

Population

June quarter 2024 | Economic brief

Estimated resident population

| | NT | Aust |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Year-ended change | ↑0.8% | ↑2.1% |
| Estimated resident population | 255 100 | 27.2M |

The Territory's estimated resident population increased by 0.3% (746 persons) to 255,100 in the June quarter 2024, to be 0.8% higher in 2023-24 (Chart 1).

Net overseas migration (+810 persons) and natural increase (+593 persons) contributed to population growth while net interstate migration (-657 persons) detracted from population growth in the June quarter 2024.

Nationally, population increased by 0.3% in the June quarter 2024, to be 2.1% higher over the year.

Population changes over the year ranged from an increase of 0.3% in Tasmania to an increase of 2.8% in Western Australia (Chart 2).

Natural increase

The Territory recorded a natural increase of 593 persons, comprising 912 births and 319 deaths in the June quarter 2024. Natural increase contributed 2,170 persons to the Territory population in 2023-24 (Chart 3).

Net interstate migration

Net interstate migration detracted 657 persons from the Territory population in the June quarter 2024, with 3,882 departures from, and 3,225 arrivals to, the Territory.

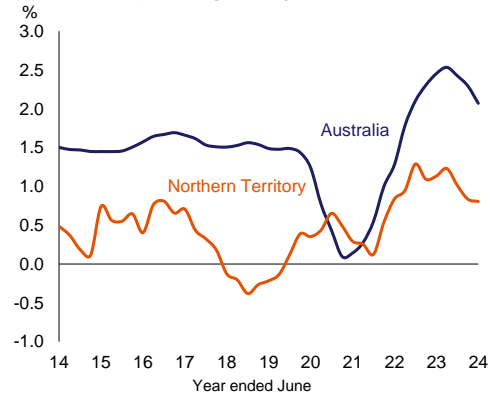
Net interstate migration detracted 3,775 persons from the Territory population in 2023-24, a worsening on the net loss of 3,267 persons in the previous year.

Net overseas migration

Net overseas migration contributed 810 persons to the Territory population in the June quarter 2024, and contributed 3,643 persons in 2023-24 (Chart 3).

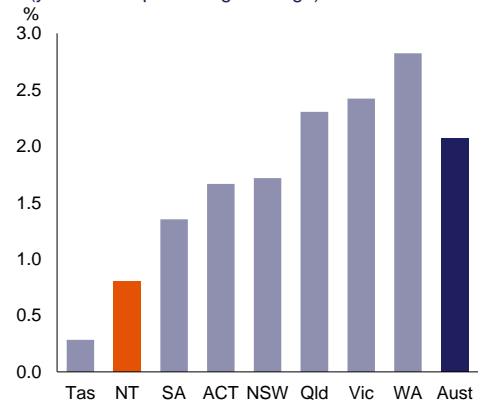
Nationally, net overseas migration contributed 63,155 persons to the population in the June quarter 2024, and contributed 445,638 persons in 2023-24.

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



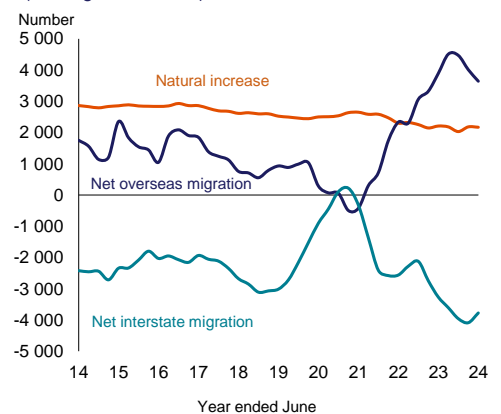
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Chart 2: Population growth (year-ended percentage change)



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Chart 3: Territory population components (moving annual total)



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Table 1: Estimated resident population and components

| | Period | | | | Change | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Jun qtr 2023 | Mar qtr 2024 | Jun qtr 2024 | Year to date | Quarterly ¹ | Year-ended ² | Year-average ³ |
| Northern Territory | | | | | | | |
| Original | | | | | | | |
| Population growth | 814 | 491 | 746 | 2 038 | | | |
| Natural increase | 605 | 683 | 593 | 2 170 | -13.2% | -2.0% | -1.8% |
| – births | 903 | 948 | 912 | 3 421 | -3.8% | 1.0% | -2.0% |
| – deaths | 298 | 265 | 319 | 1 251 | 20.4% | 7.0% | -2.3% |
| Net interstate migration | - 969 | - 1 061 | - 657 | - 3 775 | 38.1% | 32.2% | -15.5% |
| – arrivals | 3 301 | 3 415 | 3 225 | 13 428 | -5.6% | -2.3% | -4.9% |
| – departures | 4 270 | 4 476 | 3 882 | 17 203 | -13.3% | -9.1% | -1.0% |
| Net overseas migration | 1 178 | 869 | 810 | 3 643 | -6.8% | -31.2% | -6.4% |
| – arrivals | 1 556 | 1 315 | 1 216 | 5 450 | -7.5% | -21.9% | -17.3% |
| – departures | 378 | 446 | 406 | 1 807 | -9.0% | 7.4% | -33.0% |
| Total population | 253 062 | 254 354 | 255 100 | n/a | 0.3% | 0.8% | n/a |
| Australia | | | | | | | |
| Original | | | | | | | |
| Population growth | 145 620 | 164 308 | 89 185 | 552 032 | | | |
| Natural increase | 25 136 | 30 833 | 26 030 | 106 394 | -15.6% | 3.6% | 3.4% |
| – births | 72 709 | 75 969 | 72 095 | 289 057 | -5.1% | -0.8% | -0.7% |
| – deaths | 47 573 | 45 136 | 46 065 | 182 663 | 2.1% | -3.2% | -2.9% |
| Net migration | 120 484 | 133 475 | 63 155 | 445 638 | -52.7% | -47.6% | -16.8% |
| Total population | 26 652 777 | 27 115 624 | 27 204 809 | n/a | 0.3% | 2.1% | 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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| 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. |

The Department of Treasury and Finance has updated the terminology used in the economic brief publications when referencing growth. The table below outlines the changes to terminology. This is a terminology update only and does not impact the definition or growth calculation.

| Updated terminology | Prior terminology |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Year-ended change | Annual change |
| Year-average change | Year-on-year change |

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.

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