

## POPULATION.

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale (afterwards the first Colonial Secretary of Victoria), the first enumeration of the people of this State was made within a year after the arrival of Batman (29th May, 1835) by an officer from Sydney, George Stewart, Esq., who came in the revenue cutter *Prince George*, with orders from His Excellency Sir Richard Bourke to report upon the state of things in the new district. It was then found (25th May, 1836) that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females, or, in all, 177 residents of European origin. This was the first official census of what was at that time known as Port Phillip. The settlers came from Tasmania and New South Wales. The second enumeration was made on the 8th November of the same year (1836) by order of Captain Lonsdale, who on the 29th of the previous September arrived in H.M.S. *Rattlesnake* (Captain Hobson), which anchored in that part of the port now called Hobson's Bay. Captain Lonsdale had been appointed police magistrate, with instructions to take general charge of the district. On the 5th October the *Stirlingshire* (brig) arrived with the remainder of the Government establishment, consisting of a detachment of Captain Lonsdale's regiment (the 4th), a principal officer of Customs, three surveyors, an officer in charge of commissariat stores, a small number of Crown prisoners for public service, and three constables. Notwithstanding these additions to the population, the census of the following month showed an increase of 47 persons only—making a total of 224 persons (186 males and 38 females). The third census was taken nearly two years after, in September, 1838, when it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511, and at the end of 1840 it was estimated that the Port Phillip district contained 10,291 persons.

During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population doubled itself, owing principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and good progress continued to be made to the end of 1850, when the community numbered 76,162 persons. The discovery of gold in 1851, however, was the greatest factor in populating Victoria. When the discoveries were announced diggers came in thousands from New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, and later on crowds of emigrants from the United Kingdom and other European countries joined in the rush. America contributed its quota, too, even Californians leaving their own gold-bearing country to try their fortunes in Australia. Some idea of this influx may be gathered from the official figures, which show that the population numbered 463,135 at the end of 1857, or more than six times that of 1850. During the decade 1861 to 1870, the population increased by 188,752, all but 39,000 of which was due to the excess of births over deaths. In the next decennial period, 1871 to 1880, there was an increase of 133,468, but this would have been nearly 13,000 greater if the arrivals in had equalled the departures from the colony. Between 1881 and 1890 an addition of 272,000 was made to the population, about 112,000 being due to immigration. The latter portion of this decennium is known as the "boom period," when land values were highly inflated, wages and prices were exceptionally high, and expenditure by the Government and the people generally was conducted in a most lavish manner. The inevitable reaction followed, and this is reflected in the records, the net migration from the State during the ten years following 1890 amounting to 109,000 persons, the increase of 64,000 in the total population being accounted for by the fact that the births exceeded the deaths by 173,000. Most of these emigrants left for Western Australia, where gold had been discovered in large quantities. In 1902-3 a year of unexampled drought was experienced, which was felt severely by this as well as all the other Eastern States. From 1903 to 1913 the seasons were usually good, with the result that employment was plentiful and that the State was not only able to retain its own people, but also to attract others from outside in increasing numbers. In the year 1914 there was a severe drought, and the outbreak of war led to the despatch of a large number of men to places outside Australia. The increase in population was therefore retarded in that year. Although there was a

record harvest in 1915 there was a decrease of population during the year on account of the departure of soldiers for the front. The sub-joined table gives a statement of the population in various years from 1836 to 1915:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1836 TO 1915.

Year.	Estimated Population, 31st December.			Estimated Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1836 (25th May) ...	142	35	177	} 200
1836 (8th Novr.) ...	186	38	224	
1840 ... ..	7,254	3,037	10,291	8,056
1850 ... ..	45,495	30,667	76,162	71,191
1855 ... ..	234,450	129,374	364,324	333,315
1860 ... ..	328,251	209,596	537,847	534,055
1870 ... ..	398,755	327,844	726,599	713,195
1880 ... ..	451,456	408,611	860,067	856,348
1890 ... ..	596,064	537,202	1,133,266	1,118,500
1900 ... ..	602,487	594,719	1,197,206	1,193,338
1901 ... ..	610,005	602,608	1,212,613	1,204,909
1902 ... ..	609,246	606,594	1,215,840	1,214,226
1903 ... ..	607,092	608,110	1,215,202	1,215,521
1904 ... ..	607,285	611,323	1,218,608	1,216,905
1905 ... ..	612,488	616,497	1,228,985	1,223,796
1906 ... ..	620,125	624,349	1,244,474	1,236,729
1907 ... ..	627,631	632,837	1,260,468	1,252,471
1908 ... ..	633,104	637,993	1,271,097	1,265,782
1909 ... ..	643,642	647,377	1,291,019	1,281,058
1910 ... ..	652,285	655,826	1,308,111	1,299,565
1911 ... ..	668,759	670,343	1,339,102	1,320,374
1912 ... ..	689,825	690,736	1,380,561	1,356,387
1913 ... ..	706,948	705,171	1,412,119	1,393,180
1914 ... ..	712,594	718,073	1,430,667	1,423,513
1915 ... ..	692,275	725,526	1,417,801	1,426,086

The figures showing population and migration from the date of the census in 1911 have been revised, and the estimates published by the Commonwealth Statistician and State Statistician are now in agreement. The particulars relating to overland migration for 1911 and 1912 have been recast by the Commonwealth Statistician, and since the beginning of 1913 a systematic count has been made of the passengers who travel by rail between the States of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia.

The decrease of population in 1915 of 12,866 persons was more than accounted for by the departure of soldiers to take part in the war—no fewer than 36,801 having left Victoria for that purpose in the year. Another factor which has contributed to the decrease is the great decline in State-assisted immigration which has occurred since the outbreak of war. Whilst the struggle continues there is no probability of any material increase in the population of the State from this source. The rates of increase in population in different years are given on page 229.

The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during 1915 are shown in the following table:—

## ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 31ST DECEMBER, 1915.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1914 .. ..	..	..	712,594	718,073	1,430,667
Births, 1915 .. ..	17,820	17,189			
Deaths, 1915 .. ..	8,860	6,963			
Natural Increase .. ..	..	..	8,960	10,226	19,186
Migration by Sea, 1915*—					
Arrivals .. ..	56,268	35,008			
Departures (as adjusted)	85,674	34,392			
Loss Seawards .. ..	..	..	29,406	+ 616	28,790
Migration by Land, 1915—					
Arrivals .. ..	130,462	51,399			
Departures (as adjusted)	130,335	54,788			
Loss Overland .. ..	..	..	+127	3,389	3,262
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1915 .. ..	..	..	692,275	725,526	1,417,801
Full-blooded aborigines at the date of the 1911 Census not included in the estimate .. ..	..	..	103	93	196

\* Including 5,295 members of the Australian Expeditionary Force who arrived in and 36,801 who departed from Victoria during the year 1915.

The population of Victoria on 5th April, 1891, when the census of that year was taken, was 1,140,405. The table which follows shows the increase of population by excess of births over deaths, and the loss by emigration since that date:—

**INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS; AND LOSS BY EMIGRATION, 1891 TO 1915.**

Year.	Natural Increase (i.e., Excess of Births over Deaths).	Loss by Emigration.	Net Increase.
1891 (from 5th April, Census) ..	15,859	+ 1,414	17,273
1892 .. .. .	21,980	11,058	10,922
1893 .. .. .	20,044	12,484	7,560
1894 .. .. .	18,828	12,698	6,130
1895 .. .. .	18,070	14,410	3,660
1896 .. .. .	16,464	22,134	- 5,670
1897 .. .. .	16,184	13,754	2,430
1898 .. .. .	11,477	11,127	350
1899 .. .. .	14,430	8,020	6,410
1900 .. .. .	15,564	7,828	7,736
1901 (to 31st March, Census) ..	3,613	+ 251	3,864
<b>Total Intercensal period (10 years)..</b>	<b>172,513</b>	<b>111,848</b>	<b>60,665</b>
1901 (from 1st April) .. .. .	11,491	+ 52	11,543
1902 .. .. .	14,284	11,057	3,227
1903 .. .. .	13,974	14,612	- 638
1904 .. .. .	15,370	11,964	3,406
1905 .. .. .	15,431	5,054	10,377
1906 .. .. .	15,607	118	15,489
1907 .. .. .	16,827	833	15,994
1908 .. .. .	15,334	4,705	10,629
1909 .. .. .	17,113	+ 2,809	19,922
1910 .. .. .	16,701	+ 391	17,092
1911 (to 2nd April, Census) ..	4,689	+ 2,751	7,440
<b>Total Intercensal period (10 years)..</b>	<b>156,821</b>	<b>42,340</b>	<b>114,481</b>
1911 (from 3rd April) .. .. .	13,121	+ 10,430	23,551
1912 .. .. .	19,207	+ 22,252	41,459
1913 .. .. .	20,496	+ 11,062	31,558
1914 .. .. .	19,719	1,171	18,548
1915 .. .. .	19,186	32,052	- 12,866
<b>Total (24½ years) .. .. .</b>	<b>421,063</b>	<b>143,667</b>	<b>277,396</b>

NOTE.—The plus sign (+) indicates that the arrivals in exceeded the departures from the State by the number against which it is placed.

It will be seen that Victoria has since 1891 suffered a serious loss by emigration. The State which has been by far the greatest gainer is Western Australia. The subjoined table shows to what a large extent that State gained from Victoria from 1891 (the year when gold was first discovered there in large quantities) to the close of 1915. The total gain recorded to the Western State is 82,719.

RECORDED MIGRATION TO AND FROM WESTERN-  
AUSTRALIA, 1891 TO 1915.

Year.	Arrivals from.	Departures to.	Excess of Departures.
1891 .. .. .	344	2,304	1,960
1892 .. .. .	632	2,346	1,714
1893 .. .. .	1,922	4,177	2,255
1894 .. .. .	6,545	16,690	10,145
1895 .. .. .	6,344	17,471	11,127
1896 .. .. .	12,951	37,448	24,497
1897 .. .. .	20,580	31,775	11,195
1898 .. .. .	21,687	22,504	817
1899 .. .. .	12,403	12,299	- 104
1900 .. .. .	10,638	13,576	2,938
1901 .. .. .	11,371	16,704	5,333
1902 .. .. .	10,550	18,608	8,058
1903 .. .. .	7,986	12,954	4,968
1904 .. .. .	7,882	12,819	4,937
1905 .. .. .	8,936	10,737	1,801
1906 .. .. .	10,159	8,714	- 1,445
1907 .. .. .	10,389	7,623	- 2,766
1908 .. .. .	8,729	8,133	- 596
1909 .. .. .	7,593	7,320	- 273
1910 .. .. .	8,256	8,553	297
1911 .. .. .	9,956	9,844	- 112
1912 .. .. .	10,326	9,134	- 1,192
1913 .. .. .	9,176	9,263	87
1914 .. .. .	9,573	8,267	- 1,306
1915 .. .. .	8,235	[6,719	- 1,516
Total .. .. .	233,163	315,892	82,719

The arrivals and departures cannot all be taken to represent Victorians, as passengers from the Eastern States calling at Victorian ports on the way to the Western State were, up to 31st December, 1902, included. A very large number of Victorians must, however, have emigrated to Western Australia, as the census returns of that State on 2nd April, 1911, disclosed the fact that there were then no fewer than 54,613 natives of Victoria living there. Victoria had a greater gold-mining population to draw upon than any of the other States, and it so happened that the mining industry in this State was dull at a time when that of Western Australia was flourishing.

There was a large migration between South Africa and Victoria for some years, which, during the period 1895-1903, resulted in a loss to Victoria of 10,002 of her population. During the five years ended 1908 and in 1913 and 1914 this State gained from South Africa, but in the four years 1909 to 1912 and in 1915 there was a loss to that colony. Details of migration to and from South Africa are given in the *Year-Book* for 1910-11.

The following table shows the total migration by sea to and from Victoria during the five years 1911 to 1915 :—

### RECORDED IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA, 1911 TO 1915.

Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants.
1911 .. ..	106,349	93,246	13,103
1912 .. ..	124,527	99,933	24,594
1913 .. ..	114,586	101,718	12,868
1914 .. ..	109,149	99,043*	10,106
1915 .. ..	85,977*	82,189*	3,788

\* Exclusive of members of the Australian Expeditionary Force.

The Inter-State railway passenger traffic is also taken into account in framing estimates of population, and the effect of this traffic during the past five years is shown in the following return :—

### RECORDED MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1911 TO 1915.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1911 ..	97,955	47,027	144,982	90,935	45,160	136,095	7,020	1,867	8,887
1912 ..	100,153	52,036	152,189	100,326	52,042	152,368	- 173	- 6	- 179
1913 ..	132,718	53,778	186,496	130,536	55,486	186,022	2,182	- 1,708	474
1914 ..	139,694	56,608	196,302	132,873	57,135	190,008	6,821	- 527	6,294
1915 ..	130,462	51,399	181,861	129,835	54,788	184,623	627	- 3,389	- 2,762
Total	600,982	260,848	861,830	584,505	264,611	849,116	16,477	- 3,763	12,714

In 1915 Victoria gained by rail 2,403 persons from South Australia, but lost 5,165 to New South Wales.

Gain by immigration from various countries and vice versa.

The net result of the recorded immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria and the neighbouring States, the United Kingdom, and foreign countries (exclusive of soldiers) during each of the five years ended 1915 is shown in the following table. Where a minus sign (—) appears, it indicates that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed:—

RECORDED NET IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA BY SEA,  
1911 TO 1915.

Year.	Excess of Immigration over Emigration between Victoria and—										Net Immigration.	
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.	Other British Dominions.	United States.		Other Foreign Ports.
1911	- 1,462	- 469	- 714	112	5,481	595	- 432	8,516	304	68	1,154	13,108
1912	- 765	- 535	- 420	1,192	2,587	287	- 6	19,549	193	85	2,489	24,594
1913	- 1,962	- 1,506	205	- 87	605	- 791	321	14,453	570	59	1,001	12,868
1914	- 2,923	- 1,707	635	1,306	4,657	- 230	264	7,548	56	6	494	10,106
1915	- 1,600	- 835	125	1,516	4,533	- 475	- 23	953	- 251	- 49	- 56	3,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 8,712</b>	<b>- 5,102</b>	<b>- 169</b>	<b>4,039</b>	<b>17,813</b>	<b>- 614</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>51,019</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>5,082</b>	<b>64,459</b>

The net result of the seaward migration for the five years has been an increase to Victoria of 64,459 persons, the principal gains being from the United Kingdom, Tasmania, Foreign Ports and Western Australia; New South Wales and Queensland, on the other hand, have attracted persons from this State during that period.



The number of persons who have been assisted to come to Victoria from the foundation of the State to the end of 1915 will be found in the following table :—

STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA TO THE END OF 1915.

Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.	Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.
1838-50 ...	28,632	1906 ...	...
1851-60 ...	87,963	1907 ...	127
1861-70 ...	46,594	1908 ...	360
1871-80 ...	5,545	1909 ...	652
1881-90 ...	2	1910 ...	1,690
1891-00 ...	...	1911 ...	6,776
1901 ...	...	1912 ...	15,119
1902 ...	...	1913 ...	12,146
1903 ...	...	1914 ...	7,496
1904 ...	...	1915 ...	1,724
1905 ...	...	Total ...	214,826

In 1915 the nominated immigrants numbered 747, and the assisted 977. Of the former 228, and of the latter 175, were married persons. The sex distribution of the State-assisted immigrants was—males 604, and females 1,120.

Upon the outbreak of war at the beginning of August of 1914 instructions were issued by the Victorian Government that no men should be accepted for assisted passages by its representatives in England who were within the limits of the recruiting ages. Partly for this reason and partly because of the existence of prosperous conditions in Great Britain in 1914 and 1915 the total number of assisted immigrants to Victoria has fallen off, and no improvement can be hoped for until settled conditions again prevail.

A statement of the arrangements which have been made for assisting immigrants to come to Victoria is given in a later portion of this volume under the heading "Immigration, Intelligence, and Labour Bureau."

## CENSUS OF 1911.

The populations, enumerated in each county of the State at the Censuses of 1901 and 1911, are given in the following statement, and the increases or decreases are shown:—

POPULATION OF COUNTIES IN VICTORIA,  
1901 AND 1911.

County.	Enumerated Population in—						Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1911 compared with 1901.					
	1901.			1911.			Males.	Females.	Total.			
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.						
Angleses ..	4,788	4,249	9,032	4,772	4,180	8,952	—	11	—	69	—	80
Benambra ..	4,006	3,068	7,074	3,625	2,957	6,582	—	381	—	111	—	492
Bendigo ..	28,896	29,164	58,060	26,771	27,729	54,500	—	2,125	—	1,435	—	3,560
Bogong ..	17,019	12,466	30,485	14,681	13,224	27,905	—	2,338	—	242	—	3,580
Borong ..	15,864	14,856	30,720	16,289	14,562	30,851	+	425	—	294	+	131
Bourke ..	248,387	274,546	522,933	295,309	327,502	622,811	+	46,922	+	52,956	+	99,878
Burn Burn ..	18,608	16,122	34,730	22,283	18,774	41,057	+	3,675	+	3,652	+	7,327
Croajingo- long ..	1,271	876	2,147	1,510	1,190	2,700	+	239	+	314	+	553
Dalhousie ..	10,562	9,826	20,388	8,917	8,724	17,641	+	1,635	+	1,102	+	2,737
Dargo ..	3,445	2,484	5,929	3,077	2,441	5,518	+	368	+	7	+	361
Delatite ..	10,967	9,587	20,554	11,491	10,574	22,065	+	524	+	927	+	1,521
Dundas ..	4,460	4,381	8,841	5,298	5,152	10,450	+	848	+	771	+	1,619
Evelyn ..	7,448	6,075	13,518	9,026	8,265	17,291	+	1,583	+	2,190	+	3,773
Follett ..	1,359	1,356	2,715	1,372	1,339	2,711	+	13	—	17	—	4
Gladstone ..	9,526	8,415	17,953	8,752	7,961	16,713	+	789	—	454	—	1,240
Grant ..	34,877	36,157	71,034	34,991	36,486	71,477	+	114	+	329	+	443
Granville ..	23,730	24,416	48,146	20,503	22,567	43,070	+	3,227	+	1,849	+	5,076
Grampower ..	4,383	3,334	8,107	5,083	4,181	9,264	+	750	+	347	+	2,571
Hampden ..	5,375	4,949	10,324	6,707	6,188	12,895	+	1,332	+	1,239	+	2,571
Heytesbury ..	3,912	3,043	6,955	3,703	3,208	6,911	+	292	—	210	—	503
Kara Kara ..	8,673	7,758	16,431	8,265	7,274	15,539	+	408	—	484	—	892
Karkaroc ..	5,551	3,852	9,403	9,618	6,562	16,180	+	4,037	+	2,710	+	6,747
Lowan ..	7,327	6,863	14,190	7,082	6,281	13,313	+	245	—	632	—	877
Millewa ..	68	44	112	56	28	84	—	12	—	16	—	29
Moira ..	18,515	16,148	34,663	16,814	15,028	31,842	+	1,701	+	1,120	+	3,821
Mornington ..	12,174	12,385	24,559	19,084	18,279	35,313	+	4,360	+	3,894	+	8,754
Normanby ..	6,031	5,837	11,868	5,900	6,007	11,907	+	131	—	170	—	39
Redwarta ..	3,932	3,733	7,665	7,367	6,533	13,900	+	1,435	+	1,860	+	3,255
Ripon ..	6,941	5,748	12,689	7,464	6,448	13,912	+	523	+	700	+	1,223
Rushey ..	16,225	13,225	29,450	16,239	13,989	29,438	+	64	—	264	—	348
Talbot ..	29,390	28,008	57,398	23,567	24,364	47,931	+	5,823	+	3,644	+	9,407
Tamba ..	3,523	1,325	4,848	1,650	1,329	2,979	+	327	+	264	+	391
Tanjil ..	10,484	9,626	20,110	10,130	9,562	19,692	+	354	—	64	—	418
Taschena ..	4,383	3,622	8,005	6,318	4,516	10,837	+	1,435	+	827	+	2,262
Villiers ..	11,032	10,993	22,025	11,430	11,297	22,727	+	398	—	304	—	702
Weeah ..	319	141	460	1,255	697	1,952	+	1,036	+	556	+	1,592
Wonnan- gatta ..	1,356	915	2,271	998	732	1,731	—	358	—	182	—	540
Migratory (County not speci- fied) ..	1,096	729	1,825	..	..	..	—	1,096	—	729	—	1,825
Outside Counties ..	2,067	214	2,281	3,082	723	4,805	+	2,015	+	509	+	2,524
Shipping ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	608,868	597,456	1,206,324	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	+	51,798	+	62,502	+	114,270

NOTE.—Full-blooded aborigines, to the number of 271 in 1901, are included in the foregoing statement, but those enumerated in 1911, viz., 196, are excluded.

Decreases of population are shown in 16 of the 37 counties during the ten years 1901-1911. The largest of these are in the counties of Talbot, Grenville, Bendigo, Dalhousie, Bogong, and Gladstone, where the mining industry has not been so prosperous as in former years. The north-eastern county of Moira, which is principally dependent on agriculture, also shows a decline of about 8 per cent. The county of Bourke, which includes the metropolis, contained nearly 100,000 more people at the later census than at the earlier one. There were also large increases in the counties of Mornington and Buln Buln, and in the mallee county of Karkaroc.

Ages of the people.

The following table shows the ages of the people in the three census years 1891, 1901, and 1911 :—

AGES OF THE PEOPLE AT CENSUSES, 1891, 1901, AND 1911.

Age Group (Years).	1891.		1901.		1911.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
0-5 ..	75,229	73,505	66,807	65,179	73,061	70,417
5-10 ..	64,999	63,251	72,052	70,493	65,615	63,904
10-15 ..	58,536	57,528	67,389	66,640	63,586	62,523
15-20 ..	56,889	57,560	58,896	59,717	67,804	67,719
20-25 ..	63,356	62,185	50,593	57,632	61,895	65,217
25-30 ..	62,910	54,999	45,469	52,832	51,955	56,651
30-35 ..	47,632	39,667	46,635	48,156	44,928	48,004
35-40 ..	31,672	26,398	46,723	43,390	41,308	44,549
40-45 ..	23,924	21,332	37,118	33,551	42,512	42,480
45-50 ..	22,007	19,567	24,137	21,810	41,015	38,477
50-55 ..	22,676	19,290	19,348	17,601	31,866	29,420
55-60 ..	22,135	16,132	15,351	15,157	19,486	18,457
60-65 ..	20,091	12,847	14,979	14,292	13,834	14,316
65-70 ..	11,075	7,140	16,080	13,843	11,432	12,606
70-75 ..	7,194	4,775	11,781	8,360	9,415	9,972
75-80 ..	3,191	2,253	5,733	4,231	7,275	6,934
80-85 ..	1,378	1,006	2,453	2,065	3,903	3,387
85-90 ..	459	356	603	587	1,133	1,129
90-100 ..	168	124	160	152	301	321
100 and over ..	5	5	12	11	8	10
Unspecified ..	2,898	2,071	2,564	1,759	3,259	3,780
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>598,414</b>	<b>541,991</b>	<b>693,863</b>	<b>597,458</b>	<b>655,591</b>	<b>659,060</b>

AGES OF THE PEOPLE AT CENSUSES, 1891, 1901, AND 1911—*continued.*

Age Group (Years).	1891.		1901.		1911.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
PROPORTIONS PER CENT.						
0-5 ..	12·63	13·61	11·11	10·94	11·20	10·73
5-10 ..	10·91	11·72	11·93	11·83	10·06	9·74
10-15 ..	9·83	10·65	11·21	11·19	9·74	9·53
15-20 ..	9·55	10·66	9·80	10·03	10·40	10·32
20-25 ..	10·64	11·52	8·41	9·68	9·48	9·94
25-30 ..	10·56	10·19	7·56	8·87	7·96	8·48
30-35 ..	8·00	7·35	7·76	8·08	6·89	7·42
35-40 ..	5·32	4·89	7·77	7·28	6·33	6·79
40-45 ..	4·02	3·95	6·17	5·63	6·52	6·47
45-50 ..	3·70	3·62	4·02	3·66	6·29	5·87
50-55 ..	3·81	3·57	3·05	2·96	4·89	4·48
55-60 ..	3·72	2·99	2·55	2·54	2·99	2·81
60-65 ..	3·37	2·38	2·49	2·40	2·12	2·18
65-70 ..	1·86	1·32	2·67	2·32	1·75	1·92
70-75 ..	1·21	·88	1·96	1·40	1·44	1·52
75-80 ..	·53	·42	·95	·71	1·11	1·06
80-85 ..	·23	·19	·41	·35	·60	·52
85-90 ..	·08	·07	·10	·10	·18	·17
90 and over ..	·03	·02	·03	·03	·05	·05
Specified Ages	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

Persons at dependent and supporting ages.

By adopting larger groups a clearer idea is obtained of the age distribution of the population at the three census periods. The subjoined table shows the numbers and proportions of males and females at ages 0-15, 15-45, 45-65, and 65 and upwards. Persons of unspecified ages have been omitted:—

NUMBER OF PERSONS AT DEPENDENT AND SUPPORTING AGES IN VICTORIA AT THREE CENSUS ENUMERATIONS.

Census Year.	Number of Persons at—							
	Dependent Ages (Under 15 years).		Supporting Ages.				Old Age (65 years and upwards).	
			15 to 45 years.		45 to 65 years.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1891	198,754	194,284	286,383	262,141	86,909	67,836	23,470	15,659
1901	206,248	202,312	285,434	295,278	72,815	68,860	36,822	29,249
1911	202,262	196,844	310,402	324,310	106,201	100,670	33,467	34,356
Proportions per cent.								
1891	33·37	35·98	48·09	48·56	14·60	12·56	3·94	2·90
1901	34·30	33·96	47·47	49·57	12·11	11·56	6·12	4·91
1911	31·00	30·00	47·59	49·42	16·28	15·34	5·13	5·24

The features which are most noticeable in the age distribution of the population in 1911, as compared with that of ten years previously, are the decrease in the proportion of dependents (*i.e.*, persons under

the age of 15 years), and the increase in the proportionate number at the supporting ages from 45 to 65 years. The proportion of old persons in the community was slightly less in 1911 than in 1901.

For the sake of comparison, similar particulars are given for England and Wales for 1911 :—

Age Group.	Number of—		Proportion Per Cent. for—	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Dependent ages —				
Under 15 years .. ..	5,531,039	5,519,828	31·70	29·64
Supporting ages—				
15 to 45 years .. ..	8,325,710	8,988,745	47·73	48·26
45 to 65 years .. ..	2,779,489	3,047,165	15·93	16·36
Old-age—				
65 years and upwards ..	809,370	1,069,146	4·64	5·74
Total .. ..	17,445,608	18,624,884	100·00	100·00

Of the Victorian population at the last census date, 85 per cent. were Australian born. There were only 20,630 persons living in the State who had been resident in Australia for less than five years. The following table shows the length of residence in Australia of the population in the metropolis and in the remainder of the State.

POPULATION OF VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 2ND APRIL, 1911, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

(Exclusive of Full-blooded Aborigines.)

Length of Residence in Australia in Years.	Melbourne and Suburbs.			Remainder of State.			The Whole State.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
0-5 ..	7,308	4,847	12,155	6,190	2,285	8,475	13,498	7,132	20,630
5-10 ..	2,031	1,496	3,527	1,435	681	2,116	3,466	2,177	5,643
10-15 ..	2,775	1,393	4,168	1,692	625	2,317	4,467	2,018	6,485
15-20 ..	2,633	2,141	4,774	2,007	1,117	3,124	4,640	3,258	7,898
20-25 ..	9,151	7,081	16,182	5,763	2,956	8,719	14,914	9,987	24,901
25-30 ..	7,868	5,348	13,211	4,557	2,139	6,696	12,425	7,482	19,907
30-35 ..	4,267	2,976	7,243	3,250	1,548	4,798	7,517	4,524	12,041
35-40 ..	2,532	2,281	4,813	2,153	1,427	3,580	4,685	3,708	8,393
40-45 ..	2,816	3,468	6,279	3,447	2,868	6,315	6,263	6,381	12,694
45-50 ..	2,958	3,879	6,837	4,643	4,406	9,049	7,601	8,285	15,886
50-55 ..	3,482	4,905	8,387	6,040	5,485	11,525	9,522	10,390	19,912
55-60 ..	4,812	6,347	11,159	8,428	7,611	16,039	13,240	13,958	27,198
60-65 ..	898	1,274	2,172	1,654	1,590	3,244	2,552	2,864	5,416
65-70 ..	183	261	394	373	355	728	506	618	1,122
70-75 ..	100	167	267	246	223	469	346	390	786
75-80 ..	14	31	45	36	34	70	50	65	115
80-85 ..	3	5	8	11	13	24	14	18	32
85-90 ..	1	3	4	2	3	5	3	6	9
90-95 ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
95-100 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100 and upwards ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unspecified ..	2,855	4,826	7,681	5,367	4,639	10,006	8,222	9,465	17,687
Australian born ..	221,319	258,346	479,665	320,340	308,940	629,280	541,659	567,286	1,108,945
Total ..	277,956	311,015	588,971	377,635	348,945	726,580	655,591	659,960	1,315,551

The number of breadwinners in each class of occupation of the people, at the last two censuses, and of the persons dependent on them, are shown hereunder:—

### OCCUPATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA AS RETURNED AT THE CENSUSES OF 1901 AND 1911.

Occupation.	1901.	1911.
<b>Breadwinners—</b>		
Professional .. .. .	35,224	43,319
Domestic .. .. .	66,815	62,175
Commercial .. .. .	79,048	91,611
Transport and Communication .. .. .	31,516	39,238
Industrial .. .. .	146,233	167,778
Primary Producers .. .. .	165,147	144,884
Indefinite .. .. .	10,066	8,053
<b>Total Breadwinners .. .. .</b>	<b>534,049</b>	<b>577,053</b>
<b>Dependents .. .. .</b>	<b>662,355</b>	<b>721,137</b>
<b>Occupation not stated .. .. .</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>17,961</b>
<b>Total Population .. .. .</b>	<b>1,201,341</b>	<b>1,315,551</b>

The conjugal condition of the people of Victoria at various periods of life (exclusive of full-blooded Aborigines) was returned as follows at the last two censuses:—

### CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE, 1901 AND 1911. (Exclusive of Full-blooded Aborigines.)

Ages.	MALES.					
	Total Number.		Never Married.		Married.	
	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.
Under 15 years ..	206,713	202,262	206,713	202,261	..	1
15 to 20 years ..	58,882	67,804	58,791	67,590	89	214
20 " 25 " ..	50,579	61,395	46,179	55,140	4,162	6,592
25 " 30 " ..	45,458	51,955	30,061	31,438	14,987	20,069
30 " 35 " ..	46,628	44,928	19,881	17,720	25,872	26,557
35 " 40 " ..	46,715	41,308	13,259	12,235	32,088	28,022
40 " 45 " ..	37,111	42,512	8,363	10,670	27,127	31,054
45 " 50 " ..	24,126	41,015	4,803	7,897	17,864	31,120
50 " 55 " ..	18,337	31,866	3,404	5,430	13,240	24,182
55 " 60 " ..	15,337	19,486	2,579	3,182	11,014	14,455
60 " 65 " ..	14,972	13,334	3,054	2,204	9,605	9,779
65 " 70 " ..	16,077	11,432	3,166	1,867	9,597	7,396
70 " 75 " ..	11,777	9,415	2,207	1,696	6,362	5,411
75 " 80 " ..	5,732	7,275	1,011	1,170	2,755	3,684
80 " 85 " ..	2,452	3,903	482	571	930	1,626
85 " 90 " ..	603	1,133	100	165	191	385
90 " 100 " ..	160	301	23	58	35	89
100 years and over ..	12	8	5	..	2	3
Unspecified ..	2,049	3,259	581	1,800	240	1,111
<b>All ages ..</b>	<b>603,720</b>	<b>655,591</b>	<b>404,662</b>	<b>422,604</b>	<b>176,160</b>	<b>211,750</b>
<b>Under 21 years ..</b>	<b>276,024</b>	<b>283,485</b>	<b>275,775</b>	<b>282,916</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>567</b>
<b>21 years and upwards ..</b>	<b>327,696</b>	<b>372,106</b>	<b>128,887</b>	<b>139,688</b>	<b>175,915</b>	<b>211,183</b>

## CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE, 1901 AND 1911—(continued)

Ages.	MALES.					
	Widowed.		Divorced.		Unspecified.	
	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.
Under 15 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 20 years ..	2	..	..	..	..	..
20 " 25 " ..	52	62	1	5	185	96
25 " 30 " ..	202	281	15	32	193	75
30 " 35 " ..	636	525	29	63	210	63
35 " 40 " ..	1,142	860	54	69	172	72
40 " 45 " ..	1,432	1,230	52	89	137	69
45 " 50 " ..	1,313	1,827	36	109	110	62
50 " 55 " ..	1,557	2,111	30	82	106	61
55 " 60 " ..	1,654	1,768	25	46	65	35
60 " 65 " ..	2,201	1,790	18	30	94	31
65 " 70 " ..	3,211	2,131	15	14	88	24
70 " 75 " ..	3,140	2,266	6	17	62	25
75 " 80 " ..	1,926	2,396	3	3	37	22
80 " 85 " ..	1,029	1,688	2	7	9	11
85 " 90 " ..	307	580	1	..	4	3
90 " 100 " ..	100	154	..	..	2	..
100 years and over...	5	5	..	..	..	..
Unspecified ..	64	146	2	9	1,162	193
All ages ..	19,973	19,820	289	575	2,636	842
Under 21 years ..	4	2	..	..	..	..
21 years and upwards	19,969	19,818	289	575	2,636	842

  

Ages.	FEMALES.					
	Total Number.		Never Married.		Married.	
	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.
Under 15 years ..	202,650	196,844	202,650	196,838	..	6
15 to 20 years ..	59,712	67,719	58,665	65,961	1,045	1,712
20 " 25 " ..	57,618	65,217	44,721	49,328	12,641	15,700
25 " 30 " ..	52,822	55,651	26,751	26,521	25,340	28,595
30 " 35 " ..	48,150	48,694	14,799	16,354	31,905	31,290
35 " 40 " ..	43,388	44,549	9,114	12,085	31,869	30,541
40 " 45 " ..	33,546	42,480	5,416	9,214	25,030	30,266
45 " 50 " ..	21,804	38,477	2,772	6,902	15,711	27,318
50 " 55 " ..	17,589	29,420	1,620	4,572	11,774	19,793
55 " 60 " ..	15,156	18,457	1,004	2,391	9,128	11,316
60 " 65 " ..	14,288	14,316	758	1,409	7,538	7,368
65 " 70 " ..	13,842	12,603	631	966	5,928	5,153
70 " 75 " ..	8,359	9,972	353	539	3,043	3,196
75 " 80 " ..	4,231	6,934	206	312	1,129	1,662
80 " 85 " ..	2,065	3,387	121	150	351	578
85 " 90 " ..	587	1,129	22	51	59	120
90 " 100 " ..	152	321	11	9	5	38
100 years and over..	11	10	..	..	..	1
Unspecified ..	1,380	3,780	312	1,255	340	1,812
All ages ..	597,350	659,960	369,926	394,857	182,841	216,465
Under 21 years ..	273,991	278,408	271,737	275,008	2,245	3,309
21 years and upwards	323,359	381,552	98,189	119,849	180,596	213,156

## CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE, 1901 AND 1911—(continued).

Ages.	FEMALES.					
	Widowed.		Divorced.		Unspecified.	
	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.
Under 15 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 20 years ..	2	6	..	..	..	40
20 " 25 " ..	133	121	10	19	113	49
25 " 30 " ..	611	442	36	64	84	29
30 " 35 " ..	1,312	930	65	98	69	22
35 " 40 " ..	2,247	1,799	94	107	64	17
40 " 45 " ..	3,011	2,870	49	112	40	18
45 " 50 " ..	3,256	4,138	34	108	31	11
50 " 55 " ..	4,136	4,965	19	82	40	8
55 " 60 " ..	4,975	4,718	6	21	43	11
60 " 65 " ..	5,945	5,508	6	20	41	11
65 " 70 " ..	7,229	6,459	4	15	50	10
70 " 75 " ..	4,926	6,220	2	4	30	13
75 " 80 " ..	2,878	4,949	..	7	18	4
80 " 85 " ..	1,583	2,652	1	1	9	6
85 " 90 " ..	504	953	..	..	2	5
90 " 100 " ..	135	273	..	..	1	1
100 years and over ..	11	9	..	..	..	..
Unspecified ..	127	504	5	7	596	202
All ages ..	43,021	47,516	331	665	1,231	457
Under 21 years ..	7	25	2	4	..	62
21 years and upwards	43,014	47,491	329	661	1,231	395

Ages.	MALES—PROPORTION PER 100 LIVING AT EACH AGE.					
	Never Married.		Husbands.		Widowers.	
	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.
Under 15 years ..	100·0	100·0	..	..	..	..
15 to 20 years ..	99·8	99·7	·2	·3	..	..
20 " 25 " ..	91·6	89·2	8·3	10·7	·1	·1
25 " 30 " ..	66·4	60·8	33·1	38·7	·5	·5
30 " 35 " ..	42·8	39·6	55·8	59·3	1·4	1·1
35 " 40 " ..	28·5	29·8	69·0	68·1	2·5	2·1
40 " 45 " ..	22·6	23·8	73·5	73·3	3·9	2·9
45 " 50 " ..	20·0	19·3	74·5	76·2	5·5	4·5
50 " 60 " ..	17·9	16·8	72·5	75·6	9·6	7·6
60 " 70 " ..	20·2	16·2	62·3	68·2	17·5	15·6
70 " 80 " ..	18·5	17·2	52·4	54·7	29·1	28·1
80 years and upwards	19·0	14·9	36·1	39·5	44·9	45·6
All Ages ..	67·4	64·6	29·3	32·4	3·3	3·0
Under 21 years ..	99·9	99·8	·1	·2	..	..
21 years and upwards	39·7	37·7	54·2	57·0	6·1	5·3



## CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE, 1901 AND 1911—(continued).

Ages.	FEMALES—PROPORTION PER 100 LIVING AT EACH AGE.					
	Never Married.		Wives.		Widows.	
	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.	1901.	1911.
Under 15 years ..	100·0	100·0	..	..	..	..
15 to 20 years ..	98·3	97·5	1·7	2·5	..	..
20 " 25 " ..	77·8	75·7	22·0	24·1	..	..2
25 " 30 " ..	50·8	47·7	48·1	51·5	1·1	·8
30 " 35 " ..	30·8	33·7	66·5	64·4	2·7	1·9
35 " 40 " ..	21·1	27·2	73·7	68·8	5·2	4·0
40 " 45 " ..	16·2	21·7	74·8	71·5	9·0	6·8
45 " 50 " ..	12·8	18·0	72·3	71·2	14·9	10·8
50 " 60 " ..	8·0	14·6	64·1	65·1	27·9	20·3
60 " 70 " ..	4·9	8·8	48·1	46·6	47·0	44·6
70 " 80 " ..	4·5	5·0	33·3	28·8	62·2	66·2
80 years and upwards	5·5	4·3	14·8	15·3	79·7	80·4
All Ages ..	62·1	60·1	30·7	32·7	7·2	7·2
Under 21 years ..	99·2	98·8	·8	1·2	..	..
21 years and upwards	30·5	31·5	56·1	56·0	13·4	12·5

According to this tabulation there were, on 2nd April, 1911, 428,215 persons, or 32½ per cent. of the population, in the marriage state. The wives exceeded the husbands by 4,715.

The single males of 20 years and upwards, and the single females of 17 years and upwards, or, in other words, the bachelors and spinsters, numbered respectively 152,753 and 171,514. If to these be added the widowers, widows, and divorcees, it will be found that the whole marriageable population at the census was 173,148 males and 219,694 females, the latter thus exceeding the former by 46,546.

At the census, therefore, the marriageable females were in the proportion of 127 to every 100 marriageable males. In 1901 the proportion of females was 117; in 1891, 88; in 1881, 89; and in 1871 only 52.

It will be noticed that 569 youths (of whom 2 had lost their wives) had become husbands, and 3,334 girls (of whom 25 had lost their husbands) had become wives, before they reached the age of 21. One male aged 14 years,

4 males aged 16 years, 6 females aged 14 years, and 13 females (one of whom was widowed) aged 15 years were the youngest married persons in the State.

There were 18 persons—8 males and 10 females—aged 100 years and upwards in Victoria when the census was taken. Of the men 5, and of the women 9, were widowed.

Particulars of the materials of which houses were composed and the population living therein were ascertained when the census was taken in 1911. A majority of the people (63 per cent.) occupy wooden houses, and about 30 per cent. reside in brick structures. The following is a summary of the information collected :—

#### INMATES OF PRIVATE AND OTHER DWELLINGS IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 1911.

Materials.	People Living in—		
	Private Dwellings.	Other than Private Dwellings.	All Dwellings.
Stone ... ..	29,707	9,597	39,304
Brick ... ..	328,362	63,111	391,473
Concrete ... ..	2,840	418	3,258
Iron ... ..	11,008	354	11,362
Wood ... ..	806,687	24,452	831,139
Sun-dried Bricks ... ..	10,593	84	10,677
Pisé ... ..	310	...	310
Lath and Plaster ... ..	2,697	39	2,736
Wattle and Dab ... ..	1,341	...	1,341
Bark ... ..	1,565	...	1,565
Bushes, Rushes, Spinnifex, etc. ... ..	8	...	8
Calico, Canvas, Hessian ... ..	7,842	51	7,893
Ruberoid and other compositions ... ..	126	7	133
Unspecified ... ..	4,630	2,899	7,529
Waggons, Carts, Trains, etc. ... ..	...	287	287
Aboriginal Camps in which whites or Half-castes were living ... ..	...	1	1
Other Camps without Dwellings ... ..	...	1,730	1,730
Shipping ... ..	...	4,805	4,805
Total ... ..	1,207,716	107,835	1,315,551

Rented value of houses. The weekly rental value of private dwellings in 1911, according to statements by the occupiers of the premises, was as under :—

**WEEKLY RENTAL VALUE OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS IN VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 1911.**

Weekly Rental Value.		Number.	Weekly Rental Value.		Number.
Under 1s.	..	641	30s. and under 31s.	..	2,186
1s. and under 2s.	..	4,324	31s. "	32s.	40
2s. "	3s.	8,191	32s. "	33s.	271
3s. "	4s.	7,106	33s. "	34s.	42
4s. "	5s.	9,300	34s. "	35s.	66
5s. "	6s.	24,887	35s. "	36s.	566
6s. "	7s.	16,927	36s. "	37s.	31
7s. "	8s.	19,136	37s. "	38s.	68
8s. "	9s.	17,934	38s. "	39s.	56
9s. "	10s.	9,331	39s. "	40s.	6
10s. "	11s.	30,166	£2 "	£2 5s.	1,044
11s. "	12s.	7,508	£2 5s. "	£2 10s.	160
12s. "	13s.	15,333	£2 10s. "	£2 15s.	323
13s. "	14s.	4,601	£2 15s. "	£3	40
14s. "	15s.	4,391	£3 "	£3 5s.	277
15s. "	16s.	11,264	£3 5s. "	£3 10s.	23
16s. "	17s.	3,641	£3 10s. "	£3 15s.	49
17s. "	18s.	3,551	£3 15s. "	£4	17
18s. "	19s.	2,079	£4 "	£4 5s.	107
19s. "	20s.	251	£4 5s. "	£4 10s.	4
20s. "	21s.	7,929	£4 10s. "	£4 15s.	12
21s. "	22s.	1,004	£4 15s. "	£5	1
22s. "	23s.	1,619	£5 "	£6	110
23s. "	24s.	495	£6 "	£7	35
24s. "	25s.	146	£7 "	£8	17
25s. "	26s.	3,945	£8 "	£9	16
26s. "	27s.	187	£9 "	£10	1
27s. "	28s.	693	£10 and upwards	..	17
28s. "	29s.	117	Unspecified	..	41,264
29s. "	30s.	38	Total	..	263,634

In the following return the persons and dwellings to the square mile, persons and rooms to a dwelling, and persons to a room, are shown for the six census years 1861-1911 :—

**DENSITY OF POPULATION.—RETURN FOR SIX CENSUS YEARS.**

Year of Census.	Persons to the Square Mile (exclusive of Persons in Ships).	Inhabited Dwellings to the Square Mile.	Persons to the Inhabited Dwelling (exclusive of Persons in Ships).	Rooms to a Dwelling (Inhabited and Uninhabited).	Persons to a Room.
1861 ..	6.126	1.470	4.16	2.96	1.35
1871 ..	8.298	1.714	4.84	3.89	1.18
1881 ...	9.791	1.935	5.06	4.44	1.08
1891 ...	12.948	2.549	5.08	5.10	.92
1901 ...	13.643	2.747	4.97	5.25	.80
1911 ..	14.915	3.112	4.79	..	..

The population returned at the census of 1911 furnishes a proportion of 14·9 persons to the square mile. In 1901 the proportion was 13·6; in 1891, 12·9; in 1881, 9·8; in 1871, 8·3; and in 1861, 6·1. There were 479 persons to every 100 inhabited dwellings in 1911, a number smaller than in any of the four preceding census years, but greater than in 1861.

Universal obligation to military service is imposed on all males in Australia aged 18 to 60 years, the order of their being called upon to serve being fixed by age and conjugal condition. There are five classes, and the following table shows the estimated number of persons in each of these who were living in Victoria and in Australia at the end of 1915. The proportions of widowers of military ages with and without children cannot be stated exactly, but it is believed that the numbers which have been allocated to the various age groups approximate closely to the actual facts.

NUMBER OF MALES AGED 18 TO 60 YEARS IN VICTORIA  
AND AUSTRALIA, 31ST DECEMBER, 1915.

Class.	Age.	Conjugal Condition.	Estimated Number of Males in —	
			Victoria.	Australia.
I.	18 and under 35 years	Unmarried, or widowers without children	115,766	451,233
II.	35 and under 45 years	Unmarried, or widowers without children	23,049	92,071
III.	18 and under 35 years	Married, or widowers with children	57,631	230,147
IV.	35 and under 45 years	Married, or widowers with children	65,546	237,900
V.	45 and under 60 years	Married or unmarried	102,000	352,862
Total	...	...	363,992	1,364,213

The call for voluntary service in the great war embraces those included in classes I. to IV. Up to 31st December, 1915, more than 131,000 soldiers had left Australia, and they are consequently not included in the above estimate, which relates to the end of the year. Up to 6th May, 1916, about 251,000 men had enlisted. The Commonwealth Statistician, in a report to the Commonwealth Military Board, estimated that on 9th June, 1916, there were 452,000 "fit" men in Australia between the ages of 18 and 45 who had not then enlisted, or having enlisted had not gone into camp.

It is estimated that at the end of 1915 the numbers in the first four classes, i.e., those between the ages of 18 and 45 years, in each State of Australia were approximately as follows:—

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MALES AGED 18 TO 45 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA AT THE END OF 1915.

State.	Number of Males.
Victoria .. .. .	261,992
New South Wales .. .. .	392,679
Queensland .. .. .	148,872
South Australia .. .. .	86,400
Western Australia .. .. .	82,230
Tasmania .. .. .	37,428
Northern Territory .. .. .	1,300
Federal Territory .. .. .	450
Australia .. .. .	1,011,351

The census of 1911 gives the principal birthplaces of the people, 1911. people as follows:—

BIRTHPLACES OF THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA, 1911.

Birthplaces.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria ... .. .	495,490	514,729	1,010,219
Other Australian States ... .. .	46,169	52,557	98,726
New Zealand ... .. .	4,968	5,099	10,067
England and Wales ... .. .	49,558	39,824	89,382
Scotland ... .. .	14,200	12,377	26,577
Ireland ... .. .	19,169	22,308	41,477
British India ... .. .	1,179	427	1,606
Other British Possessions ... .. .	2,201	1,723	3,924
Total British ... .. .	632,934	649,044	1,281,978
Germany ... .. .	4,343	1,799	6,142
Italy ... .. .	1,140	359	1,499
Sweden ... .. .	1,138	82	1,220
Norway ... .. .	726	81	807
Russia ... .. .	777	296	1,073
United States ... .. .	1,085	665	1,750
China ... .. .	4,246	56	4,302
Other Foreign Countries ... .. .	3,347	1,112	4,459
Total Foreign ... .. .	16,802	4,450	21,252
At Sea ... .. .	630	673	1,303
Unspecified ... .. .	5,225	5,793	11,018
Grand Total ... .. .	655,591	659,960	1,315,551

Persons of Victorian birth were in the proportion of 77 to every 100 persons in 1911, as compared with 73 in 1901. These, combined with the natives of the other Australian States and New Zealand, amounted to 85 per cent. of the total population of Victoria.

Victorian born.

Decrease of  
natives of  
the United  
Kingdom.

The decrease of natives of all parts of the United Kingdom resident in Victoria during the ten years ended 1911 was considerable, amounting to 56,935. This decrease is equivalent to 24 per cent. of the natives of England and Wales, 26 per cent. of the natives of Scotland, and 33 per cent. of the natives of Ireland, who were resident in the State in 1901.

The number of persons in the State in 1911 who were foreign born, born in countries outside the British dominions was 21,252, or 1·6 per cent. of the population. This is a decrease as compared with 1901, when they numbered 25,582, or 2·1 per cent. of the population.

In the interval between the censuses of 1901 and 1911 Chinese natives of China decreased from 6,230 to 4,302. These figures, however, do not represent all the Chinese in the State, as there are persons of this race born in places outside of China who are resident in Victoria. The total number of the Chinese race in Victoria was 7,349 in 1901 and 5,601 in 1911.

Victorians  
in each  
Australian  
State and  
New Zealand.  
below:—

Persons of Victorian birth living in other Australian States and New Zealand numbered 191,892 at the census of 1911, as compared with 136,638 at the previous census in 1901, thus showing an increase of 55,254. Particulars are given below:—

#### VICTORIANS LIVING IN EACH AUSTRALIAN STATE AND NEW ZEALAND, 1911.

State in which Living.	Numbers Born in Victoria.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria ... ..	495,490	514,729	1,010,219
New South Wales ... ..	42,701	34,835	77,536
Queensland ... ..	10,479	5,464	15,943
South Australia ... ..	7,490	7,017	14,507
Western Australia... ..	30,864	23,749	54,613
Tasmania ... ..	4,590	4,189	8,779
Northern Territory ... ..	123	30	143
Federal Capital Territory ... ..	39	8	47
<b>Australia</b> ... ..	<b>591,776</b>	<b>590,011</b>	<b>1,181,787</b>
New Zealand ... ..	11,437	8,887	20,324
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>603,213</b>	<b>598,898</b>	<b>1,202,111</b>

Natives of other States and New Zealand living in Victoria.

The following table gives the number of Australians other than Victorians, and of New Zealanders, who were resident in this State at the 1911 census date:—

NATIVES OF OTHER STATES AND NEW ZEALAND LIVING IN VICTORIA, 1911.

State.	Males.	Females.	Total.
New South Wales .. ..	13,273	15,419	28,692
Queensland .. ..	1,954	2,448	4,402
South Australia .. ..	11,400	12,127	23,527
Western Australia .. ..	2,244	2,292	4,536
Tasmania .. ..	8,615	10,415	19,030
New Zealand .. ..	4,968	5,099	10,067
Australasia (State not given) ..	8,673	9,848	18,521
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>51,127</b>	<b>57,643</b>	<b>108,775</b>

Comparing these two tables, it is seen that the number of persons of Victorian birth in the other States and New Zealand exceeded the number of persons born in those places who were living in Victoria in 1911 by 83,117.

Increase of population in six decades.

The enumerated population at each of the last six censuses and the decennial increases, numerical and centesimal, are as under:—

POPULATION OF VICTORIA (INCLUDING ABORIGINES) AT SIX CENSUS PERIODS.

Year of Census or Estimate.	Both Sexes.			Males.			Females.		
	Popu-lation.	Increase since last Census.		Popu-lation.	Increase since last Census.		Popu-lation.	Increase since last Census.	
		Numeri-cal.	Centesi-mal.		Numeri-cal.	Centesi-mal.		Numeri-cal.	Centesi-mal.
1861	540,322	129,556	31·54	328,651	64,317	24·33	211,671	65,239	44·55
1871	731,528	191,206	35·39	401,050	72,399	22·03	330,478	118,807	56·13
1881	862,346	130,818	17·88	452,083	51,033	12·72	410,263	79,785	24·14
1891	1,140,405	278,059	32·24	598,414	146,331	32·37	541,991	131,728	32·11
1901	1,201,341	60,936	5·34	603,883	5,469	·91	597,458	55,467	10·23
1911	1,315,747	114,406	9·52	655,694	51,811	8·58	660,053	62,595	10·48

Between the censuses of 1901 and 1911 the increase in population (114,406) was smaller than in any intercensal period since 1851, with the exception of the decennium 1891-1901, when it was only 60,936 persons. The increases in other periods were 278,059 between 1881 and 1891, and 130,818 and 191,206 respectively in the two decennial periods prior to 1881.

Proportions  
of sexes,  
Victoria.

The masculinity of the population, or the ratio of males to females at the last six census enumerations, was as follows:—

Year.					Males to 100 Females.
1861	..	..	..	..	155·26
1871	..	..	..	..	121·36
1881	..	..	..	..	110·19
1891	..	..	..	..	110·41
1901	..	..	..	..	101·08
1911	..	..	..	..	99·34

These proportions relate to the population as a whole. The ratios for different age-groups for the last three census years are given below:—

#### RATIOS OF SEXES AT DIFFERENT AGES, CENSUS YEARS 1891, 1901, AND 1911.

Age Group.	Males to every 100 Females.		
	1891.	1901.	1911.
0-10 years .. .. .	102·5	102·3	103·2
10-20 „ .. .. .	100·3	99·9	100·9
20-30 „ .. .. .	107·8	87·0	94·2
30-40 „ .. .. .	120·0	102·0	92·5
40-50 „ .. .. .	112·3	110·6	103·2
50-60 „ .. .. .	126·5	102·9	107·3
60-70 „ .. .. .	155·9	110·4	93·9
70-80 „ .. .. .	147·8	139·1	98·7
80 and over .. .. .	134·8	114·7	110·3
Total .. .. .	110·4	101·1	99·3

These figures show that while the ratio of males to females has varied at successive census enumerations, it has generally shown a tendency to decline.

The proportion of males to females in 1911 was smaller in Victoria than in any other part of Australasia, but was greater than in England and Wales. This will be apparent from the following figures:—

#### PROPORTION OF SEXES IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Country.	Males per 100 Females.
Victoria .. .. .	99·34
New South Wales .. .. .	108·71
Federal Capital Territory .. .. .	137·40
Queensland .. .. .	119·26
South Australia .. .. .	103·06
Northern Territory .. .. .	474·61
Western Australia .. .. .	134·03
Tasmania .. .. .	104·24
Australia .. .. .	107·98
New Zealand .. .. .	111·61
England and Wales .. .. .	93·67



Proportions of  
sexes in  
Australia and  
New Zealand,  
1915.

The statistics for last year show that in Victoria and South Australia the females exceed the males. This will be seen from the following tabulation, which shows that while in South Australia there are 106 females and in Victoria 105 females to every 100 males, in Queensland the corresponding proportion is 88, and in Western Australia 86.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES IN AUSTRALIA AND  
NEW ZEALAND, 1915.

	Females to 100 Males.		Females to 100 Males.
Victoria ...	104·80	Western Australia ...	85·64
New South Wales ...	96·41	Tasmania ...	97·55
Federal Capital Territory ...	91·12		—
Queensland ...	88·33	Australia ...	97·59
South Australia ...	105·98	New Zealand ...	95·54
Northern Territory ...	23·76		

Population of  
Greater  
Melbourne,  
1915.

The following table shows the area in acres, the enumerated population, and the number of persons to the acre at the census of 1911, also the estimated population at the end of 1915, of the various municipalities in Greater Melbourne:—

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE, 1915.

Sub-District.	Area in Acres.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1911.	Persons to the Acre, 1915.	Estimated Population, 31st Decem- ber, 1915.
Melbourne City ...	7,552	103,593	14·3	107,870
Fitzroy City ...	923	34,283	38·4	35,400
Collingwood City ...	1,139	34,190	31·3	35,700
Richmond City ...	1,430	40,442	28·9	41,300
Brunswick City ...	2,722	32,215	14·3	38,880
Northcote City ...	2,850	17,519	8·5	24,160
Prahran City ...	2,320	45,367	21·0	48,760
South Melbourne City ...	2,303	46,190	21·3	48,960
Port Melbourne Town ...	2,366	13,515	5·7	13,450
St. Kilda City ...	2,049	25,334	14·7	30,030
Brighton Town ...	3,288	12,083	5·1	16,800
Essendon City ...	4,000	23,749	7·7	30,800
Hawthorn City ...	2,400	24,450	11·8	28,300
Kew Town ...	3,553	11,152	3·7	13,050
Footscray City ...	2,577	23,643	11·4	29,270
Williamstown Town ...	2,775	15,275	6·2	17,250
Oakleigh Borough ...	2,178	2,151	2·2	4,690
Caulfield City ...	6,080	15,919	3·8	23,400
Malvern City ...	4,000	15,969	6·1	24,200
Camberwell City ...	8,320	12,551	2·1	17,520
Preston Shire ...	8,800	5,049	·8	7,110
Coburg Town ...	4,800	9,505	2·8	13,420
Remainder of District ...	84,941	24,873	·4	31,160
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River ...	...	4,220	...	2,580
<b>Total, including Shipping ...</b>	<b>163,366</b>	<b>593,237</b>	<b>4·2</b>	<b>684,000</b>

Density of metropolitan population.

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with about 38 persons to the acre; Collingwood has 31; Richmond, 29; Prahran and South Melbourne have about 21; and Melbourne City 14 persons. There are large areas devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in many of the municipalities, so that the population is really living closer together than these figures indicate. Melbourne City contains 1,965 acres of such reserves; Kew, 643; South Melbourne, 494; Williamstown, 459; St. Kilda, 303; Caulfield, 299; Richmond, 206; and Brighton, 167 acres. There are smaller areas in other districts, but they do not appreciably affect the question of density of population. The total area of all the reserves is 5,870 acres, and if these be excluded, the number of persons to the acre in the places named will be as follows:—Richmond, 34; South Melbourne, 27; Melbourne City, 19; St. Kilda, 17; Williamstown, 7; and Kew, 4; in Brighton and Caulfield the proportions will remain about the same.

Urban and rural population, 1915.

In the following return Victoria is shown in three divisions, the first being the Metropolitan (Greater Melbourne) District, or the area extending in all directions for a distance of 10 miles from the centre of the city; the second, the other urban districts, including the total space embraced in cities, towns, and boroughs (present or former) outside the limits of Greater Melbourne; and the third, rural districts, including the remaining portions of the State. The population of each of those divisions at the end of 1915, the ratio of its population to that of the whole State, and the number of persons to the square mile were as follows:—

#### URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION, 1915.

Divisions.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population, 31st Dec., 1915.		
		Total.	Proportion per cent.	Persons to the Sq. Mile.
Metropolitan	255	684,000	48.24	2,682
Other Urban	376	213,060	15.03	567
Total Urban	631	897,060	63.27	1,422
Rural	87,253	520,741	36.73	6.0
Total State	87,884	1,417,801	100.00	16.1

Proportion of metropolitan population.

The urban is greater than the rural population, and the population of the metropolis alone is equal to 48 per cent. of that of the whole State. The corresponding proportions for the years 1910-15 are shown in the following statement:—

#### PROPORTION OF POPULATION OF GREATER MELBOURNE TO THAT OF THE WHOLE OF VICTORIA.

Year.	Per cent.	Year.	Per cent.
1910	44.4	1913	46.1
1911	45.1	1914	47.1
1912	45.7	1915	48.2

**Greater Melbourne—  
increase of  
population.** The next return gives the populations of the municipal districts in Greater Melbourne in 1891, 1901, and 1911, the totals for these three years being 490,896, 496,079, and 593,237 respectively. There was a falling off in the cities of Melbourne, Fitzroy, Collingwood, Richmond, Footscray, and South Melbourne between 1891 and 1901, but a recovery between the latter year and 1911. North Melbourne and Flemington and Kensington were annexed by Melbourne during 1905, and the figures for that city in 1891 and 1901 have been adjusted to include those districts. In Prahran, St. Kilda, Brunswick, Essendon, and Hawthorn, there has been a continued increase. Of the towns, Port Melbourne and Williamstown fell away up to 1901, but slightly recovered between that year and 1911. There has been a continued increase in Northcote, Brighton, Malvern, Caulfield, Camberwell, and Kew. In the borough of Oakleigh the increase has been continuous. The same remark applies to Coburg, which was a shire in 1891 and 1901, but became a borough in 1905 and a town in 1912. In the shire of Preston there has been an increase in each period. In the parts of shires included in the Greater Melbourne area, the population was 14,217 in 1891; 15,445 in 1901; and 24,873 in 1911.

RETURN SHOWING THE POPULATION OF GREATER MELBOURNE IN 1891, 1901, AND 1911.

Municipal Districts.	Population at the Census of—		
	1891.	1901.	1911.
<b>Cities—</b>			
Melbourne .. .. .	104,316	97,440	103,593
Fitzroy .. .. .	32,453	31,687	34,283
Collingwood .. .. .	35,070	32,749	34,190
Richmond .. .. .	38,797	37,824	40,442
Brunswick (Town 1891 and 1901) .. .. .	21,961	24,141	32,215
Prahran .. .. .	39,703	40,441	45,367
South Melbourne .. .. .	41,724	40,619	46,190
St. Kilda .. .. .	19,838	20,542	25,334
Essendon (Town 1891 and 1901) .. .. .	14,411	17,426	23,749
Hawthorn .. .. .	19,585	21,430	24,450
Footscray .. .. .	19,149	18,318	23,643
<b>Towns—</b>			
Northcote .. .. .	7,458	9,677	17,519
Williamstown .. .. .	15,960	14,052	15,275
Port Melbourne (Borough 1891) .. .. .	13,067	12,176	13,515
Brighton .. .. .	9,858	10,047	12,083
Malvern (Shire 1891)* .. .. .	8,136	10,619	15,969
Caulfield (Shire 1891) .. .. .	8,005	9,541	15,919
Camberwell (Shire 1891 and 1901) .. .. .	6,204	8,602	12,551
Kew (Borough 1891 and 1901) .. .. .	8,462	9,469	11,152

\* Proclaimed a city, 30th May, 1911.

RETURN SHOWING THE POPULATION OF GREATER MELBOURNE IN 1891,  
1901, AND 1911—*continued.*

Municipal Districts.	Population at the Census of—		
	1891.	1901.	1911.
Boroughs—			
Oakleigh .. .. .	1,236	1,273	2,151
Coburg (Shire 1891 and 1901)* ..	5,752	6,772	9,505
Shires—			
Preston .. .. .	3,569	4,059	5,049
Parts of Shires, forming remainder of District .. .. .	14,217	15,445	24,873
Shipping in Hebson's Bay and River ..	1,965	1,730	4,220
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>490,896</b>	<b>496,079</b>	<b>593,237</b>

\* Constituted a town, 9th September, 1912.

Outside Melbourne and suburbs, the most important towns in Victoria are Ballarat, comprising three municipalities; Bendigo, two; Geelong, three; Castlemaine, two; and Warrnambool, Maryborough, Hamilton, Mildura, and Stawell, one each. The populations of these, with their immediate suburbs, according to the census of 1911 and as estimated in 1915, were as follows:—

POPULATION OF CHIEF TOWNS IN VICTORIA, 1911 AND 1915.

Name of Town.	1911 (Census).	1915 (Estimated).
Ballarat .. .. .	42,403	42,252
Bendigo .. .. .	39,417	37,660
Geelong .. .. .	30,273	35,285
Castlemaine .. .. .	7,020	7,387
Warrnambool .. .. .	7,010	7,300
Maryborough .. .. .	5,675	5,100
Mildura .. .. .	4,608	5,000
Hamilton .. .. .	4,900	4,800
Stawell .. .. .	4,410	4,500

There are many other important towns in Victoria, and the following is a list of those which contained a population of 3,000 persons or over in 1915:—

Town.	Estimated Population in 1915.	Town.	Estimated Population in 1915.
Ararat .. .. .	4,500	Sale .. .. .	3,504
Colac .. .. .	4,250	Horsham .. .. .	3,500
Wangaratta .. .. .	4,030	Beechworth .. .. .	3,450
St. Arnaud .. .. .	4,000	Bairnsdale .. .. .	3,450
Echuca .. .. .	4,000	Kyneton .. .. .	3,210
Daylesford .. .. .	3,821	Shepparton .. .. .	3,175
Wonthaggi .. .. .	3,550	Maldon .. .. .	3,050
Camperdown .. .. .	3,510		

Rates of  
increase of  
population.

The average annual rates at which the population has increased (1) in the whole State, (2) in Melbourne and Suburbs, and (3) in remainder of the State, are shown hereunder :—

**AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE OF POPULATION IN THE WHOLE STATE, IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, AND IN REMAINDER OF STATE, 1851 TO 1915.**

Period.	In Victoria.		In Melbourne and* Suburbs.		In Remainder of State.	
	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
1851-60 ...	2·01	21·59	*	13·62	*	26·67
1861-70 ...	2·46	3·05	1·96†	3·91	2·63†	2·74
1871-80 ...	1·87	1·70	1·33	3·31	2·11	1·01
1881-90 ...	1·66	2·80	1·53	5·56	1·74	1·17
1891-1900...	1·47	·55	1·36	·25	1·55	·77
1901 ...	1·26	1·28	·98	1·35	1·46	1·24
1902 ...	1·18	·26	·99	·25	1·31	·26
1903 ...	1·15	-·06	·95	·58	1·29	-·51
1904 ...	1·27	·28	1·05	1·14	1·42	-·34
1905 ...	1·27	·85	1·05	1·64	1·43	·27
1906 ...	1·27	1·26	1·02	2·06	1·46	·67
1907 ...	1·35	1·28	1·14	2·35	1·51	·49
1908 ...	1·22	·84	1·02	2·62	1·37	-·51
1909 ...	1·35	1·56	1·16	2·85	1·49	·56
1910 ...	1·29	1·31	1·07	2·57	1·47	·30
1911 ...	1·36	2·37	1·18	2·07	1·51	2·62
1912 ...	1·44	3·10	1·38	4·71	1·48	1·79
1913 ...	1·49	2·29	1·50	3·59	1·47	1·20
1914 ...	1·40	1·31	1·41	3·53	1·39	-·58
1915 ...	1·34	-·90	1·36	1·48	1·33	-3·02

\* Not available.

† Average 1862-1870.

It will be observed that the rate of natural increase (excess of births over deaths) has at all periods except the last three years been less in Melbourne than in other portions of the State, while the rate of total increase has usually been greater. It would appear from this that the metropolis has been gaining population at the expense of the country districts. The higher rate of natural increase in extra-metropolitan areas is due principally to the low death rates there prevailing, and this favorable mortality can only be partially accounted for by the migration from

country to town of persons in indifferent health. The greater vitality in country districts shows the advantage to be derived from a large increase in the population of these portions of the State.

Population of  
Australia and  
New Zealand,  
1851-1911.

The following table shows the population of each Australian State and New Zealand at each census from 1851 to 1911:—

### POPULATION OF THE SIX STATES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, 1851-1911.

State.	1851.	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.
Victoria ..	77,345	540,322	731,528	862,346	1,140,405	1,201,070	1,315,551
New South Wales ..	191,099	350,860 30,059	503,981 117,960	751,468 213,525	1,132,234 393,718	1,354,846 498,129	1,643,448 605,813
Queensland							
South Aus- tralia ..	63,700	126,830	185,026	279,865	320,491	363,157	411,868
Western Aus- tralia ..	5,886	15,100	25,270	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114
Tasmania ..	70,130	89,977	101,020	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211
Australia ..	406,160	1,153,148	1,665,385	2,252,617	3,183,237	3,773,801	4,455,005
New Zealand	22,108	84,536	257,810	489,933	626,658	772,719	1,008,407

Population of  
Australian  
States and  
New Zealand,  
1915.

In the next table is shown the estimated population of each Australian State (excluding aborigines) at the end of 1915, also the increase of population since the census of 1911, and the number of persons to the square mile.

### POPULATION OF EACH AUSTRALIAN STATE AND NEW ZEALAND, 31ST DECEMBER, 1915.

State.	Estimated Population, 31st December, 1915.			Increase since Census of 1911. (2nd April.)	Persons to the Square Mile.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria ..	602,275	725,526	1,417,801	192,250	16.1
New South Wales ..	951,389	917,259	1,868,648	221,914	6.0
Queensland ..	361,312	319,134	680,446	74,633	1.0
South Australia ..	213,455	226,205	439,660	31,102	1.2
Western Australia ..	171,304	146,712	318,016	35,902	.3
Tasmania ..	101,761	99,264	201,025	9,814	7.7
<b>Territories—</b>					
Northern ..	3,687	876	4,563	1,253	.01
Federal ..	957	872	1,829	115	2.0
<b>Australia ..</b>	<b>2,496,140</b>	<b>2,435,848</b>	<b>4,931,988</b>	<b>476,983</b>	<b>1.7</b>
New Zealand ..	563,934	533,841	1,102,625	94,421	16.5

Australian States—  
Increase of  
population,  
1851 to 1911.

The subjoined table contains particulars as to the movement of population by immigration and emigration, and as to the natural increase by excess of births over deaths in each of the Australian States since 1851 :—

TABLE SHOWING INCREASE OF POPULATION IN AUSTRALIAN STATES, 1851 TO 1911.

Period.	Increase by Excess of Immigration over Emigration.						Australia
	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania	
1851-61 (Census period)	400,045	126,314		35,750	6,510	7,709	576,328
1861-71 "	41,789	48,247	68,581	17,060	6,386	- 5,183	176,880
1871-81 "	- 15,322	107,536	58,904	45,032	- 135	- 770	195,245
1881-91 "	116,950	171,061	114,835	-28,275	12,973	5,993	393,537
1891-01 "	- 111,848	- 4,064	16,693	-15,568	118,441	- 2,179	1,475
1901-11 "	- 42,340	45,564	19,708	- 5,406	53,723	- 14,592	56,657
Total ..	389,274	494,658	278,721	48,593	197,898	- 9,022	1,400,122
Natural Increase (i.e., Excess of Births over Deaths).							
1851-61 (Census period)	62,932	63,506		27,380	2,704	12,138	168,660
1861-71 "	149,417	104,874	19,320	41,736	3,784	16,226	335,357
1871-81 "	146,140	139,951	36,661	49,207	4,573	15,455	391,987
1881-91 "	161,109	209,705	65,358	68,841	7,101	24,969	537,083
1891-01 "	172,513	226,676	87,718	58,294	15,901	27,987	589,089
1901-11 "	156,821	248,038	87,976	54,117	44,267	33,328	624,547
Total ..	848,932	992,750	297,033	299,575	78,330	130,103	2,646,723
Total Increase.							
1851-61 (Census period)	462,977	189,820		63,130	9,214	19,847	744,968
1861-71 "	191,206	153,121	87,901	58,796	10,170	11,043	512,237
1871-81 "	130,818	247,487	95,565	94,239	4,438	14,685	587,232
1881-91 "	278,059	380,766	180,193	40,566	20,074	30,962	930,620
1891-01 "	60,665	222,612	104,411	42,726	134,342	25,808	590,564
1901-11 "	114,481	293,602	107,684	48,711	97,990	18,736	681,204
Total ..	1,238,206	1,487,408	575,754	348,168	276,228	121,081	4,046,845

Some very interesting results are disclosed by this table. During the ten years 1901-11 Australia gained 56,657 persons by immigration—there being increases from this source in Western Australia, New

South Wales, and Queensland, and decreases through excess of emigration over immigration in the other States, Victoria losing no less than 42,340 persons. Over the whole period of 60 years the excess of births over deaths contributed 65½ per cent. to the total increase of population, excess of immigration over emigration being responsible for the remaining 34½ per cent. Tasmania is the only State which has suffered a loss of population by migration over the whole period since 1851, the departures since that date having exceeded the arrivals by 9,022 persons.

Effective strength of population in Australasia.

The subjoined tabulation shows, according to the census of 1911, the number of persons at the supporting and dependent ages, in each of the Australian States and in New Zealand, in every 10,000 of the population :—

### STRENGTH OF AUSTRALASIAN POPULATION, 1911.

State, Dominion, or Territory.	Numbers in every 10,000 Persons living.		
	At Supporting Ages (15 to 65 Years).	At Dependent Ages.	
		Under 15 Years.	65 Years and upwards.
Western Australia ... ..	6,639	3,124	237
Victoria ... ..	6,432	3,050	518
South Australia ... ..	6,414	3,119	467
New Zealand ... ..	6,395	3,131	474
New South Wales ... ..	6,383	3,212	405
Queensland ... ..	6,312	3,313	375
Tasmania ... ..	6,084	3,504	412
Northern Territory ... ..	8,197	1,470	333
Federal Capital Territory ... ..	6,272	3,227	501

Leaving out of account the Northern Territory, where the conditions are abnormal, and the Federal Capital Territory, Western Australia stands, as might be expected, far ahead of all the States in the relative strength of its population, and this is undoubtedly due to the development of gold mining there in recent years, and the consequent large immigration of adult males from all the adjoining States. Victoria, which in 1901 had fallen to the fifth place on the list, now occupies the position next to Western Australia. Tasmania has relatively the weakest population of any of the States.

Victoria has the largest proportion of old people in its population, viz., 518 per 10,000, and is followed by New Zealand with 474, South Australia with 467, Tasmania with 412, and New South Wales with 405. In Queensland and Western Australia the proportions are much lower.

Relative strength of population in Australasia.

Old persons in Australasia.



Population of Australasian capital cities, 1861-1915.

The enumerated populations of Australasian capital cities during the past 54 years are shown in the following table. Melbourne during that time has made good progress, more especially in the decennial period, 1881-91, when the increase was 73 per cent. Between 1891 and 1901 the population remained almost stationary, but in the intercensal period 1901 to 1911 there was an increase of 97,158. Sydney, which since 1902 has been the most populous city in Australasia, had 763,000 inhabitants in 1915. These two cities contain about 29 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth.

POPULATION OF AUSTRALASIAN CAPITAL CITIES, 1861 TO 1915.

Capital City with Suburbs).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—						Estimated Population, 31st Dec., 1915.	Persons to the Acre 1915.
	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.		
Melbourne	139,916	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	684,000	4.19
Sydney ..	95,789	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	763,000	6.45
Brisbane ..	6,051	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	161,938	.83
Adelaide ..	18,303	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	209,450	1.23
Perth ..	*	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	123,000	1.38
Hobart ..	24,773	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	39,838	.85
Wellington	4,176	7,908	20,563	34,190	49,344	70,729	75,085	4.28

\* Not available.

Density of population in capital cities.

It will be noticed that the population of Sydney is more concentrated than that of any other metropolitan city, the population of Melbourne being spread over about one and a half times the corresponding area. In Adelaide and Perth there is only about one person, and in Brisbane and Hobart less than one person, to the acre.

Populations of principal towns in Australia and New Zealand.

The populations of the principal towns in Australia and New Zealand are given in the following statement. In the case of the capital cities, and of several of the larger towns mentioned, the suburbs are included:—

POPULATION OF PRINCIPAL TOWNS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, 1915.

VICTORIA.		NEW SOUTH WALES.	
	Population.		Population.
Melbourne and Suburbs (including Shipping) ..	684,000	Sydney and Suburbs (including Shipping) ..	763,000
Ballarat and Suburbs ..	42,252	Newcastle and Suburbs ..	58,750
Bendigo ..	37,660	Broken Hill ..	28,350
Geelong ..	35,285	Parramatta ..	12,600
Castlemaine and Suburbs ..	7,387	Maitland East and West ..	11,850
Warrnambool ..	7,300	Granville ..	10,900
Maryborough ..	5,100	Auburn ..	10,700
Mildura ..	5,000	Goulburn ..	10,100
Hamilton ..	4,800	Lithgow ..	9,500
Stawell ..	4,500	Bathurst ..	8,650

POPULATION OF PRINCIPAL TOWNS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND,  
1915—continued.

## NEW SOUTH WALES—continued.

	Population.
Lismore .. .. .	8,000
Lidcombe .. .. .	7,900
Tamworth .. .. .	7,750
Orange and East Orange .. .. .	7,200
Wagga Wagga .. .. .	7,000
Grafton and Grafton South .. .. .	6,700
Albury .. .. .	6,500
Katoomba .. .. .	6,500
Illawarra North .. .. .	5,500
Wollongong .. .. .	5,300
Armidale .. .. .	5,250
Illawarra Central .. .. .	5,200
Forbes .. .. .	5,200
Bankston .. .. .	5,200
Inverell .. .. .	5,150
Prospect and Sherwood .. .. .	4,900
Dubbo .. .. .	4,700
Glen Innes .. .. .	4,400
Casino .. .. .	4,250
Wellington .. .. .	4,250
Liverpool .. .. .	3,950
Penrith .. .. .	3,750
Cobar .. .. .	3,000

## QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane and Suburbs* (including Shipping) .. .. .	161,938
Ipswich* .. .. .	25,000
Toowoomba* .. .. .	24,200
Rockhampton* .. .. .	20,915
Charters Towers† .. .. .	17,298
Townsville* .. .. .	13,835
Gympie* .. .. .	12,419
Mount Morgan* .. .. .	12,023
Bundaberg* .. .. .	11,988
Maryborough* .. .. .	11,626
Cairns† .. .. .	6,524
Mackay† .. .. .	5,905

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide and Suburbs (including Shipping) .. .. .	209,450
Port Pirie .. .. .	9,980
Mount Gambier .. .. .	3,483
Walleroo .. .. .	3,350
Petersburg .. .. .	2,396

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Census 1911.)

	Population.
Perth and Suburbs (including Shipping) .. .. .	109,375
Kalgoorlie (including Boulder) .. .. .	31,666
Fremantle .. .. .	14,499
Bunbury .. .. .	3,763
Albany .. .. .	3,586
Geraldton .. .. .	3,478
Northam .. .. .	3,361
Coolgardie .. .. .	2,000
Broome .. .. .	866

## TASMANIA.

Hobart and Suburbs (including Shipping) .. .. .	39,838
Launceston .. .. .	24,661
Zeehan .. .. .	6,037
Devonport .. .. .	5,127

## NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland and Suburbs .. .. .	119,336
Christchurch and Suburbs .. .. .	88,798
Wellington and Suburbs .. .. .	75,085
Dunedin and Suburbs .. .. .	68,347
Invercargill .. .. .	15,110
Wanganui .. .. .	13,955
Timaru .. .. .	13,175
Palmerston North .. .. .	12,206
Napier .. .. .	12,230
Gisborne .. .. .	10,116
Nelson .. .. .	8,565
New Plymouth .. .. .	7,625
Petone .. .. .	7,107
Hastings .. .. .	7,089
Greymouth .. .. .	5,612
Masterton .. .. .	5,560
Westport .. .. .	5,507
Oamaru .. .. .	5,501
Waihi .. .. .	5,350
Onehunga .. .. .	4,931
Lower Hutt .. .. .	4,649
Lyttelton .. .. .	4,396
Hamilton .. .. .	4,162
Thames .. .. .	4,075

\* Ten mile-radius.

† Five-mile radius.

The next table gives the distribution of population throughout the whole of the British Empire, and includes all protectorates except the Soudan and Johore :—

Populations  
of British  
Dominions.

BRITISH DOMINIONS.—AREAS AND POPULATIONS.

Territory.	Estimated Area, Square Miles.	Year of Census (c) or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Population per Square Mile.
<b>EUROPEAN.</b>				
England and Wales .. .. .	58,324	1914	36,960,684	634
Scotland .. .. .	29,796	1914	4,747,167	159
Ireland .. .. .	32,605	1914	4,381,398	134
Isle of Man .. .. .	227	1911 c	52,034	229
Channel Islands .. .. .	75	1911 c	96,900	1,292
Total United Kingdom	121,027	..	46,238,183	382
Gibraltar .. .. .	2	1913	18,448	9,224
Malta .. .. .	117	1914	219,311	1,874
Total .. .. .	121,146	..	46,475,942	384
<b>ASIATIC.</b>				
British India .. .. .	1,092,994	1911 c	244,221,377	223
Federated Native States .. .. .	709,118	1911 c	70,864,995	100
British North Borneo .. .. .	31,106	1911 c	208,183	7
Brunei .. .. .	4,000	1911 c	21,718	5
Ceylon .. .. .	25,481	1913	4,262,097	167
Cyprus .. .. .	3,584	1913	286,442	80
Federated Malay States .. .. .	27,506	1913	1,115,413	41
Hong Kong .. .. .	404	1913	389,750	965
Labuan .. .. .	28	1913	6,706	240
Sarawak .. .. .	42,000	1913	500,000	12
Straits Settlements .. .. .	1,572	1913	736,304	468
Weihaiwei .. .. .	285	1911 c	147,133	516
Others .. .. .	17,223	1911 c	80,856	5
Total .. .. .	1,955,301	..	322,840,974	165
<b>AFRICAN.</b>				
Basutoland .. .. .	11,716	1911 c	404,507	35
Bechuanaland Protectorate .. .. .	275,000	1911 c	125,350	46
British East Africa Protectorate .. .. .	247,600	1914	2,834,927	11
Egypt .. .. .	400,000	1912	10,000,000	25
Mauritius and Dependencies .. .. .	809	1913	379,853	469
Nigeria .. .. .	336,080	1913	17,500,000	52
Nyasaland .. .. .	39,315	1913	1,065,119	27
Rhodesia .. .. .	439,575	1913	1,620,000	4
Somaliland .. .. .	68,000	1913	359,819	5
Union of South Africa .. .. .	473,184	1913	6,323,100	13
Uganda Protectorate .. .. .	121,437	1913	2,909,122	24
Zanzibar .. .. .	1,020	1913	199,462	196
Others .. .. .	115,379	1911 c	3,162,057	27
Total .. .. .	2,529,115	..	46,883,316	18

BRITISH DOMINIONS.—AREAS AND POPULATIONS—*continued.*

Territory.	Estimated Area. Square Miles.	Year of Census (c) or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Population per Square Mile.
<b>AMERICAN.</b>				
Bermudas .. ..	19	1913	19,935	1,049
British Guiana .. ..	90,500	1913	304,149	3
Canada .. ..	3,729,665	1914	8,075,000	2.17
Falkland Islands .. ..	7,500	1913	3,223	.43
Honduras .. ..	8,598	1913	41,170	5
Labrador .. ..	120,000	1913	3,998	.03
Newfoundland .. ..	42,734	1913	243,576	6
West Indies .. ..	12,228	1913	1,751,698	143
Total .. ..	4,011,244	..	10,442,749	2.6
<b>AUSTRALASIAN.</b>				
Australia .. ..	2,974,581	1915	4,931,988	1.7
New Zealand .. ..	104,751	1915	1,102,828	10.5
Papua .. ..	90,540	1912	380,000	4.2
Total .. ..	3,169,872	..	6,414,816	2.0
<b>OCEANIC.</b>				
Fiji .. ..	7,435	1913	153,704	21
Tonga .. ..	390	1913	22,400	57
British Solomon Islands .. ..	14,800	1914	150,660	10
Gilbert and Ellice Islands .. ..	180	1912	31,133	173
Total .. ..	22,805	..	357,897	16
<b>GRAND TOTAL of British Dominions .. ..</b>	<b>11,809,483</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>433,415,694</b>	<b>36.7</b>

Population of the world.

The estimated population of the world is given below. Arctic regions are included in the continents to which they belong; Antarctic regions are too ill-defined to enable an approximate calculation of the distribution of land and water to be made.

## THE WORLD.—ESTIMATES OF AREA AND POPULATION.

Divisions.	Area in Square Miles (000's omitted).	Estimated Population (000's omitted).	Population per Square Mile.
Europe .. ..	3,860,	440,864,	114.2
Asia .. ..	17,000,	950,000,	55.9
Africa .. ..	11,500,	150,000,	13.0
North America .. ..	8,548,	130,000,	15.2
South America .. ..	7,342,	47,000,	6.4
Australasia and Polynesia .. ..	3,400,	7,400,	2.2
Total .. ..	51,650,	1,725,264,	33.4

Populations of the principal cities of the world.

The following list contains the latest estimated populations of some of the principal cities of the world. In most cases capital cities have been selected, but, where their importance has warranted it, others have been included:—

POPULATION OF THE PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE WORLD.

City.	Country.	Year of Enumeration or Estimate.	Population.
Greater London .. ..	England .. ..	1911	7,252,963
New York .. ..	United States .. ..	1914	5,583,871
Paris .. ..	France .. ..	1911	2,888,110
Chicago .. ..	United States .. ..	1914	2,393,325
Tokio .. ..	Japan .. ..	1909	2,186,079
Vienna .. ..	Austria .. ..	1914	2,149,834
Berlin .. ..	Prussia .. ..	1912	2,083,391
Petrograd .. ..	Russia .. ..	1911	1,962,400
Moscow .. ..	Russia .. ..	1913	1,694,900
Philadelphia .. ..	United States .. ..	1913	1,631,960
Buenos Aires .. ..	Argentine Republic .. ..	1912	1,383,663
Osaka .. ..	Japan .. ..	1909	1,226,590
Calcutta .. ..	India .. ..	1911	1,222,313
Constantinople .. ..	Turkey .. ..	1909	1,200,000
Glasgow .. ..	Scotland .. ..	1914	1,047,000
Hamburg .. ..	Germany .. ..	1914	1,040,400
Rio de Janeiro .. ..	Brazil .. ..	1914	983,259
Bombay .. ..	India .. ..	1911	979,445
Manchester (with Salford)	England .. ..	1914	973,513
Buda-Pest .. ..	Hungary .. ..	1914	950,784
Canton .. ..	China .. ..	1911	900,000
Birmingham .. ..	England .. ..	1914	868,430
Warsaw .. ..	Russia .. ..	1911	864,000
Tient-sin .. ..	China .. ..	1911	800,000
Brussels .. ..	Belgium .. ..	1914	780,852
Liverpool .. ..	England .. ..	1914	767,992
Sydney .. ..	New South Wales .. ..	1915	763,000
Cairo .. ..	Egypt .. ..	1914	726,075
Boston .. ..	United States .. ..	1912	720,031
Pekin .. ..	China .. ..	1911	700,000
Naples .. ..	Italy .. ..	1912	692,171
Melbourne .. ..	Victoria .. ..	1915	684,000
Munich .. ..	Bavaria .. ..	1914	653,827
Bangkok .. ..	Siam .. ..	1909	628,675
Leipzig .. ..	Saxony .. ..	1914	627,199
Milan .. ..	Italy .. ..	1912	615,375
Montreal .. ..	Canada .. ..	1913	600,000
Amsterdam .. ..	Holland .. ..	1914	597,888
Rome .. ..	Italy .. ..	1914	591,943
Madrid .. ..	Spain .. ..	1910	571,539
Dresden .. ..	Saxony .. ..	1914	568,160
Barcelona .. ..	Spain .. ..	1910	560,000
Copenhagen .. ..	Denmark .. ..	1911	559,398
Breslau .. ..	Prussia .. ..	1914	544,267
Madras .. ..	India .. ..	1911	518,660

## POPULATION OF THE PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE WORLD—continued.

City.	Country.	Year of Enumeration or Estimate.	Population.
Prague .. ..	Austria .. ..	1914	500,926
Sheffield .. ..	England .. ..	1914	476,971
Mexico .. ..	Mexico .. ..	1910	470,659
Leeds .. ..	England .. ..	1914	459,260
Rotterdam .. ..	Holland .. ..	1912	441,343
Lisbon .. ..	Portugal .. ..	1911	435,359
Dublin .. ..	Ireland .. ..	1914	406,000
Sao Paulo .. ..	Brazil .. ..	1912	400,000
Belfast .. ..	Ireland .. ..	1914	399,000
Stockholm .. ..	Sweden .. ..	1914	382,085
Toronto .. ..	Canada .. ..	1911	376,538
Washington .. ..	United States .. ..	1910	331,069
Edinburgh .. ..	Scotland .. ..	1914	321,900
Antwerp .. ..	Belgium .. ..	1911	320,640
The Hague .. ..	Holland .. ..	1912	291,357
Christiania .. ..	Norway .. ..	1912	247,488
Johannesburg .. ..	Transvaal .. ..	1911	237,104
Adelaide .. ..	South Australia .. ..	1915	209,450
Venice .. ..	Italy .. ..	1912	164,799

It will be seen from the above table that Sydney is the eighth city in the British Empire, and Melbourne the ninth.

In the subjoined table is given the population of Victoria at each of the last six census enumerations, Chinese and Aborigines being distinguished :—

## POPULATION OF VICTORIA, DISTINGUISHING CHINESE AND ABORIGINES, AT SIX CENSUS PERIODS.

Year of Census.	Total Population—including Chinese and Aborigines.			Chinese.			Aborigines.		
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
1861	540,322	328,651	211,671	24,732	24,724	8	1,694	1,046	648
1871	731,528	401,050	330,478	17,935	17,899	36	1,330	784	546
1881	862,346	452,083	410,263	12,128	11,869	259	780	460	320
1891	1,140,405	598,414	541,991	9,377	8,772	605	565	325	240
1901	1,201,341	603,883	597,458	7,349	6,740	609	652	367	285
1911	1,315,551	655,591	659,960	5,601	4,956	645	643	340	303

Chinese first began to arrive in Victoria in 1853, and at the census of 1854, 2,000 were enumerated. In 1857, when the next census was taken, they had increased to 25,424; and at the end of 1859 it was estimated that they numbered no less than 42,000. Soon after this an exodus of Chinese took place, chiefly to New South Wales, it being estimated that besides those who departed

by sea, as many as 11,000 went over the frontier to work at the Lambing Flat diggings in that colony. In consequence of this the census of 1861 showed the number of Chinese remaining in Victoria to be only 24,732, or 692 less than in 1857. Since 1861 there has been a continuous decrease in the Chinese population. At the census of 1901 they reached a total of 7,349, and at the census of 1911 they numbered only 5,601 (including 894 half-castes). The Chinese Immigration Restriction Act passed in December, 1888 (afterwards *Chinese Restriction Act* 1890) was largely instrumental in later years in limiting the number of immigrants. This Act provided that no vessel should enter any portion of the State having on board more than one Chinese to every 500 tons of her burden, and that, in the event of any vessel bringing more than this proportion, her owner, master, or charterer would be liable to a penalty of £500 for every one by which it should be exceeded; also that any Chinese who should enter Victoria by land should obtain a permit in writing from an officer duly appointed to grant it, and failing to do so should be liable to a penalty ranging from £5 to £20. Under the Immigration Restriction Act of the Commonwealth the practice is not to permit the landing of Chinese unless they pass the prescribed dictation test, or hold permits dispensing with that condition.

At the first colonization of Victoria the Aborigines were officially estimated to number about 5,000, but according to other and apparently more reliable estimates they numbered at that time not less than 15,000. When the colony was separated from New South Wales, the number was officially stated to be 2,693. At the 1911 census there were enumerated 643 Aborigines, consisting of 196 of pure blood and 447 half-castes. These figures indicate that the race is gradually but surely dying out, for, although the half-castes increased by 66 between 1901 and 1911, the pure race showed a decrease of 75 in the ten years. From the records of the Aborigines Board it would appear that all the pure race and a number of half-castes are under the care of that body, in the following stations:—

NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE AT STATIONS IN VICTORIA, 1914-15.

Station.	Area of Reserves.	Total Number under care.
	Acres.	
Coranderrk .. .. .	2,400	56
Lake Condah .. .. .	2,050	63
Lake Tyers .. .. .	4,000	77
Framlingham .. .. .	548	24
Colac and Lake Moodemere .. .. .	41	8
Depôts .. .. .	..	55
Total .. .. .	9,039	283

Of the Aborigines not enumerated in the table, some are residing elsewhere than at the stations, but receive supplies of food and clothing when they call; while others prefer to lead a wandering life, and but rarely come under the notice of the Board.

During the year 1914-15 ten deaths occurred—two at Lake Condah, seven at Lake Tyers, and one at Framlingham. There were eleven births—one at Coranderrk, three at Lake Condah, and seven at Lake Tyers.

The amount expended on the maintenance of Aborigines during the year was £4,228. The following statement contains particulars of the net cost of Aborigines in Victoria (including cost of administration) from 1851 to 1915:—

Expenditure on Aborigines

Amount expended .. .. .	£386,846
Revenue from stations paid into the Consolidated Revenue ..	13,152
Net cost .. .. .	373,694

Arrivals and departures of Chinese.

During each of the years in the quinquennium ended 1915 the number of Chinese who left Victoria was greater than the number entering the State. The net decrease in the Chinese population in the period mentioned by excess of emigration over immigration was 374. The figures for each year are:—

#### CHINESE IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1911 TO 1915.

Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of— Arrivals (+) Departures (-).
1911 ... ..	435	454	- 19
1912 ... ..	545	556	- 11
1913 ... ..	475	579	- 104
1914 ... ..	323	501	- 178
1915 ... ..	530	592	- 62
Total ... ..	2,308	2,682	- 374

With a view to restricting the immigration of Asiatics and other coloured persons, the Commonwealth Parliament passed the Immigration Restriction Act in 1901, which provides that any person, who, when asked to do so by a public officer, fails to write out from dictation and sign in the presence of the officer a passage of fifty words in any prescribed language, is prohibited from landing in Australia. Certificates of exemption are granted in certain cases, and members of the military and naval forces, as well as the master and crew of any public vessel of any government, are excepted. The Act appears to have achieved its purpose, judging by the small number of coloured persons who have been admitted to the Commonwealth since it commenced to operate.

Immigration and emigration of coloured persons, 1901 to 1915.



The following are the numbers of coloured persons, other than Chinese, who have entered or left Victoria since 1st April, 1901:—

**IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION OF COLOURED PERSONS (OTHER THAN CHINESE) FROM 1ST APRIL, 1901, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1915.**

Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of— Arrivals (+) Departures (-).
From 1st April, 1901, to 31st Dec., 1901	609	433	+ 176
1902 .. .. .	307	525	- 218
1903 .. .. .	96	92	+ 4
1904 .. .. .	48	75	- 27
1905 .. .. .	58	136	- 78
1906 .. .. .	71	129	- 58
1907 .. .. .	41	79	- 38
1908 .. .. .	64	62	+ 2
1909 .. .. .	69	69	..
1910 .. .. .	137	156	- 19
1911 .. .. .	104	77	+ 27
1912 .. .. .	133	74	+ 59
1913 .. .. .	117	91	+ 26
1914 .. .. .	58	67	- 9
1915 .. .. .	79	97	- 18
Total .. .. .	1,991	2,212	- 221

The number of coloured persons in Victoria was ascertained at the census of 1911. Chinese were found to number 5,601, and other coloured persons 1,583—a total of 7,184, as compared with 8,622 at the previous census in 1901.

**NUMBER OF PERSONS OF COLOURED RACES (EXCLUSIVE OF ABORIGINES) IN VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 1911.**

Race.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.
Asiatic—						
Chinese .. .. .	4,491	465	216	429	4,707	894
Hindus .. .. .	720	73	9	32	729	105
Japanese .. .. .	39	13	8	7	47	20
Syrians .. .. .	244	11	197	5	441	36
Cingalese .. .. .	14	1	1	3	15	4
Other .. .. .	31	8	2	9	33	17
African—						
Negroes .. .. .	44	27	11	36	55	63
Other .. .. .	3	..	..	..	3	..
American—						
American Indians .. .. .	3	1	..	1	3	2
Other .. .. .	3	3	..	4	3	7
Polynesians—						
Maoris .. .. .	5	2	2	2	7	4
Other .. .. .	2	..	3	1	5	1
Indefinite .. .. .	1	2	..	..	1	2
Total .. .. .	5,600	606	449	529	6,049	1,135

Coloured  
persons in  
Australia.

Persons of non-European race (exclusive of Aborigines) in Australia were found to number 42,230 in 1911. If to this be added 19,939 full-blooded aboriginals and 10,113 half-castes, the total of the enumerated coloured persons in the Commonwealth as at the date mentioned will be 72,282. The following table shows the numbers belonging to the different races, those of full blood being distinguished from half-castes, and males being separated from females :—

**NUMBER OF PERSONS OF COLOURED RACES (EXCLUSIVE OF ABORIGINES) IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AT THE CENSUS OF 1911.**

Race.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.
<b>Asiatic—</b>						
Chinese .. .. .	21,856	1,518	897	1,501	22,753	3,019
Hindus .. .. .	3,201	239	98	160	3,299	399
Cingalese .. .. .	322	32	32	22	354	54
Japanese .. .. .	3,281	51	208	36	3,489	87
Syrians .. .. .	1,297	40	1,042	44	2,339	84
Malays .. .. .	1,033	38	44	46	1,077	84
Other .. .. .	1,446	57	81	68	1,527	125
<b>African—</b>						
Negroes .. .. .	283	191	43	145	326	336
Other .. .. .	26	..	5	..	31	..
<b>American—</b>						
American Indians .. .. .	36	6	8	1	44	7
Other .. .. .	18	9	3	8	21	17
<b>Polynesian—</b>						
Papuan .. .. .	366	2	4	3	370	5
Maoris .. .. .	60	25	26	23	86	48
Fijians .. .. .	22	3	7	3	39	6
Other .. .. .	1,672	96	357	72	2,029	168
Indefinite .. .. .	3	2	2	..	5	2
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>34,932</b>	<b>2,309</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>37,789</b>	<b>4,441</b>

Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 of 1903," the right to issue certificates of naturalization was taken from the States, and vested in the Commonwealth. This Act came into force on 1st January, 1904. All persons who, prior to that date, had been granted letters or certificates of naturalization in the various States, are to be deemed naturalized. To obtain a certificate a person, not being an aboriginal native of Asia, Africa, or any of the islands of the Pacific (excepting New Zealand), must have resided in Australia continuously for the two years immediately preceding the application, and must produce, in support of his application, a statutory declaration stating his name, age, birthplace, occupation,

and residence, the length of his residence in Australia, and that he intends to settle in the Commonwealth, in addition to a certificate of good character signed by a justice of the peace, postmaster, State school teacher, or police officer. If a person has been naturalized in the United Kingdom, he must produce the certificate, also a declaration that he is the person named in it, that he obtained it without any fraud or misstatement, and that he intends to settle in the Commonwealth. An alien woman who marries a British subject becomes naturalized thereby. Children of naturalized parents, who have at any time resided in Australia with their father or mother, have all the rights, powers, and privileges of naturalized persons, and this provision also applies to the children of an alien mother married to a natural-born British subject, or to a person who has obtained a certificate of naturalization. Under the State Act Chinese were allowed to take out letters of naturalization, but owing to the large increase in such applications, 1,178 of which were granted in 1885, it was decided in 1886 to issue no more "unless a sufficient reason was assigned," with the result that only 173 were issued in 1886, and 16 in 1887. None have been granted since the latter date. The following are the native countries of persons naturalized in Victoria from 1871 to 1915, from which it will be seen that about 34 per cent. of the total were Germans, and 21 per cent. Chinese :—

NATURALIZATION, 1871 TO 1915.

Native Places.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.					Total Naturalized, 1871 to 1915.
	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	
France ... ..	15	17	17	15	11	348
Belgium ... ..	1	2	4	7	1	62
Austria ... ..	12	13	21	66	1	373
Germany ... ..	191	110	173	648	60	4,821
Russia ... ..	34	13	38	111	18	686
Norway and Sweden ...	92	29	74	142	104	4,604
Other European Countries	124	89	92	190	142	
United States ... ..	21	6	13	16	15	255
China ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	2,969
Other Countries ... ..	1	16	2	7	26	210
Total ... ..	491	295	434	1,202	378	14,328

Decrease of  
aliens in  
Australia.

With regard to Australia as a whole, it may here be mentioned that, according to the statistics for the Commonwealth prepared in connexion with the Immigration Restriction Act, the number of persons of coloured races who arrived in Australia in 1915 was 3,482, and of those who departed 4,848, giving a departure balance of 1,366. Most of the coloured persons who left Australia were Chinese, Japanese, Malays, Hindoos, Timorese, and Papuans, and, of those who arrived, the greater number were formerly domiciled in the Commonwealth.

The following is a statement of the number of Chinese and Aborigines in each State and Territory of the Commonwealth and in the Dominion of New Zealand at the census of 1911:—

### CHINESE AND ABORIGINES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, 1911.

States and Territories.	Chinese.		Aborigines.			
	Males.	Females.	Full Blood.		Half-caste.	
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<b>States—</b>						
Victoria ..	4,956	645	193	93	237	210
New South Wales ..	8,500	855	1,152	860	2,335	2,177
Queensland ..	6,138	576	5,145	3,542	1,361	1,147
South Australia ..	291	68	302	637	346	346
Western Australia..	1,808	64	3,433	2,936	760	715
Tasmania ..	450	79	2	1	123	104
<b>Territories—</b>						
Northern Territory	1,228	111	743	489	117	127
Federal Capital Territory ..	3	..	5	5	4	4
<b>Australia ..</b>	<b>23,374</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>11,385</b>	<b>8,554</b>	<b>5,283</b>	<b>4,830</b>
<b>New Zealand ..</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>24,184</b>	<b>21,479</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>1,890</b>

Decrease of Chinese in Australia.

There are more Chinese in New South Wales and Queensland than in the other States, but they appear to be steadily diminishing in Australia as a whole. In each State except Western Australia the number enumerated in 1911 was smaller than in 1901—the total decrease in Australia in the decade amounting to 7,785 persons. In Western Australia they increased from 1,569 to 1,872 in the same period.

Aborigines in Australia.

The enumeration of Aborigines, owing to their nomadic habits, was incomplete. The numbers given represent only those who were in the employ of whites at the date of the census, or were living in a civilized or semi-civilized condition in the vicinity of settlements of whites at that time. No attempt was made to count those who were living in a purely wild state. The Maoris enumerated at the census of 1911 in New Zealand show an increase of 2,113 over those returned in 1906, and this increase the authorities in New Zealand state may be taken as a fair index of the position.