

Population (ABS Cat No 3101.0)

Latest quarter: March quarter 2018

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Population growth

The ABS estimated that Tasmania's population increased by 1 837 persons, or 0.35 per cent, to 526 663 persons in the March quarter 2018. Nationally, population growth for the quarter was estimated to be 0.51 per cent.

As at 31 March 2018, Tasmania's population was 5 309 persons (or 1.02 per cent) higher than the level at 31 March 2017. This result was the fifth highest growth rate of all jurisdictions for the period (above the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia). National population growth of 1.55 per cent was recorded in the year to 31 March 2018.

Natural increase

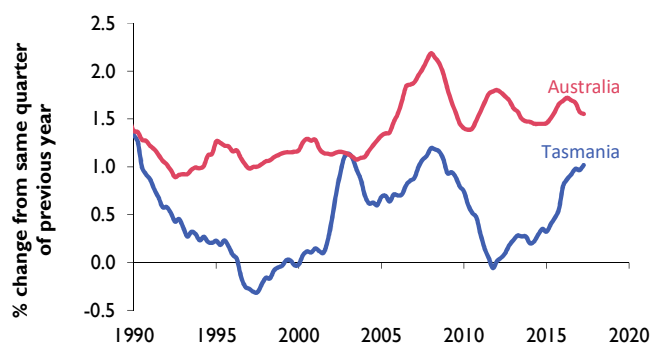
In the March quarter 2018, Tasmania recorded natural population growth of 361 persons. This compares with a natural increase of 260 persons in the preceding quarter. Natural population growth increased by 848 persons in the year to March 2018, which is 217 persons fewer than the previous year.

Migration

Interstate migration resulted in a net inflow of 750 persons to Tasmania in the March quarter 2018. This compares with a net inflow of 416 persons in the preceding quarter. Net interstate migration contributed 2 196 persons in the year to March 2018, which was 772 persons more than the previous year.

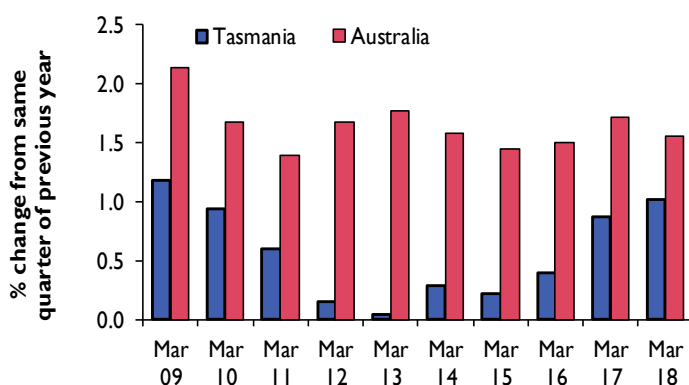
Overseas migration resulted in a net inflow to Tasmania of 726 persons in the March quarter 2018. This compares with a net inflow of 514 persons in the preceding quarter. Net overseas migration contributed 2 265 persons in the year to March 2018, which was 69 persons fewer than the previous year.

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



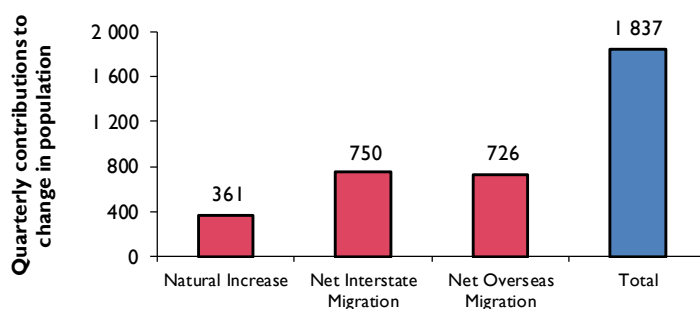
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Chart 2: Percentage change in population from same quarter of previous year, Tasmania and Australia, original data



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Chart 3: Contributions to growth, March quarter 2018, original data



SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS, ABS CAT NO 3101.0: TABLE 2

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Table 1: Key data by jurisdiction, March quarter 2018, original data

Original data	Current qtr	Change from	Change from	Change over	Change over
	population	previous qtr	previous qtr	previous year	previous year
	Persons	Persons	Per cent	Persons	Per cent
	('000's)	('000's)	(%)	('000's)	(%)
New South Wales	7 955.9	35.4	0.45	113.1	1.44
Victoria	6 430.0	45.6	0.71	137.4	2.18
Queensland	4 990.7	26.3	0.53	83.3	1.70
South Australia	1 733.5	5.4	0.31	11.6	0.67
Western Australia	2 591.9	7.8	0.30	21.2	0.82
Tasmania	526.7	1.8	0.35	5.3	1.02
Northern Territory	246.7	-0.2	-0.07	0.3	0.12
Australian Capital Territory	419.2	2.9	0.71	8.5	2.08
Australia	24 899.1	125.1	0.51	380.7	1.55

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

Original data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Mar 17	Sep 17	Dec 17	Mar 18	Mar 17	Sep 17	Dec 17	Mar 18
Population								
'000 persons	521.4	523.6	524.8	526.7	24 518.4	24 705.2	24 774.0	24 899.1
quarterly % change	0.30	0.26	0.23	0.35	0.53	0.42	0.28	0.51
annual % change	0.87	0.98	0.96	1.02	1.72	1.67	1.58	1.55
Natural Increase								
Persons	279	- 68	260	361	39 902	35 209	32 790	39 764
Net Interstate Migration								
Persons	437	542	416	750	NA	NA	NA	NA
Net Overseas Migration								
Persons	828	883	514	726	88 769	69 241	35 941	85 355

NA: NOT APPLICABLE

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