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Although Victoria is the second smallest state in area, it has one-quarter of the nation's population. Over recent decades a number of factors, including declining birth rates, declining death rates, and relatively low levels of net immigration, have resulted in a marked ageing of Victoria's population, with the rate of population increase being below the Australian average.

### **Population**

The estimated resident population of Australia was 16.3 million in June 1987. Victoria's estimated resident population was 4.2 million, which represented 26 per cent of Australia's population.

Over the five years 1982 to 1987, the rate of growth of Australia's population averaged 1.38 per cent per year. Over the same period the populations of Queensland, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have grown more rapidly than the national average. There has been a sustained decline in the proportion of the population living in Victoria, with Victoria's rate of population growth averaging 1.06 per cent per year over the five years.

Victoria is the most densely populated State with an average of 18.5 persons per square kilometre at 30 June 1987. This population density is nearly three times that of New South Wales and compares with the Australian average of just over two persons per square kilometre. Victoria's population is also highly concentrated. At 30 June 1987, an estimated 2,964,800 persons lived in the Melbourne Statistical Division, representing 70 per cent of Victoria's population and a population density of 484 persons per square kilometre.

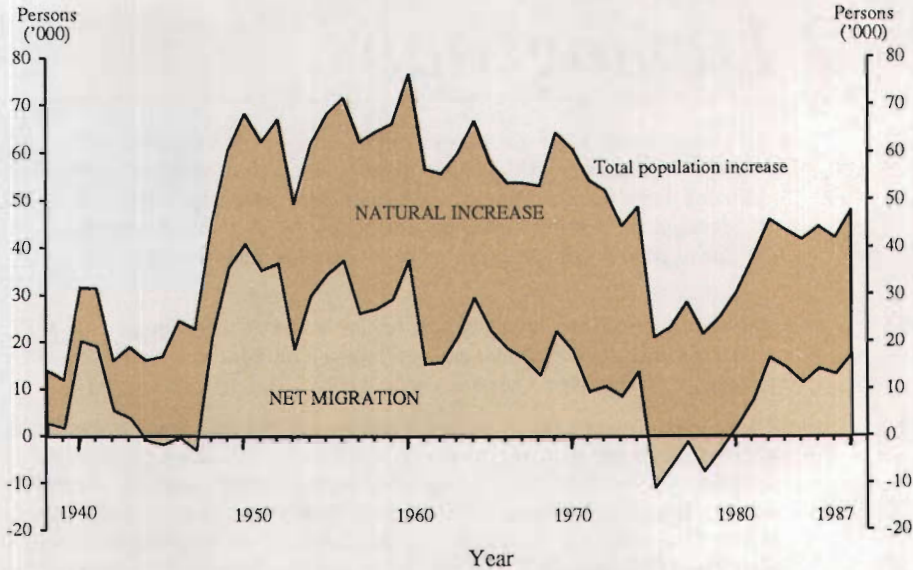
### **Age distribution**

The 1986 Census of Population and Housing showed that 31.7 per cent of all people in Victoria were aged 19 years or under and 14.9 per cent of the total population were aged 60 years or over. In sharp contrast to the total population, 50.8 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islanders were aged 19 years or under, and only 3.8 per cent were aged 60 years or over.

### **Population increase**

The components of population growth are natural increase (the number by which live births exceeds deaths in the State of usual residence) and net migration, both interstate and from overseas. In the five years 1982 to 1987 natural increase hovered around 30,000 per year, and net overseas migration fluctuated from a low of 14,730 in 1984 and a high of 31,144 in 1982. Net overseas migration was 30,983 in 1987. Net interstate migration resulted in a relatively small flow out of Victoria in each year during the period. The smallest loss was in 1984 (3,340 persons) and the largest loss in 1987 (13,448 persons). The total population increase in the 1982 to 1987 period was lowest in 1984 (41,986 persons) and highest in 1987 (48,090 persons).

## COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, VICTORIA, 1938-1987

**Births**

In 1987 there were 61,507 live births registered to women resident in Victoria. This represented an increase of 2.2 per cent on the 60,162 births recorded in 1986. The 1987 crude birth rate in Victoria was 14.6 per 1,000 population, one of the lowest recorded since the registration of births was made compulsory in 1853. The Australian crude birth rate was 15.0 per 1,000 population in 1987. The Victorian crude birth rate has remained below the Australian rate since the early 1970's.

The general decline in the birth rate was reflected in trends in the age-specific birth rates. However, there was an increase in the age-specific birth rates for the 30 to 34 and 35 to 39 year age groups.

During the 1980's the number of ex-nuptial births has risen steadily to 8,480 in 1987, which represented 13.8 per cent of total live births.

**Deaths**

In 1987 there were 31,549 deaths of Victorian residents registered in Australia. This was an increase of 4.6 per cent from the 30,175 deaths recorded in 1986 and compared with the 3.8 per cent decrease from 1985 to 1986. The crude death rate increased from 7.2 per 1,000 population in 1986 to 7.5 in 1987.

The infant mortality rate (deaths of children under one year) dropped from 8.6 per 1,000 live births in 1986 to 8.1 in 1987. The mortality rate for male infants was consistently higher than that for females. In 1987 the rate was 9.7 for males and 6.4 for females.

There were 629 perinatal deaths (stillbirths and deaths within 28 days of birth) in 1987. This represents a death rate of 10.2 per 1,000 live and stillbirths.

The decline in the death rate was reflected in increased life expectancy at birth. In 1987 the life expectancy for males was 73.1 years and for females it was 79.4 years.

**Marriages**

There were 29,682 marriages registered in Victoria during 1987, an increase of 1.0 per cent from the 29,390 marriages registered in 1986. The crude marriage rate stayed the same as in 1986 at 7.1 per 1,000 population.

Of the total marriages in 1987, first marriage for both partners accounted for 20,622 (69.5 per cent), first marriage for one partner totalled 5,110 (17.2 per cent), and remarriages for both parties numbered 3,950 (13.3 per cent).

Age at marriage continued to increase slightly. In 1987 the median age of bridegrooms was 27.4 years and the median age of brides was 25.2 years. The proportion of marriages performed by civil celebrants showed a slight decrease, accounting for 37.9 per cent of marriages in 1987.

**Divorces**

The number of divorces granted in Victoria in 1987 was 9,626, a marginal decrease of 0.5 per cent from 1986. This continued the trend of a decrease in divorces from a peak of 11,266 in 1982. The crude divorce rate stayed the same at 2.3 per 1,000 population. Victoria's crude divorce rate was generally below the Australian rate which, in 1987, was 2.4 per 1,000 population.

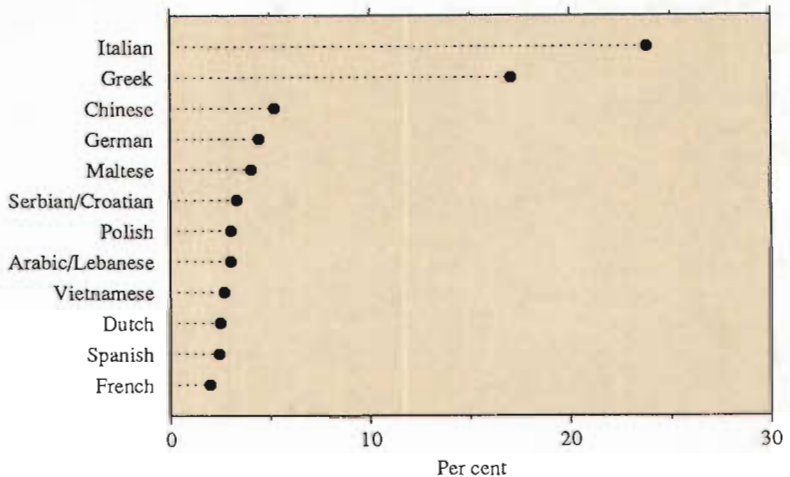
The median age at marriage for divorcing husbands or wives continued to increase marginally (24.3 and 21.8 years, respectively). For divorcing husbands, the median ages at final separation and at divorce were 34.5 and 37.2 years, respectively. For divorcing wives the corresponding median ages were 31.8 and 34.6 years.

In 1986, 59.1 per cent of males and 57.1 per cent of females aged 15 years and over, were married. This compared with 64.6 per cent and 62.5 per cent respectively in 1976.

**Birthplace, citizenship, and language**

The 1986 Census of Population and Housing revealed the extent to which overseas-born people have acquired Australian citizenship. Greek born migrants had the highest proportion of residents with Australian citizenship (89.2 per cent). The next highest were from Poland (84.1 per cent), Lebanon (82.1 per cent), and Yugoslavia (81.9 per cent). Those with the lowest

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proportion of Australian citizenship were born in New Zealand (24.8 per cent), Malaysia (33.8 per cent), and the United Kingdom and Ireland (39.5 per cent).

In 1986, 725,775 persons aged 5 years and over spoke a language other than English at home. Italian was the most widespread other language, being spoken by 23.9 per cent of those using another language at home. It was followed by Greek (17.1 per cent), Chinese (5.2 per cent), German (4.4 per cent), and Maltese (4.1 per cent).

Length of stay in Australia had a definite impact on the English-speaking proficiency of overseas-born people who spoke another language at home - 74.6 per cent of those who arrived before 1982 spoke English well or very well, compared with 58.9 per cent who arrived after 1982.

English was spoken well or very well by 92.9 per cent of Australian-born people who spoke another language at home.

### Ancestry

Less than one-fifth (17.5 per cent) of the population claimed Australian-only ancestry. The major ancestry response (over 40 per cent) during the 1986 Census of Population was for Anglo-Celtic descent, with English-only ancestry accounting for 31.6 per cent. Other single ancestries containing over 1 per cent of the population were Italian, Greek, German, Chinese, Dutch and Maltese.

### Religion

The proportion of the population stating their religious denomination as Christian declined from 75.9 per cent in 1976 to 68.8 per cent in 1986. This decline was due to the increase in the non-Christian population (from 1.4 per cent to 2.6 per cent), the proportion who stated no religion (from 9.4 per cent to 13.9 per cent) and those defined as other, who include non-theistic groups, response inadequately described, or not stated (13.4 per cent to 14.7 per cent).

**TABLE 2.1 AREA, ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, AND POPULATION DENSITY OF STATES AND TERRITORIES**

State or Territory	Area sq km	Estimated resident population at June 30			Persons per square kilometre (at 1987)	Percentage of population in each State or Territory (at 1987) per cent
		1982 '000	1986 '000	1987 '000		
New South Wales	801,600	5,303.6	5,531.5	5,612.2	7.00	34.51
Victoria	227,600	3,992.9	4,160.8	4,208.9	18.49	25.88
Queensland	1,727,200	2,424.6	2,624.6	2,676.8	1.55	16.46
South Australia	984,000	1,331.1	1,382.6	1,394.2	1.42	8.57
Western Australia	2,525,500	1,338.9	1,459.0	1,500.5	0.59	9.23
Tasmania	67,800	429.9	446.5	447.9	6.61	2.75
Northern Territory	1,346,200	130.3	154.4	156.7	0.12	0.96
Australian Capital Territory	2,400	233.1	258.9	266.1	110.88	1.64
<b>Australia</b>	<b>7,682,300</b>	<b>15,184.2</b>	<b>16,018.4</b>	<b>16,263.3</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>100.00</b>

TABLE 2.2 POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN BROAD GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, VICTORIA

Census (b)	Major urban		Other urban		Rural (a)		Total Victoria (c)
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	
1921	766,465	50.1	187,490	12.2	571,577	37.3	1,531,280
1933	991,934	54.5	198,191	10.9	628,558	34.5	1,820,261
1947	1,226,409	59.7	231,443	11.3	592,998	28.9	2,054,701
1954	1,524,111	62.1	470,063	19.2	450,126	18.4	2,452,341
1961	1,911,895	65.3	573,930	19.6	439,679	15.0	2,930,113
1966	2,215,396	68.8	538,776	16.7	463,057	14.4	3,220,217
1971	2,509,298	71.6	562,830	16.1	427,920	12.2	3,502,351
1976	2,603,028	71.4	601,185	16.5	441,057	12.1	3,646,975
1981	2,704,038	70.6	661,953	17.3	464,352	12.1	3,832,443
1986	2,771,317	68.9	743,360	18.5	501,022	12.5	4,019,478

(a) Includes rural localities.

(b) Census years 1921 to 1966 exclude full-blooded aboriginals.

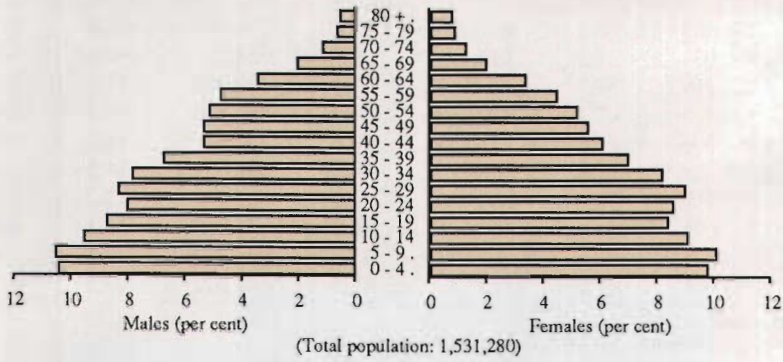
(c) Includes migratory - those persons counted on trains, boats or at aircraft terminals.

TABLE 2.3 AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986

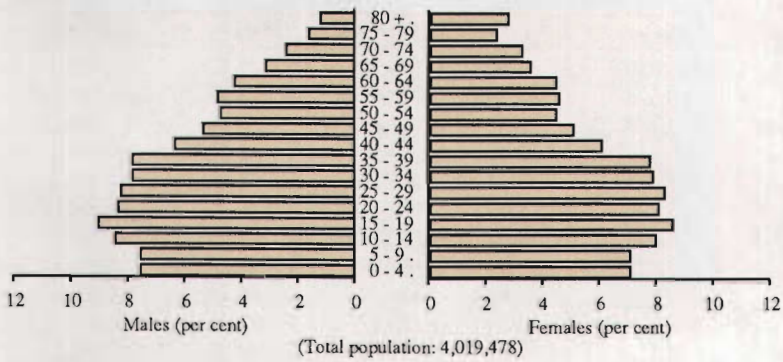
Age group (years)	Males		Females		Persons	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
0-4	150,830	7.57	144,321	7.12	295,151	7.34
5-9	150,536	7.56	143,093	7.062	293,629	7.34
10-14	170,178	8.55	161,628	7.97	331,806	8.25
15-19	180,934	9.09	173,564	8.56	354,498	8.82
20-24	167,533	8.41	165,175	8.14	332,708	8.28
25-29	165,724	8.32	167,436	8.26	333,160	8.29
30-34	158,041	7.94	160,299	7.90	318,340	7.92
35-39	157,891	7.93	158,975	7.84	316,866	7.88
40-44	128,093	6.43	124,596	6.14	252,689	6.29
45-49	108,378	5.44	103,629	5.11	212,007	5.27
50-54	95,564	4.80	91,982	4.54	187,546	4.67
55-59	97,508	4.90	94,238	4.65	191,746	4.77
60-64	86,328	4.33	91,653	4.52	177,981	4.43
65-69	63,319	3.18	73,826	3.64	137,145	3.41
70-74	50,645	2.54	66,251	3.27	116,896	2.91
75-79	33,540	1.68	49,649	2.45	83,189	2.07
80-84	17,275	0.87	31,939	1.57	49,214	1.22
85-89	6,883	0.35	17,689	0.87	24,572	0.61
90 and over	2,269	0.11	8,066	0.40	10,335	0.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,991,469</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2,028,009</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,019,478</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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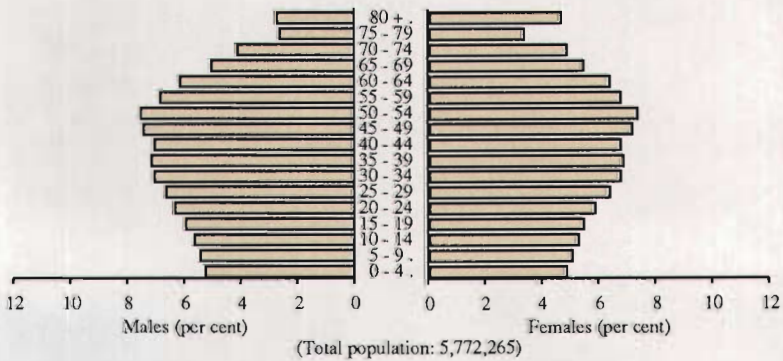
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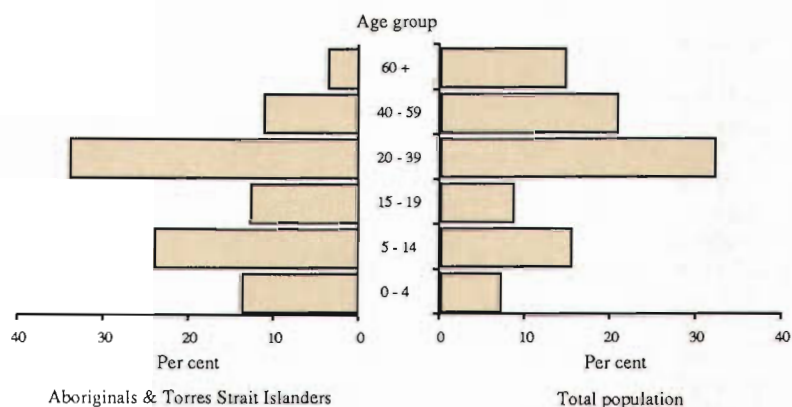


(a)Source: Projections of the Populations of Australia, States and Territories, 1987 to 2031. (Cat. No.3222.0)

**TABLE 2.4 AGE OF ABORIGINALS AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**

Age group (years)	Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders				All persons, Victoria	
	Males	Females	Persons	Per cent	Persons	Per cent
0-4	908	842	1,750	13.9	295,151	7.3
5-14	1,542	1,495	3,037	24.1	625,435	15.6
15-19	820	809	1,629	12.9	354,498	8.8
20-39	2,058	2,231	4,289	34.0	1,301,074	32.4
40-59	654	767	1,421	11.3	843,988	21.0
60 and over	210	275	485	3.8	599,332	14.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>12,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,019,478</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL POPULATION AND OF ABORIGINALS AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**



**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, VICTORIA**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1987 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1982	1986	1987 <sup>p</sup>
<b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Altona (C)	39.73	32,400	34,000	34,400
Berwick (C) (c)	126.30	38,800	50,200	53,900
Box Hill (C)	21.48	48,900	47,700	47,500
Brighton (C)	13.70	35,000	34,900	34,700
Broadmeadows (C)	65.22	106,800	104,700	104,900
Brunswick (C)	10.75	45,300	42,600	41,800
Bulla (S)	421.40	20,200	29,000	31,100
Camberwell (C) (c)	35.59	89,300	87,400	87,300
Caulfield (C)	22.10	72,300	70,600	70,500
Chelsea (C)	12.59	27,200	26,900	27,000
Coburg (C)	18.77	56,400	54,800	54,700
Collingwood (C)	4.88	15,300	13,900	13,700
Cranbourne (S) (Pt A) (c)	400.80	33,600	45,100	49,200
Croydon (C)	33.71	38,200	41,500	42,600

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - *continued***

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1987 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1982	1986	1987p
<b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - <i>continued</i></b>				
Dandenong (C)	38.94	57,100	58,400	58,900
Diamond Valley (S)	73.91	53,200	57,000	58,300
Doncaster and Templestowe (C)	90.62	96,200	103,400	104,900
Eltham (S)	276.00	37,400	41,500	42,300
Essendon (C)	22.17	58,200	56,100	56,000
Fitzroy (C)	3.71	18,700	18,500	18,500
Flinders (S)	327.50	28,400	34,900	36,200
Footscray (C)	18.14	51,100	48,700	48,800
Frankston (C) (c)	71.37	82,500	87,000	88,300
Hastings (S)	292.90	18,700	23,700	24,800
Hawthorn (C)	9.84	31,800	31,200	30,900
Healesville (S) (Pt A)	284.30	8,200	9,900	10,000
Heidelberg (C) (c)	32.84	65,900	63,900	63,700
Keilor (C)	97.20	86,900	96,400	98,800
Kew (C)	14.46	29,600	29,100	29,000
Knox (C)	113.20	94,200	107,600	112,300
Lillydale (S)	403.30	66,100	74,000	75,800
Malvern (C)(c)	16.07	44,800	43,800	43,600
Melbourne (C) (Inner & Remainder)	31.77	59,100	57,500	56,900
Melton (S)	459.40	22,000	29,700	31,000
Moorabbin (C)	53.13	101,200	99,100	98,900
Mordialloc (C)	12.14	28,800	27,900	27,800
Mornington (S)	92.89	25,300	28,500	29,300
Northcote (C)	17.62	52,300	50,300	50,100
Nunawading (C)	42.27	101,000	97,200	96,600
Oakleigh (C)	30.84	58,100	57,800	57,800
Pakenham (S) (Pt A)	149.50	5,500	6,800	7,100
Port Melbourne (C)	10.62	8,800	8,400	8,300
Prahran (C)	9.58	46,700	45,100	44,700
Preston (C) (c)	36.74	86,200	83,100	82,600
Richmond (C)	6.25	25,000	24,000	23,700
Ringwood (C)	23.03	40,700	41,800	42,200
St Kilda (C)	8.84	50,200	47,700	47,300
Sandringham (C)	15.00	32,500	32,100	32,000
Sherbrooke (S)	194.30	32,100	36,100	36,800
South Melbourne (C)	8.99	19,500	18,900	18,600
Springvale (C)	98.48	83,500	85,900	86,500
Sunshine (C)	80.52	98,400	97,800	97,700
Waverley (C)	59.72	128,200	128,100	128,100
Werribee (C)	659.60	43,400	53,900	57,800
Whittlesea (S) (c)	599.60	70,500	81,600	84,500
Williamstown (C)	14.71	26,100	24,200	24,100
<b>Total division</b>	<b>6,129.00</b>	<b>2,833,800</b>	<b>2,931,900</b>	<b>2,964,800</b>



**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1987 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1982	1986	1987p
<b>BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Bannockburn (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	704.00	3,250	3,640	3,770
Barrabool (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	581.50	6,300	7,390	7,750
Bellarine (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	328.30	32,200	37,230	38,750
Colac (C)	10.99	10,100	10,020	10,040
Colac (S)	1,456.00	6,440	6,750	6,790
Corio (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	698.40	53,340	55,170	55,760
Geelong (C)	13.71	14,630	13,630	13,420
Geelong West (C)	5.19	15,360	14,860	14,630
Leigh (S)	982.70	1,340	1,870	1,970
Newtown (C)	6.35	10,490	10,470	10,420
Otway (S)	1,872.00	3,800	3,810	3,820
Queenscliffe (B)	8.44	3,220	3,360	3,350
South Barwon (C) (Pt A & Pt B)	161.20	37,290	40,070	40,580
Winchelsea (S)	1,299.00	4,030	4,310	4,400
<b>Total division</b>	<b>8,127.00</b>	<b>201,780</b>	<b>212,580</b>	<b>215,450</b>
<b>SOUTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Belfast (S)	515.70	1,550	1,500	1,490
Camperdown (T)	14.85	3,670	3,640	3,630
Dundas (S)	3,477.00	3,650	3,640	3,630
Glenelg (S)	3,589.00	4,570	4,440	4,410
Hamilton (C)	20.61	9,980	10,440	10,470
Hampden (S)	2,646.00	7,770	7,450	7,380
Heytesbury (S)	1,503.00	7,960	7,770	7,690
Koroit (B) (c)	23.05	1,490	1,520	-
Minhamite (S)	1,364.00	2,220	2,020	2,000
Mortlake (S)	2,153.00	3,580	3,260	3,230
Mount Rouse (S)	1,407.00	2,520	2,410	2,400
Port Fairy (B)	22.74	2,440	2,630	2,680
Portland (C) (c)	35.28	10,380	10,980	10,740
Portland (S)	3,764.00	7,190	7,470	7,520
Wannon (S)	1,958.00	3,250	3,030	3,010
Warmambool (C)	35.68	22,400	23,590	23,830
Warmambool (S) (c)	1,552.00	6,880	8,390	8,480
Tower Hill Lake Reserve and Lady Julia Percy Island	6.99	-	10	10
<b>Total division</b>	<b>24,065.00</b>	<b>101,510</b>	<b>102,680</b>	<b>102,600</b>
<b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Ararat (C)	18.15	8,420	8,240	8,230
Ararat (S)	3,679.00	4,360	4,400	4,400
Avoca (S)	1,127.00	2,170	2,210	2,230
Bacchus Marsh (S)	567.10	8,290	9,740	10,180
Ballaarat (C)	34.18	36,490	36,790	36,850
Ballan (S)	911.70	2,730	3,450	3,560
Ballarat (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	475.70	19,080	19,620	19,600

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	30 June 1987 (b) (sq km)	1982	1986	1987p
<b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued</b>				
Bungaree (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	234.00	3,870	4,200	4,280
Buninyong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	762.70	8,620	10,280	10,600
Creswick (S)	540.90	4,190	4,660	4,720
Daylesford and Glenlyon (S)	606.00	4,510	5,270	5,470
Grenville (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	843.40	4,760	6,620	6,990
Lexton (S)	815.90	1,250	1,360	1,370
Ripon (S)	1,516.00	3,300	3,470	3,520
Sebastopol (B)	7.78	6,660	7,230	7,300
Talbot and Clunes (S)	525.60	1,840	2,130	2,220
<b>Total division</b>	<b>12,666.00</b>	<b>120,540</b>	<b>129,660</b>	<b>131,520</b>
<b>WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Arapiles (S)	1,987.00	1,880	1,940	1,940
Birchip (S) (c)	1,482.00	1,450	1,410	1,380
Dimboola (S)	4,764.00	4,750	4,380	4,310
Donald (S) (c)	1,438.00	2,660	2,510	2,490
Dunmunkle (S) (c)	1,544.00	3,170	3,010	2,950
Horsham (C)	24.20	12,640	12,700	12,630
Kaniva (S)	3,058.00	1,900	1,800	1,770
Karkarooc (S)	3,782.00	3,230	2,960	2,920
Kowree (S)	5,469.00	4,090	3,860	3,830
Lowan (S)	2,697.00	3,350	3,430	3,430
Stawell (T)	23.99	6,400	6,550	6,560
Stawell (S)	2,606.00	2,290	2,500	2,540
Warracknabeal (S)	1,811.00	4,080	3,920	3,910
Wimmera (S)	2,701.00	2,930	2,960	2,980
<b>Total division</b>	<b>33,388.00</b>	<b>54,820</b>	<b>53,920</b>	<b>53,640</b>
<b>NORTHERN MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Kerang (B)	23.79	4,240	4,140	4,100
Kerang (S)	3,261.00	4,560	4,490	4,470
Mildura (C)	30.08	16,220	18,160	18,750
Mildura (S)	10,639.00	19,350	19,740	19,980
Swan Hill (C)	14.32	8,750	9,020	9,080
Swan Hill (S)	6,721.00	12,550	12,440	12,430
Walpeup (S)	11,027.00	3,680	3,530	3,490
Wycheproof (S) (c)	3,959.00	3,810	3,460	3,390
<b>Total division</b>	<b>35,676.00</b>	<b>73,160</b>	<b>74,980</b>	<b>75,690</b>
<b>LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Bendigo (C)	32.19	32,790	32,390	32,320
Bet Bet (S)	925.00	1,810	1,970	2,070
Castlemaine (C)	23.48	6,810	6,960	6,980
Charlton (S)	1,168.00	2,130	2,030	2,030
Cohuna (S)	498.60	4,780	4,610	4,570
Eaglehawk(B)	14.89	7,690	85,900	8,730

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - *continued***

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1987 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1982	1986	1987 <sup>p</sup>
<b>LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION - <i>continued</i></b>				
East Loddon (S)	1,181.00	1,490	1,420	1,410
Echuca (C)	24.19	8,280	8,650	8,830
Gisborne (S)	281.30	7,870	8,830	9,120
Gordon (S)	2,054.00	3,030	3,040	3,030
Huntly (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	870.70	3,410	4,020	4,120
Kara Kara (S)	2,287.00	1,140	1,310	1,340
Korong (S)	2,379.00	3,140	3,440	3,500
Kyneton (S)	722.80	7,140	7,960	8,180
McIvor (S)	1,433.00	2,260	2,700	2,880
Maldon (S)	554.20	2,350	2,670	2,720
Marong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,455.00	10,420	12,160	12,610
Maryborough (C)	22.35	8,120	7,850	7,850
Metcalf (S)	586.30	2,310	2,840	2,960
Newham and Woodend (S)	244.00	3,720	4,520	4,710
Newstead (S)	409.90	2,140	2,450	2,570
Pyalong (S)	596.50	580	650	670
Rochester (S)	1,924.00	7,580	7,420	7,390
Romsey (S)	627.90	5,100	6,290	6,610
St Arnaud (T)	26.70	2,800	2,730	2,740
Strathfieldsaye (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	609.50	13,190	15,260	15,740
Tullaroop (S)	630.90	1,850	2,400	2,550
<b>Total division</b>	<b>21,584.00</b>	<b>153,940</b>	<b>165,160</b>	<b>168,230</b>
<b>GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Alexandra (S) (c)	2,228.00	5,290	5,580	5,770
Benalla (C)	16.21	8,630	8,880	8,950
Benalla (S)	2,311.00	4,520	5,070	5,200
Broadford (S)	570.30	2,640	3,370	3,540
Cobram (S)	435.00	6,550	6,420	6,480
Deakin (S)	934.00	6,090	5,950	5,930
Euroa (S)	1,406.00	4,380	4,540	4,580
Goulburn (S)	1,029.00	2,180	2,330	2,410
Kilmore (S)	505.90	5,160	7,010	7,350
Kyabram (T)	21.14	5,720	5,680	5,630
Mansfield (S)	3,929.00	4,650	5,480	5,560
Nathalia (S)	1,253.00	3,290	3,310	3,350
Numurkah (S)	730.30	6,250	6,400	6,450
Rodney (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,022.00	15,070	15,340	15,470
Seymour (S)	956.70	11,330	11,540	11,600
Shepparton (C)	26.59	24,870	25,750	26,000
Shepparton (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	920.90	7,670	8,270	8,390
Tungamah (S)	1,130.00	2,880	2,840	2,840
Violet Town (S)	934.40	1,340	1,440	1,450
Waranga (S)	1,611.00	4,450	4,510	4,540
Yea (S)	1,419.00	3,710	4,420	4,550
<b>Total division</b>	<b>23,390.00</b>	<b>136,680</b>	<b>144,110</b>	<b>146,040</b>

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1987 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1982	1986	1987p
<b>NORTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Beechworth (S)	764.90	4,650	4,870	4,920
Bright (S)	3,091.00	5,540	6,190	6,310
Chiltern (S)	491.30	2,110	2,290	2,290
Myrtleford (S)	821.30	4,310	4,360	4,360
Oxley (S)	2,812.00	5,110	5,550	5,630
Rutherglen (S)	527.70	2,920	3,100	3,150
Tallangatta (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	4,187.00	3,910	4,060	4,050
Upper Murray (S)	2,468.00	2,590	2,530	2,510
Wangaratta (C)	26.91	16,620	16,630	16,560
Wangaratta (S)	906.60	2,630	3,150	3,230
Wodonga (Rural City)	345.50	20,280	23,160	23,620
Yackandandah (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,086.00	3,700	4,160	4,220
Yarrawonga (S)	638.30	4,640	4,810	4,910
<b>Total division</b>	<b>18,166.00</b>	<b>78,940</b>	<b>84,850</b>	<b>85,760</b>
<b>EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Avon (S)	2,615.00	3,880	4,440	4,500
Bairnsdale (T)	28.79	9,850	10,300	10,360
Bairnsdale (S)	2,449.00	5,520	6,940	7,120
Maffra (S)	4,162.00	9,310	10,050	10,180
Omeo (S)	5,636.00	1,630	1,680	1,740
Orbost (S)	9,347.00	6,210	6,380	6,470
Sale (C)	30.09	13,410	13,670	13,800
Tambo (S)	3,525.00	7,690	9,230	9,560
Bass Strait Islands	23.89	-	-	-
<b>Total division</b>	<b>27,817.00</b>	<b>57,510</b>	<b>62,690</b>	<b>63,730</b>
<b>CENTRAL GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Alberton (S)	1,878.00	6,110	6,300	6,360
Buln Buln (S)	1,251.00	9,710	10,640	10,840
Korumburra (S)	613.50	6,910	7,250	7,250
Mirboo (S)	260.70	2,240	2,590	2,600
Moe (C)	24.93	17,410	17,780	17,640
Morwell (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	654.70	27,050	28,180	27,960
Narracan (S)	2,320.00	11,690	11,170	11,270
Rosedale (S)	2,256.00	6,780	8,090	8,430
South Gippsland (S)	1,358.00	6,040	6,120	6,160
Traralgon (C) (c)	22.26	18,990	20,010	20,130
Traralgon (S) (c)	464.00	3,450	4,300	4,500
Warragul (S)	347.00	11,500	12,360	12,520
Woorayl (S)	1,226.00	10,550	11,240	11,520
Yallourn Works Area	27.86	20	-	-
<b>Total division</b>	<b>12,704.00</b>	<b>138,440</b>	<b>146,030</b>	<b>147,190</b>

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1987 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1982	1986	1987p
<b>EAST CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Bass (S)	515.90	3,440	4,220	4,350
Cranbourne (S) (Pt B)	351.00	4,070	4,130	4,140
Healesville (S) (Pt B) (c)	168.50	930	1,210	1,260
Pakenham (S) (Pt B)	738.00	13,830	16,820	17,890
Phillip Island (S)	100.90	3,300	4,350	4,570
Upper Yarra (S) (c)	1,743.00	10,750	14,150	14,500
Wonthaggi (B)	58.22	5,520	6,230	6,310
French Island	172.50	70	70	70
<b>Total division</b>	<b>3,849.00</b>	<b>41,920</b>	<b>51,160</b>	<b>53,090</b>
<b>STATISTICAL DIVISIONS - SUMMARY</b>				
Melbourne	6,129.00	2,833,800	2,931,900	2,964,800
Rest of Victoria -				
Barwon	8,127.00	201,780	212,580	215,450
South Western	24,065.00	101,510	102,680	102,600
Central Highlands	12,666.00	120,540	129,660	131,520
Wimmera	33,388.00	54,820	53,920	53,640
Northern Mallee	35,676.00	73,160	74,980	75,690
Loddon-Campaspe	21,584.00	153,940	165,160	168,230
Goulburn	23,390.00	136,680	144,110	146,040
North Eastern	18,166.00	79,020	84,850	85,760
East Gippsland	27,817.00	57,510	62,690	63,730
Central Gippsland	12,704.00	138,440	146,030	147,190
East Central	3,849.00	41,920	51,160	53,090
Total Rest of Victoria	221,432.00	1,159,320	1,227,810	1,242,940
Offshore and Migratory (d)	-	-	1,160	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>227,561.00</b>	<b>3,993,100</b>	<b>4,160,900</b>	<b>4,207,700</b>

(a) The designation of City (C), Town (T), Borough (B), or Shire (S) shown against the name of each statistical local area indicates its status at 30 June 1987.

(b) Areas below 100 square kilometres have been calculated to two decimal places; areas from 100 to 999 square kilometres to one decimal place, and areas of 1,000 or more square kilometres to the nearest whole number.

(c) Table 2.6 shows changes which have occurred in statistical local areas between 1 July 1982 to 30 June 1987.

(d) Not available for intercensal years.

**TABLE 2.6 STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES, VICTORIA  
1 JULY 1982 TO 30 JUNE 1987**

Statistical local area	Nature of change	Net change in area (sq km)	Estimated net change in population	Date of change
Alexandra (S)	Gained from Healesville (S) (Pt B)	+280.00	+800	1.10.84
Berwick (C)	Lost to Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	-0.05	-	1.12.84
Birchip (S)	Gained from Wycheproof (S)	+0.02	-	1.10.82
Camberwell (C)	Gained from Malvern (C)	+0.04	-	1.12.84
Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	Gained from Berwick (C)	+0.05	-	1.12.84
Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	Lost to Frankston (C)	-0.30	-	1.10.82
Donald (S)	Lost to Dunmunkle (S)	-0.08	-	1.10.82
Dunmunkle (S)	Gained from Donald (S)	+0.08	-	1.10.82

**TABLE 2.6 STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES, VICTORIA,  
1 JULY 1982 TO 30 JUNE 1987 - continued**

<i>Statistical local area</i>	<i>Nature of change</i>	<i>Net change in area (sq km)</i>	<i>Estimated net change in population</i>	<i>Date of change</i>
Frankston (C)	Gained from Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	+0.30	-	1.10.82
Healesville (S) (Pt B)	Lost to Alexandra (S)	-280.00	-800	1.10.84
Healesville (S) (Pt B)	Lost to Upper Yarra (S)	-160.00	-	1.10.84
Heidelberg (C)	Gained from Preston (C)	+0.58	-	1.12.84
Koroit (B)	Merged into Warrnambool (S)	23.05	-1,530	1.10.85
Malvern (C)	Lost to Camberwell (C)	-0.04	-	1.12.84
Portland (T)	Declared a city, Portland (C)	-	-	28.10.85
Preston (C)	Lost to Heidelberg (C)	-0.58	-	1.12.84
Traralgon (C)	Gained from Traralgon (S)	+0.26	+10	1.10.82
Traralgon (S)	Lost to Traralgon (C)	-0.26	-10	1.10.82
Upper Yarra (S)	Gained from Healesville (S) (Pt B)	+160.00	-	1.10.84
Warrnambool (S)	Gained all of Koroit (B)	23.05	+1,530	1.10.85
Wycheproof (S)	Lost to Birchip (S)	-0.02	-	1.10.82

**TABLE 2.7 URBAN CENTRES AND (RURAL) LOCALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF  
OVER 1,000 PERSONS, IN SIZE ORDER, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**

<i>Urban centre (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Urban centre (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>
Melbourne	2,645,484	Craigieburn	6,584
Geelong	125,833	Seymour	6,510
Ballarat	63,802	Stawell	6,252
Bendigo	53,944	Healesville	5,759
Shepparton-Mooroopna	30,238	Churchill	5,526
Melton	24,394	Wonthaggi	5,346
Warrnambool	22,706	Kyabram	5,342
Albury-Wodonga (Wodonga Part)	20,918	Hastings	5,271
Mildura	20,512	Lara	5,186
Traralgon	19,233	Crib Point	4,180
Moe-Yallourn	18,376	Lakes Entrance	4,104
Wangaratta	16,598	Kerang	4,031
Morwell	16,387	Kyneton	4,010
Sunbury	15,297	Drouin	3,974
Cranbourne	14,005	Maffra	3,973
Sale	13,559	Leongatha	3,957
Horsham	12,174	Queenscliff	3,739
Portland	10,934	Clifton Springs	3,657
Colac	10,545	Cobram	3,651
Bairnsdale	10,328	Emerald	3,608
Hamilton	9,969	Torquay	3,522
Swan Hill	8,831	Camperdown	3,458
Ocean Grove-Barwon Heads	8,680	Leopold	3,452
Benalla	8,490	Somerville	3,432
Echuca-Moama (Echuca Part)	8,409	Yarrawonga-Mulwala (Yarrawonga Part)	3,388
Warragul	8,170	Beechworth	3,252
Ararat	8,015	Daylesford	3,111
Maryborough	7,705	Pakenham	3,052
Castlemaine	7,656	Myrtleford	2,853
Bacchus Marsh	7,640		

**TABLE 2.7 URBAN CENTRES AND (RURAL) LOCALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 1,000 PERSONS, IN SIZE ORDER, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986 - *continued***

<i>Urban centre/ (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Urban centre (rural) locality</i>	<i>Population</i>
Numurkah	2,840	Mount Beauty	1,564
Hurstbridge	2,808	Balnarring Beach-Merricks	1,551
Korumburra	2,773	Dimboola	1,514
Euroa	2,730	Millgrove	1,507
Tatura	2,702	Ouyen	1,503
St Arnaud	2,692	Diggers Rest	1,493
Warracknabeal	2,689	Whittlesea	1,490
Port Fairy	2,504	Donald	1,465
Orbost	2,502	Cobden	1,421
Red Cliffs	2,450	Heathcote	1,364
Rochester	2,395	Launching Place	1,360
Warburton	2,304	Nathalia	1,346
Portarlington	2,271	Charlton	1,341
Creswick	2,266	Buninyong	1,307
Cowes	2,251	Heywood	1,295
Woodend	2,219	Corryong	1,274
Paynesville	2,209	Romsey	1,266
Trafalgar	2,149	Tyabb	1,254
Woori Yallock	2,111	Stratford	1,242
Cohuna	2,103	Beaufort	1,199
Cockatoo	2,060	Seville	1,173
Terang	2,040	St Leonards	1,170
Mansfield	2,039	Yarra Glen	1,170
Kilmore	2,029	Drysdale	1,166
Nhill	2,028	Carrum Downs	1,161
Coldstream	2,016	Coleraine	1,153
Yarram	2,004	Riddells Creek	1,153
Gisborne	1,966	Macedon	1,137
Broadford	1,893	Maldon	1,116
Casterton	1,842	Mirboo North	1,104
Inverloch	1,838	Nagambie	1,099
Yarra Junction	1,810	Rosedale	1,093
Alexandra	1,790	Koo-wee-rup	1,081
Robinvale	1,770	Tongala	1,044
Merbein	1,750	Avoca	1,032
Heyfield	1,689	Mortlake	1,030
Bright	1,673	Yea	1,017
Anglesea	1,652	Narre Warren North	1,011
Wallan	1,643	Foster	1,007
Rutherglen	1,586	Mount Helen	1,002

TABLE 2.8 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, VICTORIA

Year (a)	Natural increase	Net migration			Total population increase
		Overseas	Interstate	Total	
MALES					
1982	14,576	16,330	-7,616	8,714	23,290
1983	14,335	10,217	-2,651	7,566	21,901
1984	14,860	7,638	-1,885	5,753	20,613
1985	14,912	10,258	-3,064	7,194	22,106
1986	14,447	13,746	-6,912	6,834	21,281
1987	15,202	15,421	-6,632	8,789	23,991
FEMALES					
1982	15,770	14,814	-6,813	8,001	23,771
1983	15,043	9,457	-2,485	6,972	22,015
1984	15,736	7,092	-1,455	5,637	21,373
1985	15,357	9,900	-2,735	7,165	22,522
1986	14,647	12,674	-6,289	6,385	21,032
1987	15,353	15,562	-6,816	8,746	24,099
PERSONS					
1982	30,346	31,144	-14,429	16,715	47,061
1983	29,378	19,674	-5,136	14,538	43,916
1984	30,596	14,730	-3,340	11,390	41,986
1985	30,269	20,158	-5,799	14,359	44,628
1986	29,094	26,420	-13,201	13,219	42,313
1987	30,555	30,983	-13,448	17,535	48,090

(a) Year ended 30 June.

TABLE 2.9 SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA, 1987

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Live births -									
Males	44,035	31,605	20,293	9,896	12,044	3,483	1,819	2,090	125,265
Females	42,058	29,902	19,072	9,339	11,288	3,307	1,710	2,018	118,694
Persons	86,093	61,507	30,365	19,235	23,332	6,790	3,529	4,108	243,959
Deaths -									
Males	22,611	16,714	10,522	5,754	5,058	1,968	450	534	63,611
Females	19,578	14,835	8,339	4,777	3,822	1,669	226	464	53,710
Persons	42,189	31,549	18,861	10,531	8,880	3,637	676	998	117,321
Infant deaths	731	498	366	165	196	68	55	37	2,116
Perinatal deaths (a) -									
Number	933	629	434	170	248	64	68	45	2,591
Rate (b)	10.8	10.2	11.0	8.8	10.6	9.4	19.0	10.9	10.6
Marriages	40,650	29,682	18,265	9,695	10,150	3,141	768	1,762	114,113
Divorces	12,044	9,626	6,918	4,050	4,044	1,115	328	1,600	39,725

(a) Perinatal deaths comprise neonatal and fetal deaths.

(b) The number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live and still births.



TABLE 2.10 SUMMARY OF BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, VICTORIA

Particulars	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Live births -						
Males	30,702	30,695	30,404	31,497	30,855	31,605
Females	29,174	29,233	29,081	30,058	29,307	29,902
Persons	59,876	59,928	59,485	61,555	60,162	61,507
Sex ratio (a)	105.2	105.0	104.5	104.8	105.3	105.7
Nuptial births	53,737	53,512	52,966	54,457	52,767	53,027
Ex-nuptial births -						
Number	6,139	6,416	6,519	7,098	7,395	8,480
Percentage of total live births	10.3	10.7	11.0	11.5	12.3	13.8
Crude birth rate (b)	15.0	r14.9	14.6	14.9	r14.5	14.6
Age-specific birth rates (c)-						
Age group (years)-						
15-19	19.1	18.0	15.6	15.5	14.2	14.7
20-24	90.1	87.5	81.5	80.6	r75.3	73.3
25-29	144.5	144.8	142.2	145.8	r140.7	139.6
30-34	83.9	84.0	86.8	91.5	r92.2	95.2
35-39	26.5	25.3	26.8	27.4	28.0	30.7
40-44	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.9
45-49	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Total fertility (d)	1,846	1,821	1,789	r1,827	r1,774	1,794
Confinements (number)	59,238	59,281	58,880	60,909	59,432	60,831
Median age of mother (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	25.83	26.03	26.39	26.54	26.83	27.09
All nuptial first confinements	27.64	27.69	27.96	28.11	28.35	28.58
Ex-nuptial	22.61	22.74	23.17	r23.39	23.70	23.82
All confinements	27.29	27.34	27.62	27.77	27.99	28.15
Median duration of marriage (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	2.46	2.51	2.56	2.59	2.53	2.53

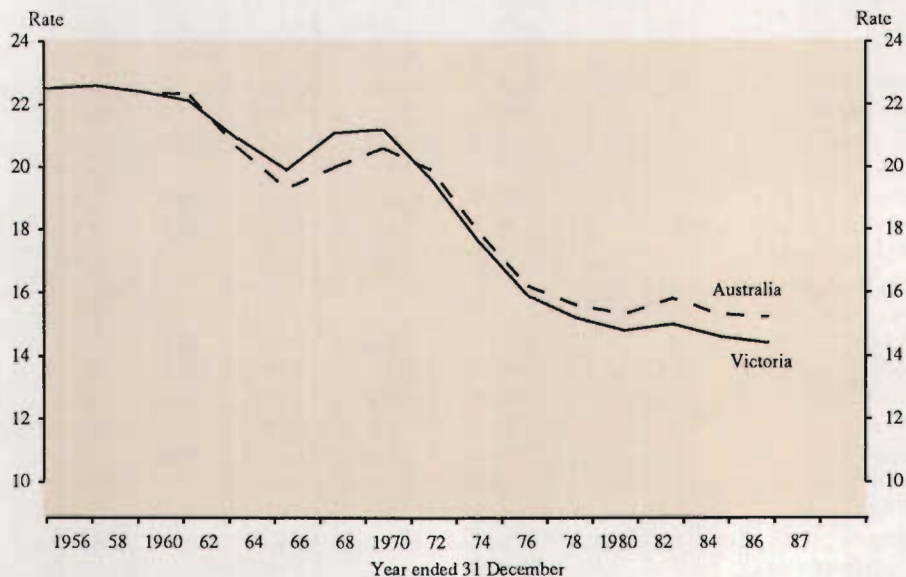
(a) Number of male live births per 100 female live births.

(b) Number of live births registered during calendar year per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population.

(c) Number of live births registered during calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age.

(d) The sum of 5 year age-specific birth rates multiplied by 5. It represents the number of children 1,000 women would bear during their lifetimes if they experienced the rates of the year shown.

CRUDE BIRTH RATES (a), 1956-86



(a) Number of live births registered during calendar year per 1,000 mean estimated population.

MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER, VICTORIA, 1982-87

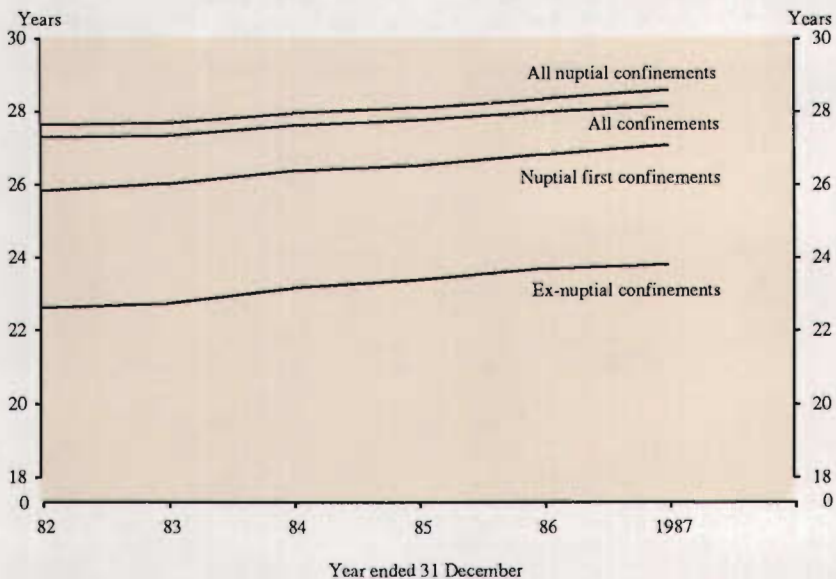


TABLE 2.11 SUMMARY OF DEATHS, VICTORIA

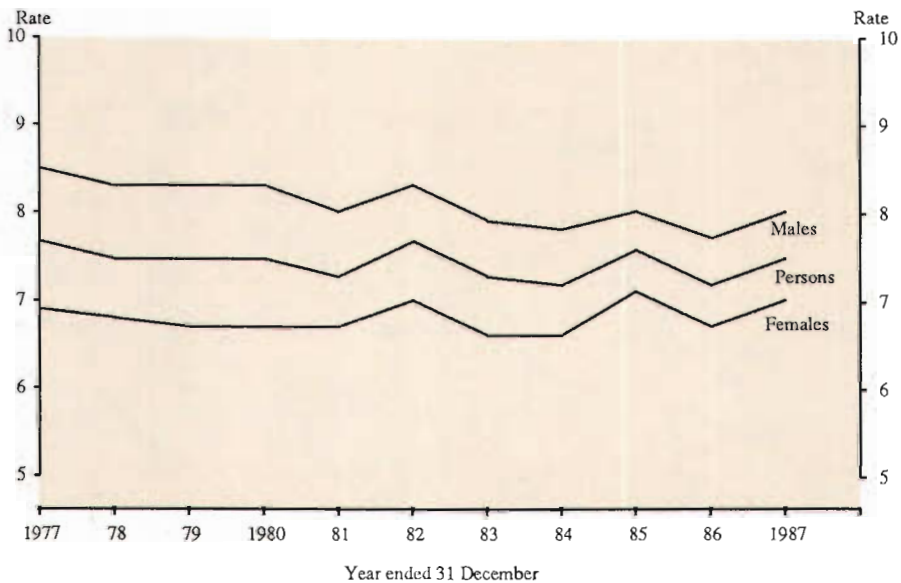
Particulars	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Deaths -						
Males	16,554	15,823	15,843	16,516	16,021	16,714
Females	14,140	13,542	13,689	14,837	14,154	14,835
Persons	30,694	29,365	29,532	31,353	30,175	31,549
Sex ratio (a)	117.1	116.8	115.7	111.3	113.2	112.7
Crude death rate (b) -						
Males	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.7	8.0
Females	7.0	6.6	6.6	7.1	6.7	7.0
Persons	7.7	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.2	7.5
Infant deaths -						
Males	358	277	299	337	297	306
Females	265	266	226	264	220	192
Persons	623	543	525	601	517	498
Infant mortality rate (c)	10.4	9.1	8.8	9.8	8.6	8.1
Median age at death (years) -						
Males	70.7	70.4	71.0	71.6	71.4	72.0
Females	77.0	77.3	78.0	78.5	78.4	79.0
Mean age at death (years) -						
Males	66.3	65.7	66.7	67.2	67.0	67.3
Females	73.5	73.1	74.0	74.4	74.3	74.8

(a) Number of male deaths per 100 female deaths.

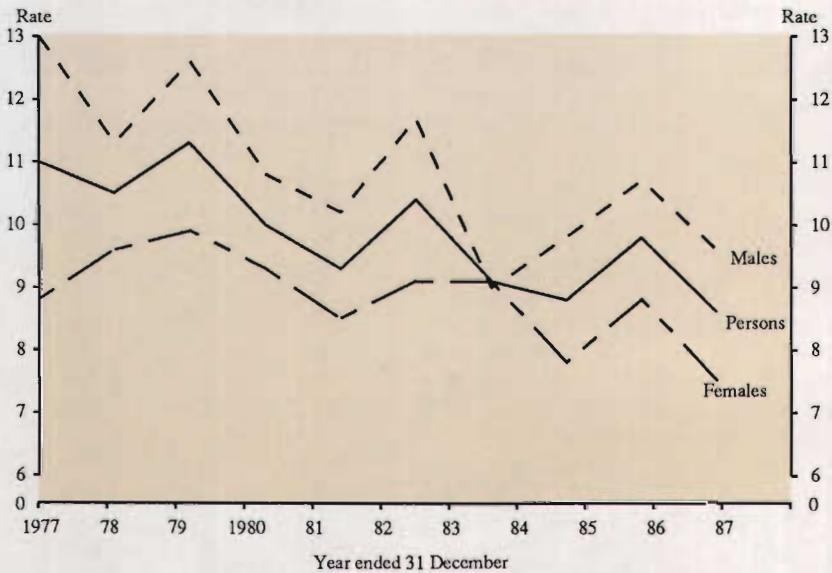
(b) Number of deaths registered per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population.

(c) Deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

CRUDE DEATH RATES, VICTORIA, 1977 TO 1987



## INFANT MORTALITY RATES (a), VICTORIA, 1977-87



(a) Deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

TABLE 2.12 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA

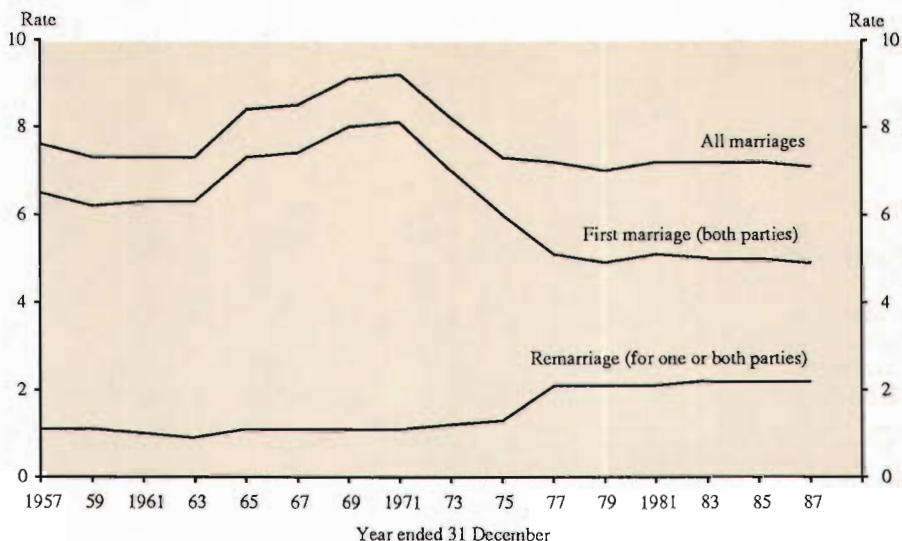
Particulars	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Total marriages -	28,851	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682
First marriage both partners	20,224	20,224	19,899	20,544	20,287	20,622
First marriage one partner	4,883	4,952	5,160	5,189	5,040	5,110
Remarriage both partners	3,744	3,798	3,872	4,077	4,063	3,950
Crude marriage rate (a)	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1
Marriages performed by -						
Ministers of religion -						
Number	18,240	18,165	18,050	18,459	18,096	18,434
Per cent	63.2	62.7	62.4	61.9	61.6	62.1
Civil celebrants -						
Number	10,611	10,809	10,881	11,351	11,294	11,248
Per cent	36.8	37.3	37.6	38.1	38.4	37.9
<b>BRIDEGROOM</b>						
Marital status of bridegroom -						
Never married	22,542	22,493	22,335	23,000	22,648	22,940
Widowed	727	729	753	726	732	748
Divorced	5,582	5,752	5,843	6,084	6,010	5,994
Total	28,851	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682
Median age of bridegroom (years) -						
Never married	24.7	25.0	25.3	25.5	25.7	25.9
Widowed	60.4	59.2	59.9	60.9	60.6	61.1
Divorced	36.1	36.3	37.0	37.4	38.3	38.5
Total	26.0	26.4	26.7	26.9	27.2	27.4
Age of bridegroom (years) -						
Under 20	648	498	416	384	333	316
20-24	11,446	10,930	10,140	9,955	9,350	8,829
25-29	8,240	8,601	9,030	9,528	9,453	9,956

TABLE 2.12 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA - *continued*

Particulars	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
<b>BRIDEGROOM - <i>continued</i></b>						
30-34	3,608	3,835	3,950	4,242	4,237	4,514
35-39	1,802	1,911	2,042	2,224	2,253	2,236
40-44	1,010	1,020	1,147	1,137	1,222	1,363
45-49	628	658	702	746	837	788
50 and over	1,469	1,521	1,504	1,594	1,705	1,680
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,851</b>	<b>28,974</b>	<b>28,931</b>	<b>29,810</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>29,682</b>
<b>BRIDE</b>						
<b>Marital status of bride -</b>						
Never married	22,789	22,907	22,623	23,277	22,966	23,414
Widowed	866	855	845	886	891	905
Divorced	5,196	5,212	5,463	5,647	5,533	5,363
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,851</b>	<b>28,974</b>	<b>28,931</b>	<b>29,810</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>29,682</b>
<b>Median age of bride (years) -</b>						
Never married	22.6	22.9	23.2	23.4	23.7	24.0
Widowed	51.4	53.8	52.8	53.8	53.1	52.3
Divorced	33.2	33.6	33.9	34.3	35.0	35.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.2</b>
<b>Age of bride (years) -</b>						
Under 20	3,607	3,023	2,543	2,428	2,160	1,972
20-24	13,500	13,718	13,303	13,387	12,609	12,491
25-29	5,801	6,085	6,505	6,989	7,254	7,600
30-34	2,542	2,610	2,795	2,981	3,088	3,253
35-39	1,263	1,384	1,489	1,627	1,698	1,791
40-44	713	725	816	883	887	983
45-49	502	475	535	524	638	612
50 and over	923	954	945	991	1,056	980
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,851</b>	<b>28,974</b>	<b>28,931</b>	<b>29,810</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>29,682</b>

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES (a), VICTORIA, 1957-87



(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

TABLE 2.13 SUMMARY OF DIVORCES, VICTORIA

Particulars	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Divorces granted -	11,266	10,663	10,501	9,688	9,670	9,626
Crude divorce rate (a)	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3
Median duration						
of marriage (years)	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.1
Median interval between						
marriage and separation (years)	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.3
Divorces involving children -	6,867	6,577	6,296	5,809	5,705	5,509
Percentage of total	61.0	61.7	60.0	60.0	59.0	57.2
Average number of children	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9
HUSBAND						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	2.0	1.6	1.5	r1.3	1.2	1.2
25-29	13.1	11.7	9.7	10.1	9.5	9.2
30-34	16.2	14.3	14.3	11.9	11.7	12.3
35-39	14.1	13.5	13.3	12.5	11.7	11.2
40-44	12.2	12.0	11.3	10.6	10.3	9.8
45-49	9.7	9.2	9.4	8.6	8.7	9.0
50-54	6.8	6.8	6.5	5.4	6.5	5.8
55 and over	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.0
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	10,120	9,430	9,246	r8,431	8,276	8,199
Widowed	139	137	154	152	132	117
Divorced	1,007	1,096	1,101	1,105	1,262	1,310
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	23.6	23.7	23.9	23.9	24.2	24.3
At separation	33.3	33.9	34.0	34.4	34.6	34.5
At divorce	35.8	36.5	36.7	37.1	37.3	37.2
WIFE						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	4.0	3.7	3.3	r3.0	2.8	2.8
25-29	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.4	11.9	11.8
30-34	15.8	13.9	13.9	12.3	12.2	11.8
35-39	13.1	12.3	12.3	11.4	10.8	10.8
40-44	10.5	10.2	10.2	9.5	9.2	8.8
45-49	8.0	7.5	7.5	6.5	7.4	7.2
50-54	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.6	4.2
55 and over	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	10,037	9,437	9,209	8,477	8,288	8,241
Widowed	158	178	192	171	169	152
Divorced	1,071	1,048	1,100	1,040	1,213	1,233
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	21.2	21.2	21.4	21.5	21.6	21.8
At separation	30.8	31.2	31.3	31.7	31.8	31.8
At divorce	33.5	33.7	34.1	34.4	34.7	34.6

(a) Number of divorces per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population.

(b) Number of divorces by age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population in specific age groups.

**TABLE 2.14 CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER: MARITAL STATUS, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**

Census years	Total persons	Marital Status				
		Never married	Married	Separated/ not divorced	Divorced	Widowed
<b>MALES</b>						
	Number	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1954	884,536	29.2	64.7	1.7	0.8	3.5
1961	1,026,543	29.5	64.8	1.8	0.8	3.1
1966	1,132,374	30.4	64.1	1.8	0.9	2.9
1971	1,231,529	29.1	65.2	1.8	1.1	2.8
1976	1,304,350	29.1	64.6	2.2	1.6	2.5
1981	1,409,315	31.1	61.5	2.1	2.8	2.5
1986	1,519,925	32.8	59.1	2.1	3.6	2.4
<b>FEMALES</b>						
1954	889,806	22.2	63.6	2.0	1.0	11.2
1961	1,029,414	21.6	64.2	2.1	1.0	11.1
1966	1,147,632	22.7	62.9	2.1	1.1	11.2
1971	1,258,273	21.3	64.0	2.1	1.3	11.3
1976	1,344,957	21.6	62.5	2.7	2.1	11.1
1981	1,461,145	23.6	59.1	2.5	3.7	11.1
1986	1,578,967	25.4	57.0	2.4	4.6	10.6

**TABLE 2.15 BIRTHPLACE OF OVERSEAS BORN PERSONS BY CITIZENSHIP AND PERIOD OF RESIDENCE, VICTORIA 30 JUNE 1986**

Country of birth	Citizenship							Total
	Australian			Other				
	Period of residence		Total, including not stated (a)	Period of residence		Total, including not stated (a)	Not stated (b)	
	0-4 years	5 or more years		0-4 years	5 or more years			
UK and Ireland	2,786	93,373	99,030	14,507	129,307	146,449	5,076	250,555
Germany	340	23,902	24,891	1,649	6,699	8,501	276	33,668
Greece	428	57,882	60,460	1,083	5,340	6,669	666	67,795
India	620	9,632	10,428	2,276	1,618	3,939	157	14,524
Italy	216	74,719	77,378	943	28,842	30,727	1,093	109,198
Lebanon	427	8,474	9,286	1,086	746	1,878	144	11,308
Malaysia	515	4,360	4,960	6,040	3,420	9,574	126	14,660
Malta	67	11,434	11,899	756	13,416	14,549	546	26,994
Netherlands	218	21,760	22,454	800	5,721	6,675	218	29,347
New Zealand	740	7,400	8,436	9,305	15,008	24,870	696	34,002
Poland	1,611	18,669	20,709	2,225	1,360	3,661	267	24,637
Vietnam	3,108	12,159	15,515	9,079	2,616	11,975	406	27,896
Yugoslavia	581	46,700	48,540	2,233	7,599	10,135	626	59,301
Other	10,529	123,383	136,951	36,667	33,965	71,960	2,506	211,417
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,186</b>	<b>513,847</b>	<b>550,937</b>	<b>88,649</b>	<b>255,657</b>	<b>351,562</b>	<b>12,803</b>	<b>915,302</b>

(a) Period of residence not stated.

(b) Citizenship not stated.

TABLE 2.16 BIRTHPLACE BY AGE GROUPS AND SEX, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986

Birthplace	Age group (years)				Sex		
	0-14	15-24	25-54	55 and over	Males	Females	Persons
Australia	856,091	575,672	1,068,492	532,289	1,487,224	1,545,321	3,032,545
New Zealand	4,725	6,855	18,404	4,021	16,961	17,042	34,003
Other Oceania	1,337	1,846	3,241	531	3,405	3,551	6,955
Europe -							
U.K. and Republic of Ireland	10,347	26,988	132,163	81,050	125,663	124,886	250,548
Austria	170	292	3,937	2,465	3,705	3,158	6,863
Czechoslovakia	300	272	2,274	2,304	2,853	2,293	5,147
Germany	987	1,813	20,942	9,920	16,550	17,112	33,663
Greece	896	4,502	48,470	13,928	34,420	33,376	67,797
Hungary	135	151	4,370	3,877	4,623	3,912	8,536
Italy	719	4,843	65,129	38,514	57,818	51,385	109,203
Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia	10	20	1,536	4,457	3,066	2,961	6,025
Malta	582	1,403	19,786	5,251	14,387	12,633	27,019
Netherlands	623	1,030	18,576	9,106	15,676	13,657	29,334
Poland	1,168	775	8,989	13,707	12,647	11,993	24,639
USSR n.e.i.	343	461	2,740	5,577	4,386	4,731	9,120
Yugoslavia	1,554	7,605	39,926	10,225	31,533	27,777	59,311
Other	1,846	2,790	12,727	4,963	11,892	10,443	22,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,680</b>	<b>52,945</b>	<b>381,565</b>	<b>205,344</b>	<b>339,219</b>	<b>320,317</b>	<b>659,537</b>
Asia -							
China	404	564	4,622	3,006	4,260	4,338	8,600
Cyprus	490	1,440	6,353	2,259	5,319	5,225	10,542
Hong Kong	1,363	1,480	3,204	316	3,186	3,177	6,363
India	876	1,906	8,689	3,066	7,249	7,288	14,535
Cambodia, Laos	1,363	1,760	3,019	435	3,294	3,283	6,575
Lebanon	1,073	2,473	6,548	1,193	5,969	5,316	11,285
Malaysia	1,772	5,397	6,895	595	7,402	7,261	14,662
Philippines	1,222	908	4,592	576	2,414	4,883	7,296
Singapore	595	658	1,766	217	1,485	1,748	3,233
Sri Lanka	944	1,500	7,042	2,531	5,929	6,083	12,014
Turkey	963	3,368	6,871	1,254	6,450	6,005	12,454
Vietnam	5,903	6,792	13,905	1,301	15,542	12,356	27,900
Other	3,549	3,243	10,812	2,647	10,257	9,999	20,260
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,517</b>	<b>31,489</b>	<b>84,318</b>	<b>19,396</b>	<b>78,756</b>	<b>76,962</b>	<b>155,719</b>
America -							
Canada	708	768	1,786	604	1,864	2,003	3,867
Chile	962	1,257	2,811	326	2,642	2,714	5,354
U.S.A.	1,424	1,527	4,540	1,147	4,446	4,192	8,638
Other	1,556	1,633	4,449	623	4,028	4,234	8,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>5,185</b>	<b>13,586</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>12,980</b>	<b>13,143</b>	<b>26,122</b>
Africa -							
Republic of South Africa	1,682	1,412	4,321	1,257	4,209	4,463	8,670
Arab Republic of Egypt	178	689	6,981	3,556	5,813	5,591	11,405
Other	925	2,108	7,908	1,921	6,606	6,256	12,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>4,209</b>	<b>19,210</b>	<b>6,734</b>	<b>16,628</b>	<b>16,310</b>	<b>32,938</b>
<b>Total overseas</b>							
born (a)	53,694	102,526	520,328	238,731	467,949	447,325	915,272
Not stated	10,801	9,007	31,789	20,062	36,296	35,364	71,661
<b>Total population</b>	<b>920,586</b>	<b>687,205</b>	<b>1,620,609</b>	<b>791,082</b>	<b>1,991,469</b>	<b>2,028,010</b>	<b>4,019,478</b>

(a) Includes persons born at sea.



**TABLE 2.17 PERSONS (a) WHO SPOKE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME:  
LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY AGE GROUP, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**

<i>Language spoken</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>5-19</i>	<i>20-34</i>	<i>35-64</i>	<i>65 and over</i>	
Arabic/Lebanese	7,888	6,498	6,811	748	21,945
Chinese	10,224	14,104	11,689	2,017	38,034
Dutch	1,403	3,109	10,219	3,346	18,077
French	2,653	4,070	6,289	1,431	14,443
German	3,481	5,589	18,278	4,895	32,243
Greek	38,110	27,579	53,223	5,062	123,974
Italian	39,912	42,542	75,740	15,107	173,211
Maltese	5,755	7,508	14,377	1,915	29,555
Polish	2,869	4,684	10,285	4,293	22,131
Serbian/Croatian	7,751	4,729	10,915	817	24,212
Spanish	5,684	4,323	7,059	512	17,578
Vietnamese	6,433	9,124	3,730	315	19,602
Other	36,169	42,233	63,265	13,113	154,780
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>176,778</b>	<b>183,322</b>	<b>306,404</b>	<b>59,271</b>	<b>725,775</b>

(a) Excludes children aged 0-4 years.

(b) Includes language 'not stated' responses.

**TABLE 2.18 PEOPLE (a) WHO SPOKE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME:  
BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL BY AGE, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**

<i>Proficiency in English</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>5-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65 and over</i>	
<b>OVERSEAS BORN: ARRIVED 1982 TO 1986</b>					
Speaks English -					
Well or very well	19,986	16,887	2,476	603	39,952
Not well	7,247	10,113	2,220	524	20,104
Not at all	1,284	1,946	2,129	1,724	7,083
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>28,960</b>	<b>29,105</b>	<b>6,869</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>67,792</b>
<b>OVERSEAS BORN: ARRIVED BEFORE 1982</b>					
Speaks English -					
Well or very well	46,372	126,136	112,514	25,869	310,891
Not well	1,970	27,117	46,522	15,500	91,109
Not at all	206	1,369	4,345	6,724	12,644
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>48,778</b>	<b>155,395</b>	<b>164,026</b>	<b>48,411</b>	<b>416,610</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN BORN</b>					
Speaks English -					
Well or very well	151,056	36,700	6,152	1,844	195,752
Not well	5,057	1,711	988	482	8,238
Not at all	686	232	161	230	1,309
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>159,102</b>	<b>40,075</b>	<b>8,018</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>210,770</b>

(a) Includes proficiency in English not stated, but excludes language spoken not stated.

TABLE 2.19 ANCESTRY (a) OF THE POPULATION, BY SEX, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986

Ancestry	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total
English	626,462	642,109	1,268,571	31.6
Australian	343,237	361,870	705,107	17.5
Italian	106,457	97,994	204,451	5.1
Greek	67,476	64,754	132,230	3.3
Irish	57,089	55,801	112,890	2.8
Scottish	47,469	43,734	91,203	2.3
British, so described	34,635	38,752	73,387	1.8
English - Irish	29,101	36,582	65,683	1.6
German	26,437	25,969	52,406	1.3
Chinese	24,622	24,070	48,692	1.2
Dutch	24,958	22,542	47,500	1.2
English- Scottish	21,086	26,088	47,174	1.2
Maltese	23,562	21,253	44,815	1.1
Australian - English	20,066	23,362	43,428	1.1
Yugoslavian	19,449	17,144	36,593	0.9
Polish	16,136	15,137	31,273	0.8
Irish - Scottish	10,793	13,049	23,842	0.6
English - German	10,013	11,257	21,270	0.5
Lebanese	7,638	7,160	14,798	0.4
Aboriginal	3,341	3,558	6,899	0.2
Other and not classifiable	313,480	313,244	626,724	15.6
Not stated	157,962	162,580	320,542	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,991,469</b>	<b>2,028,009</b>	<b>4,019,478</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) As stated.

TABLE 2.20 RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION OF THE POPULATION, VICTORIA,  
30 JUNE 1986

Religious denomination	Males	Females	Persons	Per cent
Christian -				
Anglican	337,743	377,671	715,414	17.8
Baptist	18,397	21,387	39,784	1.0
Brethren	1,926	2,196	4,122	0.1
Catholic	540,860	563,184	1,104,044	27.5
Congregational	687	745	1,432	0.0
Churches of Christ	10,701	13,344	24,045	0.6
Jehovah's Witnesses	5,468	6,756	12,224	0.3
Latterday Saints	3,167	3,480	6,647	0.2
Lutheran	17,647	19,261	36,908	0.9
Oriental Christian	954	923	1,877	0.0
Orthodox	90,202	87,363	177,565	4.4
Pentecostal	9,532	10,772	20,304	0.5
Presbyterian	64,641	73,359	138,000	3.4
Salvation Army	7,799	9,662	17,461	0.4
Seventh Day Adventist	3,515	4,277	7,792	0.2
Uniting Church	128,403	151,859	280,262	7.0
Other Protestant	40,292	47,265	87,557	2.2
Other Christian	44,104	46,652	90,756	2.3
<b>Total Christian</b>	<b>1,326,038</b>	<b>1,440,156</b>	<b>2,766,194</b>	<b>68.8</b>

TABLE 2.20 RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION OF THE POPULATION, VICTORIA,  
30 JUNE 1986 - *continued*

Religious denomination	Males	Females	Persons	Per cent
Other religions -				
Buddhist	12,201	11,065	23,266	0.6
Hindu	2,776	2,338	5,114	0.1
Jewish	15,714	16,673	32,387	0.8
Muslim	20,145	17,820	37,965	0.9
Other non Christian	3,359	3,106	6,465	0.2
<b>Total other religions</b>	<b>54,195</b>	<b>51,002</b>	<b>105,197</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Other groups -				
Non-theistic	634	382	1,016	0.0
Inadequately described	8,124	6,296	14,420	0.4
No religion	308,684	249,255	557,939	13.9
Not stated	293,794	280,918	574,712	14.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,991,469</b>	<b>2,028,009</b>	<b>4,019,478</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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The statistics in this chapter are derived from various sources including the Census of Population and Housing, the latest of which was conducted at 30 June 1986.

The estimated resident population was compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population. An explanation of the conceptual basis is given in the ABS Information Paper entitled *Population Estimates: An Outline of the New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates* (3216.0).

Data on overseas arrivals and departures and persons granted Australian citizenship are compiled from information supplied by the Department of Immigration Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.

Births, deaths, and marriages are compiled from data supplied by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages while divorce statistics are compiled from Statistical Reports completed by the Family Court of Australia.

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