

# Estimated Resident Population — March Quarter 2017

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## ACT's Population up as at 31 March 2017

### ACT

The estimated resident population rose by 2,738 persons (0.7 per cent) to 409,141 persons as at 31 March 2017.

Through the year<sup>1</sup> to 31 March 2017, the estimated resident population increased by 1.8 per cent (7,170 persons).

### National

The estimated resident population rose by 126,138 persons (0.5 per cent) to 24,511,733 persons as at 31 March 2017.

Through the year to 31 March 2017, the estimated resident population increased by 1.6 per cent (389,072 persons).

### Estimated Resident Population as at 31 March 2017, ACT and Australia

	Persons	Change (%)	
		Quarterly	tty <sup>1</sup>
Australian Capital Territory	409,141	0.7	1.8
Australia	24,511,773	0.5	1.6

Source: ABS Cat No. 3101.0

### Quarterly Change in Estimated Resident Population by Component as at 31 March 2017, ACT and Australia

	Natural Increase*	Net Overseas Migration	Net Interstate Migration	Total Change
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
Australian Capital Territory	1,064	1,531	143	2,738
Australia	39,543	86,595	-	126,138

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 2017, ACT and Australia

	Natural Increase*	Net Overseas Migration	Net Interstate Migration	2016 Census Rebase Effect**	Total Change
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
Australian Capital Territory	3,403	2,503	701	563	7,170
Australia	142,427	231,890	-	14,755	389,072

Source: ABS Cat No. 3101.0

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

\*\*This is also called Intercensal difference which is the difference between two estimates at 30 June of a Census year population: the first based on the latest Census, and the second arrived at by updating the 30 June estimate of the previous Census year with intercensal components of population change.

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

## Commentary

*Net overseas migration* recorded a net gain of 1,531 persons, the biggest contributor to the overall population growth in the three months to 31 March 2017.

*Natural increase* (births less deaths) continues to contribute positively, recording a net gain of 1,064 persons in the three months to 31 March 2017.

*Net interstate migration* recorded its fifth consecutive quarterly gain as at 31 March 2017. The 143 persons net interstate migration gain was as a result of interstate arrivals of 5,290 persons, partially offset by interstate departures of 5,147 persons.

Through the year to 31 March 2017, the ACT's population increased by 7,170 persons. Natural increase (up 3,403 persons), net overseas migration (up 2,503 persons) and net interstate migration (up 701 persons) all contributed positively to population growth. There was a positive intercensal impact (resulting from 2016 Census rebasing) of 563 persons.

Victoria (up 0.74 per cent) recorded the strongest growth in estimated resident population of all jurisdictions in the three months to 31 March 2017. Population growth in the Northern Territory was flat in the three months to 31 March 2017.

Through the year to 31 March 2017, the ACT (up 1.78 per cent) recorded the second strongest growth in estimated resident population, behind Victoria (up 2.43 per cent).

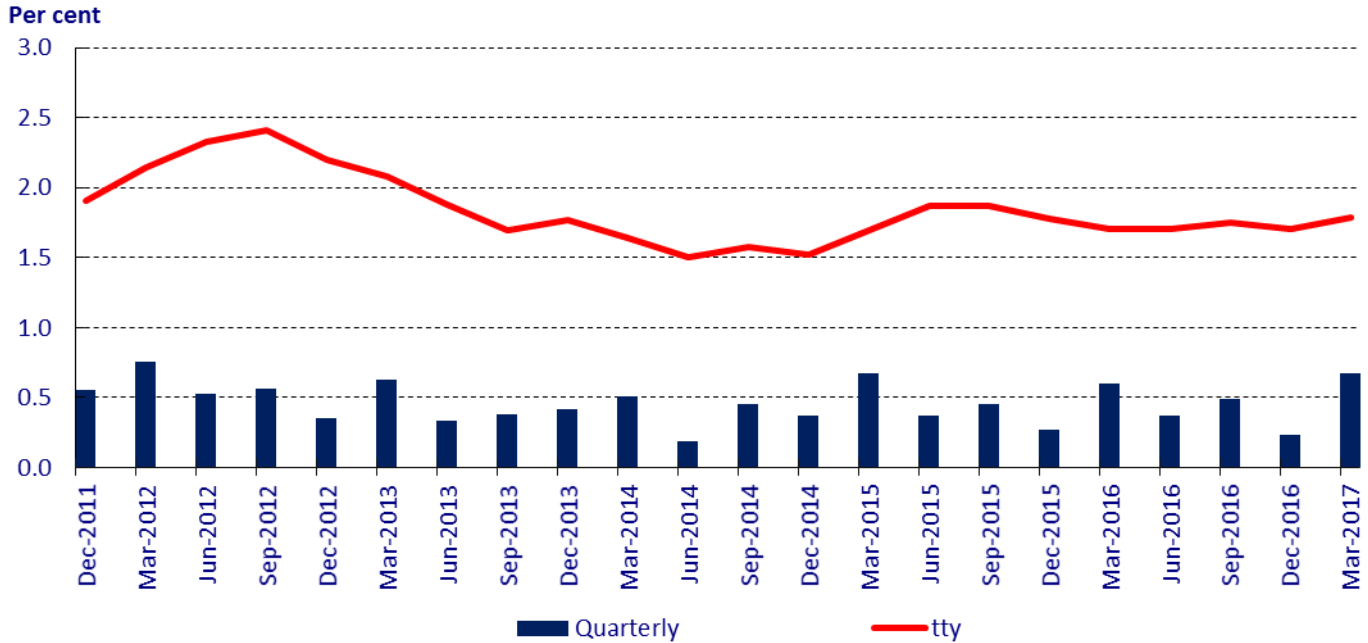
### Estimated Resident Population as at 31 March 2017 State / Territory Comparison — Original data

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
		<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>tty</i>
New South Wales	7,837,709	0.51	1.60
Victoria	6,290,674	0.74	2.43
Queensland	4,907,608	0.49	1.56
South Australia	1,720,953	0.23	0.60
Western Australia	2,575,970	0.32	0.72
Tasmania	520,101	0.20	0.60
Northern Territory	244,990	-0.02	0.14
Australian Capital Territory	409,141	0.67	1.78
Australia <sup>a</sup>	24,511,773	0.52	1.61

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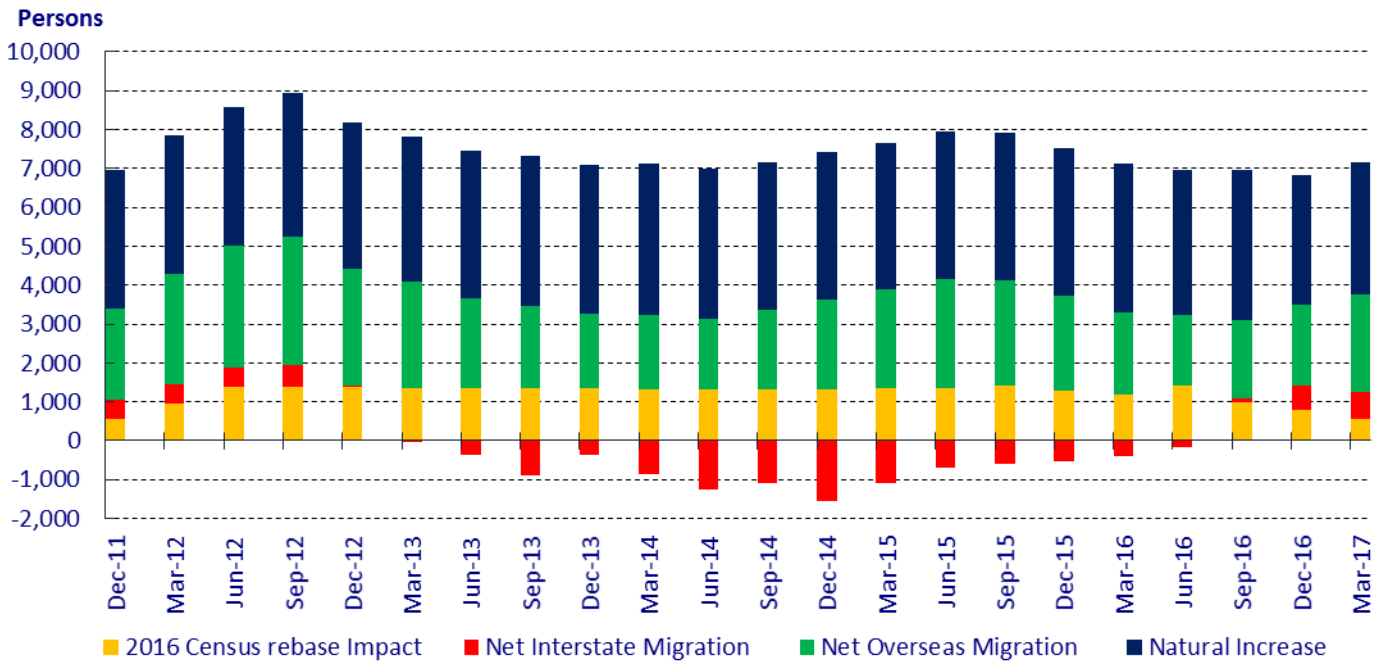
(a) Includes other Territories comprising Jervis Bay, Christmas Island, and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

## Growth in Estimated Resident Population, ACT



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## Through the Year Population Change by Component, ACT



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### 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. Final intercensal ERP will be released in the December quarter 2017 issue of this publication.

Due to planned removal of the Australian outgoing passenger card by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the ABS reviewed its overseas arrivals and departures statistics, methodology and processing systems. Currently, the focus of the publication is on short-term visitor arrivals and short-term resident departures with trend and seasonally adjusted data provided for both series. The focus of the publication will shift to short-term visitor arrivals and short-term resident returns.

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

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