

## PART V.

### POPULATION.

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale, the first enumeration of the people was taken by an officer from Sydney on the 25th May, 1836, less than one year after the date of the arrival of John Batman (29th May, 1835). This was the first official census in Victoria, which was at that time known as the district of Port Phillip, and it disclosed that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females of European origin.

At the census taken in 1838 it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511. During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population increased by 100 per cent., owing principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and it continued to increase to the end of 1850.

The discovery of gold in 1851 (the year of separation from New South Wales) was the greatest influence in populating Victoria, the numbers increasing from 77,345 at the census in 1851 to 538,628 in 1861, a gain of 596 per cent. In the next ten years the natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was the main factor in the growth of population. From the end of 1870 the population advanced steadily to 1,133,728 at the end of 1890, the increase being 409,803 (natural increase 307,246—gain from migration 102,557). The latter portion of this period was known as the "Land Boom" period, which was followed by the inevitable reaction.

Between 1891 and 1905 the population of the State advanced very slowly, the total increase in this period being 76,693. The gain by natural increase—247,078—was offset by the loss from migration—170,385—the discovery of gold in Western Australia being the principal cause of migration from Victoria in the period. A steady annual increase was maintained from 1905 to the end of 1927 (exclusive of the years relating to the Great War), the population increasing from 1,210,421 to 1,741,832.

During the ten-year period 1928-1937 the population of the State increased slowly, the lowest annual increase for the period being recorded in the year 1935. The rate of natural increase dropped considerably and, in seven years of the period, a loss from migration was experienced. The world-wide depression of 1929-33 had its effect on the population of the State.

The estimated population of Victoria at the end of 1943 was 1,988,938. This figure is subject to revision.

### VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1943.

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1836 (25th May) .. .. .	142	35	177
1836 (8th Novr.) .. .. .	186	38	224
1840 .. .. .	7,254	3,037	10,291
1850 .. .. .	45,495	30,667	76,162
1855 .. .. .	226,462	120,843	347,305
1860 .. .. .	330,302	207,932	538,234
1870 .. .. .	397,230	326,695	723,925
1880 .. .. .	450,558	408,047	858,605
1890 .. .. .	595,519	538,209	1,133,728
1900 .. .. .	601,773	594,440	1,196,213
1905 .. .. .	598,134	612,287	1,210,421
1906 .. .. .	600,856	618,976	1,219,832
1907 .. .. .	605,775	627,032	1,232,807
1908 .. .. .	614,937	635,512	1,250,449
1909 .. .. .	631,021	646,001	1,277,022
1910 .. .. .	646,482	654,926	1,301,408
1911 .. .. .	668,818	671,075	1,339,893
1912 .. .. .	690,056	692,497	1,382,553
1913 .. .. .	707,444	707,972	1,415,416
1914 .. .. .	713,307	721,881	1,435,188
1915 .. .. .	694,210	730,235	1,424,445
1916 .. .. .	666,245	738,418	1,404,663
1917 .. .. .	671,075	745,985	1,417,060
1918 .. .. .	684,243	753,002	1,437,245
1919 .. .. .	739,956	763,079	1,503,035
1920 .. .. .	753,803	774,106	1,527,909
1921 .. .. .	765,306	785,421	1,550,727
1922 .. .. .	789,517	800,756	1,590,273
1923 .. .. .	807,884	817,571	1,625,455
1924 .. .. .	825,919	831,232	1,657,151

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1943—continued.

Year.					Estimated Population 31st December.		
					Males.	Females.	Total.
1925	..	..	..	..	840,817	843,234	1,684,051
1926	..	..	..	..	855,035	856,952	1,711,987
1927	..	..	..	..	870,718	871,114	1,741,832
1928	..	..	..	..	879,478	882,268	1,761,746
1929	..	..	..	..	886,472	891,797	1,778,269
1930	..	..	..	..	892,422	900,183	1,792,605
1931	..	..	..	..	896,429	907,141	1,803,570
1932	..	..	..	..	900,663	912,724	1,813,387
1933	..	..	..	..	905,050	919,429	1,824,479*
1934	..	..	..	..	910,373	927,117	1,837,490*
1935	..	..	..	..	911,710	931,313	1,843,023*
1936	..	..	..	..	915,304	936,289	1,851,593*
1937	..	..	..	..	918,665	940,822	1,859,487*
1938	..	..	..	..	925,892	947,868	1,873,760*
1939	..	..	..	..	931,413	954,843	1,886,256*
1940	..	..	..	..	948,654	969,713	1,918,367*
1941	..	..	..	..	967,107	984,308	1,951,415*
1942	..	..	..	..	973,281	994,945	1,968,226*
1943	..	..	..	..	983,153	1,005,785	1,988,938*

\* Subject to revision.

At the census of 1891, the population of Victoria was 1,140,088; 1,201,070 in 1901; 1,315,551 in 1911; 1,531,280 in 1921; and 1,820,261 in 1933. During the period ended on the date of the census in each of the years 1901, 1911, 1921, and 1933 there were respective increases in the population at the rate of 5·35, 9·53, 16·40, and 18·87 per cent. The rate of increase during the decade 1921-31 was 17·33 per cent.

The census of 30th June, 1933, showed that the population of the State at that date was 1,820,261, comprising 903,244 males and 917,017 females. The table which follows shows, for each quinquennium of the 80 years 1860-1939, and for each year of the 20 years 1924-1943, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration.

Increase of population, 1860-1943.

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY MIGRATION, 1860-1943.

Period.	Increase during Period.			Increase per cent. during Period.		
	Natural.	Net Immigration (Civilians only).	Total.	Natural.	Net Immigration (Civilians only).	Total.
1860-64 ..	69,249	7,682	76,931	13·29	1·47	14·76
1865-69 ..	74,639	24,120	98,759	12·48	4·03	16·51
1870-74 ..	81,902	7,444	89,346	11·75	1·07	12·82
1875-79 ..	66,473	(-) 10,824	55,649	8·46	(-) 1·38	7·08
1880-84 ..	72,332	21,688	94,020	8·59	2·58	11·17
1885-89 ..	83,704	85,457	169,161	8·95	9·13	18·08
1890-94 ..	100,292	(-) 23,075	77,217	9·08	(-) 2·09	6·99
1895-99 ..	76,625	(-) 70,239	6,386	6·48	(-) 5·94	·54
1900-04 ..	74,296	(-) 57,229	17,067	6·25	(-) 4·81	1·44
1905-09 ..	80,312	(-) 8,898	71,414	6·66	(-) ·74	5·92
1910-14 ..	93,975	64,191	158,166	7·36	5·03	12·39
1915-19 ..	84,092	(-) 16,245	67,847	5·86	(-) 1·13	4·73
1920-24 ..	98,235	55,881	154,116	6·53	3·72	10·25
1925-29 ..	91,091	30,027	121,118	5·50	1·81	7·31
1930-34 ..	61,242	(-) 2,021	59,221	3·44	(-) ·11	3·33
1935-39 ..	52,364	(-) 3,598	48,766	2·85	(-) ·20	2·65
1924 ..	19,636	12,060	31,696	1·21	·74	1·95
1925 ..	20,086	6,814	26,900	1·21	·41	1·62
1926 ..	19,027	8,909	27,936	1·13	·53	1·66
1927 ..	18,301	11,544	29,845	1·07	·67	1·74
1928 ..	16,790	3,124	19,914	·96	·18	1·14
1929 ..	16,887	(-) 364	16,523	·96	(-) ·02	·94
1930 ..	17,168	(-) 2,832	14,336	·97	(-) ·16	·81
1931 ..	13,299	(-) 2,334	10,965	·74	(-) ·13	·61
1932 ..	10,659	(-) 842	9,817	·59	(-) ·05	·54
1933 ..	10,936	156	11,092	·60	·01	·61
1934 ..	9,180	3,831	13,011	·50	·21	·71
1935 ..	9,428	(-) 3,895	5,533	·51	(-) ·21	·30
1936 ..	10,105	(-) 1,535	8,570	·55	(-) ·08	·47
1937 ..	11,118	(-) 3,224	7,894	·60	(-) ·17	·43
1938 ..	11,389	2,884	14,273	·61	·16	·77
1939 ..	10,324	2,172	12,496	·55	·12	·67
1940 ..	11,669	20,442	32,111	·62	1·08	1·70
1941 ..	13,884	19,164	33,048	·72	1·00	1·72
1942 ..	13,954	2,857	16,811	·71	·15	·86
1943 ..	17,790	2,922	20,712	·90	·15	1·05

NOTE.—The minus sign ( - ) indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

VICTORIA—MIGRATION.

(CIVILIANS ONLY.)

The interstate\* and oversea movement of people to and from Victoria, for the period 1934-1943, is shown in the following table:—

Year.	Arrivals in Victoria.			Departures from Victoria.			Excess of Arrivals Over Departures.	
	Inter-state.	From Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	To Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	Other Countries Direct.
1934 ..	153,410	11,377	164,787	150,520	10,436	160,956	2,890	941
1935 ..	140,406	11,090	151,496	143,526	11,789	155,315	(- ) 3,120	(- ) 699
1936 ..	141,813	11,586	153,399	143,628	11,113	154,741	(- ) 1,815	473
1937 ..	139,199	13,063	152,262	144,054	11,432	155,486	(- ) 4,855	1,631
1938 ..	152,514	15,540	168,054	152,591	12,579	165,170	(- ) 77	2,961
1939 ..	147,087	15,028	162,115	148,568	10,353	158,921	(- ) 1,481	4,675
1940 ..	146,457	5,930	152,387	129,464	2,288	131,752	16,993	3,642
1941 ..	147,001	1,417	148,418	127,984	939	128,923	19,017	478
1942 ..	125,687	2,395	128,082	120,451	1,470	121,921	5,236	925
1943 ..	106,185	1,061	107,246	102,091	1,268	103,359	4,094	(- ) 207

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

\* Interstate migration figures are subject to revision.

In 1934, migration to and from Victoria reached a total of 325,743 persons; this was followed by a decrease in 1935, the total being 306,811. There was little fluctuation during the following two years, but in 1938 the volume of migration was the highest recorded since 1930. In 1939 a decline was recorded in both oversea and interstate migration. The considerable decrease in migration during the last four years was due to the war

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF MIGRATION, 1943.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Migration by Sea—					
Arrivals .. .. .	10,541	11,307	..	..	..
Departures .. .. .	10,602	12,810	..	..	..
Gain by Sea .. .. .	..	..	(- ) 61	(- ) 1,503	(- ) 1,564
Migration by Rail—					
Arrivals .. .. .	35,485	17,743	..	..	..
Departures .. .. .	33,074	16,537	..	..	..
Gain by Rail .. .. .	..	..	2,411	1,206	3,617
Migration by Air—					
Arrivals .. .. .	21,926	10,244	..	..	..
Departures .. .. .	21,549	8,787	..	..	..
Gain by Air .. .. .	..	..	377	1,457	1,834

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates the excess of departures over arrivals.

The immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria, the other Australian States, British countries, and foreign countries during each of the four years ended 1943 are shown in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY SEA, 1940-1943.

State or Country of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—				
	*1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	*1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	
<i>States.</i>									
New South Wales .. ..	..	1,010	180	198	..	1,196	681	720	
Queensland .. ..	..	571	39	14	..	655	158	151	
South Australia .. ..	..	168	172	22	..	119	17	17	
Western Australia .. ..	..	1,251	718	80	..	781	451	506	
Tasmania .. ..	..	39,237	31,906	20,473	..	35,320	29,546	20,750	
Northern Territory .. ..	..	134	..	..	..	80	..	..	
Total Interstate Adjustment .. ..	..	42,371	33,015	20,787	..	38,151	30,853	22,144	
Net Total .. ..	..	51,478	42,376	33,015	20,787	49,014	38,151	30,853	22,144
<i>Overseas—</i>									
New Zealand .. ..	..	813	169	260	83	481	136	115	144
United Kingdom .. ..	..	1,323	255	225	89	260	30	159	127
India and Ceylon .. ..	..	409	142	210	128	238	220	138	146
South Africa .. ..	..	153	63	216	67	64	32	106	111
Other British Possessions .. ..	..	794	581	807	22	691	351	45	..
Total British Countries .. ..	..	3,492	1,210	1,718	389	1,734	769	563	523
Egypt .. ..	..	129	3	..	..	18	1	..	..
France .. ..	..	144	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy .. ..	..	383	..	..	..	10	..	..	..
Japan .. ..	..	113	28	..	..	40	20	..	..
United States of America .. ..	..	465	65	171	117	341	90	732	247
Other Foreign Countries .. ..	..	1,204	106	506	555	145	59	175	493
Total Foreign Countries .. ..	..	2,438	202	677	672	554	170	907	740
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	..	57,408	43,788	35,410	21,848	51,302	39,090	32,323	23,412

\* Details of interstate migration not available.

The movement of population during the last four years by way of interstate railway passenger traffic is shown in the following statement:—

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1940-1943.

State—Territory.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—				
	*1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	*1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	
New South Wales .. ..	..	48,103	41,732	30,687	..	39,459	44,441	33,035	
Queensland .. ..	..	2,914	7,430	8,917	..	2,861	6,074	5,616	
South Australia .. ..	..	12,242	11,047	9,365	..	9,819	9,710	7,597	
Western Australia .. ..	..	5,597	4,684	3,557	..	2,759	2,828	2,749	
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	..	1,036	1,657	700	..	803	813	578	
Northern Territory .. ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	36	
Total .. ..	..	70,532	69,892	66,550	53,228	57,247	55,701	63,866	49,611

\* Details of interstate migration not available.

Migration by air, 1940-43.

The following table shows the movement of population by air during the last four years :—

VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY AIR.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
1940 .. ..	24,447	23,203	1,244
1941 .. ..	34,738	34,132	606
1942 .. ..	26,122	25,732	390
1943 .. ..	32,170	30,336	1,834

**Assisted immigration.** Assisted immigration has been discontinued for the duration of the war, except in cases of close family reunion involving wives and dependent children, and other special cases having exceptional features, for which special approval is required.

**Population of Greater Melbourne.** For many years the population of Greater Melbourne was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of ten miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office. To conform to the growth of the urban population in certain directions, principally in the cities of Chelsea and Mordialloc, the metropolitan area was re-defined in 1929. The municipalities included in this area and the population of each are as under :—

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933 AND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 1943.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1943.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1943.
Box Hill City .. ..	5,120	15,332	19,850	3·9
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding) .. ..	8,480	8,761	12,750	1·5
Brighton City .. ..	3,308	29,707	38,400	11·6
Brunswick City .. ..	2,719	54,348	58,200	21·4
Camberwell City .. ..	8,352	50,052	71,800	8·6
Caulfield City .. ..	5,600	65,297	80,500	14·4
Chelsea City .. ..	3,040	6,625	8,000	2·6
Coburg City .. ..	4,800	38,118	47,550	9·9
Collingwood City .. ..	1,139	30,665	30,900	27·1
Essendon City .. ..	4,000	46,096	51,400	12·8
Fitzroy City .. ..	923	30,909	31,700	34·3
Footscray City .. ..	3,982	46,266	62,500	15·7

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933  
AND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1943—*continued.*

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 1943.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1943.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1943.
Hawthorn City .. ..	2,402	33,758	40,500	16·9
Heidelberg City (excluding Greensborough Ward) ..	8,800	24,949	31,300	3·6
Kew City .. ..	3,523	25,486	32,200	9·1
Malvern City .. ..	3,996	43,244	48,550	12·1
Melbourne City .. ..	7,740	92,112	102,700	13·3
Moorabbin City .. ..	13,360	19,006	24,700	1·8
Mordialloc City .. ..	3,351	9,216	12,150	3·6
Northcote City .. ..	2,850	42,723	45,850	16·1
Oakleigh City .. ..	2,658	11,903	14,150	5·3
Port Melbourne City .. ..	2,366	12,906	14,350	6·1
Prahran City .. ..	2,320	51,606	59,750	25·8
Preston City .. ..	8,800	33,442	39,500	4·5
Richmond City .. ..	1,430	39,618	41,750	29·2
Sandringham City .. ..	3,740	18,075	23,100	6·2
South Melbourne City .. ..	2,303	42,936	45,150	19·6
St. Kilda City .. ..	2,049	46,579	55,200	26·9
Williamstown City .. ..	2,775	22,199	25,550	9·2
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>125,926</b>	<b>991,934</b>	<b>1,170,000*</b>	<b>9·3</b>

\* Subject to revision.

Density of metropolitan population. Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 34·3 persons to the acre; Richmond has 29·2; Collingwood, 27·1; St. Kilda, 26·9; Prahran, 25·8; Brunswick, 21·4; South Melbourne, 19·6; and Melbourne City, 13·3. There is a total area of 9,644 acres devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in Greater Melbourne, so that the population is really living more closely together than the figures in the table indicate; if these park areas are excluded, the density of the population in the abovementioned municipalities is as follows:—Fitzroy, 36·2 persons to the acre; Richmond, 34·8; St. Kilda, 31·8; Collingwood, 29·7; Prahran, 26·6; South Melbourne, 25·4; Brunswick, 22·0; and Melbourne City, 18·5; while, for the whole of Greater Melbourne, the exclusion of park areas has only a slight influence on the density, the number of persons to the acre increasing from 9·3 to 10·1.

Population of cities, towns and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne.

Outside the boundaries of Greater Melbourne the chief centres of population in Victoria are the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Mildura, and Warrnambool. The particulars relating to Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong are exclusive of the urban populations in contiguous shires. The populations of cities, towns, and certain boroughs are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATIONS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, 1933 AND 1943.

Locality.	Population.		Locality.	Population.	
	Census 1933.	1943 (Estimated 31st December).		Census 1933.	1943 (Estimated 31st December).
<b>Cities—</b>			<b>Boroughs—</b>		
Ballarat* ..	37,411	39,470	Castlemaine ..	5,221	5,750
Bendigo† ..	29,131	30,800	Colac ..	..	5,630
Geelong‡ ..	39,223	41,180	Echuca ..	4,411	4,480
Mildura ..	6,617	7,500	Maryborough ..	5,631	5,900
Warrnambool ..	8,906	9,300	Shepparton ..	5,698	6,250
<b>Towns—</b>			Stawell ..	4,747	4,930
Ararat ..	4,914	5,050	Swan Hill ..	..	4,950
Hamilton ..	5,786	6,100	Wangaratta ..	4,795	5,400
Horsham ..	5,272	5,600	Wonthaggi ..	5,593	6,350
Sale ..	4,262	5,000			

\* Includes municipalities of Ballarat and Sebastopol.

† Includes municipalities of Bendigo and Eaglehawk.

‡ Includes municipalities of Geelong, Geelong West, and Newtown and Chilwell.

NOTE.—Colac created a borough on 11th January, 1938. Swan Hill created a borough on 30th May, 1939.

Population of Greater Melbourne and remainder of State, 1861-1943.

In the seventy-two years from the census of 1861 to the census of 1933, the population of Greater Melbourne increased by 609 per cent. from 139,916 to 991,934. In the same period, the population of the remainder of the State increased by 108 per cent. from 398,721 to 828,327. During only one intercensal period—1891-1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than in the metropolis. With the decline in the gold-mining industry, the rate of increase in the country areas diminished until, at the beginning of the present century, the rural population became almost stationary. Between 1901 and 1933 the increase was 123,336; of this increase, 67,353 occurred in the 28 years ended 31st December, 1929, and 55,983 in the four years of depression which followed.

**POPULATION OF VICTORIA, GREATER MELBOURNE, AND  
REMAINDER OF THE STATE, 1861 TO 1943.**

(a) Census. (b) 31st December.					Population at each Date.		
					Victoria.	Greater Melbourne.	Remainder of State.
(a)							
1861	..	..	..	..	538,628	139,916	398,712
1871	..	..	..	..	730,198	206,780	523,418
1881	..	..	..	..	861,566	282,947	578,619
1891	..	..	..	..	1,140,088	490,896	649,192
1901	..	..	..	..	1,201,070	496,079	704,991
1911	..	..	..	..	1,315,551	593,237	722,314
1921	..	..	..	..	1,531,280	782,979	748,301
1933	..	..	..	..	1,820,261	991,934†	828,327
(b)					*	*	*
1934	..	..	..	..	1,837,490	1,000,000	837,490
1935	..	..	..	..	1,843,023	1,008,300	834,723
1936	..	..	..	..	1,851,593	1,016,500	835,093
1937	..	..	..	..	1,859,487	1,024,000	835,487
1938	..	..	..	..	1,873,760	1,035,600	838,160
1939	..	..	..	..	1,886,256	1,046,750	839,506
1940	..	..	..	..	1,918,367	1,076,700	841,667
1941	..	..	..	..	1,951,415	1,137,000	814,415
1942	..	..	..	..	1,968,226	1,152,000	816,226
1943	..	..	..	..	1,988,938	1,170,000	818,938

\* Subject to revision.

† The boundaries of Greater Melbourne were re-defined in 1929.

**Population of  
Australian  
States and of  
New Zealand,  
1861 to 1943.**

In the following tables is given the population of each Australian State and of New Zealand at each census from 1861 to 1933 and also the estimated population at 31st December, 1943.

**CENSUS POPULATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATES AND  
TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND.**

	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							
	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.
<b>States—</b>								
Victoria ..	538,628	730,198	861,566	1,140,088	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261
New South Wales ..	350,860	502,998	749,825	1,123,954	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847
Queensland ..	30,059	117,960	213,525	393,718	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,554
South Australia ..	* 126,830	* 185,626	276,414	315,533	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949
Western Australia ..	15,100	25,270	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852
Tasmania ..	89,977	101,020	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599
<b>Territories—</b>								
Northern Australian Capital ..	..	..	3,451	4,898	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850
..	..	..	..	..	..	† 1,714	2,572	8,947
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1,151,454</b>	<b>1,663,072</b>	<b>2,250,194</b>	<b>3,174,640</b>	<b>3,773,801</b>	<b>4,455,005</b>	<b>5,435,734</b>	<b>6,629,839</b>
<b>New Zealand—</b>								
Excluding Maoris ..	99,021	256,393	489,933	626,658	772,719	1,008,468	1,218,913	† 1,491,484
Including Maoris ..	..	..	534,030	668,651	815,862	1,058,312	1,271,664	† 1,573,810

\* Includes Northern Territory. † Part of New South Wales prior to 1911. ‡ Census of 1936.

The increase of population in each of the States and of the Territories during the intercensal period 1921-1933 was 288,981 in Victoria, 500,476 in New South Wales, 191,562 in Queensland, 106,120, in Western Australia, 85,789 in South Australia, 13,819 in Tasmania, 6,375 in the Australian Capital Territory, and 983 in the Northern Territory. The population of Australia increased between the above-mentioned dates by 1,194,105.

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1943.	Persons to the Square Mile.	Proportion in Each State or Territory.
				Per cent.
Victoria .. ..	87,884	1,988,938	22·63	27·37
New South Wales .. ..	309,432	2,854,862	9·23	39·29
Queensland .. ..	670,500	1,058,094	1·58	14·56
South Australia .. ..	380,070	618,597	1·63	8·51
Western Australia .. ..	975,920	482,454	·49	6·64
Tasmania .. ..	26,215	244,056	9·31	3·36
Territories—				
Northern .. ..	523,620	5,155	·01	·07
Australian Capital .. ..	940	14,285	15·20	·20
Australia .. ..	2,974,581	7,266,441†	2·44	100·00
New Zealand .. ..	103,415*	1,642,041‡	15·88	..

\* Excluding 600 square miles, the areas of outlying and annexed islands.

† Subject to revision.

‡ Includes 95,773 Maoris.

**Population of Australian capital cities, 1871-1943.** The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1871-1933, and the estimated populations at the 31st December, 1943, are shown hereafter. During the 72 years, 1871-1943, Melbourne has made great progress. The most notable advance occurred in the decennial period 1881-91, when the population increased by 207,949, or 73 per cent. The population remained almost stationary between 1891 and 1901. This unsatisfactory feature was due to a severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. A great number of persons migrated in those years to other parts in search of employment. In the intercensal period 1901 to 1911 there was an increase of 97,158 ; in the period 1911 to 1921 an increase of 189,742 and, in the period 1921-1933, an increase of 208,955 persons. The closing years of the last-mentioned period were years of world-wide depression, during which immigration to Victoria was at a standstill and Melbourne lost population to a slight degree to the rural

districts of the State. In the earlier years of the period, however, a consistent rate of increase was maintained with the result that the net numerical increase for the period was the highest experienced. From 1933 to 1939 there was a steady increase, but since 1939 there has been a high rate of increase, due to the war. Since 1902 Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia. A high proportion of the population of Australia is concentrated in the capital cities of the six States.

**POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES,  
1871 TO 1943.**

Capital City (the Area of each City is given in a note below).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							Estimated Population, 31st December, 1943.	Persons to the Acre.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.		
Melbourne..	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,170,000	9·3
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,235,267	1,337,000†	8·5
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	299,748	370,460	1·5
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	312,619	355,000‡	3·4
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	207,440	230,000†	1·9
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	60,406	70,838	1·3

\* Not available. † Population at 31st December, 1941. ‡ Population at 31st December, 1942.

NOTE.—The areas of the capital cities in acres were Sydney, 157,542; Melbourne, 125,926; Brisbane, 246,400; Adelaide, 102,987; Perth, 122,240; and Hobart, 54,890.

The estimated population of Canberra on 31st December, 1943, was 12,000.

**Aborigines  
in Victoria.**

At the first colonization of Victoria the Aborigines were officially estimated to number about 5,000, but according to other and apparently more reliable estimates they numbered at that time not less than 15,000. In 1851, when the colony was separated from New South Wales, the number was officially stated as 2,693. The number in Victoria as at the 30th June, 1942, was 747, of whom 27 were full-blood and 720 were half-caste.

## VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE AT STATIONS, 1941-42.

Station.	Aborigines.	Three-quarter and Half-castes.	Total.
Lake Condah .. .. .	..	2	2
Lake Tyers .. .. .	26	245	271
Framlingham .. .. .	..	2	2
In Institutions .. .. .	1	3	4
Total .. .. .	27	252	279

As will be seen from the above figures, the majority of the aborigines under the care of the Board for the Protection of Aborigines are concentrated at Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station, which is situated in East Gippsland. This Station is under the control of a resident manager. The reserves at Lake Condah and Framlingham are under the control of the local police officer, who is appointed as Local Guardian.

In addition to the number under the care of the Board at Stations in Victoria, it is estimated that there are 468 half-castes and octoroons at Antwerp, Echuca, Framlingham, Colac, Dimboola, Lake Condah, Healesville, Orbost, and Swan Hill. These people occasionally receive assistance from the Board and of this number approximately 164 are in regular employment.

During the year 1941-42, there were 15 births of half-castes at Lake Tyers. There were 13 deaths of half-castes, 11 of which occurred at Lake Tyers and 2 at Depots. There were also 8 deaths of full-bloods.

The amount expended on the care and maintenance of the aborigines during the year was £5,307. At the Treasury is kept a Trust Fund, known as the Aborigines Board Produce Fund, into which receipts from the sale of timber and produce, leasing of reserves, &c., are paid. The amount to the credit of this Fund on the 30th June, 1942, was £5,337.

**Arrivals in and departures from Victoria of Chinese and other non-Europeans.** During the year 1942, 16 Chinese arrived and 3 departed. Other non-European arrivals numbered 50 and departures 60, as compared with 29 arrivals and 30 departures in 1941. A statement of the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act appears on page 73 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

**Naturalization.** Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 of 1903" the right to issue certificates of naturalization is vested in the Commonwealth.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1942 was 351. They were of various nationalities, 23 per cent. being of Polish origin. During the 72 years, 1871 to 1942 inclusive, 21,377 persons were naturalized. The following table shows the birthplaces of persons naturalized in Victoria during the five years 1938-1942.

#### VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACES OF PERSONS NATURALIZED, 1938-42.

Birthplace.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.					Total Naturalized 1938 to 1942.
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	
Denmark ..	6	14	18	15	17	70
Finland ..	1	16	21	10	5	53
Germany..	30	53	19	19	16	137
Greece ..	21	34	48	28	37	168
Italy ..	104	308	173	21	5	611
Norway ..	8	19	21	13	10	71
Poland ..	46	72	22	17	80	237
Russia ..	12	32	34	10	..	88
Sweden ..	5	12	22	23	15	77
Switzerland ..	4	19	13	12	2	50
Other European Countries ..	37	67	78	66	45	293
United States ..	5	10	8	3	9	35
Australia..	..	..	..	59*	82*	141*
Other Countries ..	13	20	30	19	28	110
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>2,141</b>

\* Australian born women who previously acquired foreign nationality on their marriage to aliens.