

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 1931 :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1836 TO 1931.

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
1930	886,662	904,155	1,790,817	1,784,711
1931	889,644	911,650	1,801,294	1,797,185

The rates of increase in population in different years are given on pages 29 and 40.

Population,
1931.

The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during 1931 are shown in the following table:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 31st DECEMBER, 1931.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1930 .. ..	..	..	886,662	904,155	1,790,817
Births, 1931	15,632	14,700			
Deaths, 1931	9,190	7,843			
Natural Increase .. ..	..	..	6,442	6,857	13,299
Migration by Sea, 1931—					
Arrivals	25,643	23,753			
Departures (as adjusted)	27,775	23,820			
Gain by Sea .. ..	..	..	— 2,132*	— 67*	— 2,199*
Migration by Land, 1931—					
Arrivals	60,610	30,306			
Departures (as adjusted)	62,079	29,579			
Gain by Land .. ..	..	..	— 1,469*	727	— 742*
Migration by Air, 1931—					
Arrivals	791	187			
Departures	650	209			
Gain by Air .. ..	..	..	141	— 22*	119
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1931 .. ..	..	..	889,644	911,650	1,801,294
Full-blood aborigines as enumerated at a census or aborigines, 30th June, 1931, not included in the estimate .. ..	..	..	32	17	49

* 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, 1931, was 1,801,294. During the decennial period ended on the date of the census in each of the years 1901, 1911, and 1921 there were respective increases in the population at the rate of 5.34, 9.52, and 16.36 per cent. From the date of the last census, 4th April, 1921, to the 31st March, 1931, the estimated population

Increase of
Population,
1891-1931.

increased during the period by 17·26 per cent. The taking of the census in 1931, the regular decennial period, was postponed on account of financial stringency. The Commonwealth Government has now given authority for the next census to be taken in 1933, probably in the month of June. The table which follows shows for each quinquennium of the 50 years 1860-1909, and for each year of the 22 years 1910-1931, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration :—

INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY MIGRATION, 1860-1931.

	Increase during Period.			Increase per cent. during Period.		
	Natural.	Net. Immigration.	Total.	Natural.	Net Immigration.	Total.
1860-64 ..	69,249	1,832	71,081	13·06	·35	13·41
1865-69 ..	74,639	23,808	98,447	12·41	3·96	16·37
1870-74 ..	81,902	1,582	83,484	11·70	·23	11·93
1875-79 ..	66,473	— 9,127	57,346	8·49	— 1·17	7·32
1880-84 ..	72,332	31,612	103,944	8·60	3·76	12·36
1885-89 ..	83,704	75,459	159,163	8·86	7·99	16·85
1890-94 ..	100,292	— 21,729	78,563	9·09	— 1·97	7·12
1895-99 ..	76,625	— 69,445	7,180	6·48	— 5·87	·61
1900-04 ..	74,296	— 58,158	16,138	6·25	— 4·89	1·36
1905-09 ..	80,303	— 8,889	71,414	6·66	— ·74	5·92
1910 ..	16,705	7,681	24,386	1·31	·60	1·91
1911 ..	17,810	20,675	38,485	1·37	1·59	2·96
1912 ..	19,207	23,453	42,660	1·43	1·75	3·18
1913 ..	20,496	12,367	32,863	1·48	·89	2·37
1914 ..	19,719	53	19,772	1·39	..	1·39
1915 ..	19,186	— 29,929	— 10,743	1·34	— 2·09	— ·75
1916 ..	17,746	— 37,528	— 19,782	1·25	— 2·64	— 1·39
1917 ..	18,478	— 6,081	12,397	1·31	— ·43	·88
1918 ..	16,420	3,765	20,185	1·16	·27	1·43
1919 ..	12,249	53,541	65,790	·85	3·73	4·58
1920 ..	19,381	5,493	24,874	1·29	·37	1·66
1921 ..	19,426	3,351	22,777	1·27	·22	1·49
1922 ..	21,133	18,406	39,539	1·36	1·19	2·55
1923 ..	18,658	16,497	35,155	1·17	1·04	2·21
1924 ..	19,637	12,078	31,715	1·21	·74	1·95
1925 ..	20,985	6,837	26,922	1·21	·41	1·62
1926 ..	19,027	8,783	27,810	1·13	·52	1·65
1927 ..	18,301	11,262	29,563	1·07	·66	1·73
1928 ..	16,790	2,784	19,574	·96	·16	1·12
1929 ..	16,887	— 786	16,101	·96	— ·04	·92
1930 ..	17,168	— 3,416	13,752	·96	— ·19	·77
1931 ..	13,299	— 2,822	10,477	·74	— ·15	·59

NOTE.—The minus sign (—) indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

Increase in Population 1860-1931. The population of the State increased during the 72 years, 1860-1931, by 1,271,032. Of this increase 1,177,623 was due to the natural element, the excess of births over deaths, and 93,409 to the excess of immigration over emigration. The natural element constituted 93 per cent. of the increase and net immigration 7 per cent. The gain from migration would appear to be small, but it should be remembered that the migrants were mainly children and virile men and women who in the years subsequent to their arrival in the State have had and will have a material influence on the growth of the population arising from the natural increase. The percentage increase of the population of the State fell steadily during the four years 1928-31. The fall in the first three years of that period was due, principally, to the loss of power of the migration element, and in the year 1931 to the decline in the rate of natural increase and the unfavourable migration experience. The loss by migration in recent years has been brought about by the gradual development of the prevailing depressed economic conditions.

Arrivals and Departures by Rail, 1928-31. The movement of population during the last four years by way of Inter-State railway passenger traffic is shown in the following statement:—

MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1928-1931.

State—Territory.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
New South Wales	128,671	115,931	90,661	65,535	128,752	115,820	90,698	65,422
Queensland ..	5,579	4,848	3,857	3,736	5,625	4,826	4,166	3,917
South Australia ..	35,700	32,206	24,682	18,105	36,492	32,218	25,054	18,647
Western Australia	5,146	4,568	2,897	2,006	5,976	5,387	3,199	2,153
Federal Capital Territory ..	2,565	2,853	2,320	1,534	2,897	2,839	2,340	1,519
Total ..	177,661	160,406	124,417	90,916	179,742	161,090	125,457	91,658

During each of the four years 1928-31 Victoria experienced a loss of population by railway migration.

Migration by Sea 1928-31. The immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria and the other Australian States, British Dominions, the

United Kingdom, and foreign countries during each of the four years ended 1931 is shown in the following table :—

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA BETWEEN VICTORIA AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN STATES AND COUNTRIES DURING THE FOUR YEARS 1928-1931.

State or Country of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
New South Wales ..	10,015	11,523	11,849	10,183	10,892	12,178	12,005	9,528
Queensland	2,601	3,078	2,994	2,789	3,174	3,732	3,580	3,671
South Australia ..	1,047	1,297	1,434	1,329	935	1,082	1,154	972
Western Australia ..	3,602	4,254	4,446	3,173	4,516	5,500	4,686	2,822
Tasmania	42,785	40,797	35,810	25,997	41,490	40,043	34,633	26,338
Northern Territory ..	197	117	93	121	114	89	93	80
Total Inter-State ..	60,247	61,066	56,626	43,592	61,121	62,624	56,151	43,411
New Zealand	2,465	2,314	2,197	458	2,546	2,569	2,968	693
United Kingdom ..	10,437	7,216	4,706	2,783	5,455	5,678	6,580	4,499
India and Ceylon ..	788	746	715	540	551	758	595	434
South Africa	497	381	340	221	728	573	479	383
Other British Possessions	951	789	680	598	1,091	1,052	973	740
Total British Countries	15,138	11,446	8,638	4,600	10,371	10,630	11,595	6,749
France	960	914	824	470	693	600	651	271
Italy	981	814	676	373	568	601	622	726
United States of America	12	69	13	5	16	52	17	10
Other Foreign Countries ..	815	627	441	356	519	531	558	428
Total Foreign Countries	2,768	2,424	1,954	1,204	1,796	1,784	1,848	1,435
GRAND TOTAL ..	78,153	74,936	67,218	49,396	73,288	75,038	69,594	51,595

The seaward migration during the four years 1928-31 resulted in an excess of arrivals over departures of only 188. The principal gains were from the United Kingdom, 2,930; Tasmania, 2,885; South Australia, 964; and France, 953. The chief losses by sea migration during the period under review were to Queensland, 2,695; Western Australia, 2,049; New Zealand, 1,342; and New South Wales, 1,033.

The number of persons who have been assisted to come to Victoria from the foundation of the State to the end of 1931 will be found in the next table :—

STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA TO THE END OF 1931.

Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.	Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.
1838-50	28,632	1924	8,721
1851-60	87,963	1925	8,589
1861-70	46,594	1926	8,583
1871-80	5,545	1927	8,854
1881-90	2	1928	5,221
1891-00 .. ..	..	1929	2,635
1901-10	2,829	1930	458
1911-20	46,737	1931	45
1921	3,987		
1922	9,145		
1923	9,504		
		Total ..	284,044

Of the 45 immigrants in 1931 who were assisted by the Government 41 were nominated and 4 selected. The number of the immigrants who were married was 11. The sex distribution was—males 12 and females 33.

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

POPULATION IN EACH DISTRICT.

A table showing the enumerated populations of the districts of Victoria at the date of the census in 1911 and in 1921 appeared in the *Year-Book*, 1929-30, on page 28.

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.			
Anglesey ..	4,772	4,180	8,952	5,508	4,581	10,089	+	736	+	401	+	1,137
Benambra ..	3,625	2,957	6,582	3,859	2,722	6,581	—	260	—	235	—	501
Bendigo ..	26,771	27,729	54,500	22,924	24,606	47,530	—	3,847	—	3,123	—	6,970
Bogong ..	14,681	18,224	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	338,959	433,810	822,769	+	93,650	+	106,808	+	199,658
Buln Buln ..	22,283	18,774	41,057	24,546	20,844	44,890	+	2,263	+	1,570	+	3,844
Croajingo- long ..	1,510	1,190	2,700	1,684	1,275	2,959	+	174	+	85	+	259
Dalhousie ..	8,917	8,724	17,641	8,086	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	+	188
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	+	452
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	35,677	38,110	73,787	+	686	+	1,624	+	2,810
Grenville ..	20,503	22,567	43,070	17,621	19,791	37,412	—	2,882	—	2,776	—	5,658
Gunbower ..	5,083	4,181	9,264	6,258	5,357	11,615	+	1,175	+	1,176	+	2,351
Hampden ..	6,707	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	+	6,640	+	5,320	+	11,969
Lowan ..	7,082	6,231	13,313	6,733	6,024	12,757	—	349	—	207	—	556
Millawa ..	56	28	84	49	21	70	—	7	—	7	—	14
Moira ..	16,814	15,028	31,842	14,878	13,623	28,501	—	1,986	—	1,405	—	3,341
Mornington ..	19,034	16,279	35,313	28,575	26,360	54,935	+	9,541	+	10,081	+	19,622
Normanby ..	5,900	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	+	340	+	1,254
Ripon ..	7,464	6,448	13,912	6,671	6,286	12,907	—	793	—	1,128	—	1,605
Rodney ..	10,399	9,089	19,488	11,490	10,242	21,732	+	1,091	+	2,156	+	2,844
Talbot ..	23,567	24,364	47,931	17,352	18,947	36,299	—	6,215	—	5,417	—	11,632
Tambo ..	1,450	1,329	2,779	2,240	1,876	4,116	+	590	+	547	+	1,137
Tanjil ..	16,130	9,562	25,692	11,046	10,215	21,261	+	916	+	658	+	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	1,308	4,812	+	1,249	+	1,111	+	2,360
Wonnangatta ..	998	733	1,731	783	532	1,265	—	265	—	201	—	466
<i>Outside Counties—</i>												
Shipping ..	4,082	723	4,805	4,063	1,035	5,748	+	561	+	362	+	1,043
Total ..	655,591	650,960	1,315,551	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	+	99,133	+	116,506	+	215,729

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

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.

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	266,661	629,013	895,674
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.

A table showing the ages of the people at the censal date in 1901, in 1911, and in 1921, and the proportionate numbers living in successive age-groups appeared in the *Year-Book*, 1929-30, on pages 31 and 32.

A statement showing the numbers and proportions of males and females at dependent and supporting ages at the census years of 1901 and 1911 appears in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 33. The subjoined table shows similar information for the census of 1921. Persons of unspecified ages have been omitted :—

NUMBER OF PERSONS AT DEPENDENT AND SUPPORTING AGES IN VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 1921.

Ages.	Number of Persons.		Proportions per cent.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Under 15 years	231,086	224,850	30·67	29·00
15 to 45 years	345,786	366,882	45·89	47·33
45 „ 65 „	142,313	144,626	18·89	18·66
65 years and over ..	34,244	38,825	4·55	5·01

NOTE.—The supporting ages have been taken to be those between 15 and 65 years.

At the census of the year 1921 there were 17·36 persons and 3·77 inhabited dwellings to the square mile. The number of persons to each inhabited private dwelling and to each room were 4·34 and 0·85 respectively. The average number of rooms to an inhabited private dwelling was 5·11. Information relating to dwellings at the other six censuses is given on page 58 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

A table showing the birthplaces of the people of Victoria at the date of the census of 1921 appears in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 34.

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.

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.

Chinese.

In the interval between the censuses of 1911 and 1921 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.

Increase of population in seven decades.

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 aborigines. 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 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.

For many years the population of Greater Melbourne was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of ten miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office.

To conform to the growth of the urban population in certain directions, principally in the cities of Chelsea and Mordialloc, a new metropolitan area was defined in 1929. The municipalities included in this area and the estimated population of each are as under :—

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT
CENSUS OF 1921, AND 31st DECEMBER, 1931.

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 31st Dec., 1931.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1921.	Estimated Population, 31st Dec., 1931.	Persons to the Acre, 31st Dec., 1931.
Box Hill City	5,120	8,218*	14,640	2·9
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding)	8,480	4,168*	7,140	·8
Brighton City	3,308	21,235	29,500	8·9
Brunswick City	2,719	44,484	55,440	20·4
Camberwell City	8,352	23,835	49,270	5·9
Caulfield City	5,600	40,693	75,080	13·4
Chelsea City	3,040	5,225	7,300	2·4
Coburg City	4,800	18,114	40,790	8·5
Collingwood City	1,139	34,239	31,500	27·7
Essendon City	4,000	35,269	44,200	11·1
Fitzroy City	923	34,938	31,200	33·8
Footscray City	3,982	33,775	50,910	12·8
Hawthorn City	2,402	29,165	33,000	13·7
Heidelberg Shire (excluding Greensborough Riding)	8,800	15,064*	23,450	2·7
Kew City	3,523	17,382	26,300	7·5
Malvern City	3,996	32,306	46,730	11·7
Melbourne City	7,555	103,251	103,400	13·7
Moorabbin Shire	13,360	7,443	18,420	1·4
Mordialloc City	3,351	5,674	10,200	3·0
Northcote City	2,850	30,519	41,900	14·7
Oakleigh City	2,658	6,076	11,310	4·3
Port Melbourne City	2,366	13,089	12,700	5·4
Prahran City	2,320	50,290	51,500	22·2
Preston City	8,800	9,670	30,650	3·5
Richmond City	1,430	43,171	41,000	28·7
Sandringham City	3,740	11,316	23,300	6·2
South Melbourne City	2,303	46,873	48,000	20·8
St. Kilda City	2,049	38,579	42,300	20·6
Williamstown City	2,775	19,442	24,910	9·0
Shipping in Bay and River .. .. .	..	4,711	4,710	..
Total	125,741	788,214	1,030,750	8·2†

* Estimated figures as the enumerated populations of these districts were not shown separately from the populations of the districts of which they formed part at the census of 1921.

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

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 33·8 persons to the acre; Richmond has 28·7; Collingwood, 27·7; Prahran, 22·2; South Melbourne, 20·8; St. Kilda, 20·6; Brunswick, 20·4; and Melbourne City, 13·7. There is a total area of 8,236 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 density of population in the above-mentioned municipalities is as follows:—Fitzroy with 35·5 persons to the acre; Richmond, 33·6; Collingwood, 30·3; Prahran, 22·9; South Melbourne, 26·6; St. Kilda, 24·3; Brunswick, 20·9; and Melbourne City, 18·6; while for the whole of Greater Melbourne the exclusion of park areas has only a slight influence on the areal density, the number of persons to the acre increasing from 8·2 to 8·7.

The numbers of males and females in Greater Melbourne at each census date from 1861 to 1921, and the number as estimated on the 31st December, 1931, 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 GREATER MELBOURNE, 1861 TO 1931.

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. 25·9
1871	103,404	103,376	206,780	50·0	28·9
1881	139,006	143,941	282,947	49·1	32·8
1891	247,960	242,936	490,896	50·5	43·0
1901	235,203	260,876	496,079	47·4	41·3
1911	279,900	313,337	593,237	47·2	45·1
1921	370,016	412,963	782,979	47·3	51·1
1931 (estimated) ..	487,130	543,620	1,030,750	47·3	57·2

**Metropolitan
Population
within the
10-mile radius,
1931.**

The estimated population of Melbourne and suburbs within the 10-mile radius of the Elizabeth-street Post Office at 31st December, 1931, was 1,012,500, or 56·2 per cent. of that of the whole State.

**Population of
extra-
metropolitan
cities and
towns.**

Outside the boundaries of Greater Melbourne the most important centres of population in Victoria are the cities of Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Warrnambool. The enumerated population at the census of 1921 and the estimated population as at 31st December, 1931, of each of these cities and of each town which has more than 2,000 inhabitants are given in the following table :—

POPULATION OF EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES AND TOWNS IN VICTORIA, 1921 AND 1931.

Cities and Towns.	Population.		Cities and Towns.	Population.	
	1921 (Census).	1931 (Estimated.)		1921 (Census).	1931 (Estimated.)
<i>Cities.</i>			<i>Towns—continued</i>		
Geelong ..	36,170	42,760	Kerang ..	2,260	2,650
Ballarat ..	38,500	41,750	Korumburra ..	2,442	2,700
Bendigo ..	33,170	33,720	Kyneton ..	2,969	3,200
Warrnambool ..	7,730	8,200	Maryborough ..	4,744	5,050
			Merbein ..	2,398	2,400
<i>Towns.</i>			Mildura ..	5,101	6,000
Ararat ..	4,653	5,350	Mornington ..	1,788	2,100
Bairnsdale ..	3,554	3,600	Port Fairy ..	1,988	2,100
Beechworth ..	2,624	2,500	Portland ..	2,555	2,650
Benalla ..	3,314	3,300	Queenscliff ..	2,486	3,100
Blackburn ..	1,619	2,200	Ringwood ..	1,982	3,660
Camperdown ..	3,156	3,600	Sale ..	3,769	4,010
Castlemaine ..	7,000	6,670	Seymour ..	2,288	2,130
Colac ..	4,559	4,650	Shepparton ..	4,228	6,000
Dandenong ..	3,966	4,700	St. Arnaud ..	2,721	3,330
Daylesford ..	3,328	3,300	Stawell ..	4,413	5,000
Echuca ..	3,745	4,030	Swan Hill ..	2,460	2,660
Hamilton ..	5,098	5,300	Terang ..	2,178	2,320
Healesville ..	2,503	2,450	Traralgon ..	2,101	2,260
Horsham ..	3,790	4,700	Wangaratta ..	3,689	4,300
Irymple ..	1,203	2,100	Warracknabeal	2,278	2,600
			Wonthaggi ..	5,170	7,330
			Yallourn ..	138	2,800

Rates of
increase of
population.

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 1931.

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	·92	·73	1·80	1·25	-·25
1930 ..	·96	·77	·73	1·40	1·29	-·07
1931 ..	·74	·59	·49	-·17	1·09	1·61

* Not available.

† Average 1862-1870.

NOTE.—The minus sign (—) indicates rate of decrease.

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, 1861 TO 1921.

The population of each Australian State and of New Zealand at each census from 1861 to 1921 is shown in a table which appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, on page 40.

Population of
Australian
States and
New Zealand,
1931.

In the next table is shown the area and the estimated population of each Australian State (excluding aborigines) and of New Zealand at the end of 1931, also the number of persons to the square mile.

POPULATION OF EACH AUSTRALIAN STATE AND NEW ZEALAND, AT 31st DECEMBER, 1931.

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1931.			Persons to the Square Mile.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
Victoria ..	87,884	889,644	911,650	1,801,294	20·50
New South Wales ..	909,432	1,277,666	1,240,092	2,517,758	8·14
Queensland ..	670,500	511,145	452,566	963,711	1·44
South Australia ..	380,070	301,989	282,979	584,968	1·54
Western Australia ..	975,920	223,586	196,023	421,609	0·43
Tasmania ..	86,215	110,696	112,694	223,390	8·52
Territories—					
Northern ..	523,620	2,803	1,655	4,458	0·01
Federal ..	940	4,758	3,974	8,732	9·29
Australia ..	2,974,581	3,324,287	3,201,633	6,525,920	2·19
New Zealand ..	103,415*	776,661	745,227	†1,521,888	14·72

* Excluding 600 acres the areas of outlying and annexed islands.

† Including 69,141 Maoris, of whom 36,012 were males and 33,129 females.

Population increase 1921-1931. The increase of population in each of the States and Territories since the date of the last census, 4th April, 1921, to 31st December, 1931, was 270,014 in Victoria, 417,387 in New South Wales, 207,739 in Queensland, 88,877 in Western Australia, 89,808 in South Australia, 9,610 in Tasmania, 6,160 in the Federal Capital Territory, and 591 in the Northern Territory. The population of Australia increased between the above-mentioned dates by 1,090,186.

Density of population. With regard to the areal density of the population of Australia and New Zealand of 2·19 and 14·72 persons to the square mile respectively, it is of interest to point out that in England and Wales, the area of which is 58,343 square miles, there were 685 persons to the square mile at the date of the census taken on 26th April, 1931.

Population of Australian capital cities, 1871-1931. The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1871-1921, and the estimated population at the 31st December, 1931, are shown in the following table. During the 60 years, 1871-1931, Melbourne has made great progress, the most noticeable advance occurred in the decennial period 1881-91, when the population increased by 207,949 or 73 per cent. The population remained almost stationary between 1891 and 1901. This unsatisfactory feature was due to a severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. A great number of persons migrated in those years to other parts in search of employment. 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 1,256,230 inhabitants on 31st December, 1931. Sydney and Melbourne contain slightly more

than 35 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth and the six capital cities 49 per cent.

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES, 1871 TO 1931.

Capital City (the area of each city is given in a note below).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—						Estimated Population 31st Dec., 1931.	Persons to the Acre, 1931.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.		
Melbourne	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	1,030,750	8·20
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,256,230	8·42
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	324,337	2·36
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	317,150	1·29
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	211,840	1·77
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	†58,270	1·06

NOTE.—The areas of the capital cities in acres at the end of 1931 were Sydney, 149,187; Melbourne, 125,741; Brisbane, 246,400; Adelaide, 137,716; Perth, 119,520; and Hobart, 54,890.

* Not available.

† To 31st March, 1932.

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 36, 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, 1931, and the numbers then ascertained were as under:—

	Full Blood.	Half-caste.	Total.
Australia ..	58,901†	19,014	77,915
Victoria ..	49	557	606

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

Arrivals and
departures of
Chinese.

During the year 1931, the number of Chinese who arrived in Victoria was 236, and the number who left was 273. The net decrease in the Chinese population in the last five years by excess of emigration over immigration was 403.

Decrease of
Aborigines.

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. In 1851, when the colony was separated from New South Wales, the number was officially stated as 2,693. A census of Aborigines in Australia was taken by the Commonwealth Statistician as at 30th June, 1931. The number in Victoria at that date was 606, of whom 49 were full-blood and 557 were half-caste. These numbers show a decrease when compared with 1921 of 95 in full-blood aborigines and an increase of 115 in half-castes. From the records of the Aborigines Board it would appear that most of the natives in Victoria are under the care of the Board, the numbers in the different stations being as under :—

NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE AT
STATIONS IN VICTORIA, 1930-31.

Station.	Aborigines.	Three- quarter and Half-castes.	Total.
Coranderrk .. .. .	..	13	13
Lake Condah .. .. .	..	14	14
Lake Tyers	46	225	271
Framlingham .. .. .	..	12	12
Depots	5	23	28
In Institutions .. .. .	..	..	..
In Service .. .. .	..	..	..
Total	51	287	338

In addition to the above it is estimated that there are 255 half-castes and quadroons at Antwerp, Echuca, Framlingham, Colac, Dimboola, Lake Condah, Healesville, Orbost, and Swan Hill. These occasionally receive supplies when in need.

During the year 1930-31, there were 5 deaths and 6 births, all of which occurred at Lake Tyers. The births recorded were all half-castes, while, of the deaths, 1 was a full-blood Aboriginal, and 4 were half-castes. There was 1 marriage at Lake Tyers during the year mentioned.

The amount expended on the maintenance of Aborigines during the year was £7,153. 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, 1931, was £1,745.

During the year 1931 the number of coloured persons, other than Chinese, who entered Victoria was 53, being 1 more than the number admitted in 1930. The number that departed was 39, a decrease of 45 compared with 1930. 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, appears on page 73 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

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

A table which contains information relating to coloured persons (exclusive of full-blood aborigines) in Victoria on 4th April, 1921, appears on page 44 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30.

Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 Naturalization, of 1903," the right to issue certificates of naturalization was 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 1931 was 320. During the sixty-one years, 1871 to 1931 inclusive, 17,510 persons were naturalized.