



POPULATION MOBILITY VICTORIA

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication summarises the results of a survey on mobility of the population, conducted throughout Victoria during October 1999 as a supplement to the Monthly Population Survey. Information was collected on persons who moved in the last three years, such as main reason for leaving the previous home, main reason for choosing to live in the current area and main reason for choosing the current home. Also included is information on tenure type, dwelling structure, size of yard, employment prospects as a consideration for moving, whether the selected person had grown up in the current area or lived there previously, and whether they had lived with all the same people in the previous home. Information on housing extensions added by persons who did not move in the last three years is also included. For persons intending to move in the next three years, information includes main reason likely to move, when the move is likely to occur, the likely destination and whether they expect to live with the same people in their next home. This information is cross-classified by a range of data items such as age group, location of past and present dwellings, distance moved and year of arrival for those persons born overseas.



SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
CBD	central business district
LGA	Local Government Area
MPS	Monthly Population Survey
MSR	Major Statistical Region
RSE	relative standard error
SE	standard error
SLA	Statistical Local Area
*	estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
—	not applicable

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OVERVIEW

In October 1999 there were 1,014,700 persons in Victoria aged 18 years and over who had moved in the previous three years (28.8%) compared with 2,503,100 persons who had not (71.1%).

Age groups

The most mobile age group is between 25 and 34 years, with 52.7% (384,400) having moved in the last three years. The percentage decreases steadily as age increases, with only 8.6% (48,300) of the 65 years and over age group having moved.

Post-school qualifications

Generally, persons with post-school qualifications were more likely to have moved than persons without such qualifications. For example, 40.2% (163,200) of persons with bachelor degrees had moved, compared with 25.0% (519,900) of those without post-school qualifications.

Household type

Some 73.1% (155,200) of persons currently in group households had moved. In contrast, this percentage ranged from 22.7% to 33.9% for persons in all other household types.

Current tenure type

In the last three years, only 9.6% (118,000) of current home owners had moved. This compares with 66.5% (444,200) of renters and 30.7% (331,500) of purchasers.

MOVERS

Had previously grown up in current area

Familiar surroundings were an attraction for movers in the 18–24 years age group, 24.3% (47,500) of whom chose to live in an area in which they had grown up. Similarly, 18.3% (70,400) of those between the ages of 25 and 34, and lesser proportions of those in older age groups made such a choice.

Tenure type and dwelling structure

Some 29.8% (84,300) of previous renters of separate houses are purchasing their current dwelling. Similarly, 22.1% (47,600) of previous renters of all other dwelling structures are now home purchasers.

Persons who previously rented separate houses and are still renting were more likely to select another separate house (41.8% or 118,500) than to choose a home with some other dwelling structure (16.8% or 47,600). Conversely, renters of other dwelling structures who continue to rent were less likely to select a separate house (25.7% or 55,300) than to choose some dwelling of some other dwelling structure (40.9% or 88,100).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

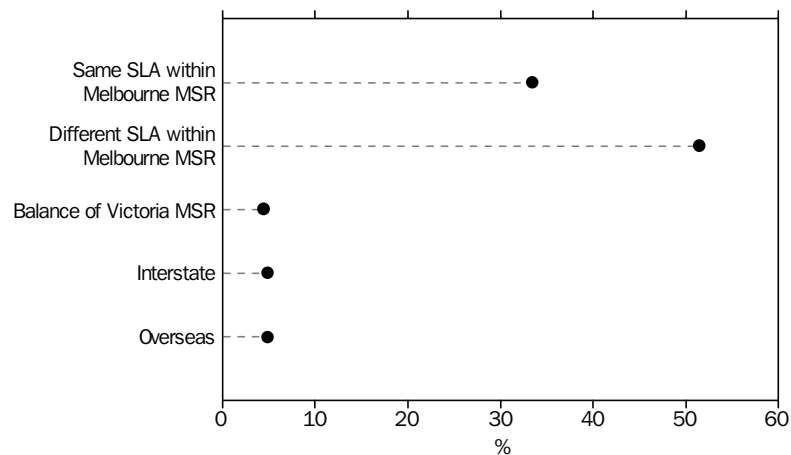
Location of previous dwelling

The largest proportion of movers (54.2% or 550,000) relocated from a different SLA within Victoria, while 35.3% (358,500) selected another dwelling within the same SLA.

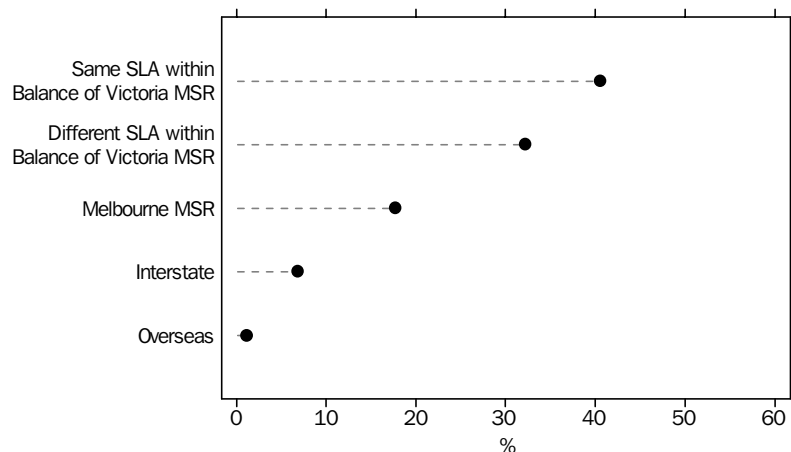
The most recent move for 5.4% (55,200) of movers was from interstate, while 3.9% (39,600) came from overseas.

More persons moved from the Melbourne Major Statistical Region (MSR) to the Balance of Victoria (49,100 or 7.3% of those previously living in the Melbourne MSR) than vice versa (32,900 or 14.0% of those previously living in the Balance of Victoria MSR). The movement from urban areas of Melbourne into the urban/rural fringe is a factor associated with this trend.

MOVERS, Location of Previous Dwelling For Persons Currently in Melbourne MSR



MOVERS, Location of Previous Dwelling For Persons Currently in Balance of Victoria MSR



MOVERS WITHIN VICTORIA

Distance moved within Victoria

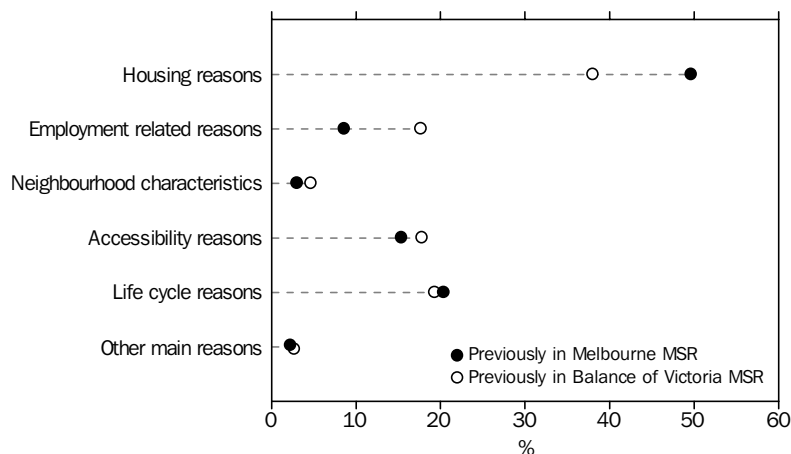
The majority of movers within Victoria moved less than 20 kilometres (76.2% or 700,800). Of these, 50.7% (355,100) moved between 5 and 20 kilometres and 49.3% (345,700) moved less than 5 kilometres.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Main reason for moving

Almost half (49.6% or 334,100) of the persons who left dwellings in the Melbourne MSR gave housing reasons as their main reason for moving. This contrasts with 38.0% (89,200) of movers whose previous home was in the Balance of Victoria MSR. Residents from the Balance of Victoria MSR were more likely to move for employment related reasons (17.7% or 41,500) than residents of Melbourne MSR (8.6% or 58,000).

MOVERS WITHIN VICTORIA, Main Reasons For Moving



Main reason for choosing current suburb/town/locality

More than half (57.0% or 524,400) of the movers within Victoria gave accessibility reasons for selecting their current suburb, town or locality. The main contributing accessibility reasons given were proximity to family or friends (14.8% or 136,100), lifestyle attractions (14.6% or 134,000) and work (13.0% or 119,300).

Housing reasons for selection of current suburb, town or locality were given by 23.3% (214,800) of movers within Victoria. Cost was the largest single contributing factor (10.9% or 100,000) under the housing reasons for selection of current area.

Main reason for choosing current dwelling

Movers within Victoria cited home and property characteristics as the main reason for choosing their current dwelling (46.2% or 424,900), including some 11.3% (103,700) of movers who wanted a bigger home. Another 43.0% (395,800) of movers within Victoria gave financial and personal factors as their main reason, including 3.3% (30,500) whose main reason was allocated housing.

MOVERS FROM INTERSTATE/OVERSEAS

Only 9.3% (94,800) of movers came from interstate or overseas in their most recent move. Employment was the main reason given by the largest number of these movers 44.7% (42,400) for this move, while financial and personal reasons 44.3% (42,000) was the dominant main reason given for choosing the current dwelling.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

MOVERS BORN OVERSEAS

Just over a quarter (26.3% or 267,200) of movers were born overseas, with 77.6% (207,300) of these having arrived in Australia before 1996 and 22.4% (59,900) between 1996 and 1999.

Housing was a more important consideration for overseas-born movers who had arrived before 1996: 58.8% (121,800) for movers arrived before 1996 compared with 35.2% (21,100) who arrived between 1996 and 1999.

NON-MOVERS

There were approximately 2,503,100 persons aged 18 years and over who did not move in the last three years, making up 71.1% of all Victorians aged 18 years and over. Of these non-movers, 5.4% (134,100) had added an extension to their house during the last three years.

Home ownership and home purchasing is a strong feature of the non-movers profile: 74.3% (1,859,400) of non-movers compared with 44.3% (449,500) of movers.

LIKELY MOVERS

Selected characteristics

Of all 3,520,900 persons aged 18 years and over, there were 779,900 (22.2%) who indicated that they were likely to move in the next three years. Home acquisition may be one of the motivations for their likely move. Of the 373,300 current renters, 173,100 (46.4%) indicated an intention to own or purchase a home through moving. Moreover, 19.4% (150,900) of likely movers gave wanting to buy or build a home as their main reason for intending to move. This was the single most common reason given for a likely move.

A destination had not yet been chosen by 46.8% (364,700) of likely movers. However, 33.0% (257,300) of them indicated the Melbourne Major Statistical Region (MSR) and another 12.5% (97,500) indicated the Balance of Victoria MSR as their likely destinations. Interstate or overseas was the expected destination for the remaining 6.8% (53,000) of likely movers.

The 25–34 years age group was the largest among likely movers (35.7% or 278,100) and the 55 years and over age group the smallest (8.8% or 68,500). Likely movers tended to be living in married couple households (55.5% or 432,600).

Main reason likely to move

Housing was the main reason given by just over half of likely movers currently within Melbourne for their intended relocation (50.7% or 304,200). Employment was more strongly cited as the main reason for a likely move in the Balance of Victoria MSR (21.6% or 38,900) than in the Melbourne MSR (7.3% or 43,600).

Main reasons given for likely moves in Table 15 correlate well (in major category groupings) with main reasons given for moving within Victoria in the last three years (see Table 5). A noticeable exception to this is the life cycle reasons, where no moves attributable to marriage or relationship breakdown are anticipated, compared with 44,200 (4.8%) previously.

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ALL PERSONS, Movers and Non-movers

	Movers	Non-movers	Total(a)	Movers	Non-movers	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Age groups						
18–24 years	195.4	272.1	467.4	41.8	58.2	100.0
25–34 years	384.4	343.9	729.6	52.7	47.1	100.0
35–44 years	212.2	507.2	720.4	29.5	70.4	100.0
45–54 years	116.1	506.1	622.2	18.7	81.3	100.0
55–64 years	58.4	360.5	419.6	13.9	85.9	100.0
65 years and over	48.3	513.4	561.7	8.6	91.4	100.0
Sex						
Male	489.6	1 232.2	1 724.5	28.4	71.5	100.0
Female	525.2	1 271.0	1 796.5	29.2	70.7	100.0
Country of birth						
Australia	747.6	1 750.0	2 499.9	29.9	70.0	100.0
Main English-speaking countries	78.8	213.0	291.8	27.0	73.0	100.0
Other countries	188.3	540.2	729.2	25.8	74.1	100.0
Year of arrival						
Before 1996	207.3	748.1	956.1	21.7	78.2	100.0
1996–1999	59.9	*5.0	64.9	92.2	*7.8	100.0
Not applicable(b)	747.6	1 750.0	2 499.9	29.9	70.0	100.0
Employment status						
Employed	691.2	1 469.1	2 162.4	32.0	67.9	100.0
Unemployed	53.5	80.8	134.3	39.8	60.2	100.0
Not in the labour force	270.0	953.2	1 224.2	22.1	77.9	100.0
Post-school qualifications(c)						
Higher degree	16.4	43.5	60.0	27.3	72.5	100.0
Postgraduate diploma	28.0	56.0	84.0	33.3	66.7	100.0
Bachelor degree	163.2	242.4	405.5	40.2	59.8	100.0
Undergraduate diploma	32.8	83.3	116.1	28.3	71.7	100.0
Associate diploma	57.8	104.5	162.4	35.6	64.3	100.0
Skilled vocational qualifications	147.2	339.3	488.5	30.1	69.5	100.0
Basic vocational qualifications	47.7	69.9	117.6	40.6	59.4	100.0
Out of scope/not applicable(d)	519.9	1 559.0	2 079.9	25.0	75.0	100.0
Total	1 014.7	2 503.1	3 520.9	28.8	71.1	100.0

(a) Total includes persons responded 'don't know' to the length of time that they have lived in their current home.

(b) Persons who were born in Australia.

(c) 'Uncodeable/inadequately described' and 'not stated' responses are only included in total.

(d) 'Out of scope/not applicable' includes persons who have not completed any tertiary qualification or have no post secondary education.

	Movers	Non-movers	Total(a)	Movers	Non-movers	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Household type						
Person living alone	113.3	270.4	384.1	29.5	70.4	100.0
Married couple only(b)	215.9	605.2	821.8	26.3	73.6	100.0
Married couple with children(b)	348.5	1 183.4	1 533.9	22.7	77.1	100.0
Single parent with children	77.1	182.3	259.4	29.7	70.3	100.0
Group household(c)	155.2	57.2	212.4	73.1	26.9	100.0
Other households	104.8	204.5	309.4	33.9	66.1	100.0
Current dwelling structure						
Separate house	744.0	2 264.4	3 011.5	24.7	75.2	100.0
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, town house, etc	90.6	99.3	189.9	47.7	52.3	100.0
Flat/unit/apartment/other dwelling	177.5	138.5	316.0	56.2	43.8	100.0
Current tenure type						
Owner	118.0	1 111.3	1 230.6	9.6	90.3	100.0
Purchaser	331.5	748.1	1 079.6	30.7	69.3	100.0
Renter	444.2	223.7	668.3	66.5	33.5	100.0
Boarder	*11.3	*3.9	15.2	*74.3	*25.7	100.0
Rent-free	64.4	256.2	320.6	20.1	79.9	100.0
Other(d)	45.4	158.1	204.8	22.2	77.2	100.0
Current area of usual residence						
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	737.2	1 850.9	2 591.2	28.5	71.4	100.0
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	277.6	652.2	929.8	29.9	70.1	100.0
Total(e)	1 014.7	2 503.1	3 520.9	28.8	71.1	100.0

(a) Total includes persons responded 'don't know' to the length of time that they have lived in their current home.

(b) Married couple includes persons who are in de facto relationship.

(c) Person living with non-relatives only.

(d) Other includes persons responded 'life tenant' and 'participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme' responses.

(e) Total includes some 'not stated' responses.

	AGE GROUP (YEARS).....							Total movers.....	%
	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or more			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000		
Current tenure type									
Owner	*3.6	15.7	24.6	23.7	26.7	23.6	118.0	11.6	
Purchaser	18.6	141.6	107.7	48.2	*11.5	*4.0	331.5	32.7	
Renter(b)	127.3	186.9	72.7	40.1	18.6	*9.8	455.5	44.9	
Rent-free	29.2	21.0	*3.4	*3.6	*0.7	*6.5	64.4	6.3	
Other(c)	16.8	19.1	*3.7	*0.4	*0.9	*4.5	45.4	4.5	
Previous tenure type									
Owner	*1.8	22.4	36.7	28.0	23.1	29.3	141.3	13.9	
Purchaser	*3.6	56.4	54.2	27.3	*12.4	*3.5	157.4	15.5	
Renter(b)	95.2	212.8	107.5	52.8	19.0	*11.4	498.8	49.2	
Rent-free	51.1	37.7	*5.6	*5.3	*2.3	*2.7	104.7	10.3	
Other(c)	42.9	48.6	*6.5	*2.1	*1.6	*1.0	102.5	10.1	
Distance moved within Victoria									
Less than 5 km	59.3	125.3	81.3	43.3	16.6	19.9	345.7	34.1	
5 to less than 20 km	72.8	143.9	65.1	42.1	20.5	*10.6	355.1	35.0	
20 to less than 50 km	18.5	37.3	20.3	*10.4	*7.2	*6.9	100.6	9.9	
50 km or more	27.0	32.0	20.9	*9.9	*11.4	*6.0	107.1	10.6	
Not applicable(d)	16.8	39.1	21.6	*9.6	*2.7	*4.9	94.8	9.3	
Current household size/previous living arrangement									
Person living alone(e)	14.5	41.9	24.4	19.0	*9.1	*10.0	118.9	11.7	
Previously lived with others	*11.5	28.0	*13.0	*10.6	*5.2	*3.1	71.5	7.0	
Previously lived alone	*2.3	13.6	*11.0	*8.3	*3.9	*6.9	46.0	4.5	
Multi-person household(e)	180.8	336.3	186.1	96.4	49.3	38.4	887.4	87.4	
Previously lived with same people	59.8	178.7	142.3	78.2	39.0	21.5	519.5	51.2	
Previously did not live with same people	119.6	154.9	42.7	17.6	*9.2	16.9	361.0	35.6	
Had previously lived in current area									
Had grown up in current area	47.5	70.4	34.0	15.5	*9.6	*2.5	179.5	17.7	
Had not grown up in current area	26.0	77.1	59.3	34.3	15.0	17.7	229.4	22.6	
Employment prospects									
Considered employment prospects when deciding to move	33.5	72.5	41.3	17.8	*8.1	*1.2	174.4	17.2	
Did not consider employment prospects when deciding to move	160.3	305.7	167.3	97.6	50.3	45.7	827.0	81.5	
Yard size									
Considered yard size when choosing house	47.5	135.9	99.9	52.5	21.1	*13.2	370.1	36.5	
Did not consider yard size when choosing house	146.3	240.3	107.2	62.3	37.3	34.8	628.3	61.9	
Total(f)	195.4	384.4	212.2	116.1	58.4	48.3	1 014.7	100.0	

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years.

(b) 'Renter' also includes 'boarder' response.

(c) 'Other' includes 'life tenant' and 'participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme' responses.

(d) 'Not applicable' is persons who moved from interstate or overseas.

(e) Total includes persons whose previous living arrangement was not stated.

(f) Total includes some 'don't know' and 'not stated' responses.

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MOVERS(a), Current Tenure Type and Current Dwelling Structure

PREVIOUS TENURE TYPE AND PREVIOUS DWELLING STRUCTURE....

	Owner	Purchaser	Renter(b) of separate house	Renter(b) of other dwelling structure	Rent-free	Other(c)	Total movers(d)
NUMBER							
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Current tenure type and current dwelling structure							
Owner	62.8	14.9	15.5	*12.5	*7.1	*5.2	118.0
Purchaser	45.3	102.3	84.3	47.6	22.0	26.9	331.5
Renter(b) of separate house	14.0	16.5	118.5	55.3	14.6	28.2	250.1
Renter(b) of other dwelling structure	*7.5	13.6	47.6	88.1	21.2	25.0	204.0
Other(e)	*11.6	*9.3	17.5	*11.0	39.9	17.3	109.8
Total movers(f)	141.3	157.4	283.3	215.2	104.7	102.5	1 014.7
PROPORTION							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Current tenure type and current dwelling structure							
Owner	44.4	9.5	5.5	*5.8	*6.8	*5.1	11.6
Purchaser	32.1	65.0	29.8	22.1	21.0	26.2	32.7
Renter(b) of separate house	9.9	10.5	41.8	25.7	13.9	27.5	24.6
Renter(b) of other dwelling structure	*5.3	8.6	16.8	40.9	20.2	24.4	20.1
Other(e)	*8.2	*5.9	6.2	*5.1	38.1	16.9	10.8
Total movers(f)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years.

(b) 'Renter' also includes 'boarder' response.

(c) 'Other' includes 'life tenant', and 'participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme' responses.

(d) Total includes movers whose previous tenure type or previous dwelling structure were not stated.

(e) 'Other' includes 'life tenant', 'participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme' and 'rent-free' responses.

(f) Total includes movers who did not state their current dwelling structure.

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MOVERS(a), Location of Previous Dwelling

LOCATION OF CURRENT DWELLING.....

	<i>Melbourne MSR</i>	<i>Balance of Victoria MSR</i>	<i>Total Victoria</i>	<i>Melbourne MSR</i>	<i>Balance of Victoria MSR</i>	<i>Total Victoria</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Victoria(b)	664.5	255.4	919.9	90.1	92.0	90.7
Same SLA	245.9	112.5	358.5	33.4	40.5	35.3
Different SLA within Melbourne MSR	378.8	49.1	427.9	51.4	17.7	42.2
Different SLA within Balance of Victoria MSR	32.9	89.2	122.1	4.5	32.2	12.0
Interstate	36.4	18.8	55.2	4.9	6.8	5.4
Overseas	36.2	*3.3	39.6	4.9	*1.2	3.9
Total movers(c)	737.2	277.6	1 014.7	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years.

(b) Includes movers within Victoria whose previous SLA was not stated.

(c) Total includes movers who did not state the location of their previous dwelling.

LOCATION OF PREVIOUS DWELLING.....

	Melbourne MSR	Balance of Victoria MSR	Total Victoria(b)	Melbourne MSR	Balance of Victoria MSR	Total Victoria(b)
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Housing reasons	334.1	89.2	424.7	49.6	38.0	46.2
Buy or build house/unit/flat	107.7	35.2	143.8	16.0	15.0	15.6
Bigger home	79.4	22.0	101.4	11.8	9.4	11.0
Smaller home	26.6	*6.2	33.0	3.9	*2.6	3.6
Other characteristics of home/property	25.1	*9.9	35.1	3.7	*4.2	3.8
Reduce rent/mortgage	42.8	*5.2	48.0	6.4	*2.2	5.2
Notice given by landlord	52.5	*10.8	63.3	7.8	*4.6	6.9
Employment related reasons	58.0	41.5	99.5	8.6	17.7	10.8
Neighbourhood characteristics	20.2	*10.7	30.9	3.0	*4.6	3.4
Accessibility reasons	103.8	41.7	146.3	15.4	17.8	15.9
Family/friends	40.7	16.4	57.1	6.0	7.0	6.2
Better lifestyle	40.6	*12.6	54.0	6.0	*5.4	5.9
Education	22.5	*12.7	35.2	3.3	*5.4	3.8
Life cycle reasons	137.7	45.2	183.3	20.4	19.3	19.9
Moved with family	24.4	*7.5	31.9	3.6	*3.2	3.5
Be independent	40.6	*8.9	49.6	6.0	*3.8	5.4
Get married/live with partner	44.2	13.5	57.7	6.6	5.7	6.3
Breakdown of marriage/relationship	28.5	15.3	44.2	4.2	6.5	4.8
Other main reasons	14.7	*6.3	21.0	2.2	*2.7	2.3
Total movers within Victoria(c)	673.9	234.7	919.9	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years.

(b) Total includes Victorians who did not state the location of their previous dwelling.

(c) Total includes 'don't know' and 'not stated' responses.

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MOVERS FROM INTERSTATE/OVERSEAS(a), Main Reason For Moving & Employment Prospects

LOCATION OF PREVIOUS DWELLING.....

	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Main reason for moving						
Employment related reasons	29.7	*12.7	42.4	53.8	*32.1	44.7
Accessibility reasons(b)	17.1	16.5	33.6	31.0	41.7	35.4
Other main reasons	*7.9	*10.4	18.3	*14.3	*26.3	19.3
Employment prospects						
Considered employment prospects when deciding to move	33.8	16.5	50.3	61.2	41.7	53.1
Did not consider employment prospects when deciding to move	20.9	23.0	43.9	37.9	58.1	46.3
Total movers from overseas/interstate(c)	55.2	39.6	94.8	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years and whose most recent move was from interstate or overseas.

(b) Includes 'education', 'be close to family/friends', and 'better lifestyle' responses.

(c) Total includes 'don't know' response.

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MOVERS WITHIN VICTORIA(a), Main Reason For Choosing Current Suburb/Town/Locality

LOCATION OF PREVIOUS DWELLING.....

	Melbourne MSR	Balance of Victoria MSR	Total Victoria(b)	Melbourne MSR	Balance of Victoria MSR	Total Victoria(b)
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Accessibility reasons	379.8	144.3	524.4	56.4	61.5	57.0
Work	85.4	33.9	119.3	12.7	14.4	13.0
Family/friends	91.7	44.4	136.1	13.6	18.9	14.8
School/university	37.8	15.6	53.4	5.6	6.6	5.8
Services(c)	30.2	*7.5	37.7	4.5	*3.2	4.1
Lifestyle(d)	100.6	33.1	134.0	14.9	14.1	14.6
Central location	34.1	*9.9	44.0	5.1	*4.2	4.8
Housing reasons	166.8	47.0	214.8	24.7	20.0	23.3
Cost	82.6	16.3	100.0	12.3	7.0	10.9
Allocated housing	16.6	*3.1	19.7	2.5	*1.3	2.1
Moved in with family/friends	52.4	22.1	74.5	7.8	9.4	8.1
Rented/purchased from family/friends	15.2	*5.5	20.7	2.3	*2.3	2.2
Moved with family	22.5	*8.4	30.9	3.3	*3.6	3.4
Attractive neighbourhood	91.4	26.6	118.8	13.6	11.3	12.9
Other main reasons	*9.5	*6.3	16.2	*1.4	*2.7	1.8
Total movers within Victoria(e)	673.9	234.7	919.9	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years.

(b) Total includes Victorians who did not state the location of their previous dwelling.

(c) 'Services' include public transport, shops, doctor, sports ground, etc.

(d) 'Lifestyle' includes attractive geographical features, theatres, cafes and restaurants.

(e) Total includes 'don't know' and 'not stated' responses.

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MOVERS FROM INTERSTATE/OVERSEAS(a), Main Reason For Choosing Current Suburb/Town(b)

LOCATION OF PREVIOUS DWELLING.....

	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Main reason for choosing current suburb/town/locality						
Accessibility reasons(c)	38.0	24.4	62.4	68.8	61.6	65.8
Other main reasons	16.6	15.2	31.8	30.1	38.4	33.6
Total movers from overseas/interstate(d)	55.2	39.6	94.8	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years and whose most recent move was from interstate or overseas.

(b) Includes 'locality' response.

(c) Includes 'close to work', 'near family/friends', 'near services', 'close(r) to work', 'near school/university', 'lifestyle', 'close to attractive geographical features', 'central location' and 'close to public transport' responses.

(d) Total includes 'don't know' response.

DISTANCE MOVED.....

	Less than 5 km	5 to less than 20 km	20 km or more	Total(b)	Less than 5 km	5 to less than 20 km	20 km or more	Total(b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%
Characteristics of home/property	175.7	157.0	91.4	424.9	50.8	44.2	44.0	46.2
Wanted bigger home	53.1	36.5	*13.4	103.7	15.4	10.3	*6.4	11.3
Other characteristics of home/property(c)	101.8	108.2	68.1	278.1	29.4	30.5	32.8	30.2
Only suitable home in the area	20.9	*12.3	*10.0	43.1	6.0	*3.5	*4.8	4.7
Financial/personal reasons	128.2	171.7	94.2	395.8	37.1	48.4	45.3	43.0
Best able to afford	68.5	80.0	43.4	192.6	19.8	22.5	20.9	20.9
Moved in with family/friends	24.3	47.2	27.2	99.7	7.0	13.3	13.1	10.8
Rented/purchased from family/friends	*13.4	16.1	*12.3	41.9	*3.9	4.5	*5.9	4.6
Allocated housing	*9.0	*13.0	*8.5	30.5	*2.6	*3.7	*4.1	3.3
Moved with family	*12.9	15.4	*2.8	31.1	*3.7	4.3	*1.3	3.4
Characteristics of neighbourhood	32.1	19.8	16.9	68.7	9.3	5.6	8.1	7.5
Other main reasons	*8.3	*4.1	*4.6	16.9	*2.4	*1.1	*2.2	1.8
Total movers within Victoria(d)	345.7	355.1	207.8	919.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved within Victoria in the last 3 years.

(b) Total includes Victorians who did not state the distance moved in their most recent move.

(c) Includes 'wanted smaller home' and 'low maintenance home/garden' responses.

(d) Total includes 'don't know' and 'not stated' responses.

LOCATION OF PREVIOUS DWELLING.....

	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Main reason for choosing current dwelling						
Characteristics of home/property(b)	24.3	*13.3	37.7	44.1	*33.7	39.7
Financial/personal reasons(c)	21.9	20.1	42.0	39.6	50.9	44.3
Other main reasons	*8.1	*4.7	*12.8	*14.7	*11.8	*13.5
Yard size						
Considered yard size when choosing house	15.0	*8.8	23.7	27.1	*22.1	25.0
Did not consider yard size when choosing house	39.7	30.1	69.8	71.9	76.1	73.6
Total movers from overseas/interstate(d)	55.2	39.6	94.8	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who have moved in the last 3 years and whose most recent move was from interstate or overseas.

(b) Includes 'wanted bigger home', 'wanted smaller home', 'low maintenance home/garden', 'other characteristics of home/property' and 'only one in area' responses.

(c) Includes 'best able to afford', 'moved in with family/friends', 'rented/purchased from family/friends', 'allocated housing' and 'moved with family' responses.

(d) Total includes 'don't know' and 'not stated' responses.

YEAR OF ARRIVAL.....

	Before 1996 and born in other MES countries(a)	Before 1996 and born in other countries	1996 to 1999	Total	Before 1996 and born in other MES countries(a)	Before 1996 and born in other countries	1996 to 1999	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%
Visited/lived in Australia before migration								
Not applicable	65.0	142.3	—	207.9	100.0	100.0	—	77.8
Had visited or lived in Australia before	—	—	19.6	19.6	—	—	32.8	7.3
Had not visited or lived in Australia before	—	—	38.2	38.2	—	—	63.7	14.3
Visited/lived in Victoria before migration								
Not applicable	65.0	142.3	40.3	247.6	100.0	100.0	67.2	92.7
Had visited or lived in Victoria before	—	—	14.2	14.2	—	—	23.8	5.3
Had not visited or lived in Victoria before	—	—	*5.4	*5.4	—	—	*9.0	*2.0
Main reason for moving								
Housing reasons(b)	39.9	81.9	21.1	142.9	61.4	57.5	35.2	53.5
Employment related reasons	*7.7	17.0	*11.6	36.2	*11.8	11.9	*19.3	13.6
Accessibility reasons(c)	*8.8	18.8	16.1	43.6	*13.6	13.2	26.8	16.3
Other main reasons(d)	*8.6	22.9	*11.2	42.7	*13.2	16.1	*18.7	16.0
Employment prospects								
Considered employment prospects when deciding to move	*7.0	20.7	17.7	45.4	*10.8	14.5	29.5	17.0
Did not consider employment prospects when deciding to move	57.7	119.1	41.9	218.6	88.7	83.7	69.9	81.8
Main reason for choosing current suburb/town/locality								
Housing reasons(e)	*13.0	32.1	*12.7	57.7	*20.0	22.5	*21.1	21.6
Near school/university	*4.0	*4.6	13.5	22.1	*6.1	*3.3	22.6	8.3
Accessibility reasons(f)	40.2	70.2	25.6	136.0	61.8	49.4	42.7	50.9
Other main reasons(g)	*7.1	33.2	*8.2	48.4	*10.9	23.3	*13.6	18.1
Total movers born overseas(h)	65.0	142.3	59.9	267.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Other main English-speaking (MES) countries comprise United Kingdom and Ireland, United States of America, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

(b) Housing reasons include 'buy or build a house/unit/flat', 'bigger home', 'smaller home', 'other characteristics of home/property', 'reduce rent/mortgage' and 'notice given by landlord' responses.

(c) Accessibility reasons include 'be close to family/friends', 'better lifestyle' and 'education' responses.

(d) Other main reasons include 'be independence', 'neighbourhood characteristics', 'get married/live with partner', 'breakdown of marriage/relationship', 'moved with family' and 'other' responses.

(e) Housing reasons include 'moved in with family or friends', 'rented/purchased from family or friends', 'cost' and 'allocated housing' responses.

(f) Accessibility reasons include 'near family/friends', 'near services', 'close(r) to work', 'close to attractive geographical features', 'central location' and 'close to public transport' responses.

(g) Other main reasons include 'attractive neighbourhood', 'moved with family' and 'other' responses.

(h) Total includes some 'don't know' and 'not stated' responses.

YEAR OF ARRIVAL.....

	Before 1996 and born in other MES countries(a)				Before 1996 and born in other MES countries(a)			
	'000	'000	'000	Total '000	%	%	%	Total %
Main reason for choosing current dwelling								
Best able to afford	16.9	35.3	16.0	68.2	26.0	24.8	26.8	25.5
Characteristics of home/property(b)	29.4	65.6	17.3	112.4	45.2	46.1	28.9	42.1
Allocated housing	*2.0	*6.4	*6.3	14.8	*3.1	*4.5	*10.6	5.5
Other main reasons(c)	16.3	33.2	18.8	68.3	25.1	23.4	31.3	25.6
Yard size								
Considered yard size when choosing house	30.0	40.1	*10.2	80.3	46.2	28.2	*17.0	30.0
Did not consider yard size when choosing house	34.3	97.6	49.7	181.6	52.7	68.6	83.0	68.0
Current tenure type								
Owner/purchaser	31.0	80.0	*8.1	119.1	47.6	56.3	*13.5	44.6
Renter	31.5	49.3	45.5	126.2	48.4	34.6	75.9	47.2
Other(d)	*2.6	*13.0	*6.3	21.8	*4.0	*9.1	*10.5	8.2
Likely movers								
Likely to move in next 3 years	24.3	32.8	31.5	88.6	37.3	23.1	52.6	33.2
For housing reasons(e)	*8.4	15.1	*10.9	34.5	*13.0	10.6	*18.3	12.9
For employment reasons	*5.0	*2.5	*5.3	*12.7	*7.7	*1.7	*8.8	*4.8
For other main reasons(f)	*10.8	14.7	14.0	39.5	*16.6	10.3	23.3	14.8
Not likely to move in next 3 years	28.1	80.6	15.0	123.7	43.2	56.7	25.0	46.3
Don't know whether likely to move in next 3 years	*12.7	28.8	*13.4	54.9	*19.5	20.3	*22.4	20.5
Total movers born overseas(g)	65.0	142.3	59.9	267.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Other main English-speaking (MES) countries comprise United Kingdom and Ireland, United States of America, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

(b) Characteristics of home/property includes 'wanted bigger home', 'wanted smaller home', 'low maintenance home/garden' and 'other characteristics of home/property' responses.

(c) Other main reasons include 'characteristics of neighbourhood', 'only one in area', 'moved in with family or friends', 'rented/purchased from family or friends', 'moved with family' and 'other' responses.

(d) Other includes 'rent-free' response.

(e) Housing reasons include 'buy or build a house/unit/flat', 'bigger home', 'smaller home', 'low maintenance home/garden' and 'other characteristics of home/property' responses.

(f) Other main reasons include 'better lifestyle', 'be independent', 'get married/live with partner', 'neighbourhood characteristics', 'be close to family/friends', 'reduce rent/mortgage', 'notice given by landlord', 'education related reasons' and 'other' responses.

(g) Total includes some 'don't know' and 'not stated' responses.

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NON-MOVERS, Household Type

OWNERS/PURCHASERS OF SEPARATE OR SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE.....

	<i>Added extension</i>	<i>Did not add any extension</i>	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>Not applicable(a)</i>	<i>Total non-movers(b)</i>
NUMBER					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Household type					
Couple with children	94.6	760.5	—	326.0	1 183.4
Couple without children	22.6	532.7	—	49.9	605.2
All other households	16.9	377.1	*0.4	318.4	714.5
Total non-movers	134.1	1 670.3	*0.4	694.3	2 503.1
PROPORTION					
	%	%	%	%	%
Household type					
Couple with children	8.0	64.3	—	27.5	100.0
Couple without children	3.7	88.0	—	8.2	100.0
All other households	2.4	52.8	*0.1	44.6	100.0
Total non-movers	5.4	66.7	*0.0	27.7	100.0

(a) Includes all non-movers who were not owners or purchasers of separate houses, town houses, semi-detached, row or terrace houses.

(b) Total includes persons who did not state whether they have had an extension added to the house or not in the last 3 years.

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NON-MOVERS, Selected Characteristics of Non-Movers

CURRENT TENURE TYPE.....

	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Purchaser</i>	<i>Renter(a)</i>	<i>Other(b)</i>	<i>Total(c).....</i>	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Employment status						
Employed	480.9	588.0	118.1	280.5	1 469.1	58.7
Unemployed	14.2	16.7	15.3	34.6	80.8	3.2
Not in the labour force	616.2	143.4	94.3	99.3	953.2	38.1
Current dwelling structure(d)						
Separate house	1 022.3	717.2	131.4	391.7	2 264.4	90.5
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, town house, etc	51.6	17.8	17.3	*12.6	99.3	4.0
Flat/unit/apartment/other dwelling	37.4	*13.1	78.9	*9.0	138.5	5.5
Total non-movers	1 111.3	748.1	227.6	414.3	2 503.1	100.0

(a) 'Renter' also includes 'boarder' response.

(b) 'Other' also includes 'life tenant', 'participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme' and 'rent-free' responses.

(c) Total includes 'not stated' response.

(d) Total includes 'not stated' response.

CURRENT TENURE TYPE.....

	Owner	Purchaser	Renter(b)	Other(c)	Total(d).....	%
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Future tenure type						
Owner	64.0	13.6	*7.5	*2.4	87.5	11.2
Purchaser	42.0	107.2	165.6	59.7	374.5	48.0
Renter(b)	*7.3	*10.4	176.2	72.1	266.0	34.1
Other(c)	*4.2	*3.1	23.4	17.7	48.4	6.2
Current household size/future living arrangement						
Person living alone	14.3	*12.7	52.1	*5.1	84.1	10.8
Will live with others in next home	*2.1	*4.4	13.9	*1.3	21.8	2.8
Will not live with others in next home	*9.4	*4.0	22.6	*1.9	37.9	4.9
Don't know whether will live with others in next home	*2.4	*4.4	15.5	*1.5	23.8	3.1
Multi-person household	103.5	121.7	321.3	149.2	695.7	89.2
Will live with same people in next home	76.5	105.6	207.7	19.3	409.1	52.5
Will live not with same people in next home	20.4	13.8	88.1	125.9	248.2	31.8
Don't know whether will live with same people in next home	*4.3	*1.7	22.5	*1.6	30.0	3.8
When future move likely						
Less than 3 months	15.2	17.9	49.7	14.4	97.2	12.5
3 months to less than 1 year	26.8	33.1	129.2	45.2	234.3	30.0
1 year to less than 3 years	46.1	53.2	110.4	62.7	272.4	34.9
Don't know when, but likely to move within 3 years	29.3	30.3	84.0	29.5	173.2	22.2
Post-school qualifications(d)						
Bachelor degree and higher(e)	20.7	37.6	100.0	22.9	181.2	23.2
Undergraduate diploma/associate diploma	*9.5	*11.8	38.1	14.8	74.3	9.5
Skilled/basic vocational qualifications	26.3	34.2	65.1	17.2	142.7	18.3
Out of scope/not applicable(f)	61.4	50.8	168.3	99.4	379.8	48.7
Likely destination						
Victoria(g)	65.5	78.1	148.9	68.2	360.7	46.3
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	44.6	55.7	108.3	48.6	257.3	33.0
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	20.3	20.2	39.2	17.8	97.5	12.5
Overseas/interstate	*10.7	*11.4	23.8	*7.1	53.0	6.8
Destination not chosen yet	41.3	44.9	200.6	77.9	364.7	46.8
Age group						
18-24 years	*2.3	*4.8	100.3	89.4	196.7	25.2
25-34 years	17.1	48.3	166.1	46.6	278.1	35.7
35-44 years	28.4	48.8	64.3	*9.2	150.6	19.3
45-54 years	25.0	26.6	30.2	*4.1	85.9	11.0
55 years and over	45.0	*5.9	*12.5	*5.1	68.5	8.8
Household type						
Person living alone	14.0	*12.3	50.3	*5.1	81.6	10.5
Married couple only	33.7	27.1	70.6	*3.4	134.8	17.3
Married couple with children	50.0	77.5	87.4	82.9	297.8	38.2
Single parent with children	*9.5	*5.1	27.1	25.9	67.7	8.7
Other households(h)	*10.7	*12.3	137.8	37.1	198.0	25.4
Total likely movers(i)	117.8	134.4	373.3	154.3	779.9	100.0

(a) Persons who are likely to move in the next 3 years.

(b) 'Renter' also includes 'boarder' response.

(c) 'Other' includes 'life tenant', 'participant of rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme' and 'rent-free' responses.

(d) 'Uncodeable/inadequately described' and 'not stated' responses are only included in total.

(e) Includes 'higher degree' and 'postgraduate diploma' responses.

(f) 'Out of scope/not applicable' includes persons who have not completed any tertiary qualification or have no post secondary education.

(g) Includes persons whose likely destination within Victoria was not stated.

(h) 'Other households' includes 'group households' response.

(i) Total includes 'not stated' response.

LOCATION OF CURRENT DWELLING.....

	<i>Melbourne MSR</i>	<i>Balance of Victoria MSR</i>	<i>Total Victoria</i>	<i>Melbourne MSR</i>	<i>Balance of Victoria MSR</i>	<i>Total Victoria</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Housing reasons	304.2	67.6	371.8	50.7	37.6	47.7
Buy or build a house/unit/flat	121.5	29.4	150.9	20.3	16.3	19.4
Bigger home	80.1	18.1	98.3	13.4	10.1	12.6
Other characteristics of home/property(b)	52.9	*11.0	63.8	8.8	*6.1	8.2
Reduce rent/mortgage	20.4	*1.6	22.0	3.4	*0.9	2.8
Notice given by landlord	29.2	*7.6	36.8	4.9	*4.2	4.7
Employment related reasons	43.6	38.9	82.6	7.3	21.6	10.6
Neighbourhood characteristics	26.0	*5.1	31.2	4.3	*2.9	4.0
Accessibility reasons	89.2	35.3	124.4	14.9	19.6	16.0
Family/friends	26.5	14.6	41.1	4.4	8.1	5.3
Better lifestyle	53.0	14.4	67.4	8.8	8.0	8.6
Education	*9.6	*6.3	15.9	*1.6	*3.5	2.0
Life cycle reasons	101.9	19.3	121.1	17.0	10.7	15.5
Intend to move with family	*5.9	*0.7	*6.6	*1.0	*0.4	*0.8
Be independent	63.7	*11.6	75.3	10.6	*6.5	9.7
Get married/live with partner	32.3	*6.9	39.2	5.4	*3.8	5.0
Other main reasons(c)	27.3	*9.7	37.0	4.5	*5.4	4.7
Total likely movers(d)	600.0	179.9	779.9	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Persons who are likely to move in the next 3 years.

(b) Includes 'smaller home' and 'low maintenance home/garden' responses.

(c) Also includes 'travel related reasons' and 'health related reasons' responses.

(d) Total includes 'don't know' or 'not stated' responses.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication summarises the results of a survey on the mobility of the population conducted throughout Victoria during October 1999 as a supplement to the Australia-wide Monthly Population Survey (MPS).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

2 The MPS is based on a multistage sample of private and non-private dwellings. Private dwellings include houses, flats, home units, tents, and any other structures used as private residences at the time of the survey. Non-private dwellings include hotels, caravan parks, hospitals, etc.

3 The sample covers about two-thirds of 1% of the civilian population of Australia and includes about one-half of 1% of Victoria's population. Information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by personal or telephone interviews.

4 The MPS comprises the Labour Force Survey and for most months of the year, an additional supplementary topic. The main emphasis is on the regular collection of specific data on demographic and labour force characteristics of the population and for this reason, this component is usually referred to as the Labour Force Survey. Supplementary surveys are carried out on a wide variety of topics.

5 All persons aged 15 years and over are included in the Labour Force Survey except:

- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- members of the permanent defence forces; and
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEY DESIGN

6 The supplementary survey was conducted using the sample of private dwellings in Victoria that were included in the MPS. This provided a sample of approximately 5,200 dwellings where a full response was obtained. Persons in non-private dwellings were excluded from the supplementary survey. The ARA (any responsible adult) method was used to collect survey information on behalf of the Randomly Selected Person (RSP). Information was collected by either personal or telephone interview of an adult in the household for usual residents aged 18 years and over, excluding visitors.

The RSP was the usual resident in the household who had the next birthday after the date of interview. If two persons had the same birthday, and this date was closest to the date of interview, then the person listed first on the Household Form was selected.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

7 Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between totals and the sums of the component items.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

8 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- 9** Other publications which may be of interest include:
- *ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ)* (Cat. no. 1262.0)
 - *Australia's Aged Population, 1982* (Cat. no. 4109.0)
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 - *Housing Preferences and Intentions, Perth Statistical Division, October 1983* (Cat. no. 8790.5)
 - *Housing Preferences and Intentions, Perth Statistical Division, October 1988* (Cat. no. 8790.5)
 - *Housing Victoria, Victoria, October 1983* (Cat. no. 8790.2)
 - *Public Transport Usage and Migration Patterns, Australian Capital Territory, October 1998* (Cat. no. 1365.8)
 - *Survey of Housing Occupancy and Costs, Australia, August 1980* (Cat. no. 8724.0)

PREVIOUS STATE SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

- 10** Previous Victorian State Supplementary Survey publications have included:
- *Community Participation in Energy Conservation, Victoria, October 1990* (Cat. no. 4120.2)
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 - *Retrenched Workers and Workers Who Accepted Redundancy Packages, Victoria, October 1993* (Cat. no. 6266.2)
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 - *Working Conditions, Victoria, October 1997* (Cat. no. 6358.2)
 - *Work Patterns of Women, Victoria, October 1991* (Cat. no. 6204.2)

ADDITIONAL DATA

- 11** Additional available data for this current survey (Population Mobility 3237.2) include:
- Landlord type: past, present and likely future;
 - Persons paying board to parents;
 - Location of previous dwelling of movers by Labour Force Region (within Victoria) or by state;
 - Whether movers wanted bigger or smaller yards;
 - Current tenure type of non-movers by educational attainment;
 - Destinations of likely movers by Labour Force Region (within Victoria) or by state.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ADDITIONAL DATA *continued*

12 Subject to confidentiality and data quality restrictions, all data items can be cross-classified with persons items available from the monthly Labour Force Survey, such as Labour Force Region, household type and country of birth.

13 The data are available on a fee-for-service basis. For further information about this service, please contact ABS Victoria Statistical Consultancy on 03 9615 7350.

TECHNICAL NOTES

INTRODUCTION

The figures contained in this publication are estimates based on a sample of approximately 5,200 fully responding persons in Victoria in October 1999.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

The estimates provided in this publication may be subject to two types of error: sampling and non-sampling error.

Sampling error

This is the difference which would be expected between the estimate and the corresponding figure that would have been obtained from a collection based on the whole population, using the same questionnaires and procedures. Estimates of sampling error are illustrated below.

Non-sampling error

Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing the data. These errors can occur whether the estimates are derived from a sample or a complete enumeration. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient operating procedures.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, both of the above types of errors must be taken into account.

ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR

One measure of the likely difference which would be expected between the estimate based on a sample and the figure that would have been obtained from a complete collection is the standard error (see table T1).

There are about two chances in three (67%) that an estimate will differ by less than one standard error from that which would have been obtained if all households had been included in the survey. There are about 19 chances in 20 (95%) that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

A standard error expressed as a percentage of the estimate is known as the 'relative standard error'. For example, if an estimate of 15,000 persons (from table T1) has a standard error of 3,550 then the estimate has a relative standard error of $3,550/15,000 \times 100 = 23.7\%$. The relative standard error is a useful measure in that it provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling.

Estimates between zero and 13,443 persons for data have been included in this publication preceded by an asterisk, e.g. *12.7. This is to highlight the need for care in using the data because of the high relative standard error (greater than 25%).

TECHNICAL NOTES *continued*

ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR *continued*

An example of the calculation on use of standard errors is shown in table T1. A population estimate of 15,000 persons (column 1) has a standard error of 3,550 (column 2). Therefore, there are two chances in three that the number which would result if all persons were included in the survey lies in the range 11,450 to 18,550 (one standard error either side of the estimate, column 4). There are 19 chances in 20 that the true number lies in the range 7,900 to 22,100 (two standard errors either side of the estimate, column 5).

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES—Victoria(a)

Size of estimates	SE	RSE	2 chances in 3 that actual population figure will fall in range(b)..		19 chances in 20 that actual population figure will fall in range(b)..	
			'000	'000	'000	'000
0.7	0.7	95.2	0.0	1.4	0.0	2.0
1.0	0.8	82.1	0.2	1.8	0.0	2.6
1.5	1.0	69.1	0.5	2.5	0.0	3.6
2.0	1.2	61.0	0.8	3.2	0.0	4.4
2.5	1.4	55.3	1.1	3.9	0.0	5.3
3.0	1.6	50.9	1.5	4.6	0.0	6.1
3.5	1.7	47.5	1.9	5.2	0.2	6.8
4.0	1.8	44.7	2.2	5.8	0.4	7.6
5.0	2.0	40.3	3.0	7.0	1.0	9.0
7.0	2.4	34.4	4.6	9.4	2.2	11.8
10.0	2.9	28.9	7.1	12.9	4.2	15.8
15.0	3.6	23.7	11.5	18.6	7.9	22.1
20.0	4.1	20.5	15.9	24.1	11.8	28.2
30.0	5.0	16.6	25.0	35.0	20.0	40.0
40.0	5.7	14.3	34.3	45.7	28.6	51.4
50.0	6.4	12.7	43.7	56.4	37.3	62.7
100.0	8.7	8.7	91.3	108.7	82.6	117.4
150.0	10.4	6.9	139.7	160.4	129.3	170.7
200.0	11.7	5.9	188.3	211.7	176.6	223.4
300.0	13.9	4.6	286.1	313.9	272.2	327.8
500.0	17.1	3.4	483.0	517.1	465.9	534.1
1 000.0	22.3	2.2	977.8	1 022.3	955.5	1 044.5

(a) These data have been rounded to the nearest 100.

(b) These data have been calculated using actual figures.

A more detailed explanation of standard errors can be found in the technical notes of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

GLOSSARY

Added extension	Within the last three years, room(s) was/were added to the dwelling outside the previous external walls. Renovations within previous external walls are excluded.
Allocated housing	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ public housing found for financially disadvantaged persons (e.g. refugees, single parents, pensioners, homeless, etc) by government authorities (e.g. Department of Human Services Office of Housing) or agents acting on behalf of government authorities (e.g. Salvation Army). Tenants are charged a reduced or subsidised rent, based on income and circumstances. The housing authority may actually rent the housing from a third party (i.e. they do not own the property themselves); or▪ housing allocated by an education institution (e.g. university) or an employer (e.g. church, bank); or▪ housing allocated by welfare organisations (e.g. community group, church organisation).
Associate Diploma	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 12 or the completion of Year 10 and a pre-requisite certificate course. The duration of study ranges from one to two years full-time study or its equivalent. (Advanced Certificates, Technician Certificates and Certificates of Technology are included in this level as they have broadly the same theoretical orientation as associate diploma).
Attractive geographical features	Close to pleasant physical features such as beaches, mountains, trees, rural living, rainforests or other environmentally desirable features.
Attractive neighbourhood	Includes neighbourhoods which: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ have less noise/pollution; or▪ are safer areas; or▪ have attractive tree-lined streets and/or period housing; or▪ the person just liked.
Bachelor Degree	The entry requirement is the satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study ranges from three to six years full-time study or its equivalent.
Basic Vocational Qualifications	Often require Year 10 completion. However many courses have no formal entry requirements. The duration of study ranges from one semester to one year of full-time study or its equivalent.
Be close to family/friends	Applies to the main reason that the person decided to move from the previous home. Includes persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ wanted to live within easy access of parents, other family members or friends; or▪ moved to care for child or other relative; or▪ previously lived in an area too far from relatives/friends.
Be close to family/friends	Applies to the main reason that the person is likely to move in next three years. Includes persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ want to live within easy access of parents, other family members or friends; or▪ will move to care for child or other relative; or▪ currently live in an area too far from relatives/friends.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Be independent	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ moving to a situation where no longer sharing; or▪ moving out of home to have control over own life.
Best able to afford	Only home that could be afforded.
Better employment prospects	Includes persons who were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ on contract from overseas or interstate working here on a temporary basis; or▪ looking for a job and wanted to move to area close to opportunities to gain employment; or▪ wanting greater opportunities to gain superior job or promotion; or▪ wanting to move to a job growth area that provided opportunities in own or spouse's field of expertise; or▪ offered job or promotion; or▪ re-deployed or transferred in job.
Better lifestyle	Applies to both the main reason that the person decided to move from the previous home and the main reason likely to move in the next three years. Includes moving to be closer to : <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ amenities such as restaurants, nightspots, theatres and cultural venues; or▪ an area that may be perceived as having a more youthful lifestyle; or▪ beaches, mountains, rural living, rainforests or other environmentally desirable places of living.
Breakdown of marriage/ relationship	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ escaping a domestic violence situation; or▪ breakdown of relationship between parents and children.
Central location	Close to the central business district (CBD) or city centre.
Close(r) to work	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ closer to potential work; or▪ closer to spouse's work.
Cost	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ cheaper housing; or▪ capital gain opportunity; or▪ more affordable housing.
Current home	Includes a house demolished and rebuilt on the same block of land.
Education	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ moving to be close to education facility or school for own children's or other family members' education; or▪ completing education, i.e. returning home or to home town/suburb after education experience. Excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ completing education and moving to a new area to start a job or be in an area with employment opportunities.



Employed Persons aged 18 years and over who, during the reference week:

- worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or
- worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family worker); or
- were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business, or farm, but were not at work.

Employment related reasons Includes moving to:

- be closer to work; or
- be close to opportunities to gain employment; or
- change employment; or
- start a new job; or
- accept re-deployment or transfer in job; or
- take a promotion; or
- gain a superior or better job; or
- improve spouse's employment opportunities.

Higher Degree Includes doctorates and masters degrees. The minimum entry requirements are usually a masters degree or first class honours for a doctorate and first class honours for a masters degree. The duration of study is a minimum of two to four years for a doctorate and two years full-time or equivalent for a masters degree.

Household A group of people who live together (in a single dwelling) as a single unit in the sense that they have common housekeeping arrangements, such as common provision for food and other essentials of living.

Lifestyle Includes choosing a locality which:

- has proximity to amenities such as restaurants, nightspots, theatres and cultural venues; or
- may be perceived as having a more youthful lifestyle; or
- is closer to beaches, mountains, rural living, rainforests or other environmentally desirable places of living.

Likely movers Persons with definite plans to move in the next three years. Persons who were unsure about their intentions were treated as not likely to move.

Low maintenance home/garden Includes current home is high maintenance (e.g. because of wood construction or age).

Moved in with family/friends Selected person moved into a dwelling already occupied by relatives or by friends (family includes extended family such as uncles, cousins, etc.) includes:

- an adult child moving back to parents' home; or
- moving in to care for a child or other relative.

Moved with family Adult child or dependent of family who moved with rest of family to new location and had no other independent reason for the move.



Movers	Persons who moved in the last three years (between 12 October 1996 and 11 October 1999) within Victoria, from interstate or overseas. Includes persons who have moved from one flat to another in the same building.
Near family/friends	Persons wanting to live within easy access of parents, other family members or friends, but in a separate dwelling.
Near services	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ close(r) to community services (e.g. shops, sports ground, etc.); or ▪ close(r) to medical services (e.g. doctor, etc.); or ▪ close(r) to public transport.
Neighbourhood characteristics	Includes situation where the previous area was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ not safe and/or suffered vandalism and high rates of burglary; or ▪ dirty and noisy (poor physical environment); or ▪ subject to heavy traffic; or ▪ had poor or no public transport.
Notice given by landlord	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ landlord giving tenants notice to move at the expiry of lease, forcing them to move; or ▪ house being sold by landlord and tenants being given notice to move; or ▪ landlord returning from overseas to repossess the house; or ▪ house burning down. <p>Excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the simple expiry of a lease.
Other main reason for choosing current dwelling	Includes only home in area where landlord would allow pets to be kept.
Other characteristics of home/property	Applies to the main reason that the person decided to move from their previous home. <p>Includes situations where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ previous yard was too big, too small or there was no yard; or ▪ previous dwelling was high maintenance (e.g. because of wood construction or age); or ▪ previous dwelling was in poor position (e.g. close to a main road or person wanted a better view); or ▪ person did not like the style or design of the previous home; or ▪ person needed a place with easier access (e.g. flatter terrain, no stairs) for elderly or disabled person; or ▪ person responded with 'did not like previous home', with no further elaboration.
Other characteristics of home/property	Applies to the main reason that the person chose this particular house/flat/unit. <p>Includes choices made because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ property has good position and/or views; or ▪ property provides more privacy; or ▪ larger acreage to enables household to keep horses or other recreational animals; ▪ person wanted a bigger yard; or ▪ person liked the architectural style or design of the home; or ▪ person liked the heritage and period qualities of the dwelling; or ▪ person responded with 'liked the home', with no further elaboration.

Other characteristics of home/ property	Applies to the main reason that the person is likely to move in next three years. Includes persons who : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ consider the current yard is too big or too small, or there is no yard; or ▪ do not like the style or design of the current home; or ▪ need a place with easier access (e.g. flatter terrain, no stairs) for elderly or disabled person; or ▪ think the current dwelling is in a poor position (e.g. close to a main road or lacking a view); or ▪ responded with 'do not like current home', with no further elaboration.
Renovations	Undertaken within existing walls (i.e. no extension or rooms added) were not treated as extensions.
Rented from family/friends	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ person moving into home because a relative or friend owns the home, probably providing a reduced rent. The relative or friend would not be residing in this dwelling; or ▪ person living rent-free in home owned by relative or friend. The relative or friend may be away temporarily on extended holiday or job contract/transfer and may be intending to return.
Postgraduate Diploma	Includes Graduate Certificates. The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of a bachelor degree or an undergraduate diploma. The duration of study ranges from six months (for a Graduate Certificate) to one year full-time study or its equivalent.
Reduce mortgage/rent	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ persons finding mortgage/rent too expensive and deciding to relocate to cheaper home; or ▪ persons unable to afford to stay in dwelling because of mortgage/rent increase; or ▪ persons unable to afford mortgage/rent because of reduction or loss of income due to job loss, etc.
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, town house, etc	Includes villa units, duplexes, triplexes, etc.
Separate houses	Houses are separated from other dwellings by at least half a metre. 'Granny flats' are included in 'flats or apartments'.
Skilled Vocational Qualifications	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 10 or its equivalent. In addition, some courses may require a student to be concurrently employed in that specific field. The duration of study is two to four years, and typically involves some on-the-job training.
Undergraduate Diploma	The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study is three years full-time study or its equivalent. (Certain other qualifications are classified to this level on the basis that their entry requirement, duration of study and theoretical orientation are regarded as being equivalent to those of undergraduate diplomas, for example, Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing).
Usual residents	All persons who usually live in the household (i.e. excludes visitors).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA DISSEMINATION REGIONS

EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1997

MELBOURNE MAJOR STATISTICAL REGION

Outer Western Melbourne SR

Brimbank (C)
Hobsons Bay (C)
Maribyrnong (C)
Melton (S)
Moonee Valley (C)
Wyndham (C)

North Western Melbourne SR

Hume (C)
Moreland (C)

Inner Melbourne SR

Melbourne (C)
Port Phillip (C)
Stonnington (C) — Prahran (SLA)
Yarra (C)

North Eastern Melbourne SR

Banyule (C)
Darebin (C)
Nillumbik (S)
Whittlesea (C)

Inner Eastern Melbourne SR

Boroondara (C)
Manningham (C)
Monash (C)
Whitehorse (C)

Southern Melbourne SR

Bayside (C)
Glen Eira (C)
Kingston (C)
Stonnington (C) — Malvern (SLA)

Outer Eastern Melbourne SR

Knox (C)
Maroondah (C)
Yarra Ranges (S) — Part A (SSD)

South Eastern Melbourne SR

Cardinia (S)
Casey (C)
Greater Dandenong (C)

Mornington Peninsula SR

Frankston (C)
Mornington Peninsula (S)

BALANCE OF VICTORIA MAJOR STATISTICAL REGION

Barwon–Western District SR

Colac–Otway (S)
Corangamite (S)
Gleneilg (S)
Golden Plains (S)
Greater Geelong (C)
Moyne (S)
Queenscliffe (B)
Southern Grampians (S)
Surf Coast (S)
Warrnambool (C)
Lady Julia Percy Island

Central Highlands–Wimmera SR

Ararat (RC)
Ballarat (C)
Hepburn (S)
Hindmarsh (S)
Horsham (RC)
Moorabool (S)
Northern Grampians (S)
Pyrenees (S)
West Wimmera (S)
Yarriambiack (S)

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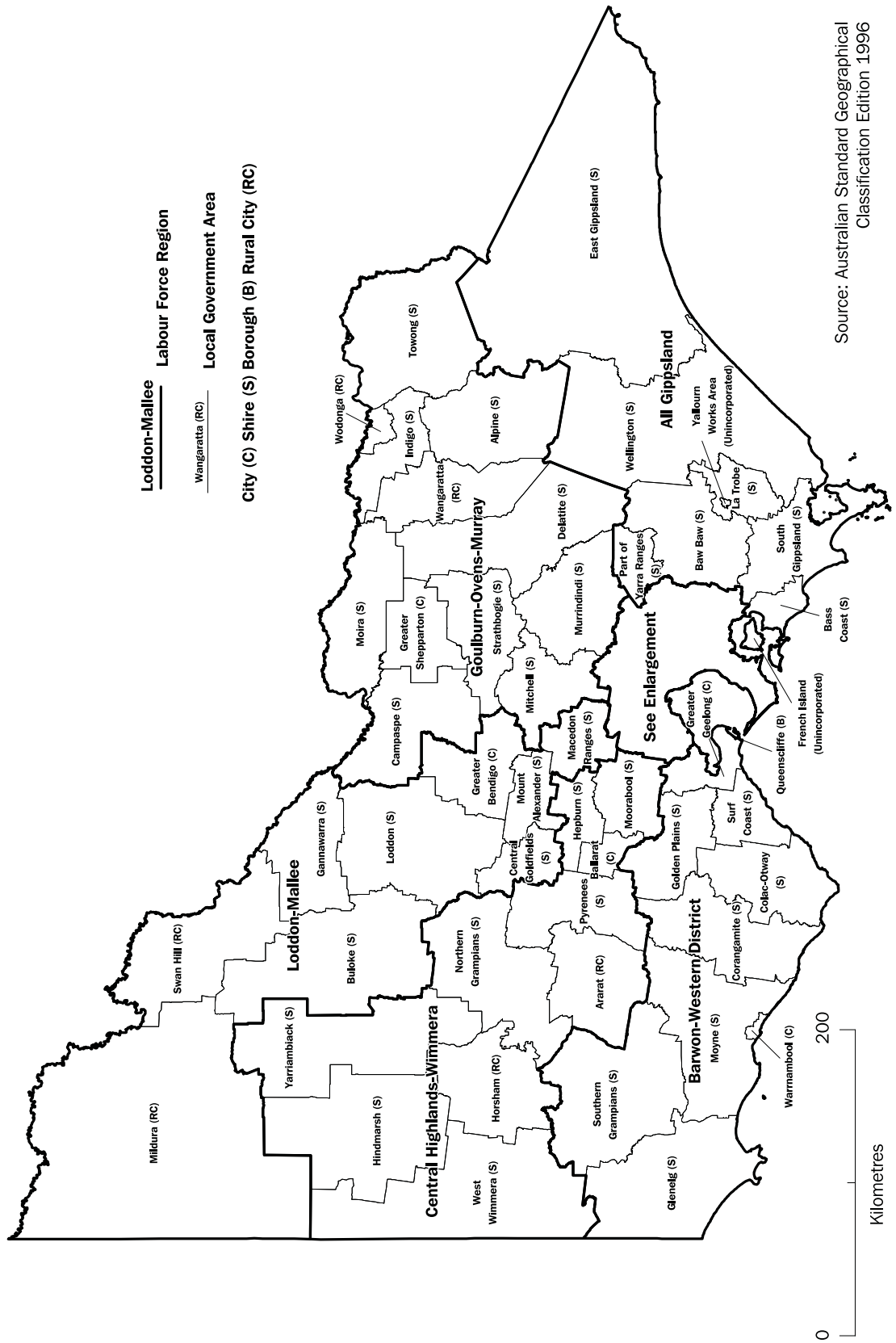
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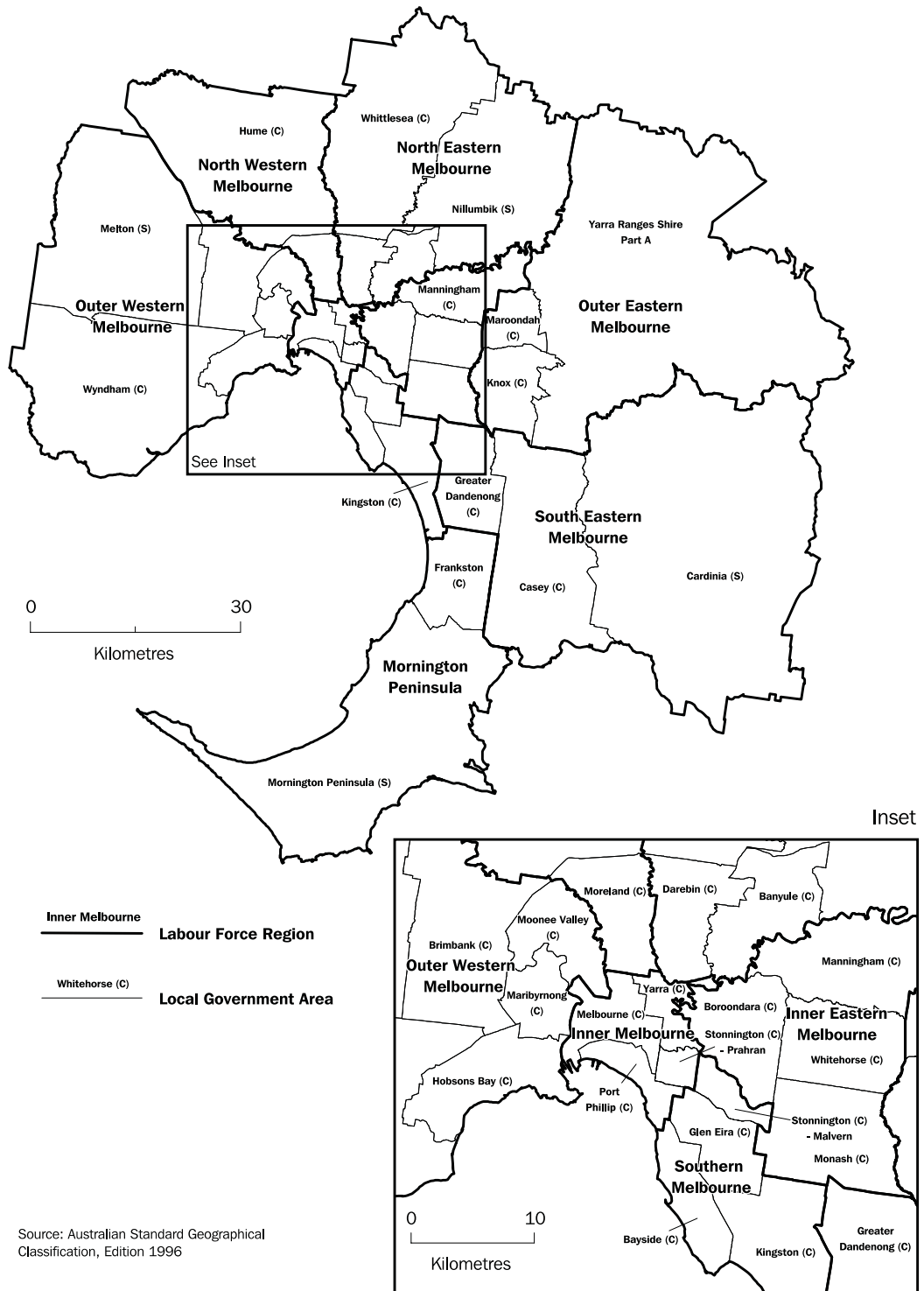
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