

SUMMARY

- Today's release contains revised estimates of the resident population, based on the 2021 Census of Population and Housing and the 2021 Post Enumeration Survey. All quarters back to September 2016 have been revised (see note at end).
- The total intercensal difference for South Australia is -29,500 — i.e. the latest published estimate for 30 June 2021 is 29,500 higher (1.7%) than previously estimated.
- During the year to December 2021, South Australia's Estimated Resident Population (ERP) increased 0.5% (or 9,600 persons) to 1,806,599 people.
- Nationally, the ERP also increased 0.5% to 25,766,605 people.

FURTHER ANALYSIS

South Australia's population rose by 0.2% during the December quarter 2021, to be 0.5% higher than a year ago. Nationally, population also rose by 0.2% in the December quarter 2021 and was 0.5% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 1.

Population growth over the year by jurisdiction, from highest to lowest was: Queensland (1.4%), Western Australia (1.1%), Tasmania (0.8%), South Australia (0.5%), the ACT (0.4%) and New South Wales and the Northern Territory (both up 0.1%). Victoria recorded a population decline of 0.1% in the year to December 2021.

CHART 1: ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH

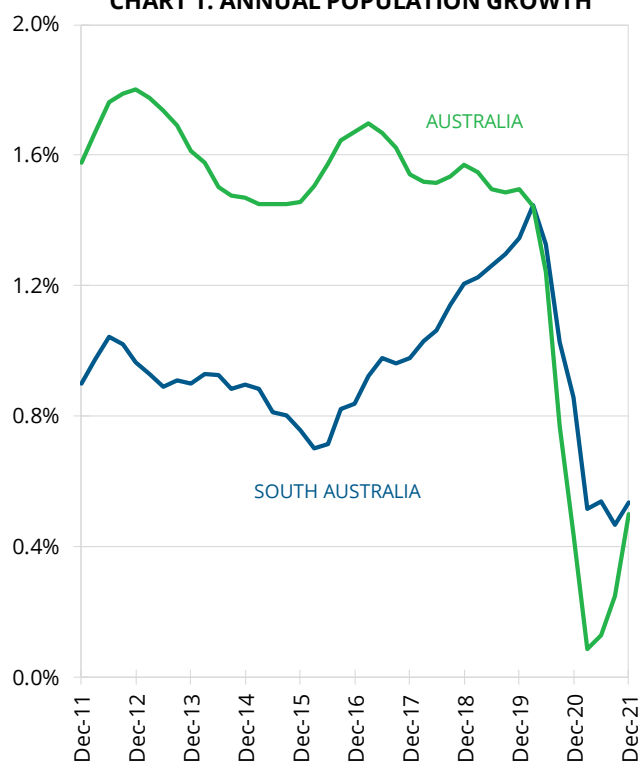


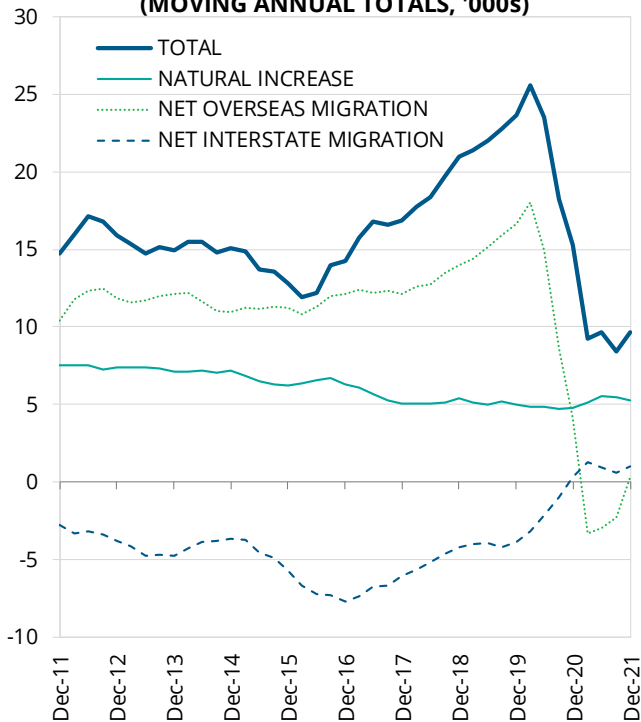
TABLE 1: Estimated Resident Population

	Dec 21 ('000)	Dec 21 vs Dec 20 ('000)	Dec 21 vs Dec 20 %
NSW	8,095.4	11.2	0.1
VIC	6,559.9	-3.5	-0.1
QLD	5,265.0	73.7	1.4
SA	1,806.6	9.6	0.5
WA	2,762.2	30.5	1.1
TAS	569.8	4.3	0.8
NT	249.3	0.2	0.1
ACT	453.3	1.9	0.4
AUS*	25,766.6	128.0	0.5

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

In the 12 months to December 2021 the largest contribution to South Australia's population growth came from natural increase, which totalled 5,300, up 9.4% from the previous 12 months and a net interstate inflow of 1,000 people, 195% higher than in the previous 12 months. Net overseas migration rose by 300 persons, down 93% from the previous 12 months—see Chart 2.

CHART 2: COMPONENTS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POPULATION CHANGE (MOVING ANNUAL TOTALS, '000s)



Note

Estimated resident population has been revised, based on the 2021 Census of Population and Housing and the 2021 Post Enumeration Survey. All quarters back to September 2016 have been revised.

Previously published data on the components of population change are not normally revised (other than the preliminary net overseas migration component).

The total intercensal difference for South Australia is -29,500 — i.e. the latest published estimate for 30 June 2021 is 29,500 higher than previously estimated. This represents 49% of previously published total intercensal growth (60,553 between 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2021) and 1.7% of the 30 June 2016 population.

The national intercensal difference is +52,200. This represents 3.4% of previously published total intercensal growth (1,547,235) and 0.2% of the 30 June 2016 population.

Next release of this ABS data (formerly cat. no. 3101.0) is 22 September 2022

