# IMMGRATION IN AUSTRALIA

POPULATION GROWTH, BOAT ARRIVALS & AUSTRALIA'S HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM



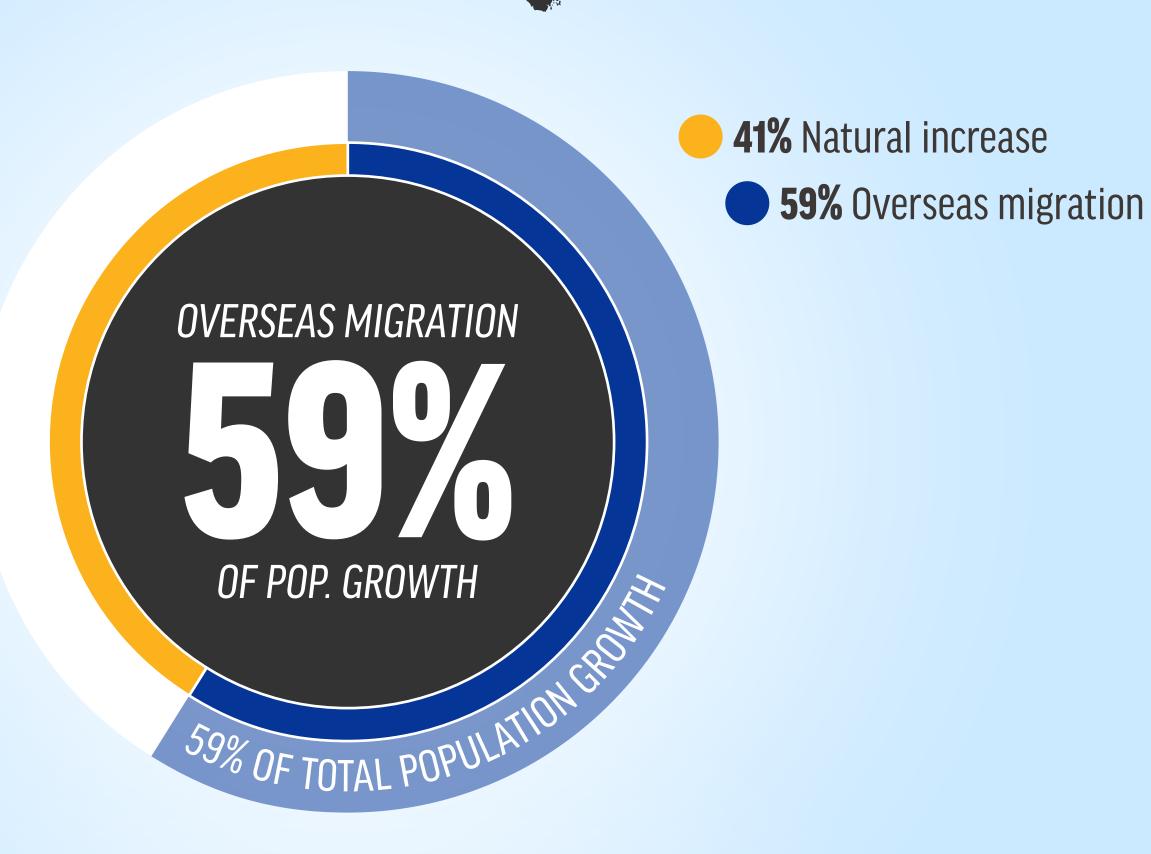
#### **TOTAL GROWTH** 405.400

Australia's annual growth rate is 1.8% which was an increase of 405,400 people over the last year.





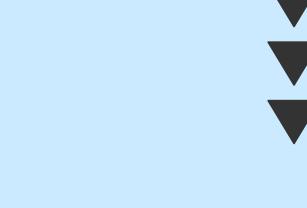
59% of Australia's population increase is through migration which was 241,000 people last year. In 2008 net overseas migration was 315,700 which means that last year migration numbers were 74,700 fewer than 5 years ago. 41% of Australia's growth was through natural increase which was 164,400 people.



POPULATION GROWTH RATE

PEOPLE OVER THE LAST YEAR

405,400



## PERMANENT VISAS 101,230

Of the net overseas migration, 58% are granted temporary visas (students, working holiday makers, visitors staying 12 months or more, 457 work visas), and 42% are granted permanent visas (skilled, family and humanitarian).



## 19,930

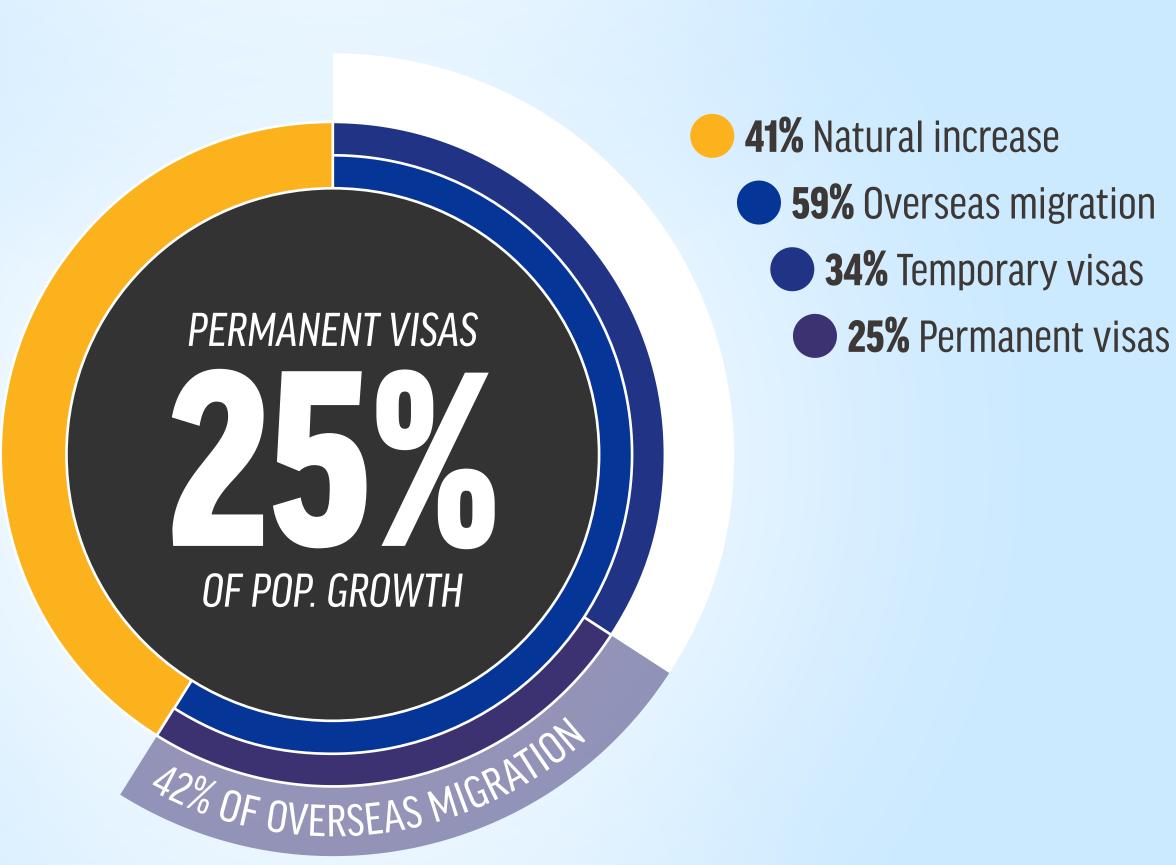
20% of the permanent visas comprise Australia's humanitarian program, a total of 19,930 (the rest are skilled visas, 43% and family visas, 37%), and so Australia's humanitarian program accounts for 5% of Australia's population growth.

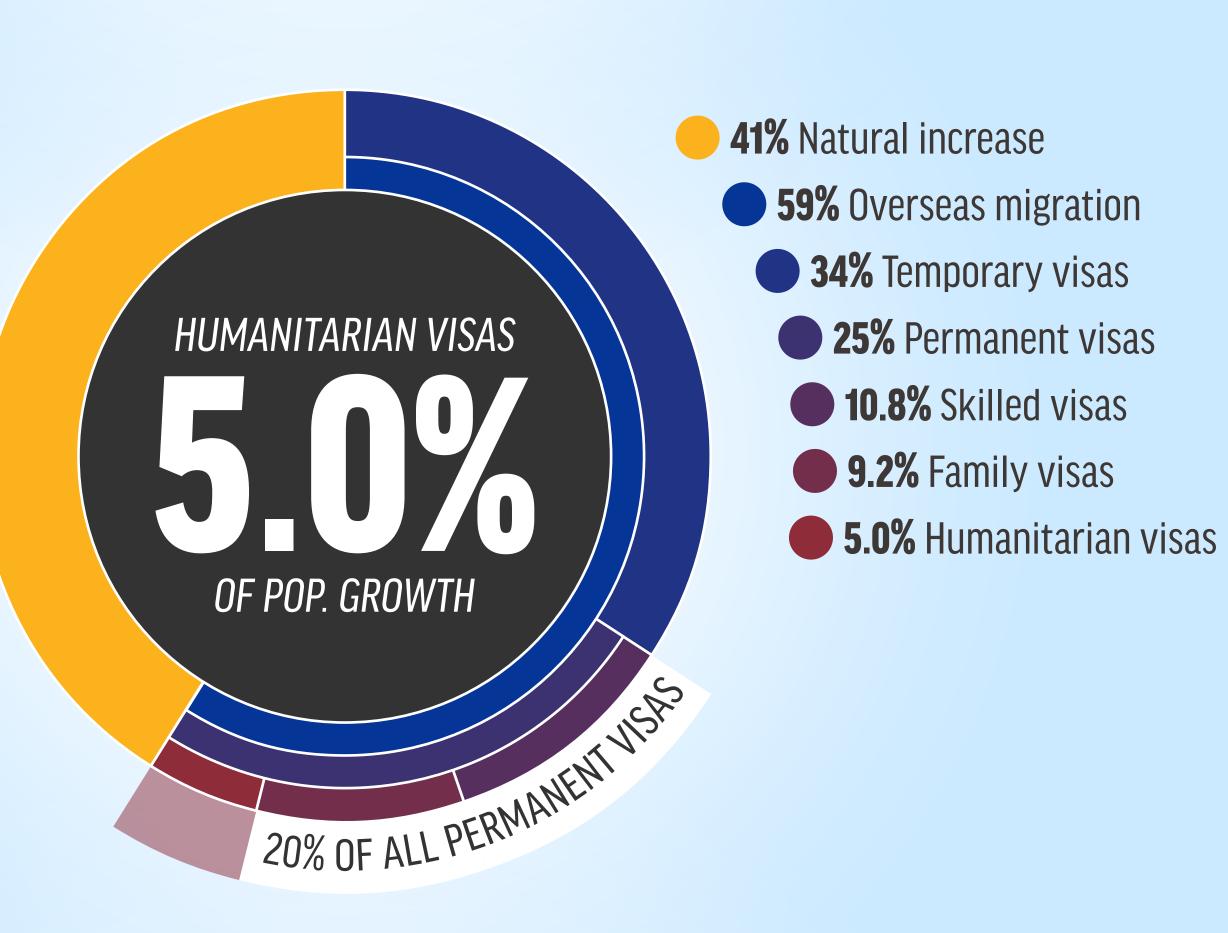


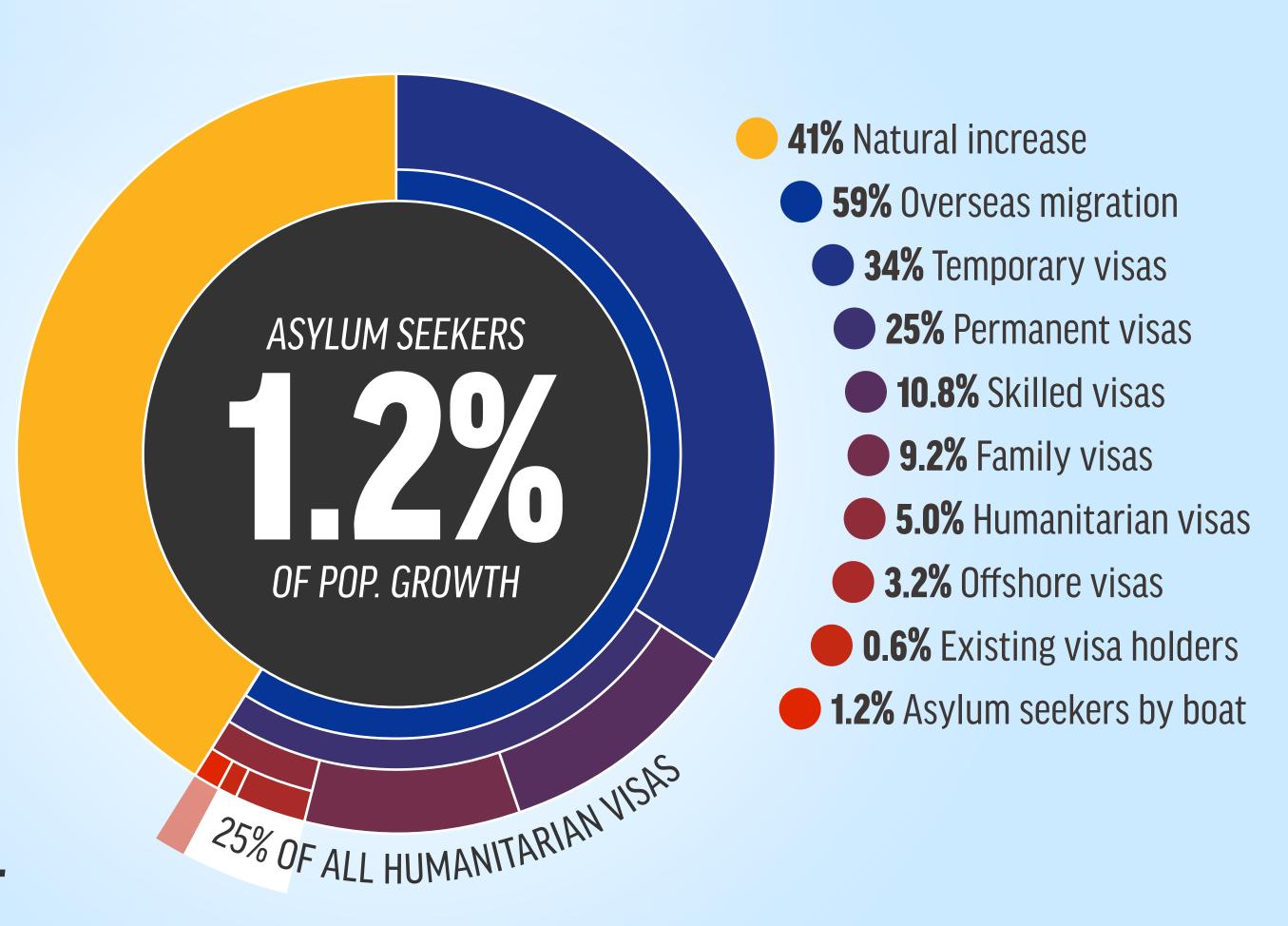
## **ASYLUM SEEKERS** 4,949

Of the humanitarian visas, 63% are granted offshore, 12% are granted to existing visa holders who are already in Australia, and 25% (4,949) are granted to people who have arrived into Australian territorial waters by boat and are processed in detention centres.

Therefore asylum seekers granted visas account for 1.2% of Australia's population growth.

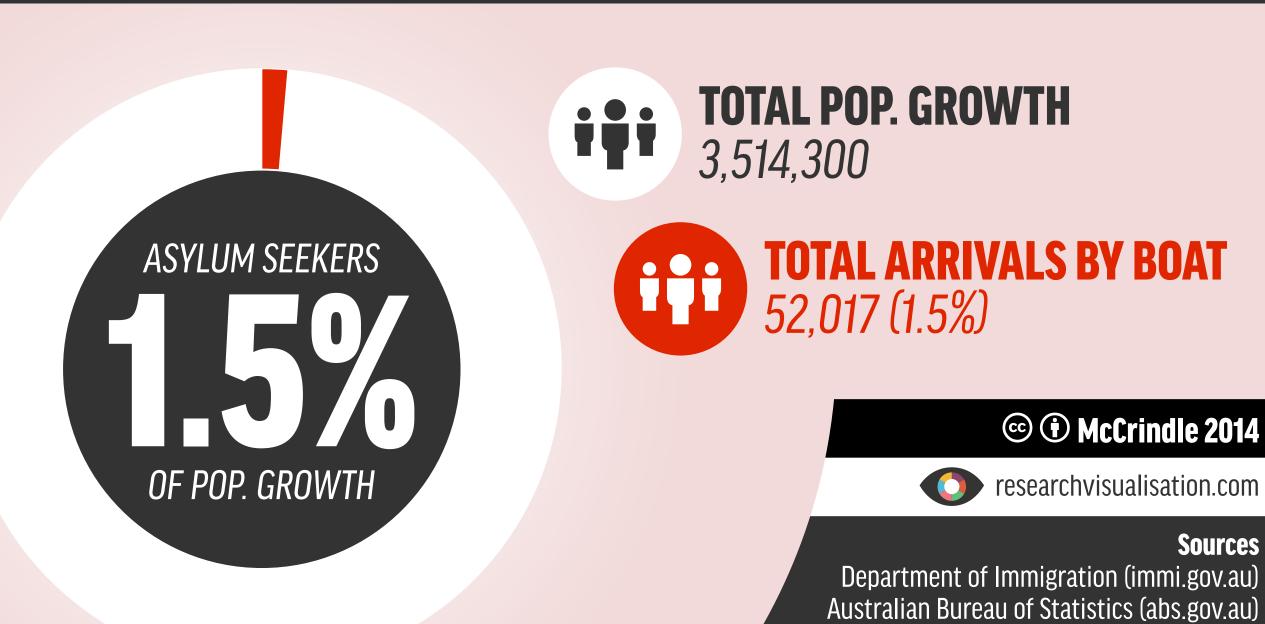






### POPULATION GROWTH AND ASYLUM SEEKERS 2005 - 2014

Even if every asylum seeker who arrived by boat since 2005 (52,017) was granted entry to Australia (and many have returned voluntarily, others have been deported, and still others are yet to have their cases determined), the total number when compared to Australia's population growth over this 9.5 year period (3,514,300) would account for less than 1.5% of Australia's population growth.



Parliamentary Library, Parliament of Australia 2005 2007 2009 2006 2008 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

**52,017** arrivals by boat between 2005 and mid 2014

So total arrivals by boat over almost 10 years is the equivalent of less than 9 weeks of Australian births. Sources