

The State of Victoria, located in the southeast of the Australian continent, had an estimated population of 4,765,900 as at 30 June 2000. Although it is the second most populous State or Territory in Australia, Victoria is ranked sixth in terms of geographic size and accounts for just under 3% of Australia's total area.

The capital city is Melbourne, with an estimated population of 3,413,894 as at 30 June 1999. Its maximum average temperature ranges from 14.3°C in Winter to 25.3°C in Summer; its minimum average temperature ranges from 7.1°C in Winter to 14.7°C in Summer. Its average annual rainfall is 641mm.

This brochure provides a statistical snapshot of Victoria; more detail can be found in the variety of products released by the ABS, including the *Victorian Year Book* (Cat. no 1301.2).

VICTORIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

| | | Victoria | Australia |
|--|------|----------|-----------|
| Agriculture(a) | | | |
| Value of production, 30 June 1999 | \$m | 6 311.4 | 28 848.0 |
| Average weekly ordinary time earnings—trend | | | |
| May 2000 | \$ | 765.80 | 785.00 |
| Building work done, 1999–2000(b)—original | | | |
| Value | \$m | 10 426.5 | 38 116.8 |
| Population | | | |
| Estimated resident population at 30 June 2000 | '000 | 4 765.9 | 19 157.0 |
| Annual growth rate, 1999–2000 | % | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Vital statistics, 1999 | | | |
| Births | no. | 58 875 | 250 715 |
| Deaths | no. | 31 918 | 129 265 |
| Marriages | no. | 27 252 | 114 316 |
| Divorces | no. | 12 742 | 52 566 |
| Labour force, August 2000 | | | |
| Employed persons | '000 | 2 267.2 | 9 048.4 |
| Unemployed persons | '000 | 146.1 | 601.3 |
| Unemployment rate | % | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| Manufacturing turnover, 1998–99 | \$m | 71 983.9 | 220 847.9 |
| Registered motor vehicles, October 1999 | '000 | 3 178.5 | 11 934.8 |
| Retail turnover, 1999–2000—original | \$m | 35 872.4 | 147 580.6 |
| Tourist accommodation(c) | | | |
| Establishments, June quarter 2000 | no. | 705 | 3 805 |
| Guest rooms, June quarter 2000 | no. | 31 384 | 192 830 |
| Takings from accommodation, 1999–2000 | \$m | 774 068 | 4 318 036 |
| Trade, 1999–2000 | | | |
| Exports | \$m | 19 033 | 97 275 |
| Imports | \$m | 33 717 | 110 132 |

(a) Excludes establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of less than \$5,000.

(b) Excludes engineering construction.

(c) Includes establishments (hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and serviced apartments) with 15 or more rooms or units.

AGRICULTURE

| | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|---|------------|---------|---------|
| Value of agricultural commodities produced | | | |
| Crops | \$m | 2 450.9 | 2 556.7 |
| Livestock slaughterings | \$m | 1 554.1 | 1 684.5 |
| Livestock products | \$m | 2 128.2 | 2 070.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>\$m</i> | 6 133.2 | 6 311.4 |
| Agricultural production | | | |
| Wheat | '000 t | 1 503 | 1 462 |
| Meat (including chicken) | '000 t | 849 | 871 |
| Wool | '000 t | 167 | 171 |
| Livestock numbers | | | |
| Cattle | | | |
| Dairy | '000 | 1 836 | 1 945 |
| Beef | '000 | 2 306 | 2 180 |
| Sheep | '000 | 21 122 | 20 994 |
| Pigs | '000 | 518 | 521 |

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

| | | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|--|------------|---------|-----------|
| Dwelling unit approvals | | | |
| Private sector | no. | 37 194 | 47 397 |
| Public sector | no. | 894 | 787 |
| Other approvals | no. | 1 616 | 1 614 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>no.</i> | 39 704 | 49 798 |
| Value of building work done | | | |
| Houses | \$m | 3 366.2 | 4 448.3 |
| Other residential buildings | \$m | 948.0 | 1 337.0 |
| Alterations and additions to dwellings | \$m | 998.1 | 1 259.5 |
| Non-residential building | \$m | 3 571.1 | 3 381.7 |
| Engineering construction | \$m | 3 884.9 | 3 450.0 |

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) — Melbourne(a)

| | 1999-2000 | Percentage change 1999-2000(b) |
|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Food | 128.7 | 2.9 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 174.2 | 4.4 |
| Clothing and footwear | 107.1 | -0.9 |
| Housing | 90.7 | 4.6 |
| Household furnishings supplies and services | 114.7 | -0.3 |
| Health | 168.3 | -3.4 |
| Transport | 127.9 | 5.9 |
| Communication | 97.6 | -5.1 |
| Recreation | 122.5 | 0.7 |
| Education | 175.5 | 4.5 |
| Miscellaneous | 146.1 | 7.7 |
| All groups | 124.1 | 2.6 |

(a) Base year: 1989-90=100.0.

(b) Percentage change from previous financial year.

DEMOGRAPHY

| | | 1999 | 2000p |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|
| Estimated resident population at 30 June | | | |
| Males | '000 | 2 328.1 | 2 358.9 |
| Females | '000 | 2 379.5 | 2 407.0 |
| Persons | '000 | 4 707.6 | 4 765.9 |
| Melbourne Statistical Division | '000 | 3 413.9 | n.y.a. |
| Number of persons by age group at 30 June | | | |
| Under 15 years | '000 | 948.1 | 947.2 |
| 15–24 years | '000 | 664.8 | 672.7 |
| 25–34 years | '000 | 731.8 | 738.3 |
| 35–44 years | '000 | 722.7 | 728.1 |
| 45–54 years | '000 | 622.1 | 636.7 |
| 55–64 years | '000 | 419.4 | 433.2 |
| 65–74 years | '000 | 334.9 | 334.6 |
| 75 years and over | '000 | 263.9 | 274.2 |
| Population projections(a) | | 2011 | 2021 |
| Victoria | '000 | 5 015.0 | 5 208.4 |
| (a) Based on Series II as published in <i>Population Projections</i> (Cat. no. 3222.0). | | | |

EDUCATION

| | | 1998 | 1999 |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Number of schools | | | |
| Government schools | no. | 1 644 | 1 631 |
| Non-government schools | no. | 685 | 688 |
| <i>Total schools</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>2 329</i> | <i>2 319</i> |
| Number of enrolments | | | |
| Government schools | no. | 521 413 | 524 849 |
| Non-government schools | no. | 265 987 | 269 705 |
| <i>Total school enrolments</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>787 400</i> | <i>794 554</i> |
| Number of teaching staff | | | |
| Government schools | no. | 33 762 | 35 156 |
| Non-government schools | no. | 17 631 | 18 203 |
| <i>Total teaching staff</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>51 393</i> | <i>53 359</i> |

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

| | | State | Local |
|--|-----|--------|--------|
| Operating statement, 1998-99 | | | |
| Revenue | \$m | 22 491 | 2 908 |
| Expenses | \$m | 18 998 | 3 023 |
| Net operating balance | \$m | 3 492 | -115 |
| Net lending(+)/borrowing(-) | \$m | 3 072 | -36 |
| Cash flow statement, 1998-99 | | | |
| Net increase(+)/decrease(-) in cash held | \$m | -214 | — |
| Surplus(+)/deficit(-) | \$m | -216 | -37 |
| Balance sheet, 30 June 1999 | | | |
| Total assets | \$m | 58 427 | 23 671 |
| Total liabilities | \$m | 22 150 | 1 264 |
| Net worth | \$m | 36 278 | 22 407 |

HEALTH

| Public hospitals(a) | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Acute health expenditure | \$m | 3 093 | 3 268 |
| Available beds(b) | no. | 12 337 | 11 638 |
| Patient separations | no. | 928 8000 | 970 200 |
| Average length of stay | days | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Major causes of death | | 1998 | 1999 |
| Diseases of the circulatory system(c) | no. | 13 429 | 12 206 |
| Neoplasms (cancer) | no. | 9 049 | 9 227 |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | no. | 3 054 | 2 338 |
| Total deaths | no. | 32 007 | 31 918 |

(a) Source: Department of Human Services, Victoria.

(b) Average for the year.

(c) Includes heart disease and strokes.

HOUSEHOLD USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

| Computer access | | 1998 | 1999 |
|------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| Metropolitan Melbourne | % | 49 | 53 |
| Rest of Victoria | % | 42 | 44 |
| Internet access | | | |
| Metropolitan Melbourne | % | 17 | 25 |
| Rest of Victoria | % | 10 | 16 |

LABOUR FORCE

| | | August 1999 | August 2000 |
|--|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Employed persons | | | |
| Males | '000 | 1 225.7 | 1 265.9 |
| Females | '000 | 953.3 | 1 001.3 |
| Unemployed persons | | | |
| Males | '000 | 98.4 | 84.5 |
| Females | '000 | 67.4 | 61.6 |
| Unemployment rate | | | |
| Males | % | 7.4 | 6.3 |
| Females | % | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| Average weekly ordinary time earnings — trend | | May 1999 | May 2000 |
| Full-time adult males | \$ | 775.30 | 799.30 |
| Full-time adult females | \$ | 669.80 | 704.40 |
| Full-time adult employees | \$ | 737.20 | 765.80 |

MANUFACTURING

| | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Operations — selected items | | | |
| Employment | '000 | 313.9 | 298.7 |
| Exports | \$'000 | 9 426.8 | 8 451.9 |
| Turnover(a) | \$m | 69 516.7 | 71 983.9 |

(a) Value data are at current prices and therefore do not discount the impact of price changes.

MINERAL PRODUCTION — 1998-99

| | | Production | Value \$'000 |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|---------------------|
| Brown coal | kt | 66 648 | 533 184 |
| Gold | kg | 4 948 | 72 436 |
| Construction materials | | | |
| Gravel | kt | 3 939 | 26 283 |
| Sand for concrete | kt | 4 368 | 30 998 |

OVERSEAS TRADE

| Imports from | | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| USA | \$m | 6 891 | 7 701 |
| Japan | \$m | 4 133 | 4 416 |
| China | \$m | 2 537 | 3 030 |
| Germany | \$m | 2 341 | 2 402 |
| United Kingdom | \$m | 1 839 | 1 793 |
| <i>Total imports</i> | <i>\$m</i> | <i>31 014</i> | <i>33 717</i> |
| Exports to | | | |
| New Zealand | \$m | 1 635 | 2 297 |
| Japan | \$m | 1 676 | 1 860 |
| USA | \$m | 1 469 | 1 630 |
| Singapore | \$m | 1 080 | 1 475 |
| Republic of Korea | \$m | 862 | 1 236 |
| <i>Total exports</i> | <i>\$m</i> | <i>16 484</i> | <i>19 033</i> |

PRISON POPULATION

| | | 1998 | 1999 |
|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Sentenced | | | |
| Males | no. | 2 303 | 2 362 |
| Females | no. | 119 | 144 |
| Persons | no. | 2 422 | 2 506 |
| Unsentenced | | | |
| Males | no. | 402 | 382 |
| Females | no. | 34 | 35 |
| Persons | no. | 436 | 417 |

PRIVATE FINANCE

| Finance commitments | | June 1999 | June 2000 |
|---------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| Housing finance | \$m | 14 376.1 | 17 309.9 |
| Personal finance | \$m | 11 062.7 | 13 555.8 |
| Commercial finance | \$m | 44 628.0 | 41 281.0 |
| Lease finance | \$m | 2 127.0 | 1 879.0 |

RETAIL TURNOVER

| | | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Food retailing | \$m | 13 932.6 | 14 648.8 |
| Department stores | \$m | 3 084.7 | 3 297.1 |
| Clothing and soft goods retailing | \$m | 2 399.3 | 2 841.4 |
| Household goods retailing | \$m | 4 012.1 | 4 394.3 |
| Recreational goods retailing | \$m | 1 831.3 | 1 717.3 |
| Other retailing | \$m | 3 568.2 | 3 803.8 |
| Hospitality and service industries | \$m | 4 346.1 | 5 169.6 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>\$m</i> | <i>33 174.4</i> | <i>35 872.4</i> |

TOURISM

| | | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|---|------------|---------|-----------|
| International visitors by country of residence(a) | | | |
| New Zealand | \$m | 128 570 | 136 500 |
| UK and Ireland | \$m | 76 190 | 80 255 |
| USA | \$m | 65 010 | 77 320 |
| Singapore | \$m | 49 330 | 51 460 |
| Japan | \$m | 49 610 | 46 850 |
| Malaysia | \$m | 28 290 | 29 900 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>\$m</i> | 651 940 | 685 950 |
| (a) Victoria as main state of intended stay. | | | |

TRANSPORT

| Motor vehicles on register | | 31 Oct 1998 | 31 Oct 1999 |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|
| Passenger vehicles | '000 | 2 574.6 | 2 645.0 |
| Commercial vehicles | '000 | 520.4 | 533.6 |
| <i>Total (excludes motor cycles)</i> | '000 | 3 095.1 | 3 178.5 |
| Motor cycles | '000 | 82.3 | 88.0 |

VITAL STATISTICS

| Births | | 1998 | 1999 |
|----------------------|------------|--------|--------|
| Median age of mother | years | 30.2 | 30.4 |
| Nuptial births | no. | 46 391 | 45 106 |
| Ex-nuptial births | no. | 14 101 | 13 769 |
| <i>Total births</i> | <i>no.</i> | 60 492 | 58 875 |
| Deaths | | | |
| Infant deaths | no. | 283 | 328 |
| <i>Total deaths</i> | <i>no.</i> | 32 007 | 31 918 |
| Marriages | no. | 26 372 | 27 252 |
| Divorces | no. | 12 307 | 12 742 |

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1999 refer to the year ended 31 December 1999; those shown as, for example, 1998-99 refer to the year ended 30 June 1999. Values shown in Australian dollars (\$). Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

| | | | |
|------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| °C | — degrees Celsius | n.y.a. | — not yet available |
| GL | — gígalitres | no. | — number |
| ha | — hectare | kg | — kilogram |
| t | — tonne | ML | — megalitre |
| \$m | — million dollars | n.a. | — not available |
| '000 | — thousands | kt | — kilotonne |
| p | — preliminary | — | — nil or rounded to zero |

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