

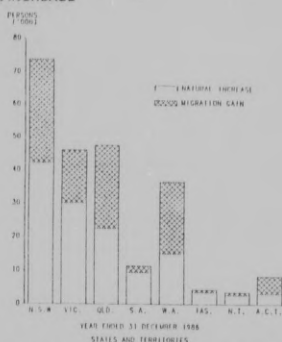
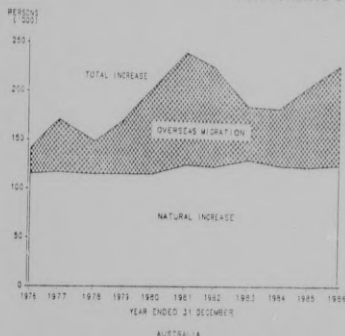


POPULATION ESTIMATES, AUSTRALIA DECEMBER QUARTER 1986

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MAIN FEATURES

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE



The preliminary estimated resident population of Australia at 31 December 1986 is 16,089,900. (Note that population estimates in this publication are subject to revision later this year in the light of the results of the 1986 Census.) The population increased by 231,300 or 1.5 per cent during the year ended 31 December 1986 compared with an increase of 208,700 or 1.3 per cent for the year ended 31 December 1985. Overseas migration in 1986 contributed 45 per cent (103,000) to this increase and natural increase 55 per cent (128,300). The corresponding figures in 1985 were 40 per cent (82,800) for overseas migration and 60 per cent (125,900) for natural increase.

During 1986 the populations of the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland grew faster than the national average with increases of 3.2, 2.6, 2.4 and 1.9 per cent respectively. New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania experienced growth rates in the range 1.0-1.3 per cent (i.e. below the national average) and South Australia's growth rate remained the lowest at 0.8 per cent. Growth arising from natural increase ranged from 1.8 per cent in the Northern Territory, 1.2 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory and 1.1 per cent in Western Australia down to 0.7 per cent in Victoria and South Australia.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

What this publication contains

This publication contains preliminary estimated resident populations for Australia and the States and Territories at 31 December 1986 and the components of population growth for the December quarter. Comparable figures are shown for the previous three quarters. (Note that population estimates in this publication are subject to revision in September 1987 in the light of the results of the 1986 Census.) An explanation of the 'place of usual residence' conceptual basis for population estimates is given in the ABS technical paper, *Methods and Procedures in the Compilation of Estimated Resident Population*

1981 and in the Construction of the 1971-81 Time Series (3103.0), issued on 11 March 1983.

More detailed population statistics will be available in future issues of *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0).

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary series subject to revision
- .. not applicable
- r figures or series revised since previous issue

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TABLE 1. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF GROWTH, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA
31 DECEMBER 1985 TO 31 DECEMBER 1986

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Population as at— 31.12.85 ('000)p	5,507.5	4,142.3	2,568.8	1,575.5	1,422.3	444.3	146.8	259.2	15,858.7
March quarter 1986p—									
Natural increase	11,608	7,435	5,530	2,534	3,777	825	730	713	33,152
Overseas migration(a)	11,282	7,401	2,913	1,304	3,445	362	285	525	27,517
Interstate migration	-2,156	-2,880	2,828	-651	1,648	127	-257	1,341	...
Net migration	9,126	4,521	5,741	653	5,093	489	28	1,866	27,517
Total increase	20,734	11,956	11,271	3,187	8,870	1,314	758	2,579	60,669
Population as at— 31.3.86 ('000)p	5,528.2	4,154.2	2,580.1	1,370.7	1,431.2	445.6	147.5	261.8	15,919.3
June quarter 1986p—									
Natural increase	9,608	7,817	6,559	2,494	4,180	863	680	801	33,002
Overseas migration(a)	8,549	5,145	2,917	1,053	3,279	133	318	174	21,568
Interstate migration	-2,953	-3,433	3,070	-1,085	1,948	294	-452	1,611	...
Net migration	5,596	2,712	5,987	-32	5,227	427	-134	1,785	21,568
Total increase	15,204	10,529	12,546	2,462	9,407	1,290	546	2,586	54,570
Population as at— 30.6.86 ('000)p	5,543.5	4,164.7	2,592.6	1,373.1	1,440.6	446.9	148.1	264.4	15,973.9
September quarter 1986p—									
Natural increase	8,231	7,259	5,259	2,099	3,446	917	690	650	28,551
Overseas migration(a)	10,813	6,432	2,960	1,361	3,752	174	238	188	25,918
Interstate migration	-3,763	-3,114	4,404	-621	1,556	-56	381	1,213	...
Net migration	7,050	3,318	7,364	740	5,308	118	619	1,401	25,918
Total increase	15,281	10,577	12,623	2,839	8,754	1,035	1,309	2,051	54,469
Population as at— 30.9.86 ('000)p	5,558.7	4,175.3	2,605.3	1,376.0	1,449.4	447.9	149.4	266.4	16,028.4
December quarter 1986p—									
Natural increase	12,686	7,613	5,110	2,241	3,576	876	564	915	33,581
Overseas migration(a)	11,769	7,828	2,984	1,815	4,123	279	137	-973	27,962
Interstate migration	-1,932	-2,455	2,925	-1,157	1,654	-452	210	1,207	...
Net migration	9,837	5,373	5,909	658	5,777	-173	347	234	27,962
Total increase	22,523	12,986	11,019	2,899	9,353	703	911	1,149	61,543
Population as at— 31.12.86 ('000)p	5,581.3	4,188.3	2,616.3	1,378.9	1,458.7	448.6	150.3	267.6	16,089.9

(a) Does not include an adjustment for 'category jumping'. For more information, see *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0).TABLE 2. COMPONENTS OF RESIDENT POPULATION GROWTH, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1986

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
NUMBER									
Natural increase	42,133	30,124	22,458	9,368	14,979	3,481	2,664	3,079	128,286
Overseas migration (a)	42,413	26,806	11,774	5,533	14,599	948	978	-86	102,965
Interstate migration	-10,804	-10,882	13,227	-3,514	6,806	-87	-118	5,372	...
Net migration	31,609	15,924	25,001	2,019	21,405	861	860	5,286	102,965
Total increase	73,742	46,048	47,459	11,387	36,384	4,342	3,524	8,365	231,251
RATE OF GROWTH									
Natural increase	0.77	0.73	0.87	0.69	1.05	0.78	1.82	1.19	0.81
Overseas migration (a)	0.77	0.65	0.46	0.40	1.03	0.21	0.67	-0.03	0.65
Interstate migration	-0.20	-0.26	0.51	-0.26	0.48	-0.02	-0.08	2.07	...
Net migration	0.57	0.38	0.97	0.15	1.50	0.19	0.59	2.04	0.65
Total increase	1.34	1.11	1.85	0.83	2.56	0.98	2.40	3.23	1.46

(a) Does not include an adjustment for 'category jumping'. For more information, see *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0).