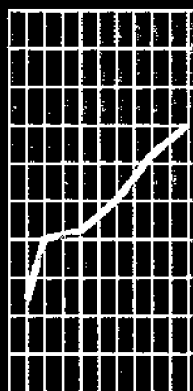


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## INTRODUCTION

This publication contains estimates of the resident populations of Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) and Local Government Areas (LGAs), of Tasmania as at 30 June, for 1994 and 1995. Also included are estimated resident populations for the census years of 1986 and 1991.

The publication also presents an analysis over the last six years of the components of population change in Tasmania.

Information on the methodology used to estimate resident population in Tasmania (and in LGAs and SLAs) is contained in the Explanatory Notes at the back of this publication. The notes also contain an assessment of the quality of the estimates produced.

Earlier editions of this publication contained additional detailed tables for SLAs and LGAs in the form of estimated resident population by age and sex. As the preparation of this data often delayed release of the main SLA and LGA estimates, it is no longer included as part of this publication. It is, however, available separately on request and users requiring this data are invited to contact the ABS.

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## MAIN FEATURES

### POPULATION GROWTH - FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF DECLINE

The year to 30 June 1995 was the fifth consecutive year to record markedly declining population growth. Tasmania's population in that year increased by an estimated 558 persons which is significantly less than the 1,114 persons recorded in the previous year and substantially less than the 6,930 persons recorded in 1989-90.

Tasmania's population growth rate for 1994-95 was 0.12 percent, which was about one-tenth of Australia's rate of 1.21 % for the same period. Australia's rate represented a small increase over the 1.03 % recorded for 1993-94, whereas Tasmania's rate represented a significant decrease from the 0.24 % for 1993-94.

### INCREASING NEGATIVE INTERSTATE MIGRATION A MAJOR FACTOR

Tasmania's declining population growth results from an increasingly negative net interstate migration movement. In 1994-95 Tasmania recorded a net loss through interstate migration of 2,715 persons. This is a further extension of a downward trend commencing from a high point in 1989-90 when a net *gain* of 2,790 was recorded.

The 1994-95 net loss figure was created by an excess of departures of 12,857 over arrivals of 10,142. Notably, compared to 1993-94 there were 652 more persons arriving in the State, but this was offset by almost 1,200 more departing the State.

### MINIMAL RISE IN OVERSEAS MIGRATION

The negative trend of net interstate migration was offset in only a very minor way by net overseas migration. The figure for 1994-95 was just 374, a moderate increase over the 192 recorded in 1993-94. Tasmania's net overseas migration rate of 0.08 % for 1994-95 compared with Australia's figure of 0.47 %.

### NATURAL INCREASE - MORE BIRTHS, MORE DEATHS

Tasmania's natural increase in 1994-95 was 2,897, a decrease of 187 on the previous year. This decrease resulted from 42 more births and 229 more deaths registered in 1994-95 than in 1993-94.

Tasmania's natural increase rate, whilst normally lower than Australia's, decreased yet further in comparison. In 1994-95 Tasmania's rate was 0.61% compared to 0.74% for Australia. Tasmania's natural increase rate for 1994-95 was also slightly less than the 1993-94 figure of 0.65% and further substantiates a downward trend from the recent high of 0.74% in 1989-90.

### AGEING OF THE POPULATION

The median age of Tasmanians in 1994-95 was 34.0 years, an increase on the 33.6 years for 1993-94. The median age for males was 33.3 years in 1994-95 (32.9 years in 1993-94) and the median age for females was 34.8 years (34.3 years in 1993-94).

Factors contributing to increased median ages include longer life expectancy, declining fertility (evident in smaller families and deferred first births) and changes in net migration age profiles.

POPULATION 65 AND  
OVER CONTINUES  
TO INCREASE

With the trend towards increasing median ages the proportion of the State population in older age groups continues to rise. In 1985-86 persons aged 65 years and over accounted for 10.9 % of the population, compared to 12.6 % in 1994-95.

Conversely the proportion of persons in the younger age groups has declined, children under 15 years accounted for 24.1% of the State's population in 1985-86, but by June 1995 this had fallen to 22.4%. A similar decline was estimated for 20-29 year olds, from 16.4% in 1985-86 to 14.1% in 1994-95.

REGIONS

The Greater Hobart-Southern Region accounted for 48.3 % of Tasmania's estimated resident population at 30 June 1995; the Northern Region had 28.2 %; and the Mersey-Lyell Region, 23.5%. Since 1991 Greater Hobart-Southern and Northern Regions have both increased their shares slightly at the expense of the Mersey-Lyell Region, which has experienced a small decrease in population at an average annual rate of 0.14%.

During 1991-95 the Greater Hobart-Southern Region showed a growth rate of 0.50 % and the Northern Region 0.45 %. The overall State growth for this period was 0.33 %.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AREAS

In the period 1990-91 to 1994-95 Sorell municipality recorded the largest growth rate with an average annual increase of 2.59 %. Other local government areas showing moderate growth were Kingborough (1.76 %), West Tamar (1.64%) and Meander Valley (1.36 %).

Significant decreases occurred in West Coast (-3.25 %), Flinders (-1.46 %) and Central Highlands (-1.06 %).

STATISTICAL LOCAL  
AREAS

The growth areas referred to in the previous section are again highlighted in an analysis of major statistical components of local government areas. Meander Valley Part A, (the *Part A* indicating that it is the predominantly urban component of the Meander Valley local government area), experienced an average annual growth rate of 3.85 %. Sorell Part A grew by 2.72 %, Kingborough Part A 1.74 % and West Tamar Part A 1.70 %.

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS AT 30 JUNE

<b>Statistical Division</b>					<b>Growth</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>Proportion</b>
<b>Subdivision</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995p</b>	<b>rate <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>rate <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>of State</b>
<b>Statistical Local Area</b>					<b>1986-91</b>	<b>1991-95</b>	<b>1995</b>
	<b>no.</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Greater Hobart Statistical Division</b>	<b>182 071</b>	<b>190 950</b>	<b>194 212</b>	<b>194 668</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>41.15</b>
Brighton	11 106	12 066	12 428	12 675	1.67	1.24	2.68
Clarence	48 118	49 447	49 851	49 930	0.55	0.24	10.56
Glenorchy	41 895	43 611	43 996	44 030	0.81	0.24	9.31
Hobart - Inner	596	397	349	348	-7.80	-3.24	0.07
Hobart - Remainder	47 143	47 284	47 291	47 030	0.06	-0.13	9.94
Kingborough - Part A	19 612	23 182	24 650	24 840	3.40	1.74	5.25
New Norfolk - Part A	7 595	7 306	7 322	7 290	-0.77	-0.05	1.54
Sorell - Part A	6 006	7 657	8 325	8 525	4.98	2.72	1.80
<b>Southern Statistical Division</b>	<b>29 826</b>	<b>32 805</b>	<b>33 345</b>	<b>33 600</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>7.10</b>
Central Highlands	3 073	2 969	2 895	2 845	-0.69	-1.06	0.60
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3 733	3 962	4 007	4 060	1.20	0.61	0.86
Huon Valley	11 196	12 634	12 964	13 060	2.45	0.83	2.76
Kingborough - Part B	1 951	2 259	2 351	2 440	2.97	1.95	0.52
New Norfolk - Part B	2 661	3 007	2 991	3 000	2.47	-0.06	0.63
Sorell - Part B	744	861	896	910	2.96	1.39	0.19
Southern Midlands	4 829	5 157	5 237	5 245	1.32	0.42	1.11
Tasman	1 639	1 956	2 004	2 040	3.60	1.06	0.43
<b>Northern Statistical Division</b>	<b>123 856</b>	<b>131 080</b>	<b>133 155</b>	<b>133 434</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>28.21</b>
<b>Greater Launceston Statistical District</b>	<b>91 061</b>	<b>96 134</b>	<b>97 939</b>	<b>98 162</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>20.75</b>
George Town - Part A	6 362	6 231	6 141	6 090	-0.42	-0.57	1.29
Launceston - Inner	599	336	313	297	-10.92	-3.04	0.06
Launceston - Part B	61 422	62 549	62 741	62 700	0.36	0.06	13.26
Meander Valley - Part A	2 529	4 513	5 104	5 250	12.28	3.85	1.11
Northern Midlands - Part A	5 533	6 139	6 286	6 315	2.10	0.71	1.34
West Tamar - Part A	14 616	16 366	17 354	17 510	2.29	1.70	3.70
<b>Central North Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>19 510</b>	<b>20 580</b>	<b>20 779</b>	<b>20 807</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>4.40</b>
George Town - Part B	756	934	971	972	4.32	1.00	0.21
Launceston - Part C	2 327	2 752	2 793	2 850	3.41	0.88	0.60
Meander Valley - Part B	9 599	10 138	10 215	10 215	1.10	0.19	2.16
Northern Midlands - Part B	5 261	4 868	4 833	4 800	-1.54	-0.35	1.01
West Tamar - Part B	1 567	1 888	1 967	1 970	3.80	1.07	0.42
<b>North Eastern Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>13 285</b>	<b>14 366</b>	<b>14 437</b>	<b>14 465</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>3.06</b>
Break O'Day	5 019	5 764	5 825	5 855	2.81	0.39	1.24
Dorset	7 216	7 637	7 700	7 700	1.14	0.21	1.63
Flinders	1 050	965	912	910	-1.67	-1.46	0.19
<b>Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division</b>	<b>110 720</b>	<b>111 967</b>	<b>111 762</b>	<b>111 320</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	<b>23.53</b>
<b>Burnie-Devonport Statistical District</b>	<b>76 603</b>	<b>78 707</b>	<b>79 053</b>	<b>79 010</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>16.70</b>
Burnie - Part A	18 918	18 875	18 757	18 700	-0.05	-0.23	3.95
Central Coast - Part A	17 257	17 706	17 759	17 750	0.52	0.06	3.75
Devonport	24 717	25 337	25 471	25 470	0.50	0.13	5.38
Latrobe - Part A	5 059	5 617	5 784	5 810	2.11	0.85	1.23
Waratah/Wynyard - Part A	10 652	11 172	11 282	11 280	0.96	0.24	2.38
<b>North Western Rural Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>24 562</b>	<b>25 596</b>	<b>25 715</b>	<b>25 595</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.41</b>
Burnie - Part B	2 132	2 196	2 218	2 195	0.59	-0.01	0.46
Central Coast - Part B	2 903	3 300	3 351	3 360	2.60	0.45	0.71
Circular Head	8 043	8 530	8 596	8 595	1.18	0.19	1.82
Kentish	4 709	5 176	5 296	5 325	1.91	0.71	1.13
King Island	2 054	1 917	1 894	1 845	-1.37	-0.95	0.39
Latrobe - Part B	1 168	1 310	1 352	1 380	2.32	1.31	0.29
Waratah/Wynyard - Part B	3 553	3 167	3 008	2 895	-2.27	-2.22	0.61
<b>Western Subdivision</b>	<b>9 555</b>	<b>7 664</b>	<b>6 984</b>	<b>6 715</b>	<b>-4.31</b>	<b>-3.25</b>	<b>1.42</b>
West Coast	9 555	7 664	6 984	6 715	-4.31	-3.25	1.42
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>446 473</b>	<b>466 802</b>	<b>472 464</b>	<b>473 022</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Average annual rate of increase or decrease ( ) in population.

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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN LEGAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AT 30 JUNE

<b>Region and Legal Local Government Area</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995p</b>	<b>Growth rate <sup>1</sup> 1986-91</b>	<b>Growth rate <sup>1</sup> 1991-95</b>	<b>Proportion of State 1995</b>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>Greater Hobart-Southern Region</b>	<b>211 897</b>	<b>223 755</b>	<b>227 557</b>	<b>228 268</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>48.26</b>
Brighton	11 106	12 066	12 428	12 675	1.67	1.24	2.68
Central Highlands	3 073	2 969	2 895	2 845	-0.69	-1.06	0.60
Clarence	48 118	49 447	49 851	49 930	0.55	0.24	10.56
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3 733	3 962	4 007	4 060	1.20	0.61	0.86
Glenorchy	41 895	43 611	43 998	44 030	0.81	0.24	9.31
Hobart - Remainder	47 739	47 681	47 640	47 378	-0.02	-0.16	10.02
Huon Valley	11 196	12 634	12 964	13 060	2.45	0.83	2.76
Kingborough	21 563	25 441	27 001	27 280	3.36	1.76	5.77
New Norfolk	10 256	10 313	10 313	10 290	0.11	-0.06	2.18
Sorell	6 750	8 518	9 221	9 435	4.76	2.59	1.99
Southern Midlands	4 829	5 157	5 237	5 245	1.32	0.42	1.11
Tasman	1 639	1 956	2 004	2 040	3.60	1.06	0.43
<b>Northern Statistical Region</b>	<b>123 856</b>	<b>131 080</b>	<b>133 155</b>	<b>133 434</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>28.21</b>
Break O'Day	5 019	5 764	5 825	5 855	2.81	0.39	1.24
Dorset	7 216	7 637	7 700	7 700	1.14	0.21	1.63
Flinders	1 050	965	912	910	-1.67	-1.46	0.19
George Town	7 118	7 165	7 112	7 062	0.13	-0.36	1.49
Launceston	64 348	65 637	65 847	65 847	0.40	0.08	13.92
Meander Valley	12 128	14 651	15 319	15 465	3.85	1.36	3.27
Northern Midlands	10 794	11 007	11 119	11 115	0.39	0.24	2.35
West Tamar	16 183	18 254	19 321	19 480	2.44	1.64	4.12
<b>Mersey-Lyell Region</b>	<b>110 720</b>	<b>111 967</b>	<b>111 752</b>	<b>111 320</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	<b>23.53</b>
Burnie	21 050	21 071	20 975	20 895	-0.02	-0.21	4.42
Central Coast	20 160	21 006	21 110	21 110	0.83	0.12	4.46
Circular Head	8 043	8 530	8 596	8 595	1.18	0.19	1.82
Devonport	24 717	25 337	25 471	25 470	0.50	0.13	5.38
Kentish	4 709	5 176	5 296	5 325	1.91	0.71	1.13
King Island	2 054	1 917	1 894	1 845	-1.37	-0.95	0.39
Latrobe	6 227	6 927	7 136	7 190	2.15	0.94	1.52
Waratah/Wynyard	14 205	14 339	14 290	14 175	0.19	-0.29	3.00
West Coast	9 555	7 664	6 984	6 715	-4.31	-3.25	1.42
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>446 473</b>	<b>466 802</b>	<b>472 464</b>	<b>473 022</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Average annual rate of increase or decrease (-) in population.

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#### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND MEAN RESIDENT POPULATION, TASMANIA

		<i>Estimated Resident Population</i>			<i>Mean Resident Population<sup>1</sup></i>		
		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
		<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.no.</i>	
<b>Year ended 30 June</b>							
1990		229 256	232 932	462 188	227 395	231 093	458 488
1991		231 466	235 336	466 802	230 439	234 177	464 616
1992		232 839	236 846	469 685	232 225	236 175	468 400
1993		233 743	237 607	471 350	233 428	237 251	470 679
1994		234 341	238 123	472 464	234 109	237 915	472 024
1995 p		234 541	238 481	473 022	234 500	238 400	472 900
<b>Year ended 31 December</b>							
1989		227 368	231 042	458 410	225 817	229 579	455 396
1990		230 360	234 160	464 520	229 049	232 739	461 788
1991		232 203	236 201	468 404	231 444	235 277	466 721
1992		233 475	237 319	470 794	232 864	236 777	469 641
1993		234 182	237 971	472 153	233 855	237 667	471 522
1994 p		234 402	238 367	472 769	234 245	238 117	472 362
<b>Quarter ended</b>							
1993	Sept.	234 012	237 828	471 840	..	..	..
	Dec.	234 182	237 971	472 153	..	..	..
1994	Mar.	234 203	237 998	472 201	..	..	..
	June	234 341	238 123	472 464	..	..	..
	Sept. p	234 437	238 317	472 754	..	..	..
	Dec. p	234 402	238 367	472 769	..	..	..
1995	Mar. p	234 642	238 548	473 190	..	..	..
	June p	234 541	238 481	473 022	..	..	..

$$\frac{a + 4b + 2c + 4d + e}{12}$$

<sup>1</sup> Mean population is calculated according to the formula : mean population =

where 'a' is the population at the end of the quarter immediately preceding the twelve-month period and 'b', 'c', 'd' and 'e' are the populations at the end of each of the four succeeding quarters.

Mean populations are used in the calculation of crude rates.

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#### RESIDENT POPULATION GROWTH, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, TASMANIA

	<i>Estimated resident population no.</i>	<i>Population growth no.</i>	<i>Growth rate Tasmania %</i>	<i>Growth rate Australia %</i>
1990	462 188	6 930	1.52	1.49
1991	466 802	4 614	1.00	1.28
1992	469 685	2 883	0.62	1.19
1993	471 350	1 665	0.35	0.96
1994	472 464	1 114	0.24	1.03
1995 p	473 022	558	0.12	1.21

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### COMPONENTS OF RESIDENT POPULATION CHANGE, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, TASMANIA

#### Natural Increase

	<i>Live births no.</i>	<i>Deaths no.</i>	<i>Natural increase no.</i>	<i>Annual rate Tasmania %</i>	<i>Annual rate Australia %</i>
1990	6 942	3 590	3 352	0.74	0.79
1991	6 972	3 712	3 260	0.71	0.83
1992	6 878	3 688	3 190	0.68	0.79
1993	6 790	3 675	3 115	0.66	0.78
1994	6 837	3 753	3 084	0.65	0.75
1995 <i>p</i>	6 879	3 982	2 897	0.61	0.74

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### COMPONENTS OF RESIDENT POPULATION CHANGE, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, TASMANIA

#### Migration

	<i>Arrivals no.</i>	<i>Departures no.</i>	<i>Net <sup>1</sup> no.</i>	<i>Annual rate Tasmania %</i>	<i>Annual rate Australia %</i>
<b>Overseas Migration</b>					
1990	2 055	1 483	760	0.17	0.74
1991	2 028	1 559	408	0.09	0.51
1992	1 851	1 649	36	0.01	0.40
1993	1 979	1 582	103	0.02	0.17
1994	1 943	1 553	192	0.04	0.26
1995 <i>p</i>	2 189	1 723	374	0.08	0.47
<b>Interstate Migration</b>					
1990	13 259	10 469	2 790	0.61	..
1991	11 696	10 880	816	0.18	..
1992	10 590	10 933	- 343	-0.07	..
1993	11 089	12 642	-1 553	-0.33	..
1994	9 490	11 652	-2 162	-0.46	..
1995 <i>p</i>	10 142	12 857	-2 715	-0.57	..
<b>Net Migration</b>					
1990	15 314	11 952	3 550	0.78	0.74
1991	13 724	12 439	1 224	0.26	0.51
1992	12 441	12 582	-307	-0.07	0.40
1993	13 068	14 224	-1 450	-0.31	0.17
1994	11 433	13 205	-1 970	-0.42	0.26
1995 <i>p</i>	12 331	14 580	-2 341	-0.50	0.47

<sup>1</sup> Estimates of net overseas migration (long-term arrivals less departures) include an adjustment for 'category jumping'.

A more detailed description may be found in *Estimates of Residents Temporarily Overseas, Visitors in Australia and Category Jumping*, ABS Technical Paper, 3104.0 March 1983.

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, TASMANIA, AT 30 JUNE

Age group (years)	Number				Per cent of total population			
	1986	1991	1994	1995p	1986	1991	1994	1995p
<b>Males</b>								
0-4	18 167	18 252	17 687	17 395	4.07	3.91	3.74	3.68
5-9	17 519	18 762	18 305	18 025	3.92	4.02	3.87	3.81
10-14	19 074	18 154	18 530	18 735	4.27	3.89	3.92	3.96
15-19	19 471	18 621	17 614	17 475	4.36	3.99	3.73	3.69
20-24	18 116	17 599	18 067	17 588	4.06	3.77	3.82	3.72
25-29	18 652	17 496	16 345	16 419	4.18	3.75	3.46	3.47
30-34	17 379	18 771	18 468	17 888	3.89	4.02	3.91	3.78
35-39	17 006	17 603	18 106	18 383	3.81	3.77	3.83	3.89
40-44	13 599	17 324	17 290	17 347	3.05	3.71	3.66	3.67
45-49	11 634	13 578	15 950	16 432	2.61	2.91	3.38	3.47
50-54	10 030	11 597	12 519	12 863	2.25	2.48	2.65	2.72
55-59	10 533	9 831	10 490	10 849	2.36	2.11	2.22	2.29
60-64	9 834	10 026	9 499	9 329	2.20	2.15	2.01	1.97
65-69	7 604	8 933	9 160	9 181	1.70	1.91	1.94	1.94
70-74	6 204	6 503	7 281	7 440	1.39	1.39	1.54	1.57
75-79	3 901	4 690	4 726	4 775	0.87	1.00	1.00	1.01
80-84	1 940	2 449	2 825	2 890	0.43	0.52	0.60	0.61
85 and over	996	1 277	1 479	1 527	0.22	0.27	0.31	0.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>221 659</b>	<b>231 466</b>	<b>234 341</b>	<b>234 541</b>	<b>49.65</b>	<b>49.59</b>	<b>49.60</b>	<b>49.58</b>
Median age	30.0	31.8	32.9	33.3	..	..	..	..
<b>Females</b>								
0-4	17 547	17 365	16 790	16 702	3.93	3.72	3.55	3.53
5-9	16 812	18 066	17 646	17 236	3.77	3.87	3.73	3.64
10-14	18 366	17 327	17 757	18 055	4.11	3.71	3.76	3.82
15-19	18 952	17 807	16 718	16 479	4.24	3.81	3.54	3.48
20-24	18 088	17 312	17 122	16 662	4.05	3.71	3.62	3.52
25-29	18 546	17 815	16 383	16 226	4.15	3.82	3.47	3.43
30-34	17 225	19 313	19 212	18 636	3.86	4.14	4.07	3.94
35-39	16 726	17 699	18 374	18 702	3.75	3.79	3.89	3.95
40-44	13 131	16 777	17 151	17 307	2.94	3.59	3.63	3.66
45-49	11 209	13 222	15 667	16 062	2.51	2.83	3.32	3.40
50-54	9 848	11 250	12 007	12 481	2.21	2.41	2.54	2.64
55-59	10 131	9 846	10 398	10 726	2.27	2.11	2.20	2.27
60-64	10 346	10 025	9 709	9 635	2.32	2.15	2.05	2.04
65-69	8 780	9 866	9 647	9 577	1.97	2.11	2.04	2.02
70-74	7 666	8 118	8 946	8 950	1.72	1.74	1.89	1.89
75-79	5 539	6 516	6 729	6 788	1.24	1.40	1.42	1.44
80-84	3 303	4 113	4 552	4 726	0.74	0.88	0.96	1.00
85 and over	2 599	2 899	3 315	3 531	0.58	0.62	0.70	0.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>224 814</b>	<b>235 336</b>	<b>238 123</b>	<b>238 481</b>	<b>50.35</b>	<b>50.41</b>	<b>50.40</b>	<b>50.42</b>
Median age	31.1	33.0	34.3	34.8	..	..	..	..
<b>Persons</b>								
0-4	35 714	35 617	34 477	34 097	8.00	7.63	7.30	7.21
5-9	34 331	36 828	35 951	35 261	7.69	7.89	7.61	7.45
10-14	37 440	35 481	36 287	36 790	8.39	7.60	7.68	7.78
15-19	38 423	36 428	34 332	33 954	8.61	7.80	7.27	7.18
20-24	36 204	34 911	35 189	34 250	8.11	7.48	7.45	7.24
25-29	37 198	35 311	32 728	32 645	8.33	7.56	6.93	6.90
30-34	34 604	38 084	37 680	36 524	7.75	8.16	7.98	7.72
35-39	33 732	35 302	36 480	37 085	7.56	7.56	7.72	7.84
40-44	26 730	34 101	34 441	34 654	5.99	7.31	7.29	7.33
45-49	22 843	26 800	31 617	32 494	5.12	5.74	6.69	6.87
50-54	19 878	22 847	24 526	25 344	4.45	4.89	5.19	5.36
55-59	20 664	19 677	20 888	21 575	4.63	4.22	4.42	4.56
60-64	20 180	20 051	19 208	18 964	4.52	4.30	4.07	4.01
65-69	16 384	18 799	18 807	18 758	3.67	4.03	3.98	3.97
70-74	13 870	14 621	16 227	16 390	3.11	3.13	3.43	3.46
75-79	9 440	11 206	11 455	11 563	2.11	2.40	2.42	2.44
80-84	5 243	6 562	7 377	7 616	1.17	1.41	1.56	1.61
85 and over	3 595	4 176	4 794	5 058	0.81	0.89	1.01	1.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>446 473</b>	<b>466 802</b>	<b>472 464</b>	<b>473 022</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Median age	30.5	32.4	33.6	34.0	..	..	..	..

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### METHODOLOGY

- 1** Australia's population statistics (since 1971) are compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population. An explanation of the conceptual basis is given in the ABS Information Paper *Population Estimates: An Outline of the New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates* (Catalogue No. 3216.0) issued on 29 March 1982.
- 2** The estimated resident population of any area at a Census date is derived by adjusting the Census Count Place of Enumeration data to exclude visitors who normally reside outside the area, to include residents who were temporarily absent in other areas or overseas, and to apply a factor for census under-enumeration.
- 3** Due to the 1991 Census being held on 6 August further adjustments have been made for births, deaths and net migration for the period 30 June to 6 August 1991 to arrive at an estimated resident population at 30 June 1991.
- 4** Post-censal estimates at the National and State and Territory levels are made quarterly and are obtained by adding components of natural increase (on a usual residence basis) and net migration gain to the population at the beginning of each period.
- 5** At the National level, estimates of overseas migration are based on net permanent and long-term overseas movements as recorded on passenger cards completed by incoming and outgoing travellers for the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.
- 6** At the State and Territory level, information about internal migration is available from population censuses and from a sample survey of internal movements (conducted at more or less annual intervals to 1987 and resumed in 1991). These sources however, do not provide the up-to-date quarterly estimates of interstate migration required for regular population estimates. The only suitable sources for this purpose are administrative records. Prior to June 1986, quarterly estimates of internal migration were derived from records of interstate changes of addresses advised to the Department of Social Security in connection with family allowance payments. Since June 1986 the estimates have been derived from changes of addresses advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare.
- 7** Post-censal Statistical Local Area (SLA) estimates are made annually and are produced with the assistance of local government authorities and other bodies who provide information on significant local factors which may have caused population changes in the relevant period.
- 8** After each census, final estimates for the preceding intercensal period are provided by incorporating an additional adjustment (intercensal discrepancy) to ensure that the total intercensal increase agrees with the difference between the estimated resident populations at the two respective census dates. This publication contains these estimates based on the result of the 1991 Census.
- 9** Estimates of the age and sex of SLA populations in this bulletin are based on the 1991 Census results.

### DATA QUALITY

- 10** The quality of estimates contained within this publication is dependant on the quality of population census results (including under-enumeration adjustments) and on the various components and indicators of population change.
- 11** Intercensal discrepancy measures the difference between population estimates updated from a past population census and the estimates based on the subsequent population census. For Tasmania, between the 1986 and 1991 Censuses, the intercensal discrepancy was measured at 6,300 persons, or 1.4 % of the estimated population.



**12** Analysis of intercensal discrepancy between 1986 and 1991 reveals that for eleven local government areas containing more than 10,000 persons, discrepancy was less than two % of the final estimated population. For smaller local government areas, estimates for nine out of every ten were within five % of the final estimated population.

**STATISTICAL  
GEOGRAPHY**

**13** The statistical geography used in this publication is based on the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), Edition 4. Users should refer to the *ASGC Manual* (Catalogue No. 1216.0) or *Index of Tasmanian Towns, Localities and Standard Area Codes, Tasmania* (Catalogue No. 1101.6) for further information.

**14** Population estimates for statistical local areas and local government areas in this publication are based on the boundaries in existence at 30 June 1995.

**RELIABILITY**

**15** As the census data used to derive post-censal statistical local area and local government area estimates is based on boundaries in existence prior to 1995, some estimates may suffer due to poor match-up between old and new local government area boundaries.

**16** Estimates of the age and sex of the population in each SLA and of overseas and interstate migration are shown in units without being rounded. However, accuracy down to the unit is not claimed and should not be assumed.

**RELATED  
PUBLICATIONS**

**17** Users may wish to refer to the following publications:

*Characteristics of Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas, Tasmania* (2401.6)

*Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0)

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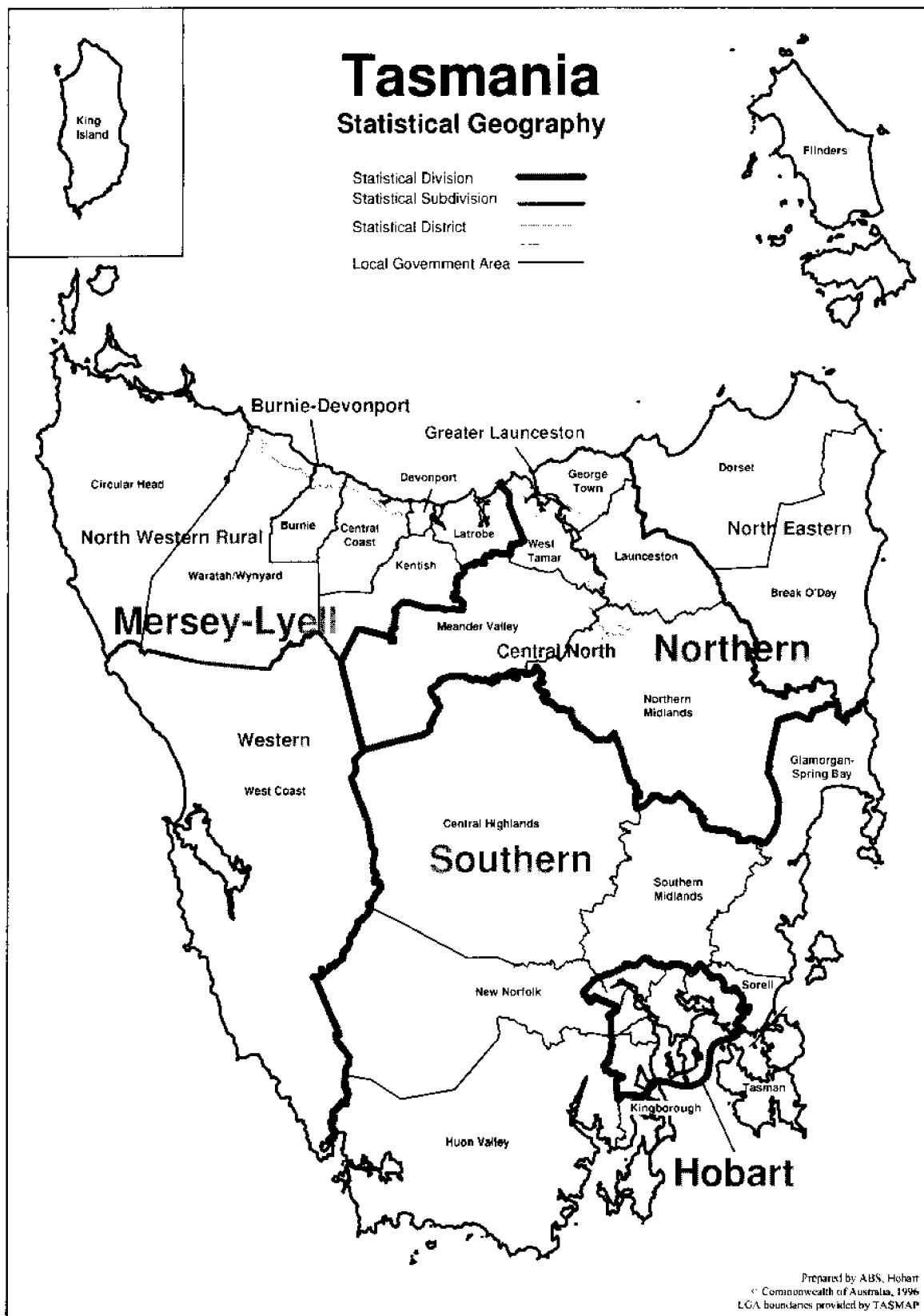
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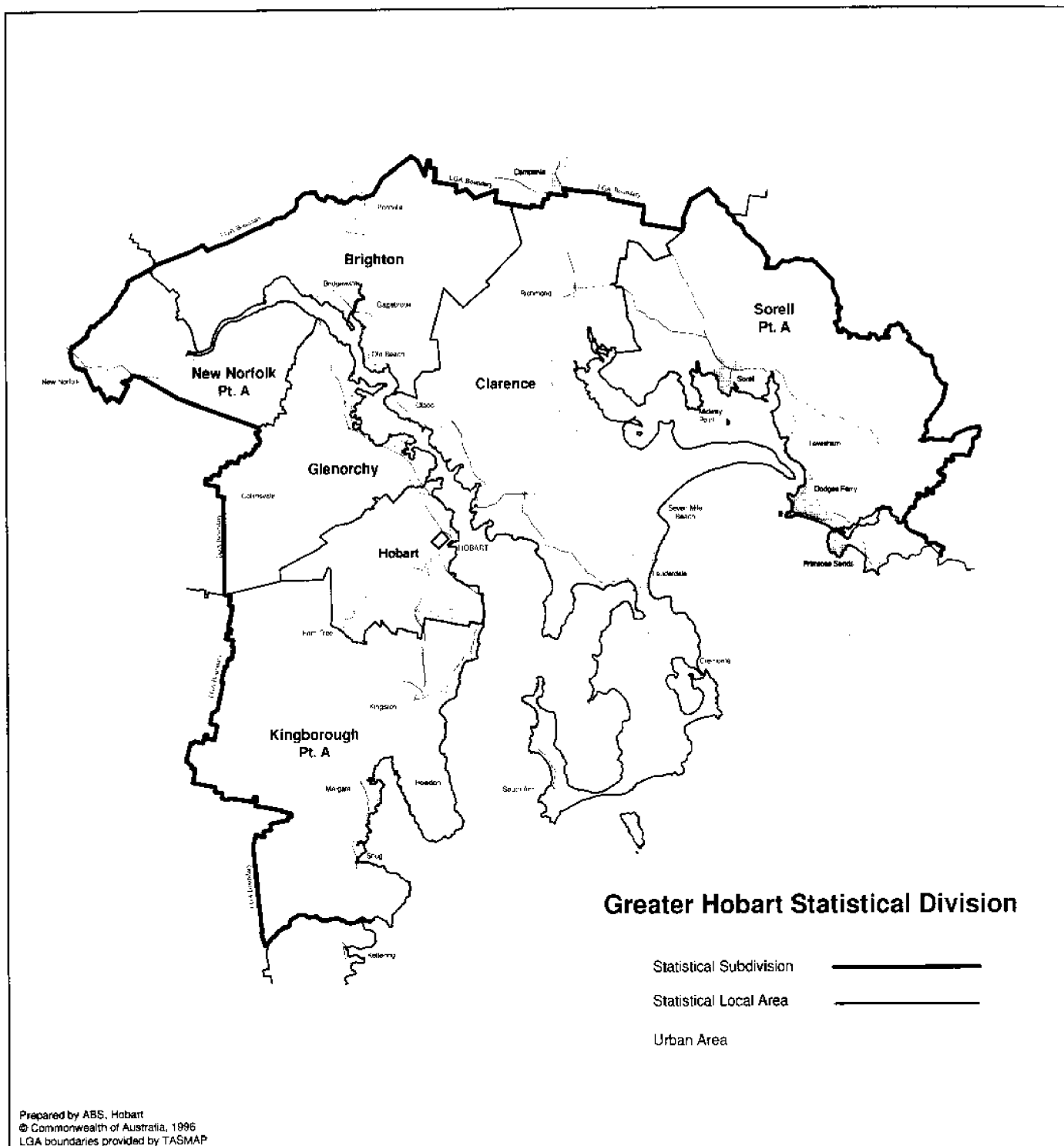
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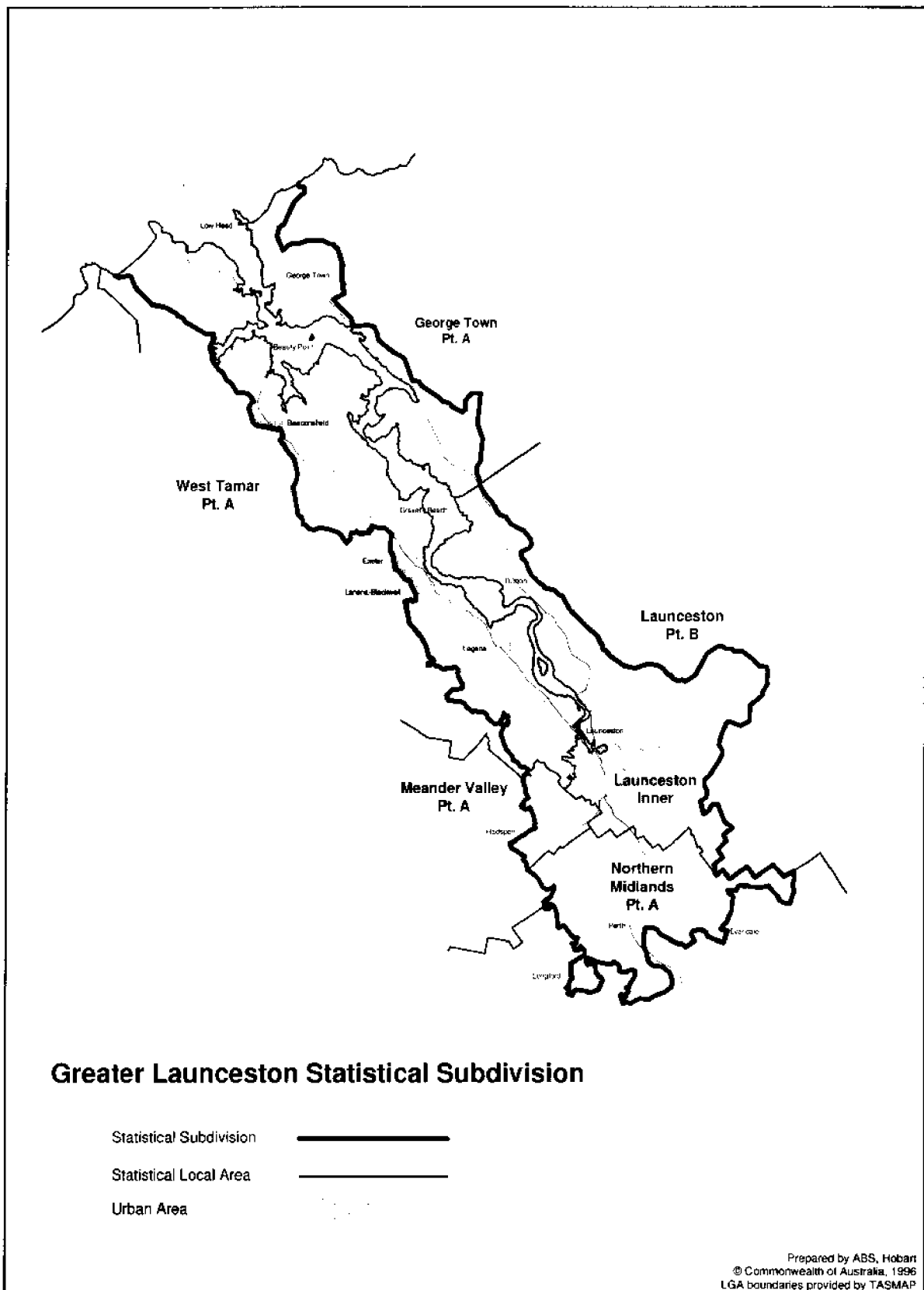
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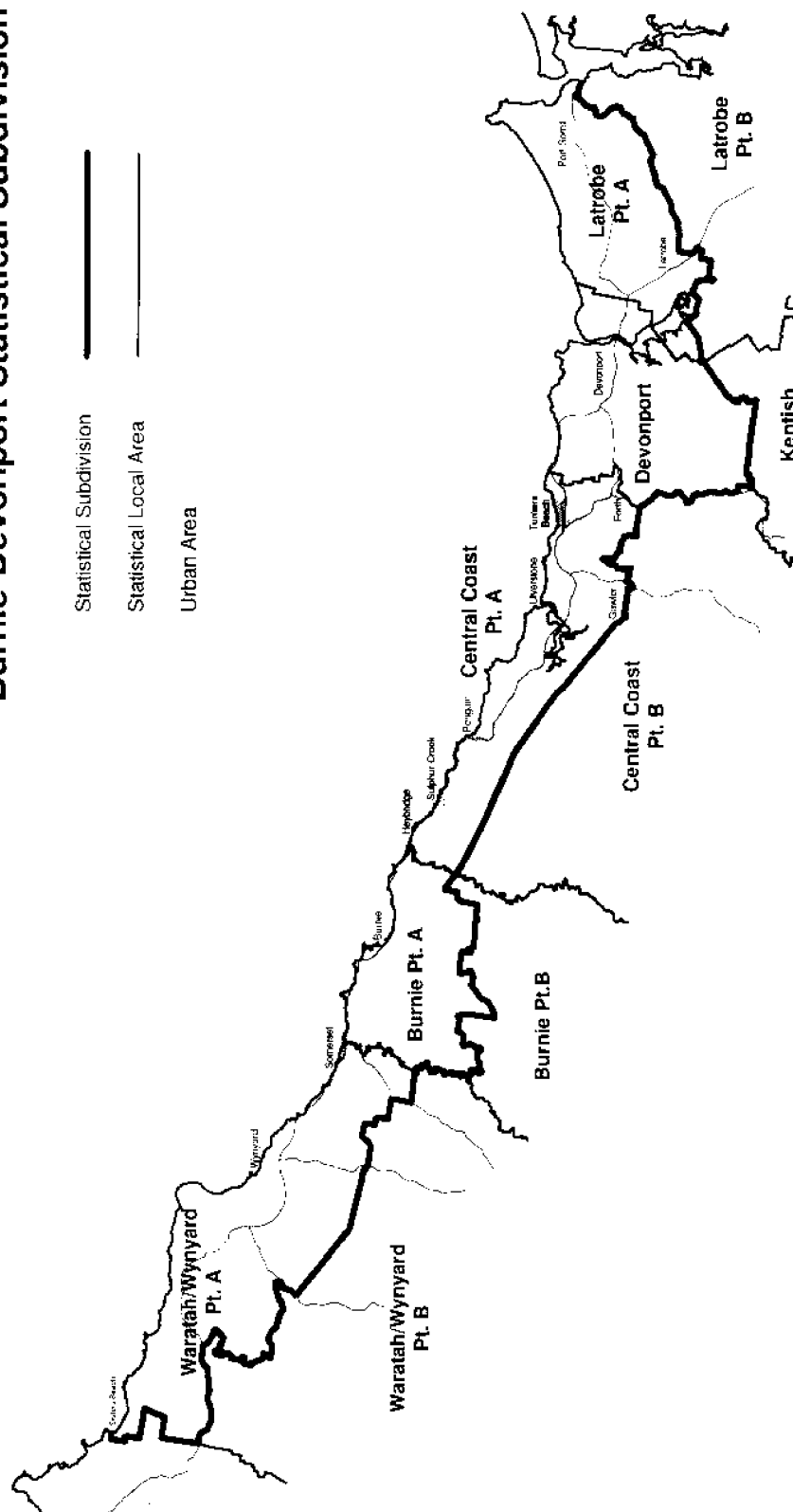
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