

Chapter 1

Population growth

- Australia's population reached 21 million at the end of June 2007.
- Australia's population growth in 2006-07 was made up of 138 100 persons through natural increase (births less deaths) and 177 600 through net overseas migration.
- The United Kingdom (UK) remains the largest overseas-born group, but as a proportion of the total overseas-born, it is declining. The second largest birthplace group is the New Zealand-born.
- Net long-term temporary movements in 2006-07 were 170 236, the highest ever recorded.
- In 2006-07, 72 103 people left Australia permanently and emigration is now at its highest level ever.
- Australia lost 35 196 skilled people through permanent emigration in 2006-07, but gained 49 523 skilled permanent arrivals (settlers).
- Between the 2001 and 2006 Censuses the proportion of the population born overseas rose from 23.1 per cent to 23.9 per cent.
- In 2006-07 a total of 136 256 people were granted Australian citizenship.