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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 16.5 million in June 1988. Victoria's estimated resident population was 4.3 million, which represented 26.0 per cent of Australia's population.

Over the five years 1983 to 1988, the rate of growth of Australia's population averaged 1.44 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 1.1 per cent per year over the five years.

Victoria is the most densely populated State with an average of 18.7 persons per square kilometre at 30 June 1988. 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 1988, an estimated 3,001,200 persons lived in the Melbourne Statistical Division, representing 70.0 per cent of Victoria's population and a population density of 490 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. Almost 600,000, or 14.9 per cent of the total population were aged 60 years or over, almost double the 8.0 per cent who were aged 60 or over in 1901. 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 1983 to 1988 natural increase hovered around 30,000 per year, and net overseas migration increased steadily from a low of 14,730 in 1984 to a high of 37,224 in 1988. 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 1988 (14,802 persons). The total population increase in the 1983 to 1988 period was lowest in 1984 (41,986 persons) and highest in 1988 (52,999 persons).

Births

In 1988 there were 62,134 live births registered to women resident in Victoria. This represented an increase of 1.0 per cent on the 61,507 births recorded in 1987. The 1988 crude birth rate in Victoria was 14.6 per 1,000 population for the second successive year and was one of the lowest recorded since the registration of births was made compulsory in 1853. The Australian crude birth rate was 14.9 per 1,000 population in 1988. 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 9,213 in 1988, which represented 14.8 per cent of total live births.

Deaths

In 1988 there were 30,726 deaths of Victorian residents registered in Australia. This was a decrease of 2.6 per cent from the 31,549 deaths recorded in 1987 and compared with the 4.6 per cent increase from 1986 to 1987. The crude death rate fell from 7.5 per 1,000 population in 1987 to 7.2 in 1988.

The infant mortality rate (deaths of children under one year) dropped from 8.1 per 1,000 live births in 1987 to 7.8 in 1988. The mortality rate for male infants was consistently higher than that for females. In 1988 the rate was 9.2 for males and 6.4 for females.

There were 760 perinatal deaths (stillbirths and deaths within 28 days of birth) in 1988. This represents a death rate of 12.1 per 1,000 live and stillbirths.

The decline in the death rate was reflected in increased life expectancy at birth. In 1988 the life expectancy for males was 73.6 years and for females it was 79.8 years.

Marriages

There were 30,687 marriages registered in Victoria during 1988, an increase of 3.4 per cent from the 29,682 marriages registered in 1987. The crude marriage rate rose from 7.1 in 1987 to 7.2 in 1988 per 1,000 population.

Of the total marriages in 1988, first marriage for both partners accounted for 21,531 (70.2 per cent), first marriage for one partner totalled 5,244 (17.1 per cent), and remarriages for both parties numbered 3,912 (12.7 per cent).

Age at marriage continued to increase slightly. In 1988 the median age of bridegrooms was 27.6 years and the median age of brides was 25.4 years. The proportion of marriages performed by civil celebrants showed a slight increase, accounting for 38.8 per cent of marriages in 1988.

Divorces

The number of divorces granted in Victoria in 1988 was 10,250, an increase of 6.5 per cent from 1987. This was the first increase since 1982. The crude divorce rate rose from 2.3 to 2.4 per 1,000 population. Victoria's crude divorce rate was generally below the Australian rate which, in 1988, was 2.5 per 1,000 population.

The median age at marriage for divorcing husbands or wives continued to increase marginally (24.4 and 21.9 years, respectively). For divorcing husbands, the median ages at final separation and at divorce were 34.9 and 37.5 years, respectively. For divorcing wives the corresponding median ages were 32.2 and 34.9 years.

Birthplace, citizenship, and language

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.

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 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).

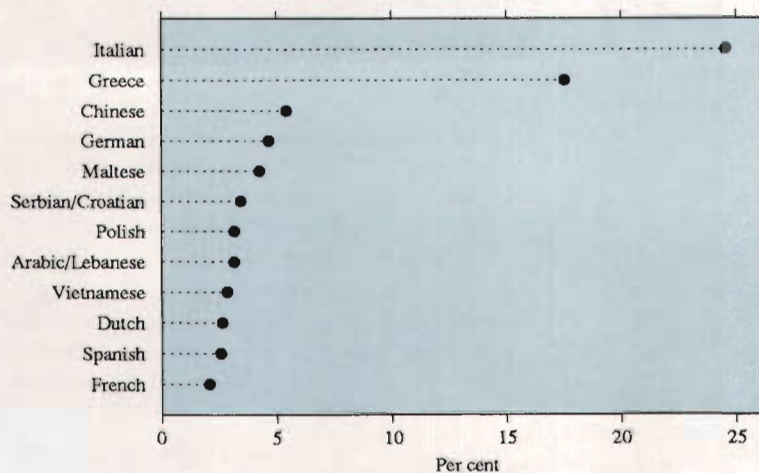
The 1986 Census also revealed that 915,000 people, or 23 per cent of Victoria's population was made up of people born overseas. Of the 3 million people born in Australia and living in Victoria, 28.0 per cent had one or both parents born overseas.

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.

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PERSONS WHO SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986



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 1988)	Percentage of population in each State or Territory (at 1988) per cent
		1983 '000	1987 '000	1988 '000		
New South Wales	801,600	5,353.0	5,612.2	5,701.5	7.11	34.48
Victoria	227,600	4,035.7	4,208.9	4,261.9	18.72	25.77
Queensland	1,727,200	2,482.3	2,676.8	2,743.8	1.59	16.59
South Australia	984,000	1,345.8	1,394.2	1,408.3	1.43	8.52
Western Australia	2,525,500	1,369.1	1,500.5	1,544.8	0.61	9.34
Tasmania	67,800	432.8	447.9	448.5	6.62	2.71
Northern Territory	1,346,200	135.9	156.7	155.9	0.12	0.94
Australian Capital Territory	2,400	239.0	266.1	273.5	113.96	1.65
Australia	7,682,300	15,393.5	16,263.3	16,538.2	2.15	100.00

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.

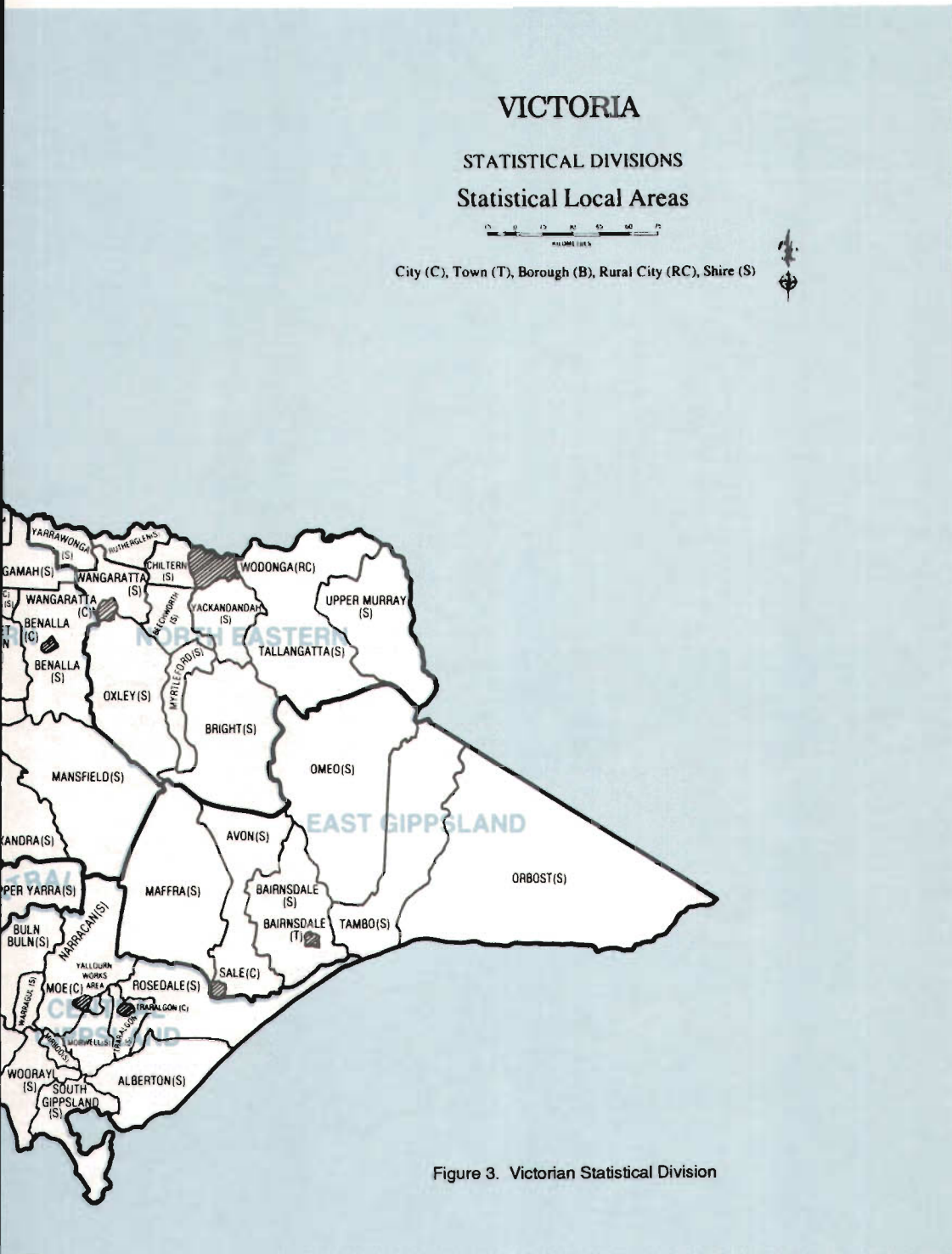


TABLE 2.3 AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986

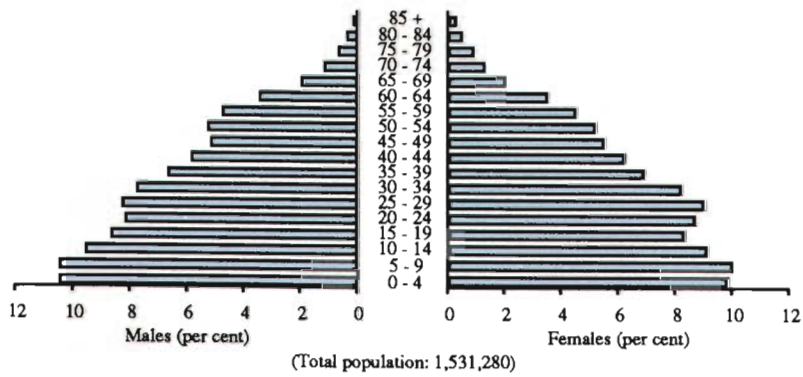
Age group (years)	Males		Females		Persons	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
0-4	150,830	7.57	144,321	7.12	295,151	7.34
5-9	150,536	7.56	143,093	7.06	293,629	7.34
10-14	170,178	8.55	161,628	7.97	331,806	8.25
15-19	180,934	9.09	173,564	8.56	354,498	8.82
20-24	167,533	8.41	165,175	8.14	332,708	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
Total	1,991,469	100.00	2,028,009	100.00	4,019,478	100.00

TABLE 2.4 CENSUS COUNTS BY SEX, VICTORIA, 1901 - 1986

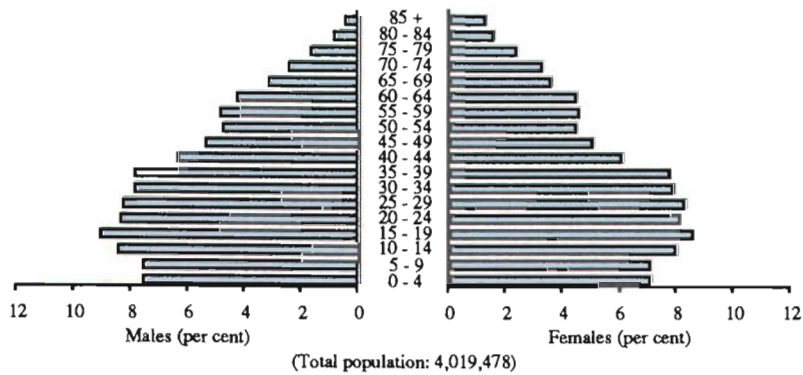
Year	People aged 60 years or over				All people (number)	People aged 60 or over as a proportion of all people(%)
	Men (number)	Women (number)	Total (number)	Number of men per 100 women		
1901	51,801	43,451	95,342	119	1,201,341	7.9
1911	47,301	48,672	95,973	97	1,315,551	7.3
1921	60,904	65,841	126,745	93	1,531,280	8.3
1933	97,316	110,065	207,381	88	1,820,261	11.4
1947	121,010	148,153	269,163	82	2,054,701	13.1
1954	140,058	178,564	318,622	78	2,452,341	13.0
1961	158,645	208,723	367,368	76	2,930,113	12.5
1966	172,809	227,162	399,971	76	3,219,526	12.4
1971	186,390	244,745	431,135	76	3,502,351	12.3
1976	205,225	270,547	475,772	76	3,646,973	13.0
1981	226,482	299,548	526,030	76	3,832,443	13.7
1986	260,258	339,073	599,332	77	4,019,478	14.9

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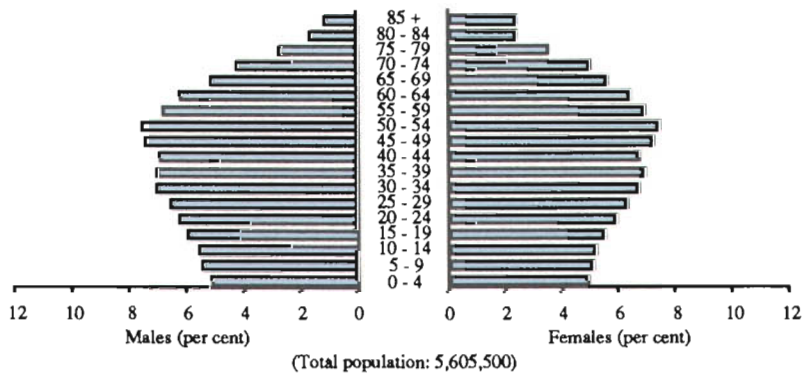
1921 Census



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**TABLE 2.5 AGE OF ABORIGINES 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
Total	6,192	6,419	12,611	100.0	4,019,478	100.0

**TABLE 2.6 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,
VICTORIA**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1988 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	(sq km)	1983	1987	1988 ^p
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Altona (C)	39.73	32,800	34,400	35,100
Berwick (C) (c)	126.30	41,000	53,900	58,600
Box Hill (C)	21.48	48,600	47,500	47,500
Brighton (C)	13.70	35,000	34,700	34,400
Broadmeadows (C)	65.22	106,800	104,900	105,100
Brunswick (C)	10.75	44,800	41,800	41,500
Bulla (S)	421.40	22,100	31,100	32,900
Camberwell (C) (c)	35.59	89,200	87,300	87,500
Caulfield (C)	22.10	72,400	70,500	70,300
Chelsea (C)	12.59	27,300	27,000	27,300
Coburg (C)	18.77	56,200	54,700	54,700
Collingwood (C)	4.88	15,100	13,700	13,600
Cranbourne (S) (Pt A) (c)	400.80	35,700	49,200	54,100
Croydon (C)	33.71	38,600	42,600	43,900
Dandenong (C)	38.94	57,800	58,900	59,300
Diamond Valley (S)	73.91	54,200	58,300	59,600
Doncaster and Templestowe (C)	90.62	98,200	104,900	106,500
Eltham (S)	276.00	38,500	42,300	43,100
Essendon (C)	22.17	58,200	56,000	55,900
Fitzroy (C)	3.71	18,700	18,500	18,400
Flinders (S)	327.50	29,700	36,200	37,400
Footscray (C)	18.14	51,200	48,800	48,800
Frankston (C) (c)	71.37	83,500	88,300	89,400
Hastings (S)	292.90	19,500	24,800	25,700
Hawthorn (C)	9.84	31,700	30,900	30,800
Healesville (S) (Pt A)	284.30	8,600	10,000	10,400
Heidelberg (C) (c)	32.84	65,500	63,700	63,600
Keilor (C)	97.20	89,000	98,800	101,300
Kew (C)	14.46	29,600	29,000	29,000
Knox (C)	113.20	97,000	112,300	116,800
Lillydale (S)	403.30	68,300	75,800	77,700
Malvern (C) (c)	16.07	44,700	43,600	43,500
Melbourne (C) (Inner & Remainder)	31.77	58,200	56,900	56,100
Melton (S)	459.40	23,300	31,000	31,900

**TABLE 2.6 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1988 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	(sq km)	1983	1987	1988p
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued				
Moorabbin (C)	53.13	100,900	98,900	98,800
Mordialloc (C)	12.14	28,700	27,800	27,700
Mornington (S)	92.89	26,100	29,300	29,900
Northcote (C)	17.62	51,900	50,100	49,500
Nunawading (C)	42.27	100,900	96,600	96,400
Oakleigh (C)	30.84	58,500	57,800	57,800
Pakenham (S) (Pt A)	149.50	5,800	7,100	7,400
Port Melbourne (C)	10.62	8,700	8,300	8,200
Prahran (C)	9.58	46,400	44,700	44,300
Preston (C) (c)	36.74	85,600	82,600	82,300
Richmond (C)	6.25	25,000	23,700	23,600
Ringwood (C)	23.03	41,000	42,200	42,400
St Kilda (C)	8.84	49,900	47,300	46,900
Sandringham (C)	15.00	32,600	32,000	32,100
Sherbrooke (S)	194.30	32,900	36,800	37,400
South Melbourne (C)	8.99	19,500	18,600	18,500
Springvale (C)	98.48	85,000	86,500	87,800
Sunshine (C)	80.52	98,400	97,700	97,100
Waverley (C)	59.72	129,100	128,100	127,200
Werribee (C)(c)	659.60	45,100	57,800	61,900
Whittlesea (C) (c)	599.60	73,300	84,500	88,100
Williamstown (C)	14.71	25,300	24,100	24,000
Total division	6,129.00	2,861,700	2,965,600	3,001,200
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Bannockburn (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	704.00	3,350	3,770	3,820
Barrabool (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	581.50	6,060	7,750	8,200
Bellarine (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	328.30	33,220	38,760	40,240
Colac (C)	10.99	10,120	10,040	10,050
Colac (S)	1,456.00	6,530	6,790	6,980
Corio (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	698.40	53,580	55,780	56,290
Geelong (C)	13.71	14,440	13,420	13,270
Geelong West (C)	5.19	15,330	14,630	14,630
Leigh (S)	982.70	1,480	1,970	2,040
Newtown (C)	6.35	10,490	10,420	10,420
Otway (S)	1,872.00	3,780	3,820	3,830
Queenscliffe (B)	8.44	3,270	3,350	3,330
South Barwon (C) (Pt A & Pt B)	161.20	37,870	40,590	41,160
Winchelsea (S)	1,299.00	3,970	4,400	4,480
Total division	8,127.00	203,500	215,510	218,740
SOUTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Belfast (S)	515.70	1,540	1,490	1,490
Camperdown (T)	14.85	3,670	3,630	3,590
Dundas (S)	3,477.00	3,670	3,630	3,670
Glenelg (S)	3,589.00	4,540	4,410	4,370
Hamilton (C)	20.61	10,180	10,470	10,500

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VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	30 June 1988 (b) (sq km)	1983	1987	1988p
SOUTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued				
Hampden (S)	2,646.00	7,670	7,380	7,280
Heytesbury (S)	1,503.00	7,960	7,690	7,710
Heywood (S)(c)	3,764.00	7,240	7,520	7,680
Minhamite (S)	1,364.00	2,150	2,000	1,980
Mortlake (S)	2,153.00	3,550	3,230	3,210
Mount Rouse (S)	1,407.00	2,500	2,400	2,380
Port Fairy (B)	22.74	2,480	2,680	2,720
Portland (C) (c)	35.28	10,160	10,740	10,450
Wannon (S)	1,958.00	3,230	3,010	2,990
Warrnambool (C)	35.68	22,670	23,840	24,160
Warrnambool (S) (c)	1,552.00	6,810	8,480	8,570
Tower Hill Lake Reserve and Lady Julia Percy Island	6.99	-	n.a.	n.a.
Total division	24,065.00	101,600	102,630	102,760
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Ararat (C)	18.15	8,470	8,230	8,230
Ararat (S)	3,679.00	4,370	4,400	4,4460
Avoca (S)	1,127.00	2,170	2,230	2,250
Bacchus Marsh (S)	567.10	8,450	10,180	10,550
Ballaarat (C)	34.18	36,640	36,860	36,810
Ballan (S)	911.70	2,880	3,560	3,790
Ballarat (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	475.70	19,380	19,610	19,210
Bungaree (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	234.00	3,930	4,280	4,380
Buninyong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	762.70	8,980	10,600	11,110
Creswick (S)	540.90	4,300	4,720	4,790
Daylesford and Glenlyon (S)	606.00	4,680	5,470	5,690
Grenville (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	843.40	5,140	6,990	7,310
Lexton (S)	815.90	1,270	1,370	1,430
Ripon (S)	1,516.00	3,330	3,520	3,590
Sebastopol (B)	7.78	6,700	7,300	7,320
Talbot and Clunes (S)	525.60	1,870	2,220	2,300
Total division	12,666.00	122,540	131,560	133,220
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Arapiles (S)	1,987.00	1,880	1,940	1,940
Birchip (S) (c)	1,482.00	1,420	1,380	1,350
Dimboola (S)	4,764.00	4,680	4,310	4,240
Donald (S) (c)	1,438.00	2,640	2,490	2,480
Dunmunkle (S) (c)	1,544.00	3,140	2,950	2,870
Horsham (C)	24.20	12,610	12,630	12,850
Kaniva (S)	3,058.00	1,910	1,770	1,750
Karkarooc (S)	3,782.00	3,170	2,920	2,880
Kowree (S)	5,469.00	4,040	3,830	3,800
Lowan (S)	2,697.00	3,390	3,430	3,380
Stawell (T)	23.99	6,430	6,560	6,640
Stawell (S)	2,606.00	2,330	2,540	2,630

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VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1988 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	(sq km)	1983	1987	1988p
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued				
Warracknabeal (S)	1,811.00	4,010	3,910	3,900
Wimmera (S)	2,701.00	2,940	2,980	2,980
Total division	33,388.00	54,600	53,660	53,690
NORTHERN MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Kerang (B)	23.79	4,230	4,100	4,100
Kerang (S)	3,261.00	4,550	4,470	4,490
Mildura (C)	30.08	16,780	18,760	19,360
Mildura (S)	10,639.00	19,430	19,990	20,220
Swan Hill (C)	14.32	8,890	9,080	9,110
Swan Hill (S)	6,721.00	12,570	12,430	12,400
Walpeup (S)	11,027.00	3,660	3,490	3,460
Wycheproof (S) (c)	3,959.00	3,720	3,390	3,320
Total division	35,676.00	73,840	75,710	76,460
LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Bendigo (C)	32.19	32,850	32,330	32,210
Bet Bet (S)	925.00	1,870	2,070	2,160
Castlemaine (C)	23.48	6,830	6,980	7,110
Charlton (S)	1,168.00	2,110	2,030	1,990
Cohuna (S)	498.60	4,740	4,570	4,570
Eaglehawk(B)	14.89	8,250	8,730	8,840
East Loddon (S)	1,181.00	1,480	1,410	1,350
Echuca (C)	24.19	8,380	8,830	9,010
Gisborne (S)	281.30	7,380	9,120	9,250
Gordon (S)	2,054.00	3,040	3,030	3,050
Huntly (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	870.70	3,450	4,120	4,260
Kara Kara (S)	2,287.00	1,170	1,340	1,370
Korong (S)	2,379.00	3,210	3,500	3,560
Kyneton (S)	722.80	7,330	8,180	8,460
McIvor (S)	1,433.00	2,360	2,880	3,000
Maldon (S)	554.20	2,470	2,720	2,790
Marong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,455.00	10,860	12,610	12,950
Maryborough (C)	22.35	8,100	7,850	7,850
Metcalfe (S)	586.30	2,480	2,960	3,090
Newham and Woodend (S)	244.00	3,920	4,710	4,900
Newstead(S)	409.90	2,270	2,570	2,610
Pyalong (S)	596.50	600	670	660
Rochester (S)	1,924.00	7,610	7,390	7,390
Romsey (S)	627.90	5,340	6,610	7,120
St Arnaud (T)	26.70	2,810	2,740	2,730
Strathfieldsaye (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	609.50	13,530	15,750	16,510
Tullaroop (S)	630.90	1,930	2,550	2,630
Total division	21,584.00	156,280	168,280	171,420

**TABLE 2.6 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1988 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	(sq km)	1983	1987	1988p
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Alexandra (S) (c)	2,228.00	5,360	5,770	5,910
Benalla (C)	16.21	8,690	8,950	9,020
Benalla (S)	2,311.00	4,640	5,200	5,430
Broadford (S)	570.30	2,720	3,540	3,660
Cobram (S)	435.00	6,510	6,480	6,500
Deakin (S)	934.00	6,090	5,930	5,880
Euroa (S)	1,406.00	4,420	4,580	4,580
Goulburn (S)	1,029.00	2,220	2,410	2,420
Kilmore (S)	505.90	5,460	7,350	7,700
Kyabram (T)	21.14	5,670	5,630	5,660
Mansfield (S)	3,929.00	4,890	5,560	5,670
Nathalia (S)	1,253.00	3,310	3,350	3,390
Numurkah (S)	730.30	6,310	6,450	6,520
Rodney (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,022.00	15,130	15,470	15,570
Seymour (S)	956.70	11,380	11,600	11,490
Shepparton (C)	26.59	25,050	26,010	26,280
Shepparton (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	920.90	7,800	8,390	8,520
Tungamah (S)	1,130.00	2,860	2,840	2,840
Violet Town (S)	934.40	1,380	1,450	1,490
Waranga (S)	1,611.00	4,480	4,540	4,550
Yea (S)	1,419.00	3,880	4,550	4,660
Total division	23,390.00	138,240	146,080	147,740
NORTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Beechworth (S)	764.90	4,710	4,920	4,980
Bright (S)	3,091.00	5,760	6,310	6,440
Chiltern (S)	491.30	2,090	2,290	2,390
Myrtleford (S)	821.30	4,300	4,360	4,410
Oxley (S)	2,812.00	5,220	5,630	5,710
Rutherglen (S)	527.70	2,940	3,150	3,150
Tallangatta (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	4,187.00	3,910	4,050	4,070
Upper Murray (S)	2,468.00	2,570	2,510	2,500
Wangaratta (C)	26.91	16,620	16,570	16,450
Wangaratta (S)	906.60	2,740	3,230	3,270
Wodonga (Rural City)	345.50	21,580	23,630	24,390
Yackandandah (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,086.00	3,850	4,220	4,390
Yarrawonga (S)	638.30	4,670	4,910	4,990
Total division	18,166.00	80,800	85,790	87,140

**TABLE 2.6 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1988 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	(sq km)	1983	1987	1988p
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Avon (S)	2,615.00	4,000	4,500	4,510
Bairnsdale (T)	28.79	9,900	10,360	10,550
Bairnsdale (S)	2,449.00	5,910	7,120	7,290
Maffra (S)	4,162.00	9,490	10,180	10,320
Omeo (S)	5,636.00	1,620	1,740	1,870
Orbost (S)	9,347.00	6,230	6,470	6,560
Sale (C)	30.09	13,600	13,800	13,730
Tambo (S)	3,525.00	8,110	9,560	9,890
Bass Strait Islands	23.89	-	-	-
Total division	27,817.00	58,860	63,750	64,720
CENTRAL GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Alberton (S)	1,878.00	6,180	6,360	6,380
Buln Buln (S)	1,251.00	9,920	10,840	10,980
Korumburra (S)	613.50	7,010	7,250	7,450
Mirboo (S)	260.70	2,330	2,600	2,580
Moe (C)	24.93	17,600	17,650	17,830
Morwell (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	654.70	27,640	27,970	28,190
Narracan (S)	2,320.00	11,330	11,270	11,290
Rosedale (S)	2,256.00	7,060	8,430	8,820
South Gippsland (S)	1,358.00	6,120	6,160	6,250
Traralgon (C) (c)	22.26	19,200	20,140	20,490
Traralgon (S) (c)	464.00	3,690	4,500	4,490
Warragul (S)	347.00	11,710	12,530	12,620
Woorayl (S)	1,226.00	10,700	11,520	11,600
Yallourn Works Area	27.86	-	-	-
Total division	12,704.00	140,490	147,230	148,970
EAST CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION				
Bass (S)	515.90	3,610	4,350	4,410
Cranbourne (S) (Pt B)	351.00	4,020	4,140	4,240
Healesville (S) (Pt B) (c)	168.50	960	1,260	1,290
Pakenham (S) (Pt B)	738.00	13,960	17,900	18,280
Phillip Island (S)	100.90	3,510	4,570	4,780
Upper Yarra (S) (c)	1,743.00	11,250	14,500	14,850
Wonthaggi (B)	58.22	5,650	6,310	6,340
French Island	172.50	70	70	70
Total division	3,849.00	43,030	53,100	54,260

TABLE 2.6 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, VICTORIA - continued

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1988 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	(sq km)	1983	1987	1988 ^p
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS - SUMMARY				
Melbourne	6,129.00	2,861,700	2,965,600	3,001,200
Rest of Victoria -				
Barwon	8,127.00	203,500	215,510	218,740
South Western	24,065.00	101,600	102,630	102,760
Central Highlands	12,666.00	122,540	131,560	133,220
Wimmera	33,388.00	54,600	53,660	53,690
Northern Mallee	35,676.00	73,840	75,710	76,460
Loddon-Campaspe	21,584.00	156,280	168,280	171,420
Goulburn	23,390.00	138,240	146,080	147,740
North Eastern	18,166.00	80,950	85,790	87,140
East Gippsland	27,817.00	58,860	63,750	64,720
Central Gippsland	12,704.00	140,490	147,230	148,970
East Central	3,849.00	43,030	53,100	54,260
Total Rest of Victoria	221,432.00	1,173,940	1,243,300	1,259,110
Offshore and Migratory (d)	-	-	-	-
Total Victoria	227,561.00	4,035,700	4,208,900	4,260,300

(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 1988.

(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 1988.

(d) Not available for intercensal years.

**TABLE 2.7 STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES, VICTORIA
1 JULY 1982 TO 30 JUNE 1988**

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
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

TABLE 2.7 STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES, VICTORIA
1 JULY 1982 TO 30 JUNE 1988 - 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>
Wycheproof (S)	Lost to Birchip (S)	-0.02	-	1.10.82
Werribee (S)	Declared a city	-	-	20.3.87
Whittlesea (S)	Declared a city	-	-	15.4.88

**TABLE 2.8 URBAN CENTRES AND (RURAL) LOCALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF
OVER 650 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	Lakes Entrance	4,104
Geelong	125,833	Kerang	4,031
Ballarat	63,802	Kyneton	4,010
Bendigo	53,944	Drouin	3,974
Shepparton-Mooroopna	30,238	Maffra	3,973
Melton	24,394	Leongatha	3,957
Warrnambool	22,706	Queenscliffe	3,739
Albury-Wodonga (Wodonga Part)	20,918	Clifton Springs	3,657
Mildura	20,512	Cobram	3,651
Traralgon	19,233	Emerald	3,608
Moe-Yallourn	18,376	Torquay	3,522
Wangaratta	16,598	Camperdown	3,458
Morwell	16,387	Leopold	3,452
Sunbury	15,297	Somerville	3,432
Cranbourne	14,005	Yarrawonga-Mulwala (Yarrawonga Part)	3,388
Sale	13,559	Beechworth	3,252
Horsham	12,174	Daylesford	3,111
Portland	10,934	Pakenham	3,052
Colac	10,545	Myrtleford	2,853
Bairnsdale	10,328	Numurkah	2,840
Hamilton	9,969	Hurstbridge	2,808
Swan Hill	8,831	Korumburra	2,773
Ocean Grove-Barwon Heads	8,680	Euroa	2,730
Benalla	8,490	Tatura	2,702
Echuca-Moama(Echuca Part)	8,409	St Arnaud	2,692
Warragul	8,170	Warracknabeal	2,689
Ararat	8,015	Port Fairy	2,504
Maryborough	7,705	Orbost	2,502
Castlemaine	7,656	Red Cliffs	2,450
Bacchus Marsh	7,640	Rochester	2,395
Craigieburn	6,584	Warburton	2,304
Seymour	6,510	Portarlington	2,271
Stawell	6,252	Creswick	2,266
Healesville	5,759	Cowes	2,251
Churchill	5,526	Woodend	2,219
Wonthaggi	5,346	Paynesville	2,209
Kyabram	5,342	Trafalgar	2,149
Hastings	5,271	Woori Yallock	2,111
Lara	5,186	Cohuna	2,103
Crib Point	4,180		

TABLE 2.8 URBAN CENTRES AND (RURAL) LOCALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 650 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>
Cockatoo	2,060	Mirboo North	1,104
Terang	2,040	Nagambie	1,099
Mansfield	2,039	Rosedale	1,093
Kilmore	2,029	Koo-wee-rup	1,081
Nhill	2,028	Tongala	1,044
Coldstream	2,016	Avoca	1,032
Yarram	2,004	Mortlake	1,030
Gisborne	1,966	Yea	1,017
Broadford	1,893	Narre Warren North	1,011
Casterton	1,842	Foster	1,007
Inverloch	1,838	Mount Helen	1,002
Yarra Junction	1,810	Pearcedale (L)	995
Alexandra	1,790	Bunyip (L)	986
Robinvale	1,770	Tallangatta (L)	963
Merbein	1,750	Koroit (L)	958
Heyfield	1,689	Rushworth (L)	948
Bright	1,673	Chiltern (L)	935
Anglesea	1,652	Lorne (H)	935
Wallan	1,643	Winchelsea (L)	890
Rutherglen	1,586	Apollo Bay (H)	888
Mount Beauty	1,564	Wedderburn (L)	878
Balnarring Beach-Merricks	1,551	Irymple (L)	876
Dimboola	1,514	Murtoa (L)	863
Millgrove	1,507	Wycheproof (L)	854
Ouyen	1,503	Sea Lake (L)	847
Diggers Rest	1,493	Ballan (L)	846
Whittlesea	1,490	Birchip (L)	845
Donald	1,465	Lancefield (L)	826
Cobden	1,421	Mallacoota (H)	826
Heathcote	1,364	Kaniva (L)	821
Launching Place	1,360	Edenhope (L)	819
Nathalia	1,346	Clunes (L)	817
Charlton	1,341	Beaconsfield Upper (L)	809
Buninyong	1,307	Boort (L)	801
Heywood	1,295	Timboon (L)	793
Corryong	1,274	Wonga Park (L)	789
Romsey	1,266	Somers (H)	758
Tyabb	1,254	Hopetoun (L)	750
Stratford	1,242	Eildon (L)	740
Beaufort	1,199	Mernda (L)	737
Seville	1,173	Inglewood (L)	712
St Leonards	1,170	Elmore (L)	698
Yarra Glen	1,170	Wandong-Heathcote Junction (L)	696
Drysdale	1,166	Mount Macedon (L)	682
Carrum Downs	1,161	Bannockburn (L)	662
Coleraine	1,153	Rainbow (L)	655
Riddells Creek	1,153	Tooradin (L)	655
Macedon	1,137	Yarragon (L)	652
Maldon	1,116	Gembrook (L)	650

TABLE 2.9 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, VICTORIA

Year (a)	Natural increase	Net migration			Total population increase
		Overseas	Interstate	Total	
MALES					
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
1988	14,918	19,103	-6,428	12,675	27,593
FEMALES					
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
1988	15,659	18,121	-8,374	9,747	25,406
PERSONS					
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
1988	30,577	37,224	-14,802	22,422	52,999

(a) Year ended 30 June.

TABLE 2.10 SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA, 1988

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Live births -									
Males	43,495	31,688	20,820	9,917	12,874	3,433	1,803	2,193	126,223
Females	41,152	30,446	19,741	9,238	12,269	3,346	1,636	2,142	119,970
Persons	84,647	62,134	40,561	19,155	25,143	6,779	3,439	4,335	246,193
Deaths -									
Males	23,877	16,426	10,597	5,793	5,363	1,908	552(a)	566	65,082
Females	20,799	14,300	8,206	4,897	4,169	1,639	324(a)	450	54,784
Persons	44,676	30,726	18,803	10,690	9,532	3,547	876(a)	1,016	119,866
Infant deaths	775	486	339	152	214	65	66(a)	35	2,132
Perinatal deaths (b) -									
Number	1,095	747	493	239	304	92	79	52	3,101
Rate (c)	12.8	11.9	12.1	12.4	12.0	13.5	22.7	11.9	12.5
Marriages	40,812	30,687	18,850	10,128	10,578	3,035	782	1,944	116,816
Divorces	11,880	10,250	7,690	4,031	3,964	1,220	275	1,697	41,007

(a) 1988 figures for N.T. have been affected by a change in registration legislation.

(b) Perinatal deaths comprise neonatal and foetal deaths.

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

TABLE 2.11 SUMMARY OF BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, VICTORIA

Particulars	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Live births -						
Males	30,695	30,404	31,497	30,855	31,605	31,688
Females	29,233	29,081	30,058	29,307	29,902	30,446
Persons	59,928	59,485	61,555	60,162	61,507	62,134
Sex ratio (a)	105.0	104.6	104.8	105.3	105.7	104.1
Nuptial births	53,512	52,966	54,457	52,767	53,027	52,921
Ex-nuptial births -						
Number	6,416	6,519	7,098	7,395	8,480	9,213
Percentage of total live births	10.7	11.0	11.5	12.3	13.8	14.8
Crude birth rate (b)	r14.8	14.6	14.9	r14.4	14.6	14.6
Age-specific birth rates (c)-						
Age group (years)-						
15-19	18.0	15.6	15.5	14.2	14.7	14.3
20-24	87.5	81.5	80.6	75.3	73.3	68.5
25-29	144.8	142.2	145.8	140.7	139.6	135.4
30-34	84.0	86.8	91.5	92.2	95.2	97.7
35-39	25.3	26.8	27.4	28.0	30.7	32.2
40-44	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.7
45-49	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Total fertility (d)	1,821	1,789	1,827	1,774	1,794	1,764
Confinements (number)	59,281	58,880	60,909	59,432	60,831	61,398
Median age of mother (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	26.03	26.39	26.54	26.83	27.09	27.39
All nuptial first confinements	27.69	27.96	28.11	28.35	28.58	28.84
Ex-nuptial	22.74	23.17	23.39	23.70	23.82	24.18
All confinements	27.34	27.62	27.77	27.99	28.15	28.42
Median duration of marriage (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	2.51	2.56	2.59	2.53	2.53	2.49

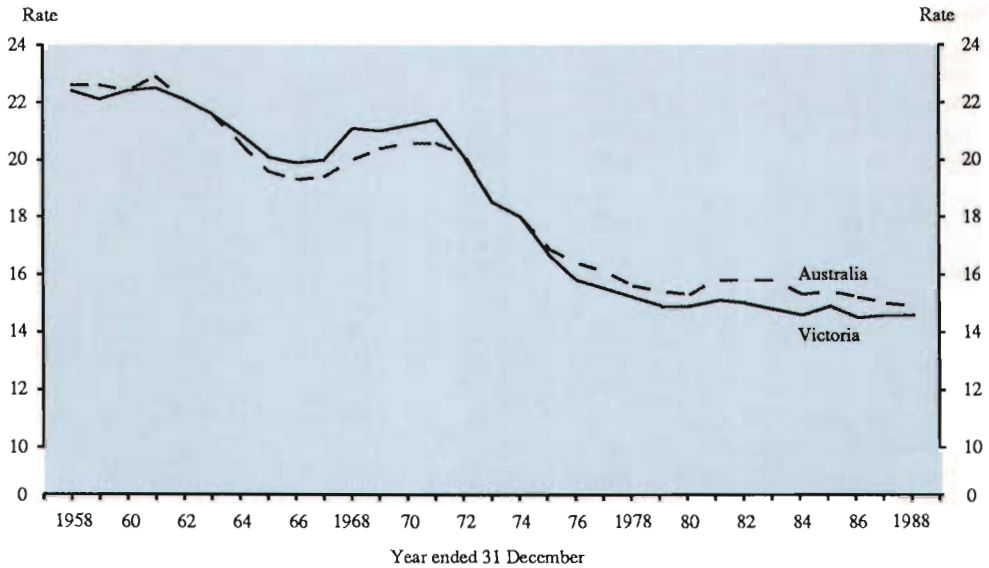
(a) Number of male live births per 100 female live births.

(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), 1958-1988



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

MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER, VICTORIA, 1981-1988

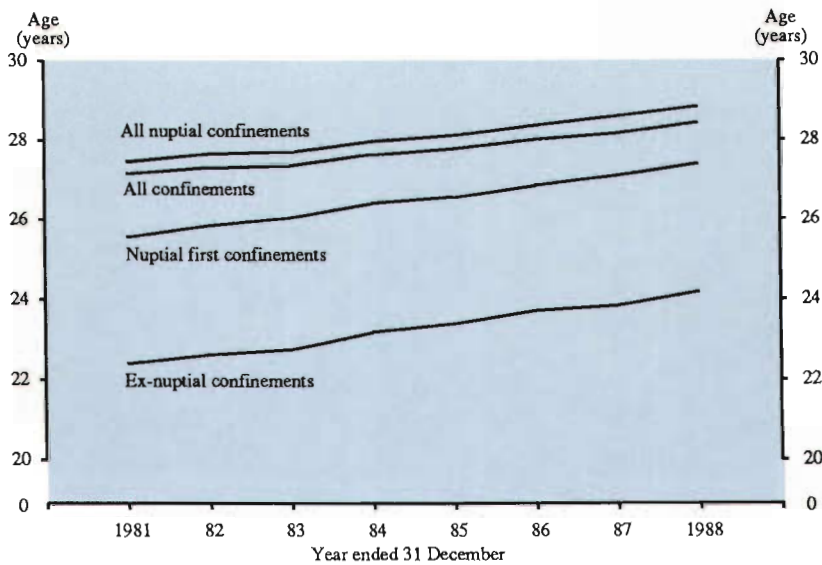


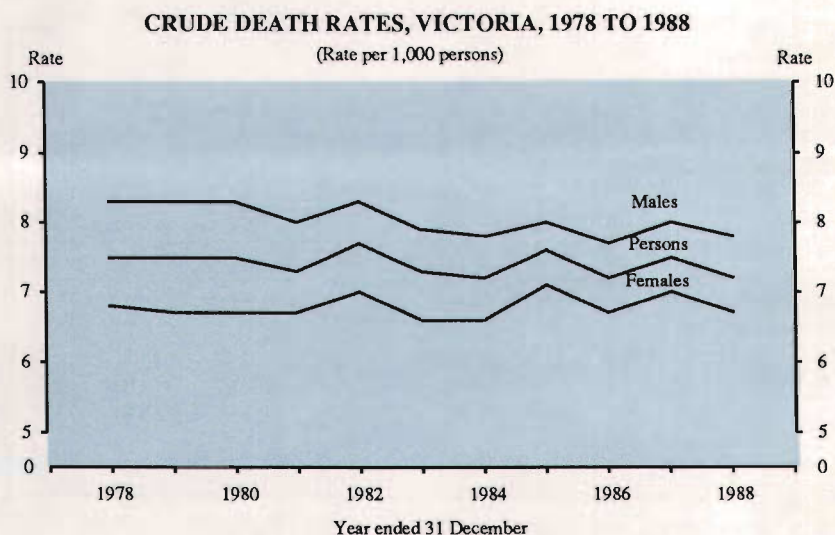
TABLE 2.12 SUMMARY OF DEATHS, VICTORIA

Particulars	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Deaths -						
Males	15,823	15,843	16,516	16,021	16,714	16,426
Females	13,542	13,689	14,837	14,154	14,835	14,300
Persons	29,365	29,532	31,353	30,175	31,549	30,726
Sex ratio (a)	116.8	115.7	111.3	113.2	112.7	114.9
Crude death rate (b) -						
Males	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.8
Females	6.6	6.6	7.1	6.7	7.0	6.7
Persons	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.2	7.5	7.2
Infant deaths -						
Males	277	299	337	297	306	291
Females	266	226	264	220	192	195
Persons	543	525	601	517	498	486
Infant mortality rate (c)	9.1	8.8	9.8	8.6	8.1	7.8
Median age at death (years) -						
Males	70.4	71.0	71.6	71.4	72.0	72.3
Females	77.3	78.0	78.5	78.4	79.0	78.7
Mean age at death (years) -						
Males	65.7	66.7	67.2	67.0	67.3	66.9
Females	73.1	74.0	74.4	74.3	74.8	74.1

(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.



INFANT MORTALITY RATES, VICTORIA, 1978 TO 1988

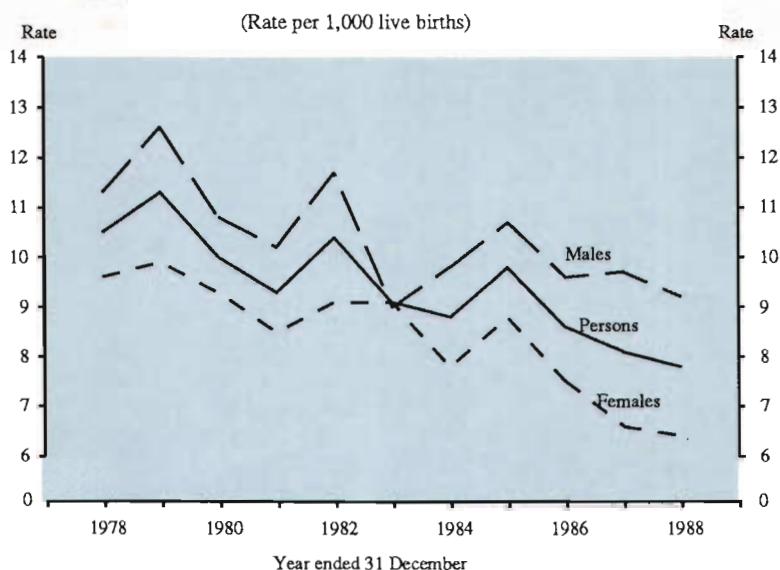


TABLE 2.13 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA

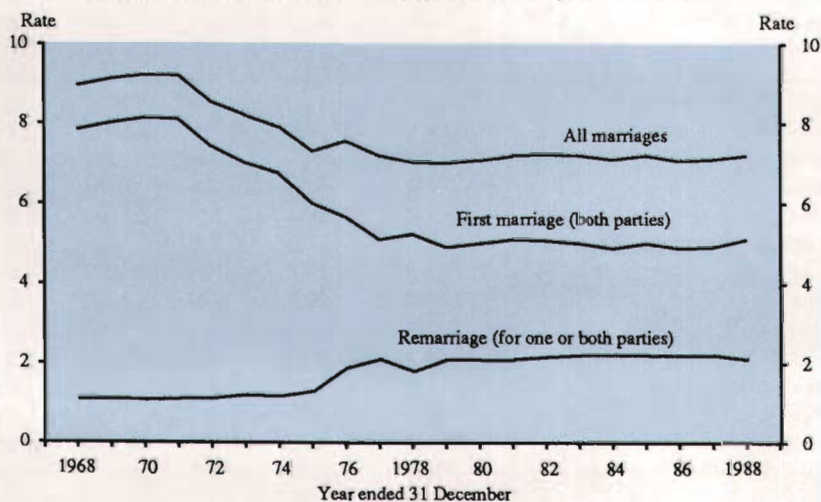
Particulars	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Total marriages -	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
First marriage both partners	20,224	19,899	20,544	20,287	20,622	21,531
First marriage one partner	4,952	5,160	5,189	5,040	5,110	5,244
Remarriage both partners	3,798	3,872	4,077	4,063	3,950	3,912
Crude marriage rate (a)	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.2
Marriages performed by -						
Ministers of religion -						
Number	18,165	18,050	18,459	18,096	18,434	18,782
Per cent	62.7	62.4	61.9	61.6	62.1	61.2
Civil celebrants -						
Number	10,809	10,881	11,351	11,294	11,248	11,905
Per cent	37.3	37.6	38.1	38.4	37.9	38.8
BRIDEGROOM						
Marital status of bridegroom -						
Never married	22,493	22,335	23,000	22,648	22,940	23,977
Widowed	729	753	726	732	748	712
Divorced	5,752	5,843	6,084	6,010	5,994	5,998
Total	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
Median age of bridegroom (years) -						
Never married	25.0	25.3	25.5	25.7	25.9	26.2
Widowed	59.2	59.9	60.9	60.6	61.1	61.0
Divorced	36.3	37.0	37.4	38.3	38.5	38.9
Total	26.4	26.7	26.9	27.2	27.4	27.6
Age of bridegroom (years) -						
Under 20	498	416	384	333	316	394
20-24	10,930	10,140	9,955	9,350	8,829	8,679
25-29	8,601	9,030	9,528	9,453	9,956	10,485

TABLE 2.13 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA - *continued*

Particulars	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
BRIDEGROOM - <i>continued</i>						
30-34	3,835	3,950	4,242	4,237	4,514	4,798
35-39	1,911	2,042	2,224	2,253	2,236	2,423
40-44	1,020	1,147	1,137	1,222	1,363	1,432
45-49	658	702	746	837	788	828
50 and over	1,521	1,504	1,594	1,705	1,680	1,646
Total	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
BRIDE						
Marital status of bride -						
Never married	22,907	22,623	23,277	22,966	23,414	24,329
Widowed	855	845	886	891	905	864
Divorced	5,212	5,463	5,647	5,533	5,363	5,494
Total	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
Median age of bride (years) -						
Never married	22.9	23.2	23.4	23.7	24.0	24.2
Widowed	53.8	52.8	53.8	53.1	52.3	52.1
Divorced	33.6	33.9	34.3	35.0	35.1	35.5
Total	24.0	24.4	24.6	25.0	25.2	25.4
Age of bride (years) -						
Under 20	3,023	2,543	2,428	2,160	1,972	2,028
20-24	13,718	13,303	13,387	12,609	12,491	12,407
25-29	6,085	6,505	6,989	7,254	7,600	8,291
30-34	2,610	2,795	2,981	3,088	3,253	3,444
35-39	1,384	1,489	1,627	1,698	1,791	1,758
40-44	725	816	883	887	983	1,133
45-49	475	535	524	638	612	657
50 and over	954	945	991	1,056	980	966
Total	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687

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

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES (a), VICTORIA, 1968 TO 1988



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

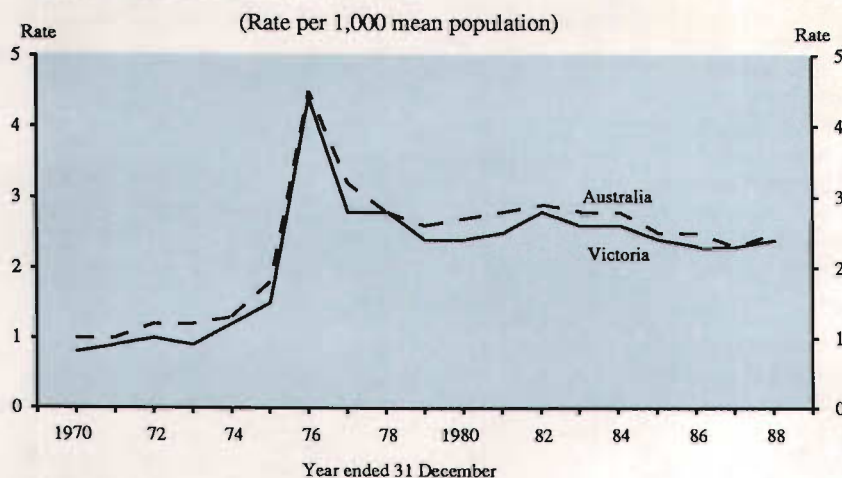
TABLE 2.14 SUMMARY OF DIVORCES, VICTORIA

Particulars	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Divorces granted -	10,663	10,501	9,688	9,670	9,626	10,250
Crude divorce rate (a)	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.1	10.4
Median interval between marriage and separation (years)	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.3	7.6
Divorces involving children -	6,577	6,296	5,809	5,705	5,509	5,867
Percentage of total	61.7	60.0	60.0	59.0	57.2	57.2
Average number of children	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9
HUSBAND						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
25-29	11.7	9.7	10.1	9.5	9.2	9.2
30-34	14.3	14.3	11.9	11.7	12.3	12.6
35-39	13.5	13.3	12.5	11.7	11.2	12.3
40-44	12.0	11.3	10.6	10.3	9.8	10.4
45-49	9.2	9.4	8.6	8.7	9.0	9.0
50-54	6.8	6.5	5.4	6.5	5.8	6.4
55 and over	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	9,430	9,246	8,431	8,276	8,199	8,666
Widowed	137	154	152	132	117	115
Divorced	1,096	1,101	1,105	1,262	1,310	1,469
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	23.7	23.9	23.9	24.2	24.3	24.4
At separation	33.9	34.0	34.4	34.6	34.5	34.9
At divorce	36.5	36.7	37.1	37.3	37.2	37.5
WIFE						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.7
25-29	14.8	13.9	12.4	11.9	11.8	12.0
30-34	13.9	13.9	12.3	12.2	11.8	12.7
35-39	12.3	12.3	11.4	10.8	10.8	11.3
40-44	10.2	10.2	9.5	9.2	8.8	9.4
45-49	7.5	7.5	6.5	7.4	7.2	7.8
50-54	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.4
55 and over	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	9,437	9,209	8,477	8,288	8,241	8,748
Widowed	178	192	171	169	152	146
Divorced	1,048	1,100	1,040	1,213	1,233	1,356
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	21.2	21.4	21.5	21.6	21.8	21.9
At separation	31.2	31.3	31.7	31.8	31.8	32.2
At divorce	33.7	34.1	34.4	34.7	34.6	34.9

(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.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1970 TO 1988



NOTE: Introduction of Family Law Act 1975, effective 5 January 1976.

TABLE 2.15 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
MALES						
	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
FEMALES						
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 2.16 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
Total	19,680	52,945	381,565	205,344	339,219	320,317	659,537
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
Total	20,517	31,489	84,318	19,396	78,756	76,962	155,719
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
Total	4,650	5,185	13,586	2,700	12,980	13,143	26,122
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
Total	2,785	4,209	19,210	6,734	16,628	16,310	32,938
Total overseas 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
Total population	920,586	687,205	1,620,609	791,082	1,991,469	2,028,010	4,019,478

(a) Includes persons born at sea.

**TABLE 2.19 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
Total (b)	176,778	183,322	306,404	59,271	725,775

(a) Excludes children aged 0-4 years.

(b) Includes language 'not stated' responses.

**TABLE 2.20 PEOPLE (a) WHO SPOKE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME:
BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL BY AGE, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1986**

Proficiency in English	Age group (years)				Total
	5-24	25-44	45-64	65 and over	
OVERSEAS BORN: ARRIVED 1982 TO 1986					
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
Total (a)	28,960	29,105	6,869	2,858	67,792
OVERSEAS BORN: ARRIVED BEFORE 1982					
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
Total (a)	48,778	155,395	164,026	48,411	416,610
AUSTRALIAN BORN					
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
Total (a)	159,102	40,075	8,018	3,575	210,770

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

TABLE 2.21 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
Total	1,991,469	2,028,009	4,019,478	100.0

(a) As stated.

TABLE 2.22 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
Total Christian	1,326,038	1,440,156	2,766,194	68.8

**TABLE 2.22 RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION OF THE POPULATION, VICTORIA,
30 JUNE 1986 - continued**

<i>Religious denomination</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
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
Total other religions	54,195	51,002	105,197	2.6
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
Total	1,991,469	2,028,009	4,019,478	100.0

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