

Population (ABS Cat No 3101.0)

Latest quarter: December quarter 2016

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This publication is the first release of estimated resident population that has been rebased to reflect the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Population growth

The ABS estimated that Tasmania's population increased by 753 persons, or 0.15 per cent, to 519 050 persons in the December quarter 2016. Nationally, population growth for the quarter was estimated to be 0.32 per cent.

As at 31 December 2016, Tasmania's population was 2 972 persons (or 0.58 per cent) higher than the level at 31 December 2015. This result was the second lowest growth rate of all jurisdictions for the period (only the NT was lower). National population growth of 1.55 per cent was recorded over the period.

Natural increase

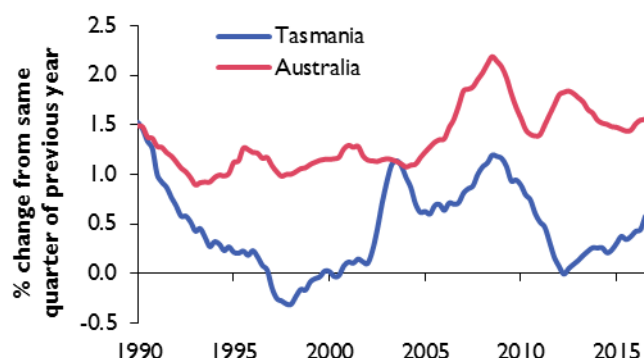
Natural population increase (births less deaths) in Tasmania in the December quarter 2016 was estimated to be 226 persons. This compares with a natural increase of 222 persons in the preceding quarter and 187 persons in the December quarter 2015.

Migration

Interstate migration was a net inflow of 144 persons to Tasmania in the December quarter 2016. This compares with a net inflow of 87 persons in the preceding quarter and a net outflow of 331 persons in the December quarter 2015.

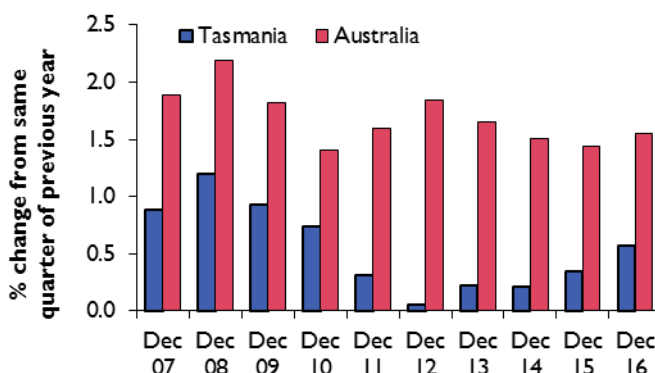
Overseas migration was a net inflow to Tasmania of 383 persons in the December quarter 2016. This compares with a net inflow of 400 persons in the preceding quarter and a net inflow of 263 persons in the December quarter 2015.

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



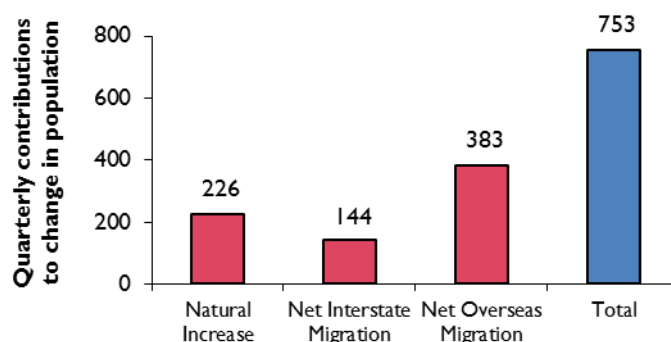
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Chart 2: Percentage change in population from same quarter of previous year, Tasmania and Australia, original data



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Chart 3: Contributions to growth, December quarter 2016, original data



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Table 1: Key data by jurisdiction, December quarter 2016, original data

Original data	Current qtr	Change from	Change from	Change over	Change over
	population	previous qtr	previous qtr	previous year	previous year
	Persons (<i>'000's</i>)	Persons (<i>'000's</i>)	Per cent (%)	Persons (<i>'000's</i>)	Per cent (%)
New South Wales	7 797.8	25.1	0.32	116.4	1.52
Victoria	6 244.2	32.7	0.53	146.6	2.40
Queensland	4 883.7	16.3	0.34	70.4	1.46
South Australia	1 717.0	0.9	0.05	10.3	0.60
Western Australia	2 567.8	2.7	0.10	16.8	0.66
Tasmania	519.1	0.8	0.15	3.0	0.58
Northern Territory	245.0	-0.9	-0.38	0.6	0.26
Australian Capital Territory	406.4	1.0	0.23	6.8	1.71
Australia	24 385.6	78.4	0.32	372.8	1.55

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

Original data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Dec 15	Jun 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Dec 15	Jun 16	Sep 16	Dec 16
Population								
<i>'000</i> persons	516.1	517.6	518.3	519.1	24 012.8	24 210.8	24 307.2	24 385.6
quarterly % change	0.01	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.32	0.37	0.40	0.32
annual % change	0.34	0.43	0.44	0.58	1.44	1.51	1.55	1.55
Natural Increase								
Persons	187	489	222	226	34 839	47 247	31 933	31 944
quarterly % change	8.7	11.6	-54.6	1.8	8.5	14.0	-32.4	0.0
annual % change	-43.3	83.1	29.1	20.9	-11.9	31.5	-0.6	-8.3
Net Interstate Migration								
Persons	- 331	179	87	144	NA	NA	NA	NA
Net Overseas Migration								
Persons	263	- 32	400	383	36 443	34 346	64 496	46 453

NA: NOT APPLICABLE

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