

POPULATION.

A descriptive statement of the growth of the population of Victoria from 1836 to 1928 appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 37 to 39.

The following table shows the population in various years of the period 1836 to 1929:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1836 TO 1929.

Year.	Estimated Population, 31st December.			Estimated Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1836 (25th May) ..	142	35	177	} 200
1836 (8th Novr.) ..	186	38	224	
1840 ..	7,254	3,037	10,291	8,056
1850 ..	45,495	30,667	76,162	71,191
1855 ..	234,450	129,874	364,324	338,315
1860 ..	328,251	209,596	537,847	534,055
1870 ..	398,755	327,844	726,599	713,195
1880 ..	451,456	408,611	860,067	850,343
1890 ..	596,064	537,202	1,133,266	1,118,500
1900 ..	602,487	594,719	1,197,206	1,193,338
1901 ..	608,436	601,464	1,209,900	1,203,137
1902 ..	604,318	603,913	1,208,231	1,207,527
1903 ..	599,950	604,792	1,204,742	1,205,296
1904 ..	597,617	607,991	1,205,608	1,202,814
1905 ..	598,134	612,287	1,210,421	1,206,046
1906 ..	600,856	618,976	1,219,832	1,213,672
1907 ..	605,775	627,032	1,232,807	1,225,503
1908 ..	614,937	635,512	1,250,449	1,240,488
1909 ..	631,021	646,001	1,277,022	1,261,169
1910 ..	646,482	654,926	1,301,408	1,282,477
1911 ..	668,818	671,075	1,339,893	1,320,661
1912 ..	690,056	692,497	1,382,553	1,357,864
1913 ..	707,444	707,972	1,415,416	1,395,958
1914 ..	713,307	721,881	1,435,188	1,427,512
1915 ..	694,210	730,235	1,424,445	1,431,632
1916 ..	666,245	738,418	1,404,663	1,414,480
1917 ..	671,075	745,985	1,417,060	1,411,381
1918 ..	684,243	753,002	1,437,245	1,424,054
1919 ..	739,956	763,079	1,503,035	1,473,013
1920 ..	753,803	774,106	1,527,909	1,512,093
1921 ..	764,905	785,781	1,550,686	1,537,008
1922 ..	788,626	801,599	1,590,225	1,570,824
1923 ..	806,546	818,834	1,625,380	1,607,773
1924 ..	824,182	832,913	1,657,095	1,641,852
1925 ..	838,693	845,324	1,684,017	1,671,467
1926 ..	852,399	859,428	1,711,827	1,696,670
1927 ..	867,409	873,981	1,741,390	1,727,413
1928 ..	875,449	885,515	1,760,964	1,751,340
1929 ..	881,650	895,415	1,777,065	1,769,126

The rates of increase in population in different years are given on page 39.

Population, 1929. The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during 1929 are shown in the following table :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 31st DECEMBER, 1929.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1928.. ..	..	..	875,449	885,515	1,760,964
Births, 1929	17,394	16,210			
Deaths, 1929	9,131	7,586			
Natural Increase .. ..	..	..	8,263	8,624	16,887
Migration by Sea, 1929—					
Arrivals	38,745	36,191			
Departures (as adjusted)	39,377	35,661			
Gain Seawards .. ..	..	..	—632*	530	—102*
Migration by Land, 1929—					
Arrivals	106,938	53,468			
Departures (as adjusted)	108,368	52,722			
Gain Overland .. ..	..	..	—1,430*	746	—684*
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1929.. ..	..	..	881,650	895,415	1,777,065
Full-blooded aborigines as enumerated at a census of aborigines, 30th June, 1928, not included in the estimate .. ..	..	..	34	19	53

* Loss.

The population of Victoria was at the date of the census, 1,140,405 in 1891 ; 1,201,341 in 1901 ; 1,315,551 in 1911 ; and 1,531,280 in 1921. The estimated population at 31st December, 1929, was 1,777,065. The table which follows shows the increase of population by excess of births over deaths, and the loss by emigration in each year since the first-mentioned date :—

Increase of Population, 1891-1929.

INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND LOSS BY EMIGRATION, 1891 TO 1929.

Year.	Natural Increase (i.e., Excess of Births over Deaths).	Loss by Emigration.	Net Increase.
1891 (from 5th April, Census) ..	15,859	+ 1,414	17,273
1892	21,980	11,058	10,922
1893	20,044	12,484	7,560
1894	18,828	12,698	6,130
1895	18,070	14,410	3,660
1896	16,464	22,134	- 5,670*
1897	16,184	13,754	2,430
1898	11,477	11,127	350
1899	14,430	8,020	6,410
1900	15,564	7,828	7,736
1901 (to 31st March, Census) ..	3,613	+ 251	3,864
Total Intercensal period (10 years)..	172,513	111,848	60,665
1901 (from 1st April)	11,491	2,661	8,830
1902	14,284	15,953	- 1,669*
1903	13,974	17,463	- 3,489*
1904	15,370	14,504	866
1905	15,431	10,618	4,813
1906	15,607	6,196	9,411
1907	16,826	3,851	12,975
1908	15,331	+ 2,311	17,642
1909	17,108	+ 9,465	26,573
1910	16,705	+ 7,681	24,386
1911 (to 2nd April, Census) ..	4,694	+ 9,449	14,143
Total Intercensal period (10 years)..	156,821	42,340	114,481
1911 (from 3rd April)	13,116	+ 11,226	24,342
1912	19,207	+ 23,453	42,660
1913	20,496	+ 12,367	32,863
1914	19,719	+ 53	19,772
1915	19,186	29,929	- 10,743*
1916	17,746	37,528	- 19,782*
1917	18,478	6,081	12,397
1918	16,420	+ 3,765	20,185
1919	12,249	+ 53,541	65,790
1920	19,381	+ 5,493	24,874
1921 (to 4th April, Census) ..	4,679	1,308	3,371
Total Intercensal period (10 years)	180,677	+ 35,052	215,729
1921 (from 5th April)	14,747	+ 4,659	19,406
1922	21,133	+ 18,406	39,539
1923	18,658	+ 16,497	35,155
1924	19,637	+ 12,078	31,715
1925	20,085	+ 6,837	26,922
1926	19,027	+ 8,783	27,810
1927	18,301	+ 11,262	29,563
1928	16,790	+ 2,784	19,574
1929	16,887	786	16,101

NOTE.—The plus sign (+) indicates that the arrivals exceeded the departures.

* Net decrease.

The following table shows the total migration by sea to and from Victoria during the five years 1925 to 1929 :—

Immigration
and
emigration,
1925-1929.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA, 1925 TO 1929.

Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants.
1925	77,487	64,567	12,920
1926	88,026	74,107	13,917
1927	90,338	77,391	12,947
1928	78,153	73,288	4,865
1929	74,936	75,038	—102*

* Excess of Emigrants.

The Inter-State railway passenger traffic, as well as the seaward traffic, is taken into account in framing estimates of population. The effect of the railway traffic during the past five years is shown in the following statement :—

Arrivals and
departures by
rail, 1925 to
1929.

MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1925 TO 1929.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Departures.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1925	192,390	99,286	291,676	196,382	101,377	297,759	3,992	2,091	6,083
1926	161,074	83,922	244,996	165,441	84,689	250,130	4,367	767	5,134
1927	122,928	61,464	184,392	125,025	61,052	186,077	2,097	412*	1,685
1928	118,440	59,221	177,661	120,801	58,941	179,742	2,361	280*	2,031
1929	106,938	53,468	160,406	108,368	52,722	161,090	1,490	746*	684

* Excess of Arrivals.

During 1929 Victoria lost by rail 12 persons to South Australia and 819 to Western Australia, but gained 111 from New South Wales, 22 from Queensland, and 14 from the Federal Capital Territory.

The net result of the immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria and the neighbouring States, the United Kingdom, and foreign countries during each of the five years ended 1929 is shown in the following table. Where a minus sign (—) appears, it indicates that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed :—

Gain by
immigration
from various
countries and
vice versa.

NET IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA BY SEA, 1925 TO 1929.

	Excess of Immigration over Emigration between Victoria and—												
Year.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.	Other British Dominions.	United States.	Other Foreign Ports.	Net Immigration.
1925	- 1,007	- 1,459	- 148	48	3,251	12	- 445	103	10,714	- 29	7	1,873	12,920
1926	- 993	- 953	- 196	143	4,452	75	31	36	9,498	- 92	7	1,909	13,917
1927	- 1,925	- 678	- 122	504	1,988	10	383	- 53	10,203	- 36	43	3,566	12,947
1928	- 877	- 573	112	914	1,295	83	- 81	- 54	4,982	- 80	- 4	976	4,865
1929	- 655	- 654	215	- 1,246	754	28	- 255	- 192	1,538	- 275	17	623	- 102
Total	- 5,457	- 4,317	- 139	- 2,473	11,740	208	- 307	- 160	36,935	- 440	70	8,947	44,547

The net result of the seaward migration for the five years has been an increase to Victoria of 44,547 persons, the principal gains having been from the United Kingdom and Tasmania.

The number of persons who have been assisted to come to Victoria from the foundation of the State to the end of 1929 will be found in the next table :—

STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA TO THE END OF 1929.

Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.	Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.
1838-50	28,632	1923	9,504
1851-60	87,963	1924	8,721
1861-70	46,594	1925	8,589
1871-80	5,545	1926	8,583
1881-90	2	1927	8,854
1891-00 .. ..	..	1928	5,221
1901-10	2,829	1929	2,635
1911-20	46,737		
1921	3,987	Total	283,541
1922	9,145		

In 1929 the immigrants assisted by the Government numbered 2,635, of whom 1,850 were nominated and 785 selected. Of the immigrants, 630 were married persons. The sex distribution of the State-assisted immigrants was—males 1,359, and females 1,276.

CENSUS OF 1921.

The last census of Australia was taken on the 4th April, 1921. A statement showing the population of and number of dwellings in each of the municipalities of the State at the date of the census was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 45 to 49. The following is a summary of the information published :—

POPULATION AND DWELLINGS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AS AT THE CENSUS OF 4TH APRIL, 1921.

Local Bodies.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Built.	Being Built.	Total.
Cities, Towns and Boroughs	427,750	486,621	914,371	204,144	1,272	205,416
Shires	322,205	288,782	610,987	141,842	737	142,579
Not Incorporated ..	106	68	174	64	..	64
Whole State	750,061	775,471	1,525,532	346,050	2,009	348,059
Shipping	4,663	1,085	5,748	..	..	..
Total Population ..	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	346,050	2,009	348,059

The enumerated populations of the districts of Victoria at the last two census dates are shown hereunder :—

ENUMERATED POPULATIONS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF VICTORIA AT THE CENSUSES OF 1911 AND 1921.

District.	1911.			1921.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Central ..	358,360	388,532	746,892	465,671	510,370	976,041
North Central	37,256	37,268	74,524	30,946	31,645	62,591
Western ..	69,746	68,792	138,538	67,178	67,380	134,558
Wimmera ..	31,636	28,067	59,703	30,533	27,940	58,473
Mallee ..	17,247	11,806	29,053	25,896	19,032	44,928
Northern ..	67,819	63,988	131,807	62,066	59,767	121,833
North-Eastern	30,795	27,488	58,283	25,902	23,577	49,479
Gippsland ..	38,650	33,296	71,946	41,869	35,760	77,629
Shipping ..	4,082	723	4,805	4,663	1,085	5,748
Total ..	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	754,724	776,556	1,531,280

The populations enumerated in each county of the State at the Censuses of 1911 and 1921 are given in the following statement, and the increases or decreases are shown :—

POPULATION OF COUNTIES IN VICTORIA,
1911 AND 1921.

County.	Enumerated Population in—						Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1921 compared with 1911.					
	1911.			1921.								
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Anglesey ..	4,772	4,180	8,952	5,508	4,581	10,089	+	736	+	401	+	1,137
Benambra ..	3,625	2,957	6,582	3,359	2,722	6,081	—	266	—	235	—	601
Bendigo ..	26,771	27,729	54,500	22,924	24,606	47,530	—	3,847	—	3,123	—	6,970
Bogong ..	14,681	13,224	27,905	11,639	10,668	22,307	—	3,042	—	2,556	—	5,598
Borong ..	16,289	14,562	30,851	16,173	14,721	30,894	—	116	—	159	—	43
Bourke ..	295,309	327,502	622,811	328,959	433,810	822,769	+	93,650	+	109,308	+	199,958
Buln Buln ..	22,283	18,774	41,057	24,546	20,344	44,890	+	2,263	+	1,670	+	3,833
Croajingo- long ..	1,510	1,190	2,700	1,684	1,275	2,959	+	174	+	85	+	259
Dalhousie ..	8,917	8,724	17,641	8,036	8,117	16,203	—	831	—	607	—	1,438
Dargo ..	3,077	2,441	5,518	2,353	2,050	4,403	—	724	—	391	—	1,115
DeLatite ..	11,491	10,574	22,065	10,171	9,655	19,826	—	1,320	—	919	—	2,239
Dundas ..	5,298	5,152	10,450	5,330	5,258	10,588	+	32	+	106	+	138
Evelyn ..	9,026	8,265	17,291	12,460	12,090	24,550	+	3,434	+	3,825	+	7,259
Follett ..	1,372	1,339	2,711	1,611	1,552	3,163	+	239	+	213	+	462
Gladstone ..	8,752	7,961	16,713	6,516	5,939	12,455	—	2,236	—	2,022	—	4,258
Grant ..	34,991	36,486	71,477	35,077	38,110	73,787	+	686	+	1,624	+	2,310
Grenville ..	20,503	22,567	43,070	17,621	19,791	37,412	—	2,882	—	2,776	—	5,658
Gunbower ..	6,083	4,181	9,264	6,258	5,357	11,615	+	1,175	+	1,176	+	2,351
Hampden ..	0,707	6,188	12,895	6,443	6,244	12,687	—	264	—	56	—	208
Heytesbury ..	3,705	3,261	6,966	4,090	3,764	7,854	+	385	+	503	+	888
Kara Kara ..	8,265	7,274	15,539	7,627	7,195	14,822	—	638	—	79	—	717
Karkaroc ..	9,618	6,562	16,180	16,267	11,882	28,149	+	6,649	+	5,320	+	11,969
Lowan ..	7,082	6,231	13,313	6,733	6,024	12,757	—	349	—	207	—	556
Millewa ..	56	28	84	49	21	70	—	7	—	20	—	14
Moir ..	16,814	15,028	31,842	14,878	13,623	28,501	—	1,936	—	1,405	—	3,341
Morrington ..	19,034	16,279	35,313	28,575	26,360	54,935	+	9,541	+	10,081	+	19,622
Normanby ..	6,900	6,007	11,907	5,857	5,922	11,779	—	43	—	85	—	128
Polwarth ..	7,367	6,533	13,900	7,981	7,173	15,154	+	614	+	640	+	1,254
Ripon ..	7,464	6,448	13,912	6,671	6,236	12,907	—	793	—	212	—	1,005
Rodney ..	10,399	9,089	19,488	11,490	10,242	21,732	+	1,091	+	1,153	+	2,244
Talbot ..	23,567	24,364	47,931	17,352	18,947	36,299	—	6,215	—	5,417	—	11,632
Tambo ..	1,650	1,329	2,979	2,240	1,876	4,116	+	590	+	547	+	1,137
Tanjil ..	10,180	9,562	19,692	11,046	10,215	21,261	+	916	+	653	+	1,569
Tatchera ..	6,318	4,519	10,837	7,076	5,321	12,397	+	758	+	802	+	1,560
Villiers ..	11,430	11,297	22,727	11,574	11,440	23,014	+	144	+	143	+	287
Weeah ..	1,255	697	1,952	2,594	1,808	4,312	+	1,249	+	1,111	+	2,360
Wonnangatta ..	998	733	1,731	733	532	1,265	—	265	—	201	—	466
Outside Counties— Shipping ..	4,082	723	4,805	4,663	1,085	5,748	+	581	+	362	+	943
Total ..	655,591	659,900	1,315,551	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	+	99,133	+	116,596	+	215,729

NOTE.—Full-blood aborigines, to the number of 196 in 1911 and 144 in 1921, are excluded from the foregoing statement.

Conjugal Condition, 1921. The conjugal condition of the people, as ascertained at the census of 1921, is shown in the following table:—

CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE, 4TH APRIL, 1921.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Never married—			
Under age 15 years	231,086	224,850	455,936
Age 15 years and over	222,177	211,833	434,010
Married	277,183	282,494	559,677
Widowed	21,279	54,928	76,207
Divorced	1,092	1,221	2,313
Unspecified	1,907	1,230	3,137
Total	754,724	776,556	1,531,280

OCCUPATIONS OF THE PEOPLE, 1911 AND 1921.

The number of breadwinners in each class of occupation at the last two censuses, and of the persons dependent on them, are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 53.

Grades of Occupation. The grades of occupation of the population, as returned at the censuses of 1911 and 1921, were as follows:—

Grade.	Census of 1911.			Census of 1921.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Employer	59,713	7,315	67,028	40,636	4,071	44,707
Working on own account	37,753	11,987	49,740	82,436	14,624	97,060
Assisting but not receiving salary or wages* ..	19,273	3,002	22,275	10,742	1,003	11,745
Receiving salary or wages	281,727	103,975	385,702	315,391	118,052	433,443
Unemployed	14,930	3,012	17,942	32,432	7,581	40,013
*Grade not applicable	229,594	528,264	757,858	266,861	629,013	895,874
Grade not stated	12,601	2,405	15,006	6,426	2,212	8,638
Total	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	754,724	776,556	1,531,280

* This relates principally to dependents and persons supported by voluntary and State contributions.

MODE OF OCCUPANCY OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS, TENEMENTS, AND FLATS—CENSUSES OF 1911 AND 1921.

The number of owner occupiers, purchasers by instalments, tenants, and other, and unspecified occupiers, at the censuses of 1911 and 1921, is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 54.

Ages of the
people.

The following table shows the ages of the people at the dates of the censuses of 1901, 1911, and 1921, and the proportionate numbers living in successive age groups :—

AGES OF THE PEOPLE AT CENSUSES, 1901, 1911, AND 1921.

Age Group (Years).	1901.		1911.		1921.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
0-5 ..	66,807	65,179	73,061	70,417	79,210	76,426
5-10 ..	72,052	70,493	65,615	63,904	79,452	77,680
10-15 ..	67,389	66,640	63,586	62,523	72,424	70,744
15-20 ..	58,896	59,717	67,804	67,719	66,020	64,589
20-25 ..	50,593	57,632	61,895	65,217	62,096	67,503
25-30 ..	45,469	52,832	51,955	55,651	62,845	69,647
30-35 ..	46,635	48,156	44,928	48,694	59,244	63,439
35-40 ..	46,723	43,390	41,308	44,549	50,696	53,790
40-45 ..	37,118	33,551	42,512	42,480	44,885	47,914
45-50 ..	24,137	21,810	41,015	38,477	39,556	42,378
50-55 ..	18,346	17,601	31,866	29,420	40,174	40,391
55-60 ..	15,351	15,157	19,486	18,457	35,923	34,841
60-65 ..	14,979	14,292	13,834	14,316	26,660	27,016
65-70 ..	16,080	13,843	11,432	12,603	15,064	15,717
70-75 ..	11,781	8,360	9,415	9,972	9,035	10,204
75-80 ..	5,733	4,231	7,275	6,934	5,415	6,826
80-85 ..	2,453	2,065	3,903	3,387	2,991	3,831
85-90 ..	603	587	1,133	1,129	1,336	1,672
90-100 ..	160	152	301	321	404	567
100 and over ..	12	11	8	10	9	8
Unspecified ..	2,564	1,759	3,259	3,780	1,295	1,373
Total ..	603,893	597,458	655,591	659,960	754,724	776,556

AGES OF THE PEOPLE AT CENSUSES, 1901, 1911, AND 1921—*continued*.

Age Group (Years).	1901.		1911.		1921.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
PROPORTIONS PER CENT.						
0-5 ..	11·11	10·94	11·20	10·73	10·51	9·86
5-10 ..	11·98	11·83	10·06	9·74	10·55	10·02
10-15 ..	11·21	11·19	9·74	9·53	9·61	9·13
15-20 ..	9·80	10·03	10·40	10·32	8·76	8·33
20-25 ..	8·41	9·68	9·48	9·94	8·24	8·71
25-30 ..	7·56	8·87	7·96	8·48	8·34	8·98
30-35 ..	7·76	8·08	6·89	7·42	7·86	8·18
35-40 ..	7·77	7·28	6·33	6·79	6·73	6·94
40-45 ..	6·17	5·63	6·52	6·47	5·96	6·18
45-50 ..	4·02	3·66	6·29	5·87	5·25	5·47
50-55 ..	3·05	2·96	4·89	4·48	5·33	5·21
55-60 ..	2·55	2·54	2·99	2·81	4·77	4·49
60-65 ..	2·49	2·40	2·12	2·18	3·54	3·49
65-70 ..	2·67	2·32	1·75	1·92	2·00	2·03
70-75 ..	1·96	1·40	1·44	1·52	1·20	1·32
75-80 ..	·95	·71	1·11	1·06	·72	·88
80-85 ..	·41	·35	·60	·52	·40	·49
85-90 ..	·10	·10	·18	·17	·18	·22
90 and over ..	·03	·03	·05	·05	·05	·07
Specified Ages	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

Persons at
dependent
and support-
ing ages.

By adopting larger groups a clearer idea is obtained of the age distribution of the population at the three census periods. The subjoined table shows the numbers and

proportions of males and females at ages 0-15, 15-45, 45-65 and 65 and upwards. Persons of unspecified ages have been omitted :—

NUMBER OF PERSONS AT DEPENDENT AND SUPPORTING AGES IN VICTORIA AT THREE CENSUS ENUMERATIONS.

Census Year.	Number of Persons at—							
	Dependent Ages (under 15 years).		Supporting Ages.				Old Age (65 years and upwards).	
			15 to 45 years.		45 to 65 years.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1901	206,248	202,312	285,434	295,278	72,815	68,860	36,822	29,249
1911	202,262	196,844	310,402	324,310	106,201	100,670	33,467	34,356
1921	231,086	224,850	345,786	366,882	142,313	144,626	34,244	38,825
Proportions per cent.								
1901	34·30	33·96	47·47	49·57	12·11	11·56	6·12	4·91
1911	31·00	30·00	47·59	49·42	16·28	15·34	5·13	5·24
1921	30·67	29·00	45·89	47·33	18·89	18·66	4·55	5·01

A table showing the length of residence in Australia, at the date of the census of 1921, of persons included in the population of the State who were born outside the Commonwealth, appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 57.

At the census of the year 1921 the number of persons to the square mile was 17·36, and to inhabited dwellings 3·77. The number of persons to each inhabited dwelling and to each room were 4·61 and 0·85 respectively. The number of rooms to an inhabited dwelling was 5·35. Similar information relating to the other six censuses is given on page 58 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

BIRTHPLACES OF THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA, 1921.

The census of 1921 gave the birthplaces of the people as follows:—

Birthplaces.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Commonwealth of Australia ..	646,023	684,113	1,330,136
New Zealand	5,460	5,750	11,210
British Isles	83,712	77,405	161,117
British India	1,003	537	1,540
Union of South Africa	818	854	1,672
Canada	523	340	863
Denmark	835	200	1,035
Germany	2,462	1,231	3,693
France	393	353	746
Italy	1,411	439	1,850
Sweden	1,021	94	1,115
Norway	637	89	726
Russia	601	342	943
Greece	505	53	558
United States	952	641	1,593
China	2,740	85	2,825
Japan	52	20	72
Switzerland	321	118	439
Other Countries	2,710	1,484	4,194
At Sea	524	587	1,111
Unspecified	2,021	1,821	3,842
Total	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
Allegiance—			
British	747,482	774,702	1,522,184
Foreign	6,873	1,496	8,369
Unstated	369	358	727

Australian born. The residents of Victoria at the date of the Census who were born in the Commonwealth of Australia numbered 1,330,136 or 87 per cent. of the total population.

Foreign born. The number of persons in the State in 1921, born in countries outside the British dominions, was 19,486, or 1·3 per cent. of the population. This is a decrease as compared with 1911, when they numbered 21,252, or 1·6 per cent. of the population.

Allegiance. The number of persons living in Victoria in 1921 who owed their allegiance to a foreign country was 8,369.

In the interval between the censuses of 1911 and 1921 Chinese natives of China decreased from 4,302 to 2,825. These figures, however, do not represent all the Chinese in the State, as there are persons of this race born in places outside of China who are resident in Victoria. The total number of the Chinese race in Victoria (including Chinese born in Australia) was 5,601 in 1911 and 4,179 in 1921.

The enumerated population at each of the last seven censuses and the decennial increases, numerical and centesimal, were as shown hereunder:—

POPULATION OF VICTORIA (INCLUDING ABORIGINES) AT SEVEN CENSUS PERIODS.

Year of Census.	Both Sexes.			Males.			Females.		
	Population.	Increase in Ten-year period.		Population.	Increase in Ten-year period.		Population.	Increase in Ten-year period.	
		Numerical.	Centesimal.		Numerical.	Centesimal.		Numerical.	Centesimal.
1861	540,322	462,977	598·59	328,651	282,449	611·34	211,671	180,528	579·67
1871	731,528	191,206	35·39	401,050	72,399	22·03	330,478	118,807	56·13
1881	862,346	130,818	17·88	452,083	51,033	12·72	410,263	79,785	24·14
1891	1,140,405	278,059	32·24	598,414	146,331	32·37	541,991	131,728	32·11
1901	1,201,341	60,936	5·34	603,883	5,469	·91	597,458	55,467	10·23
1911	1,315,747	114,406	9·52	655,694	51,811	8·58	660,053	62,595	10·48
1921	1,531,424	215,677	16·39	754,804	99,110	15·12	776,620	116,567	17·66

NOTE.—The figures in this table include full-blood aboriginals. These numbered 144 in 1921, viz., 80 males and 64 females.

The ratio of males to females at the last census (1921) was 97·19 per cent. The proportions of sexes at the *Masculinity of the Population*, other six censuses are given on page 60 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

The number of males to every 100 females in age-groups at the date of the 1921 census was as follows:—Age-group 0-10, 103·0; 10-20, 102·3; 20-40, 92·5; 40-60, 97·0; 60-80, 94·0; and 80 and over, 78·0. The ratios for certain age groups in the census years 1891, 1901, and 1911 are given in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, also the proportions existing between males and females at the census of 1911 in other parts of Australasia and England and Wales.

The following table shows the area in acres and the enumerated population at the census of 1921 of the various municipalities of Greater Melbourne, also the number of persons to the acre in these municipalities and the estimated population at the end of 1929:—

**POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT
CENSUS OF 1921, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1929.**

Sub-District.	Area in Acres, 31st Dec., 1929.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1921.	Estimated Population, 31st Dec., 1929.	Persons to the Acre, 31st Dec., 1929.
Melbourne City	7,555	103,251	104,200	13·8
Box Hill City	5,120	*	14,000	2·7
Brighton City	3,308	21,235	29,020	8·8
Brunswick City	2,719	44,484	57,230	21·0
Camberwell City	8,322	23,835	49,130	5·9
Caulfield City	5,600	40,693	73,790	13·2
Coburg City	4,800	18,114	40,090	8·4
Collingwood City	1,139	34,239	32,700	28·7
Essendon City	4,000	35,269	43,870	11·0
Fitzroy City	923	34,938	32,900	35·6
Footscray City	3,982	33,775	51,880	13·0
Hawthorn City	2,402	29,165	33,500	13·9
Kew City	3,553	17,382	26,220	7·4
Malvern City	3,996	32,306	46,260	11·6
Northcote City	2,850	30,519	42,000	14·7
Oakleigh City	2,658	6,070	11,200	4·2
Port Melbourne City	2,366	13,089	13,500	5·7
Prahran City	2,320	50,290	52,750	22·7
Preston City	8,800	9,670	29,150	3·3
Richmond City	1,430	43,171	42,600	29·8
Sandringham City	3,740	11,316	23,800	6·4
South Melbourne City	2,303	46,873	48,000	20·8
St. Kilda City	2,049	38,579	43,200	21·1
Williamstown City	2,775	19,442	25,100	9·0
Remainder of District	76,956	40,557	47,400	·6
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River .. ..	..	4,711	4,710	..
Total	165,666	782,979	1,018,200	6·1†

* Included with "Remainder of District" in 1921.

† In making this calculation persons in ships were excluded from the total population.

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 35·6 persons to the acre; Richmond has 29·8; Collingwood, 28·7; Prahran, 22·7; St. Kilda, 21·1; Brunswick, 21; South Melbourne, 20·8; and Melbourne City, 13·8. There is a total area of 6,266 acres devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in Greater Melbourne, so that the population is really living closer together than the figures in the table indicate; if these park areas are excluded, the municipalities most affected are as follows:—Fitzroy, with 37·4 persons to the acre; Richmond, 35·8; Collingwood, 30·9; South Melbourne, 26·6; St. Kilda, 24·8; and Melbourne City, 18·7.

The urban is much greater than the rural population, and the population of the metropolis alone is over 57 per cent. of that of the whole State. The results of each census (except that of 1901), after the census of 1861,

Density of metropolitan population.

Proportion of metropolitan population.

showed an increase in the proportion of the total population resident in the metropolitan area. The marked nature of this increase will be apparent from the following statement :—

PROPORTION OF POPULATION OF GREATER MELBOURNE
TO THAT OF THE WHOLE OF VICTORIA.

Year.	Per cent.	Year.	Per cent.
1861 (Census)	.. 25·9	1901 (Census)	.. 41·3
1871 ..	.. 28·9	1911 ..	.. 45·1
1881 ..	.. 32·8	1921 ..	.. 51·1
1891 ..	.. 43·0	1929 (Estimated)	.. 57·3

For a great number of years the population of Greater Melbourne has been estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of ten miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office. To conform to the expansion of the metropolis in a south-easterly direction, and for tabulating the vital statistics of Melbourne and suburbs a new area has been defined. The object aimed at has been to include the residents in the urban portion of the metropolis, and to exclude those who are rural residents. It is proposed for the future to estimate the number of residents within the 10-mile radius as has been done in the past, and in addition to show the number within the urban local government areas in the metropolitan area. The municipalities included in the latter district and the estimated population in each are as under :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION WITHIN THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AREAS OF MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS,
31st DECEMBER, 1929.

Municipal District.	Estimated Population.	Municipal District.	Estimated Population.
Box Hill City ..	14,000	Kew City ..	26,220
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding) ..	7,270	Malvern City ..	46,260
Brighton City ..	29,020	Melbourne City ..	104,200
Brunswick City ..	57,230	Moorabbin Shire ..	17,610
Camberwell City ..	49,130	Mordialloc City ..	10,400
Chelsea City ..	7,250	Northcote City ..	42,000
Caulfield City ..	73,790	Oakleigh City ..	11,200
Coburg City ..	40,090	Port Melbourne City ..	13,500
Collingwood City ..	32,700	Prahran City ..	52,750
Essendon City ..	43,870	Preston City ..	29,150
Fitzroy City ..	32,900	Richmond City ..	42,600
Footscray City ..	51,880	St. Kilda City ..	43,200
Hawthorn City ..	33,500	Sandringham City ..	23,800
Heidelberg Shire (excluding Greensborough Riding) ..	23,300	South Melbourne City ..	48,000
		Williamstown City ..	25,100
		Shipping in Bay and River ..	4,710
		Total ..	1,036,630

Males and
Females in
Melbourne and
Suburbs.

The numbers of males and females in Melbourne and suburbs at each census date from 1861 to 1921, and as estimated in 1929, are shown in the following statement. The proportion of males to the total population of the metropolis and the percentage of the population in the metropolitan area to that of the whole State are also given.

POPULATION OF MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1861 TO 1929.

Year.	Census Population.			Males Percentage of Total Population.	Proportion of Metropolitan to State Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
1861	71,300	68,616	139,916	51·0	per cent.
1871	103,404	103,376	206,780	50·0	25·9
1881	139,006	143,941	282,947	49·1	28·9
1891	247,960	242,936	490,896	50·5	32·8
1901	235,203	260,876	496,079	47·4	43·0
1911	279,900	313,337	593,237	47·2	41·3
1921	370,016	412,963	782,979	47·3	45·1
1929 (estimated) ..	481,200	537,000	1,018,200	47·3	51·1
					57·3

Population of
chief extra-
metropolitan
towns.

Outside Melbourne and suburbs, the most important towns in Victoria are Geelong, comprising three municipalities; Ballarat, two; Bendigo, two; and Mordialloc, Warrnambool, Chelsea, Castlemaine, Wonthaggi, Mildura, Shepparton, Hamilton, and Ararat one each. The populations of these, with their immediate suburbs, according to the census of 1921, and as estimated in 1929, were as follows:—

POPULATION OF CHIEF TOWNS IN VICTORIA, 1921 AND 1929.

Name of Town.	Population.	
	1921 (Census).	1929 (Estimated).
Geelong	36,170	43,580
Ballarat	38,500	42,200
Bendigo	33,170	33,700
Mordialloc	5,674	10,400
Warrnambool	7,739	8,200
Chelsea	5,225	7,250
Castlemaine	7,000	7,170
Wonthaggi	5,176	7,000
Mildura	5,100	6,100
Shepparton	4,228	5,700
Hamilton	5,098	5,320
Ararat	4,653	5,300

The following is a list of the other towns in Victoria which contained a population of 2,000 persons or over in 1929 :—

Town.	Estimated Population in 1929.	Town.	Estimated Population in 1929.
Bairnsdale ..	3,570	Mornington ..	2,100
Beechworth ..	2,500	Port Fairy ..	2,040
Benalla ..	3,300	Portland ..	2,750
Blackburn ..	2,100	Queenscliff ..	3,100
Camperdown ..	3,600	Ringwood ..	3,650
Colac ..	4,600	Sale ..	4,000
Dandenong ..	4,670	Seymour ..	2,130
Daylesford ..	3,300	St. Arnaud ..	3,400
Echuca ..	4,120	Stawell ..	4,700
Healesville ..	2,450	Sunshine ..	3,500
Horsham ..	4,700	Swan Hill ..	2,650
Irymple ..	2,100	Terang ..	2,300
Kerang ..	2,650	Traralgon ..	2,250
Korumburra ..	2,700	Wangaratta ..	4,050
Kyneton ..	3,200	Warracknabeal ..	2,600
Maryborough ..	4,960	Yallourn ..	2,800
Merbein ..	2,400		

The average annual rates at which the population has increased (1) in the whole State, (2) in Melbourne and Suburbs, and (3) in the remainder of the State are shown hereunder :—

AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE OF POPULATION IN THE WHOLE STATE, IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, AND IN REMAINDER OF STATE, 1851 TO 1929.

Period.	In Victoria.		In Melbourne and Suburbs.		In Remainder of State.	
	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
1851-60	2.01	21.59	*	13.62	*	26.67
1861-70	2.46	3.05	1.96†	3.91	2.63†	2.74
1871-80	1.87	1.70	1.33	3.31	2.11	1.01
1881-90	1.66	2.80	1.53	5.56	1.74	1.17
1891-1900	1.47	.55	1.36	.25	1.55	.77
1901-10	1.26	.89	1.05	1.74	1.42	.25
1911-20	1.26	1.59	1.20	2.81	1.32	.42
1921	1.27	1.49	1.26	2.35	1.28	.60
1922	1.36	2.55	1.30	2.73	1.43	2.36
1923	1.17	2.21	1.00	4.41	1.35	-.12
1924	1.21	1.95	1.06	3.85	1.37	-.15
1925	1.21	1.62	1.04	2.98	1.41	.06
1926	1.13	1.65	.96	3.54	1.33	-.58
1927	1.07	1.73	.86	3.26	1.32	-.16
1928	.96	1.12	.80	2.55	1.17	-.69
1929	.96	.91	.73	1.80	1.25	-.25

* Not available.

† Average 1862-1870.

Population of
Australia and
New Zealand,
1861-1921.

The following table shows the population of each Australian State and New Zealand at each census from 1861 to 1921 :—

POPULATION OF THE SIX STATES OF AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND, 1861-1921.

State.	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.
Victoria.. ..	540,822	731,528	862,346	1,140,405	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280
New South Wales ..	350,860	503,981	751,468	1,132,234	1,354,846	1,648,448	2,102,948*
Queensland	30,059	117,960	213,525	393,718	493,120	605,813	755,972
South Australia ..	126,830	185,626	279,865	320,431	363,157	411,868	469,027†
Western Australia ..	15,100	25,270	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732
Tasmania	89,977	101,020	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780
Australia	1,153,148	1,665,385	2,252,617	3,183,237	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734
New Zealand	84,536	257,810	489,933	626,658	772,719	1,008,407	1,218,270

* Including Federal Territory, 2,572.

† Including Northern Territory, 3,867.

In the next table is shown the estimated population of each Australian State (excluding aborigines) and of New Zealand at the end of 1929, also the increase of population since the census of 1921, and the number of persons to the square mile.

POPULATION OF EACH AUSTRALIAN STATE AND NEW
ZEALAND, AT 31st DECEMBER, 1929.

State.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1929.			Increase since Census of 1921 (4th April).	Persons to the Square Mile.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria	881,650	895,415	1,777,065	245,785	20·22
New South Wales ..	1,261,133	1,216,452	2,477,585	377,214	8·01
Queensland	493,030	437,841	930,871	174,899	1·39
South Australia ..	299,641	280,630	580,271	85,111	1·53
Western Australia ..	225,861	190,902	416,763	84,031	·43
Tasmania	108,473	110,593	219,066	5,286	8·36
Territories—					
Northern	2,945	1,525	4,470	603	·01
Federal	4,619	3,663	8,282	5,710	8·81
Australia	3,277,352	3,137,021	6,414,373	978,639	2·16
New Zealand	723,691	695,223	1,418,914	200,644	13·66

The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities during the past 58 years are shown in the following table. Melbourne during that time has made great progress, the most noticeable advance having been in the decennial period 1881-91, when the increase of population was 73 per cent. Between 1891 and 1901 the population remained almost stationary, but in the intercensal period 1901 to 1911 there was an increase of 97,158 and in the period 1911 to 1921 an increase of 189,742 persons. Sydney, which since 1902 has been the most populous city in Australia, had 1,238,660 inhabitants in 1929. These two cities contain over 35 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth.

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES, 1871 TO 1929.

Capital City (with Suburbs).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—						Estimated Population, 31st Dec., 1929.	Persons to the Acre, 1929.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.		
Melbourne	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	1,018,200	6·15
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,238,660	8·27
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	318,631	1·29
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	324,898	2·36
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	202,888	2·32
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	57,500	1·05

NOTE.—The areas of the capital cities at the end of 1929 were Sydney, 149,792 acres; Melbourne, 165,666 acres; Brisbane, 246,400 acres; Adelaide, 137,716 acres; Perth, 87,563 acres; and Hobart, 54,890.

* Not available.

Chinese and
Aborigines in
Victoria.

In the subjoined table is given the population of Victoria at each of the last seven census enumerations, Chinese and Aborigines being distinguished.

POPULATION OF VICTORIA, DISTINGUISHING CHINESE AND ABORIGINES, AT SEVEN CENSUS PERIODS.

Year of Census.	Total Population—including Chinese and Aborigines.			Chinese.			Aborigines.		
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
1861	540,322	328,651	211,671	24,732	24,724	8	1,694	1,046	648
1871	731,528	401,050	330,478	17,935	17,899	36	1,330	784	546
1881	862,346	452,083	410,263	12,128	11,869	259	780	460	320
1891	1,140,405	598,414	541,991	9,377	8,772	605	565	325	240
1901	1,201,341	603,883	597,458	7,349	6,740	609	652	367	285
1911	1,315,747	655,694	660,053	5,601	4,956	645	643	340	303
1921	1,531,424	754,804	776,620	4,179	3,433	746	586*	279	307

NOTE.—The population of the State at each census date since 1861, which appears in the above table and in the table on page 35, includes full-blood aboriginals. When comparisons are made elsewhere in this part with the populations at these census dates, the aboriginals referred to are not included.

* A census of Aborigines in Australia was taken by the Commonwealth Statistician as at 30th June, 1928, and the numbers then ascertained were as under:—

	Full Blood.	Half-caste.	Total.
Australia	60,663†	16,818	77,481
Victoria	53	607	660

† Including 10,000 estimated in Western Australia as living outside the influence of Europeans.

During the year 1929, the number of Chinese who arrived in Victoria was 288, and the number who left was 393. The net decrease in the Chinese population in the last five years, by excess of emigration over immigration was 425.

At the first colonization of Victoria the Aborigines were officially estimated to number about 5,000, but according to other and apparently more reliable estimates they numbered at that time not less than 15,000. When the colony was separated from New South Wales the number was officially stated to be 2,693. At the 1921 census there were enumerated 586 Aborigines, consisting of 144 of pure blood and 442 half-castes. Between the censuses of 1911 and 1921 there was a decrease of 57, the reduction in the pure race being 51 and, in the half-castes, 6. These figures indicate that the race is gradually but surely dying out. A census of Aborigines in Australia was taken by the Commonwealth Statistician as at 30th June, 1928. The number in Victoria was ascertained to be 660, of whom 53 were full-blooded. The reduction in the full-blooded as compared with 1921 was 91. The half-castes increased in the period mentioned by 165. From the records of the Aborigines Board it

would appear that most of the natives are under the care of that body, the numbers in the different stations being as under :—

**NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE AT
STATIONS IN VICTORIA, 1928-29.**

Station.	Aborigines.	Three-quarter and Half-castes.	Total.
Coranderk .. .. .	..	4	4
Lake Condah .. .. .	..	14	14
Lake Tyers	39	234	273
Framlingham .. .. .	..	11	11
Depots	5	18	23
In Institutions	3	..	3
In Service .. .. .	..	..	..
Total	47	281	328

In addition to the above there are 250 half-castes and quadroons at Antwerp, Condah, Framlingham, Echuca, Colac, Dimboola, Healesville, Orbost, Picola, and Swan Hill. Of the Aborigines not under care of the Government, some are residing elsewhere than at the stations, but occasionally receive supplies of food and clothing when in need, while others prefer to lead a wandering life, and but rarely come under the notice of the Board.

During the year 1928-29, there were 27 deaths, 24 of which occurred at Lake Tyers. There were 23 births—all of these took place at Lake Tyers. The births recorded were all half-castes, while, of the deaths, 2 were full-blood Aborigines, and 25 were half-castes. There were 4 marriages at Lake Tyers during the year mentioned.

The amount expended on the maintenance of Aborigines during the year was £7,668. There is a Trust Fund kept at the Treasury into which receipts from the sale of produce, etc., are paid. The amount at the credit of this Fund on the 30th June, 1929, was £2,421.

During the year 1929 the number of coloured persons, other than Chinese, who entered Victoria was 69, and the number that departed 60. A statement of the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act, with a table showing the number of arrivals and departures of coloured persons other than Chinese, from 1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1928, appeared on page 73 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

Immigration
and emigration
of coloured
persons,
1901 to 1929.

The number of coloured persons in Victoria was ascertained at the census of 1921. Chinese were found to number 4,179, and other coloured persons 1,932—a total of 6,111, as compared with 7,631 at the previous census in 1911. The figures for the different races are given below:—

NUMBER OF PERSONS OF COLOURED RACES (EXCLUSIVE OF FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES) IN VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 1921.

Race.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.
Asiatic—						
Chinese	2,918	515	244	502	3,162	1,017
Hindus	431	62	15	50	446	112
Japanese	37	12	13	12	50	24
Syrians	292	20	240	31	532	51
Cingalese	19	9	2	4	21	13
Other	55	14	23	9	78	23
African—						
Negroes	11	24	..	12	11	36
Other	3	3	1	1	4	4
American—						
American Indians	1	..	..	3	1	3
Other	8	8	1	9	9	17
Polynesians—						
Maoris	2	3	1	2	3	5
Other	7	9	1	8	8	17
Australian Aborigines (H.C.) .. .. .	..	199	..	243	..	442
Indefinite	14	1	7	..	21	1
Total	3,798	879	548	886	4,346	1,765

Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 Naturalization, of 1903," the right to issue certificates of naturalization was taken from the States, and vested in the Commonwealth. This Act came into force on 1st January, 1904. An epitome of its principal provisions is given in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, page 340.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1929 was 278; in the fifty-nine years, 1871 to 1929 inclusive, it was 16,803.