



POPULATION

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NOTES

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 and 1998. Also included are Estimated Resident Populations for the Census years of 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 1,593 persons between 30 June 1997 and 30 June 1998 from 473,478 to 471,885 .

INTERSTATE MIGRATION THE MAJOR FACTOR

Tasmania's population growth rate for 1997–98 was -0.34% compared with Australia's growth rate of 1.22% for the same period. Australia's rate represented a small increase over the 1.17% recorded for 1996–97, whereas Tasmania's rate represented a further decrease from the -0.20% for 1996–97.

Tasmania's declining population growth results from an increasingly negative net interstate migration movement. In 1997–98, Tasmania recorded a net loss through interstate migration of 3,966 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 1997–98 net loss figure was created by an excess of 14,856 departures over arrivals of 10,890. Notably, compared to 1996–97, there were 358 less persons arriving in the State, but this was offset by 53 less 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 net figure for 1997–98 was just 240, a small decrease from the 252 recorded in 1996–97. Tasmania's net overseas migration rate of 0.05% for 1997–98 compared with Australia's figure of 0.57% .

NATURAL INCREASE STEADILY DECLINING

Tasmania's natural increase in 1997–98 was 2,133, a decrease of 311 on the previous year. Underlying the change in natural increase was 349 fewer births and 38 fewer deaths registered in 1997–98 than in 1996–97.

Tasmania's natural increase rate, whilst normally lower than Australia's, decreased further in comparison. In 1997–98, Tasmania's rate was 0.45% compared to 0.64% for Australia. Tasmania's natural increase rate for 1997–98 was marginally less than the 1996–97 figure of 0.52% and continues the downward trend from the high of 0.74% in 1989–90.

AGEING OF THE POPULATION

The median age of Tasmanians in 1997–98 was 35.6 years, an increase on the 35.1 years for 1996–97. The median age for males was 34.9 years in 1997–98 (34.3 years in 1996–97) and for females was 36.3 years (35.7 years in 1996–97). The median age of Australians in 1997–98 was 34.6 years, 33.9 years for males and 35.3 for females.

Factors contributing to increased median ages include longer life expectancy, declining fertility (evident in smaller families and deferred first births) and structural changes resulting from 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 1988, persons aged 65 years and over accounted for 11.4% of the population, compared to 13.2% at 30 June 1998.

Conversely, the proportion of persons in the younger age groups has declined. Children under 15 years accounted for 23.4% of the State's population at 30 June 1988, but by 30 June 1998 this had fallen to 21.6%. A similar decline was estimated for 20-29 year olds, from 15.7% at 30 June 1988 to 13.4% at 30 June 1998.

REGIONS

The Greater Hobart-Southern Region accounted for 48.7% of Tasmania's estimated resident population at 30 June 1998; the Northern Region had 28.2%; and the Mersey-Lyell Region, 23.1%. Since 1996, Greater Hobart-Southern has increased its share slightly at the expense of the Northern and Mersey-Lyell Regions.

Between 1996-98, the Greater-Hobart Southern Region showed an average annual growth rate of -0.13%, the Northern Region -0.31% and Mersey-Lyell Region -0.52%. The average annual growth rate for the State as a whole for this period was -0.27%.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

In the period 30 June 1996 to 30 June 1998, Sorell municipality recorded the largest growth rate with an average annual increase of 1.19%. Other local government areas (LGAs) showing moderate growth were Latrobe (0.93%), Tasman (0.81%), Brighton (0.30%) and Kingborough (0.29%).

Significant decreases occurred in West Coast (-3.31%), King Island (-1.85%), Flinders (-1.80%), Central Highlands (-0.83%), Burnie (-0.78%) and George Town (-0.77%).

CHANGES IN 1997-98

Only ten of the twenty nine LGAs recorded growth in the twelve months ended 30 June 1998. Latrobe municipality became the fastest growing LGA with an average annual increase of 0.86% followed by Sorell (0.82%), Tasman (0.81%), Brighton (0.41%), Circular Head (0.32%) and Glamorgan/Spring Bay (0.26%).

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 30 June 1996 to 30 June 1998. 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), Sorell experienced an average annual growth rate of 1.13%, Latrobe 0.94%, Meander Valley 0.88%, Northern Midlands 0.36%, Brighton 0.30%, West Tamar 0.24% and Kingborough 0.20%.

In the predominantly rural areas (generally with a Part B), over the same period, Sorell experienced an average annual growth rate of 1.75%, Kingborough 1.27%, Latrobe 0.89%, Tasman 0.81% and Circular Head 0.25%.

| Statistical Division | | | | | Growth rate (a) | Growth rate (a) | Proportion of State |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Statistical Subdivision | 1991 | 1996 | 1997p | 1998p | 1991-96 | 1996-98 | 1998 |
| Statistical Local Area | no. | no. | no. | no. | % | % | % |
| Greater Hobart | 190 739 | 195 718 | 195 468 | 194 974 | 0.52 | -0.19 | 41.32 |
| Brighton | 12 190 | 12 753 | 12 777 | 12 830 | 0.91 | 0.30 | 2.72 |
| Clarence | 49 379 | 49 550 | 49 408 | 49 158 | 0.07 | -0.40 | 10.42 |
| Derwent Valley-Part A | 7 072 | 6 785 | 6 764 | 6 749 | -0.83 | -0.27 | 1.43 |
| Glenorchy | 43 578 | 44 440 | 44 258 | 44 117 | 0.39 | -0.36 | 9.35 |
| Hobart-Inner | 397 | 378 | 378 | 372 | -0.98 | -0.80 | 0.08 |
| Hobart-Remainder | 47 284 | 46 515 | 46 343 | 46 130 | -0.33 | -0.41 | 9.78 |
| Kingborough-Part A | 23 182 | 25 662 | 25 756 | 25 764 | 2.05 | 0.20 | 5.46 |
| Sorell-Part A | 7 657 | 9 635 | 9 784 | 9 854 | 4.70 | 1.13 | 2.09 |
| Southern | 33 016 | 34 469 | 34 622 | 34 619 | 0.87 | 0.22 | 7.34 |
| Central Highlands | 2 969 | 2 554 | 2 527 | 2 512 | -2.97 | -0.83 | 0.53 |
| Derwent Valley-Part B | 3274 | 3 083 | 3088 | 3 095 | -1.19 | 0.19 | 0.66 |
| Glamorgan/Spring Bay | 3 927 | 4 152 | 4 153 | 4 164 | 1.12 | 0.14 | 0.88 |
| Huon Valley | 12 634 | 13 474 | 13 554 | 13 494 | 1.30 | 0.07 | 2.86 |
| Kingborough-Part B | 2 259 | 2 434 | 2 483 | 2 496 | 1.50 | 1.27 | 0.53 |
| Sorell-Part B | 861 | 989 | 1 006 | 1 024 | 2.81 | 1.75 | 0.22 |
| Southern Midlands | 5 136 | 5 575 | 5 585 | 5 590 | 1.65 | 0.13 | 1.18 |
| Tasman | 1 956 | 2 208 | 2 226 | 2 244 | 2.45 | 0.81 | 0.48 |
| Northern | 131 080 | 134 047 | 133 719 | 133 229 | 0.45 | -0.31 | 28.23 |
| Greater Launceston | 96 134 | 98 829 | 98 668 | 98 352 | 0.55 | -0.24 | 20.84 |
| George Town-Part A | 6 231 | 5 886 | 5 826 | 5 792 | -1.13 | -0.80 | 1.23 |
| Launceston-Inner | 336 | 252 | 251 | 247 | -5.59 | -1.00 | 0.05 |
| Launceston-Part B | 62 040 | 60 670 | 60 382 | 60 031 | -0.45 | -0.53 | 12.72 |
| Meander Valley-Part A | 4 737 | 6 856 | 6 941 | 6 977 | 7.67 | 0.88 | 1.48 |
| Northern Midlands-Part A | 6 424 | 7 154 | 7 189 | 7 206 | 2.18 | 0.36 | 1.53 |
| West Tamar-Part A | 16 366 | 18 011 | 18 079 | 18 099 | 1.93 | 0.24 | 3.84 |
| Central North | 21 002 | 20 928 | 20 818 | 20 706 | -0.07 | -0.53 | 4.39 |
| George Town-Part B | 934 | 1 043 | 1 033 | 1 031 | 2.23 | -0.58 | 0.22 |
| Launceston-Part C | 2 994 | 2 974 | 2 973 | 2 959 | -0.13 | -0.25 | 0.63 |
| Meander Valley-Part B | 10 268 | 10 411 | 10 342 | 10 312 | 0.28 | -0.48 | 2.19 |
| Northern Midlands-Part B | 5 048 | 4 688 | 4 652 | 4 610 | -1.47 | -0.84 | 0.98 |
| West Tamar-Part B | 1 758 | 1 812 | 1 818 | 1 794 | 0.61 | -0.50 | 0.38 |
| North Eastern | 13 944 | 14 290 | 14 233 | 14 171 | 0.49 | -0.42 | 3.00 |
| Break O'Day | 5 551 | 5 881 | 5 868 | 5 825 | 1.16 | -0.48 | 1.23 |
| Dorset | 7 428 | 7 428 | 7 390 | 7 400 | 0.00 | -0.19 | 1.57 |
| Flinders | 965 | 981 | 975 | 946 | 0.33 | -1.80 | 0.20 |
| Mersey-Lyell | 111 967 | 110 209 | 109 669 | 109 063 | -0.32 | -0.52 | 23.11 |
| Burnie-Devonport | 79 316 | 79 175 | 78 942 | 78 605 | -0.04 | -0.36 | 16.66 |
| Burnie-Part A | 18 875 | 17 835 | 17 738 | 17 587 | -1.13 | -0.70 | 3.73 |
| Central Coast-Part A | 17 835 | 18 062 | 18 004 | 17 911 | 0.25 | -0.42 | 3.80 |
| Devonport | 25 211 | 24 935 | 24 784 | 24 667 | -0.22 | -0.54 | 5.23 |
| Latrobe-Part A | 6 223 | 7 132 | 7 204 | 7 266 | 2.76 | 0.94 | 1.54 |
| Waratah/Wynyard-Part A | 11 172 | 11 211 | 11 212 | 11 174 | 0.07 | -0.17 | 2.37 |
| North Western Rural | 24 987 | 24 683 | 24 600 | 24 521 | -0.24 | -0.33 | 5.20 |
| Burnie-Part B | 2 196 | 2 142 | 2 096 | 2 078 | -0.50 | -1.51 | 0.44 |
| Central Coast-Part B | 3 300 | 3 289 | 3 249 | 3 211 | -0.07 | -1.19 | 0.68 |
| Circular Head | 8 530 | 8 450 | 8 466 | 8 493 | -0.19 | 0.25 | 1.80 |
| Kentish | 5 176 | 5 462 | 5 485 | 5 468 | 1.08 | 0.05 | 1.16 |
| King Island | 1 917 | 1 879 | 1 846 | 1 810 | -0.40 | -1.85 | 0.38 |
| Latrobe-Part B | 701 | 669 | 675 | 681 | -0.93 | 0.89 | 0.14 |
| Waratah/Wynyard-Part B | 3 167 | 2 792 | 2 783 | 2 780 | -2.49 | -0.22 | 0.59 |
| Lyell | 7 664 | 6 351 | 6 127 | 5 937 | -3.69 | -3.31 | 1.26 |
| West Coast | 7 664 | 6 351 | 6 127 | 5 937 | -3.69 | -3.31 | 1.26 |
| Tasmania | 466 802 | 474 443 | 473 478 | 471 885 | 0.33 | -0.27 | 100.00 |

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

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, LEGAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, 30

| Region | 1991 | 1996 | 1997p | 1998p | Growth rate (a) 1991-96 | Growth rate (a) 1996-98 | Proportion of State 1998 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Statistical Local Area | no. | no. | no. | no. | % | % | % |
| Greater Hobart-Southern | 223 755 | 230 187 | 230 090 | 229 593 | 0.57 | -0.13 | 48.65 |
| Brighton | 12 190 | 12 753 | 12 777 | 12 830 | 0.91 | 0.30 | 2.72 |
| Central Highlands | 2 969 | 2 554 | 2 527 | 2 512 | -2.97 | -0.83 | 0.53 |
| Clarence | 49 379 | 49 550 | 49 408 | 49 158 | 0.07 | -0.40 | 10.42 |
| Derwent Valley | 10 346 | 9 868 | 9 852 | 9 844 | -0.94 | -0.12 | 2.09 |
| Glamorgan/Spring Bay | 3 927 | 4 152 | 4 153 | 4 164 | 1.12 | 0.14 | 0.88 |
| Glenorchy | 43 578 | 44 440 | 44 258 | 44 117 | 0.39 | -0.36 | 9.35 |
| Hobart | 47 681 | 46 893 | 46 721 | 46 502 | -0.33 | -0.42 | 9.85 |
| Huon Valley | 12 634 | 13 474 | 13 554 | 13 494 | 1.30 | 0.07 | 2.86 |
| Kingborough | 25 441 | 28 096 | 28 239 | 28 260 | 2.01 | 0.29 | 5.99 |
| Sorell | 8 518 | 10 624 | 10 790 | 10 878 | 4.52 | 1.19 | 2.31 |
| Southern Midlands | 5 136 | 5 575 | 5 585 | 5 590 | 1.65 | 0.13 | 1.18 |
| Tasman | 1 956 | 2 208 | 2 226 | 2 244 | 2.45 | 0.81 | 0.48 |
| Northern | 131 080 | 134 047 | 133 719 | 133 229 | 0.45 | -0.31 | 28.23 |
| Break O'Day | 5 551 | 5 881 | 5 868 | 5 825 | 1.16 | -0.48 | 1.23 |
| Dorset | 7 428 | 7 428 | 7 390 | 7 400 | 0.00 | -0.19 | 1.57 |
| Flinders | 965 | 981 | 975 | 946 | 0.33 | -1.80 | 0.20 |
| George Town | 7 165 | 6 929 | 6 859 | 6 823 | -0.67 | -0.77 | 1.45 |
| Launceston | 65 370 | 63 896 | 63 606 | 63 237 | -0.46 | -0.52 | 13.40 |
| Meander Valley | 15 005 | 17 267 | 17 283 | 17 289 | 2.85 | 0.06 | 3.66 |
| Northern Midlands | 11 472 | 11 842 | 11 841 | 11 816 | 0.64 | -0.11 | 2.50 |
| West Tamar | 18 124 | 19 823 | 19 897 | 19 893 | 1.81 | 0.18 | 4.22 |
| Mersey-Lyell | 111 967 | 110 209 | 109 669 | 109 063 | -0.32 | -0.52 | 23.11 |
| Burnie | 21 071 | 19 977 | 19 834 | 19 665 | -1.06 | -0.78 | 4.17 |
| Central Coast | 21 135 | 21 351 | 21 253 | 21 122 | 0.20 | -0.54 | 4.48 |
| Circular Head | 8 530 | 8 450 | 8 466 | 8 493 | -0.19 | 0.25 | 1.80 |
| Devonport | 25 211 | 24 935 | 24 784 | 24 667 | -0.22 | -0.54 | 5.23 |
| Kentish | 5 176 | 5 462 | 5 485 | 5 468 | 1.08 | 0.05 | 1.16 |
| King Island | 1 917 | 1 879 | 1 846 | 1 810 | -0.40 | -1.85 | 0.38 |
| Latrobe | 6 924 | 7 801 | 7 879 | 7 947 | 2.41 | 0.93 | 1.68 |
| Waratah/Wynyard | 14 339 | 14 003 | 13 995 | 13 954 | -0.47 | -0.18 | 2.96 |
| West Coast | 7 664 | 6 351 | 6 127 | 5 937 | -3.69 | -3.31 | 1.26 |
| Tasmania | 466 802 | 474 443 | 473 478 | 471 885 | 0.33 | -0.27 | 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 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 233 661 | 239 817 | 473 478 | 234 117 | 240 116 | 474 233 |
| 1998 | 232 636 | 239 249 | 471 885 | 233 190 | 239 549 | 472 738 |
| Year ended 31 December | | | | | | |
| 1992 | 233 206 | 237 817 | 471 023 | 232 674 | 237 111 | 469 785 |
| 1993 | 233 767 | 238 774 | 472 541 | 233 507 | 238 325 | 471 832 |
| 1994 | 233 955 | 239 435 | 473 390 | 233 865 | 239 118 | 472 982 |
| 1995 | 234 220 | 239 916 | 474 136 | 234 118 | 239 676 | 473 794 |
| 1996 | 234 117 | 240 119 | 474 236 | 234 257 | 240 083 | 474 340 |
| 1997 | 233 177 | 239 495 | 472 672 | 233 682 | 239 872 | 473 554 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| September p | 234 301 | 240 213 | 474 514 | .. | .. | .. |
| December p | 234 117 | 240 119 | 474 236 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| March p | 234 000 | 240 086 | 474 086 | .. | .. | .. |
| June p | 233 661 | 239 817 | 473 478 | .. | .. | .. |
| September p | 233 392 | 239 717 | 473 109 | .. | .. | .. |
| December p | 233 177 | 239 495 | 472 672 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March p | 233 014 | 239 415 | 472 429 | .. | .. | .. |
| June p | 232 636 | 239 249 | 471 885 | .. | .. | .. |

(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.

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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. | % | % |
| 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 | 473 478 | -965 | -0.20 | 1.17 |
| 1998 | 471 885 | -1593 | -0.34 | 1.22 |

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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. | % | % | % |
| 1993 | 6 814 | 3 676 | 3 138 | 0.67 | 0.78 |
| 1994 | 6 870 | 3 754 | 3 116 | 0.66 | 0.76 |
| 1995 | 6 812 | 3 836 | 2 976 | 0.63 | 0.73 |
| 1996 | 6 377 | 3 856 | 2 521 | 0.53 | 0.68 |
| 1997 | 6 242 | 3 798 | 2 444 | 0.52 | 0.68 |
| 1998 | 5 893 | 3 760 | 2 133 | 0.45 | 0.64 |

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MIGRATION

| | Arrivals | Departures | Net | Annual rate Tasmania | Annual rate Australia |
|----------------------|----------|------------|-------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Year ended 30 June | no. | no. | no. | % | % |
| Overseas Migration | | | | | |
| 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 | 0.44 |
| 1996 | 2 255 | 1 785 | 398 | 0.08 | 0.57 |
| 1997 | 2 161 | 1 843 | 252 | 0.05 | 0.47 |
| 1998 | 2 007 | 1 969 | 240 | 0.05 | 0.57 |
| Interstate Migration | | | | | |
| 1993 | 11 151 | 12 645 | -1494 | -0.32 | .. |
| 1994 | 9 547 | 11 654 | -2107 | -0.45 | .. |
| 1995 | 10 196 | 12 852 | -2656 | -0.56 | .. |
| 1996 | 10 531 | 13 121 | -2590 | -0.55 | .. |
| 1997 | 11 248 | 14 909 | -3661 | -0.77 | .. |
| 1998 | 10 890 | 14 856 | -3966 | -0.84 | .. |
| Net Migration | | | | | |
| 1993 | 13 130 | 14 227 | -1391 | -0.30 | 0.17 |
| 1994 | 11 490 | 13 207 | -1915 | -0.41 | 0.26 |
| 1995 | 12 385 | 14 575 | -2346 | -0.50 | 0.44 |
| 1996 | 12 786 | 14 906 | -2192 | -0.46 | 0.57 |
| 1997 | 13 409 | 16 752 | -3409 | -0.72 | 0.47 |
| 1998 | 12 897 | 16 825 | -3726 | -0.79 | 0.57 |

| Age group | NUMBER..... | | | | PER CENT OF TOTAL | | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 1991 | 1996 | 1997r | 1998p | 1991 | 1996 | 1997r | 1998p |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| 0-4 | 18 252 | 17 590 | 17 197 | 16 653 | 3.91 | 3.71 | 3.63 | 3.53 |
| 5-9 | 18 762 | 18 043 | 17 791 | 17 591 | 4.02 | 3.80 | 3.76 | 3.73 |
| 10-14 | 18 154 | 18 527 | 18 315 | 17 880 | 3.89 | 3.91 | 3.87 | 3.79 |
| 15-19 | 18 621 | 17 197 | 17 395 | 17 615 | 3.99 | 3.62 | 3.67 | 3.73 |
| 20-24 | 17 599 | 16 485 | 15 905 | 15 446 | 3.77 | 3.47 | 3.36 | 3.27 |
| 25-29 | 17 496 | 16 266 | 16 293 | 16 070 | 3.75 | 3.43 | 3.44 | 3.41 |
| 30-34 | 18 771 | 17 185 | 16 272 | 15 704 | 4.02 | 3.62 | 3.44 | 3.33 |
| 35-39 | 17 603 | 18 504 | 18 553 | 18 152 | 3.77 | 3.90 | 3.92 | 3.85 |
| 40-44 | 17 324 | 17 610 | 17 626 | 17 602 | 3.71 | 3.71 | 3.72 | 3.73 |
| 45-49 | 13 578 | 16 816 | 16 510 | 16 526 | 2.91 | 3.54 | 3.49 | 3.50 |
| 50-54 | 11 597 | 13 206 | 14 214 | 14 992 | 2.48 | 2.78 | 3.00 | 3.18 |
| 55-59 | 9 831 | 11 181 | 11 411 | 11 719 | 2.11 | 2.36 | 2.41 | 2.48 |
| 60-64 | 10 026 | 9 443 | 9 587 | 9 719 | 2.15 | 1.99 | 2.02 | 2.06 |
| 65-69 | 8 933 | 9 121 | 9 055 | 8 957 | 1.91 | 1.92 | 1.91 | 1.90 |
| 70-74 | 6 503 | 7 500 | 7 589 | 7 684 | 1.39 | 1.58 | 1.60 | 1.63 |
| 75-79 | 4 690 | 4 997 | 5 141 | 5 354 | 1.00 | 1.05 | 1.09 | 1.13 |
| 80-84 | 2 449 | 2 990 | 3 086 | 3 137 | 0.52 | 0.63 | 0.65 | 0.66 |
| 85 and over | 1 277 | 1 641 | 1 721 | 1 835 | 0.27 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.39 |
| Total | 231 466 | 234 302 | 233 661 | 232 636 | 49.59 | 49.38 | 49.35 | 49.30 |
| Median age | 31.8 | 33.8 | 34.3 | 34.9 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| 0-4 | 17 365 | 16 647 | 16 199 | 15 599 | 3.72 | 3.51 | 3.42 | 3.31 |
| 5-9 | 18 066 | 17 243 | 17 093 | 16 888 | 3.87 | 3.63 | 3.61 | 3.58 |
| 10-14 | 17 327 | 17 864 | 17 646 | 17 417 | 3.71 | 3.77 | 3.73 | 3.69 |
| 15-19 | 17 807 | 16 574 | 16 683 | 16 819 | 3.81 | 3.49 | 3.52 | 3.56 |
| 20-24 | 17 312 | 16 244 | 15 611 | 15 053 | 3.71 | 3.42 | 3.30 | 3.19 |
| 25-29 | 17 815 | 16 611 | 16 636 | 16 479 | 3.82 | 3.50 | 3.51 | 3.49 |
| 30-34 | 19 313 | 17 901 | 17 252 | 16 613 | 4.14 | 3.77 | 3.64 | 3.52 |
| 35-39 | 17 699 | 19 122 | 19 080 | 18 928 | 3.79 | 4.03 | 4.03 | 4.01 |
| 40-44 | 16 777 | 17 585 | 17 802 | 17 898 | 3.59 | 3.71 | 3.76 | 3.79 |
| 45-49 | 13 222 | 16 457 | 16 322 | 16 472 | 2.83 | 3.47 | 3.45 | 3.49 |
| 50-54 | 11 250 | 12 942 | 13 812 | 14 581 | 2.41 | 2.73 | 2.92 | 3.09 |
| 55-59 | 9 846 | 11 050 | 11 280 | 11 426 | 2.11 | 2.33 | 2.38 | 2.42 |
| 60-64 | 10 025 | 9 724 | 9 815 | 9 973 | 2.15 | 2.05 | 2.07 | 2.11 |
| 65-69 | 9 866 | 9 484 | 9 499 | 9 473 | 2.11 | 2.00 | 2.01 | 2.01 |
| 70-74 | 8 118 | 8 965 | 8 822 | 8 782 | 1.74 | 1.89 | 1.86 | 1.86 |
| 75-79 | 6 516 | 6 915 | 7 141 | 7 407 | 1.40 | 1.46 | 1.51 | 1.57 |
| 80-84 | 4 113 | 5 046 | 5 118 | 5 177 | 0.88 | 1.06 | 1.08 | 1.10 |
| 85 and over | 2 899 | 3 767 | 4 006 | 4 264 | 0.62 | 0.79 | 0.85 | 0.90 |
| Total | 235 336 | 240 141 | 239 817 | 239 249 | 50.41 | 50.62 | 50.65 | 50.70 |
| Median age | 33.1 | 35.3 | 35.7 | 36.3 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| 0-4 | 35 617 | 34 237 | 33 396 | 32 252 | 7.63 | 7.22 | 7.05 | 6.83 |
| 5-9 | 36 828 | 35 286 | 34 884 | 34 479 | 7.89 | 7.44 | 7.37 | 7.31 |
| 10-14 | 35 481 | 36 391 | 35 961 | 35 297 | 7.60 | 7.67 | 7.60 | 7.48 |
| 15-19 | 36 428 | 33 771 | 34 078 | 34 434 | 7.80 | 7.12 | 7.20 | 7.30 |
| 20-24 | 34 911 | 32 729 | 31 516 | 30 499 | 7.48 | 6.90 | 6.66 | 6.46 |
| 25-29 | 35 311 | 32 877 | 32 929 | 32 549 | 7.56 | 6.93 | 6.95 | 6.90 |
| 30-34 | 38 084 | 35 086 | 33 524 | 32 317 | 8.16 | 7.40 | 7.08 | 6.85 |
| 35-39 | 35 302 | 37 626 | 37 633 | 37 080 | 7.56 | 7.93 | 7.95 | 7.86 |
| 40-44 | 34 101 | 35 195 | 35 428 | 35 500 | 7.31 | 7.42 | 7.48 | 7.52 |
| 45-49 | 26 800 | 33 273 | 32 832 | 32 998 | 5.74 | 7.01 | 6.93 | 6.99 |
| 50-54 | 22 847 | 26 148 | 28 026 | 29 573 | 4.89 | 5.51 | 5.92 | 6.27 |
| 55-59 | 19 677 | 22 231 | 22 691 | 23 145 | 4.22 | 4.69 | 4.79 | 4.90 |
| 60-64 | 20 051 | 19 167 | 19 402 | 19 692 | 4.30 | 4.04 | 4.10 | 4.17 |
| 65-69 | 18 799 | 18 605 | 18 554 | 18 430 | 4.03 | 3.92 | 3.92 | 3.91 |
| 70-74 | 14 621 | 16 465 | 16 411 | 16 466 | 3.13 | 3.47 | 3.47 | 3.49 |
| 75-79 | 11 206 | 11 912 | 12 282 | 12 761 | 2.40 | 2.51 | 2.59 | 2.70 |
| 80-84 | 6 562 | 8 036 | 8 204 | 8 314 | 1.41 | 1.69 | 1.73 | 1.76 |
| 85 and over | 4 176 | 5 408 | 5 727 | 6 099 | 0.89 | 1.14 | 1.21 | 1.29 |
| Total | 466 802 | 474 443 | 473 478 | 471 885 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Median age | 32.5 | 34.6 | 35.1 | 35.6 | .. | .. | .. | .. |

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.

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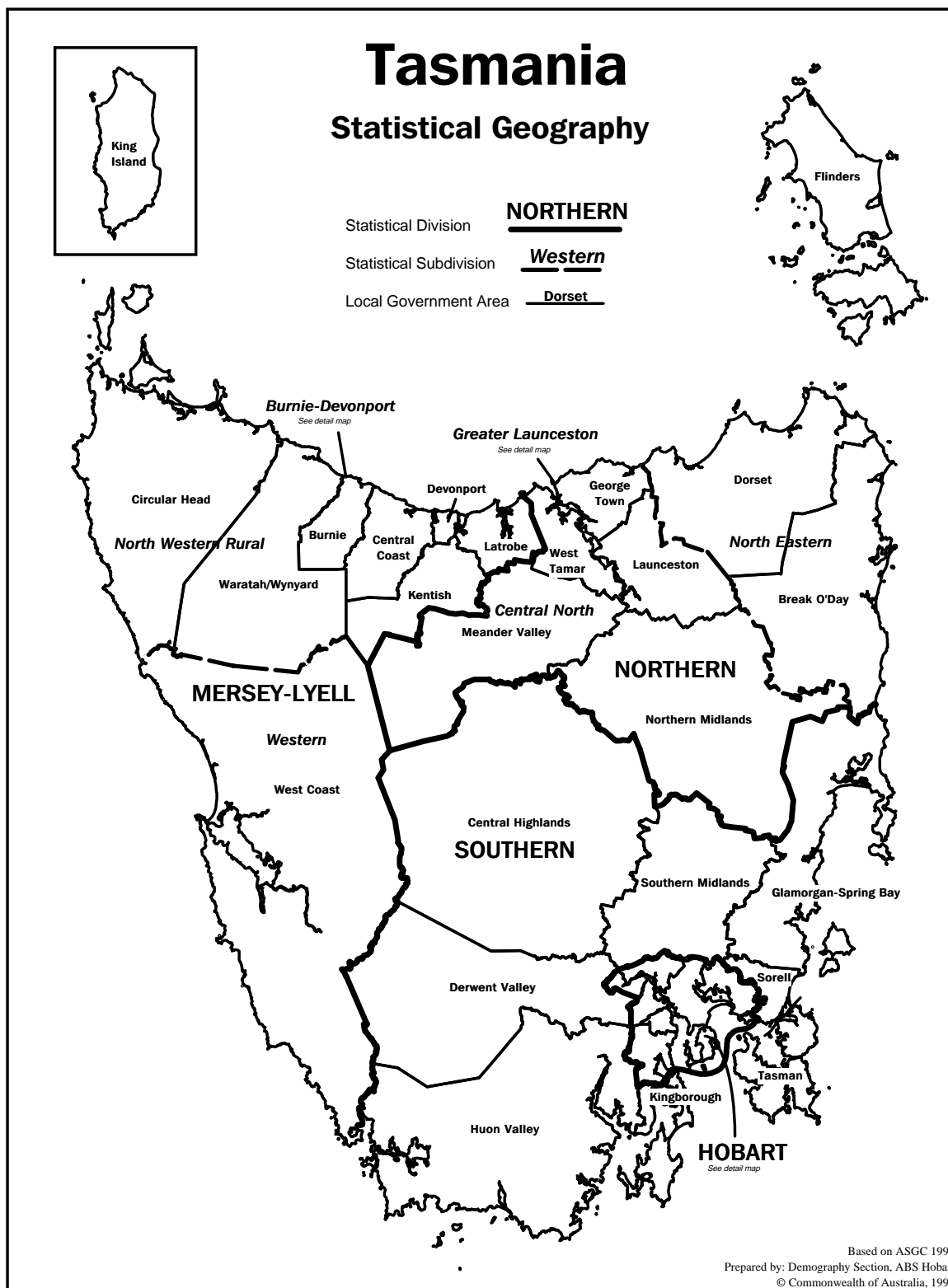
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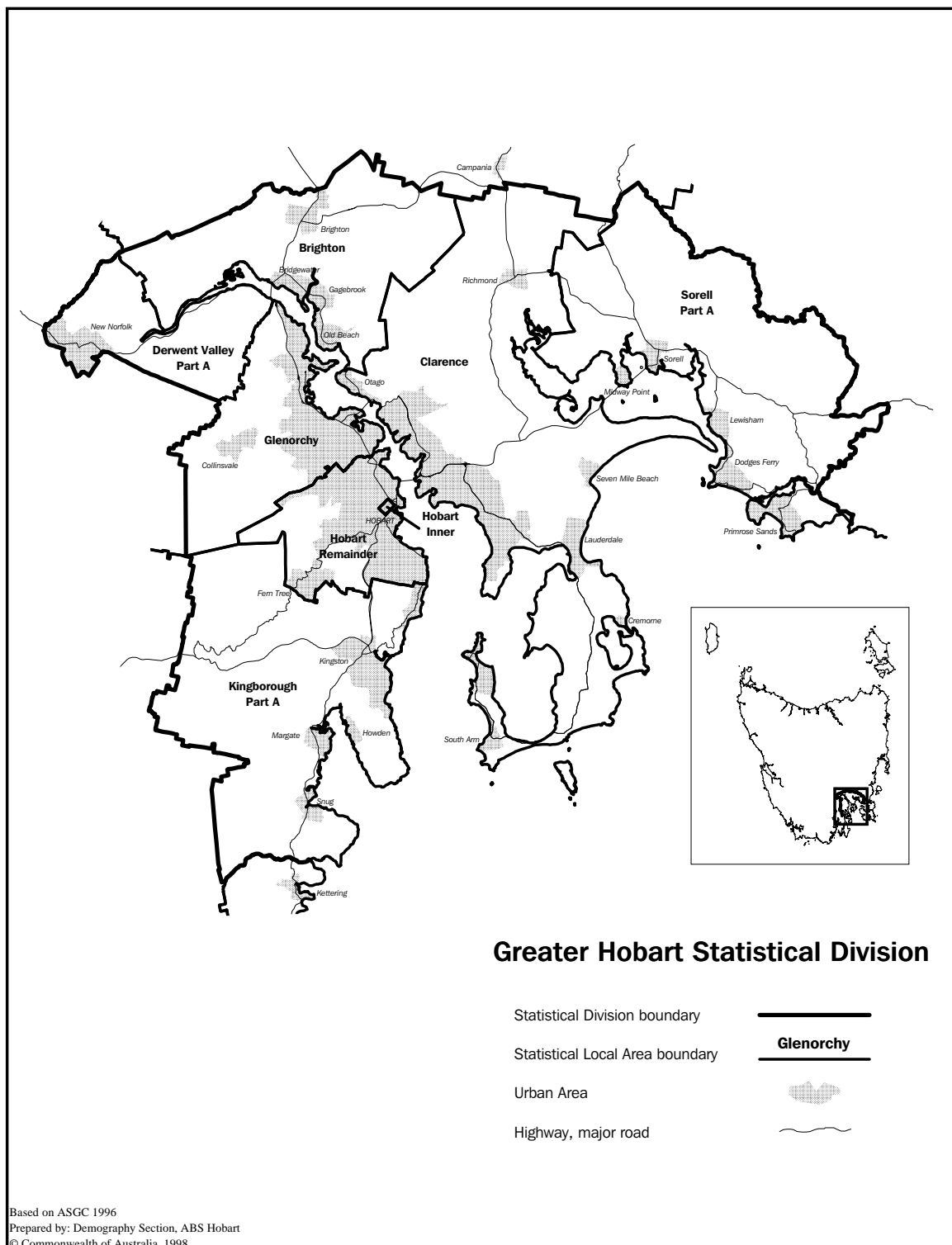
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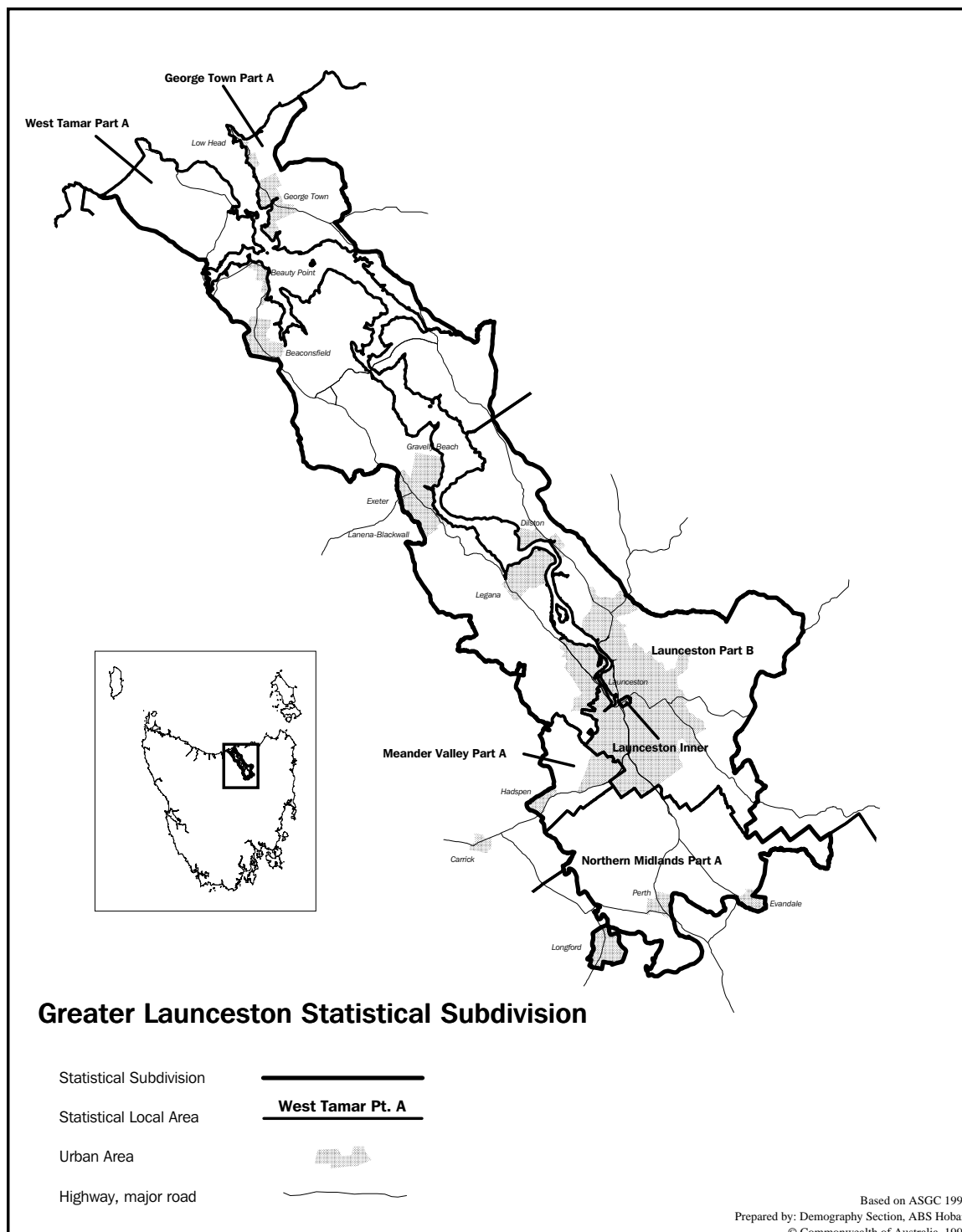
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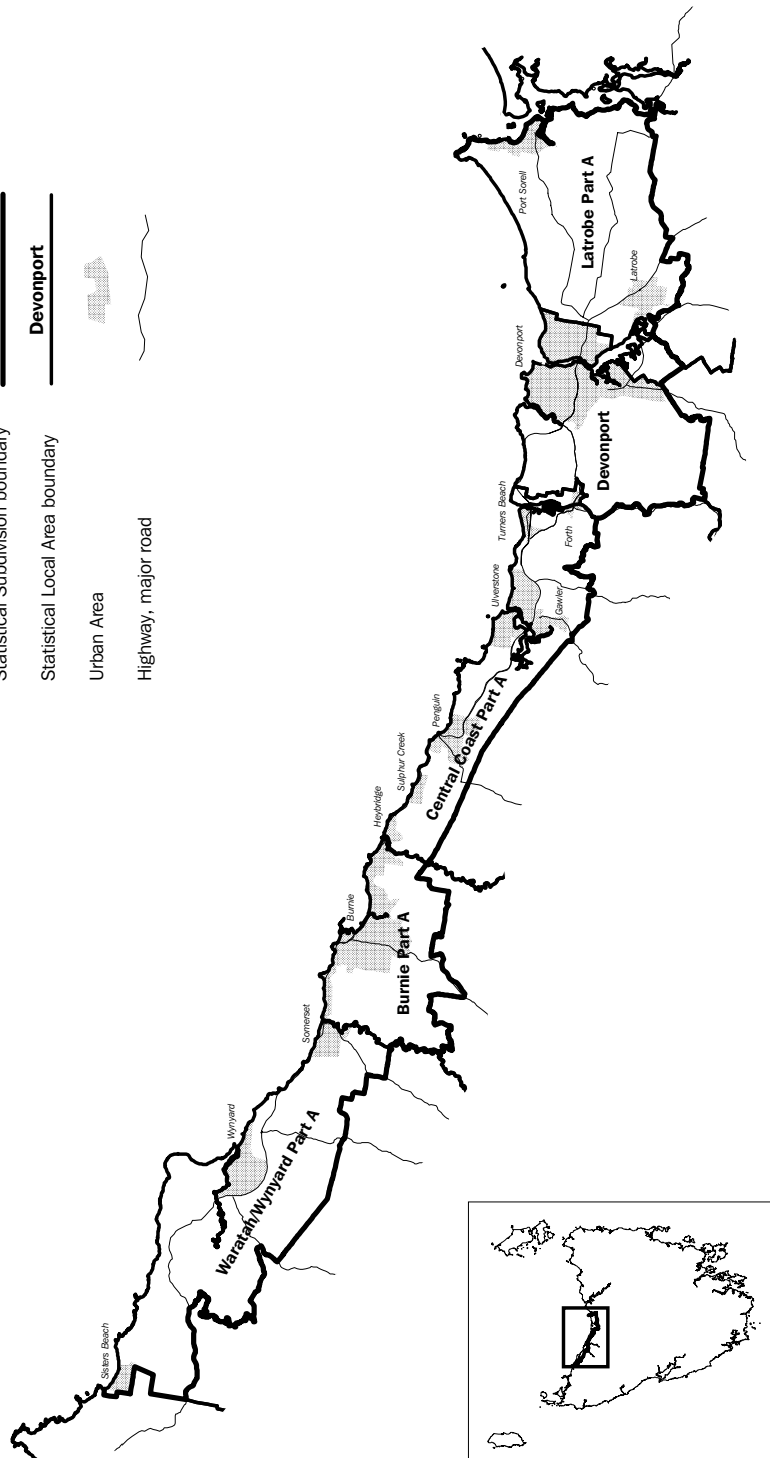
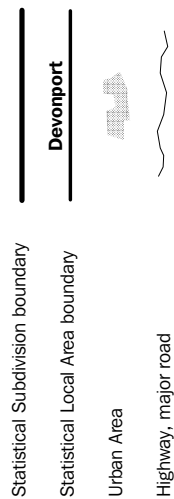
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