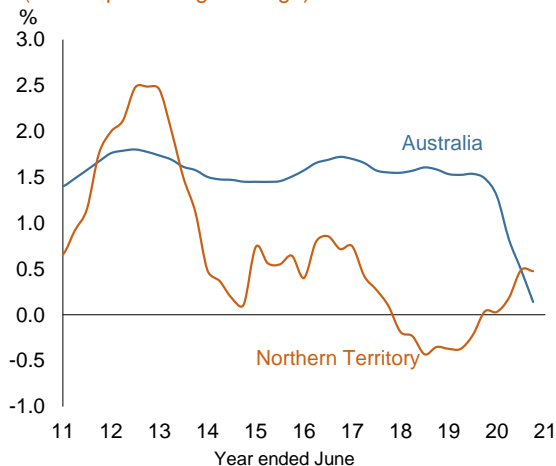


Population

March quarter 2021

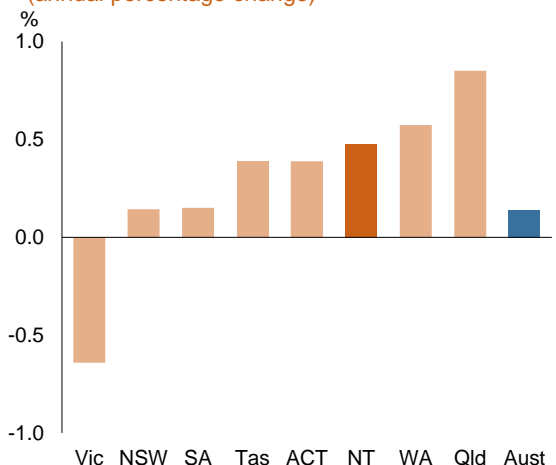
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Chart 1: Population growth (annual percentage change)



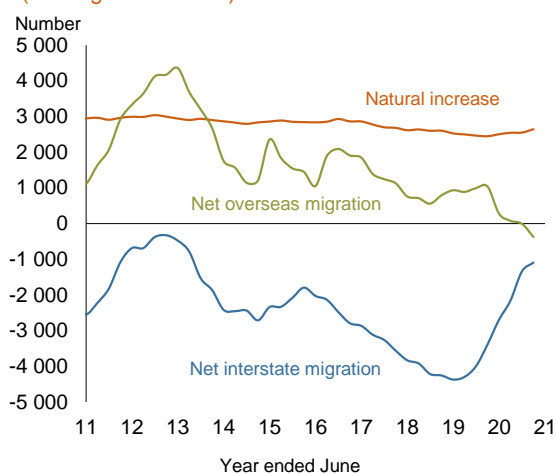
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 3101.0

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%	↑0.1%
Estimated resident population	247,023	25.7M

The Territory's estimated resident population (ERP) increased by 0.2% (570 persons) to 247,023 persons in the March quarter 2021. Natural increase (+750 persons) and net overseas migration (+230 persons) contributed to growth while net interstate migration (-410 persons) detracted from growth. Nationally, ERP increased by 0.1% in the quarter.

In annual terms, the Territory population increased by 0.5%, while nationally, population increased by 0.1% (Chart 1). Annual population growth in other jurisdictions ranged from a decrease of 0.6% in Victoria to an increase 0.9% in Queensland (Chart 2).

Natural increase

In the March quarter 2021, the Territory recorded a positive natural increase of 750 persons, comprising 1,015 births and 265 deaths. In the year to March 2021, natural increase contributed 2,642 persons to the Territory's population, an increase of 8.1% compared to the previous year.

Net interstate migration

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

In the March quarter 2021, net interstate migration detracted 410 persons from the population, with 4,009 arrivals and 4,419 departures. This is an improvement on the net loss of 655 persons in the March quarter 2020.

In the year to March 2021, the Territory recorded a net loss of 1,097 persons to other jurisdictions, an improvement of 67.6% from the net loss of 3,387 persons in the previous year.

Net overseas migration

The impact of COVID-19 border restrictions has caused significant disruption to usual migration flows.

In the March quarter 2021, net overseas migration contributed 230 persons to the population. Nationally, net overseas migration detracted 14,695 persons over the same period.

In the year to March 2021, net overseas migration in the Territory detracted 375 persons, a worsening compared to the positive contribution of 1,036 persons in the previous year (Chart 3). Nationally, net overseas migration detracted 95,334 persons, a worsening compared to the positive contribution of 239,245 persons in the previous year.

Population March quarter 2021

Table 1: Estimated resident population and components

	Period				Change		
	Mar qtr 2020	Dec qtr 2020	Mar qtr 2021	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory							
Original							
Population growth	598	- 81	570	1 170			
Natural increase	655	555	750	2 642	35.1%	14.5%	8.1%
– births	938	873	1 015	3 767	16.3%	8.2%	5.4%
– deaths	283	318	265	1 125	-16.7%	-6.4%	-0.5%
Net migration							
– interstate	- 655	- 296	- 410	- 1 097	-38.5%	37.4%	67.6%
– overseas	598	- 340	230	- 375	167.6%	-61.5%	-136.2%
Total population	245 853	246 453	247 023	n/a	0.2%	0.5%	n/a
Australia							
Original							
Population growth	110 742	2 427	20 968	35 684			
Natural increase	35 563	31 865	35 663	131 018	11.9%	0.3%	-4.0%
– births	74 647	70 086	76 334	293 538	8.9%	2.3%	-2.8%
– deaths	39 084	38 221	40 671	162 520	6.4%	4.1%	-1.9%
Net migration	75 179	- 29 438	- 14 695	- 95 334	50.1%	-119.5%	-139.8%
Total population	25 668 656	25 683 372	25 704 340	n/a	0.1%	0.1%	n/a

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.

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

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