Population (ABS Cat No 3101.0)

Latest quarter: September quarter 2015

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Population growth

The ABS estimated that Tasmania's population increased by 597 persons or 0.12 per cent to 517 183 persons in the September quarter 2015. Nationally, population growth for the quarter was estimated to be 0.35 per cent.

As at 30 September 2015, Tasmania's population was 2 159 persons (or 0.42 per cent) higher than the level at 30 September 2014. This was the second lowest growth rate of all jurisdictions for the period and compares to national population growth of 1.33 per cent over this period.

Natural increase

Natural population increase (births less deaths) in Tasmania in the September quarter 2015 was estimated to be 172 persons. This compares with a natural increase of 308 persons in the September quarter 2014.

Migration

Interstate migration was a net inflow of 137 persons to Tasmania in the September quarter 2015. This was the second consecutive quarterly increase, following sixteen consecutive quarterly net outflows over June quarter 2011 through March quarter 2015 and a total net outflow over that period of 6 623 persons.

In the four quarters to the September quarter 2015, interstate migration was a net outflow of 180 persons from Tasmania, 786 persons fewer than the net outflow of 966 persons in the four quarters to the September quarter 2014.

Overseas migration recorded a net inflow of 288 persons in the September quarter 2015. In the four quarters to the September quarter 2015, net overseas migration into Tasmania was 1 119 persons, slightly below the net overseas migration inflow of 1 155 persons in the four quarters to the September quarter 2014.

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

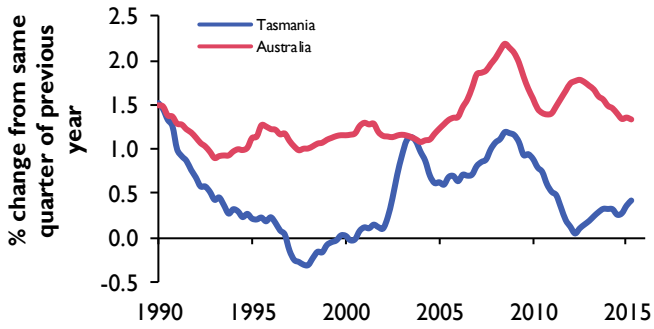

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Chart 2: Percentage change in population from same quarter of previous year, Tasmania and Australia, original data

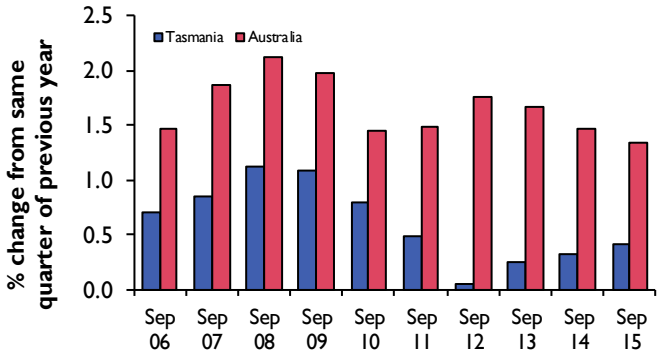

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Chart 3: Contributions to growth, September quarter 2015, original data

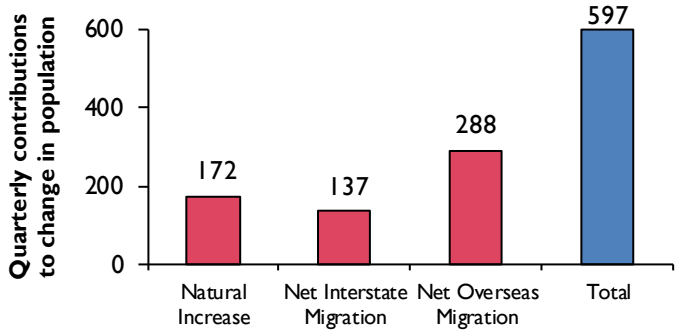

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Table 1: Key data by jurisdiction, September quarter 2015, original data

Original data	Current quarter 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	7 644.2	26.5	0.35	102.2	1.36
Victoria	5 966.7	29.3	0.49	102.3	1.74
Queensland	4 792.9	14.1	0.29	55.2	1.17
South Australia	1 701.1	2.5	0.15	12.4	0.73
Western Australia	2 598.2	8.0	0.31	32.5	1.27
Tasmania	**517.2**	**0.6**	**0.12**	**2.2**	**0.42**
Northern Territory	244.5	0.2	0.07	0.8	0.34
Australian Capital Territory	392.0	1.3	0.33	5.5	1.42
Australia	**23 860.1**	**82.4**	**0.35**	**313.2**	**1.33**

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

Original data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Sep 14	Mar 15	Jun 15	Sep 15	Sep 14	Mar 15	Jun 15	Sep 15
Population								
'000 persons	515.0	516.1	516.6	517.2	23 546.9	23 704.8	23 777.8	23 860.1
quarterly % change	0.06	0.16	0.10	0.12	0.37	0.40	0.31	0.35
annual % change	0.32	0.27	0.36	0.42	1.46	1.34	1.35	1.33
Natural Increase								
Persons	308	363	330	172	37 862	35 118	44 431	34 547
quarterly % change	22.7	2.3	-9.1	-47.9	-1.5	11.5	26.5	-22.2
annual % change	-21.2	-28.4	31.5	-44.2	1.9	-17.7	15.6	-8.8
Net Interstate Migration								
Persons	- 211	- 43	158	137	NA	NA	NA	NA
Net Overseas Migration								
Persons	201	495	8	288	48 340	58 824	28 498	47 809
quarterly % change	10.4	50.9	-98.4	3 500.0	61.3	80.9	-51.6	67.8
annual % change	-39.6	4.7	-95.6	43.3	-11.1	-7.9	-4.9	-1.1

NA: NOT APPLICABLE
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