

Part 3

DEMOGRAPHY

Population

Historical

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale, the first enumeration of the people was taken by an officer from Sydney on the 25th May, 1836, less than one year after the date of the arrival of John Batman (29th May, 1835). This was the first official census in Victoria, which was at that time known as the district of Port Phillip, and it disclosed that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females of European origin.

At the Census taken in 1838, it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511. During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population increased by nearly 100 per cent., due principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and it continued to increase to the end of 1850.

The discovery of gold in 1851 (the year of separation from New South Wales) was the greatest influence in populating Victoria, the numbers increasing from 77,345 at the Census in 1851 to 538,628 in 1861, a gain of 596 per cent. In the next ten years the natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was the main factor in the growth of population. From the end of 1870 the population advanced steadily to 1,133,728 at the end of 1890, the increase being 409,803 (natural increase 307,246, gain from migration 102,557). The latter portion of this period was known as the "Land Boom" period which was followed by a marked reaction.

Between 1891 and 1905 the population of the State advanced very slowly, the total increase in this period being 76,693. The gain by natural increase, 247,078, was offset by the loss from migration, 170,385—the discovery of gold in Western Australia being the principal cause of migration from Victoria in the period. A steady annual increase was maintained from 1905 to the end of 1927 (exclusive of the years relating to the War), the population increasing from 1,210,421 to 1,741,832.

During the period 1928 to 1938 the population of the State increased slowly, the lowest annual increase for the period being recorded in the year 1935. The rate of natural increase dropped considerably and, in seven years of the period, a loss from migration was experienced.

The world wide depression of 1929 to 1933 had its effect on the population of the State. The population at the end of 1938 was 1,871,099.

During the period of the Second World War the population of Victoria increased by 144,008. There was a considerable increase from migration during the early part of the period due to war conditions. In each of the years 1946 and 1947 the increase in the population was due entirely to natural increase, as there was a slight loss from migration in each year. In 1948 a substantial gain by natural increase and in migration was recorded. This was followed by further substantial increases by both natural increase and migration in each of the years 1949 to 1954, the gain from migration in 1950 being the highest recorded to that time, excluding the return of troops from overseas after the First World War. During the five year period to the end of 1960 the population of Victoria increased by 370,512, of which 185,129 was due to natural increase and 185,383 to net migration, the increase from net migration in 1960, 43,152, exceeding the previous record established in 1956.

The estimated population at the end of 1960 was 2,925,533.

The following table shows the estimated population of Victoria from 1836 to 1960 :—

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION

Year	Estimated Population, 31st December		
	Males	Females	Total
1836 (25th May)	142	35	177
1840	7,254	3,037	10,291
1850	45,495	30,667	76,162
1860	330,302	207,932	538,234
1870	397,230	326,695	723,925
1880	450,558	408,047	858,605
1890	595,519	538,209	1,133,728
1900	601,773	594,440	1,196,213
1910	646,482	654,926	1,301,408
1920	753,803	774,106	1,527,909
1930	892,422	900,183	1,792,605
1940	947,037	967,881	1,914,918
1950	1,114,497	1,122,685	2,237,182
1951	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538
1952	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719
1953	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035
1954	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877
1955	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021
1956	1,328,357	1,304,266	2,632,623
1957	1,360,540	1,340,095	2,700,635
1958	1,394,876	1,376,043	2,770,919
1959	1,431,373	1,411,530	2,842,903
1960	1,473,501	1,452,032	2,925,533

Increase of Population

The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during the years 1957 to 1960 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—ELEMENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE

Particulars	1957	1958	1959	1960
Estimated Population, 1st January ..	2,632,623	2,700,635	2,770,919	2,842,903
Births	60,464	61,269	62,245	64,025
Deaths	24,131	23,625	25,078	24,547
Natural Increase	36,333	37,644	37,167	39,478
Recorded Migration by Sea, Rail, and Air—				
Arrivals	616,425	622,865	737,520	814,452
Departures	584,746	590,225	702,703	771,300
Gain by Recorded Migration*	31,679	32,640	34,817	43,152
Estimated Population, 31st December ..	2,700,635	2,770,919	2,842,903	2,925,533

* Excess of arrivals over departures. Interstate migration relates to recorded movements by rail, sea, and air, and certain special movements by road, together with an allowance for unrecorded movement into the Australian Capital Territory.

The table which follows shows, for each decennium from 1860, and for each year of the ten years, 1951 to 1960, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration.

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY MIGRATION

Period	Increase during Period			Increase Per Cent. during Period		
	Natural	Net Migration	Total	Natural	Net Migration	Total
1860-69 ..	143,888	31,802	175,690	27·62	6·10	33·72
1870-79 ..	148,375	(-) 3,380	144,995	21·30	(-)0·49	20·81
1880-89 ..	156,036	107,145	263,181	18·54	12·73	31·27
1890-99 ..	176,917	(-)93,314	83,603	16·01	(-)8·44	7·57
1900-09 ..	154,608	(-)66,127	88,481	13·01	(-)5·57	7·44
1910-19 ..	178,067	47,946	226,013	13·94	3·76	17·70
1920-29 ..	189,326	85,908	275,234	12·60	5·71	18·31
1930-39 ..	113,606	(-) 8,734	104,864*	6·39	(-)0·49	5·90
1940-49 ..	197,096	99,552	285,751*	10·47	5·29	15·77
1950-59 ..	327,489	346,530	674,019	15·10	15·98	31·08
1951	27,107	35,249	62,356*	1·21	1·58	2·79
1952	30,416	36,765	67,181*	1·32	1·60	2·92
1953	30,911	18,405	49,316*	1·30	0·78	2·08
1954	32,106	32,736	64,842*	1·33	1·35	2·68
1955	33,809	40,335	74,144	1·36	1·63	2·99
1956	34,507	43,095	77,602	1·35	1·69	3·04
1957	36,333	31,679	68,012	1·38	1·20	2·58
1958	37,644	32,640	70,284	1·39	1·21	2·60
1959	37,167	34,817	71,984	1·34	1·26	2·60
1960	39,478	43,152	82,630	1·39	1·52	2·91

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

* Figures shown for natural increase and net migration during the years 1939 to 1947 do not add to the total increase, for the reason that during the period September, 1939, to June, 1947, the natural increase represents the excess of births over civilian deaths, whereas deaths of defence personnel, whether in Australia or overseas, were taken into account in calculating total increase.

Figures for the years 1947 to 1954 have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

Migration

General

The recorded interstate and overseas movement of people to and from Victoria, during the years 1956 to 1960, is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RECORDED MIGRATION

Year	Arrivals in Victoria			Departures from Victoria			Excess of Arrivals over Departures		
	Inter-state	From Other Countries Direct	Total	Inter-state	To Other Countries Direct	Total	Inter-state	Other Countries Direct	Total
1956 ..	562,136	81,022	643,158	575,520	24,543	600,063	(-)13,384	56,479	43,095
1957 ..	553,812	62,613	616,425	562,545	22,201	584,746	(-) 8,733	40,412	31,679
1958 ..	559,528	63,337	622,865	562,530	27,695	590,225	(-) 3,002	35,642	32,640
1959 ..	660,294	77,226	737,520	669,737	32,966	702,703	(-) 9,443	44,260	34,817
1960 ..	729,601	84,851	814,452	736,472	34,828	771 300	(-) 6,871	50,023	43,152

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

The overseas migration between Victoria and British or Foreign countries for the period 1956 to 1960 is shown in the following tables:—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION : ARRIVALS

Place of Departure	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
British—					
United Kingdom and Ireland ..	21,384	18,850	20,958	23,200	22,259
Canada	66	85	208	394	420
Ceylon	626	304	612	605	521
Fiji	247	34	301	444	149
Hong Kong	118	290	224	250	298
India	414	172	339	376	546
Malta	2,152	1,084	1,032	1,380	1,471
Malaya	4	20	127	110	183
Nauru	214	338	296	307	390
New Guinea	29	29	50	38	26
New Zealand	4,467	3,708	5,148	7,317	8,917
Pakistan	82	..	22	45	41
Papua	23	8	17	14	23
Singapore	264	292	1,247	2,168	1,528
Union of South Africa ..	418	314	474	530	793
Other British Countries ..	540	307	1,445	391	555
Total British Countries ..	31,048	25,835	32,500	37,569	38,120

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION : ARRIVALS—*continued*

Place of Departure	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Foreign—					
Egypt	1,626	372	234	128	168
France	24	15	19	820	98
Germany	5,658	6,121	4,986	8,562	12,728
Greece	8,052	3,469	2,869	3,338	5,417
Indonesia	134	65	75	131	149
Italy	19,028	16,263	13,572	15,951	19,707
Japan	258	152	155	244	434
Netherlands	7,461	4,845	4,151	4,813	5,064
United States of America ..	462	211	683	999	557
Other Foreign Countries ..	7,271	5,265	4,093	4,671	2,409
Total Foreign Countries ..	49,974	36,778	30,837	39,657	46,731
Total British and Foreign ..	81,022	62,613	63,337	77,226	84,851

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION: DEPARTURES

Place of Destination	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
British—					
United Kingdom and Ireland ..	10,266	9,852	10,090	11,006	11,449
Canada	14	168	138	326	523
Ceylon	384	241	344	367	261
Fiji .. .. .	..	14	245	477	126
Hong Kong	58	111	96	88	121
India	348	235	280	269	307
Malta	35	489	223	218	291
Malaya	89	13	70	123	83
Nauru	285	277	292	295	309
New Guinea	15	31	60	23	39
New Zealand	3,909	3,649	4,590	6,940	7,919
Pakistan	73	1	21	19	18
Papua	5	7	18	18	29
Singapore	319	297	1,177	1,739	1,597
Union of South Africa ..	278	339	402	496	393
Other British Countries ..	304	254	404	424	503
Total British Countries ..	16,382	15,978	18,450	22,828	23,968

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION : DEPARTURES—*continued*

Place of Destination	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Foreign—					
Egypt	103	53	15	41	101
France	389	151	294	277	614
Germany	236	260	202	294	353
Greece	247	22	360	381	862
Indonesia	117	28	73	131	145
Italy	4,056	4,419	4,658	5,296	5,836
Japan	385	270	282	341	471
Netherlands	325	161	470	816	1,087
United States of America	521	237	783	1,051	897
Other Foreign Countries	1,782	622	2,108	1,510	494
Total Foreign Countries ..	8,161	6,223	9,245	10,138	10,860
Total British and Foreign ..	24,543	22,201	27,695	32,966	34,828

The following table shows the overseas migration for the period 1956 to 1960 classified according to permanent and temporary migrants :—

VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION

Year	Victoria				Australia				
	Long Term and Permanent*	Short Term Movement		Total	Long Term and Permanent*	Short Term Movement		Total	
		Australian Residents Returning or Departing Temporarily	Visitors			Australian Residents Returning or Departing Temporarily	Visitors		
ARRIVALS									
1956	..	63,061	9,181	8,780	81,022	123,822	57,608	66,018	247,448
1957	..	50,462	8,133	4,018	62,613	118,695	56,017	58,616	233,328
1958	..	47,567	9,887	5,883	63,337	109,857	59,065	61,342	230,264
1959	..	57,215	11,577	8,434	77,226	124,022	61,754	68,120	253,896
1960	..	63,671	12,546	8,634	84,851	139,371	75,167	84,623	299,161
DEPARTURES									
1956	..	8,390	8,440	7,713	24,543	37,717	51,400	64,333	153,450
1957	..	9,588	8,285	4,328	22,201	41,073	53,438	60,085	154,596
1958	..	11,188	10,880	5,627	27,695	44,978	58,888	61,032	164,898
1959	..	11,021	13,607	8,338	32,966	40,444	64,631	72,030	177,105
1960	..	12,288	14,337	8,203	34,828	46,595	77,761	84,670	209,026

* "Long Term and Permanent Movement" relates to persons arriving who state that they intend to reside in Australia for a period of one year or more, and to persons departing who state that they intend to reside abroad for a period of one year or more. As from 1959, Australian residents departing overseas for one year or more, who stated Australia as their country of intended future residence, have been included under "Short Term Movement".

The following table shows the nationalities of the permanent new arrivals in 1960 whose State of disembarkation was Victoria :—

**VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF PERMANENT NEW
ARRIVALS, 1960**

Nationality	Persons	Nationality	Persons	Nationality	Persons
British ..	20,040	French ..	65	Norwegian ..	96
Irish ..	414	Finnish ..	867	Polish* ..	773
American (U.S.)	116	German ..	10,705	Portuguese ..	3
Argentinian ..	5	Greek ..	5,276	Romanian ..	30
Austrian ..	1,788	Hungarian ..	116	Russian† ..	54
Belgian ..	59	Indonesian ..	14	Ukrainian ..	2
Brazilian ..	6	Israeli ..	31	Spanish ..	1,007
Burmese ..	1	Italian ..	11,980	Swedish ..	153
Chinese ..	54	Japanese ..	4	Swiss ..	358
Czechoslovak ..	6	Latvian ..	12	Turkish ..	9
Danish ..	401	Lebanese ..	99	Yugoslav ..	726
Dutch ..	3,705	Lithuanian ..	2	Other‡ ..	4,688
Estonian ..	5	Mexican ..	1	Total ..	63,671

* Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. † Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian. ‡ Includes 4,634 "Stateless" with former nationality stated but other than Polish or Russian.

Assisted Migration

The Migration Scheme in operation prior to the war ceased on the outbreak of war. During the war assisted immigration was discontinued, except in cases of close family reunion involving wives and dependent children, and other special cases having exceptional features, for which special approval was required.

Two new agreements were signed between the Commonwealth and United Kingdom Governments on the 5th March, 1946, the first for the granting of free passages from the British Isles to British Ex-service personnel, their wives and children, who wish to come here, and are accepted as suitable for settlement in this country; and the second for the granting of assisted passages from the United Kingdom to British civilians not eligible under the free passage scheme. The Free Passage Agreement was terminated in 1955.

Naturalization

The *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948 commenced on Australia Day (26th January), 1949, and repealed all previous Commonwealth legislation on this subject. The most significant effect of the Act was the creation, for the first time, of the status of "Australian Citizen". In this respect, the Act was complementary to citizenship legislation passed or about to be passed by other countries of the British Commonwealth. All Australian citizens, and the citizens of other countries of the British Commonwealth, are declared to be British Subjects.

The number of naturalization certificates granted in Victoria in the period 1956 to 1960 was 54,759. Of these 17 per cent were to persons of Polish origin and just under 21 per cent. were to Italian nationals.

The following table shows the persons of each nationality granted naturalization certificates in Victoria during the five years 1956 to 1960:—

VICTORIA—PREVIOUS NATIONALITY OF PERSONS NATURALIZED

Nationality	Number of Naturalization Certificates Granted					Total Granted 1956 to 1960	
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	No.	%
Albanian ..	44	39	23	23	29	158	0·3
Austrian ..	83	114	79	100	169	545	1·0
Belgian ..	8	11	15	12	11	57	0·1
Bulgarian ..	28	23	18	21	21	111	0·2
Czechoslovak ..	603	413	282	191	159	1,648	3·0
Danish ..	11	6	16	12	13	58	0·1
Dutch ..	672	725	1,093	1,258	2,065	5,813	10·6
Estonian ..	134	168	137	121	161	721	1·3
Finnish ..	7	1	11	5	24	48	0·1
French ..	25	25	26	47	45	168	0·3
German ..	295	386	537	849	1,669	3,736	6·8
Greek ..	222	323	323	536	1,170	2,574	4·7
Hungarian ..	767	553	390	253	340	2,303	4·2
Italian ..	899	1,326	2,079	2,953	4,136	11,393	20·8
Latvian ..	733	769	762	600	485	3,349	6·1
Lithuanian ..	295	430	340	329	267	1,661	3·0
Norwegian ..	15	15	15	15	18	78	0·1
Polish ..	1,936	1,989	1,691	1,952	1,822	9,390	17·2
Romanian ..	106	89	71	73	50	389	0·7
Russian ..	102	103	121	154	111	591	1·1
Swedish ..	1	3	8	13	11	36	0·1
Swiss ..	45	54	34	43	46	222	0·4
Ukrainian ..	479	623	649	751	723	3,225	5·9
Yugoslav ..	685	716	728	735	818	3,682	6·7
Other European ..	21	34	35	54	61	205	0·4
U.S. American ..	10	8	10	10	13	51	0·1
Other Nationalities	63	139	123	242	361	928	1·7
Stateless ..	361	498	312	204	244	1,619	3·0
Total ..	8,650	9,583	9,928	11,556	15,042	54,759	100·0

Note.—The above figures relate to the number of certificates granted, and do not represent the total number of persons affected by the certificates. In addition to the figures shown, there were 2,100 children in 1957, 2,474 in 1958, 3,071 in 1959, and 4,231 in 1960, affected by the grant of certificates. Corresponding figures for 1956 are not available.

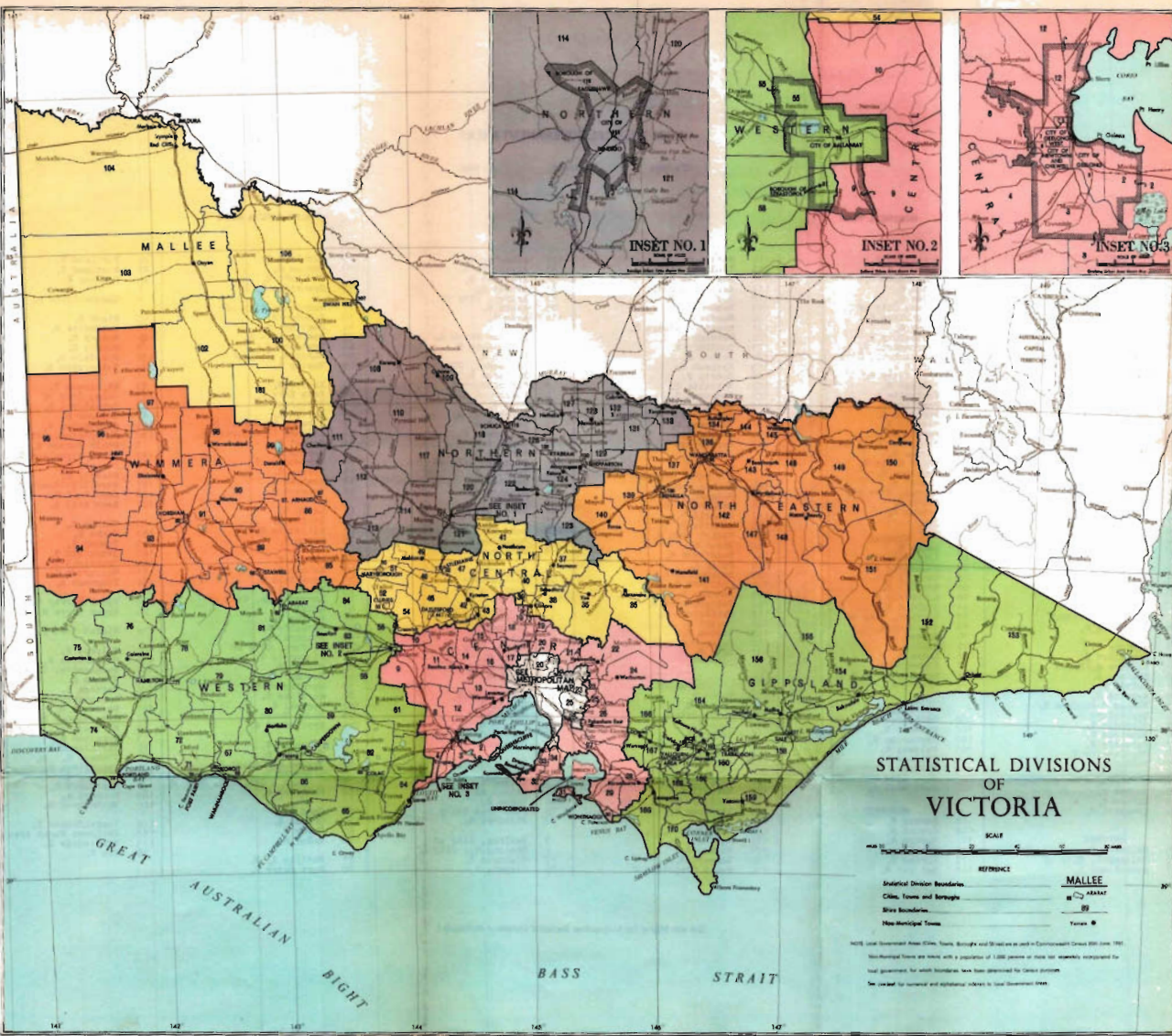
Population of the Melbourne Metropolitan Area and of the Remainder of the State

For many years the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of 10 miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office. To conform with the growth of the urban population in certain directions, the Metropolitan Area was re-defined in 1929, 1947, and 1954, and consists of those municipalities shown on pages 120–121. The population of the Metropolitan Area increased from 139,916 at the Census of 1861 to 1,831,100 at the 30th June, 1960. In the same period the

population of the remainder of the State increased from 398,712 to 1,060,648. During only one intercensal period—1891 to 1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than the metropolis. There was little increase in the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area in this period, due to the severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. With the decline in the goldmining industry, the rate of increase in the country areas diminished until, at the beginning of the present century, the rural population became almost stationary. Between 1901 and 1933, the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area increased by 495,855; in the same period the population of the remainder of the State increased by 123,336. The closing years of the period were years of world wide depression, during which Melbourne lost population, to a slight degree, to the rural districts of the State. Following the depression, the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area increased steadily until the outbreak of war in 1939. In the war years which followed, there was a considerable increase in the population of the Metropolitan Area, due partly to migration from the rural areas of the State. In 1946, the country areas showed a substantial increase in population. The enlargement of the area of Melbourne Metropolitan Area in 1947 resulted in the country areas losing approximately 30,000 persons and a further enlargement in 1954 resulted in a similar loss of approximately 115,000 persons. During the period 1948 to 1960 oversea migration had a pronounced effect on the increase in the population in Victoria. In the table below are given the population of Victoria, Melbourne Metropolitan Area, and the Remainder of the State at each Census since 1861, and for each year since the Census of 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF VICTORIA, MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA AND REMAINDER OF THE STATE

Date					Population		
					Victoria	Melbourne Metropolitan Area	Remainder of State
Census—							
1861	..	..	..	..	538,628	139,916	398,712
1871	..	..	..	..	730,198	206,780	523,418
1881	..	..	..	..	861,566	282,947	578,619
1891	..	..	..	..	1,140,088	490,896	649,192
1901	..	..	..	..	1,201,070	496,079	704,991
1911	..	..	..	..	1,315,551	593,237	722,314
1921	..	..	..	..	1,531,280	782,979	748,301
1933	..	..	..	..	1,820,261	991,934	828,327
1947	..	..	..	..	2,054,701	1,226,409	828,292
1954	..	..	..	..	2,452,341	1,524,111	928,230
Estimated at—							
1955 (31st December)	..	..	..	..	2,555,021	1,595,300	959,721
1956 (31st December)	..	..	..	..	2,632,623	1,649,000	983,623
1957 (30th June)	..	..	..	..	2,673,498	1,677,100	996,398
1958 (30th June)	..	..	..	..	2,741,397	1,726,100	1,015,297
1959 (30th June)	2,814,523	1,777,700	1,036,823
1960 (30th June)	2,891,748	1,831,100	1,060,648



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160	Alexandra S.	110	Gordon S.	75	Portland T.
161	Ararat S.	123	Goulburn S.	76	Pyralis S.
81	Ararat S.	58	Grenville S.	1	
82	Ararat, City of	77	Hamilton, City of	1	Queenscliffe B.
83	Ararat S.	59	Kempden S.	51	Ripon S.
159	Ararat S.	77	Leigh S.	118	Rockcastle S.
16	Bacchus Marsh S.	22	Meakinsville S.	12	Rockcastle S.
154	Bairnsdale S.	22	Meakinsville S.	12	Rockcastle S.
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The following table shows the population and the number of dwellings in each of the municipalities of Victoria, by Statistical Division, at the Census of 30th June, 1954 and as estimated at the 30th June, 1960, together with the area at 30th June, 1960.

For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or any part of a building. The term has, therefore, a very wide reference and includes, in addition to houses and flats, a single-roomed shack to a multi-roomed hotel or institution. In the following tables the figures for dwellings represent all dwellings, whether private or other, and whether occupied or unoccupied.

VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA BY MUNICIPALITY

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.60
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	
					acres
MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA					
Altona Shire*	6,700	13,100	1,633	3,369	10,135
Box Hill City	35,554	49,100	9,795	13,513	5,309
Brighton City	40,458	42,600	12,157	12,827	3,380
Broadmeadows City† ..	23,065	54,900	5,772	14,294	17,490
Brunswick City	53,620	50,600	14,754	14,969	2,625
Camberwell City	90,397	102,300	26,618	29,897	8,682
Caulfield City	75,217	72,100	22,941	23,726	5,431
Chelsea City	16,857	22,200	5,027	6,490	3,020
Coburg City	62,077	70,400	16,616	18,911	4,616
Collingwood City	27,155	25,500	7,387	7,476	1,180
Dandenong City‡	27,748	21,600	7,418	5,912	8,960
Doncaster and Templestowe Shire	6,814	16,500	1,958	4,636	22,090
Eltham Shire (Part)§ ..	7,499	12,000	2,143	3,364	9,505
Essendon City	57,873	59,900	16,519	17,160	4,073
Fern Tree Gully Shire (Part)§	22,019	30,400	7,661	10,035	32,790
Fitzroy City	30,312	28,700	8,436	8,342	904
Footscray City	57,915	62,600	15,599	16,866	4,441
Frankston and Hastings Shire (Part)§	15,478	25,100	5,036	7,678	17,460
Hawthorn City	37,188	35,100	11,731	12,209	2,411
Heidelberg City	60,007	82,400	15,350	21,421	30,490
Keilor Shire¶	10,681	24,300	2,829	6,598	24,265
Kew City	31,518	33,100	8,642	9,144	3,596
Lillydale Shire (Part)§ ..	16,619	26,300	5,291	7,963	57,365
Malvern City	46,910	45,500	14,574	15,265	3,935
Melbourne City	93,172	88,300	22,800	22,748	7,765
Moorabbin City|| .. ..	65,332	92,000	17,777	25,165	12,655
Mordialloc City	21,025	26,300	5,876	7,323	3,013
Mulgrave Shire|| .. ..	20,293	40,500	5,263	10,881	14,585
Northcote City	43,604	42,800	12,473	13,092	2,819
Nunawading City	23,855	48,700	6,475	13,162	10,275
Oakleigh City|| .. ..	24,305	45,500	6,694	12,251	7,486
Port Melbourne City ..	13,104	12,400	3,501	3,412	2,628
Prahran City	54,009	50,700	18,468	19,398	2,361

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.60
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	
					acres
MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued</i>					
Preston City	63,868	81,000	16,324	20,940	9,155
Richmond City	35,213	32,400	10,083	10,148	1,513
Ringwood City	12,951	23,500	3,713	6,601	5,625
Sandringham City ..	31,758	38,200	9,152	10,919	3,700
South Melbourne City ..	37,995	34,000	11,564	11,041	2,203
Springvale and Noble Park Shire|| .. ..	‡	26,200	‡	7,071	24,000
St. Kilda City	53,301	51,300	18,102	19,212	2,118
Sunshine City	41,332	58,500	9,481	14,008	19,775
Williamstown City ..	29,313	31,700	8,014	8,754	3,377
Remainder of Melbourne Metropolitan Area (Parts of Shires of Bulla, Melton, and Whittlesea).. ..	†¶	800	†¶	180	26,540
Total—Melbourne Metro- politan Area	1,524,111	1,831,100	431,647	528,371	445,746

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

Bacchus Marsh Shire ..	3,972	4,420	1,053	1,197	144,640
Ballan Shire	2,752	2,870	921	955	227,200
Bannockburn Shire ..	2,126	2,240	623	659	174,080
Barrabool Shire	1,917	3,230	959	1,381	146,560
Bass Shire	3,761	4,100	1,176	1,283	129,920
Bellarine Shire	7,015	10,560	2,280	3,431	81,920
Berwick Shire	12,412	18,630	3,812	5,714	248,960
Broadmeadows Shire† ..	1,010	†	307	†	†
Bulla Shire (Part)† ..	3,232	4,050	488	743	89,779
Bungaree Shire	1,966	2,160	484	543	56,320
Buninyong Shire	3,953	4,330	1,107	1,220	192,000
Corio Shire	15,808	25,190	3,612	6,722	172,800
Cranbourne Shire	8,201	9,950	2,596	3,142	183,680
Eltham Shire (Part)§ ..	3,942	3,510	1,394	1,277	64,736
Fern Tree Gully Shire (Part)§	3,427	4,190	1,483	1,725	42,093
Flinders Shire	12,072	20,520	6,405	9,296	116,480
Frankston and Hastings Shire (Part)§	2,622	3,160	826	992	35,661
Geelong City	20,034	20,940	5,263	5,546	3,322
Geelong West City ..	17,313	18,770	4,805	5,275	1,299
Gisborne Shire	2,122	2,280	750	800	64,000
Healesville Shire** ..	5,168	6,650	1,550	2,004	248,960
Kilmore Shire (Part) (see North-Central Division)†**	**	480	**	121	63,360
Korumburra Shire	7,386	8,040	1,962	2,162	151,680
Lillydale Shire (Part)§ ..	4,488	5,070	1,613	1,799	49,197
Melton Shire (Part)** ..	1,424	1,670	424	497	100,378
Mornington Shire	5,793	8,860	2,191	3,173	22,400
Newtown and Chilwell City**	11,191	12,100	3,056	3,347	1,480
Phillip Island Shire ..	1,231	1,840	528	726	24,960
Queenscliffe Borough ..	2,551	3,290	1,002	1,232	2,099
Romsey Shire**	2,813	2,840	842	848	152,960
South Barwon Shire** ..	11,016	16,310	3,304	5,054	40,856

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30. 6. 60
	At 30. 6. 54 (Census)	At 30. 6. 60 (Estimated)	At 30. 6. 54 (Census)	At 30. 6. 60 (Estimated)	
					acres
CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued					
Upper Yarra Shire	6,952	6,620	1,995	2,181	391,680
Werribee Shire*	9,414	11,930	2,017	2,831	165,120
Whittlesea Shire (Part)† ..	5,724	9,770	1,548	2,825	146,758
Wonthaggi Borough	4,461	4,590	1,327	1,367	13,088
Not Incorporated	178	180	39	39	41,600
Total—Central Statistical Division	209,447	265,340	63,742	82,107	3,792,026
NORTH-CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Alexandra Shire	6,523	5,570	1,533	1,651	462,080
Broadford Shire	1,939	2,090	580	626	144,640
Castlemaine Town	6,577	7,290	1,894	2,118	5,760
Clunes Borough	871	920	307	321	5,760
Creswick Shire	3,554	3,740	1,084	1,142	136,320
Daylesford Borough	3,216	3,400	1,019	1,079	4,013
Glenlyon Shire	2,273	2,360	853	876	146,560
Kilmore Shire (Part) (see Central Division)†** ..	1,932	1,910	442	462	60,160
Kyneton Shire	6,063	6,450	1,958	2,077	179,200
Maldon Shire	2,030	2,050	737	747	138,240
Maryborough Borough ..	6,827	7,510	2,034	2,256	5,760
McIvor Shire	2,201	2,220	642	650	357,120
Metcalfe Shire	2,425	2,600	726	778	145,920
Newham and Woodend Shire	2,058	2,180	651	687	60,800
Newstead Shire	2,088	2,160	669	688	101,120
Pyalong Shire	483	500	144	153	149,120
Seymour Shire	11,596	12,680	1,963	2,310	234,240
Talbot Shire	803	820	293	300	126,080
Tullaroop Shire	1,416	1,480	430	446	157,440
Yea Shire	2,866	2,970	887	919	338,560
Total—North-Central Statis- tical Division	67,741	70,900	18,846	20,286	2,958,893
WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Ararat City**	7,414	8,100	1,804	2,026	4,710
Ararat Shire**	4,659	5,070	1,323	1,454	903,629
Ballaarat City	39,945	43,230	11,218	12,269	8,550
Ballarat Shire	6,145	9,070	1,327	2,258	117,760
Belfast Shire	1,949	2,020	489	516	128,000
Camperdown Town** ..	3,205	3,470	906	990	3,591
Colac City**	8,032	9,290	2,164	2,559	2,688
Colac Shire	6,963	7,140	1,799	1,855	360,320
Dundas Shire	3,903	4,220	1,038	1,143	856,320
Glenelg Shire	5,949	6,420	1,684	1,833	885,120
Grenville Shire	1,862	1,920	575	592	208,640
Hamilton City	8,507	9,720	2,273	2,675	5,351
Hampden Shire	8,781	9,210	2,384	2,517	647,040
Heytesbury Shire	6,464	7,120	1,632	1,837	381,440
Koroit Borough	1,401	1,440	350	360	5,696

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.60
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	
					acres
WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION—<i>continued</i>					
Leigh Shire	1,096	1,390	334	421	242,560
Lexton Shire	1,350	1,490	393	431	202,880
Minhamite Shire	2,520	2,810	678	768	337,280
Mortlake Shire	4,060	4,570	1,088	1,249	528,000
Mount Rouse Shire	2,859	3,110	786	864	350,720
Otway Shire	4,197	4,450	1,204	1,283	435,840
Port Fairy Borough	2,265	2,660	683	807	5,683
Portland Town**	4,759	6,020	1,470	1,867	5,978
Portland Shire**	7,056	7,460	1,992	2,121	912,000
Ripon Shire	3,365	3,810	1,020	1,170	378,880
Sebastopol Borough	3,265	3,720	863	1,011	1,747
Wannon Shire	3,949	4,370	1,078	1,209	488,320
Warrnambool City	10,850	14,780	2,907	4,190	7,091
Warrnambool Shire	8,920	7,970	2,217	1,870	392,320
Winchelsea Shire	4,361	4,950	1,509	1,696	344,960
Not Incorporated .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,112
Total—Western Statistical Division	180,051	201,000	49,188	55,841	9,155,226
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Arapiles Shire	2,160	2,250	573	600	491,520
Avoca Shire	2,381	2,470	744	773	277,760
Dimboola Shire	6,224	6,630	1,724	1,856	1,215,360
Donald Shire	2,864	3,090	790	861	357,760
Dunmunkle Shire	4,110	4,360	1,141	1,223	382,080
Horsham City	7,767	9,230	2,152	2,611	5,939
Kaniva Shire	2,290	2,550	620	703	762,240
Kara Kara Shire	1,663	1,710	488	503	567,040
Kowree Shire	5,012	5,530	1,308	1,473	1,331,200
Lowan Shire	3,999	4,240	1,161	1,237	663,040
St. Arnaud Town	3,037	3,250	865	931	6,279
Stawell Town**	5,463	5,990	1,603	1,770	5,952
Stawell Shire	2,286	2,420	751	795	645,760
Warracknabeal Shire	4,861	5,260	1,366	1,493	454,400
Wimmera Shire	3,569	3,820	963	1,039	645,760
Total—Wimmera Statistical Division	57,686	62,800	16,249	17,868	7,812,090
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Birchip Shire	1,745	1,890	459	503	362,880
Karkaroc Shire	4,424	4,660	1,151	1,220	919,040
Mildura City	10,972	12,620	2,884	3,403	5,408
Mildura Shire	15,727	16,850	4,258	4,611	2,605,440
Swan Hill Borough	5,197	6,290	1,323	1,678	3,373
Swan Hill Shire	11,147	11,960	2,908	3,164	1,619,200
Walpeup Shire	4,310	4,530	1,151	1,219	2,667,520
Wycheproof Shire	4,548	4,810	1,166	1,250	1,016,960
Total—Mallee Statistical Division	58,070	63,610	15,300	17,048	9,199,821

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.60
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	
					acres
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Bendigo City	28,726	31,830	8,364	9,366	8,032
Bet Bet Shire	2,296	2,370	735	758	229,120
Charlton Shire	2,359	2,590	639	707	290,560
Cobram Shire	3,642	4,460	943	1,205	108,800
Cohuna Shire	3,872	4,350	997	1,150	122,880
Deakin Shire	4,635	5,260	1,232	1,429	237,440
Eaglehawk Borough ..	4,696	5,150	1,404	1,544	3,584
East Loddon Shire ..	1,446	1,550	407	432	295,040
Echuca Borough	5,405	6,370	1,489	1,793	4,378
Gordon Shire	2,969	3,150	857	915	499,840
Goulburn Shire	1,760	2,250	505	674	254,720
Huntly Shire	2,247	2,340	670	698	216,960
Inglewood Borough ..	957	1,010	289	307	2,560
Kerang Shire	8,483	9,240	2,277	2,516	823,680
Korong Shire	2,986	3,070	938	966	586,880
Kyabram Borough	3,335	4,050	888	1,115	5,152
Marong Shire	5,421	6,190	1,532	1,780	368,000
Nathalia Shire**	**	3,740	**	1,036	305,920
Numurkah Shire** ..	8,027	5,470	2,128	1,474	178,560
Rochester Shire	6,330	6,790	1,713	1,858	480,000
Rodney Shire	9,181	10,700	2,328	2,691	254,080
Shepparton City	10,848	13,150	3,004	3,755	4,716
Shepparton Shire	5,376	5,980	1,362	1,559	230,400
Strathfieldsaye Shire ..	4,213	5,320	1,120	1,472	152,960
Tungamah Shire	2,258	2,390	627	667	282,240
Waranga Shire	4,655	4,730	1,326	1,342	408,320
Yarrawonga Shire	3,770	4,230	965	1,116	155,520
Total—Northern Statistical Division	139,893	157,730	38,739	44,325	6,510,342
NORTH-EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Beechworth Shire	4,417	4,650	1,039	1,107	190,720
Benalla Borough** ..	6,045	7,520	1,652	2,017	4,544
Benalla Shire**	4,407	3,740	1,016	1,062	573,440
Bright Shire**	8,060	5,820	2,092	1,418	733,440
Chiltern Shire	1,613	1,650	502	515	122,880
Euroa Shire	4,476	4,920	1,303	1,447	330,880
Mansfield Shire	5,023	5,230	1,447	1,539	965,120
Myrtleford Shire** ..	**	3,790	**	895	176,000
Omoo Shire	2,072	2,110	609	622	1,428,480
Oxley Shire	4,393	4,650	1,180	1,264	691,200
Rutherglen Shire	2,897	3,050	852	897	131,200
Towong Shire	4,385	4,590	1,187	1,270	1,025,280
Upper Murray Shire ..	2,521	2,770	669	747	607,360
Violet Town Shire	1,424	1,470	412	426	231,040
Wangaratta City** ..	10,715	13,080	2,761	3,529	5,478
Wangaratta Shire	2,267	2,340	608	632	226,560
Wodonga Shire	10,924	12,950	1,890	2,598	85,760
Yackandandah Shire ..	3,131	3,210	825	852	274,560
Total—North-Eastern Statistical Division	78,770	87,540	20,044	22,837	7,803,942

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.60
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	
					acres
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Alberton Shire	5,602	5,990	1,665	1,787	461,440
Avon Shire	3,215	3,450	744	820	588,800
Bairnsdale Shire	10,104	11,340	2,707	3,108	606,720
Buln Buln Shire	8,015	8,650	2,212	2,428	311,040
Maffra Shire	8,554	9,080	2,269	2,460	1,031,040
Mirboo Shire	1,862	2,010	507	553	62,720
Moe Borough**	**	13,920	**	3,814	5,286
Morwell Shire	13,033	16,340	3,334	4,270	165,760
Narracan Shire**	21,023	9,140	5,499	2,340	570,880
Orbost Shire	5,492	5,750	1,562	1,643	2,368,000
Rosedale Shire	3,860	4,420	1,193	1,364	562,560
Sale City	6,537	7,630	1,737	2,075	5,363
South Gippsland Shire	4,882	5,270	1,302	1,422	353,920
Tambo Shire	5,085	5,700	1,418	1,613	867,840
Traralgon Shire	10,036	11,780	2,692	3,245	120,320
Warragul Shire	8,605	9,790	2,242	2,627	87,040
Woorayl Shire	7,046	8,340	2,130	2,542	307,840
Yallourn Works Area	5,580	5,040	1,213	1,266	8,653
Not Incorporated .. ..	..	..	..	..	82,886
Total—Gippsland Statistical Division	128,531	143,640	34,426	39,377	8,568,108

* In 1957 the Shire of Werribee was reduced and re-defined, the Altona Riding being constituted as the Shire of Altona.

† Parts of the Metropolitan portion of the Shire of Broadmeadows were annexed to the Shires of Bulla (1955 and 1958) and Whittlesea (1955). Prior to these transfers both the Shires of Bulla and Whittlesea were entirely outside the Metropolitan Area.

The entire Extra-Metropolitan portion of the Shire of Broadmeadows (Central Division) was annexed to the Shire of Kilmore in 1955. Prior to this transfer the Shire of Kilmore was entirely in the North-Central Division. Broadmeadows was proclaimed a city in 1956.

‡ The Shire of Dandenong was reduced and re-defined in 1955, the annexed portion becoming the Shire of Springvale and Noble Park.

Dandenong was proclaimed a city in 1959.

§ The following portions of the Shires of Eltham, Fern Tree Gully, Frankston and Hastings, and Lillydale are in the Melbourne Metropolitan Area :—

Eltham : West, Eltham, and part of Northern Ridings.

Fern Tree Gully : North, Centre, and East Ridings.

Frankston and Hastings : Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings.

Lillydale : Western, North, and Southern Ridings.

The remaining portions of these Shires are in the Central Division.

¶ In 1959 part of the Shire of Keilor was annexed to the Shire of Melton. Prior to this transfer the Shire of Melton was entirely outside the Metropolitan Area.

|| Parts of the Shires of Mulgrave (1,920 acres), Springvale and Noble Park (1,600 acres) and the City of Moorabbin (640 acres) were transferred to the City of Oakleigh with effect from 1st October, 1959.

** The following changes in Non-Metropolitan Local Government Areas have taken place since 30th June, 1954 :—

New Local Government Areas constituted : Nathalia Shire, by annexation of portion of Numurkah Shire (1957) ;

Moe Borough by annexation of portion of Narracan Shire (1955) ;

Myrtleford Shire, by annexation of portion of Bright Shire (1960).

Annexation of portion of Shires : Ararat Shire to Ararat City (1960) ; South Barwon Shire to Newtown and Chilwell City (1960) ; Melton Shire to Bulla Shire (1959).

Eltham Shire to Healesville Shire (1958) ; Romsey Shire to Kilmore Shire (1958) ;

Portland Shire to Portland Town (1958) ; Benalla Shire to Benalla Borough (1956).

Changes in Status : Declared Cities : Colac (1960) ; Wangaratta (1959).

Declared Towns : Camperdown (1959) ; Stawell (1957).

VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—continued

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.60
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.60 (Estimated)	
					acres

SUMMARY

Statistical Divisions—					
Metropolitan	1,524,111	1,831,100	431,647	528,371	445,746
Central	209,447	265,340	63,742	82,107	3,792,026
North-Central	67,741	70,900	18,846	20,286	2,958,893
Western	180,051	201,000	49,188	55,841	9,155,226
Wimmera	57,686	62,800	16,249	17,868	7,812,090
Mallee	58,070	63,610	15,300	17,048	9,199,821
Northern	139,893	157,730	38,739	44,325	6,510,342
North-Eastern	78,770	87,540	20,044	22,837	7,803,942
Gippsland	128,531	143,640	34,426	39,377	8,568,108
Migratory	8,041	8,088	..	..	..
Total—Victoria ..	2,452,341	2,891,748	688,181	828,060	56,246,194

VICTORIA—

Municipalities—					
Metropolitan	1,524,111	1,831,100	431,647	528,371	445,746
Rest of State	914,431	1,047,340	255,282	298,384	55,665,197
Yallourn Works Area ..	5,580	5,040	1,213	1,266	8,653
Not Incorporated	178	180	39	39	126,598
Migratory	8,041	8,088	..	..	..
Total—Victoria ..	2,452,341	2,891,748	688,181	828,060	56,246,194

URBAN AREAS*—

Geelong and Suburbs ..	72,595	90,380	19,006	24,888	29,146
Ballarat and Suburbs ..	48,030	54,800	13,104	15,170	17,709
Bendigo and Suburbs ..	36,918	42,120	10,726	12,332	14,304

* For statistical purposes these areas are defined as follows :—

Geelong and Suburbs : Cities of Geelong, Geelong West, Newtown and Chilwell, and parts of the Shires of Bellarine, Corio, and South Barwon.

Ballarat and Suburbs : City of Ballarat, Borough of Sebastopol, and parts of the Shires of Ballarat and Buninyong.

Bendigo and Suburbs : City of Bendigo, Borough of Eaglehawk, and parts of the Shires of Marong and Strathfieldsaye.

Population of Australian States

In the following table is given the estimated population of each Australian State at 31st December, 1960 :—

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1960

State or Territory				Area in Square Miles	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1960	Persons to the Square Mile	Proportion in Each State or Territory
							per cent.
New South Wales	..	..	..	309,433	3,872,809	12·52	37·25
Victoria	..	..	..	87,884	2,925,533	33·29	28·13
Queensland	..	..	..	667,000	1,466,879	2·20	14·11
South Australia	..	..	..	380,070	956,939	2·52	9·20
Western Australia	..	..	..	975,920	740,245	0·76	7·12
Tasmania	..	..	..	26,215	359,789	13·72	3·46
Northern Territory	..	..	..	523,620	20,704	0·04	0·20
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	939*	55,272	58·86	0·53
Australia	..	..	..	2,971,081	10,398,170	3·50	100·00

* Includes Jervis Bay.

Census Populations to 1954

In the following table is given the census population of each Australian State from 1901 to 1954:—

CENSUS POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES

State or Territory	Population at Census of—					
	1901	1911	1921	1933	1947	1954
New South Wales ..	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847	2,984,838	3,423,529
Victoria	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261	2,054,701	2,452,341
Queensland	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,534	1,106,415	1,318,259
South Australia ..	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949	646,073	797,094
Western Australia ..	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852	502,480	639,771
Tasmania	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599	257,078	308,752
Northern Territory ..	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850	10,868	16,469
Australian Capital Territory	..	1,714*	2,572	8,947	16,905	30,315
Australia	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734	6,629,839	7,579,358	8,986,530

* Part of New South Wales prior to 1911.

The populations of Australian capital cities at each Census, 1901 to 1954, are shown in the following table:—

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES

Metropolitan Area	Population at Census of—					
	1901	1911	1921	1933	1947	1954
Sydney ..	481,830	629,503	899,059	1,235,267	1,484,004	1,863,161
Melbourne ..	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,226,409	1,524,111
Brisbane ..	119,428	139,480	209,946	299,748	402,030	502,320
Adelaide ..	162,261	189,646	255,375	312,619	382,454	483,508
Perth ..	66,832	106,792	154,873	207,440	272,528	348,647
Hobart ..	34,604	39,937	52,361	60,406	76,534	95,206

The population of Canberra at the Census of 1954 was 28,277.

At the Census of 1954, approximately 53 per cent. of the population of Australia was concentrated in the capital cities of the six States.

Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia since 1902.

The population of Victoria at each Census from 1861 to 1954, and the numerical and percentage increase during each census period, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATION

Year of Census	Persons			Males			Females		
	Population	Increase in Census Period		Population	Increase in Census Period		Population	Increase in Census Period	
		Numerical	Percentage		Numerical	Percentage		Numerical	Percentage
1861 ..	538,628	461,283*	596.40*	327,605	281,403*	609.07*	211,023	179,880*	577.59*
1871 ..	730,198	191,570	35.57	400,266	72,661	22.18	329,932	118,909	56.35
1881 ..	861,566	131,368	17.99	451,623	51,357	12.83	409,943	80,011	24.25
1891 ..	1,140,088	278,522	32.33	598,222	146,599	32.46	541,866	131,923	32.18
1901 ..	1,201,070	60,982	5.35	603,720	5,498	0.92	597,350	55,484	10.24
1911 ..	1,315,551	114,481	9.53	655,591	51,871	8.59	659,960	62,610	10.48
1921 ..	1,531,280	215,729	16.40	754,724	99,133	15.12	776,556	116,596	17.67
1933 ..	1,820,261	288,981	18.87	903,244	148,520	19.68	917,017	140,461	18.09
1947 ..	2,054,701	234,440	12.88	1,013,867	110,623	12.25	1,040,834	123,817	13.50
1954 ..	2,452,341	397,640	19.35	1,231,099	217,232	21.43	1,221,242	180,408	17.33

* Since 1851

The ratio of males to females, at each Census from 1861 to 1954, was as follows :—

Census								Males to 100 Females
1861	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155.25
1871	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	121.32
1881	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110.17
1891	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110.40
1901	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101.07
1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.34
1921	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97.19
1933	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98.50
1947	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97.41
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100.81

Census of 1954

The last census of the Commonwealth was taken on 29th-30th June, 1961, and the results as available at the time of printing are shown in the Special Supplement following the Index. The population and number of dwellings in each municipality of Victoria at the 1954 Census, and as estimated at 30th June, 1960, appear on pages 120 to 125.

The population of the statistical divisions of Victoria enumerated at the Census of 1954 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF STATISTICAL DIVISIONS, ACCORDING TO SEX AT CENSUS OF 1954

Statistical Division					Males	Females	Persons
1. Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	747,712	776,399	1,524,111
2. Central	..	..	..	..	109,015	100,432	209,447
3. North-Central	..	..	..	..	36,805	30,936	67,741
4. Western	..	..	..	..	90,656	89,395	180,051
5. Wimmera	..	..	..	..	29,526	28,160	57,686
6. Mallee	..	..	..	..	30,620	27,450	58,070
7. Northern	..	..	..	..	70,920	68,973	139,893
8. North-Eastern	..	..	..	..	41,496	37,274	78,770
9. Gippsland	..	..	..	..	67,854	60,677	128,531
Migratory	..	..	..	..	6,495	1,546	8,041
Total Victoria	..	..	..	..	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

NOTE.—The boundaries of the Metropolitan Division were re-defined as from 1st January, 1954

The next table shows the change which has taken place in the age constitution of the population of Victoria since 1947:—

VICTORIA—AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Age Last Birthday (Years)	Census, 1947			Census, 1954			Increase of Persons 1947 to 1954
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
0-4	100,830	96,409	197,239	132,184	126,151	258,335	61,096
5-9	78,593	75,518	154,111	122,204	116,653	238,857	84,746
10-14	68,738	66,655	135,393	92,175	88,632	180,807	45,414
15-19	76,723	75,271	151,994	78,776	74,945	153,721	1,727
20-24	82,121	83,762	165,883	83,734	77,196	160,930	(-) 4,953
25-29	78,719	80,764	159,483	101,392	93,078	194,470	34,987
30-34	78,988	81,337	160,325	100,487	95,108	195,595	35,270
35-39	76,149	75,585	151,734	87,819	85,875	173,694	21,960
40-44	71,431	67,871	139,302	88,548	84,036	172,584	33,282
45-49	66,437	66,565	133,002	78,969	73,389	152,358	19,356
50-54	58,920	63,955	122,875	69,714	67,798	137,512	14,637
55-59	54,231	57,809	112,040	55,039	59,817	114,856	2,816
60-64	42,105	47,274	89,379	50,136	58,306	108,442	19,063
65 and over ..	79,882	102,059	181,941	89,922	120,258	210,180	28,239
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	397,640
Under 21	340,417	330,031	670,448	440,629	420,827	861,456	191,008
21-64	593,568	608,744	1,202,312	700,548	680,157	1,380,705	178,393
65 and over ..	79,882	102,059	181,941	89,922	120,258	210,180	28,239
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	397,640

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

Numerical and percentage increases of the population in selected age groups from 1947 to 1954 are contrasted in the following table, with corresponding increases from 1933 to 1947:—

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION IN AGE GROUPS : CENSUSES, 1933 TO 1954

Age Group	Census, 1933	Increase, 1933 to 1947		Increase, 1947 to 1954	
	Persons	Numerical	Percentage	Numerical	Percentage
Under 21	665,650	4,798	0·7	191,008	28·5
21-64	1,017,070	185,242	18·2	178,393	14·8
65 and over	137,541	44,400	32·3	28,239	15·5
Total	1,820,261	234,440	12·9	397,640	19·4

The following table shows the population of Victoria classified according to conjugal condition:—

VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Conjugal Condition	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Never Married—						
Under Fifteen Years of Age	248,161	238,582	486,743	346,563	331,436	677,999
Fifteen Years of Age and over	245,767	219,852	465,619	257,342	196,891	454,233
Total—Never Married ..	493,928	458,434	952,362	603,905	528,327	1,132,232
Married	463,979	463,406	927,385	570,204	564,688	1,134,892
Married but Permanently Separated	15,291	18,550	33,841	15,214	18,144	33,358
Widowed	31,793	90,164	121,957	30,906	99,058	129,964
Divorced	5,689	6,774	12,463	7,250	9,062	16,312
Not Stated	3,187	3,506	6,693	3,620	1,963	5,583
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The following table shows the birthplace of the population at the Census of 1954:—

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACE OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1954

Birthplace	Males	Females	Persons
AUSTRALASIA—			
Australia	1,020,836	1,062,543	2,083,379
New Zealand	5,456	5,675	11,131
Other	118	139	257
Total Australasia	1,026,410	1,068,357	2,094,767
EUROPE—			
England	66,190	57,498	123,688
Wales	1,743	1,279	3,022
Scotland	17,282	14,793	32,075
Northern Ireland ..	1,808	1,295	3,103
Ireland, Republic of ..	1,139	633	1,772
Ireland—Undefined ..	4,753	3,315	8,068
Albania	612	84	696
Austria	2,064	1,899	3,963
Belgium	288	325	613
Czechoslovakia	2,579	1,489	4,068
Denmark	428	202	630

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACE OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1954—
continued

Birthplace					Males	Females	Persons
<i>EUROPE—continued</i>							
Estonia	..	..	..	..	652	697	1,349
France	..	..	..	..	725	772	1,497
Germany	..	..	..	..	11,029	10,743	21,772
Greece	..	..	..	..	5,009	2,636	7,645
Hungary	..	..	..	..	2,624	1,683	4,307
Italy	..	..	..	..	27,709	14,720	42,429
Latvia	..	..	..	..	3,021	2,672	5,693
Lithuania	..	..	..	..	1,763	1,199	2,962
Malta	..	..	..	..	4,469	2,662	7,131
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	9,188	6,786	15,974
Norway	..	..	..	..	481	112	593
Poland	..	..	..	..	12,836	8,592	21,428
Romania	..	..	..	..	619	441	1,060
Sweden	..	..	..	..	474	106	580
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	518	448	966
Ukraine	..	..	..	..	2,710	1,968	4,678
U.S.S.R.	..	..	..	..	1,685	1,706	3,391
Yugoslavia	..	..	..	..	4,060	2,058	6,118
Other	..	..	..	..	1,593	877	2,470
Total Europe	..	..	..	..	190,051	143,690	333,741
<i>ASIA—</i>							
China	..	..	..	..	1,726	492	2,218
Cyprus	..	..	..	..	1,760	636	2,396
Federation of Malaya	..	..	..	..	436	209	645
India, Pakistan, Ceylon	..	..	..	..	2,695	1,638	4,333
Indonesia	..	..	..	..	551	283	834
Israel	..	..	..	..	772	754	1,526
Syria and Lebanon	..	..	..	..	321	224	545
Other	..	..	..	..	1,310	754	2,064
Total Asia	..	..	..	..	9,571	4,990	14,561
<i>AFRICA—</i>							
Union of South Africa	..	..	..	..	882	850	1,732
Egypt	..	..	..	..	1,523	1,225	2,748
Other	..	..	..	..	255	218	473
Total Africa	..	..	..	..	2,660	2,293	4,953
<i>AMERICA—</i>							
Canada	..	..	..	..	582	480	1,062
United States of America	..	..	..	..	1,349	905	2,254
Other	..	..	..	..	221	211	432
Total America	..	..	..	..	2,152	1,596	3,748
OTHER	..	..	..	..	255	316	571
GRAND TOTAL	..	..	..	..	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The Censuses of 1947 and 1954 show the nationality of the population as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF THE POPULATION AT
CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Nationality	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BRITISH* ..	1,005,324	1,037,770	2,043,094	1,148,786	1,167,012	2,315,798
FOREIGN—						
American (U.S.)	617	270	887	1,042	606	1,648
Austrian ..	193	116	309	699	651	1,350
Chinese ..	1,030	82	1,112	1,401	189	1,590
Czechoslovakian	78	43	121	1,462	809	2,271
Dutch ..	468	191	659	9,255	7,035	16,290
Estonian ..	15	5	20	565	609	1,174
French ..	87	94	181	514	493	1,007
German ..	801	354	1,155	6,078	5,414	11,492
Greek ..	1,101	207	1,308	4,037	2,241	6,278
Hungarian ..	60	44	104	1,683	1,118	2,801
Italian ..	1,747	573	2,320	23,225	11,981	35,206
Latvian ..	13	11	24	2,992	2,814	5,806
Lithuanian ..	3	6	9	1,646	1,148	2,794
Norwegian ..	155	23	178	239	61	300
Polish ..	575	480	1,055	9,370	6,889	16,259
Portuguese ..	13	4	17	425	7	432
Romanian ..	9	13	22	267	180	447
Russian ..	57	36	93	548	495	1,043
Swiss ..	89	28	117	310	264	574
Ukrainian ..	†	†	†	3,185	2,453	5,638
Yugoslavian ..	128	25	153	3,450	2,045	5,495
Other ..	852	177	1,029	2,446	988	3,434
Stateless ..	452	282	734	7,474	5,740	13,214
Total Foreign	8,543	3,064	11,607	82,313	54,230	136,543
GRAND TOTAL	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

* Includes Irish.

† Included with U.S.S.R.

The next table shows the period of residence in Australia, at Censuses of 1947 and 1954, of persons who were not born in Australia:—

VICTORIA—PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA, AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954, OF PERSONS WHO WERE NOT BORN IN AUSTRALIA

Number of Completed Years of Residence	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0	4,550	3,077	7,627	18,237	13,343	31,580
1	930	1,283	2,213	10,416	9,128	19,544
2	391	306	697	22,428	13,659	36,087
3	167	106	273	24,115	17,329	41,444
4	148	70	218	26,517	19,140	45,657
0-4	6,186	4,842	11,028	101,713	72,599	174,312
5	663	335	998	19,547	14,009	33,556
6	869	486	1,355	5,975	4,483	10,458
7	1,363	909	2,272	2,583	2,243	4,826
8	2,640	2,204	4,844	4,233	3,325	7,558
9	1,866	1,223	3,089			
10-14	3,471	3,227	6,698			
5-14	10,872	8,384	19,256	32,338	24,060	56,398
15 and over ..	79,670	63,452	143,122	72,948	59,243	132,191
Not Stated ..	2,623	2,571	5,194	3,264	2,797	6,061
Born outside Australia ..	99,351	79,249	178,600	210,263	158,699	368,962
Born in Australia	914,516	961,585	1,876,101	1,020,836	1,062,543	2,083,379
Total ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The following table shows the religion of the population at Censuses of 1947 and 1954:—

VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Religion	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
CHRISTIAN—						
Baptist ..	14,803	17,217	32,020	16,084	18,232	34,316
Brethren ..	1,125	1,459	2,584	1,479	1,782	3,261
Catholic, Roman (*) ..	71,179	62,986	134,165	99,128	82,083	181,211
Catholic (*) ..	133,744	151,752	285,496	188,492	194,951	383,443
Church of Christ	13,746	15,976	29,722	15,797	17,811	33,608
Church of England ..	360,028	369,874	729,902	413,591	418,882	832,473
Congregational	5,058	6,316	11,374	5,417	6,505	11,922
Greek Orthodox	†	†	†	12,219	7,902	20,121
Lutheran ..	5,244	4,758	10,002	11,785	11,108	22,893

* So described on individual census schedules. † Not available.

**VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947
AND 1954—continued**

Religion	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
CHRISTIAN—continued						
Methodist ..	112,874	121,721	234,595	122,377	130,425	252,802
Presbyterian ..	139,628	148,755	288,383	158,811	167,611	326,422
Protestant, Undefined ..	13,397	13,876	27,273	18,787	18,966	37,753
Salvation Army ..	5,060	5,924	10,984	5,291	6,100	11,391
Seventh Day Adventist ..	1,298	1,978	3,276	1,906	2,562	4,468
Other ..	6,118	7,148	13,266	6,967	7,981	14,948
Total Christian	883,302	929,740	1,813,042	1,078,131	1,092,901	2,171,032
NON-CHRISTIAN—						
Hebrew ..	7,696	7,214	14,910	12,211	11,805	24,016
Other ..	895	130	1,025	1,830	453	2,283
Total Non-Christian ..	8,591	7,344	15,935	14,041	12,258	26,299
Indefinite ..	2,547	2,281	4,828	2,579	2,239	4,818
No Religion ..	5,517	2,441	7,958	4,564	2,073	6,637
No Reply ..	113,910	99,028	212,938	131,784	111,771	243,555
Grand Total ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

In the following table the male and female populations of Victoria are classified according to the industry in which they are usually engaged :—

**VICTORIA—INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT
CENSUS OF 1954**

Industry	Males	Females	Persons
Primary Production—			
Agricultural, Grazing, and Dairying ..	102,949	8,355	111,304
Other	5,175	21	5,196
Total Primary Production	108,124	8,376	116,500
Mining and Quarrying	4,463	123	4,586
Manufacturing—			
Founding, Engineering, and Metalworking ..	65,219	10,006	75,225
Manufacture, Assembly, and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories ..	40,121	3,044	43,165
Manufacture of Clothing, Knitted Goods, Boots, Shoes, &c. ..	19,561	36,518	56,079
Manufacture of Food, Drink, and Tobacco ..	33,378	9,027	42,405
Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, and Photography ..	18,694	5,939	24,633
Other	75,259	24,638	99,897
Total Manufacturing	252,232	89,172	341,404

**VICTORIA—INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1954—
continued**

Industry	Males	Females	Persons
Building and Construction	84,401	1,067	85,468
Transport and Storage	58,608	4,086	62,694
Communication	17,870	4,936	22,806
Finance and Property	18,938	9,690	28,628
Commerce	109,765	51,909	161,674
Public Authority (<i>n.e.i.</i>) and Professional Activities	72,584	51,521	124,105
Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, &c...	28,306	32,826	61,132
Electricity, Gas, Water, &c. .. .	24,116	1,491	25,607
Industry Inadequately Described or Not Stated ..	7,541	2,249	9,790
Persons Not in Work Force	444,151	963,796	1,407,947
Grand Total	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The following table shows the occupational status of the population at Censuses of 1947 and 1954 :—

**VICTORIA—OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION
AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954**

Occupational Status	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
In Work Force—						
At Work—						
Employer	53,696	7,545	61,241	59,396	8,975	68,371
Self-employed	96,689	14,741	111,430	103,083	16,302	119,385
Employee (On Wage or Salary)	498,202	188,491	686,693	608,575	225,965	834,540
Helper (Not on Wage or Salary)	7,356	1,138	8,494	5,154	2,751	7,905
Total at Work	655,943	211,915	867,858	776,208	253,993	1,030,201
Not at Work *	13,838	4,191	18,029	9,659	2,997	12,656
Total in Work Force	669,781	216,106	885,887	785,867	256,990	1,042,857
Not in Work Force	339,269	823,390	1,162,659	444,151	963,796	1,407,947
Not Stated	4,817	1,338	6,155	1,081	456	1,537
Grand Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

* Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs, or for any other reason.

The following is a list of extra-metropolitan localities in Victoria which contained a population of 1,000 persons or over at the Census of 1954:—

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF EXTRA-METROPOLITAN LOCALITIES

Locality	Population at Census, 1954	Locality	Population at Census, 1954
Alexandra	1,712	Euroa	2,657
Ararat*	7,414	Geelong*	20,034
Avoca	1,025	Geelong West*	17,313
Bacchus Marsh	2,825	Hamilton*	8,507
Bairnsdale	5,718	Hastings	1,022
Ballaarat*	39,945	Healesville	2,707
Beaufort	1,281	Heathcote	1,273
Beechworth	3,153	Heyfield	2,184
Benalla*	6,045	Horsham*	7,767
Bendigo*	28,726	Irymple	1,068
Broadford	1,451	Kerang	3,227
Camperdown*	3,205	Kilmore	1,474
Casterton	2,391	Koroit*	1,401
Castlemaine*	6,577	Korumburra	2,858
Charlton	1,408	Kyabram*	3,335
Cobram	1,695	Kyneton	3,232
Cohuna	1,542	Lakes Entrance	1,252
Colac*	8,032	Leongatha	2,304
Coleraine	1,393	Maffra	3,161
Creswick	1,606	Mansfield	1,861
Daylesford*	3,216	Maryborough*	6,827
Dimboola	1,814	Merbein	1,768
Donald	1,480	Mildura*	10,972
Dromana	1,257	Moe†	8,770
Drouin	2,104	Mooroopna	1,796
Eaglehawk*	4,696	Mornington	3,589
Echuca*	5,405	Mortlake	1,048
Eildon Weir	2,913	Morwell	9,040

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF EXTRA-METROPOLITAN LOCALITIES—
continued

Locality			Population at Census, 1954	Locality			Population at Census, 1954
Mount Beauty	..	..	1,782	St. Arnaud*	..	..	3,037
Murtoa	..	..	1,132	Stawell*	..	..	5,463
Myrtleford	..	..	1,538	Sunbury	..	..	2,385
Nathalia	..	..	1,046	Swan Hill*	..	..	5,197
Newborough	..	..	3,657	Tatura	..	..	1,929
Newtown and Chilwell*	..	..	11,191	Terang	..	..	2,365
Nhill	..	..	2,208	Tongala	..	..	1,465
Numurkah	..	..	2,195	Trafalgar	..	..	1,537
Ocean Grove	..	..	1,353	Traralgon	..	..	8,845
Orbost	..	..	2,214	Wangaratta*	..	..	10,715
Ouyen	..	..	1,426	Warburton	..	..	1,320
Pakenham East	..	..	1,110	Warracknabeal	..	..	3,009
Penshurst	..	..	1,026	Warragul	..	..	5,324
Port Fairy*	..	..	2,265	Warrnambool*	..	..	10,850
Portland*	..	..	4,759	Werribee	..	..	4,335
Queenscliffe*	..	..	2,551	Werribee South	..	..	1,480
Red Cliffs	..	..	2,361	Winchelsea	..	..	1,234
Rochester	..	..	1,791	Wodonga	..	..	5,259
Rosebud	..	..	1,694	Wonthaggi*	..	..	4,461
Rutherglen	..	..	1,370	Woodend	..	..	1,093
Rye	..	..	1,055	Wycheproof	..	..	1,006
Sale*	..	..	6,537	Yallourn North	..	..	1,457
Sebastopol*	..	..	3,265	Yallourn Works Area*	..	..	5,580
Seymour	..	..	3,736	Yarragon	..	..	1,096
Shepparton*	..	..	10,848	Yarram	..	..	1,800
Shepparton East	..	..	1,071	Yarrawonga	..	..	2,953
Sorrento	..	..	1,823	Yea	..	..	1,131

* The area covered by these localities coincides with the Local Government Area of the same name, and estimates of their populations as at 30th June, 1960, are therefore included in pages 120 to 125.

† The Borough of Moe was created in 1955; its estimated population at 30th June, 1960, is shown on page 125.

Aborigines in Victoria

The estimated number of persons with a significant amount of aboriginal blood living in this State on 30th June, 1960, was 2,260 of whom twenty were recorded as full-blood.

In 1957, following investigation by a Board of Inquiry appointed by the State Government to inquire into the operation of legislation under which aboriginal affairs were being administered, Parliament passed the present Aborigines Act. It repealed the law then existing and constituted the Aborigines Welfare Board to replace the former Board for the Protection of the Aborigines. The function of the Board is to promote the moral, physical and intellectual welfare of aboriginal people living in Victoria, irrespective of their place of birth or degree of native blood, with a view to their assimilation into the general community.

After a preliminary survey of the conditions, the Board gave priority to plans for housing aboriginal people who are living in depressed camp settlements or in sub-standard metropolitan dwellings. Ten houses at Mooropna and twelve at Robinvale have been completed and are occupied by families transferred from river-bank camps. Land has been acquired at Dimboola, Nowa Nowa, and Orbost for similar projects.

The aborigines under the direct care of the Board are maintained on Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station, in East Gippsland, which is under the control of the resident manager. The number on the Station at 30th June, 1960, was 147 of whom ten were recorded as full-bloods.

Approximately 80 part-aborigines live on another aboriginal reserve at Framlingham, in the Western District, which is supervised by a local Welfare Committee whose funds are subsidized by the Board. These aborigines are provided with Government cottages, for which they are charged a nominal rental, and maintain themselves with assistance from the Welfare Committee. Many of them receive social service allowances.

The Board has arranged for women to be transferred from the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station to the Bairnsdale District Hospital for confinement. Four male and four female children were born to part-aboriginal Lake Tyers parents at that hospital during the year.

Two part-aboriginal couples were married and two part-aborigines died at the Station in the same period.

The Board derives its revenue almost wholly from an Annual Appropriation by Parliament and loan funds. The amount expended by the Board during 1959-60 was £47,974. The Housing Commission, Victoria, constructs houses for aborigines as the Board's agent. The Board has accepted responsibility for payment of the economic rent of the houses and charges the aboriginal occupants a small weekly rental according to their means.

Vital Statistics

Introduction

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages

The system of compulsory registration of births, deaths, and marriages in Victoria has been in force since 1853, and the registers contain all necessary information bearing on the family history of the people. The statutory duties under the Registration Acts are performed by the Government Statist, who has supervision over the registrars of births and deaths, the registrars of marriages, and (so far as regards their registration duties) the clergymen who celebrate marriages. Copies of entries certified by the Government Statist or by an Assistant Government Statist are *prima facie* evidence in the Courts of Australia of the facts to which they relate. At the Government Statist's Office there is kept for reference a complete collection of all registrations effected since 1st July, 1853, as well as originals or certified copies of all existing church records relating to earlier periods, as far back as 1837.

Law Relating to Births, Deaths, and Marriages

The various Acts relating to the registration of births, deaths, and marriages in Victoria were consolidated in 1958.

In November, 1959, a Bill was placed before Parliament to re-organize the system of registration of births and deaths in Victoria. This new legislation known as the *Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act 1959*, which came into operation on 1st October, 1960, was designed to allow registrations of births and deaths to be effected by post and to remove the responsibility of registering these events from the persons who previously held office as Registrars of Births and Deaths. No alteration, however, has been made to the system of registration of marriages.

The repealed legislation providing for registration of births and deaths in Victoria had remained unchanged in principle since the year 1853, and was originally drafted from English legislation enacted in the year 1837.

Under this legislation the State was divided into districts which warranted the creation of an Office of Registrar of Births and Deaths. Persons appointed to such office were citizens residing within the district and the method of appointment left much to be desired. Untrained persons, and in many cases persons totally unsuitable for such a position, were appointed which resulted in almost insurmountable administrative difficulties and unnecessarily added to costs.

The system required the responsible person to attend at a Registrar's Office for the purpose of giving information and to sign the registration entry, which had been prepared by the Registrar, of the event being registered. Under present day economic and industrial conditions, this procedure placed a monetary hardship and some

inconvenience upon the responsible person in view of loss of time from employment and in many instances the cost of travel to and from the Registrar's office.

Under the present system, forms for giving of information for registration of births and deaths are made available to the public through maternity hospitals, funeral directors, institutions, Police Stations, and Collecting Agents. With the ready co-operation of maternity hospitals in the State, a form for registration of a birth is made available to either parent before the mother is discharged from hospital. This form, when completed, signed, and witnessed may be delivered or posted direct, to reach the Office of the Government Statist within 60 days of birth or delivered to a local Collecting Agent, whose duty it is to check the particulars contained in the form and post it to the Government Statist. The person responsible for the establishment in which a birth occurs is also required to forward notification of such event to the Government Statist.

Information forms relating to deaths are usually completed, under the supervision of a funeral director, by some relative with knowledge of the particulars to be registered. In cases of deaths reported to a Coroner, the required information is ascertained by the police. Every funeral director is required to notify particulars of burial, cremation or disposal of any dead body and any medical practitioner in attendance during the last illness is obliged to submit a medical certificate concerning death, unless the case has been reported to a Coroner.

All registrations are now prepared in standard form in the Office of the Government Statist by officers specially trained in this particular type of work, and registrations are effected without the personal attendance of the informant. The original Information Form, which is a statutory document under the Regulations to the above Act, will be retained in volume form as a duplicate record of the event registered.

Provision is also made in the new legislation for the person giving particulars relating to a birth or death, to be notified that such particulars have been duly registered by posting to him an Extract from the entry. This provision is being carried out by photographing the first four columns of each registration entry and the column stating the name and address of the informant and posting the result in a window-faced envelope. This method was adopted for reasons of economy and lessens the possibility of altering the document. However, investigation on this matter by producing a document laminated in a plastic cover is proceeding.

The response and co-operation from persons placed under an obligation by the Act and from the general public is most encouraging. Although the system has been in operation for a short period and no conclusive statistics are yet available, it would appear from the impression gained that the change has been justified.

The principal numbers and rates relating to vital statistics are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1960

Division	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population			Infant Mortality
	Marriages	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths under One Year †	Marriages	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Live Births
Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	*	39,168	16,275	734	*	21·54	8·95	18·74
Remainder of State ..	*	24,857	8,272	448	*	23·44	7·80	18·02
Victoria	20,627	64,025	24,547	1,182	7·13	22·14	8·49	18·46

* Not available

† Included in figure for deaths

The average annual rate of natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths, per 1,000 of the mean population), in each Australian State and the Commonwealth of Australia, as well as detailed particulars for Victoria, for certain periods since 1935, are shown in the following tables :—

AUSTRALIA—NATURAL INCREASE PER 1,000 OF THE MEAN POPULATION

Period	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
1935-39* ..	7·91	5·64	10·06	6·12	9·85	10·36	7·67
1940-44* ..	9·36	7·82	12·01	9·05	11·37	11·47	9·52
1945-49* ..	12·77	11·73	15·70	14·31	15·30	16·82	13·41
1950-54 ..	12·44	12·68	15·40	14·30	16·74	16·97	13·63
1955-59 ..	12·31	13·42	15·66	13·50	16·48	17·36	13·77
1956	11·71	13·25	14·80	13·40	16·75	17·35	13·37
1957	12·74	13·58	15·86	13·68	16·81	17·46	14·04
1958	12·91	13·74	15·85	13·72	15·84	17·35	14·09
1959	12·14	13·21	16·18	13·49	16·16	16·97	13·69
1960	12·26	13·65	15·66	13·93	15·35	17·64	13·80

* Excess of births over civilian deaths in the Australian States from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

VICTORIA—NATURAL INCREASE PER 1,000 OF THE MEAN POPULATION

Period	Average Annual Excess of Live Births over Deaths	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population			Period	Annual Excess of Live Births over Deaths	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population		
		Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase			Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase
1935-39 ..	10,473	15·87	10·23	5·64*	1956 ..	34,507	22·42	9·17	13·25
1940-44 ..	15,250	18·53	10·71	7·82*	1957 ..	36,333	22·61	9·03	13·58
1945-49 ..	24,188	22·13	10·40	11·73*	1958 ..	37,644	22·36	8·62	13·74
1950-54 ..	29,605	22·47	9·79	12·68	1959 ..	37,167	22·13	8·92	13·21
1955-59 ..	35,892	22·34	8·92	13·42	1960 ..	39,478	22·14	8·49	13·65

* Excess of births over civilian deaths in the Australian States from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

Marriages

Marriages in Victoria in 1960 numbered 20,627, an increase of 171 as compared with the number registered in 1959. The rate per 1,000 of mean population in 1960 was 7·13 as compared with a rate of 7·27 in 1959, and was the lowest recorded in Victoria since the depression year of 1933, when the rate was 6·96. The highest rate ever recorded in Victoria was 12·06 in 1942, and the lowest 5·66 in 1931.

The following table shows the number of marriages, the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the mean population for certain periods since 1935 :—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES

Period	Average Annual Number of Marriages	Quarter of Registration				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population
		March	June	September	December	
1935-39 ..	16,406	3,699	4,484	3,414	4,809	8·84
1940-44 ..	20,609	5,089	5,383	4,812	5,325	10·56
1945-49 ..	19,689	4,995	5,057	4,205	5,432	9·54
1950-54 ..	20,060	5,049	5,101	4,156	5,754	8·59
1955-59 ..	20,307	5,078	5,141	4,228	5,860	7·60
1956 ..	20,137	5,360	4,825	4,368	5,584	7·73
1957 ..	20,239	4,754	5,183	4,376	5,926	7·57
1958 ..	20,649	5,146	5,586	4,028	5,889	7·54
1959 ..	20,456	5,312	5,064	4,246	5,834	7·27
1960 ..	20,627	5,277	5,447	4,078	5,825	7·13

The crude marriage rate—per 1,000 of the mean population—like birth and death rates similarly estimated, is apt to be misleading in the early settlement stages of countries like Australia, but it affords a ready and approximate comparison between years not widely separated.

The following table shows the marriage rate per 1,000 of the mean population in the Australian States for each of the five years 1956 to 1960 :—

AUSTRALIA—MARRIAGE RATES

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
1956	7·68	7·73	7·27	7·40	7·50	8·07	7·61
1957	7·94	7·57	7·33	7·53	7·08	7·59	7·64
1958	7·73	7·54	7·25	7·25	7·14	7·33	7·51
1959	7·50	7·27	7·36	7·18	7·49	7·45	7·39
1960	7·66	7·13	7·01	6·99	7·28	7·74	7·34

The relative ages of bridegrooms and brides who were married in Victoria in 1960 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, 1960

Ages of Bridegrooms		Ages of Brides														Total Bridegrooms
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 and over	
15	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
16	..	1	1	4	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
17	..	1	3	13	21	12	5	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
18	..	..	17	45	73	82	35	19	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	288
19	..	1	13	66	108	147	107	55	60	2	..	..	..	..	..	559
20	..	2	15	50	113	196	212	143	160	13	1	..	..	..	..	905
21 to 24	..	..	25	150	358	787	1,225	1,454	3,661	365	34	6	2	..	..	8,067
25 to 29	..	..	4	44	81	213	498	665	2,639	1,039	227	47	12	3	1	5,473
30 to 34	..	..	..	6	12	40	71	124	721	720	416	141	51	9	4	2,315
35 to 39	..	..	..	2	..	9	16	21	136	242	262	194	91	43	10	1,026
40 to 44	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	35	76	121	129	97	33	21	518
45 to 49	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	8	26	55	92	96	105	46	430
50 to 54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	4	9	32	49	83	93	277
55 to 59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	26	35	57	133	263
60 to 64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	6	12	23	132	177
65 and over		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	13	234	253
Total Brides		5	78	381	771	1,487	2,175	2,490	7,445	2,490	1,138	674	450	369	674	20,627

Of every 1,000 men married during 1960, 778 were older and 134 were younger than their brides, and 88 were of the same age. In 1960 the oldest bridegroom was aged 99 years and the oldest bride 86 years ; the youngest bridegroom was aged fifteen years, and the youngest bride fourteen years.

The percentages of marriages in 1960 by the age of both bridegrooms and brides are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—PERCENTAGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN AGE GROUPS, 1960

Age Group	Percentage of Total—		Age Group	Percentage of Total—	
	Bridegrooms	Brides		Bridegrooms	Brides
Under 16 ..	..	0·4	35 to 39 ..	5·0	3·3
16 ..	0·1	1·8	40 to 44 ..	2·5	2·2
17 ..	0·3	3·7	45 to 49 ..	2·1	1·8
18 ..	1·4	7·2	50 to 54 ..	1·3	1·2
19 ..	2·7	10·5	55 to 59 ..	1·3	0·9
20 ..	4·4	12·1	60 and over..	2·1	1·2
21 to 24 ..	39·1	36·1			
25 to 29 ..	26·5	12·1		100·0	100·0
30 to 34 ..	11·2	5·5			

The number of minors marrying at each age and the proportion of each sex to the total marriages are given in the following table for each of the five years 1956 to 1960 :—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES OF MINORS

Year	Age in Years								Total	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Number	Percentage of Total Marriages
BRIDEGROOMS										
1956	1	4	41	167	378	785	1,376
1957	9	41	184	434	855	1,523
1958	1	11	58	213	465	851	1,599
1959	12	55	218	494	869	1,648
1960	2	13	61	288	559	905	1,828
BRIDES										
1956	..	1	5	66	245	667	1,335	1,951	2,147	6,417
1957	..	2	8	64	287	684	1,373	2,010	2,392	6,820
1958	..	1	9	89	321	731	1,417	2,036	2,512	7,116
1959	19	77	327	742	1,377	2,060	2,458	7,060
1960	5	78	381	771	1,487	2,175	2,490	7,387

A feature of Victorian marriages since the end of the Second World War has been the steady increase in the proportion of marriages which involve minors. In 1947, 4·82 per cent. of bridegrooms and 22·94 per cent. of brides were under 21 years of age, but by 1960 these percentages had increased to 8·86 and 35·81 respectively, whilst in 7·63 per cent. of marriages both parties were under 21 years of age.

The mean ages at marriage, according to conjugal condition, are shown in the following table for each of the five years, 1956 to 1960 :—

VICTORIA—MEAN AGE AT MARRIAGE

Year		Bridegrooms				Brides			
		Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	All Bride- grooms	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	All Brides
1956	..	26·8	56·0	40·5	28·9	23·7	49·0	36·8	25·6
1957	..	26·7	56·3	41·3	28·7	23·5	48·9	37·0	25·3
1958	..	26·7	56·9	41·0	28·6	23·4	48·7	36·9	25·2
1959	..	26·6	56·3	40·4	28·6	23·2	48·9	37·1	25·2
1960	..	26·3	56·8	41·1	28·3	23·1	49·2	37·1	25·0

In the following tables are given the number of persons in each conjugal condition marrying during each of the five years 1956 to 1960, and the proportions in each condition for periods since 1930 :—

VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PERSONS MARRYING

Period	Bridegrooms			Brides			Total Marriages
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	
1956 ..	18,078	911	1,148	17,969	900	1,268	20,137
1957 ..	18,405	859	975	18,264	848	1,127	20,239
1958 ..	18,740	808	1,101	18,610	834	1,205	20,649
1959 ..	18,406	841	1,209	18,287	833	1,336	20,456
1960 ..	18,742	830	1,055	18,541	858	1,228	20,627

VICTORIA—TOTAL MARRIAGES IN 1960 AND PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS MARRYING IN EACH CONJUGAL CONDITION, 1930 TO 1960

Marriage Between—	1960		Conjugal Condition	Percentage of Total—			
	Num-ber	Per-cent-age		1930-39	1940-49	1950-59	1960
				BRIDEGROOMS			
Bachelors and Spinsters ..	17,695	85.8	Bachelors	92.3	90.5	89.5	90.9
Bachelors and Widows ..	340	1.7	Widowers	5.5	4.9	4.5	4.0
Bachelors and Divorced Women	707	3.4	Divorced	2.2	4.6	6.0	5.1
Widowers and Spinsters ..	288	1.4	Total ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Widowers and Widows ..	368	1.8					
Widowers and Divorced Women	174	0.8		BRIDES			
Divorced Men and Spinsters	558	2.7	Spinsters	94.4	91.4	89.2	89.9
Divorced Men and Widows	150	0.7	Widows	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.2
Divorced Men and Divorced Women	347	1.7	Divorced	2.2	4.7	6.4	5.9
Total Marriages	20,627	100.0	Total ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The proportion of divorcees remarrying per 100 marriages has, despite year to year fluctuations, generally continued to rise. Between the periods 1910 to 1914 and 1950 to 1959 the percentage of bridegrooms who were divorcees increased from 0.7 to 6.0 and the percentage of brides from 0.9 to 6.4. The increased proportion of

divorced persons remarrying reflects the higher number of decrees for dissolution of marriage granted in recent years. The numbers of such decrees and of remarriages of divorced men and of divorced women for certain periods since 1910 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—DIVORCED PERSONS REMARRYING

Period	Decrees Granted	Remarriages	
		Divorced Men	Divorced Women
1910-19.. ..	2,258	867	1,096
1920-29.. ..	4,392	2,125	2,116
1930-39.. ..	6,059	3,172	3,099
1940-49.. ..	14,686	9,297	9,310
1950-59.. ..	16,349	12,032	12,760
1956	1,255	1,148	1,268
1957	1,345	975	1,127
1958	1,698	1,101	1,205
1959	1,861	1,209	1,336
1960	1,296	1,055	1,228

In 1960 the number of marriages celebrated by ministers of religion was 18,695 representing 91 per cent. of the total marriages. Civil marriages numbered 1,932, or 9 per cent. of the total.

The numbers and proportion of civil marriages and of marriages solemnized according to the rites of the principal religious denominations for the years 1940, 1950, and 1960 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL

Denomination	1940		1950		1960	
	Number	Per-centage of Total Marriages	Number	Per-centage of Total Marriages	Number	Per-centage of Total Marriages
Church of England	6,817	30·57	5,908	29·07	4,803	23·28
Roman Catholic	4,296	19·27	4,093	20·14	5,954	28·87
Presbyterian	4,194	18·81	4,009	19·73	3,121	15·13
Methodist	3,332	14·94	2,946	14·50	2,539	12·31
Baptist	826	3·70	366	1·80	319	1·55
Church of Christ	547	2·45	326	1·60	371	1·80
Congregational	336	1·51	317	1·56	240	1·16
Lutheran	100	0·45	236	1·16	277	1·34
Hebrew	139	0·62	219	1·08	167	0·81
Salvation Army	155	0·70	107	0·53	87	0·42
Other Denominations	228	1·02	246	1·22	817	3·96
Civil Marriages	1,329	5·96	1,547	7·61	1,932	9·37
Total	22,299	100·00	20,320	100·00	20,627	100·00

The following table shows the number and proportion of civil marriages to total marriages performed for each of the five years 1956 to 1960. In addition the number and proportions of civil marriages performed in the Office of the Government Statist are also shown.

VICTORIA—CIVIL MARRIAGES

Year	Total Civil Marriages		Performed in the Office of the Government Statist	
	Number	Percentage of Total Marriages	Number	Percentage of Total Civil Marriages
1956	1,721	8·55	1,599	92·91
1957	1,663	8·22	1,535	92·30
1958	1,776	8·60	1,620	91·22
1959	1,863	9·11	1,687	90·55
1960	1,932	9·37	1,764	91·30

Divorce

Until the proclamation by the Commonwealth of the *Matrimonial Causes Act* 1960, which was proclaimed to operate from 1st February, 1961, the law in Victoria in regard to divorce was contained in the *Marriage Act* 1958.

The following table gives the number of petitions filed by husbands and wives respectively, and the number of dissolutions of marriage, nullities of marriage, and judicial separations during the year 1960. Every decree of dissolution of marriage is in the first instance a decree *nisi* and is not made absolute till the expiration of not less than three months thereafter.

VICTORIA—DIVORCES, 1960

Petition for—	Petitions Filed by—			Decrees Granted to—		
	Husbands	Wives	Total	Husbands	Wives	Total
Dissolution of Marriage	860	938	1,798	612	684	1,296
Nullity of Marriage ..	5	12	17	6	10	16
Judicial Separation ..	..	2	2	..	1	1
Total	865	952	1,817	618	695	1,313

The grounds upon which divorces were granted during the year 1960 were as set out in the following table :—

VICTORIA—GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, 1960

Grounds on Which Granted	Dissolution of Marriage		Nullity of Marriage	
	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions
Adultery	219	154	..	..
Assault and Cruelty .. .. .	..	3	..	..
Desertion	344	485	..	..
Desertion and Adultery	42	28	..	..
Drunkenness and Failure to Support .. .. .	..	2	..	..
Drunkenness and Cruelty .. .. .	..	8	..	..
Drunkenness and Neglect of Domestic Duties	3	..	..	..
Impotence .. .. .	..	..	5	9
Insanity	4	2	..	..
Invalid Marriage .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Prior Marriage (Bigamy) .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Sentences for Crime .. .. .	..	2	..	..
Total	612	684	6	10

There was also one judicial separation granted during 1960 on the ground of desertion.

The following table shows the number of petitioners to whom decrees were granted in 1960, the ages of such petitioners at date of petition and the number of their issue :—

VICTORIA—DIVORCE PETITIONS GRANTED : AGES OF PETITIONERS (AT DATE OF PETITION) AND ISSUE, 1960

Ages of Petitioners in Years	Dissolution of Marriage		Nullity of Marriage		Number of Children*	
	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions
Under 21	1	2	..	..	..	4
21-24	15	45	..	3	11	47
25-29	108	131	1	1	96	125
30-34	120	163	2	3	126	243
35-39	110	117	..	..	148	162
40-44	100	89	1	1	140	170
45-49	86	76	..	..	113	125
50-54	37	32	1	2	47	36
55-59	17	18	..	..	25	18
60 and over	18	11	1	..	20	17
Total	612	684	6	10	726	947

* Of the total of 1,673, two children were issue of marriages which were annulled.

In addition there was one judicial separation granted on the petition of a wife aged 48, with one child.

In the following table particulars are given of the duration of marriage and issue in respect of the petitions granted for dissolution of marriage during 1960 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : PETITIONS GRANTED : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND ISSUE, 1960

Duration of Marriage in Years	Number of Children									Total Dissolutions of Marriage	Total Children
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 and over		
1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
2	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2
3	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3
4	27	11	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	15
5	46	29	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	43
6	41	20	11	3	1	..	..	..	..	76	55
7	29	20	15	3	..	..	..	..	..	67	59
8	37	36	18	3	2	..	..	..	..	96	89
9	39	28	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	80	57
10	29	23	25	2	..	..	..	..	..	79	79
11	23	20	17	6	3	..	..	..	..	69	84
12	26	21	17	12	1	1	..	..	..	78	100
13	25	16	10	12	3	1	..	..	..	67	89
14	16	16	23	6	4	3	..	..	1	69	123
15-19 ..	58	45	52	37	11	5	2	..	..	210	341
20-24 ..	28	28	35	31	6	4	4	1	..	137	266
25-29 ..	19	16	21	15	4	4	2	..	2	83	168
30-34 ..	5	8	9	5	2	1	2	..	..	32	66
35-39 ..	2	..	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	8	17
40 and over ..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	15
Total Dissolutions of Marriage ..	464	341	276	141	41	19	10	1	3	1,296	..
Total Children ..	..	341	552	423	164	95	60	7	29	..	1,671

The following table shows the ages of the parties concerned in the decrees for dissolution of marriage, petitions for which had been granted during 1960 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : PETITIONS GRANTED : AGES OF PARTIES AT DATE OF PETITION, 1960

Ages of Husbands in Years	Ages of Wives in Years										Total Husbands
	Under 21	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	
Under 21	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
21-24	1	26	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
25-29	2	60	116	23	..	..	1	..	..	..	202
30-34 .. ..	..	16	110	120	18	4	2	1	..	..	271
35-39 .. ..	..	3	21	122	94	18	1	1	..	..	260
40-44 .. ..	..	1	10	29	57	71	21	2	1	..	192
45-49 .. ..	..	..	2	12	36	55	57	4	..	..	166
50-54 .. ..	..	..	..	3	7	15	36	23	7	1	92
55-59 .. ..	..	..	..	1	2	3	10	8	16	3	43
60 and over ..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	10	8	15	39
Total Wives ..	5	106	261	310	216	167	131	49	32	19	1,296

The following is a table of the number of decrees granted in Victoria for dissolution of marriage and for judicial separation since 1911 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS

Period	Decrees Granted For—		Year	Decrees Granted For—	
	Dissolution of Marriage	Judicial Separation		Dissolution of Marriage	Judicial Separation
1911-20 ..	2,499	14	1956	1,255	2
1921-30 ..	4,403	16	1957	1,345	2
1931-40 ..	6,495	16	1958	1,698	..
1941-50 ..	15,460	22	1959	1,861	..
1951-60 ..	16,054	11	1960	1,296	1

Births

General

The number of births registered in Victoria during the year 1960 was 64,025, the highest ever registered in Victoria.

The rate per 1,000 of mean population in 1960 was 22·14, as compared with 22·13 in 1959, 22·36 in 1958, 22·61 in 1957, and 22·42 in 1956.

In young communities, birth-rates calculated per 1,000 of the mean population are to some extent misleading. In the earlier periods when, owing to immigration, the population consists for the most part of men and women at the reproductive period of life, such rates are naturally high. As time proceeds, notwithstanding that immigration of reproductive adults may be maintained, the proportion of such adults to the total population must diminish, and, with it, consequently the birth-rate.

Stillbirths, which are excluded from both births and deaths, numbered 850 and corresponded to a ratio of 13·28 per 1,000 infants born alive in 1960. The compulsory registration of still-born children became effective in 1953.

There were 1,052 male to every 1,000 female births in 1960, as compared with 1,061 in 1959, 1,059 in 1958, 1,050 in 1957, and 1,065 in 1956.

The following table shows the number of births (male and female), the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the mean population for certain periods since 1935 :—

VICTORIA—BIRTHS

Period	Average Annual Number of Births	Sex		Quarter of Registration				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population
		Males	Females	March	June	September	December	
1935-39 ..	29,467	15,113	14,354	7,285	7,154	7,466	7,562	15·87
1940-44 ..	36,154	18,539	17,615	8,873	8,611	9,211	9,459	18·53
1945-49 ..	45,646	23,453	22,193	11,185	10,919	11,366	12,176	22·13
1950-54 ..	52,468	26,905	25,563	13,137	12,684	13,228	13,419	22·47
1955-59 ..	59,741	30,706	29,035	14,773	14,644	15,030	15,294	22·34
1956 ..	58,393	30,115	28,278	14,757	14,268	14,579	14,789	22·42
1957 ..	60,464	30,968	29,496	15,273	14,544	14,958	15,689	22·61
1958 ..	61,269	31,517	29,752	15,187	14,302	15,968	15,812	22·36
1959 ..	62,245	32,041	30,204	14,715	16,304	15,465	15,761	22·13
1960 ..	64,025	32,825	31,200	15,229	16,063	17,019	15,714	22·14

NOTE.—Owing to changes in registration procedure, figures for September and December quarters, 1960, are not strictly comparable with corresponding quarters for other years.

The following statement shows the birth-rate per 1,000 of the mean population in the Australian States for each of the five years 1956 to 1960 :—

AUSTRALIA—BIRTH-RATES

Year			New South Wales	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aus-tralia	Western Aus-tralia	Tas-mania	Aus-tralia
1956	..	..	21·29	22·42	23·72	22·35	24·98	25·15	22·50
1957	..	..	21·93	22·61	24·25	22·35	24·47	25·55	22·86
1958	..	..	21·67	22·36	23·95	22·35	23·71	25·37	22·59
1959	..	..	21·51	22·13	24·77	22·12	23·80	25·05	22·56
1960	..	..	21·41	22·14	24·14	22·19	23·14	25·26	22·40

The average ages of fathers and of mothers of nuptial children whose births were recorded in 1960 were 31·3 and 28·0 years respectively. The proportions of both parents in various age groups are shown in the following table for the year 1960 :—

VICTORIA—NUPTIAL BIRTHS: PERCENTAGE OF PARENTS
IN EACH AGE GROUP, 1960

Age Group						Percentage of Total	
						Fathers	Mothers
Under 20	..	..	..	..	..	0·80	5·35
20-24	..	..	..	..	..	14·72	29·91
25-29	..	..	..	..	..	30·94	30·84
30-34	..	..	..	..	..	28·30	20·83
35-39	..	..	..	..	..	15·88	10·33
40-44	..	..	..	..	..	6·08	2·56
45-49	..	..	..	..	..	2·39	0·18
50 and over..	..	..	..	..	..	0·89	..
						100·00	100·00

The number of cases of multiple births and the proportion per 1,000 of the total cases of births in each of the five years 1956 to 1960 were as follows :—

VICTORIA—MULTIPLE BIRTHS

Year		Cases of Twins	Cases of Triplets	Total Multiple Cases	Multiple Cases per 1,000 of Total Cases
1956	.. ..	691	4	695	12·04
1957	.. ..	695	10	705	11·80
1958	.. ..	759	9	768	12·69
1959	.. ..	711	7	718	11·67
1960	.. ..	734	4	738	11·66

The last case of quadruplets occurred in 1951.

On the average of the five years 1956 to 1960, the proportion of mothers of twins was one in 84, of mothers of triplets, one in 8,906, and of mothers of all multiple births, one in 83 mothers.

Adoption of Children

Provision for the legal adoption of children and the registration of each adoption is contained in the *Adoption of Children Act 1958*. Details of the history of this legislation are contained on page 483 of the Victorian Year Book 1954–58.

The following table shows the number of legal adoptions (male and female) from 1956 :—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN LEGALLY ADOPTED

Period					Number of Children Adopted	
					Males	Females
1956	..	..	..	..	600	643
1957	..	..	..	..	612	612
1958	..	..	..	..	633	665
1959	..	..	..	..	576	656
1960	..	..	..	..	633	649

Children Legitimated

Provision for the legitimation of children is contained in the *Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act 1958*.

The table below shows the number of legitimations and the proportion per 100 ex-nuptial births from 1956 :—

VICTORIA—LEGITIMATIONS

Period					Number of Legitimations	Proportion per 100 Ex-nuptial Births
1956	..	..	..	..	97	4·9
1957	..	..	..	..	124	6·0
1958	..	..	..	..	87	3·9
1959	..	..	..	..	86	3·7
1960	..	..	..	..	107	4·5

Legitimation Acts are in force in all the Australian States, but differ greatly in content, and as a consequence there are marked differences in the numbers of legitimations resulting from them. In proportion to every 100 children born out of wedlock in 1960, the numbers of legitimations in the several States during that year were as follows :—Victoria, 4·5 ; New South Wales, 7·1 ; Queensland, 9·6 ; South Australia, 5·5 ; Western Australia, 22·6 ; and Tasmania, 15·7.

Ex-nuptial Births

The following table shows the number of ex-nuptial births and their percentage to total births for certain periods since 1935 :—

VICTORIA—EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

Period	Average Annual Number of Births	Average Annual Number of Ex-nuptial Births			Percentage of Total Births
		Male	Female	Total	
1935-39	29,467	613	615	1,228	4·17
1940-44	36,154	701	638	1,339	3·70
1945-49	45,646	801	777	1,578	3·46
1950-54	52,468	892	875	1,767	3·37
1955-59	59,741	1,070	1,026	2,096	3·51
1956	58,393	1,025	955	1,980	3·39
1957	60,464	1,055	1,010	2,065	3·42
1958	61,269	1,141	1,078	2,219	3·62
1959	62,245	1,161	1,147	2,308	3·71
1960	64,025	1,241	1,139	2,380	3·72

The percentages of ex-nuptial to total births in the various States in 1960 were as follows :—Victoria, 3·72 ; New South Wales, 5·02 ; Queensland, 6·17 ; South Australia, 3·50 ; Western Australia, 5·44 ; Tasmania, 4·89 ; and Australia, 4·77.

Deaths

The following table shows the number of deaths (male and female), the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the mean population for certain periods since 1935 :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS

Period	Average Annual Number of Deaths	Sex		Quarter of Registration				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population
		Males	Females	March	June	September	December	
1935-39* ..	18,994	10,109	8,885	4,043	4,780	5,630	4,541	10·23
1940-44* ..	20,904	11,009	9,895	4,389	5,142	6,338	5,035	10·71
1945-49* ..	21,458	11,299	10,159	4,558	5,262	6,300	5,338	10·40
1950-54 ..	22,863	12,273	10,590	4,891	5,669	6,653	5,650	9·79
1955-59 ..	23,849	12,888	10,961	5,119	5,950	7,012	5,768	8·92
1956 ..	23,886	12,862	11,024	4,867	5,770	7,340	5,909	9·17
1957 ..	24,131	13,084	11,047	5,378	5,728	7,157	5,868	9·03
1958 ..	23,625	12,779	10,846	4,949	5,857	7,019	5,800	8·62
1959 ..	25,078	13,730	11,348	5,609	6,679	6,860	5,930	8·92
1960 ..	24,547	13,376	11,171	5,584	6,114	7,861	4,988	8·49

* Excludes deaths of defence personnel from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Owing to changes in registration procedure, figures for September and December quarters, 1960, are not strictly comparable with corresponding quarters for other years.

In 1960 there were 1,197 male to every 1,000 female deaths, the average for the preceding five years being 1,176. The corresponding proportion of male to female births in the same quinquennium was 1,058.

The following table shows the death-rate per 1,000 of the mean population in each of the Australian States for each of the five years 1956 to 1960 :—

AUSTRALIA—DEATH-RATES

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queens-land	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
1956	9·58	9·17	8·92	8·95	8·23	7·80	9·13
1957	9·20	9·03	8·39	8·67	7·66	8·09	8·81
1958	8·76	8·62	8·10	8·63	7·87	8·02	8·50
1959	9·38	8·92	8·59	8·62	7·65	8·07	8·87
1960	9·15	8·49	8·48	8·26	7·79	7·62	8·61

The ages of males and of females who died in each of the years 1958 to 1960 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—AGES AT DEATH

Ages	1958			1959			1960		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	644	534	1,178	744	576	1,320	681	501	1,182
1 year	54	40	94	57	36	93	50	38	88
2 years	41	24	65	28	32	60	36	35	71
3	19	13	32	32	17	49	23	20	43
4	26	10	36	22	21	43	16	18	34
5-9 years	84	51	135	82	53	135	81	52	133
10-14	50	39	89	60	41	101	53	42	95
15-19	99	23	122	124	48	172	140	51	191
20-24	147	49	196	155	41	196	134	47	181
25-29	112	49	161	118	58	176	130	61	191
30-34	168	75	243	171	89	260	168	96	264
35-39	212	150	362	259	125	384	223	140	363
40-44	281	200	481	287	182	469	306	204	510
45-49	479	293	772	498	318	816	515	318	833
50-54	708	414	1,122	755	400	1,155	750	387	1,137
55-59	1,031	534	1,565	1,121	576	1,697	1,049	532	1,581
60-64	1,317	887	2,204	1,332	828	2,160	1,337	831	2,168
65-69	1,748	1,183	2,931	1,849	1,219	3,068	1,761	1,250	3,011
70-74	1,713	1,461	3,174	1,885	1,500	3,385	1,960	1,504	3,464
75-79	1,630	1,614	3,244	1,813	1,716	3,529	1,648	1,648	3,296
80-84	1,141	1,480	2,621	1,217	1,590	2,807	1,261	1,621	2,882
85-89	746	1,132	1,878	780	1,159	1,939	709	1,114	1,823
90-94	264	477	741	276	561	840	282	527	809
95-99	53	98	151	56	150	206	55	121	176
100 years and over	2	12	14	5	11	16	4	12	16
Unknown	10	4	14	1	1	2	4	1	5
Total	12,779	10,846	23,625	13,730	11,348	25,078	13,376	11,171	24,547

Of the 73,250 persons who died in Victoria during the above three years, 14,919 (or approximately 24 per cent.) were aged 80 years and upwards, and 46—11 males and 35 females—were stated as having attained or passed the age of 100 years. In 1900, deaths of persons aged 80 years and over represented about 7 per cent. of the total deaths in that year.

Causes of Death

The Sixth (1948) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death was adopted for use in 1950.

The Revision introduced international rules for a uniform method of selecting the main cause of death to be tabulated if more than one cause is stated on the death certificate.

The comparability of statistics for years subsequent to 1950 with those for years prior to 1950 has been affected by the adoption of the new method.

The Seventh (1955) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death was adopted for use in 1958.

The causes of death in Victoria for 1960, according to the abbreviated List of the Seventh (1955) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death, the proportion of total deaths from each cause, and the rate per million of mean population are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF DEATH : NUMBERS AND RATES, 1960

Cause of Death*	Number of Deaths	Proportion of Total	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Population
		per cent.	
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System (1-8) ..	125	0·51	43
2. Tuberculosis, Other Forms (10-19) ..	13	0·05	4
3. Syphilis and Its Sequelae (20-29) ..	24	0·10	8
4. Typhoid Fever (40) ..	..	..	..
5. Cholera (43) ..	..	..	..
6. Dysentery, All Forms (45-48) ..	..	..	..
7. Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal Sore Throat (50,51)	..	..	..
8. Diphtheria (55) ..	..	..	..
9. Whooping Cough (56) ..	..	..	..
10. Meningococcal Infections (57) ..	7	0·03	2
11. Plague (58) ..	..	..	..
12. Acute Poliomyelitis (80) ..	..	..	..
13. Smallpox (84) ..	..	..	..
14. Measles (85) ..	2	0·01	1
15. Typhus and Other Rickettsial Diseases (100-108) ..	..	..	..
16. Malaria (110-117) ..	..	..	..
17. All Other Diseases Classed as Infective and Parasitic	72	0·29	25
18. Malignant Neoplasms, Including Neoplasms of			
Lymphatic and Haematopoietic Tissues (140-205)	3,901	15·89	1,349
19. Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms (210-239) ..	74	0·30	26
20. Diabetes Mellitus (260) ..	396	1·61	137
21. Anaemias (290-293) ..	74	0·30	26
22. Vascular Lesions Affecting Central Nervous System			
(330-334) ..	3,243	13·21	1,122
23. Nonmeningococcal Meningitis (340) ..	29	0·12	10
24. Rheumatic Fever (400-402) ..	4	0·02	1
25. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease (410-416) ..	221	0·90	76
26. Arteriosclerotic and Degenerative Heart Disease			
(420-422) ..	7,225	29·43	2,499
27. Other Diseases of the Heart (430-434) ..	752	3·06	260

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF DEATH : NUMBERS AND RATES, 1960—
continued

Cause of Death*	Number of Deaths	Proportion of Total	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Population
		per cent.	
28. Hypertension with Heart Disease (440-443) ..	511	2.08	176
29. Hypertension without Mention of Heart (444-447) ..	297	1.21	103
30. Influenza (480-483)	46	0.19	16
31. Pneumonia (490-493)	745	3.04	258
32. Bronchitis (500-502)	462	1.88	160
33. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum (540, 541) ..	164	0.67	57
34. Appendicitis (550-553)	30	0.12	10
35. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia (560, 561, 570)	119	0.49	41
36. Gastritis, Duodenitis, Enteritis and Colitis, except Diarrhoea of the Newborn (543, 571, 572) ..	88	0.36	30
37. Cirrhosis of Liver (581)	169	0.69	58
38. Nephritis and Nephrosis (590-594)	239	0.97	83
39. Hyperplasia of Prostate (610)	127	0.52	44
40. Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium (640-689)	16	0.07	6
41. Congenital Malformations (750-759)	368	1.50	127
42. Birth Injuries, Postnatal Asphyxia and Atelectasis (760-762)	425	1.73	147
43. Infections of the Newborn (763-768)	37	0.15	13
44. Other Diseases Peculiar to Early Infancy, and Immaturity Unqualified (769-776)	248	1.01	86
45. Senility without Mention of Psychosis, Ill-defined and Unknown Causes (780-795)	196	0.80	68
46. All Other Diseases	2,435	9.92	842
47. Motor Vehicle Accidents (E810-E835)	742	3.02	257
48. All Other Accidents (E800-E802, E840-E962) ..	627	2.55	217
49. Suicide and Self-inflicted Injury (E963, E970-E979)	257	1.05	89
50. Homicide and Operations of War (E964, E965, E980-E999)	37	0.15	13
Total	24,547	100.00	8,490

* Figures in parentheses are in respect of the Seventh Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.

Tuberculosis

The number of deaths ascribed to tuberculosis during 1960 was 138, the rate per million of mean population being 47.

The deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in 1960 numbered 125 and equalled a rate of 43 per million of the mean population. Rates for previous periods were 130 for 1950-54, 294 in 1945-49, 660 in 1918-22, 855 in 1908-12, and 1,365 in 1890-92. In 1960, tuberculosis of the respiratory system was responsible for 91 per cent. of the total deaths from tuberculosis. Of the 97 males and 28 females dying from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in 1960, four males and seven females were under the age of 45 years.

Infective and Parasitic Diseases

There has been a remarkable decrease in both the incidence and mortality rate of certain infective and parasitic diseases since the beginning of the century. Particulars of the decreases in diseases such as tuberculosis, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, streptococcal sore throat, diphtheria, whooping cough, meningococcal infections, small-pox and measles appeared on pages 493 to 495 of the Victorian Year Book 1954-58.

The incidence of poliomyelitis in Victoria has been recorded since the year 1916, when the disease was added to the list of compulsorily notifiable diseases. Since that year the most serious epidemic occurred in 1937-38 when 2,096 cases were reported, resulting in 113 deaths. Other epidemics occurred in 1918 (303 cases, 21 deaths), 1925 (140 cases, 25 deaths), 1949 (760 cases, 48 deaths), and 1954 (569 cases, 36 deaths).

During 1960, there were 25 cases notified which represented a rate of nine per million of population. No deaths occurred during the year.

Distribution of the Salk poliomyelitis vaccine began in July, 1956, and there was a marked decline in the number of cases reported since that date. (See pages 246-247).

Malignant Neoplasms

Deaths classified as malignant neoplasms since 1950 include deaths from Hodgkins' disease and leukaemia and aleukaemia, which were not formerly included with neoplasms. Deaths from malignant neoplasms in 1960 numbered 3,901 and represented a rate of 1,349 per million of mean population.

Rates for previous periods were 1,403 in 1959, 1,329 in 1958, 1,401 in 1957, and 1,405 in 1956.

Death-rates relating to malignant neoplasms, computed in relation to the general population in earlier and in later periods, are not comparable owing to the changed age distribution of the people. Satisfactory comparisons are obtained by relating the deaths with the number of persons in the community of the same sex, in age groups. This has been done for six census periods, when the numbers of the people in age groups were accurately known, and the results are given in the appended table :—

VICTORIA—DEATH-RATES FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS IN AGE GROUPS

Age Group			Annual Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms per 10,000 of Each Sex					
			1900-02	1910-12	1920-22	1932-34	1946-48	1953-55
MALES								
Under 5	..	..	0.30	0.73	0.46	0.27	0.60	1.11
5-9	..	..	0.42	0.25	0.13	0.20	0.34	0.98
10-14	..	..	0.20	0.16	0.14	0.24	0.24	0.69
15-19	..	..	0.22	0.15	0.30	0.37	0.61	0.93
20-24	..	..	0.33	0.71	0.64	0.73	0.69	1.27
25-34	..	..	1.26	0.96	0.76	0.93	1.20	1.32
35-44	..	..	3.69	3.16	3.31	3.04	3.00	4.01
45-54	..	..	14.14	16.03	13.94	10.13	11.65	13.25
55-64	..	..	36.00	36.36	40.46	37.25	32.73	36.99
65-74	..	..	59.04	74.15	78.21	85.19	80.46	82.41
75 and over	..	..	74.04	88.40	110.12	133.78	148.20	163.06
All Ages	..	..	7.52	8.50	9.52	11.63	13.51	13.76

VICTORIA—DEATH-RATES FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS IN AGE GROUPS—*continued*

Age Group			Annual Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms per 10,000 of Each Sex					
			1900-02	1910-12	1920-22	1932-34	1946-48	1953-55
FEMALES								
Under 5	..	..	0·26	0·19	0·39	0·38	0·48	1·37
5-9	..	..	0·04	0·10	0·17	0·17	0·18	0·60
10-14	..	..	..	0·27	0·05	0·08	0·40	0·71
15-19	..	..	0·28	0·44	0·15	0·17	0·04	0·49
20-24	..	..	0·23	0·41	0·30	0·39	0·60	0·56
25-34	..	..	1·61	1·39	1·28	1·57	1·75	1·81
35-44	..	..	6·05	7·26	6·61	6·00	6·23	6·14
45-54	..	..	18·13	17·87	19·14	17·31	16·47	16·46
55-64	..	..	33·05	38·03	34·48	35·82	33·40	30·93
65-74	..	..	51·18	61·66	63·05	61·17	61·44	59·38
75 and over	..	..	62·70	86·19	92·86	106·19	111·49	117·02
All Ages	..	..	6·64	8·76	9·63	12·00	14·50	14·16

Deaths from malignant neoplasms occur at all age periods, but the rates in the above table show that it is essentially a disease of later life, increasing rapidly in the groups past middle age and reaching a maximum mortality rate in the oldest age group.

The number of deaths from malignant neoplasms in the year 1960, classified according to sex and age group, is given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS IN AGE GROUPS, 1960

Age Group	Males	Females	Total	Age Group	Males	Females	Total
0-4 ..	16	17	33	45-49	97	133	230
5-9 ..	16	7	23	50-54	161	134	295
10-14 ..	9	10	19	55-59	205	172	377
15-19 ..	14	9	23	60-64	243	218	461
20-24 ..	12	6	18	65-69	301	272	573
25-29 ..	6	14	20	70-74	318	244	562
30-34 ..	19	35	54	75-79	226	204	430
35-39 ..	27	56	83	80-84	271	315	586
40-44 ..	48	66	114	Total ..	1,989	1,912	3,901

Ninety per cent. of the deaths from malignant neoplasms in the year 1960 were at ages 45 years and upwards.

The following table shows the site of the disease in persons who died from malignant neoplasms in 1960 :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS, 1960

Site of Disease*	Males	Females	Total
Buccal Cavity and Pharynx (140-148) ..	41	27	68
Oesophagus (150)	48	21	69
Stomach (151)	268	190	458
Intestine, except Rectum (152, 153) ..	192	277	469
Rectum (154)	96	77	173
Larynx (161)	29	4	33
Trachea, and Bronchus and Lung, Not Specified as Secondary (162, 163)	401	74	475
Breast (170)	1	378	379
Cervix Uteri (171) .. .. .	..	112	112
Other and Unspecified Parts of Uterus (172-174)	..	67	67
Prostate (177)	230	..	230
Skin (190)	21	26	47
Bone and Connective Tissue (196, 197) ..	27	21	48
All Other and Unspecified Sites	458	486	944
Leukaemia and Aleukaemia (204)	86	79	165
Other Neoplasms of Lymphatic and Haemato- poietic System (200-203, 205)	91	73	164
Total	1,989	1,912	3,901

* Figures in parentheses are in respect of the Seventh Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.

Diabetes Mellitus

During 1960 diabetes was responsible for 155 male and 241 female deaths, representing a rate of 137 per million of the mean population. Rates for previous periods were 131 in 1959, 150 in 1958, 167 in 1957, and 176 in 1956.

Vascular Lesions Affecting Central Nervous System

In 1960, 1,281 male and 1,962 female deaths were ascribed to vascular lesions affecting the central nervous system, the total—3,243—corresponding to a rate of 1,122 per million of the mean population. Of the 3,243 deaths in 1960, 172 were due to subarachnoid haemorrhage, 1,637 to cerebral haemorrhage, 1,165 to cerebral embolism and thrombosis, and 269 to other vascular lesions.

Diseases of the Heart

During 1960 there were 8,709 deaths ascribed to diseases of the heart, including 221 due to chronic rheumatic heart disease, 7,225 to arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease, 752 to other diseases of

the heart, and 511 to hypertension with heart disease. The total of these causes in 1960 represented a rate of 3,011 per million of the mean population.

Diseases of the Respiratory System

In 1960 deaths from diseases of the respiratory system numbered 1,560 which represented a rate of 540 per million of the mean population. Of these deaths in 1960, 46 were due to influenza, 93 to lobar pneumonia, 533 to broncho-pneumonia, 119 to other and unspecified pneumonia, 462 to bronchitis, four to empyema and abscess of lung, five to pleurisy, 16 to pulmonary congestion and hypostasis, 23 to bronchiectasis, and 259 to other diseases.

The 46 deaths from influenza in 1960 represented a rate of 16 per million of the mean population.

Influenza has generally proved more fatal to elderly people than to those at middle or young ages. In the epidemic of 1919, however, 72 per cent. of the deaths were of persons between 20 and 50 years of age. In 1960, 11 per cent. of the deaths were of persons under 50 years of age.

Diseases of the Digestive System

In 1960 there were 436 male and 354 female deaths from diseases of the digestive system, representing a rate of 270 per million of the mean population. Rates for previous periods were 303 in 1959, 288 in 1958, 289 in 1957, and 297 in 1956. Deaths from these causes in 1960 were :—164 from ulcers of the stomach and duodenum, two from gastritis and duodenitis, 30 from appendicitis, 119 from intestinal obstruction and hernia, 86 from gastro-enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn, 169 from cirrhosis of the liver, 83 from cholelithiasis and cholecystitis, and 137 from other diseases.

Diseases of the Genito-urinary System

In 1960 there were 544 deaths attributed to diseases of the genito-urinary system. This number represented a rate of 188 per million of the mean population. In 1960 nephritis and nephrosis were responsible for 239 deaths, infections of the kidney for 116, calculi of urinary system for twelve, hyperplasia of prostate for 127, and other diseases of genito-urinary system for 50.

Maternal Deaths

The death-rate of women in childbirth is usually ascertained by comparing the number of deaths of parturient women with the total number of live births.

This rate varies considerably at different ages, and is higher at older than younger ages. The number of deaths of women in childbirth and

the death-rates in various age groups in Victoria for the period 1926 to 1930 and the years 1958, 1959 and 1960 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MATERNAL DEATHS

Age Group	Deaths of Mothers				Deaths per 10,000 Children Born Alive to Mothers in Each Age Group			
	1926-30 *	1958	1959	1960	1926-30	1958	1959	1960
Under 20 ..	8	1	..	1	47.1	2.8	..	2.5
20-24 ..	30	2	..	..	39.1	1.1	..	..
25-29 ..	47	4	6	5	46.5	2.1	3.1	2.6
30-34 ..	45	8	4	4	56.8	6.2	3.1	3.0
35-39 ..	45	2	4	3	88.1	3.1	6.2	4.6
40 and over ..	22	2	2	3	117.8	10.9	11.2	17.0
Total ..	197	19	16	16	57.4	3.1	2.6	2.5

* Average annual number

The experience of the years 1926-30 showed that, for the age period 35 years and upwards, the deaths of mothers in childbirth were 96 per 10,000 children born alive to mothers in that age group, as compared with 47 per 10,000 for those under that age. Corresponding figures for 1960 were 7 per 10,000 live births and 2 per 10,000 live births respectively.

Accidental Deaths

The following table shows particulars of deaths in Victoria in 1960 which were due to accidents, and which represented 6 per cent. of the total deaths :—

VICTORIA—ACCIDENTAL DEATHS, 1960

International List No.	Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
E800-E802	Railway accidents	17	4	21
E810-E835	Motor vehicle accidents	537	205	742
E840-E845	Other road vehicle accidents	12	4	16
E850-E858	Water transport accidents	8	2	10
E860-E866	Aircraft accidents	9	1	10
E870-E888	Accidental poisoning by solid and liquid substances	21	16	37
E890-E895	Accidental poisoning by gases and vapours	7	8	15
E900-E904	Accidental falls	82	118	200
E912	Accident caused by machinery	17	..	17
E914	Accident caused by electric current	13	2	15
E916	Accident caused by fire and explosion of combustible material	30	25	55
E917, E918	Accident caused by hot substance, corrosive liquid, steam, and radiation	2	4	6
E919	Accident caused by firearm	29	1	30

VICTORIA—ACCIDENTAL DEATHS, 1960—*continued*

International List No.	Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
E924, E925	Accidental mechanical suffocation ..	9	2	11
E927	Accidents caused by bites and stings of venomous animals and insects ..	1	..	1
E928	Other accidents caused by animals ..	3	1	4
E929	Accidental drowning and submersion ..	92	22	114
E935	Lightning	1	..	1
E910, E911, E913, E915, E920-E923, E926, E930-E934, E936, E940-E946, E950-E959, E960-E962	All other accidental causes	49	15	64
	Total	939	430	1,369

For the five years 1956 to 1960, the female mortality rate from accidents was 42 per cent. of the rate for males.

Accidental Deaths Involving Motor Vehicles

The number of motor vehicles (including motor cycles) registered in Victoria and the deaths in which they were involved, for the years 1956 to 1960, were as follows :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLES

Year	Number of Motor Vehicles at 30th June	Deaths Involving Motor Vehicles		
		Number	Per 10,000 Motor Vehicles	Per 1,000,000 of Mean Population
1956	677,916	592	8·7	227
1957	708,582	667	9·4	249
1958	747,834	597	8·0	218
1959	789,358	670	8·5	238
1960	846,830	742	8·8	257

The mortality rate per 10,000 vehicles was 8·7 for the period 1956 to 1960, as compared with a rate of 11·1 in 1951 to 1955. The mortality rate (277) per million of mean population in 1951 was the highest on record.

In 1960, motor cars, &c., were involved in 8·6 deaths per 10,000 cars registered, and motor cycles in 15·9 deaths per 10,000 motor cycles registered.

Transport Accidents

In 1960, deaths from all transport accidents numbered 799, as against 739 in 1959, 659 in 1958, 714 in 1957, and 634 in 1956.

During the year 1960, deaths connected with transport represented 58 per cent. of the total deaths from accidents. The corresponding percentage in 1959 was 54.

In the following table details are given of deaths due to collisions between various types of transport, and to other fatal accidents in which transport was concerned, for the year 1960 :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM TRANSPORT ACCIDENTS, 1960

Particulars	Deaths from Collisions Between—									Deaths from Other Transport Accidents	Total Deaths from Transport Accidents	
	Motor Car	Motor Omnibus	Other Motor Vehicle (Except Motor Cycle)	Motor Cycle	Horse-drawn Vehicle	Bicycle	Animal	Fixed Object	Total Deaths from Collisions		Males	Females
Railway Vehicle	25	7	8	..	..	..	..	2	42	19	40	21
Tramcar	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	10	13	4
Motor Car	93	2	58	12	..	40	1	2	208	385	423	170
Motor Omnibus .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	1	3	1
Other Motor Vehicle (Except Motor Cycle) .. .. .	..	..	10	9	..	8	..	..	27	57	73	11
Motor Cycle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	13	10	4
Horse-drawn Vehicle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bicycle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	1
Aeroplane .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	9	1
Water Transport .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	8	2
Animal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Total	125	9	77	21	..	51	1	4	288	511	584	215

* Includes rail accidents to six railway employees.

Suicide and Self-inflicted Injury

In the year 1960, 171 males and 86 females committed suicide or died from self-inflicted injury not specified as accidental. These deaths represented a rate of 89 per million of the population as compared with 94 in 1959, 90 in 1958, 89 in 1957, and 70 in 1956.

Of the 171 male deaths in 1960, 62 (36 per cent.) were connected with firearms and explosives.

A much lower rate occurs among females than among males, the rate for the former for the five-year period 1956 to 1960 being 44 per cent. of that of the latter.

Homicide

The deaths ascribed to homicide in 1960 numbered 34 (22 males and 12 females).

These deaths represented a rate of 12 per million of the population in 1960 as compared with 10 in 1959, 12 in 1958, 6 in 1957, and 10 in 1956.

Since 1930, deaths from criminal abortion have been excluded from this category and included with deaths from maternal causes.

Infant Mortality

The mortality of children under one year, in proportion to live births, reveals a remarkable decline since 1890—the deaths per 1,000 children born having fallen from 133 in 1885 to 1889 to 20 in 1956 to 1960—a reduction of 85 per cent. In other words, where 100 infants died in the earlier period, only fifteen died in the latter.

The reduction has been contributed to by various health Acts and educative measures, including the notification of infectious diseases, the regulation of the manufacture, sale and distribution of foodstuffs and patent medicines, and the ensuring of a pure water supply. The passing of the Midwives Act in 1915 and the inauguration of the Infant Welfare Movement in 1917 coincide with and, in a large degree, account for the reduction of the rate in latter years.

The infant death-rates for Melbourne Metropolitan Area, for the remainder of the State, and for the whole State, for certain periods since 1935, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY

Period	Melbourne Metropolitan Area		Remainder of State		Victoria	
	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births
1935-39 ..	543	37·9	574	37·9	1,117	37·9
1940-44 ..	738	36·4	594	37·5	1,332	36·8
1945-49 ..	643	25·0	516	25·9	1,159	25·4
1950-54 ..	559	20·1	547	22·2	1,106	21·1
1955-59 ..	665	19·0	511	20·7	1,176	19·7
1956 ..	623	18·3	505	20·7	1,128	19·3
1957 ..	695	19·6	524	20·9	1,219	20·2
1958 ..	710	19·6	468	18·6	1,178	19·2
1959 ..	758	20·3	562	22·5	1,320	21·2
1960 ..	734	18·7	448	18·0	1,182	18·5

The practice was introduced in 1923 of allotting all births and deaths to the place of usual residence of the parties. In the cases of births and infant deaths the mother's residence is considered to be that of the child. This accounts for the slight increase in the rate for the remainder of the State in the period 1920 to 1924, and the corresponding decrease in the rate for the metropolis.

The infant death-rates have shown a decrease in each quinquennial period from 1885 onwards. In 1954 the rate fell below 20 per 1,000 births for the first time on record. The lowest rate recorded was in 1955 when the figure was 18·4. In 1960 the rate was 18·5.

The decrease in the infant death-rate, since the earlier periods, has been shared proportionally by each age group except that of "under one week". The rate per 1,000 births for infants "under one week" has varied from 21·5 in the quinquennium 1910 to 1914 to 22·7 in 1925 to 1929 and 12·7 in 1955 to 1959. The rate for infants "one week and under one month" declined from 11·1 in 1910 to 1914 to 1·8 in 1955 to 1959, a decrease of 84 per cent., and that for infants "one month and under one year" from 41·2 to 5·2, a decrease of 87 per cent. Between the ages of one month and one year, Victoria lost 64 out of every 1,000 children born in 1900 to 1904, 33 in 1915 to 1919, and 5 in 1955 to 1959. In 1960 the mortality of infants "under one week" comprised 65 per cent. of the total infant mortality.

The rate for male infants is consistently higher than that for females, and in 1955 to 1959 exceeded the female rate by 17·8 per cent.

The following tables show infant mortality rates at certain ages under one year :—

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES

Period	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Live Births							Males	Females
	Under One Week	One Week and under One Month	One Month and under Three Months	Three Months and under Six Months	Six Months and under Twelve Months	Total under One Year			
1935-39 ..	21.1	5.1	3.7	2.9	5.1	37.9	42.0	33.6	
1940-44 ..	19.8	5.6	4.0	3.2	4.2	36.8	41.0	32.5	
1945-49 ..	15.9	2.9	2.3	1.9	2.4	25.4	28.4	22.3	
1950-54 ..	13.4	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.1	21.1	23.4	18.5	
1955-59 ..	12.7	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.8	19.7	21.2	18.0	
1956 ..	12.4	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	19.3	20.9	17.7	
1957 ..	13.2	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	20.2	21.4	18.8	
1958 ..	12.8	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.5	19.2	20.4	17.9	
1959 ..	13.4	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.0	21.2	23.2	19.1	
1960 ..	12.1	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	18.5	20.7	16.1	

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES, BY SEX, 1960

Sex	Under One Week	One Week and under One Month	One Month and under Three Months	Three Months and under Six Months	Six Months and under Twelve Months	Total under One Year
Males—						
Number	432	64	61	60	64	681
Rate*	13.2	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	20.7
Percentage at Each Age ..	63.43	9.40	8.96	8.81	9.40	100.00
Females—						
Number	338	44	37	41	41	501
Rate*	10.9	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	16.1
Percentage at Each Age ..	67.47	8.78	7.39	8.18	8.18	100.00

* Number of deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

An examination of the principal causes of infant mortality over a period of years and at various ages reveals the direction in which improvement has been achieved, and discloses those causes and factors to which future investigations need to be directed if the decline in the rate is to be maintained. From 1950 infant deaths were classified according to the Sixth (1948) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death. Owing to the change in classifications, figures since 1950 are not exactly comparable with figures for previous years. The Seventh (1955) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death was adopted for use in 1958.

A comparison of infant mortality rates from the principal causes for certain periods from 1891 to 1949 was shown on page 506 of the Victorian Year Book 1954-58.

The following table shows the number of deaths of infants at certain ages by causes in 1960 :—

**VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES,
BY CAUSES, 1960**

Cause of Death*	Deaths under One Year					
	Under One Week	One Week and under One Month	One Month and under Three Months	Three Months and under Six Months	Six Months and under Twelve Months	Total under One Year
Infective and Parasitic Diseases (1-138) ..	1	2	3	5	4	15
Pneumonia and Bronchitis (490-493, 500-502) ..	..	..	22	18	17	57
Gastro-enteritis and Colitis, except Ulcerative, Age Four Weeks and over (571) ..	..	..	2	5	5	12
Congenital Malformations (750-759) ..	93	48	33	32	36	242
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy—						
Birth Injuries (760, 761)						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	91	6	..	..	..	97
(b) With Immaturity ..	104	3	..	..	..	107
Postnatal Asphyxia and Atelectasis (762)—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	45	2	..	1	..	48
(b) With Immaturity ..	167	5	1	..	..	173
Infections of the Newborn (763-768)—						
Pneumonia of Newborn—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	14	8	..	..	..	22
(b) With Immaturity ..	5	3	..	..	..	8
Diarrhoea of Newborn—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(b) With Immaturity ..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Other Infections of the Newborn—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	2	1	1	..	..	4
(b) With Immaturity ..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Other Diseases Peculiar to Early Infancy (769-775)—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	40	5	1	..	..	46
(b) With Immaturity ..	25	4	2	..	..	31
Immaturity Unqualified (776) ..	167	6	..	..	..	173
All Other Diseases ..	15	13	30	35	36	129
Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence ..	..	..	3	5	7	15
Total All Causes ..	770	108	98	101	105	1,182

* Figures in parentheses are in respect of the Seventh Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.

In 1960, 501 deaths were connected with immaturity, either directly or in association with other causes, and all except three of these deaths were of children under one month of age. The deaths connected with immaturity represented 42 per cent. of the total infant deaths. Congenital malformations were responsible for 242, or 21 per cent., of the infant deaths. It will thus be seen that 63 per cent. of the total infant mortality in 1960 was related to immaturity and congenital malformations.

The following statement shows the infant death-rate per 1,000 live births in each of the Australian States for the years 1956 to 1960 :—

AUSTRALIA—INFANT MORTALITY RATES*

Year	New South Wales	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aus-tralia	Western Aus-tralia	Tas-manian	Aus-tralia
1956 ..	23·47	19·32	22·74	19·88	22·70	20·98	21·72
1957 ..	22·70	20·16	21·68	20·63	21·09	20·15	21·41
1958 ..	21·29	19·23	19·40	22·40	21·52	19·49	20·49
1959 ..	22·65	21·21	20·25	20·71	20·16	23·42	21·54
1960 ..	21·16	18·46	21·01	18·94	21·62	19·09	20·16

* Number of deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

Stillbirths

Registration of stillbirths came into operation in Victoria in 1953. For registration purposes a "still-born child" means any child born of its mother after the 28th week of pregnancy, which did not at any time after being born, breathe or show any other sign of life, and, where the duration of pregnancy is not reliably ascertainable, includes any foetus weighing not less than 2 lb. 12 oz.

The following table contains information about stillbirths and infant mortality in Victoria :—

VICTORIA—STILLBIRTHS AND INFANT MORTALITY

Year	Stillbirths		Deaths under One Month		Deaths under One Month plus Stillbirths		Deaths under One Year plus Stillbirths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)
1956 ..	819	13.83	845	14.27	1,664	28.10	1,947	32.88
1957 ..	870	14.18	907	14.79	1,777	28.97	2,089	34.06
1958 ..	826	13.31	887	14.28	1,713	27.59	2,004	32.27
1959 ..	799	12.67	950	15.07	1,749	27.74	2,119	33.61
1960 ..	850	13.10	878	13.53	1,728	26.64	2,032	31.32

The causes of the 850 stillbirths in Victoria in 1960, classified according to the International Statistical Classification, are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF STILLBIRTHS, 1960

Classification Number	Cause of Stillbirth				Number of Stillbirths
Y 30 ..	Chronic Disease in Mother	..	..	..	32
Y 31 ..	Acute Disease in Mother	..	..	..	9
Y 32 ..	Diseases and Conditions of Pregnancy and Childbirth	..	..	..	52
Y 33 ..	Absorption of Toxic Substance from Mother	..	..	..	..
Y 34 ..	Difficulties in Labour	..	..	..	80
Y 35 ..	Other Causes in Mother	..	..	..	4
Y 36 ..	Placental and Cord Conditions	..	..	..	342
Y 37 ..	Birth Injury	..	..	..	17
Y 38 ..	Congenital Malformation of Foetus	..	..	..	84
Y 39 ..	Diseases of Foetus, and Ill-defined Causes	..	..	..	193
	Cause Unspecified	..	..	..	813
					37
	Total	..	..	:	850

Cremation

There are now four crematoria in Victoria—one at Springvale, one at the new Melbourne General Cemetery, Fawkner, one at Ballarat, and one at Western Suburbs Memorial Park, Altona North. The history of the establishment of the first two is contained in an article published in the Year Book 1942-43, page 307. The Ballarat Crematorium commenced operations in 1958, and the Western Suburbs Crematorium in 1961.

The number of cremations in relation to total deaths are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—CREMATIONS AND DEATHS

Year	Cremations at Fawkner	Cremations at Springvale	Cremations at Ballarat	Total Cremations	Total Deaths	Percentage of Cremations to Deaths
1935-39 ..	2,192	2,621	..	4,813	94,971	5·07
1940-44 ..	3,728	6,313	..	10,041	104,520	9·61
1945-49 ..	5,962	10,553	..	16,515	107,288	15·39
1950-54 ..	9,061	16,616	..	25,677	114,315	22·46
1955-59 ..	11,418	22,446	299	34,163	119,247	28·65
1956 ..	2,282	4,451	..	6,733	23,886	28·19
1957 ..	2,366	4,483	..	6,849	24,131	28·38
1958 ..	2,238	4,580	95	6,913	23,625	29·26
1959 ..	2,515	4,830	204	7,549	25,078	30·10
1960 ..	2,479	5,127	233	7,839	24,547	31·93