

Population

March quarter 2025 | Economic brief

Estimated resident population

	NT	Aust
Year-ended change	↑1.3%	↑1.6%
Estimated resident population	263 417	27.5M

The Territory's estimated resident population increased by 0.4% (1,163 persons) to 263,417 in the March quarter 2025, to be 1.3% higher over the year (Chart 1).

Net interstate migration (-408 persons) detracted from growth while net overseas migration (+1,040 persons) and natural increase (+531 persons) contributed to population growth in the March quarter 2025.

Nationally, population increased by 0.5% in the March quarter 2025 to be 1.6% higher over the year.

Population changes over the year ranged from an increase of 0.2% in Tasmania to an increase of 2.3% in Western Australia (Chart 2).

Natural increase

The Territory recorded a natural increase of 531 persons, comprising 859 births and 328 deaths in the March quarter 2025. Natural increase contributed 2,054 persons to the Territory population over the year to the March quarter 2025 (Chart 3).

Net interstate migration

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has updated its methodology for estimating interstate migration, with revisions made to interstate migration estimates from September quarter 2021 onwards. The revisions have resulted in an overall improvement to the Territory's net interstate migration outcomes since September quarter 2021.

Net interstate migration detracted 408 persons from the Territory population in the March quarter 2025, an improvement from the net loss of 767 persons in the March quarter 2024. There were 4,025 departures from, and 3,617 arrivals to the Territory in the March quarter 2025.

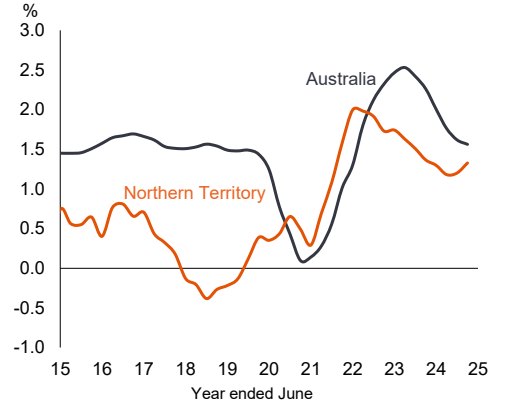
Net interstate migration detracted 1,875 persons from the Territory population over the year to the March quarter 2025.

Net overseas migration

Net overseas migration contributed 1,040 persons to the Territory population in the March quarter 2025 and 3,271 persons over the year (Chart 3).

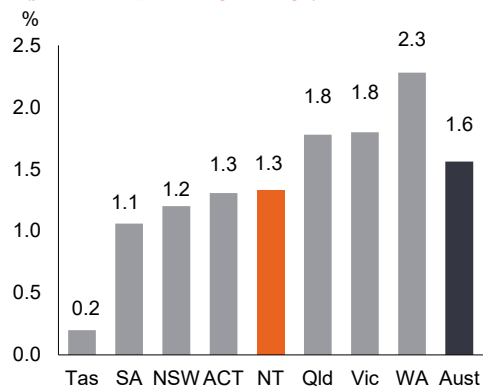
Nationally, net overseas migration contributed 110,062 persons to the population in the March quarter 2025, and 315,924 over the year.

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



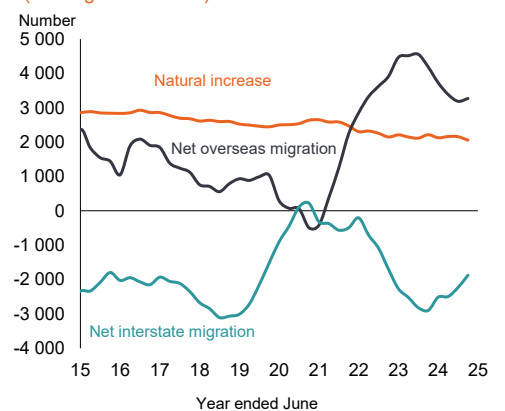
Source: ABS, National, states and territory population

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



Source: ABS, National, state and territory population

Chart 3: Territory population components (moving annual total)



Source: ABS, National, state and territory population

Table 1: Estimated resident population and components

	Period				Change		
	Mar qtr 2024	Dec qtr 2024	Mar qtr 2025	Year to date	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Northern Territory							
Original							
Population growth	824	660	1 163	3 450			
Natural increase	633	477	531	2 054	11.3%	-16.1%	-7.2%
– births	907	781	859	3 385	10.0%	-5.3%	-2.4%
– deaths	274	304	328	1 331	7.9%	19.7%	6.0%
Net interstate migration	- 767	- 554	- 408	- 1 875	26.4%	46.8%	35.4%
– arrivals	3 750	4 188	3 617	14 443	-13.6%	-3.5%	-3.0%
– departures	4 517	4 742	4 025	16 318	-15.1%	-10.9%	-8.3%
Net overseas migration	958	737	1 040	3 271	41.1%	8.6%	-21.9%
– arrivals	1 425	1 312	1 448	5 262	10.4%	1.6%	-12.7%
– departures	467	575	408	1 991	-29.0%	-12.6%	8.3%
Total population	259 967	262 254	263 417	n/a	0.4%	1.3%	n/a
Australia							
Original							
Population growth	156 857	89 142	144 238	423 357			
Natural increase	28 154	23 090	34 176	107 433	48.0%	21.4%	1.9%
– births	72 095	67 575	78 299	295 853	15.9%	8.6%	2.1%
– deaths	43 941	44 485	44 123	188 420	-0.8%	0.4%	2.1%
Net migration	128 703	66 052	110 062	315 924	66.6%	-14.5%	-36.0%
Total population	27 113 517	27 392 636	27 536 874	n/a	0.5%	1.6%	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, National, state and territory population

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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