victoria	6 358.9	35.3	0.56	147.4	2.37
Queensland	4 948.7	20.2	0.41	81.3	1.67
South Australia	1 726.9	3.4	0.20	10.8	0.63
Western Australia	2 587.1	6.8	0.26	22.0	0.86
Tasmania	522.0	1.2	0.22	3.7	0.72
Northern Territory	246.1	0.0	-0.02	0.1	0.03
Australian Capital Territory	412.6	2.3	0.56	7.2	1.77
Australia	24 702.9	103.9	0.42	395.6	1.63

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Table 2: Population comparisons, Tasmania and Australia, original data

<i>Original data</i>	Tasmania				Australia			
	Sep 16	Mar 17	Jun 17	Sep 17	Sep 16	Mar 17	Jun 17	Sep 17
Population								
‘000 persons	518.3	520.1	520.9	522.0	24 307.2	24 511.8	24 598.9	24 702.9
quarterly % change	0.14	0.20	0.15	0.22	0.40	0.52	0.36	0.42
annual % change	0.44	0.60	0.64	0.72	1.55	1.61	1.60	1.63
Natural Increase								
Persons	222	270	369	- 68	31 933	39 543	39 296	34 703
Net Interstate Migration								
Persons	87	241	269	346	NA	NA	NA	NA
Net Overseas Migration								
Persons	400	540	138	887	64 496	86 595	47 864	69 215

NA: NOT APPLICABLE

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