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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication contains estimates of the resident populations of Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) and Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Tasmania as at 30 June 1997. Also included are estimated resident populations for the census years of 1986, 1991 and 1996.

The publication also presents an analysis of the components of population change in Tasmania over the last six years.

Information on the methodology used to estimate resident population in Tasmania (and in the LGAs and SLAs) is contained in the Explanatory Notes at the back of this publication. The notes also contain an assessment of the quality of the estimates produced.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

POPULATION DECLINE CONTINUES

Tasmania's population decreased by an estimated 942 persons between 30 June 1996 and 30 June 1997. This was the first twelve month period since 1940-41 in which Tasmania's population has fallen.

Tasmania's population growth rate for 1996-97 was -0.20% compared with Australia's growth rate of 1.21% for the same period. Australia's rate represented a small decrease over the 1.32% recorded for 1995-96, whereas Tasmania's rate represented a significant decrease from the 0.16% for 1995-96.

INTERSTATE MIGRATION THE MAJOR FACTOR

Tasmania's declining population growth results from an increasingly negative net interstate migration movement. In 1996-97, Tasmania recorded a net loss through interstate migration of 3,713 persons. This is a further extension of a downward trend commencing from a high point in 1989-90 when a net gain of 2,790 was recorded.

The 1996-97 net loss figure was created by an excess of departures of 14,339 over arrivals of 10,626. Notably, compared to 1995-96, there were 95 more persons arriving in the State, but this was offset by 1,218 more departing the State.

SMALL OVERSEAS MIGRATION

The negative trend of net interstate migration was only offset in a very minor way by net overseas migration. The figure for 1996-97 was just 329, a small decrease from the 398 recorded in 1995-96. Tasmania's net overseas migration rate of 0.07% for 1996-97 compared with Australia's figure of 0.52%.

NATURAL INCREASE STEADILY DECLINING

Tasmania's natural increase in 1996-97 was 2,442, a decrease of 79 on the previous year. This increase resulted from 154 fewer births and 75 fewer deaths registered in 1996-97 than in 1995-96.

Tasmania's natural increase rate, whilst normally lower than Australia's, decreased further in comparison. In 1996-97, Tasmania's rate was 0.51% compared to 0.69% for Australia. Tasmania's natural increase rate for 1996-97 was marginally less than the 1995-96 figure of 0.53% and continues the downward trend from the recent high of 0.74% in 1989-90.

AGEING OF THE POPULATION

The median age of Tasmanians in 1996-97 was 35.1 years, an increase on the 34.6 years for 1995-96. The median age for males was 34.3 years in 1996-97 (33.8 years in 1995-96) and for females was 35.8 years (35.3 years in 1995-96). The median age of Australians in 1996-97 was 34.3 years.

Factors contributing to increased median ages include longer life expectancy, declining fertility (evident in smaller families and deferred first births) and changes in net migration age profiles.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

POPULATION 65 AND OVER

With the trend towards increasing median ages, the proportion of the State's population in older age groups continues to rise. At 30 June 1987, persons aged 65 years and over accounted for 11.1% of the population, compared to 12.9% at 30 June 1997.

Conversely, the proportion of persons in the younger age groups has declined. Children under 15 years accounted for 23.7% of the State's population at 30 June 1987, but by 30 June 1997 this had fallen to 22.1%. A similar decline was estimated for 20-29 year olds, from 16.1% at 30 June 1987 to 13.5% at 30 June 1997.

REGIONS

The Greater Hobart-Southern Region accounted for 48.6% of Tasmania's estimated resident population at 30 June 1997; the Northern Region had 28.2%; and the Mersey-Lyell Region, 23.2%. Since 1991, Greater Hobart-Southern and Northern Regions have both increased their shares slightly at the expense of the Mersey-Lyell Region, which has experienced a small decrease in population at an average annual rate of -0.32%.

Between 1991-96, the Greater-Hobart Southern Region showed an average annual growth rate of 0.57% and the Northern Region 0.45%. The average annual growth rate for the State as a whole for this period was 0.33%.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

In the period 1990-91 to 1995-96, Sorell municipality recorded the largest growth rate with an average annual increase of 4.52%. Other local government areas (LGAs) showing moderate growth were Meander Valley (2.85%), Tasman (2.45%), Latrobe (2.41%) and Kingborough (2.01%).

Significant decreases occurred in West Coast (-3.69%), Central Highlands (-2.97%), Burnie (-1.06%), Derwent Valley (-0.94%) and George Town (-0.67%).

CHANGES IN 1996-97

Only twelve of the twenty nine LGAs recorded growth in 1996-97. Sorell municipality continued to be the fastest growing LGA with an average annual increase of 1.56% followed by Latrobe (0.94%), Tasman (0.82%), Kingborough (0.62%) and Huon Valley (0.59%).

STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS

The growth areas referred to in the previous section are again highlighted in an analysis of major statistical components of local government areas in the period 1990-91 to 1995-96. Of those Statistical Local Areas with a Part A (the Part A indicating that it is the predominantly urban component of the local government area), Meander Valley experienced an average annual growth rate of 7.67%, Sorell 4.70%, Latrobe 2.76%, Northern Midlands 2.18%, Kingborough 2.05% and West Tamar 1.93%.

In the predominantly rural areas (generally with a Part B), over the same period, Sorell experienced an average annual growth rate of 2.81%, Tasman 2.45%, George Town 2.23%, Southern Midlands 1.65% and Kingborough 1.50%.

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, 30 JUNE

Statistical Division	1986	1991	1996	1997p	Growth rate (a) 1986-91	Growth rate (a) 1991-96	Growth rate (a) 1996-97	Proportion of State 1997
Statistical Subdivision	no.	no.	no.	no.	%	%	%	%
Greater Hobart	181 877	190 739	195 718	195 468	0.96	0.52	-0.13	41.28
Brighton	11 196	12 190	12 753	12 777	1.72	0.91	0.19	2.70
Clarence	48 067	49 379	49 550	49 408	0.54	0.07	-0.29	10.43
Derwent Valley-Part A	7 384	7 072	6 785	6 764	-0.86	-0.83	-0.31	1.43
Glenorchy	41 873	43 578	44 440	44 258	0.80	0.39	-0.41	9.35
Hobart-Inner	596	397	378	378	-7.80	-0.98	0.00	0.08
Hobart-Remainder	47 143	47 284	46 515	46 343	0.06	-0.33	-0.37	9.79
Kingborough-Part A	19 612	23 182	25 662	25 756	3.40	2.05	0.37	5.44
Sorell-Part A	6 006	7 657	9 635	9 784	4.98	4.70	1.55	2.07
Southern	30 022	33 016	34 469	34 645	1.92	0.87	0.51	7.32
Central Highlands	3 073	2 969	2 554	2 508	-0.69	-2.97	-1.80	0.53
Derwent Valley-Part B	2890	3274	3 083	3080	2.53	-1.19	-0.10	0.65
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3 697	3 927	4 152	4 172	1.21	1.12	0.48	0.88
Huon Valley	11 196	12 634	13 474	13 554	2.45	1.30	0.59	2.86
Kingborough-Part B	1 951	2 259	2 434	2 514	2.97	1.50	3.29	0.53
Sorell-Part B	744	861	989	1 006	2.96	2.81	1.72	0.21
Southern Midlands	4 832	5 136	5 575	5 585	1.23	1.65	0.18	1.18
Tasman	1 639	1 956	2 208	2 226	3.60	2.45	0.82	0.47
Northern	123 849	131 080	134 047	133 710	1.14	0.45	-0.25	28.24
Greater Launceston	91 051	96 134	98 829	98 685	1.09	0.55	-0.15	20.84
George Town-Part A	6 362	6 231	5 886	5 826	-0.42	-1.13	-1.02	1.23
Launceston-Inner	599	336	252	251	-10.92	-5.59	-0.40	0.05
Launceston-Part B	61 030	62 040	60 670	60 382	0.33	-0.45	-0.47	12.75
Meander Valley-Part A	2 678	4 737	6 856	6 958	12.08	7.67	1.49	1.47
Northern Midlands-Part A	5 766	6 424	7 154	7 189	2.18	2.18	0.49	1.52
West Tamar-Part A	14 616	16 366	18 011	18 079	2.29	1.93	0.38	3.82
Central North	19 761	21 002	20 928	20 792	1.23	-0.07	-0.65	4.39
George Town-Part B	756	934	1 043	1 033	4.32	2.23	-0.96	0.22
Launceston-Part C	2 510	2 994	2 974	2 947	3.59	-0.13	-0.91	0.62
Meander Valley-Part B	9 700	10 268	10 411	10 342	1.14	0.28	-0.66	2.18
Northern Midlands-Part B	5 331	5 048	4 688	4 652	-1.09	-1.47	-0.77	0.98
West Tamar-Part B	1 464	1 758	1 812	1 818	3.73	0.61	0.33	0.38
North Eastern	13 037	13 944	14 290	14 233	1.35	0.49	-0.40	3.01
Break O'Day	4 931	5 551	5 881	5 868	2.40	1.16	-0.22	1.24
Dorset	7 056	7 428	7 428	7 390	1.03	0.00	-0.51	1.56
Flinders	1 050	965	981	975	-1.67	0.33	-0.61	0.21
Mersey-Lyell	110 725	111 967	110 209	109 678	0.22	-0.32	-0.47	23.16
Burnie-Devonport	77 060	79 316	79 175	78 942	0.58	-0.04	-0.32	16.67
Burnie-Part A	18 918	18 875	17 835	17 738	-0.05	-1.13	-0.54	3.75
Central Coast-Part A	17 373	17 835	18 062	18 004	0.53	0.25	-0.32	3.80
Devonport	24 609	25 211	24 935	24 784	0.48	-0.22	-0.61	5.23
Latrobe-Part A (b)	5 508	6 223	7 132	7 204	2.47	2.76	1.01	1.52
Waratah/Wynyard-Part A	10 652	11 172	11 211	11 212	0.96	0.07	0.01	2.37
North Western Rural	24 110	24 987	24 683	24 609	0.72	-0.24	-0.28	5.20
Burnie-Part B	2 132	2 196	2 142	2 105	0.59	-0.50	-1.73	0.44
Central Coast-Part B	2 903	3 300	3 289	3 264	2.60	-0.07	-0.76	0.69
Circular Head	8 043	8 530	8 450	8 466	1.18	-0.19	0.19	1.79
Kentish	4 709	5 176	5 462	5 485	1.91	1.08	0.42	1.16
King Island	2 054	1 917	1 879	1 846	-1.37	-0.40	-1.76	0.39
Latrobe-Part B (b)	716	701	669	670	-0.42	-0.93	0.15	0.14
Waratah/Wynyard-Part B	3 553	3 167	2 792	2 773	-2.27	-2.49	-0.68	0.59
Lyell	9 555	7 664	6 351	6 127	-4.31	-3.69	-3.53	1.29
West Coast	9 555	7 664	6 351	6 127	-4.31	-3.69	-3.53	1.29
Tasmania	446 473	466 802	474 443	473 501	0.89	0.33	-0.20	100.00

(a) Average annual rate of increase or decrease (-) in population.

(b) SLA boundaries for Latrobe changed significantly at 1 July 1996. Comparable SLA populations have been revised back to 1986.

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, LEGAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, 30 JUNE

Region	Statistical Local Area	1986	1991	1996	1997p	Growth rate (a)	Growth rate (a)	Growth rate (a)	Proportion of State
		no.	no.	no.	no.	1986-91	1991-96	1996-97	1997
						%	%	%	%
Greater Hobart-Southern		211 899	223 755	230 187	230 113	1.09	0.57	-0.03	48.60
	Brighton	11 196	12 190	12 753	12 777	1.72	0.91	0.19	2.70
	Central Highlands	3 073	2 969	2 554	2 508	-0.69	-2.97	-1.80	0.53
	Clarence	48 067	49 379	49 550	49 408	0.54	0.07	-0.29	10.43
	Derwent Valley	10 274	10 346	9 868	9 844	0.14	-0.94	-0.24	2.08
	Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3 697	3 927	4 152	4 172	1.21	1.12	0.48	0.88
	Glenorchy	41 873	43 578	44 440	44 258	0.80	0.39	-0.41	9.35
	Hobart	47 739	47 681	46 893	46 721	-0.02	-0.33	-0.37	9.87
	Huon Valley	11 196	12 634	13 474	13 554	2.45	1.30	0.59	2.86
	Kingborough	21 563	25 441	28 096	28 270	3.36	2.01	0.62	5.97
	Sorell	6 750	8 518	10 624	10 790	4.76	4.52	1.56	2.28
	Southern Midlands	4 832	5 136	5 575	5 585	1.23	1.65	0.18	1.18
	Tasman	1 639	1 956	2 208	2 226	3.60	2.45	0.82	0.47
Northern		123 849	131 080	134 097	133 710	1.14	0.45	-0.25	28.24
	Break O'Day	4 931	5 551	5 881	5 868	2.40	1.16	-0.22	1.24
	Dorset	7 056	7 428	7 428	7 390	1.03	0.00	-0.51	1.56
	Flinders	1 050	965	981	975	-1.67	0.33	-0.61	0.21
	George Town	7 118	7 165	6 929	6 859	0.13	-0.67	-1.01	1.45
	Launceston	64 139	65 370	63 896	63 580	0.38	-0.46	-0.49	13.43
	Meander Valley	12 378	15 005	17 267	17 300	3.92	2.85	0.19	3.65
	Northern Midlands	11 097	11 472	11 842	11 841	0.67	0.64	-0.01	2.50
	West Tamar	16 080	18 124	19 823	19 897	2.42	1.81	0.37	4.20
Mersey-Lyell		110 725	111 967	110 234	109 678	0.22	-0.32	-0.47	23.16
	Burnie	21 050	21 071	19 977	19 843	0.02	-1.06	-0.67	4.19
	Central Coast	20 276	21 135	21 351	21 268	0.83	0.20	-0.39	4.49
	Circular Head	8 043	8 530	8 450	8 466	1.18	-0.19	0.19	1.79
	Devonport	24 609	25 211	24 935	24 784	0.48	-0.22	-0.61	5.23
	Kentish	4 709	5 176	5 462	5 485	1.91	1.08	0.42	1.16
	King Island	2 054	1 917	1 879	1 846	-1.37	-0.40	-1.76	0.39
	Latrobe	6 224	6 924	7 801	7 874	2.15	2.41	0.94	1.66
	Waratah/Wynyard	14 205	14 339	14 003	13 985	0.19	-0.47	-0.13	2.95
	West Coast	9 555	7 664	6 351	6 127	-4.31	-3.69	-3.53	1.29
Tasmania		446 473	466 802	474 443	473 501	0.89	0.33	-0.20	100.00

(a) Average annual rate of increase or decrease (-) in population.

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND MEAN RESIDENT POPULATION (a)

	ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION			MEAN RESIDENT POPULATION.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Year ended 30 June						
1992	232 638	237 188	469 826	232 130	236 339	468 469
1993	233 390	238 269	471 659	233 152	237 753	470 905
1994	233 862	239 077	472 939	233 697	238 722	472 419
1995	234 048	239 625	473 673	234 001	239 450	473 451
1996	234 302	240 141	474 443	234 215	239 885	474 100
1997	233 805	239 696	473 501	234 083	239 950	474 033
Year ended 31 December						
1991	232 108	236 367	468 475	231 422	235 316	466 738
1992	233 206	237 817	471 023	232 674	237 111	469 785
1993	233 767	238 774	472 541	233 507	238 324	471 831
1994	233 955	239 435	473 390	233 865	239 118	472 983
1995	234 220	239 916	474 136	234 118	239 676	473 794
1996	234 087	239 985	474 072	234 262	240 056	474 318
1995						
September	234 212	239 799	474 011	..	..	..
December	234 220	239 916	474 136	..	..	..
1996						
March	234 235	239 957	474 192	..	..	..
June	234 302	240 141	474 443	..	..	..
September p	234 322	240 165	474 487	..	..	..
December p	234 087	239 985	474 072	..	..	..
1997						
March p	233 858	239 734	473 592	..	..	..
June p	233 805	239 696	473 501	..	..	..

(a) Mean population is calculated according to the formula : mean population = $\frac{a + 4b + 2c + 4d + e}{12}$

where 'a' is the population at the end of the quarter immediately preceding the twelve-month period and 'b', 'c', 'd' and 'e' are the populations at the end of each of the four succeeding quarters. Mean populations are used in the calculation of crude rates.

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POPULATION GROWTH

	Estimated resident population	Population growth	Growth rate Tasmania	Growth rate Australia
<i>Year ended 30 June</i>	no.	no.	%	%
1992	469 826	3 024	0.65	1.22
1993	471 659	1 833	0.39	0.99
1994	472 939	1 280	0.27	1.06
1995	473 673	734	0.16	1.22
1996	474 443	770	0.16	1.32
1997	473 501	-942	-0.20	1.21

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NATURAL INCREASE

	Live births	Deaths	Natural increase	Annual rate Tasmania	Annual rate Australia
<i>Year ended 30 June</i>	no.	no.	%	%	%
1992	6 920	3 694	3 226	0.69	0.80
1993	6 814	3 676	3 138	0.67	0.79
1994	6 870	3 754	3 116	0.66	0.76
1995	6 812	3 836	2 976	0.63	0.74
1996	6 377	3 856	2 521	0.53	0.69
1997	6 223	3 781	2 442	0.51	0.69

6 MIGRATION

	Arrivals	Departures	Net	Annual rate Tasmania	Annual rate Australia
Year ended 30 June	no.	no.	no.	%	%
Overseas Migration					
1992	1 851	1 649	36	0.01	0.40
1993	1 979	1 582	103	0.02	0.17
1994	1 943	1 553	192	0.04	0.26
1995	2 189	1 723	310	0.07	0.45
1996	2 255	1 785	398	0.08	0.58
1997	2 163	1 845	329	0.07	0.52
Interstate Migration					
1992	10 643	10 932	-289	-0.06	..
1993	11 151	12 645	-1 494	-0.32	..
1994	9 547	11 654	-2 107	-0.45	..
1995	10 196	12 852	-2 656	-0.56	..
1996	10 531	13 121	-2 590	-0.55	..
1997	10 626	14 339	-3 713	-0.78	..
Net Migration					
1992	12 494	12 581	-253	-0.05	0.40
1993	13 130	14 227	-1 391	-0.30	0.17
1994	11 490	13 207	-1 915	-0.41	0.26
1995	12 385	14 575	-2 346	-0.50	0.45
1996	12 786	14 906	-2 192	-0.46	0.58
1997	12 789	16 184	-3 384	-0.71	0.52

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, AGE GROUPS, 30 JUNE

Age group	NUMBER.....				PER CENT OF TOTAL POPULATION.....			
	1986	1991	1996	1997p	1986	1991	1996	1997p
MALES								
0-4	18 167	18 252	17 590	17 248	4.07	3.91	3.71	3.64
5-9	17 519	18 762	18 043	17 806	3.92	4.02	3.80	3.76
10-14	19 074	18 154	18 527	18 389	4.27	3.89	3.91	3.88
15-19	19 471	18 621	17 197	17 390	4.36	3.99	3.62	3.67
20-24	18 116	17 599	16 485	15 748	4.06	3.77	3.47	3.33
25-29	18 652	17 496	16 266	16 215	4.18	3.75	3.43	3.42
30-34	17 379	18 771	17 185	16 358	3.89	4.02	3.62	3.45
35-39	17 006	17 603	18 504	18 606	3.81	3.77	3.90	3.93
40-44	13 599	17 324	17 610	17 683	3.05	3.71	3.71	3.73
45-49	11 634	13 578	16 816	16 565	2.61	2.91	3.54	3.50
50-54	10 030	11 597	13 206	14 248	2.25	2.48	2.78	3.01
55-59	10 533	9 831	11 181	11 410	2.36	2.11	2.36	2.41
60-64	9 834	10 026	9 443	9 552	2.20	2.15	1.99	2.02
65-69	7 604	8 933	9 121	8 969	1.70	1.91	1.92	1.89
70-74	6 204	6 503	7 500	7 607	1.39	1.39	1.58	1.61
75-79	3 901	4 690	4 997	5 175	0.87	1.00	1.05	1.09
80-84	1 940	2 449	2 990	3 077	0.43	0.52	0.63	0.65
85 and over	996	1 277	1 641	1 759	0.22	0.27	0.35	0.37
Total	221 659	231 466	234 302	233 805	49.65	49.59	49.38	49.38
Median age	30.0	31.8	33.8	34.3	..	..	..	..
FEMALES								
0-4	17 547	17 365	16 647	16 167	3.93	3.72	3.51	3.41
5-9	16 812	18 066	17 243	17 118	3.77	3.87	3.63	3.62
10-14	18 366	17 327	17 864	17 717	4.11	3.71	3.77	3.74
15-19	18 952	17 807	16 574	16 633	4.24	3.81	3.49	3.51
20-24	18 088	17 312	16 244	15 359	4.05	3.71	3.42	3.24
25-29	18 546	17 815	16 611	16 493	4.15	3.82	3.50	3.48
30-34	17 225	19 313	17 901	17 239	3.86	4.14	3.77	3.64
35-39	16 726	17 699	19 122	19 143	3.75	3.79	4.03	4.04
40-44	13 131	16 777	17 585	17 846	2.94	3.59	3.71	3.77
45-49	11 209	13 222	16 457	16 375	2.51	2.83	3.47	3.46
50-54	9 848	11 250	12 942	13 841	2.21	2.41	2.73	2.92
55-59	10 131	9 846	11 050	11 294	2.27	2.11	2.33	2.39
60-64	10 346	10 025	9 724	9 820	2.32	2.15	2.05	2.07
65-69	8 780	9 866	9 484	9 473	1.97	2.11	2.00	2.00
70-74	7 666	8 118	8 965	8 838	1.72	1.74	1.89	1.87
75-79	5 539	6 516	6 915	7 169	1.24	1.40	1.46	1.51
80-84	3 303	4 113	5 046	5 130	0.74	0.88	1.06	1.08
85 and over	2 599	2 899	3 767	4 041	0.58	0.62	0.79	0.85
Total	224 814	235 336	240 141	239 696	50.35	50.41	50.62	50.62
Median age	31.2	33.1	35.3	35.8	..	..	..	..
PERSONS								
0-4	35 714	35 617	34 237	33 415	8.00	7.63	7.22	7.06
5-9	34 331	36 828	35 286	34 924	7.69	7.89	7.44	7.38
10-14	37 440	35 481	36 391	36 106	8.39	7.60	7.67	7.63
15-19	38 423	36 428	33 771	34 023	8.61	7.80	7.12	7.19
20-24	36 204	34 911	32 729	31 107	8.11	7.48	6.90	6.57
25-29	37 198	35 311	32 877	32 708	8.33	7.56	6.93	6.91
30-34	34 604	38 084	35 086	33 597	7.75	8.16	7.40	7.10
35-39	33 732	35 302	37 626	37 749	7.56	7.56	7.93	7.97
40-44	26 730	34 101	35 195	35 529	5.99	7.31	7.42	7.50
45-49	22 843	26 800	33 273	32 940	5.12	5.74	7.01	6.96
50-54	19 878	22 847	26 148	28 089	4.45	4.89	5.51	5.93
55-59	20 664	19 677	22 231	22 704	4.63	4.22	4.69	4.79
60-64	20 180	20 051	19 167	19 372	4.52	4.30	4.04	4.09
65-69	16 384	18 799	18 605	18 442	3.67	4.03	3.92	3.89
70-74	13 870	14 621	16 465	16 445	3.11	3.13	3.47	3.47
75-79	9 440	11 206	11 912	12 344	2.11	2.40	2.51	2.61
80-84	5 243	6 562	8 036	8 207	1.17	1.41	1.69	1.73
85 and over	3 595	4 176	5 408	5 800	0.81	0.89	1.14	1.22
Total	446 473	466 802	474 443	473 501	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Median age	30.6	32.5	34.6	35.1	..	..	..	..

EXPLANATORY NOTES

METHODOLOGY

- 1** Australia's population statistics (since 1971) have been compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population. An explanation of the conceptual basis is given in the ABS Information Paper *Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (3228.0) issued on 23 June 1995.
- 2** The estimated resident population of any area at a Census date is derived by adjusting the Census Count Place of Enumeration data to exclude visitors who normally reside outside the area, to include residents who were temporarily absent in other areas or overseas, and to apply a factor for census under-enumeration.
- 3** Due to the 1996 Census being held on 6 August further adjustments have been made for births, deaths and net migration for the period 30 June to 6 August 1996 to arrive at an estimated resident population at 30 June 1996.
- 4** Post-censal estimates at the National and State and Territory levels are made quarterly and are obtained by adding components of natural increase (on a usual residence basis) and net migration gain to the population at the beginning of each period.
- 5** At the National level, estimates of overseas migration are based on net permanent and long-term overseas movements as recorded on passenger cards completed by incoming and outgoing travellers for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 6** At the State and Territory level, information about internal migration is available from population censuses and from a sample survey of internal movements (conducted at more or less annual intervals to 1987 and resumed in 1991). These sources, however, do not provide the up-to-date quarterly estimates of interstate migration required for regular population estimates. The only suitable sources for this purpose are administrative records. Since June 1986, quarterly estimates of internal migration have been derived from changes of addresses advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare.
- 7** Post-censal Statistical Local Area (SLA) estimates are made annually and are produced with the assistance of local government authorities and other bodies who provide information on significant local factors which may have caused population changes in the relevant period.
- 8** Estimates for Tasmania and component areas, based on 1996 Census results, were published in *Regional Population Growth, Australia, 1991 and 1996* (Catalogue No. 3218.0). This publication was released on 15 July 1997.

DATA QUALITY

- 9** The quality of estimates contained within this publication is dependent on the quality of population census results (including under-enumeration adjustments) and on the various components and indicators of population change.
- 10** Intercensal discrepancy measures the difference between population estimates updated from a past population census and the estimates based on the subsequent population census. For Tasmania, between the 1991 and 1996 censuses, the intercensal discrepancy was measured at 1,213 persons, or 0.3% of the estimated population.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

DATA QUALITY *continued*

11 Analysis of intercensal discrepancy between 1991 and 1996 revealed that for ten out of fifteen local government areas containing more than 10,000 persons, discrepancy was less than 2% of the final estimated population. For smaller local government areas, estimates for ten out of the fourteen were within 5% of the final estimated population.

12 Estimates of population in each SLA and of overseas and interstate migration are shown in units without being rounded. However, accuracy down to the unit is not claimed and should not be assumed.

STATISTICAL GEOGRAPHY

13 The statistical geography used in this publication is based on 1996 *Statistical Geography Volume 1, Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)* (Catalogue No. 1216.0).

14 Population estimates for statistical local areas and local government areas in this publication are based on the boundaries in existence at 30 June 1996.

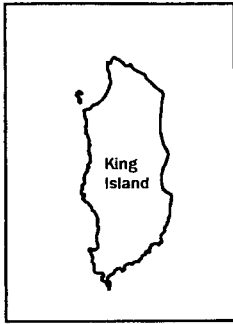
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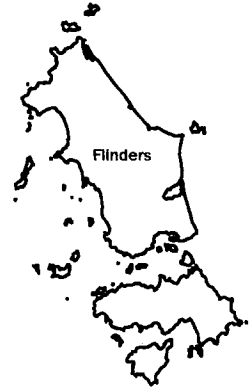
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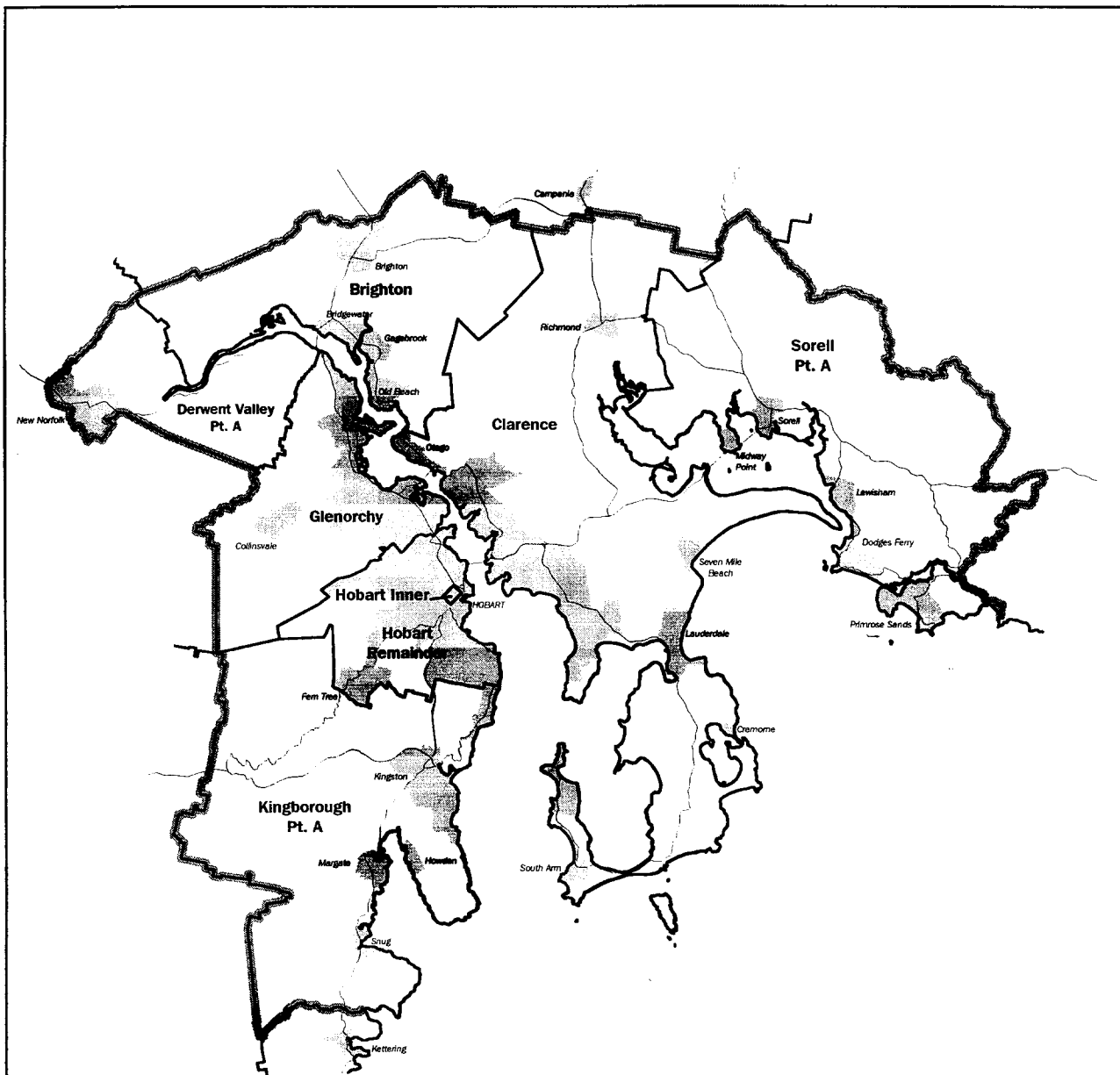
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Greater Hobart Statistical Division

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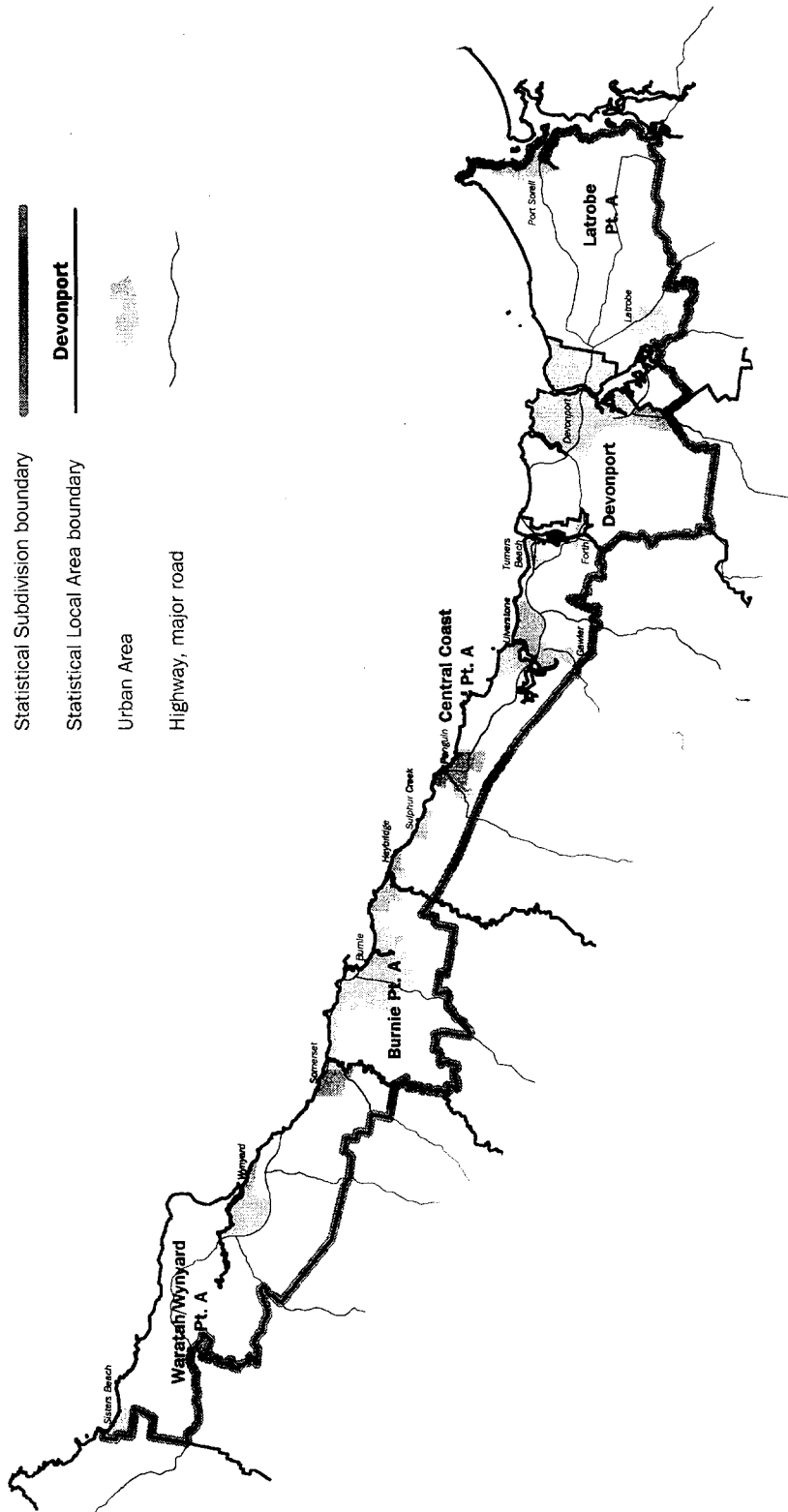


Greater Launceston Statistical Subdivision

- Statistical Subdivision
- Statistical Local Area **West Tamar Pt. A**
- Urban Area
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