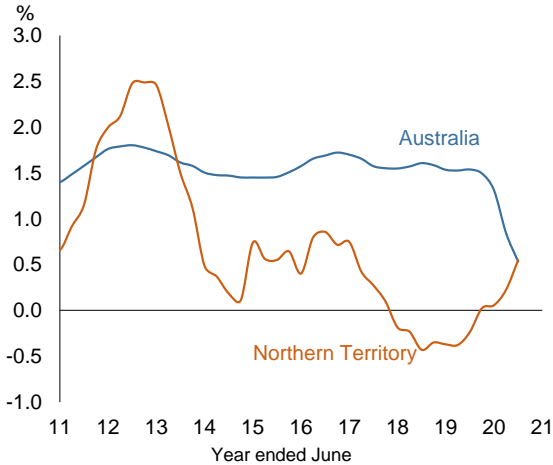


Population

December quarter 2020

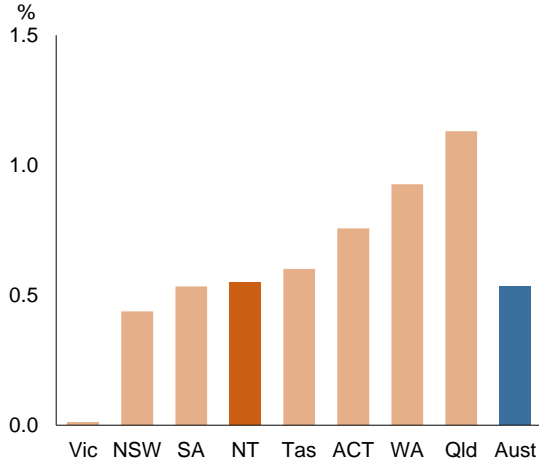
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Chart 1: Population growth (annual percentage change)



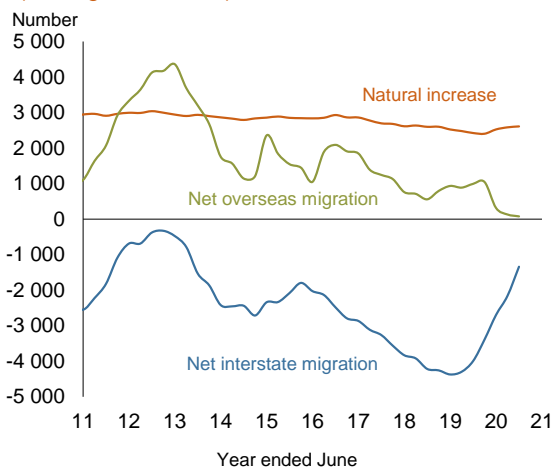
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 3101.0

Chart 2: Population growth (annual percentage change)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 3101.0

Chart 3: Territory population components (moving annual total)



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Estimated resident population

	NT	Aust
Annual change	↑0.5%	↑0.5%
Estimated resident population	246 561	25.7M

The Territory's estimated resident population (ERP) was stable (-51 persons) in the December quarter 2020. Natural increase (+555 persons) contributed to growth, while net interstate migration (-296 persons) and overseas migration (-310 persons) detracted from growth. Nationally, ERP was stable in the quarter.

In annual terms, the Territory population increased by 0.5%, while nationally, population increased by 0.5% (Chart 1) with annual population growth in other jurisdictions ranging from being flat in Victoria to 1.1% in Queensland (Chart 2).

Net interstate migration

Net interstate migration in the Territory is highly volatile, reflecting its relatively young and transient population.

In the December quarter 2020, net interstate migration detracted 296 persons from the population, with 4,104 arrivals offset by 4,400 departures. In 2020, the Territory recorded a net loss of 1,342 persons to other jurisdictions, though this is a 66.4% improvement from the previous year.

Net overseas migration

The impact of COVID-19 border restrictions has caused significant disruption to usual migration flows, with the Territory reporting an outflow of 310 persons in the December quarter 2020. Nationally, net overseas migration detracted 24,934 persons over the same period.

In 2020, net overseas migration in the Territory was 76 persons, down from 991 in the previous year (Chart 3). Nationally, net overseas migration decreased by 98.7% to 3,253.

Natural increase

In the December quarter 2020, the Territory recorded a positive natural increase of 555 persons, comprising 873 births and 318 deaths. Natural increase contributed 2,610 persons to the Territory's population in the year to December 2020, an increase of 7.7% compared to the previous year.

Population December quarter 2020

Table 1: Estimated resident population and components

	Period				Change		
	Dec qtr 2019	Sep qtr 2020	Dec qtr 2020	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Original							
Population growth	- 841	329	- 51	1 344			
Natural increase	529	639	555	2 610	-13.1%	4.9%	7.7%
– births	816	920	873	3 752	-5.1%	7.0%	6.6%
– deaths	287	281	318	1 142	13.2%	10.8%	4.2%
Net migration							
– overseas	- 257	- 179	- 310	76	-73.2%	-20.6%	-92.3%
– interstate	- 1 113	- 131	- 296	- 1 342	-126.0%	73.4%	66.4%
Total population	245 217	246 612	246 561	n/a	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%
Australia							
Original							
Population growth	85 604	- 10 631	6 931	136 261			
Natural increase	34 291	30 565	31 865	133 008	4.3%	-7.1%	-4.5%
– births	75 257	73 470	70 086	294 370	-4.6%	-6.9%	-3.9%
– deaths	40 966	42 905	38 221	161 362	-10.9%	-6.7%	-3.4%
Net migration	51 313	- 41 196	- 24 934	3 253	39.5%	-148.6%	-98.7%
Total population	25 558 132	25 687 462	25 694 393	n/a	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%

n/a: not applicable

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year.

3 Compares the 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarter period.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 3101.0

Caution is advised when using data for the Territory, which is often highly volatile.

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