

SUMMARY

- During the year to the March quarter 2026, South Australia's Estimated Resident Population (ERP) increased 1.0% (or 18,400 persons) to 1,916,800 people.
- Nationally, ERP increased 1.4% to 27,921,200 people.

FURTHER ANALYSIS

South Australia's population increased by 0.3% during the March quarter 2026, to be 1.0% higher than a year ago. Nationally, population increased by 0.5% in the March quarter 2026 to be 1.4% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 1.

Chart 1: Annual Population Growth

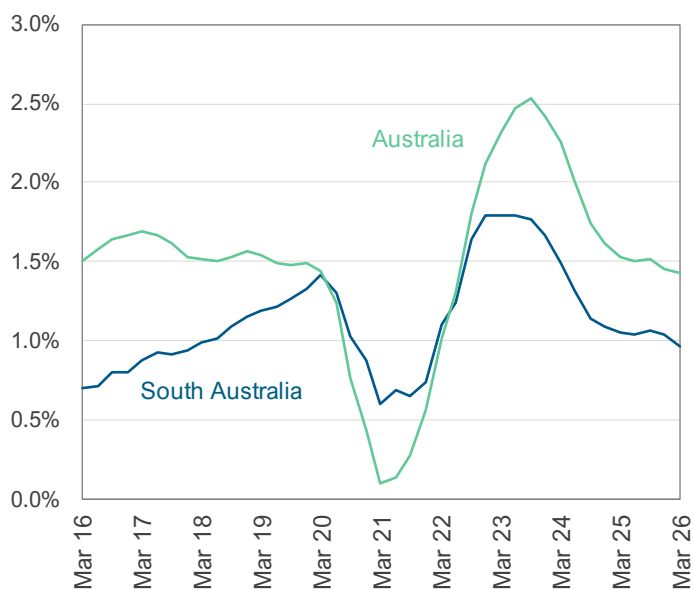


Table 1: Estimated Resident Population

	Mar 26 (‘000)	Mar 26 vs Mar 25 (‘000)	Mar 26 vs Mar 25 (%)
NSW	8,670.1	97.0	1.1
VIC	7,154.2	109.5	1.6
QLD	5,739.5	90.1	1.6
SA	1,916.8	18.4	1.0
WA	3,096.2	64.2	2.1
TAS	580.7	3.4	0.6
NT	268.9	4.0	1.5
ACT	489.7	6.2	1.3
AUS*	27,921.2	392.7	1.4

* Includes Christmas Island, the Cocos Islands, Norfolk Island and Jervis Bay.

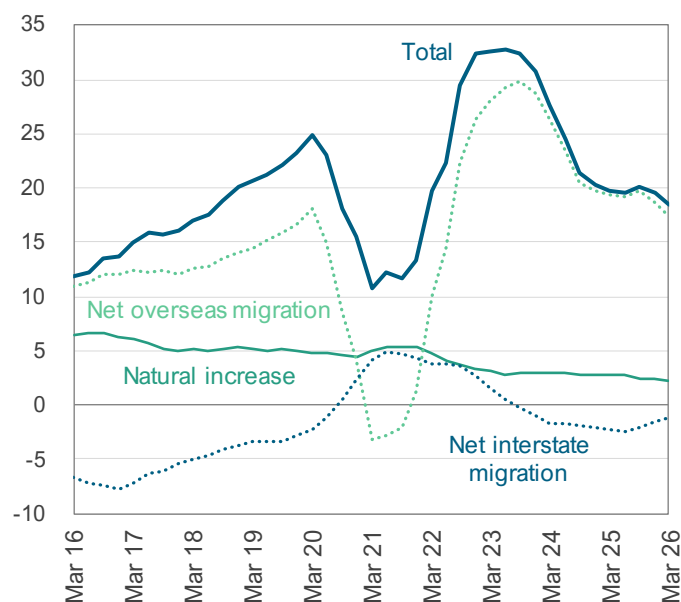
Table 2: Components of Population Growth, SA

	Latest qtr Mar 26	Previous qtr Dec 25	12 month total
Net overseas migration	5,600	3,100	17,400
Net interstate migration	-300	-400	-1,200
Natural increase	800	800	2,200
Total	6,100	3,500	18,400

*All figures rounded to the nearest 100, except if less than 100

Annual population growth of 1.0% has fallen from the peak of 1.8% in the year to the March quarter 2023, principally driven by a decline in net overseas migration.

Chart 2: Components of South Australian Population Change (Moving Annual Totals, ‘000s)



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