

Estimated Resident Population — March Quarter 2018

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ACT's Population up as at 31 March 2018

ACT

The estimated resident population rose by 2,948 persons (0.7 per cent) to 419,192 persons as at 31 March 2018.

Through the year¹ to 31 March 2018, the estimated resident population increased by 2.1 per cent (8,527 persons).

National

The estimated resident population rose by 125,119 persons (0.5 per cent) to 24,899,077 persons as at 31 March 2018.

Through the year to 31 March 2018, the estimated resident population increased by 1.6 per cent (380,722 persons).

Estimated Resident Population as at 31 March 2018, ACT and Australia

	Persons	Change (%)	
		Quarterly	tty ¹
Australian Capital Territory	419,192	0.7	2.1
Australia	24,899,077	0.5	1.6

Source: ABS Cat No. 3101.0

Quarterly Change in Estimated Resident Population by Component as at 31 March 2018, ACT and Australia

	<i>Natural Increase*</i>	<i>Net Overseas Migration</i>	<i>Net Interstate Migration</i>	<i>Total Change</i>
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
Australian Capital Territory	767	2,059	122	2,948
Australia	39,764	85,355	-	125,119

Source: ABS Cat No. 3101.0

* Natural increase is number of births less number of deaths.

Through the Year Change in Estimated Resident Population by Component as at 31 March 2018, ACT and Australia

	<i>Natural Increase*</i>	<i>Net Overseas Migration</i>	<i>Net Interstate Migration</i>	<i>Total Change</i>
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
Australian Capital Territory	3,554	4,484	489	8,527
Australia	143,936	236,786	-	380,722

Source: ABS Cat No. 3101.0

* Natural increase is number of births less number of deaths.

¹ Through the year (tty) is the percentage change from the same period in the previous year.

Commentary

In the three months to 31 March 2018 in the ACT, *net overseas migration* (births less deaths) recorded a net gain of 2,059 persons, the largest contributor to overall population growth.

Natural increase continues to contribute positively, recording a net gain of 767 persons in the three months to 31 March 2018. Over the three months to 31 March 2018, *Net interstate migration* recorded a net gain of 122 persons.

Through the year to 31 March 2018, the ACT's population increased by 8,527 persons (2.1 per cent), making the March quarter 2018 the seventh consecutive quarter of population growth of 2 per cent or greater in through the year terms. Net overseas migration in the year to the March quarter 2018 (up 4,484 persons) was the highest figure ever recorded in the ACT. Natural increase (up 3,554 persons) and net interstate migration (up 489 persons) also contributed positively to population growth.

The ACT (up 0.7 per cent) recorded the equal-strongest growth in estimated resident population of all jurisdictions in the three months to 31 March 2018, in line with Victoria. The Northern Territory was the only jurisdiction not to record population growth in the March quarter 2018.

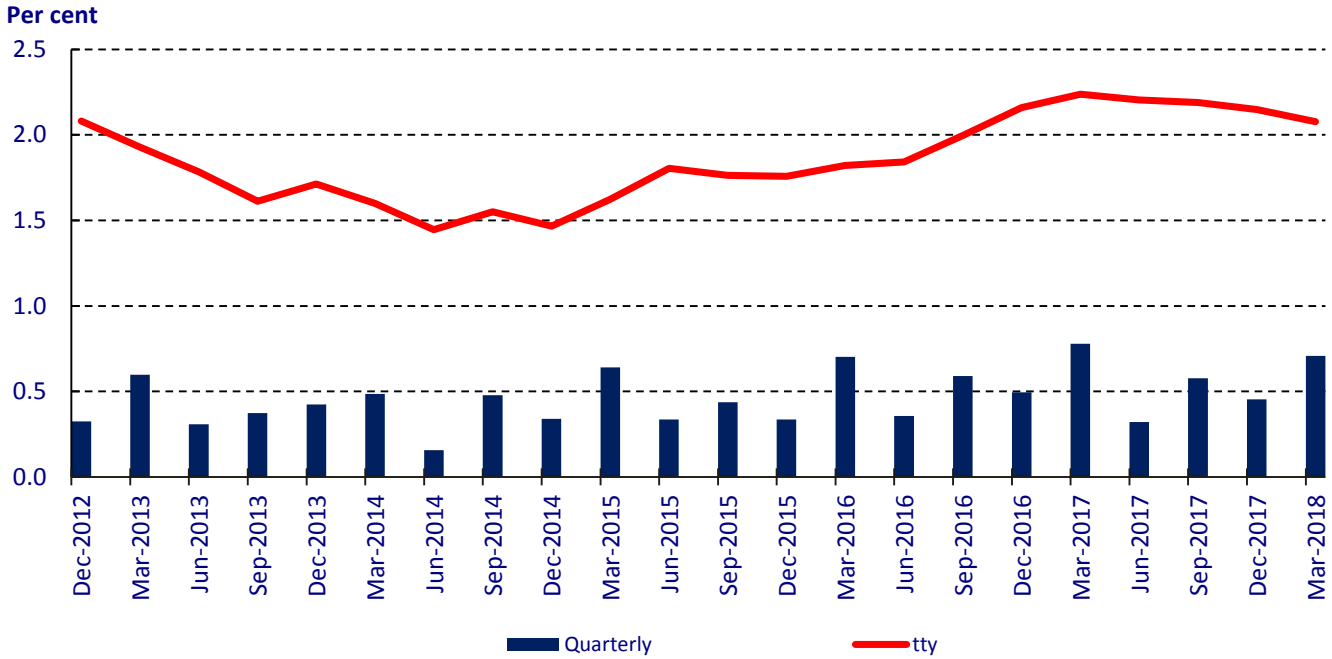
Estimated Resident Population as at 31 March 2018 State / Territory Comparison — Original data

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
		<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>tty</i>
New South Wales	7,955,901	0.45	1.44
Victoria	6,429,979	0.71	2.18
Queensland	4,990,681	0.53	1.70
South Australia	1,733,474	0.31	0.67
Western Australia	2,591,887	0.30	0.82
Tasmania	526,663	0.35	1.02
Northern Territory	246,688	-0.07	0.12
Australian Capital Territory	419,192	0.71	2.08
Australia ^a	24,899,077	0.51	1.55

Source: ABS Cat. No. 3101.0

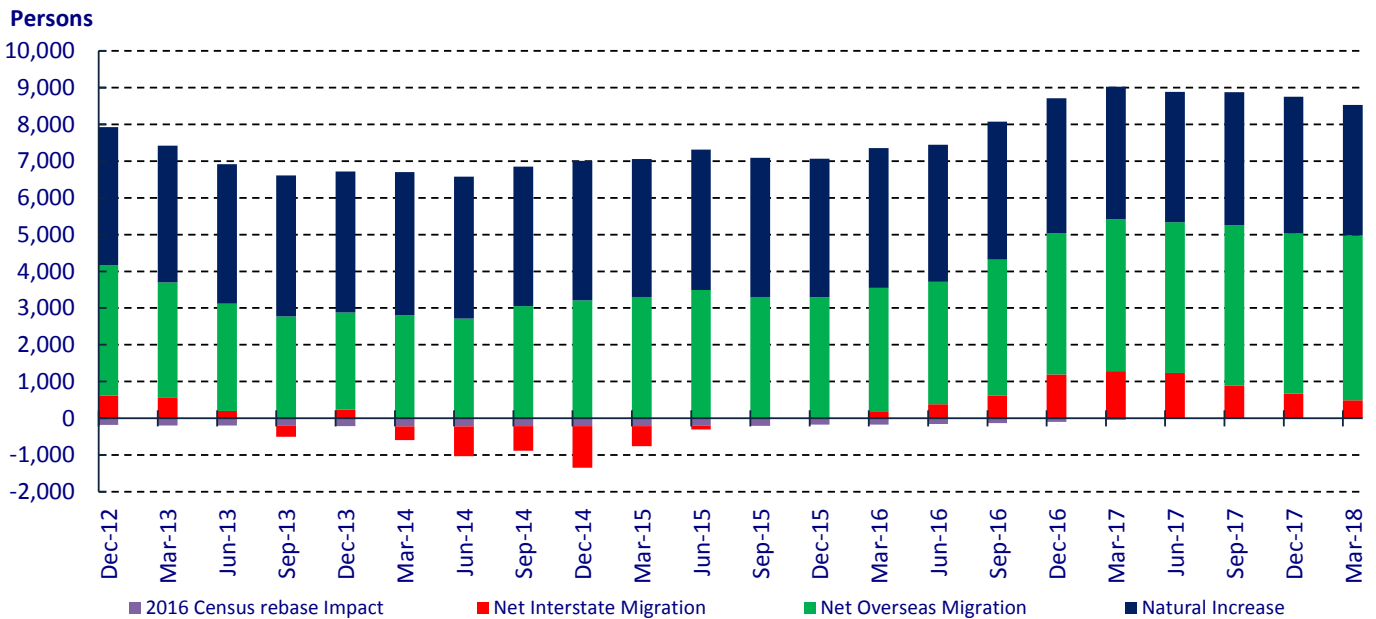
(a) Includes other Territories comprising Jervis Bay, Christmas Island, and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Growth in Estimated Resident Population, ACT



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Through the Year Population Change by Component, ACT



Source: ABS Cat No. 3101.0

Definition

The quarterly estimated resident population (ERP) is based on the results of the 2016 Census of Population and Housing, with estimates made for each of the components of change. The quarterly ERP for Australia is compiled by adding to the estimated population at the beginning of each period the component of natural increase (births minus deaths) and the component of net overseas migration (arrivals minus departures). For the States and Territories, account is also taken of estimated interstate movements involving a change of usual residence.

Note

Population estimates for the recent intercensal period (September 2011 to June 2016) have been updated using information from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. Preliminary rebased estimated resident population for September 2011 onwards in this publication are now based on the 2016 Census, unless footnoted otherwise.

Economic Indicators for the Australian Capital Territory can be found at: <http://apps.treasury.act.gov.au/snapshot>

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