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# Preface

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As we approach the end of the 80's the Australian Bureau Of Statistics (ABS) faces the increasingly difficult task of trying to satisfy the wide and growing demands of our many customers who seem to have an insatiable appetite for information. New technology has made its mark in presenting ways and means of helping to process, store and disseminate the wide range of information available from ABS statistical collections. In particular, new technology has provided the facility to present information to customers quickly and in a format that enables the customer to carry out additional processes to satisfy their specific demands.

In parallel with the demand for electronically distributed information, there is a continuing demand for a printed overview of statistical information for Australia and for each of the States and Territories. This 102nd edition of the *Victorian Year Book* has been produced to help satisfy that requirement and aims to provide a convenient reference for those readers requiring a timely and authoritative guide to the demographic, economic and social aspects of Victoria.

Following positive feedback after the release of the 1988 issue of the *Victorian Year Book*, this 102nd edition has been produced largely in line with that edition. Some additional series have been included and every attempt has been made to try to present the information in a clear, meaningful and interesting way. I wish to encourage readers to contact the ABS with any suggestions for improving the content and presentation of information for future editions.

While I have mentioned the role played by new technology, I do not wish to underplay the very significant effort made by a wide variety of people in the production of this Year Book. In particular, the whole team at ABS Victoria has again devoted a great deal of time and effort to collating the various statistical tables, preparing the descriptive commentary, typing, and preparing the manuscript for final production. I wish to acknowledge their fine efforts.

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# General information

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## Symbols

The following symbols mean:

- cr. credit
- dr. debit
- n.a. not available
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
- n.e.i. not elsewhere included
- n.e.s. not elsewhere specified
- n.p. not available for publication, but included in totals where applicable
- n.y.a. not yet available
- p preliminary - figure or series subject to revision
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded down to zero
- break in continuity of series (where a line drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

M, males; F, females; T, total

## Other forms of usage

The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: NSW (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), SA (South Australia), WA (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), NT (Northern Territory), ACT (Australian Capital Territory), and Aust. (Australia).

Yearly periods shown as, e.g. 1987 refer to the year ended 31 December 1987. Those shown as, e.g. 1986-87 refer to the year ended 30 June 1987. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

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