

National, State and Territory Population

Latest quarter: June quarter 2024

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Population growth

The ABS estimated that Tasmania's population decreased by 96 persons, or 0.02 per cent, to 575 366 persons in the June quarter 2024. Nationally, the ABS estimated that the population grew by 0.33 per cent for the quarter (Table 1).

As at 30 June 2024, Tasmania's population was estimated to have been 1 628 persons (or 0.28 per cent) higher than the level at 30 June 2023. Tasmania's annual growth rate was the lowest of all states and territories and compared to annual growth nationally of 2.07 per cent for the June quarter 2024.

Natural increase

Tasmania recorded a natural increase of 61 persons in the June quarter 2024, the net result of 1 422 births and 1 361 deaths for the period.

Net migration

Tasmania recorded a net interstate migration outflow of 466 persons in the June quarter 2024, the ninth consecutive quarter of net interstate out-migration.

Tasmania recorded a net overseas migration inflow of 309 persons in the June quarter 2024. The State has recorded positive net overseas migration every quarter since the September quarter 2021.

Rebasing to the 2021 Census

In mid-2022 the ABS rebased estimated resident population data based on the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. The ABS undertakes rebasing every five years following each Census, and the rebasing results in revisions to previous quarterly population data for the past five years.

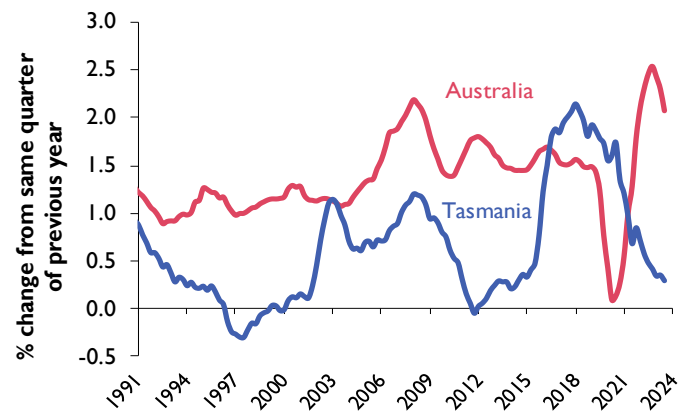
In the case of the recent rebasing exercise, the revisions were unusually large for Tasmania and resulted in material increases in the State's estimated resident population and its share of the national population.

Table 1: Key population data by jurisdiction, June quarter 2024, original data

Original data	30 June 2024 population Persons ('000's)	Quarterly change (%)	Annual change (%)
NSW	8 484.4	0.23	1.72
Vic	6 981.4	0.35	2.42
Qld	5 586.3	0.46	2.30
SA	1 878.0	0.22	1.35
WA	2 965.2	0.45	2.82
Tas	575.4	-0.02	0.28
NT	255.1	0.29	0.81
ACT	474.1	0.29	1.67
Aus	27 204.8	0.33	2.07

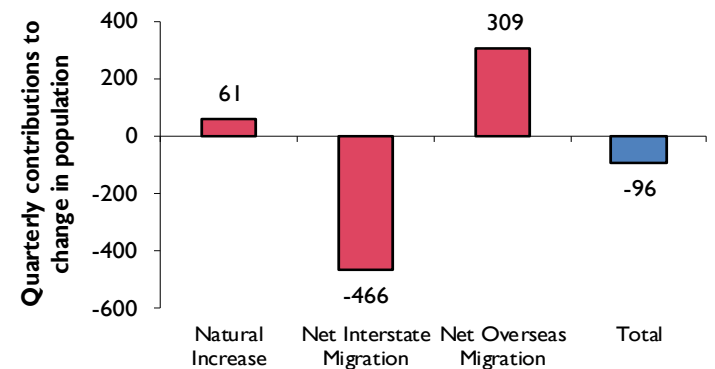
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Chart 1: Annual population growth since 1991, Tasmania and Australia, original data



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Chart 2: Contribution to Tasmanian population growth, June quarter 2024, original data



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Issues impacting migration data

The ABS uses Medicare change of address data to inform its net interstate migration estimates. Medicare data showed an implausibly high number of moves across Australia during 2021, attributed to widespread updating of Medicare records during the COVID-19 vaccination program.

Following each Census, the ABS reviews and revises its Medicare under-count adjustment and interstate migration methodology. The latest methodology has sought to address the challenges of the pandemic by giving greater weight to those Census and Medicare data that were unaffected by COVID-19 impacts.

The disruption to travel patterns following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and international border restrictions has also led to the ABS making some methodology changes, and more frequent revisions, to overseas migration data. Of note is that from the March quarter 2022 to the March quarter 2023, preliminary estimates are modelled on traveller behaviour from the corresponding quarter of 2018. Estimates prior to the March quarter 2022 and from the June quarter 2023 onwards are based on the behaviour of similar travellers from one year earlier.

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

Original data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Jun 23	Dec 23	Mar 24	Jun 24	Jun 23	Dec 23	Mar 24	Jun 24
Population								
'000 persons	573.7	574.6	575.5	575.4	26 652.8	26 951.3	27 115.6	27 204.8
change from previous quarter	0.2	0.5	0.9	-0.1	145.6	125.9	164.3	89.2
change from previous year	2.7	1.9	2.0	1.6	638.4	638.2	608.5	552.0
% change								
quarterly	0.04	0.09	0.16	-0.02	0.55	0.47	0.61	0.33
annual	0.47	0.33	0.34	0.28	2.45	2.43	2.30	2.07
year-average	0.65	0.44	0.39	0.34	2.16	2.43	2.43	2.33
Natural Increase								
Persons	17	97	116	61	25 136	22 096	30 833	26 030
Births	1 345	1 318	1 419	1 422	72 709	66 334	75 969	72 095
Deaths	1 328	1 221	1 303	1 361	47 573	44 238	45 136	46 065
Net Interstate Migration								
Persons	-769	-896	-451	-466	NA	NA	NA	NA
Arrivals	3 186	3 430	3 254	3 226	NA	NA	NA	NA
Departures	3 955	4 326	3 705	3 692	NA	NA	NA	NA
Net Overseas Migration								
Persons	995	1 320	1 246	309	120 484	103 819	133 475	63 155
Arrivals	1 600	1 875	1 774	1 098	169 208	159 987	187 855	121 860
Departures	605	555	528	789	48 724	56 168	54 380	58 705

NA: NOT APPLICABLE

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