



## 2 Demography

### INTRODUCTION

*Despite being the second smallest State in area with just under three per cent of the Australian land mass, Victoria is home to one quarter of Australia's population.*

*This chapter contains information on many aspects of the Victorian population.*

#### Overview

Since 1974 the Victorian birth rate has consistently been lower than the rate for Australia, however over the past three years it has slowly been increasing to the point where, in 1991, it was approximately the same as the rate for Australia.

Just over 20 per cent of Victoria's population increase between 1991 and 1992 was due to net migration. The annual population loss as a result of persons migrating out of Victoria has increased markedly since 1990. People from the UK and Ireland remain the largest overseas born population group residing in Victoria, with almost 226,000 settlers aged over 15 years in Victoria as at August 1992.

Over recent years, the rate of people marrying for the first time in their late twenties and early thirties has gradually increased. The median age of persons marrying for the first time increased from 25.7 to 26.8 years for males and from 23.7 to 24.8 years for females between 1986 and 1991.

## Population

As at June 1991, Australia's Estimated Resident Population (ERP) was 17.3 million, an increase of over 247,000, or 1.5 per cent over the previous year. During the same period the population of Victoria rose by 46,800 to 4,416,300, representing 26 per cent of Australia's population.

Victoria's population increased by 6.1 per cent over the five years 1986 to 1991, compared with an 8 per cent increase for Australia. Over the same period the populations of Queensland, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory grew by 13.0, 12.2 and 11.9 per cent respectively.

Victoria is the most densely populated State, averaging 19 persons per square kilometre at 30 June 1991, compared with the Australian average of just over 2 persons per square kilometre. At 30 June 1991, an estimated 3,145,600 persons lived in the Melbourne Statistical Division (MSD), representing 71 per cent of Victoria's population, at a density of 402 persons per square kilometre.

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Victoria (16,570) made up 0.4 per cent of the State's population, the lowest of all States and Territories. The highest proportion was in the Northern Territory (21.9 per cent).

**TABLE 2.1 POPULATION: AREA, ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION (a), AND POPULATION DENSITY OF STATES AND TERRITORIES**

State or Territory	Area	Estimated resident population at June 30			Persons per square kilometre (at 1991)	Percentage of population in each State or Territory (at 1991)
		1986	1990 (b)	1991 (b)		
	sq km	'000	'000	'000		per cent
New South Wales	801,600	5,531.5	5,827.0	5,902.4	7.4	34.1
Victoria	227,600	4,160.9	4,369.5	4,416.3	19.4	25.5
Queensland	1,727,200	2,624.6	2,899.6	2,966.1	1.7	17.2
South Australia	984,000	1,382.6	1,430.7	1,447.2	1.5	8.4
Western Australia	2,525,500	1,459.0	1,609.5	1,636.8	0.6	9.5
Tasmania	67,800	446.5	462.5	466.9	6.9	2.7
Northern Territory	1,346,200	154.4	164.0	166.7	0.1	1.0
Australian Capital Territory	2,400	258.9	281.7	289.7	120.7	1.7
<b>Australia</b>	<b>7,682,300</b>	<b>16,018.4</b>	<b>17,044.7</b>	<b>17,292.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Estimated Resident Population (ERP) should not be confused with the census count, the latter being the count of the population on census night. ERP takes into account under-enumeration and reflects normal place of residence.

(b) 1990 and 1991 figures are based on the preliminary 1991 Census results. These estimates will be finalised early in 1993 using final 1991 Census results.

**TABLE 2.2 POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN BROAD GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, VICTORIA**

<i>Census (d)</i>	<i>Major urban (a)</i>		<i>Other urban (b)</i>		<i>Rural (c)</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Victoria (e)</i>
1921	766,465	50.1	187,490	12.2	571,577	37.3	1,531,280
1933	991,934	54.5	198,191	10.9	628,558	34.5	1,820,261
1947	1,226,409	59.7	231,443	11.3	592,998	28.9	2,054,701
1954	1,524,111	62.1	470,063	19.2	450,126	18.4	2,452,341
1961	1,911,895	65.3	573,930	19.6	439,679	15.0	2,930,113
1966	2,215,396	68.8	538,776	16.7	463,057	14.4	3,220,217
1971	2,509,298	71.6	562,830	16.1	427,920	12.2	3,502,351
1976	2,603,028	71.4	601,185	16.5	441,057	12.1	3,646,975
1981	2,704,038	70.6	661,953	17.3	464,352	12.1	3,832,443
1986	2,771,317	68.9	743,360	18.5	501,022	12.5	4,019,478

(a) Includes all urban centres with a population of 100,000 or more.

(b) Includes all urban centres with a population of 1,000 to 99,999 and known holiday resorts of lower population if they contain 250 or more dwellings, of which at least 100 are occupied on census night.

(c) Includes rural localities.

(d) Census years 1921 to 1966 excluded full-blooded aboriginals.

(e) Includes migratory - those persons counted on trains, boats or at aircraft terminals.

**TABLE 2.3 CENSUS COUNTS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1991 p**

<i>Age group (years)</i>	<i>Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders</i>				<i>All persons, Victoria</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
0-4	1,266	1,194	2,460	14.8	303,634	7.2
5-14	1,925	1,867	3,792	22.9	618,441	14.6
15-19	907	901	1,808	10.9	341,787	8.1
20-39	2,756	2,860	5,616	33.9	1,383,736	32.6
40-59	1,016	1,137	2,153	13.0	949,711	22.4
60 and over	321	420	741	4.5	646,407	15.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,191</b>	<b>8,379</b>	<b>16,570</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,243,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In the MSD there were five Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) with more than 100,000 persons, based on 30 June 1991 ERP figures. These were Knox (126,900), Waverley (123,900), Keilor (110,000), Doncaster and Templestowe (107,600), and Broadmeadows (107,000). The SLAs showing the highest growth rates over the period 1986 to 1991 were Cranbourne (49.6 per cent), Berwick (42.8), Ballan (41.4) and Bulla (39.7). The SLA with the largest population increase in the five year period was Cranbourne, which grew by 24,400 persons.

TABLE 2.4 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, VICTORIA

Statistical Local Area (a)	Area at	Estimated resident population at 30 June		Percentage
	30 June 1991 (b)			change
	(sq km)	1986	1991p	1986 to 1991p
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Altona (C)	39.73	34,000	35,900	5.6
Berwick (C)	126.30	50,200	71,700	42.8
Box Hill (C)	21.48	47,700	47,500	-0.4
Brighton (C)	13.70	34,900	34,200	-2.0
Broadmeadows (C)	65.22	104,700	107,000	2.2
Brunswick (C)	10.75	42,600	41,500	-2.6
Bulla (S)	421.40	29,000	40,500	39.7
Camberwell (C)	35.59	87,400	88,000	0.7
Caulfield (C)	22.10	70,600	71,100	0.7
Chelsea (C)	12.59	26,900	27,100	0.7
Coburg (C)	18.77	54,800	52,800	-3.6
Collingwood (C)	4.88	13,900	14,000	0.7
Cranbourne (S)	757.80	49,200	73,600	49.6
Croydon (C)	33.71	41,500	47,700	14.9
Dandenong (C)	38.94	58,400	59,400	1.7
Diamond Valley (S)	73.91	57,000	63,200	10.9
Doncaster and Templestowe (C)	90.62	103,400	107,600	4.1
Eltham (S)	276.00	41,500	44,600	7.5
Essendon (C)	22.17	56,100	55,100	-1.8
Fitzroy (C)	3.71	18,500	18,400	-0.5
Flinders (S)	327.50	34,900	39,200	12.3
Footscray (C)	18.14	48,700	48,600	-0.2
Frankston (C)	71.37	87,000	88,800	2.1
Hastings (S)	292.90	23,700	29,700	25.3
Hawthorn (C)	9.84	31,200	31,700	1.6
Healesville (S)	452.80	11,100	12,200	9.9
Heidelberg (C)	32.84	63,900	62,800	-1.7
Keilor (C)	97.20	96,400	110,000	14.1
Kew (C)	14.46	29,100	28,600	-1.7
Knox (C)	113.20	107,600	126,900	17.9
Lilydale (S)	403.30	74,000	81,600	10.3
Malvern (C)	16.07	43,800	43,700	-0.2
Melbourne (C)	31.77	57,500	57,000	-0.9
Melton (S)	459.40	29,700	35,900	20.9
Moorabbin (C)	53.13	99,100	98,500	-0.6
Mordialloc (C)	12.14	27,900	27,500	-1.4
Mornington (S)	92.89	28,500	31,700	11.2
Northcote (C)	17.62	50,300	48,500	-3.6
Nunawading (C)	42.27	97,200	95,700	-1.5
Oakleigh (C)	30.84	57,800	57,300	-0.9
Pakenham (S)	887.50	23,600	29,000	22.9
Port Melbourne (C)	10.62	8,400	7,800	-7.1
Prahran (C)	9.58	45,100	44,300	-1.8
Preston (C)	36.74	83,100	79,700	-4.1
Richmond (C)	6.25	24,000	23,500	-2.1
Ringwood (C)	23.03	41,800	41,900	0.2
St Kilda (C)	8.84	47,700	47,700	0.0
Sandringham (C)	15.00	32,100	32,200	0.3



**TABLE 2.4 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - *continued***

Statistical Local Area (a)	Area at	Estimated resident population at 30 June		Percentage
	30 June 1991 (b)			change
	(sq km)	1986	1991p	1986 to 1991p
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued				
Sherbrooke (S)	194.30	36,100	38,300	6.1
South Melbourne (C)	8.99	18,900	18,300	-3.2
Springvale (C)	98.48	85,900	92,700	7.9
Sunshine (C)	80.52	97,800	97,900	0.1
Upper Yarra (S) (Pt A)	436.64	13,700	15,200	10.9
Waverley (C)	59.72	128,100	123,900	-3.3
Werribee (C)	659.60	53,900	74,800	38.8
Whittlesea (C)	599.60	81,600	98,800	21.1
Williamstown (C)	14.71	24,200	23,100	-4.5
<b>Total division</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>2,967,700</b>	<b>3,145,600</b>	<b>6.0</b>
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Bannockburn (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	704.00	3,640	4,500	23.6
Barrabool (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	581.50	7,390	10,230	38.4
Bellarine (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	328.30	37,230	43,490	16.8
Colac (C)	10.99	10,020	9,690	-3.3
Colac (S)	1,456.00	6,750	7,150	5.9
Corio (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	698.40	55,170	57,920	5.0
Geelong (C)	13.71	13,630	13,310	-2.3
Geelong West (C)	5.19	14,860	14,440	-2.8
Leigh (S)	982.70	1,870	2,310	23.5
Newtown (C)	6.35	10,470	10,270	-1.9
Otway (S)	1,872.00	3,810	4,050	6.3
Queenscliffe (B)	8.44	3,360	3,310	-1.5
South Barwon (C) (Pt A & Pt B)	161.20	40,070	42,870	7.0
Winchelsea (S)	1,299.00	4,310	4,970	15.3
<b>Total division</b>	<b>8,128</b>	<b>212,850</b>	<b>228,510</b>	<b>7.4</b>
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Belfast (S)	515.70	1,500	1,470	-2.0
Camperdown (T)	14.85	3,640	3,470	-4.7
Dundas (S)	3,477.00	3,640	3,580	-1.6
Glenelg (S)	3,589.00	4,440	4,230	-4.7
Hamilton (C)	20.61	10,440	10,200	-2.3
Hampden (S)	2,646.00	7,450	7,190	-3.5
Heytesbury (S)	1,503.00	7,770	7,660	-1.4
Heywood (S)	3,764.00	7,470	7,480	0.1
Minhamite (S)	1,364.00	2,020	1,850	-8.4
Mortlake (S)	2,153.00	3,260	3,190	-2.1
Mount Rouse (S)	1,407.00	2,410	2,350	-2.5
Port Fairy (B)	22.74	2,630	2,580	-1.9
Portland (C)	35.28	10,980	10,670	-2.8
Wannon (S)	1,958.00	3,030	2,880	-5.0
Warrnambool (C)	35.68	23,590	24,830	5.3
Warrnambool (S)	1,552.00	8,390	10,790	28.6
Tower Hill Lake Reserve and Lady Julia Percy Island	6.99	10	-	-
<b>Total division</b>	<b>24,065</b>	<b>102,670</b>	<b>104,420</b>	<b>1.7</b>

**TABLE 2.4 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - *continued***

VICTORIA continued

Statistical Local Area (a)	Area at 30 June 1991 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		Percentage change
	(sq km)	1986	1991p	1986 to 1991p
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Ararat (C)	18.15	8,240	8,050	-2.3
Ararat (S)	3,679.00	4,400	4,480	1.8
Avoca (S)	1,127.00	2,210	2,270	2.7
Bacchus Marsh (S)	567.10	9,740	12,360	26.9
Ballaarat (C)	34.18	36,790	36,330	-1.3
Ballan (S)	911.70	3,450	4,880	41.4
Ballarat (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	475.70	19,610	19,320	-1.5
Bungaree (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	234.00	4,280	4,680	9.3
Buninyong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	762.70	10,280	12,520	21.8
Creswick (S)	540.90	4,660	5,000	7.3
Daylesford and Glenlyon (S)	606.00	5,270	5,970	13.3
Grenville (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	843.40	6,620	8,420	27.2
Lexton (S)	815.90	1,360	1,390	2.2
Ripon (S)	1,516.00	3,470	3,630	4.6
Sebastopol (B)	7.78	7,230	7,750	7.2
Talbot and Clunes (S)	525.60	2,130	2,490	16.9
<b>Total division</b>	<b>12,665</b>	<b>129,740</b>	<b>139,540</b>	<b>7.6</b>
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Arapiles (S)	1,987.00	1,940	2,000	3.1
Dimboola (S)	4,764.00	4,380	4,300	-1.8
Donald (S)	1,438.00	2,510	2,570	2.4
Dunmunkle (S)	1,544.00	3,010	2,840	-5.6
Horsham (C)	24.20	12,700	13,110	3.2
Kaniva (S)	3,058.00	1,800	1,660	-7.8
Kara Kara (S)	2,287.00	1,310	1,290	-1.5
Kowree (S)	5,469.00	3,860	3,690	-4.4
Lowan (S)	2,697.00	3,430	3,180	-7.3
St Arnaud (T)	26.70	2,730	2,780	1.8
Stawell (T)	23.99	6,550	6,650	1.5
Stawell (S)	2,606.00	2,500	2,680	7.2
Warracknabeal (S)	1,811.00	3,920	3,870	-1.3
Wimmera (S)	2,701.00	2,960	2,980	0.7
<b>Total division</b>	<b>30,437</b>	<b>53,600</b>	<b>53,600</b>	<b>0.0</b>
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Birchip (S)	1,482.00	1,410	1,320	-6.4
Karkaroc (S)	3,782.00	2,960	2,740	-7.4
Kerang (B)	23.79	4,140	4,200	1.4
Kerang (S)	3,261.00	4,490	4,380	-2.4
Mildura (C)	30.08	18,160	20,640	13.7
Mildura (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	10,639.00	19,740	21,040	6.6
Swan Hill (C)	23.30	9,020	9,710	7.6
Swan Hill (S)	5,960.00	12,440	11,780	-5.3
Walpeup (S)	11,875.00	3,530	3,360	-4.8
Wycheproof (S)	3,959.00	3,460	3,160	-8.7
<b>Total division</b>	<b>41,035</b>	<b>79,350</b>	<b>82,330</b>	<b>3.8</b>

**TABLE 2.4 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - *continued***

Statistical Local Area (a)	Area at 30 June 1991 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		Percentage change
	(sq km)	1986	1991p	1986 to 1991p
LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Bendigo (C)	32.19	32,390	31,880	-1.6
Bet Bet (S)	925.00	1,970	2,110	7.1
Castlemaine (C)	23.48	6,960	7,160	2.9
Charlton (S)	1,168.00	2,030	1,810	-10.8
Cohuna (S)	498.60	4,610	4,590	-0.4
Eaglehawk(B)	14.89	8,590	8,760	2.0
East Loddon (S)	1,181.00	1,420	1,330	-6.3
Echuca (C)	24.19	8,650	9,780	13.1
Gisborne (S)	281.30	8,830	10,240	16.0
Gordon (S)	2,054.00	3,040	2,990	-1.6
Huntly (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	870.70	4,020	4,740	17.9
Korong (S)	2,379.00	3,440	3,520	2.3
Kyneton (S)	722.80	7,960	8,700	9.3
Mclvor (S)	1,433.00	2,700	3,330	23.3
Maldon (S)	554.20	2,670	3,060	14.6
Marong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,455.00	12,160	15,160	24.7
Maryborough (C)	22.35	7,850	7,800	-0.6
Metcalfe (S)	586.30	2,840	3,300	16.2
Newham and Woodend (S)	244.00	4,520	5,450	20.6
Newstead(S)	409.90	2,450	2,970	21.2
Pyalong (S)	596.50	650	820	26.2
Rochester (S)	1,924.00	7,420	7,950	7.1
Romsey (S)	627.90	6,290	8,190	30.2
Strathfieldsaye (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	609.50	15,260	18,750	22.9
Tullaroop (S)	630.90	2,440	2,980	22.1
<b>Total division</b>	<b>19,269</b>	<b>161,120</b>	<b>177,370</b>	<b>10.1</b>
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Alexandra (S)	2,228.00	5,580	6,260	12.2
Benalla (C)	16.21	8,880	8,860	-0.2
Benalla (S)	2,311.00	5,070	5,600	10.5
Broadford (S)	570.30	3,370	4,190	24.3
Cobram (S)	342.90	6,420	6,610	3.0
Deakin (S)	934.00	5,950	6,000	0.8
Euroa (S)	1,406.00	4,540	4,660	2.6
Goulburn (S)	1,029.00	2,330	2,720	16.7
Kilmore (S)	505.90	7,010	9,200	31.2
Kyabram (T)	21.14	5,680	5,970	5.1
Mansfield (S)	3,929.00	5,480	6,540	19.3
Nathalia (S)	1,253.00	3,310	3,620	9.4
Numurkah (S)	820.00	6,400	7,140	11.6
Rodney (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,022.00	15,340	15,950	4.0
Seymour (S)	956.70	11,540	12,240	6.1
Shepparton (C)	26.59	25,750	26,290	2.1
Shepparton (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	920.90	8,390	9,090	8.3
Tungamah (S)	1,130.00	2,840	3,070	8.1
Violet Town (S)	934.40	1,440	1,540	6.9
Waranga (S)	1,611.00	4,510	4,760	5.5
Yea (S)	1,419.00	4,420	5,030	13.8
<b>Total division</b>	<b>23,387</b>	<b>144,250</b>	<b>155,340</b>	<b>7.7</b>

**TABLE 2.4 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical Local Area (a)	Area at 30 June 1991 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		Percentage change
	(sq km)	1986	1991p	1986 to 1991p
OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Beechworth (S)	764.90	4,870	5,090	4.5
Bright (S)	3,091.00	6,190	7,000	13.1
Chiltern (S)	491.30	2,290	2,750	20.1
Myrtleford (S)	821.30	4,360	4,380	0.5
Oxley (S)	2,812.00	5,550	5,740	3.4
Rutherglen (S)	527.70	3,100	3,550	14.5
Tallangatta (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	4,187.00	4,060	4,410	8.6
Upper Murray (S)	2,468.00	2,530	2,480	-2.0
Wangaratta (C)	26.91	16,630	16,190	-2.6
Wangaratta (S)	906.60	3,150	3,250	3.2
Wodonga (Rural City)	345.50	23,160	27,290	17.8
Yackandandah (S)	1,086.00	4,160	4,840	16.3
Yarrawonga (S)	638.30	4,810	5,680	18.1
<b>Total division</b>	<b>18,167</b>	<b>84,860</b>	<b>92,650</b>	<b>9.2</b>
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Avon (S)	2,615.00	4,440	4,730	6.5
Bairnsdale (T)	28.79	10,300	11,740	14.0
Bairnsdale (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	2,449.00	6,940	7,590	9.4
Maffra (S)	4,162.00	10,050	10,700	6.5
Omeo (S)	5,636.00	1,680	1,740	3.6
Orbost (S)	9,347.00	6,380	6,740	5.6
Sale (C)	30.09	13,670	14,120	3.3
Tambo (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	3,525.00	9,230	10,560	14.4
<b>Total division</b>	<b>27,793</b>	<b>62,690</b>	<b>67,920</b>	<b>8.3</b>
CENTRAL GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Alberton (S)	1,878.00	6,300	6,540	3.8
Bass (S)	515.90	4,220	5,100	20.9
Buln Buln (S)	1,251.00	10,640	11,680	9.8
Korumburra (S)	613.50	7,250	7,910	9.1
Mirboo (S)	260.70	2,590	2,700	4.2
Moe (C)	24.93	17,780	17,500	-1.6
Morwell (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	654.70	28,180	27,950	-0.8
Narracan (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	2,320.00	11,170	11,200	0.3
Phillip Island (S)	100.90	4,350	5,330	22.5
Rosedale (S)	2,256.00	8,090	9,230	14.1
South Gippsland (S)	1,358.00	6,120	6,040	-1.3
Traralgon (C)	22.26	20,010	20,520	2.5
Traralgon (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	464.00	4,300	4,770	10.9
Upper Yarra (S) (Pt.B)	1,743.00	440	560	27.3
Warragul (S)	347.00	12,360	13,600	10.0
Wonthaggi (B)	58.22	6,230	6,800	9.1
Woorayl (S)	1,226.00	11,240	11,660	3.7
French Island	172.50	70	60	-14.3
Yallourn Works Area	27.86	-	-	-
Bass Strait Islands	23.89	-	-	-
<b>Total division</b>	<b>14,882</b>	<b>161,340</b>	<b>169,150</b>	<b>4.8</b>



**TABLE 2.4 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - *continued***

Statistical Local Area (a)	Area at 30 June 1991 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		Percentage change
	(sq km)	1986	1991p	1986 to 1991p
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS - SUMMARY				
Melbourne	7,829	2,967,700	3,145,600	6.0
Rest of Victoria -				
Barwon	8,128	212,580	228,510	7.5
Western District	24,065	102,670	104,420	1.7
Central Highlands	12,665	129,740	139,540	7.6
Wimmera	30,437	53,600	53,600	0.0
Mallee	41,035	79,350	82,330	3.8
Loddon-Campaspe	19,269	161,120	177,370	10.1
Goulburn	23,387	144,250	155,340	7.7
Ovens-Murray	18,167	84,860	92,650	9.2
East Gippsland	27,793	62,690	67,920	8.3
Gippsland	14,882	161,340	169,150	4.8
Total Rest of Victoria	219,828	1,192,200	1,270,710	6.6
Offshore and Migratory (c)	-	1,160	-	-
Total Victoria	227,653	4,160,900	4,416,300	6.1

(a) The designation of City (C), Town (T), Borough (B), or Shire (S) shown against the name of each Statistical Local Area indicates its status at 30 June 1991.

(b) Areas below 100 square kilometres have been calculated to two decimal places; areas from 100 to 999 square kilometres to one decimal place, and areas of 1,000 or more square kilometres to the nearest whole number.

(c) Not available for intercensal years.



Figure 2. Melbourne Statistical Division

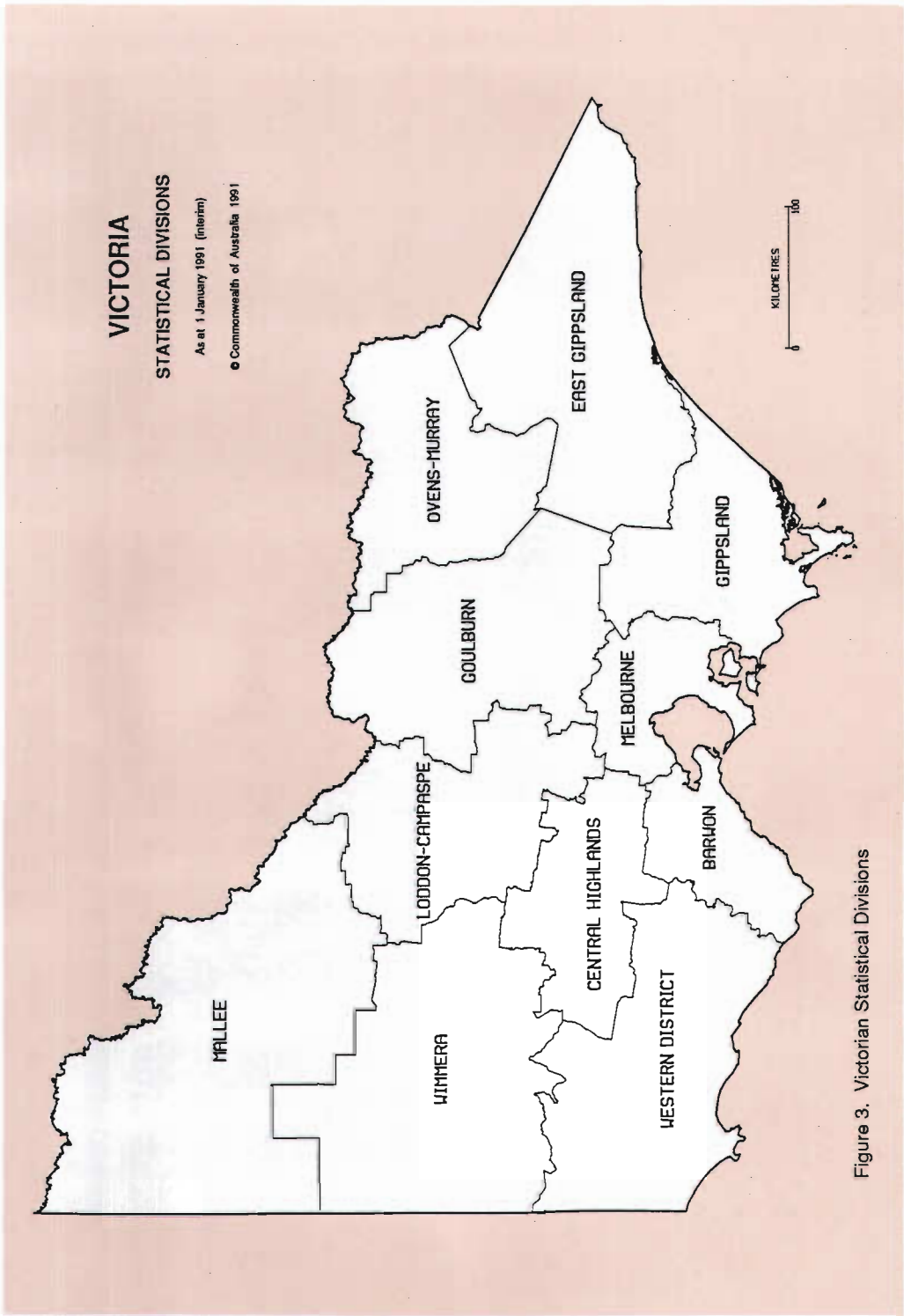


Figure 3. Victorian Statistical Divisions

**TABLE 2.5 TOP TEN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS BY INCREASE IN ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND PERCENTAGE CHANGE, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986 - 30 JUNE 1991 p**

<i>Top ten increase by percentage change</i>			<i>Top ten increase by numeric change</i>		
<i>Statistical Local Area</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Statistical Local Area</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Cranbourne	49.6	24,400	Cranbourne	24,400	49.6
Berwick	42.8	21,500	Berwick	21,500	42.8
Ballan	41.4	1,430	Werribee	20,900	38.8
Bulla	39.7	11,500	Knox	19,300	17.9
Werribee	39.8	20,900	Whittlesea	17,200	21.1
Barrabool	38.4	2,840	Keilor	13,600	14.1
Kilmore	31.2	2,190	Bulla	11,500	39.7
Romsey	30.2	1,900	Lilydale	7,600	10.3
Warrnambool (S)	28.6	2,400	Bellarine	6,260	16.8
Bacchus Marsh	26.9	2,620	Diamond Valley	6,240	10.9

**TABLE 2.6 URBAN CENTRES AND (RURAL) LOCALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 2,000 PERSONS, IN SIZE ORDER, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**

<i>Urban centre/ (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Urban centre/ (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>
Melbourne	2,645,484	Lakes Entrance	4,104
Geelong	125,833	Kerang	4,031
Ballarat	63,802	Kyneton	4,010
Bendigo	53,944	Drouin	3,974
Shepparton-Mooroopna	30,238	Maffra	3,973
Melton	24,394	Leongatha	3,957
Warrnambool	22,706	Queenscliff	3,739
Albury-Wodonga (Wodonga Part)	20,918	Clifton Springs	3,657
Mildura	20,512	Cobram	3,651
Traralgon	19,233	Emerald	3,608
Moe-Yallourn	18,376	Torquay	3,522
Wangaratta	16,598	Camperdown	3,458
Morwell	16,387	Leopold	3,452
Sunbury	15,297	Somerville	3,432
Cranbourne	14,005	Yarrawonga-Mulwala (Yarrawonga Part)	3,388
Sale	13,559	Beechworth	3,252
Horsham	12,174	Daylesford	3,111
Portland	10,934	Pakenham	3,052
Colac	10,545	Myrtleford	2,853
Bairnsdale	10,328	Numurkah	2,840
Hamilton	9,969	Hurstbridge	2,808
Swan Hill	8,831	Korumburra	2,773
Ocean Grove-Barwon Heads	8,680	Euroa	2,730
Benalla	8,490	Tatura	2,702
Echuca-Moama (Echuca Part)	8,409	St Arnaud	2,692
Warragul	8,170	Warracknabeal	2,689
Ararat	8,015	Port Fairy	2,504
Maryborough	7,705	Orbost	2,502
Castlemaine	7,656	Red Cliffs	2,450
Bacchus Marsh	7,640	Rochester	2,395
Craigieburn	6,584	Warburton	2,304
Seymour	6,510	Portarlington	2,271
Stawell	6,252	Creswick	2,266
Healesville	5,759	Cowes	2,251
Churchill	5,526	Woodend	2,219
Wonthaggi	5,346	Paynesville	2,209
Kyabram	5,342	Trafalgar	2,149
Hastings	5,271	Woori Yallock	2,111
Lara	5,186	Cohuna	2,103
Crib Point	4,180		



**TABLE 2.6 URBAN CENTRES AND (RURAL) LOCALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 650 PERSONS, IN SIZE ORDER, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986 - continued**

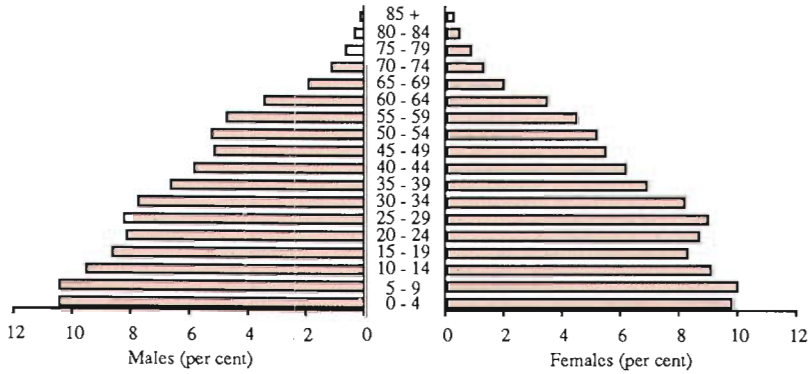
<i>Urban centre/ (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Urban centre/ (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>
Cockatoo	2,060	Mirboo North	1,104
Terang	2,040	Nagambie	1,099
Mansfield	2,039	Rosedale	1,093
Kilmore	2,029	Koo-wee-rup	1,081
Nhill	2,028	Tongala	1,044
Coldstream	2,016	Avoca	1,032
Yarram	2,004	Mortlake	1,030
Gisborne	1,966	Yea	1,017
Broadford	1,893	Narre Warren North	1,011
Casterton	1,842	Foster	1,007
Inverloch	1,838	Mount Helen	1,002
Yarra Junction	1,810	Pearcedale (L)	995
Alexandra	1,790	Bunyip (L)	986
Robinvale	1,770	Tallangatta (L)	963
Merbein	1,750	Koroit (L)	958
Heyfield	1,689	Rushworth (L)	948
Bright	1,673	Chiltern (L)	935
Anglesea	1,652	Lorne (H)	935
Wallan	1,643	Winchelsea (L)	890
Rutherglen	1,586	Apollo Bay (H)	888
Mount Beauty	1,564	Wedderburn (L)	878
Balnarring Beach-Merricks	1,551	Irymple (L)	876
Dimboola	1,514	Murtoa (L)	863
Millgrove	1,507	Wycheproof (L)	854
Ouyen	1,503	Sea Lake (L)	847
Diggers Rest	1,493	Ballan (L)	846
Whittlesea	1,490	Birchip (L)	845
Donald	1,465	Lancefield (L)	826
Cobden	1,421	Mallacoota (H)	826
Heathcote	1,364	Kaniva (L)	821
Launching Place	1,360	Edenhope (L)	819
Nathalia	1,346	Clunes (L)	817
Charlton	1,341	Beaconsfield Upper (L)	809
Buninyong	1,307	Boort (L)	801
Heywood	1,295	Timboon (L)	793
Corryong	1,274	Wonga Park (L)	789
Romsey	1,266	Somers (H)	758
Tyabb	1,254	Hopetoun (L)	750
Stratford	1,242	Eildon (L)	740
Beaufort	1,199	Mernda (L)	737
Seville	1,173	Inglewood (L)	712
St Leonards	1,170	Elmore (L)	698
Yarra Glen	1,170	Wandong-Heathcote Junction (L)	696
Drysdale	1,166	Mount Macedon (L)	682
Carrum Downs	1,161	Bannockburn (L)	662
Coleraine	1,153	Rainbow (L)	655
Riddells Creek	1,153	Tooradin (L)	655
Macedon	1,137	Yarragon (L)	652
Maldon	1,116	Gembrook (L)	650

### Age distribution

In 1991, 29.3 per cent of persons in Victoria were under 20 years of age, a decrease of 0.3 per cent on the 1990 figure. The proportion of persons over 60 years of age was 15.7 per cent, almost twice the 7.9 per cent who were aged over 60 years in 1901. This proportion is projected to increase to 24.3 per cent by the year 2021. In 1991, for the first time the life expectancy at birth of a female has reached 80 years of age.

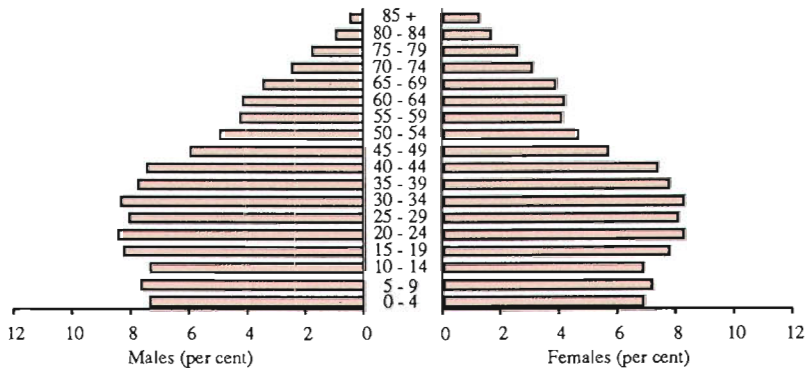
# POPULATION AGE PYRAMIDS, VICTORIA

1921 Census



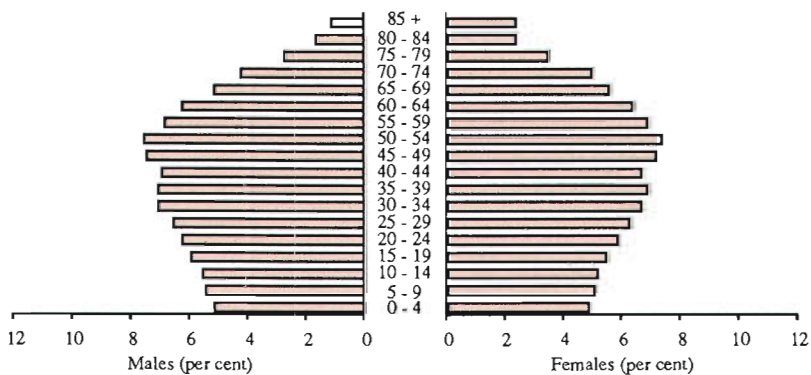
(Total population: 1,531,280)

1991 Census (preliminary)



(Total population: 4,019,478)

2021 (projected)



(Total projected population: 5,605,500)

**TABLE 2.7 LIFE EXPECTANCY (YEARS) BY SEX, VICTORIA 1991**

Age	Males	Females	Age	Males	Females
0	74.5	80.3	50	27.5	32.1
5	70.1	75.8	55	23.1	27.6
10	65.2	70.9	60	19.0	23.2
15	60.3	65.9	65	15.3	19.1
20	55.5	61.0	70	12.0	15.2
25	50.9	56.1	75	9.1	11.7
30	46.2	51.3	80	6.8	8.6
35	41.4	46.4	85	5.0	6.1
40	36.7	41.6	90	3.5	4.1
45	32.0	36.8	95	2.7	3.0

**TABLE 2.8 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1991 p**

Age group (years)	Males		Females		Persons	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
0-4	163,546	7.5	156,957	7.1	320,503	7.3
5-9	160,079	7.3	153,528	6.9	313,607	7.1
10-14	158,548	7.2	150,800	6.8	309,348	7.0
15-19	177,349	8.1	170,807	7.7	348,156	7.9
20-24	186,479	8.5	185,550	8.3	372,029	8.4
25-29	181,678	8.3	181,849	8.2	363,527	8.2
30-34	183,575	8.4	183,601	8.2	367,176	8.3
35-39	169,197	7.7	169,555	7.6	338,752	7.7
40-44	163,311	7.5	162,454	7.3	325,765	7.4
45-49	131,307	6.0	126,450	5.7	257,757	5.8
50-54	110,343	5.0	105,990	4.8	216,333	4.9
55-59	95,448	4.4	93,369	4.2	188,817	4.3
60-64	95,179	4.3	96,466	4.3	191,645	4.3
65-69	81,715	3.7	91,001	4.1	172,716	3.9
70-74	57,433	2.6	72,206	3.2	129,639	2.9
75-79	40,920	1.9	58,623	2.6	99,543	2.3
80-84	22,306	1.0	38,384	1.7	60,690	1.4
85 and over	11,649	0.5	28,668	1.3	40,317	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,190,062</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,226,258</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,416,320</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 2.9 TOP TEN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS BY NUMBER OF PERSONS AGED 0 - 14 AND NUMBER OF PERSONS AGED 60 AND OVER, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1991 p**

Highest percentage 0 - 14 years old		Highest percentage 60 years and over	
Statistical Local Area	Per cent	Statistical Local Area	Per cent
Melton	31.6	Queenscliffe	33.3
Grenville	30.4	Flinders	30.8
Bulia	30.1	Phillip Island	30.0
Romsey	29.8	Castlemaine	25.9
Rosedale	29.7	Dimboola	25.6
Yackandandah	29.4	Port Fairy	25.2
Kilmore	29.1	Dunmunkle	24.5
Ballan	29.0	Maryborough	24.2
Newham & Woodend	28.6	Wonthaggi	24.1
Cranbourne	28.5	Euroa	23.9

TABLE 2.10 CENSUS COUNTS BY SEX, VICTORIA, 1901-1991

Year	Persons aged 60 years or over				Persons aged 60 or over as a proportion of all persons(%)	
	Males (number)	Females (number)	Total (number)	Number of males per 100 females	All persons (number)	
1901	51,801	43,451	95,342	119	1,201,341	7.9
1911	47,301	48,672	95,973	97	1,315,551	7.3
1921	60,904	65,841	126,745	93	1,531,280	8.3
1933	97,316	110,065	207,381	88	1,820,261	11.4
1947	121,010	148,153	269,163	82	2,054,701	13.1
1954	140,058	178,564	318,622	78	2,452,341	13.0
1961	158,645	208,723	367,368	76	2,930,113	12.5
1966	172,809	227,162	399,971	76	3,219,526	12.4
1971	186,390	244,745	431,135	76	3,502,351	12.3
1976	205,225	270,547	475,772	76	3,646,973	13.0
1981	226,482	299,548	526,030	76	3,832,443	13.7
1986	260,258	339,073	599,332	77	4,019,478	14.9
1991p	286,317	360,090	646,407	80	4,243,716	15.2

**Population increase**

The components of population growth are natural increase (the number by which live births exceeds deaths in the State of usual residence) and net migration, both from interstate and overseas. During the period 1987 to 1992 natural increase rose from 30,555 in 1987 to 33,976 in 1992. Although net overseas migration increased noticeably from 30,983 in 1987 to 40,892 in 1989, the 1992 figure shows a reversal of the trend of increasing annual numbers of overseas settlers arriving in Victoria, with 26,620 overseas-born persons arriving. Net interstate migration resulted in an outflow from Victoria of 18,023; this outflow is the largest outflow recorded over the past decade, eclipsing the previous high of 16,190 recorded in 1991. In 1992 total net migration made up only 20 per cent of Victoria's total population increase of 42,573, compared to 47 per cent in 1989. Of the net outflow from Victoria of 18,617 persons in the 12 months ended March 1992, 47 per cent were departures to Queensland and 25 per cent were to New South Wales.

TABLE 2.11 INTERSTATE MIGRATION, VICTORIA,  
12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1992 p

State of origin/destination	Arrivals to Victoria	Departures from Victoria
New South Wales	20,320	25,053
Queensland	13,431	22,181
South Australia	6,961	7,844
Western Australia	6,144	7,723
Tasmania	3,127	4,031
Northern Territory	1,697	2,498
ACT	1,884	2,851
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,564</b>	<b>72,181</b>



TABLE 2.12 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, VICTORIA

Year (a)	Natural increase	Net migration			Total population increase
		Overseas	Interstate	Total	
MALES					
1987	15,202	15,421	-6,632	8,789	23,991
1988	14,918	19,103	-6,428	12,675	27,593
1989	15,766	20,434	-6,763	13,671	29,437
1990	16,721	16,263	-4,264	11,999	28,720
1991	17,151	14,127	-8,505	5,622	22,773
1992	16,863	12,567	-9,456	3,111	19,974
FEMALES					
1987	15,353	15,562	-6,816	8,746	24,099
1988	15,659	18,121	-8,374	9,747	25,406
1989	15,770	20,458	-6,126	14,332	30,102
1990	16,965	16,562	-3,909	12,653	29,618
1991	17,294	15,167	-7,685	7,482	24,776
1992	17,113	14,053	-8,567	5,486	22,599
PERSONS					
1987	30,555	30,983	-13,448	17,535	48,090
1988	30,577	37,224	-14,802	22,422	52,999
1989	31,536	40,892	-12,889	28,003	59,539
1990	33,686	32,825	-8,173	24,652	58,338
1991	34,445	29,294	-16,190	13,104	47,549
1992	33,976	26,620	-18,023	8,597	42,573

(a) Year ended 30 June.

**Births**

In 1991 there were 65,438 live births registered to women resident in Victoria. This represented a decrease of 2.3 per cent on the 66,970 births recorded in 1990. The 1991 crude birth rate in Victoria was 14.8 per 1,000 population. The Australian crude birth rate was 14.9 per 1,000 population in 1991. The Victorian crude birth rate has remained below the Australian rate since the early 1970s.

The overall fall in the birth rate was reflected by falls in most age-specific categories, however there was a rise of 2.1 recorded in the 35 to 39 year age group.

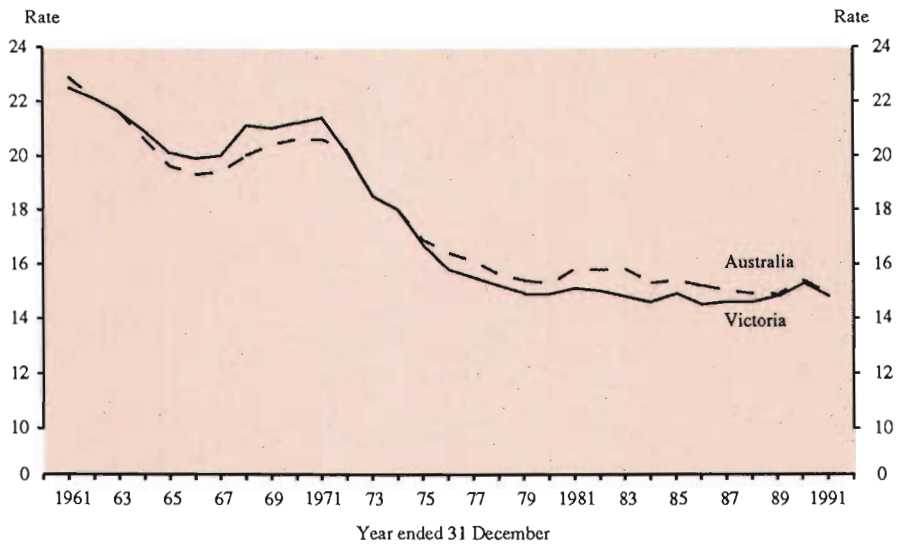
For the first time, the median age of mothers for nuptial first confinements rose to 28.0 years.

During the 1980s the number of ex-nuptial births rose steadily. This trend has continued into the 1990s with 12,221 ex-nuptial births in 1991, which represented 18.7 per cent of total live births.

**Deaths**

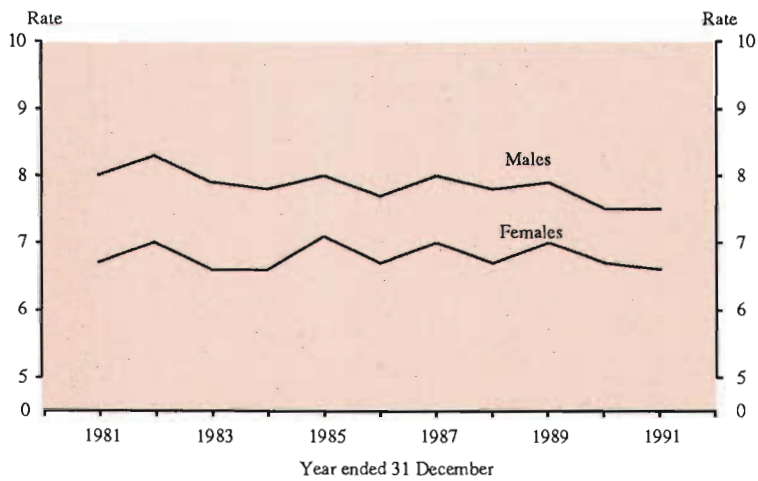
In 1991 there were 31,216 deaths registered of Victorian residents in Australia. This was a slight increase (0.7 per cent) on the 30,986 deaths recorded in 1990, compared with the 4.4 per cent increase from 1989 to 1990.

**CRUDE BIRTH RATES (a) VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1961-1991**

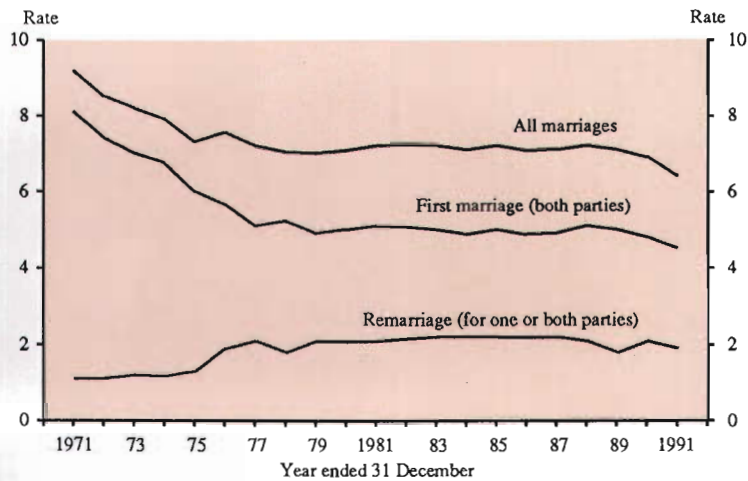


(a) Number of live births registered during calendar year per 1,000 mean estimated population.

**CRUDE DEATH RATE, VICTORIA, 1981-1991  
(Rate per 1,000 persons)**

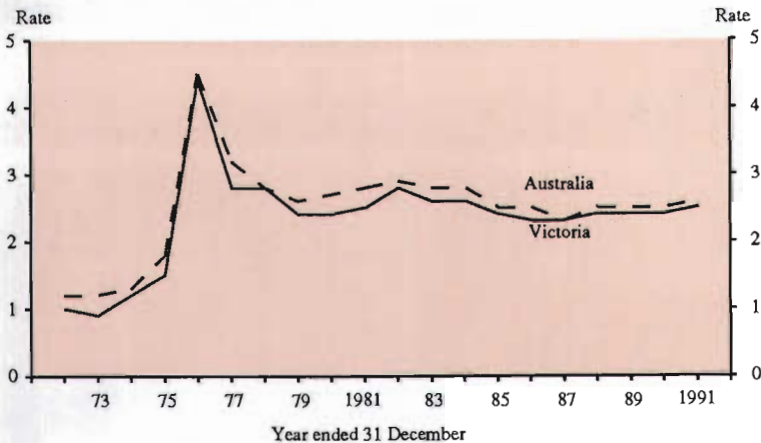


CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES (a), VICTORIA 1971-1991



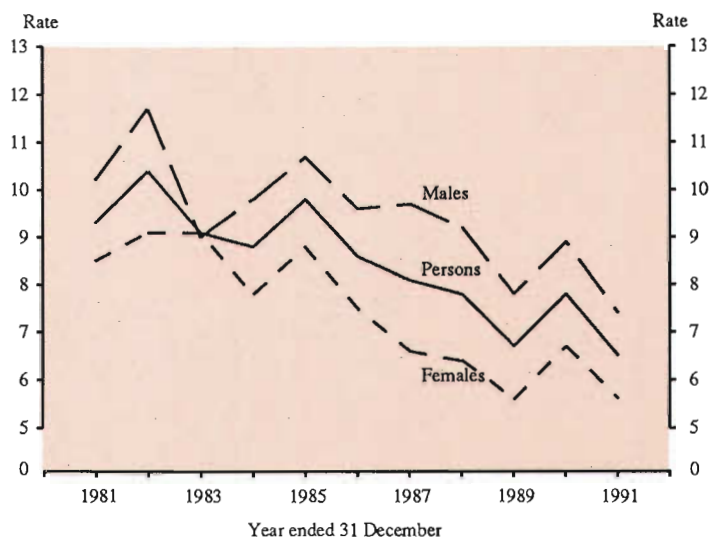
(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1972-1991  
(Rate per 1,000 mean population)



NOTE: Introduction of Family Law Act 1975, effective 5 January 1976.

### INFANT MORTALITY RATES, VICTORIA, 1981-1991 (Rate per 1,000 live births)



#### Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rate (deaths of children under one year) fell from 7.8 per 1,000 live births in 1990 to 6.5 in 1991. The mortality rate for male infants was consistently higher than that for females. In 1991 the rate was 7.4 for males and 5.6 for females.

There were 578 perinatal deaths (stillbirths and deaths within 28 days of birth and with at least 20 weeks gestation) in 1991. This represents a death rate of 8.8 per 1,000 live and stillbirths, compared with 13.1 in 1990.

The stable death rate resulted in a slight increased life expectancy at birth. In 1991 the life expectancy for males was 74.5 years and for females it was 80.3 years. This is the first time that life expectancy has exceeded 80 years.

#### Marriages

There were 28,535 marriages registered in Victoria during 1991, a decrease of 5.3 per cent. As a consequence, the number of marriages per thousand of the population (crude marriage rate) declined from 6.9 in 1990 to 6.5 in 1991. For almost 70 per cent of couples married in 1991 it was the first marriage for both partners. In 17.4 per cent of marriages registered, one partner had previously been married, and in 13.0 per cent of marriages both parties had been married before.

Of these marriages, 61.1 per cent were performed by ministers of religion and 38.9 per cent by civil celebrants.



The median age for bridegrooms was 28 years in 1991. The median age for brides rose from 25.9 years in 1990 to 26.1 years in 1991. Almost 35 per cent of bridegrooms in 1991 were aged between 25 and 29, and 38 per cent of brides were aged between 20 and 24.

### Divorces

The number of divorces granted in Victoria in 1991 was 11,134, an increase of 7 per cent over 1990. As a result, the number of divorces per thousand of the population (i.e. the crude divorce rate) increased to 2.5. There has been an increase in the number of divorces each year since 1988.

In 1991, the median duration of marriage remained at 10.0 years for divorcing couples. Of the 11,134 couples divorced in this period, almost 53 per cent had children, while 14.8 per cent of males and 13.8 per cent of females had been divorced at least once before.

The divorce rate was highest for both males and females in the 30 to 34 years age group.

**TABLE 2.13 SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA, 1991**

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Live births -									
Males	44,942	33,636	22,564	10,175	12,959	3,454	1,799	2,436	131,965
Females	42,425	31,802	21,596	9,465	12,458	3,416	1,800	2,320	125,282
Persons	87,367	65,438	44,160	19,640	25,417	6,870	3,599	4,756	257,247
Deaths -									
Males	22,661	16,508	10,624	5,924	5,226	2,024	495	605	64,067
Females	19,806	14,708	8,551	5,252	4,302	1,662	307	491	55,079
Persons	42,467	31,216	19,175	11,176	9,528	3,686	802	1,096	119,146
Infant deaths	632	428	335	109	183	62	51	36	1,836
Perinatal deaths (a) -									
Number	880	578	457	158	224	82	61	50	2,490
Rate (b)	10.0	8.8	10.3	8.0	8.8	11.9	16.8	10.5	9.6
Marriages	39,594	28,535	19,844	9,392	10,659	3,069	890	1,886	113,869
Divorces	13,151	11,134 (c)	8,934	4,215	4,446	1,383	397 (d)	1,970	45,630

(a) Perinatal deaths comprise neonatal and foetal deaths.

(b) The number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live and still births.

(c) Includes 647 divorces heard in Lismore and Coffs Harbour (NSW) but registered in Queensland.

(d) Many divorces registered in the ACT are to applicants normally resident in areas adjacent to the ACT.

**TABLE 2.14 SUMMARY OF BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, VICTORIA**

Particulars	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Live births -						
Males	30,855	31,605	31,688	32,841	34,336	33,636
Females	29,307	29,902	30,446	31,161	32,591	31,802
Persons	60,162	61,507	62,134	64,002	66,927	65,438
Sex ratio (a)	105.3	105.7	104.1	105.4	105.3	105.8
Nuptial births	52,767	53,027	52,921	53,868	55,220	53,217
Ex-nuptial births -						
Number	7,395	8,480	9,213	10,134	11,750	12,221
Percentage of total live births	12.3	13.8	14.8	15.8	17.5	18.7
Crude birth rate (b)	14.4	14.6	14.6	14.8	15.3	14.8
Age-specific birth rates (c)-						
Age group (years)-						
15-19 (d)	14.2	14.7	14.3	14.9	15.9	16.0
20-24	75.3	73.3	68.5	67.5	68.0	63.1
25-29	140.7	139.6	135.4	137.0	138.7	131.5
30-34	92.2	95.2	97.7	102.9	109.0	105.8
35-39	28.0	30.7	32.2	34.7	37.2	39.3
40-44	4.2	4.9	4.7	5.4	5.8	5.8
45-49 (e)	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total fertility (f)	1,774	1,794	1,764	1,813	1,874	1,809
Confinements (number)	59,432	60,831	61,398	63,209	66,136	64,566
Median age of mother (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	26.8	27.1	27.4	27.6	27.8	28.0
All nuptial confinements	28.4	28.6	28.8	29.1	29.3	29.5
Ex-nuptial	23.7	23.8	24.2	24.5	24.6	24.6
All confinements	28.0	28.2	28.4	28.6	28.8	28.9
Median duration of marriage (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6

(a) Number of male live births per 100 female live births.

(b) Number of live births registered during calendar year per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population.

(c) Number of live births registered during calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age.

(d) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15.

(e) Includes births to mothers aged 50 years and over.

(f) The sum of 5 year age-specific birth rates multiplied by 5. It represents the number of children 1,000 women would bear during their lifetimes if they experienced the rates of the year shown.

TABLE 2.15 SUMMARY OF DEATHS, VICTORIA

Particulars	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Deaths -						
Males	16,021	16,714	16,426	17,079r	16,321	16,508
Females	14,154	14,835	14,300	15,300	14,665	14,708
Persons	30,175	31,549	30,726	32,379r	30,986	31,216
Sex ratio (a)	113.2	112.7	114.9	111.6r	111.3	112.2
Crude death rate (b) -						
Males	7.7	8.0	7.8	8.0r	7.5	7.5
Females	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.6
Persons	7.2	7.5	7.2	7.5	7.1	7.1
Infant deaths -						
Males	297	306	291	248r	305	249
Females	220	192	195	166r	218	179
Persons	517	498	486	414r	523	428
Infant mortality rate (c)	8.6	8.1	7.8	6.6r	7.8	6.5
Median age at death (years) -						
Males	71.4	72.0	72.3	72.4r	72.3	72.6
Females	78.4	79.0	78.7	79.2r	79.1	79.1

(a) Number of male deaths per 100 female deaths.

(b) Number of deaths registered per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population.

(c) Deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

TABLE 2.16 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA

Particulars	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Total marriages -	29,390	29,682	30,687	30,624	30,120	28,535
First marriage both partners	20,287	20,622	21,531	21,412	20,968	19,867
First marriage one partner	5,040	5,110	5,244	5,281	5,182	4,953
Remarriage both partners	4,063	3,950	3,912	3,931	3,970	3,715
Crude marriage rate (a)	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.5
Marriages performed by -						
Ministers of religion -						
Number	18,096	18,434	18,782	18,485	18,063	17,429
Per cent	61.6	62.1	61.2	60.4	60.0	61.1
Civil celebrants -						
Number	11,294	11,248	11,905	12,139	12,057	11,106
Per cent	38.4	37.9	38.8	39.6	40.0	38.9
BRIDEGROOM						
Marital status of bridegroom -						
Never married	22,648	22,940	23,977	23,832	23,456	22,167
Widowed	732	748	712	740	705	644
Divorced	6,010	5,994	5,998	6,052	5,959	5,724
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>29,682</b>	<b>30,687</b>	<b>30,624</b>	<b>30,120</b>	<b>28,535</b>
Median age of bridegroom (years) -						
Never married	25.7	25.9	26.2	26.3	26.6	26.8
Widowed	60.6	61.1	61.0	60.9	61.6	61.0
Divorced	38.3	38.5	38.9	38.9	39.3	39.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>
Age of bridegroom (years) -						
Under 20	333	316	394	346	303	236
20-24	9,350	8,829	8,679	8,424	7,641	6,992
25-29	9,453	9,956	10,485	10,395	10,497	9,871

TABLE 2.16 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA - *continued*

Particulars	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
BRIDEGROOM - <i>continued</i>						
30-34	4,237	4,514	4,798	4,992	5,117	5,048
35-39	2,253	2,236	2,423	2,420	2,491	2,399
40-44	1,222	1,363	1,432	1,488	1,462	1,504
45-49	837	788	828	868	923	908
50 and over	1,705	1,680	1,646	1,691	1,686	1,577
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>29,682</b>	<b>30,687</b>	<b>30,624</b>	<b>30,120</b>	<b>28,535</b>
BRIDE						
Marital status of bride -						
Never married	22,966	23,414	24,329	24,273	23,662	22,520
Widowed	891	905	864	844	798	751
Divorced	5,533	5,363	5,494	5,507	5,660	5,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>29,682</b>	<b>30,687</b>	<b>30,624</b>	<b>30,120</b>	<b>28,535</b>
Median age of bride (years) -						
Never married	23.7	24.0	24.2	24.4	24.6	24.8
Widowed	53.1	52.3	52.1	53.1	52.7	53.5
Divorced	35.0	35.1	35.5	35.7	35.9	36.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>26.1</b>
Age of bride (years) -						
Under 20	2,160	1,972	2,028	1,855	1,495	1,152
20-24	12,609	12,491	12,407	12,046	11,426	10,742
25-29	7,254	7,600	8,291	8,397	8,752	8,398
30-34	3,088	3,253	3,444	3,688	3,711	3,691
35-39	1,698	1,791	1,758	1,841	1,843	1,834
40-44	887	983	1,133	1,150	1,153	1,049
45-49	638	612	657	635	723	669
50 and over	1,056	980	966	1,012	1,017	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>29,682</b>	<b>30,687</b>	<b>30,624</b>	<b>30,120</b>	<b>28,535</b>

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

TABLE 2.17 CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER: MARITAL STATUS, VICTORIA, AS AT 30 JUNE

Census years	Marital Status					Total persons
	Never married	Married	Separated/ not divorced	Divorced	Widowed	
MALES						
	Per cent					Number
1954	29.2	64.7	1.7	0.8	3.5	884,536
1961	29.5	64.8	1.8	0.8	3.1	1,026,543
1966	30.4	64.1	1.8	0.9	2.9	1,132,374
1971	29.1	65.2	1.8	1.1	2.8	1,231,529
1976	29.1	64.6	2.2	1.6	2.5	1,304,350
1981	31.1	61.5	2.1	2.8	2.5	1,409,315
1986	32.8	59.1	2.1	3.6	2.4	1,519,925
1991p	33.6	57.3	2.4	4.2	2.5	1,625,309



**TABLE 2.17 CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER: MARITAL STATUS, VICTORIA, AS AT 30 JUNE - *continued***

Census years	Marital Status					Total persons
	Never married	Married	Separated/ not divorced	Divorced	Widowed	
FEMALES						
1954	22.2	63.6	2.0	1.0	11.2	889,806
1961	21.6	64.2	2.1	1.0	11.1	1,029,414
1966	22.7	62.9	2.1	1.1	11.2	1,147,632
1971	21.3	64.0	2.1	1.3	11.3	1,258,273
1976	21.6	62.5	2.7	2.1	11.1	1,344,957
1981	23.6	59.1	2.5	3.7	11.1	1,461,145
1986	25.4	57.0	2.4	4.6	10.6	1,578,967
1991p	26.8	55.1	2.8	5.3	10.0	1,696,339

**TABLE 2.18 SUMMARY OF DIVORCES, VICTORIA**

Particulars	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Divorces granted -	9,670	9,626	10,250	10,253	10,406	11,134
Crude divorce rate (a)	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.7	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.0	10.0
Median interval between marriage and separation (years)	7.8	7.3	7.6	6.6	7.3	7.3
Divorces involving children -	5,705	5,509	5,867	5,596	5,712	5,894
Percentage of total	59.0	57.2	57.2	54.6	54.9	52.9
Average number of children	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
<b>HUSBAND</b>						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2
25-29	9.5	9.2	9.2	8.7	8.7	9.2
30-34	11.7	12.3	12.6	12.2	12.2	12.6
35-39	11.7	11.2	12.3	11.5	11.5	11.8
40-44	10.3	9.8	10.4	10.7	10.3	10.8
45-49	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.6
50-54	6.5	5.8	6.4	6.6	6.7	7.4
55 and over	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	8,276	8,199	8,666	8,670	8,749	9,380
Widowed	132	117	115	105	98	108
Divorced	1,262	1,310	1,469	1,478	1,559	1,646
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	24.2	24.3	24.4	24.0	24.7	24.8
At separation	34.6	34.5	34.9	34.9	35.1	35.3
At divorce	37.3	37.2	37.5	36.9	37.8	38.1
<b>WIFE</b>						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.6
25-29	11.9	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.0	12.4
30-34	12.2	11.8	12.7	12.2	11.9	12.6

TABLE 2.18 SUMMARY OF DIVORCES, VICTORIA - *continued*

Particulars	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
WIFE - <i>continued</i>						
35-39	10.8	10.8	11.3	11.1	11.3	11.4
40-44	9.2	8.8	9.4	9.6	9.5	10.4
45-49	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.4	7.2	8.2
50-54	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.0
55 and over	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	8,288	8,241	8,748	8,747	8,831	9,450
Widowed	169	152	146	118	114	148
Divorced	1,213	1,233	1,356	1,388	1,461	1,536
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.2	22.2	22.4
At separation	31.8	31.8	32.2	32.4	32.4	32.6
At divorce	34.7	34.6	34.9	34.2	35.2	35.4

(a) Number of divorces per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population.

(b) Number of divorces by age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population in specific age groups.

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