

CHAPTER 1

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION

This chapter presents a brief summary of the more important population statistics which impact on the present or future structure and activities of the labour market. Important factors highlighted in the statistics include the age composition of the population and its future trends, population growth (including its components — natural increase and overseas migration) and the birthplace composition of the population, particularly those of prime working age. The origin of arriving settlers provides a further pointer to the future make-up of the population. Other population related factors which are included in the statistics presented include the family background of the population, levels of educational attainment, and characteristics of migrants.

SELECTED FEATURES

Population

The estimated resident population of Australia at 30 June 1988 was 16,538,200, an increase of 274,800 since 30 June 1987. Of the growth during the last twelve months, 46 per cent was achieved through natural increase (125,800) with overseas migration (149,000) contributing the remaining 54 per cent. The annual growth rate for the year 1987-88 of 1.7 per cent was fractionally higher than the 1.5 per cent for the previous year.

Principal features of current population trends are low and declining fertility, increasing longevity and high levels of net overseas migration gains. Natural increase, i.e. births minus deaths, is relatively steady because the lower birth rate is being offset by the lower death rate. Net overseas migration, however, is at historically high levels and rising. The combined outcome of these trends is high levels of total population growth and a gradual ageing of the Australian population.

Over the decade since 30 June 1978, for example, the median age has risen from 28.9 years to 32.3 years. The dependency ratio for 0-14 year-olds (i.e. population aged 0-14 years per thousand persons aged 15-64) has declined from 40.29 in 1978 to 33.40 in 1988 and the dependency ratio for persons aged 65 years and over (i.e. expressed per thousand population aged 15-64 years) has risen from 14.28 in 1978 to 16.27 in 1988. The working-age population has also been ageing, though at a slower rate. The proportion of the population in the young working ages 15-24 has declined from 17.5 per cent in 1978 to 16.5 in 1988, but the proportion in the older working ages 50-64 years has also fallen from 14.4 per cent to 13.5 per cent. The median age of the working age group as a whole (15-64 years) has risen from 33.2 years to 34.2 years over the ten-year period.

At 30 June 1988 the population aged 15-64 years was 11,049,500. Despite the older profile, the numbers of people in this age group have been increasing at a faster rate (now 18.9 per cent higher than 1978) than the population as a whole (15.2 per cent higher) due to the concentration of overseas arrivals in this age group. The proportion of Australia's population which is of working age has consequently risen. In 1978 it comprised 64.7 per cent of the population; in 1988 it was 66.8 per cent.

Implications for the future age profile of the work-force are illustrated in Charts 1.3 - 1.6. These demonstrate the outcome of certain assumed fertility/mortality/migration trends as described in Appendix 3. Four alternative combinations (A, B, C and D) of these assumptions have been selected for the period up to year 2031. Series A and B would result in the highest population increase, followed by C and then D. The outcome for the size of the workforce would be in the same order, as also would be the resultant median age of the 15-64 year age group.

Projections of the population in the younger working ages, 15-24 years, show that although numbers will continue to rise until 1993 they will then decline slightly for a few years as the effect of lower numbers of births in the 1970's impacts on the 15-24 age group. This dip in births will again result in sagging numbers in the next century as the following generation enters this particular age-range. Of more importance than this wavelike movement, however, is the narrow range in which population numbers are projected to move. Series A and B project a steady rise until the year 2031 but Series C projects a very small rate of increase and series D actually shows a decline.

In comparison substantial increases in numbers are projected for the prime working age-group (25-49 years) and also the older working ages (50 to 64 years). A levelling off may occur for the 25-49 age group if series D assumptions prevail, but only after a considerable increase during the remaining years of this century.

TABLE 1.1. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION : AGE, AUSTRALIA, 30 JUNE 1978 TO 30 JUNE 1988
(^{'000})

Age group (years)	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
MALES											
0- 4	596.5	584.5	579.9	583.2	591.7	600.2	606.9	614.2	619.0	622.9	627.1
5- 9	679.4	675.8	667.2	649.1	632.4	619.7	607.7	602.6	604.9	612.7	624.5
10-14	638.8	641.2	650.5	672.2	691.6	700.3	698.3	691.2	672.2	652.2	640.2
15-19	667.1	670.5	666.5	660.8	658.1	654.5	657.9	667.0	688.6	709.3	721.5
20-24	612.9	629.3	644.0	659.8	676.0	684.1	686.8	686.5	680.4	674.6	674.3
25-29	596.4	601.8	610.6	622.4	633.2	641.4	651.7	667.1	681.8	696.5	709.7
30-34	566.0	582.8	599.8	622.3	622.2	625.0	626.8	627.4	635.7	649.4	665.4
35-39	451.2	466.4	485.3	504.2	547.2	582.0	602.8	624.6	641.7	635.1	641.3
40-44	396.7	404.5	414.7	427.2	444.0	457.1	476.0	496.0	520.1	564.4	599.5
45-49	394.0	386.2	380.1	377.3	383.5	393.1	405.2	420.2	433.2	446.2	461.8
50-54	398.0	398.1	396.5	395.5	392.3	385.4	379.9	375.0	377.0	385.3	394.5
55-59	344.3	357.9	365.9	370.1	374.1	379.5	382.5	385.1	384.8	380.2	375.5
60-64	283.0	279.0	282.3	291.8	304.5	319.5	335.5	344.7	351.6	355.0	359.9
65-69	230.5	238.7	245.8	250.1	252.5	251.9	249.4	253.9	266.1	278.8	292.7
70 and over	326.6	337.1	349.0	362.1	377.7	392.7	410.8	427.3	443.1	457.9	469.0
All Ages	7,181.3	7,253.8	7,338.1	7,448.3	7,580.9	7,686.3	7,778.2	7,882.7	8,000.2	8,120.5	8,257.1
FEMALES											
0- 4	568.1	557.6	552.3	556.4	563.6	570.1	576.9	585.4	589.5	593.7	598.7
5- 9	652.7	647.7	639.3	620.5	602.9	589.7	578.7	572.6	574.6	582.1	592.1
10-14	607.6	611.7	621.8	644.1	662.9	671.1	667.3	659.7	639.3	619.2	607.9
15-19	638.7	643.1	641.0	636.3	630.9	626.4	629.6	637.7	658.7	678.6	690.4
20-24	597.2	610.7	625.1	642.0	657.4	664.4	665.1	662.9	656.3	651.1	649.9
25-29	585.4	591.5	599.4	607.6	620.4	629.0	639.1	652.4	666.7	681.3	694.3
30-34	542.0	561.6	580.7	604.7	606.4	614.0	619.9	625.2	633.5	646.4	660.4
35-39	427.2	443.8	465.2	484.9	526.0	559.1	580.0	603.0	624.9	624.1	634.9
40-44	377.9	386.5	395.2	406.6	421.8	433.4	452.2	472.5	494.2	536.9	571.2
45-49	370.5	364.9	361.4	358.3	364.8	374.0	385.9	398.5	409.1	421.2	435.9
50-54	382.4	381.0	378.0	379.1	373.8	367.3	362.0	358.0	359.9	368.3	377.0
55-59	352.1	363.9	371.0	370.5	372.1	374.2	374.4	373.9	370.7	366.2	362.6
60-64	306.6	304.0	308.4	321.3	331.7	343.6	356.5	363.9	367.8	368.6	369.4
65-69	265.5	275.2	282.8	286.1	290.3	291.3	288.8	292.4	304.1	316.1	330.3
70 and over	504.2	518.7	535.7	556.7	578.3	599.9	624.8	647.4	668.8	688.9	706.1
All Ages	7,178.0	7,262.0	7,357.3	7,475.0	7,603.3	7,707.1	7,801.2	7,905.6	8,018.2	8,142.8	8,281.1
PERSONS											
0- 4	1,164.6	1,142.1	1,132.2	1,139.6	1,155.3	1,170.2	1,183.8	1,199.6	1,208.5	1,216.6	1,225.8
5- 9	1,332.1	1,323.5	1,306.6	1,269.6	1,235.3	1,209.4	1,186.4	1,175.1	1,179.5	1,194.8	1,216.6
10-14	1,246.4	1,252.8	1,272.2	1,316.4	1,354.4	1,371.4	1,365.6	1,350.9	1,311.5	1,271.4	1,248.1
15-19	1,305.8	1,313.6	1,307.6	1,297.0	1,289.0	1,280.9	1,287.4	1,304.7	1,347.2	1,387.9	1,411.8
20-24	1,210.1	1,240.0	1,269.1	1,301.9	1,333.4	1,348.4	1,351.9	1,349.5	1,336.7	1,325.7	1,324.2
25-29	1,181.8	1,193.3	1,209.9	1,230.0	1,253.6	1,270.4	1,290.8	1,319.5	1,348.5	1,377.9	1,404.0
30-34	1,108.0	1,144.4	1,180.5	1,226.9	1,228.6	1,239.0	1,246.8	1,252.7	1,269.2	1,295.8	1,325.8
35-39	878.4	910.2	950.5	989.1	1,073.2	1,141.1	1,182.7	1,227.6	1,266.7	1,259.1	1,276.2
40-44	774.6	791.0	809.8	833.8	865.8	890.5	928.2	968.5	1,014.3	1,101.3	1,170.7
45-49	764.5	751.1	741.5	735.7	748.3	767.1	791.1	818.7	842.3	867.4	897.7
50-54	780.4	779.1	774.5	774.6	766.1	752.6	742.0	733.0	736.9	753.6	771.6
55-59	696.3	721.8	736.8	740.6	746.3	753.7	756.9	759.0	755.5	746.4	738.1
60-64	589.6	583.0	590.7	613.1	636.2	663.0	692.0	708.5	719.4	723.6	729.3
65-69	496.0	513.9	528.6	536.2	542.8	543.1	538.2	546.3	570.2	595.0	623.1
70 and over	830.8	855.8	884.7	918.8	955.9	992.6	1,035.6	1,074.7	1,112.0	1,146.9	1,175.1
All Ages	14,359.3	14,515.7	14,695.4	14,923.3	15,184.2	15,393.5	15,579.4	15,788.3	16,018.4	16,263.3	16,538.2

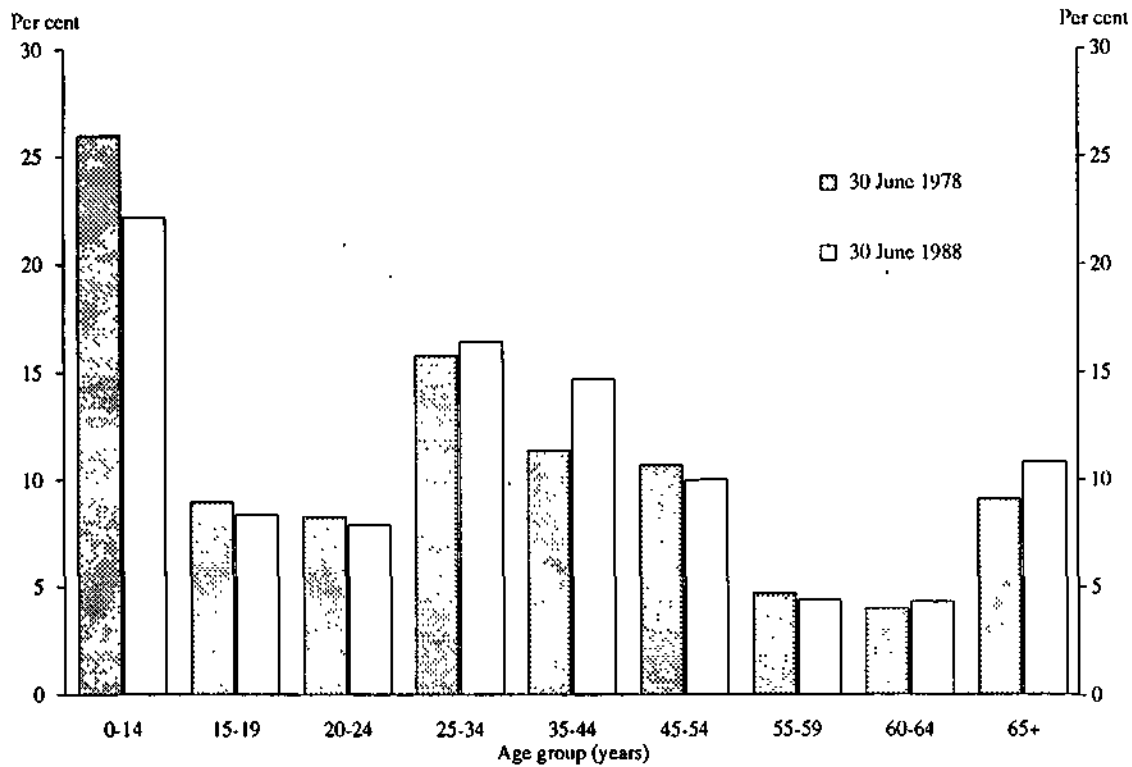
Source: Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age: States and Territories of Australia (3201.0) and Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

TABLE 1.2. PERMANENT ARRIVALS (SETTLERS) : AGE BY SEX, AUSTRALIA, 1978 TO 1988

	Age group (years)						
Year	0-14	15-34	35-54	55-64	15-64	65 and over	Total
MALES							
1978	11,350	15,050	5,550	1,110	21,710	1,380	34,430
1979	11,820	15,750	5,790	1,140	22,680	1,340	35,840
1980	15,350	22,160	8,080	1,230	31,470	1,680	48,500
1981	19,620	28,300	10,720	1,440	40,460	1,790	61,870
1982	17,940	24,070	10,170	1,420	35,660	1,780	55,370
1983	12,630	16,750	7,330	1,440	25,520	1,700	39,850
1984	10,750	15,120	6,540	1,560	23,220	1,560	35,530
1985	12,230	18,180	7,730	1,520	27,430	1,540	41,200
1986	14,570	22,360	10,070	1,990	34,420	2,000	51,000
1987	18,620	27,790	12,650	2,410	42,850	2,330	63,800
1988	22,170	31,970	16,540	2,660	51,170	2,380	75,720
FEMALES							
1978	9,710	15,460	5,180	1,880	22,520	1,750	33,990
1979	10,680	16,800	5,290	1,830	23,920	1,800	36,400
1980	13,930	21,040	6,760	2,140	29,940	2,150	46,010
1981	17,690	26,080	8,750	2,200	37,030	2,150	56,870
1982	15,800	23,380	8,410	2,150	33,940	2,060	51,800
1983	11,090	17,040	6,180	2,260	25,480	2,010	38,580
1984	10,250	16,480	6,470	2,430	25,380	1,980	37,580
1985	10,880	18,680	7,200	2,170	28,050	1,870	40,800
1986	13,490	24,380	9,450	2,740	36,570	2,270	52,330
1987	17,440	29,430	11,560	3,340	44,330	2,720	64,490
1988	21,050	33,980	14,620	3,510	52,110	2,670	75,830
PERSONS							
1978	21,060	30,510	10,730	2,990	44,230	3,130	68,420
1979	22,510	32,550	11,070	2,970	46,600	3,140	72,240
1980	29,280	43,190	14,830	3,380	61,460	3,830	94,500
1981	37,310	54,390	19,460	3,640	77,500	3,930	118,740
1982	33,740	47,440	18,580	3,570	69,600	3,840	107,170
1983	23,710	33,790	13,490	3,700	50,980	3,710	78,400
1984	21,010	31,570	13,020	3,980	48,570	3,520	73,110
1985	23,120	36,860	14,930	3,690	55,480	3,410	82,000
1986	28,060	46,740	19,520	4,730	70,990	4,280	103,330
1987	36,060	57,210	24,210	5,760	87,180	5,050	128,290
1988	43,220	65,950	31,160	6,170	103,280	5,050	151,550

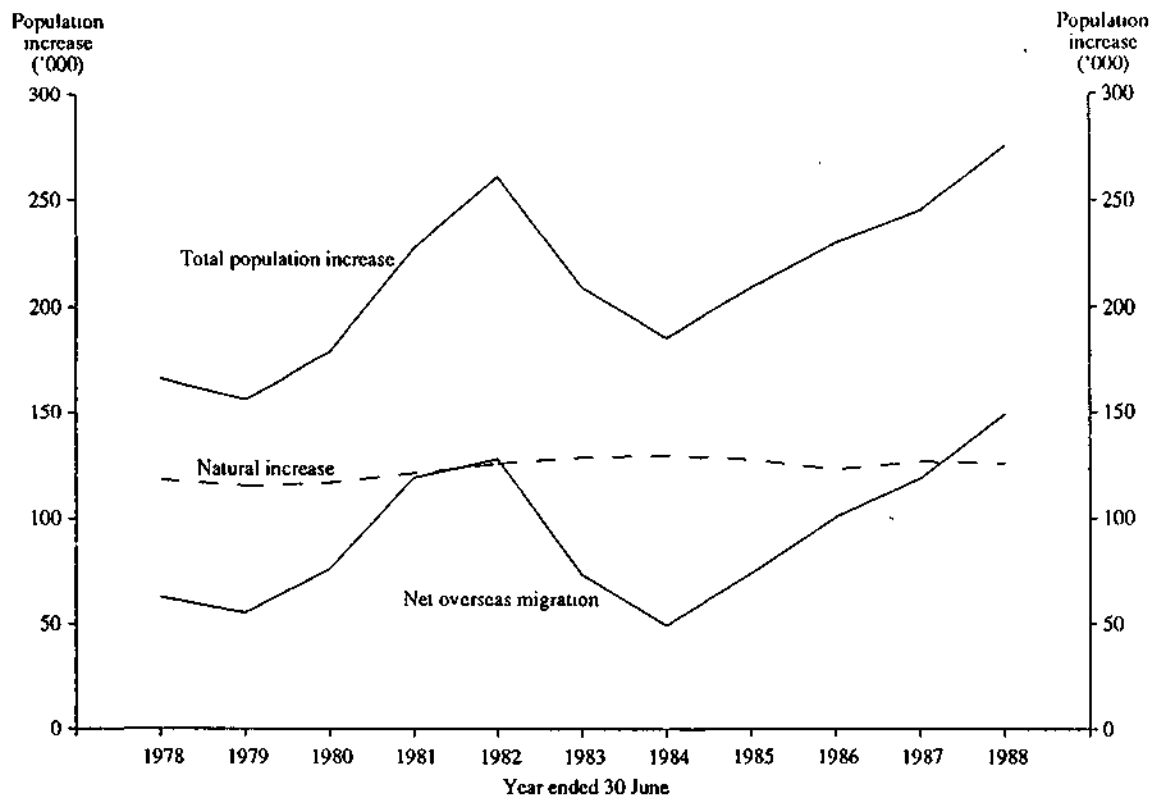
Source: Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3404.0).

CHART 1.1. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION: AGE GROUPS, AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0).

CHART 1.2. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION: COMPONENTS OF GROWTH, AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

**TABLE 1.3. PERMANENT ARRIVALS (SETTLERS) : COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY AGE, AUSTRALIA,
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1988**

Country of birth	Age group (years)			Total
	0-14	15-64	65 and over	
Africa				
Egypt	360	990	30	1,370
Mauritius	340	840	30	1,210
South Africa	1,280	2,240	140	3,660
Other Africa	510	1,380	20	1,910
Total Africa	2,490	5,440	220	8,150
America				
Canada	330	670	10	1,010
Chile	660	1,240	40	1,940
United States of America	670	1,300	40	2,010
Other America	1,000	1,750	80	2,830
Total America	2,660	4,960	180	7,800
Asia				
China	290	2,910	340	3,540
Cyprus	170	370	10	550
Hong Kong	2,400	4,580	30	7,010
India	710	2,350	150	3,210
Indonesia	300	940	40	1,280
Israel	170	170	10	340
Kampuchea	350	960	30	1,340
Korea	590	1,020	40	1,650
Lebanon	820	2,650	40	3,500
Malaysia	2,190	5,380	100	7,670
Philippines	3,420	6,870	190	10,480
Singapore	670	1,400	30	2,100
Sri Lanka	850	2,420	100	3,380
Taiwan	480	900	10	1,390
Thailand	410	530	10	940
Turkey	260	1,080	40	1,380
Vietnam	1,470	4,150	160	5,780
Other Asia	1,860	3,920	120	5,890
Total Asia	17,400	42,600	1,420	61,430
Europe				
France	110	370	10	490
Germany	310	1,030	80	1,430
Greece	200	520	20	740
Italy	120	350	30	500
Netherlands	120	400	40	570
United Kingdom and Ireland	6,860	16,870	1,970	25,690
Yugoslavia	940	2,310	80	3,330
Other Europe	3,310	8,280	290	11,880
Total Europe	11,980	30,120	2,530	44,630
Oceania				
Fiji	800	1,910	70	2,770
New Zealand	7,240	17,050	580	24,870
Other Oceania	640	1,190	50	1,890
Total Oceania	8,690	20,140	700	29,530
Total all countries	43,220	103,280	5,050	151,550

Source: Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Statistics, Demography Section ABS.

CHART 1.3. PROJECTED POPULATION: TOTAL ALL AGES, AUSTRALIA

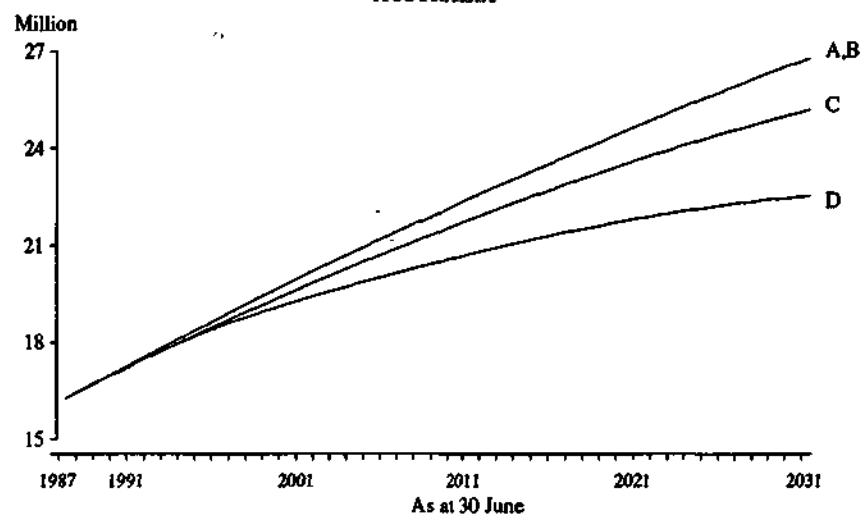


CHART 1.4. PROJECTED POPULATION: YOUNG WORKING AGES, 15 TO 24 YEARS, AUSTRALIA

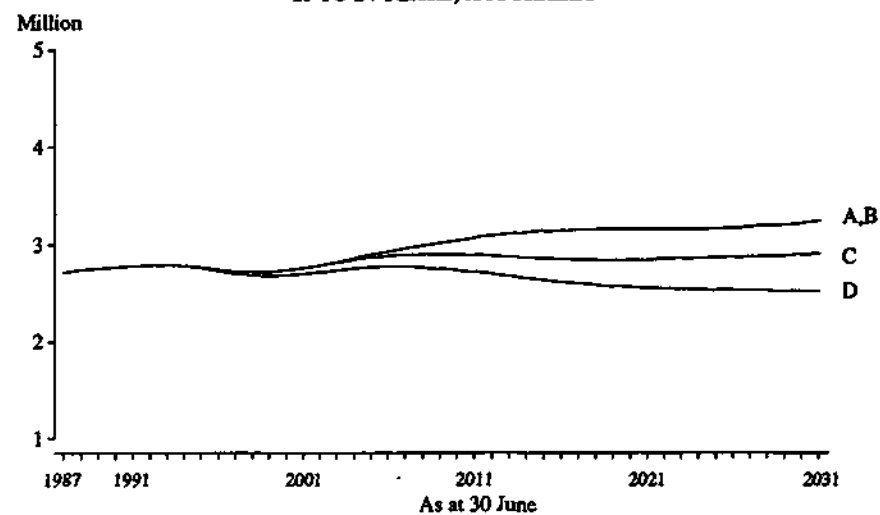


CHART 1.5. PROJECTED POPULATION: PRIME WORKING AGES, 25 TO 49 YEARS, AUSTRALIA

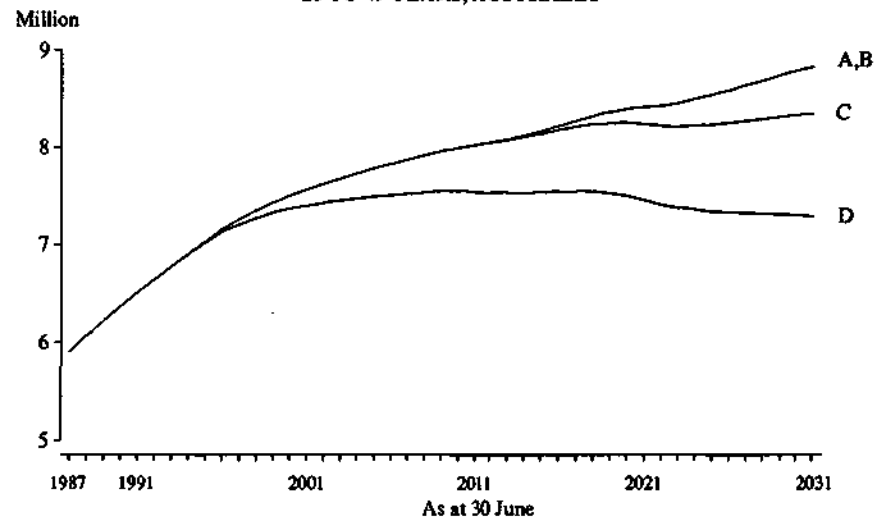
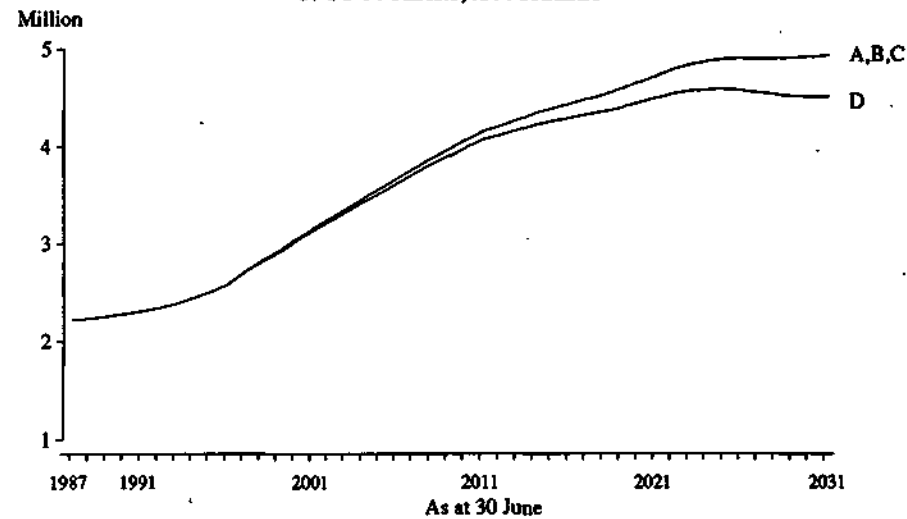


CHART 1.6. PROJECTED POPULATION: OLDER WORKING AGES, 50 TO 64 YEARS, AUSTRALIA



NOTE: The four projections A, B, C and D are based on different assumptions concerning immigration and fertility rates. See Appendix C.

Source: *Projections of the Population of Australia, States and Territories, 1987 to 2031* (3222.0).

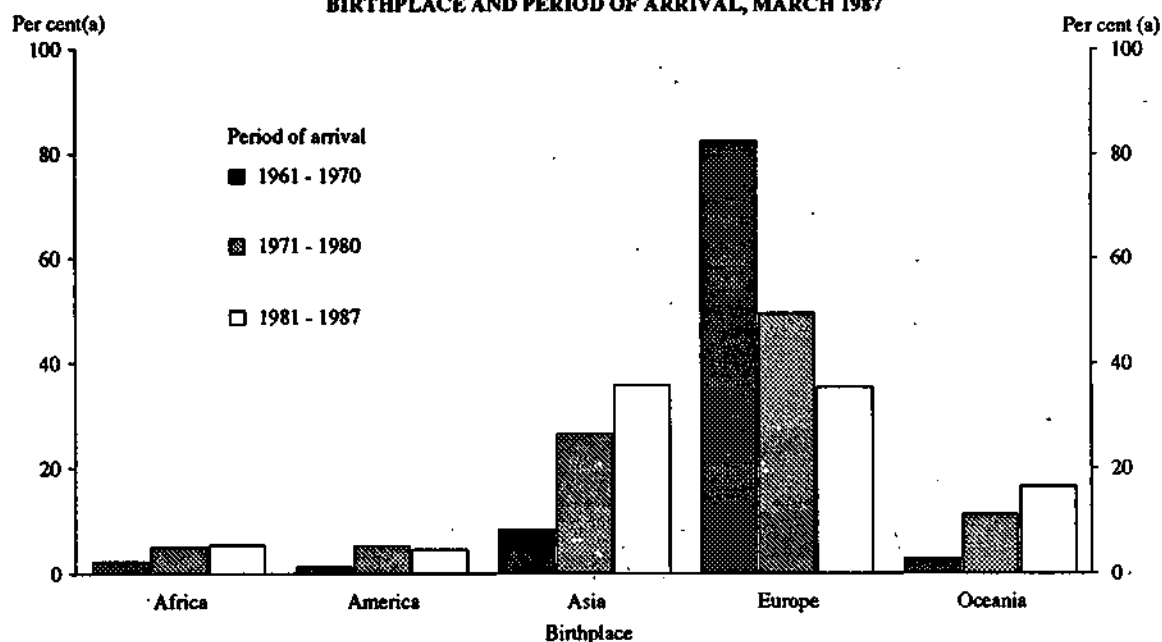
TABLE 1.4. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1960 AGED 18 AND OVER : MIGRATION CATEGORY AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, MARCH 1987

Migration category	Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unemploy- ment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total						
—'000—									
—per cent—									
MALES									
New Zealander(a)	62.1	3.8	65.9	5.3	71.2	5.4	76.6	7.5	93.0
Principal applicant	413.4	15.7	429.1	48.0	477.1	97.4	574.5	10.1	83.0
Refugee	25.0	*	26.5	12.3	38.8	4.1	42.9	31.8	90.4
Other	388.4	14.2	402.6	35.7	438.3	93.3	531.6	8.1	82.5
Sponsored	180.0	6.0	186.0	17.5	203.5	56.4	259.9	8.6	78.3
By family	101.8	*	105.2	12.0	117.2	42.3	159.5	10.2	73.5
By employer	45.2	*	46.4	*	48.8	7.1	55.8	*	87.4
By other organisation	33.0	*	34.4	*	37.5	7.1	44.6	*	84.2
Un-sponsored	204.1	8.3	212.4	17.9	230.3	36.0	266.3	7.8	86.5
Did not know sponsorship status	4.3	*	4.3	*	4.5	*	5.5	*	81.9
Partner of principal applicant	10.5	*	10.8	*	12.2	*	13.4	*	90.6
Other applicant	25.5	*	26.4	4.4	30.8	4.7	35.5	14.2	86.7
Don't know	10.9	*	11.9	*	13.4	*	14.5	*	92.6
Total	522.4	21.6	544.0	60.6	604.6	109.8	714.5	10.0	84.6
FEMALES									
New Zealander(a)	31.0	12.5	43.5	6.8	50.3	20.3	70.6	13.6	71.3
Principal applicant	85.7	41.9	127.6	16.0	143.5	110.9	254.5	11.1	56.4
Refugee	4.0	*	4.2	*	6.2	*	9.4	*	66.3
Other	81.7	41.7	123.3	14.0	137.3	107.8	245.1	10.2	56.0
Sponsored	47.6	25.7	73.3	10.3	83.6	77.0	160.7	12.3	52.0
By family	37.4	16.9	54.2	7.1	61.4	64.2	125.6	11.6	48.9
By employer	5.1	*	8.1	*	8.9	3.6	12.5	*	71.5
By other organisation	5.1	5.9	11.0	*	13.3	9.2	22.6	*	59.0
Un-sponsored	33.8	15.5	49.3	3.5	52.8	30.3	83.1	6.7	63.6
Did not know sponsorship status	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Partner of principal applicant	89.2	53.2	142.4	21.3	163.6	167.7	331.4	13.0	49.4
Other applicant	14.1	5.4	19.5	4.1	23.6	19.8	43.4	17.5	54.5
Don't know	6.2	*	9.0	*	9.9	6.9	16.8	*	59.0
Total	226.2	115.7	341.9	49.1	391.0	325.6	716.6	12.6	54.6

(a) Includes persons born in New Zealand and those whose place of last residence was New Zealand.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, March 1987 (6250.0)

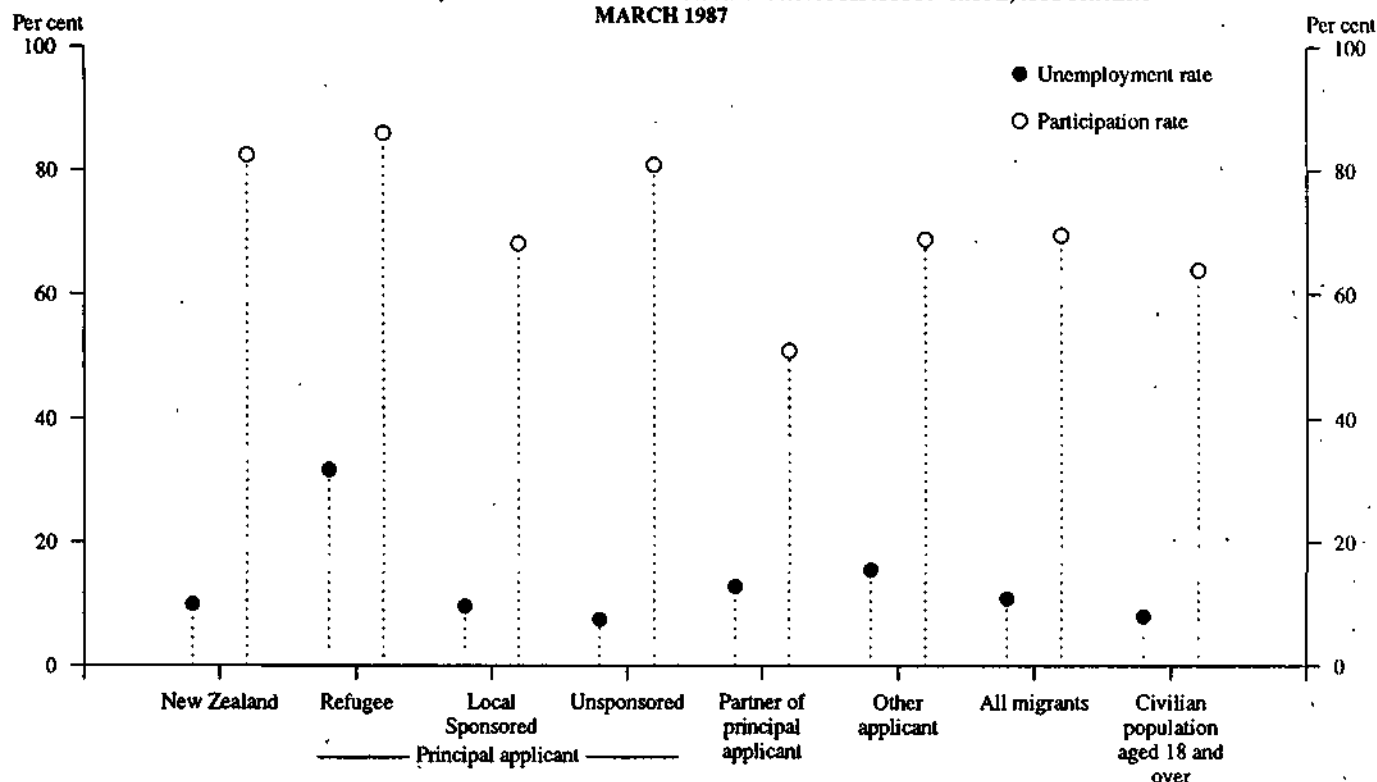
CHART 1.7. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1960 AGED 18 AND OVER: BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL, MARCH 1987



(a) For each 'period of arrival', the percentage distribution by birthplace.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, March 1987 (6250.0).

CHART 1.8. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1960 AGED 18 AND OVER:
MIGRATION CATEGORY, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND PARTICIPATION RATE, AUSTRALIA
MARCH 1987



Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, March 1987(6250.0).

TABLE 1.5. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1960 AGED 18 AND OVER : PERIOD OF ARRIVAL AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, MARCH 1987

Period of arrival	Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total						
—'000—							—per cent—		
MALES									
1961-1970	199.8	9.4	209.2	15.4	224.6	57.4	282.1	6.9	79.6
1971-1980	191.3	5.7	196.9	18.7	215.7	30.1	245.8	8.7	87.7
1981-1987	131.3	6.6	137.8	26.5	164.3	22.3	186.6	16.1	88.1
Total	522.4	21.6	544.0	60.6	604.6	109.8	714.5	10.0	84.6
FEMALES									
1961-1970	70.0	49.3	119.3	8.5	127.9	134.4	262.3	6.7	48.8
1971-1980	89.7	43.9	133.6	14.6	148.2	105.5	253.7	9.8	58.4
1981-1987	66.5	22.5	88.9	26.0	115.0	85.7	200.6	22.6	57.3
Total	226.2	115.7	341.9	49.1	391.0	325.6	716.6	12.6	54.6
PERSONS									
1961-1970	269.8	58.7	328.5	24.0	352.5	191.8	544.3	6.8	64.8
1971-1980	280.9	49.6	330.5	33.3	363.8	135.6	499.4	9.2	72.8
1981-1987	197.8	29.0	226.8	52.5	279.3	107.9	387.3	18.8	72.1
Total	748.6	137.3	885.9	109.8	995.6	435.4	1,431.0	11.0	69.6

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, March 1987 (6250.0).

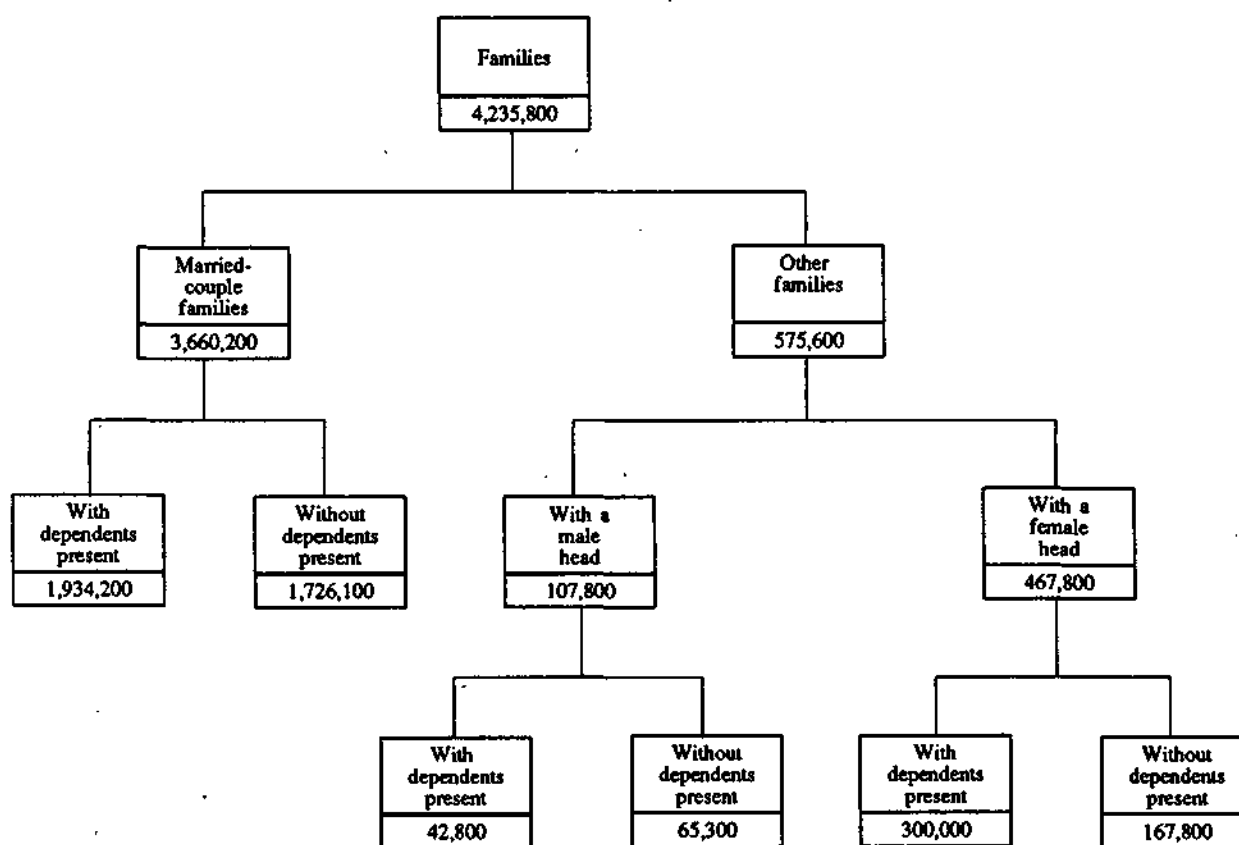
TABLE 1.6. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER(a) : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1988

Educational attainment	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
With post-school qualifications	21.8	239.9	733.7	677.3	437.2	583.4	2,693.3
Degree	*0.0	36.7	192.4	171.3	81.5	83.0	565.0
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	11.2	148.8	382.4	333.3	242.2	359.4	1,477.3
Certificate or diploma	9.5	52.3	155.6	171.3	113.0	140.1	641.7
Other	*1.1	*2.1	*3.3	*1.3	*0.6	*0.8	9.2
Without post-school qualifications(b)	393.6	404.3	583.7	527.1	400.9	850.3	3,159.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	136.8	177.8	177.0	105.2	45.9	76.2	718.9
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	256.2	225.3	401.6	414.9	345.3	758.6	2,401.9
Left at age—							
18 and over	*3.8	7.9	10.2	6.9	*3.7	*4.9	37.4
16 or 17	149.3	136.1	184.1	132.2	57.7	82.0	741.4
14 or 15	101.8	78.7	191.9	232.3	223.0	470.6	1,298.3
13 and under	*1.4	*2.6	15.4	43.5	60.9	201.1	324.9
Never attended school	*0.2	*0.4	*1.4	*1.4	5.3	11.9	20.6
Still at school	287.4	*0.0	..	..	..	..	287.6
Total	702.8	644.2	1,317.4	1,204.4	838.1	1,433.9	6,140.8
FEMALES							
With post-school qualifications	55.0	243.5	598.2	468.6	238.2	334.1	1,937.5
Degree	*0.3	41.6	143.0	88.3	30.2	28.7	332.0
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	5.2	21.8	34.0	37.1	22.1	58.0	178.2
Certificate or diploma	48.7	176.6	414.6	336.3	181.7	240.5	1,398.4
Other	*0.8	*3.6	6.6	6.9	*4.1	6.9	28.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	323.5	391.9	727.9	714.9	560.7	1,299.7	4,018.6
Attended highest level of secondary school available	140.0	147.5	154.9	101.7	51.1	108.7	703.9
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	182.9	242.8	567.8	604.8	502.0	1,165.3	3,265.6
Left at age—							
18 and over	*1.3	6.7	13.7	5.1	*3.2	*4.9	34.8
16 or 17	100.5	150.0	260.7	184.5	93.9	147.4	937.0
14 or 15	80.4	83.0	271.7	359.9	328.1	777.3	1,900.5
13 and under	*0.6	*3.1	21.7	55.3	76.9	235.7	393.3
Never attended school	*0.0	*0.0	*1.0	*2.7	*4.8	22.4	31.0
Still at school	297.5	*1.4	..	..	..	..	298.9
Total	676.0	636.8	1,326.1	1,183.5	798.8	1,633.7	6,255.0
PERSONS							
With post-school qualifications	76.8	483.4	1,331.9	1,145.9	675.4	917.4	4,630.8
Degree	*0.3	78.3	335.4	259.6	111.7	111.7	897.0
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	16.4	170.5	416.4	370.4	264.3	417.4	1,655.6
Certificate or diploma	58.2	228.9	570.2	507.6	294.7	380.6	2,040.1
Other	*1.9	5.7	9.9	8.2	*4.7	7.8	38.1
Without post-school qualifications(b)	717.1	796.2	1,311.6	1,242.0	961.5	2,149.9	7,178.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	276.8	325.4	331.8	206.9	96.9	185.0	1,422.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	439.2	468.1	969.4	1,019.7	847.4	1,923.9	5,667.5
Left at age—							
18 and over	5.1	14.6	23.9	12.0	6.8	9.8	72.2
16 or 17	249.8	286.1	444.8	316.7	151.6	229.4	1,678.4
14 or 15	182.3	161.7	463.6	592.2	551.1	1,247.9	3,198.8
13 and under	*2.0	5.6	37.1	98.8	137.9	436.8	718.2
Never attended school	*0.2	*0.4	*2.4	*4.1	10.2	34.3	51.6
Still at school	584.9	*1.4	..	..	..	..	586.5
Total	1,378.9	1,281.0	2,643.5	2,387.9	1,636.9	3,067.6	12,395.7

(a) Excludes persons in institutions and visitors to private dwellings. Details of educational attainment were not obtained for these persons. (b) Includes persons for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia (6240.0).

CHART 1.9 : AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES, JUNE 1988



Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1986 (6224.0).