



# AUSTRALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

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Before 10 June each year, the Australian Statistician determines the population of each State and Territory at 31 December of the previous year for the purposes of *A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Act 1999*. This publication summarises the State and Territory population estimates. These population estimates together with other supporting statistics and analysis will be published on 6 June 2002 in *Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2001* (Cat. no. 3101.0).

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Preliminary

	Population at 31 Dec.....		Change over previous year.....	
	2000	2001		
	no.	no.	no.	%
New South Wales	6 568 902	6 642 879	73 977	1.1
Victoria	4 791 268	4 854 133	62 865	1.3
Queensland	3 603 043	3 670 459	67 416	1.9
South Australia	1 511 183	1 518 874	7 691	0.5
Western Australia	1 893 490	1 918 805	25 315	1.3
Tasmania	472 288	473 252	964	0.2
Northern Territory	198 487	199 868	1 381	0.7
Australian Capital Territory	319 303	322 638	3 335	1.0
<b>Australia(a)</b>	<b>19 360 618</b>	<b>19 603 502</b>	<b>242 884</b>	<b>1.3</b>

(a) Includes Other Territories comprising Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

## ABOUT THESE STATISTICS

These estimates have been calculated using the results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing, estimates of Census net undercount, demographic adjustments, birth and death registrations, estimates of net permanent and long-term overseas migration, and estimates of net interstate migration.

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The preliminary estimated resident population of Australia at December 2001, based on the 2001 Census of Population and Housing, was 19,603,500 persons. The population increased by 242,900 persons since December 2000 and 56,000 persons since September 2001.

## POPULATION GROWTH RATES

For the year ended December 2001 the Australian population grew by 1.3%. All States and Territories had positive growth rates, the highest being for Queensland (1.9%) and the lowest for Tasmania (0.2%).

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## **FUTURE ISSUES**

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The above preliminary estimates will be revised following the receipt and analysis of final overseas arrivals and departures data, the compilation of final category jumping estimates (both expected by early 2003), more detailed analysis of second release processing data from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing (expected November 2002) and additional data on other components of growth (births, deaths and interstate migration).

Detailed results from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing will be released on Monday, 17 June 2002.

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