

Population

September quarter 2024 | Economic brief

Estimated resident population

	NT	Aust
Year-ended change	↑0.7%	↑1.8%
Estimated resident population	255 559	27.3M

The Territory's estimated resident population increased by 0.2% (490 persons) to 255,559 in the September quarter 2024 to be 0.7% higher over the year (Chart 1).

Net overseas migration (+760 persons) and natural increase (+530 persons) contributed to population growth while net interstate migration (-800 persons) detracted from population growth in the September quarter 2024.

Nationally, population increased by 0.4% in the September quarter 2024 to be 1.8% higher over the year.

Population change over the year ranged from an increase of 0.3% in Tasmania to an increase of 2.5% in Western Australia (Chart 2).

Natural increase

In the September quarter 2024, the Territory recorded a natural increase of 530 persons, comprising 881 births and 351 deaths. Natural increase contributed 2,171 persons to the Territory population in the year to September 2024 (Chart 3).

Net interstate migration

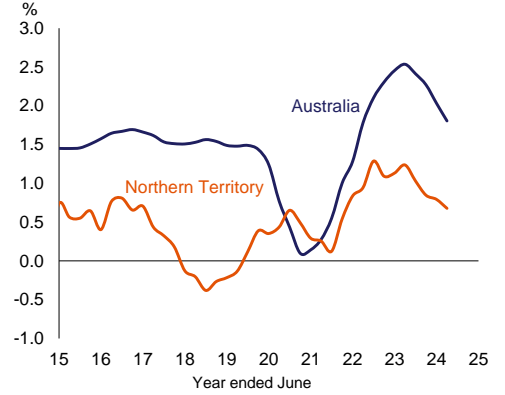
Net interstate migration detracted 800 persons from the Territory population in the September quarter 2024 with 3,571 departures from, and 2,771 arrivals to, the Territory.

Net interstate migration detracted 3,707 persons from the Territory population over the year, a worsening on the net loss of 3,606 persons in the previous year (Chart 3).

Net overseas migration

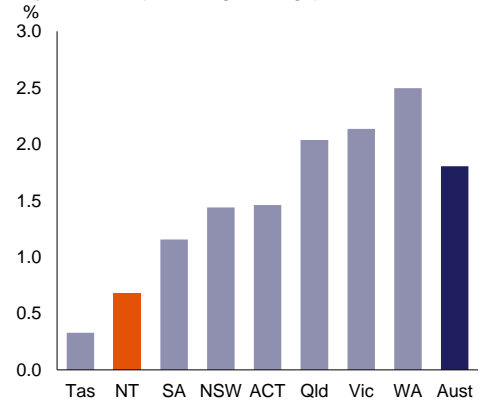
Net overseas migration contributed 760 persons to the Territory population in the September quarter 2024 and contributed 3,612 persons in the year to September 2024 (Chart 3). Nationally, net overseas migration contributed 89,806 persons to the population and contributed 379,829 persons over the year.

Chart 1: Population growth (year-ended percentage change)



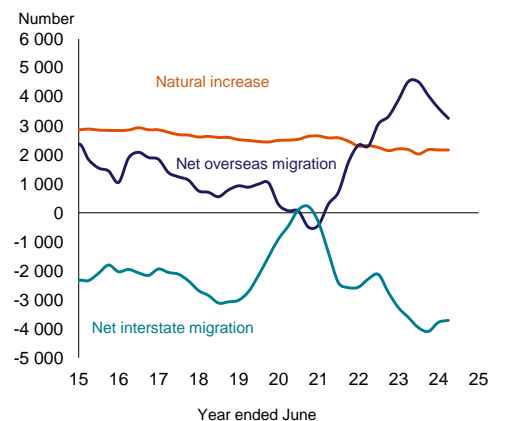
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 3101.0

Chart 2: Population growth (year-ended percentage change)



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

Chart 3: Territory population components (moving annual total)



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

Table 1: Estimated resident population and components

	Period				Change		
	Sep qtr 2023	Jun qtr 2024	Sep qtr 2024	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Original							
Population growth	777	685	490	1 720			
Natural increase	529	593	530	2 171	-10.6%	0.2%	-0.5%
– births	828	912	881	3 474	-3.4%	6.4%	1.6%
– deaths	299	319	351	1 303	10.0%	17.4%	5.3%
Net interstate migration	- 868	- 657	- 800	- 3 707	-21.8%	7.8%	-2.8%
– arrivals	3 098	3 225	2 771	13 101	-14.1%	-10.6%	-8.7%
– departures	3 966	3 882	3 571	16 808	-8.0%	-10.0%	-6.4%
Net overseas migration	1 116	749	760	3 256	1.5%	-31.9%	-28.1%
– arrivals	1 617	1 183	1 277	5 150	7.9%	-21.0%	-19.1%
– departures	501	434	517	1 894	19.1%	3.2%	3.2%
Total population	253 839	255 069	255 559	n/a	0.2%	0.7%	n/a
Australia							
Original							
Population growth	172 610	85 555	115 027	484 009			
Natural increase	27 435	26 030	25 221	104 180	-3.1%	-8.1%	-3.0%
– births	74 659	72 095	76 796	291 194	6.5%	2.9%	0.1%
– deaths	47 224	46 065	51 575	187 014	12.0%	9.2%	1.9%
Net migration	145 175	59 525	89 806	379 829	50.9%	-38.1%	-31.7%
Total population	26 825 387	27 194 369	27 309 396	n/a	0.4%	1.8%	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.

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

Term	Definition
Estimated resident population	The official Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) population measure that represents the number of persons who reside in a defined locality for more than six months of the year and for a period of at least 12 out of 16 consecutive months.
Natural increase	The number of births minus the number of deaths.
Net interstate migration	The number of people arriving minus the number of people departing over a state or territory boundary that involves a change in place of usual residence.
Net overseas migration	The difference between the number of incoming travellers who stay in Australia for 12 months or more and are added to the population, and the number of outgoing travellers who leave Australia for 12 months or more and are subtracted from the population.
Quarterly change	Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.
Year-ended change	Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year.
Year-average change	Compares the 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4-quarter period.

Caution is advised when using data for the Territory, as it is often derived from small samples and can be highly volatile. Although due care has been exercised in preparing this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

[National, state and territory population | Australian Bureau of Statistics \(abs.gov.au\)](#)

More information

Economic Group | Department of Treasury and Finance

P: 08 8999 6718 | E: economics.dtf@nt.gov.au | W: nteconomy.nt.gov.au