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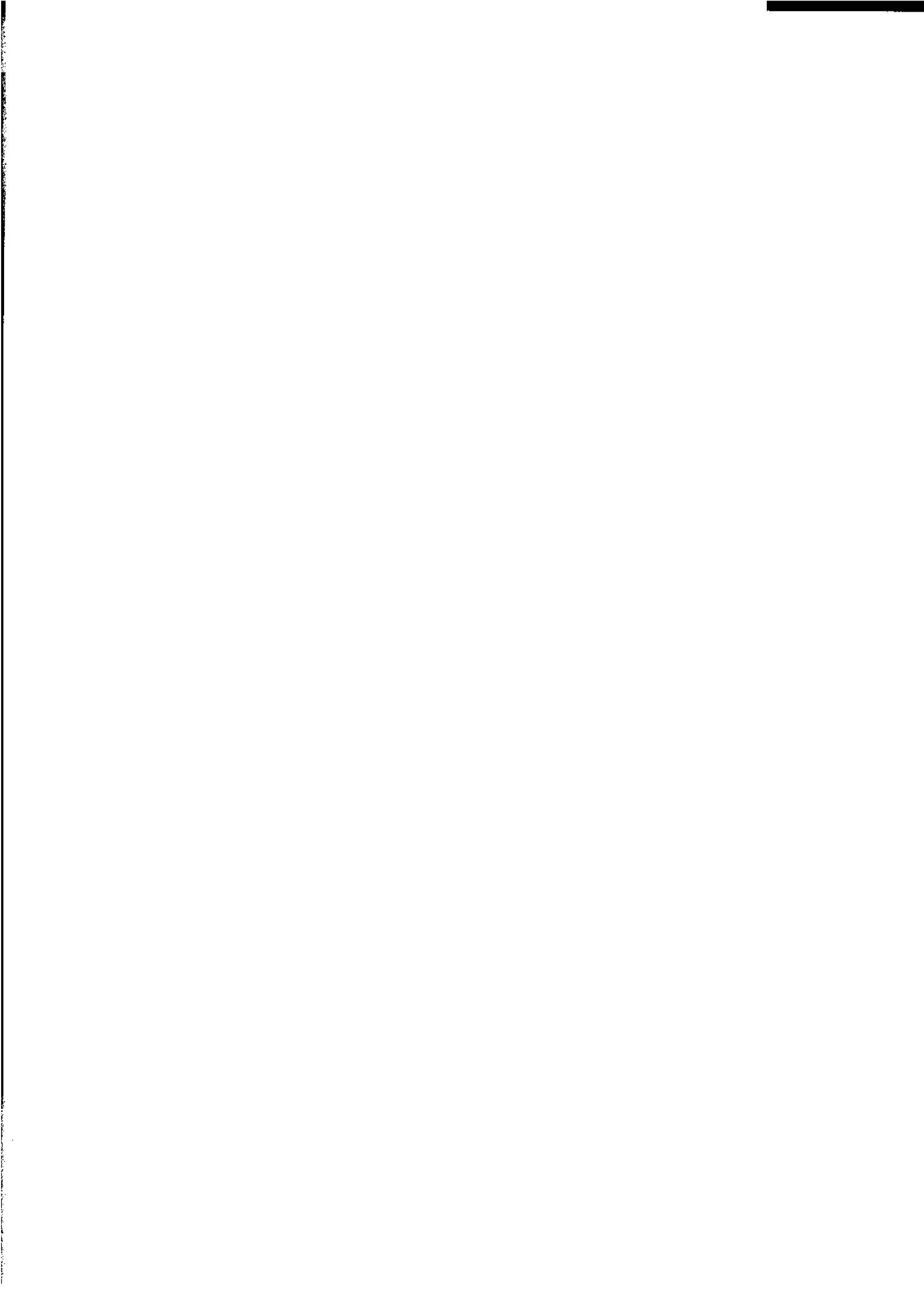
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## PREFACE

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The 1996 *Victorian Year Book* continues the tradition of providing a comprehensive statistical profile of the social, demographic and economic structure of the State in one volume. Despite a few occasions when the Year Book was not published, the *Victorian Year Book* is the oldest continuing Year Book in Australia and among the oldest in the world.

This, the 108th edition, continues the on-going task of recording current changes in Victoria and of providing an objective picture of life in the State today. One of the many changes that have occurred in Victoria during the past three years is the review of Local Government. The feature article in this Year Book has been provided by the Local Government Board and outlines the background and results of this review. To also assist readers, a comprehensive appendix titled ABS Statistical Geography provides details on the effects of this review to Victorian geographic boundaries.

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I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all those involved in the production of this Year Book, in particular the author and publishing team as well as the continuing support of all internal and external contributors.

I have therefore much pleasure in introducing the 1996 edition of the *Victorian Year Book*.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## Symbols

The following symbols mean:

n.a.	not available
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
n.p.	not available for publication, but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
p	preliminary - figure or series subject to revision
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
..	not applicable
-	nil or rounded down to zero
—	break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

M, males; F, females; T, total

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The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: NSW (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), SA (South Australia), WA (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), NT (Northern Territory), ACT (Australian Capital Territory), and Aust. (Australia).

Yearly periods shown as, e.g. 1995 refer to the year ended 31 December 1995. Those shown as, e.g. 1994-95 refer to the year ended 30 June 1995. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

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