

POPULATION.

Population of
Victoria, 1836
to 1826.

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale (afterwards the first Colonial Secretary of Victoria), the first enumeration of the people of this State was made within a year after the arrival of Batman (29th May, 1835) by an officer from Sydney, George Stewart, who came in the revenue cutter *Prince George* with orders from His Excellency Sir Richard Bourke to report upon the state of things in the new district. It was then found (25th May, 1836) that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females, or, in all, 177 residents of European origin. This was the first official census of what was at that time known as Port Phillip. The settlers came from Tasmania and New South Wales. The second enumeration was made on the 8th November of the same year (1836) by order of Captain Lonsdale, who on the 29th day of the previous September arrived in H.M.S. *Rattlesnake* (Captain Hobson), which anchored in that part of the port now called Hobson's Bay. Captain Lonsdale had been appointed police magistrate, with instructions to take general charge of the district. On the 5th October the *Stirlingshire* (brig) arrived with the remainder of the Government establishment, consisting of a detachment of Captain Lonsdale's regiment (the 4th), a principal officer of Customs, three surveyors, an officer in charge of commissariat stores, a small number of Crown prisoners for public service, and three constables. Notwithstanding these additions to the population, the census of the following month showed an increase of 47 persons only—making a total of 224 persons (186 males and 38 females). The third census was taken nearly two years later, in September, 1838, when it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511. At the end of 1840 it was estimated that the Port Phillip district contained 10,291 persons. During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population was doubled, owing principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and good progress continued to be made to the end of 1850, when the community numbered 76,162 persons.

The discovery of gold in 1851, however, was the greatest factor in populating Victoria. When the discoveries were announced diggers came in thousands from New South Wales, South Australia, and

Tasmania, and later on crowds of emigrants from the United Kingdom and other European countries joined in the rush. America contributed its quota, even Californians leaving their own gold-bearing country to try their fortunes in Australia. Some idea of this influx may be gathered from the official figures, which show that the population numbered 463,135 at the end of 1857, or more than six times that of 1850. During the decade 1861 to 1870 the population increased by 188,752, all but 39,000 of which was due to the excess of births over deaths. In the next decennial period, 1871 to 1880, there was an increase of 133,468, but this would have been nearly 13,000 greater if the arrivals in had equalled the departures from the colony. Between 1881 and 1890 an addition of 273,000 was made to the population, about 112,000 of this number being due to immigration. The latter portion of this decennium is known as the "boom period," when land values were highly inflated, wages and prices were exceptionally high, and expenditure by the Government and the people generally was conducted on a most lavish scale. The inevitable reaction followed, and this is reflected in the records.

The net migration from the State during the ten years following 1890 amounted to 109,000 persons, the increase of 64,000 in the total population being accounted for by the fact that the births exceeded the deaths by 173,000. Most of the emigrants left for Western Australia, where gold had been discovered in large quantities. In 1902-3 a year of unexampled drought was experienced, which was felt severely by Victoria as well as all the other Eastern States. From 1903 to 1913 the seasons were usually good, with the result that employment was plentiful and that the State was able not only to retain its own people but also to attract a considerable number of immigrants from other States and countries. In the year 1914 there was a severe drought, and the outbreak of war led to the despatch of a large number of men to places outside Australia. The increase in population was therefore retarded in that year. Although there were record harvests in 1915 and 1916 there was a decrease of population in both of these years on account of the departure of soldiers for the front, and the practical cessation of immigration. In 1917 and 1918 there were increases in spite of the fact that 20,633 soldiers left the State in the earlier and 4,532 in the later year to take part in the war. In 1919 there was a substantial

addition to the population. The increases in the three years mentioned were entirely due to the return of soldiers to Victoria, the number who returned being 16,266 in 1917, 25,900 in 1918, and 77,468 in 1919. In the years 1920 to 1926, there were increases of 24,874, 22,777, 39,539, 35,155, 31,715, 26,922, and 27,810 respectively, included in which were 3,474 soldiers and 2,763 assisted immigrants in the first-mentioned year, and about 4,000 assisted immigrants in 1921, 9,145 in 1922, 9,504 in 1923, 8,721 in 1924, 8,589 in 1925, and 8,583 in 1926. The subjoined table shows the population in various years from 1836 to 1926 :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1836 TO 1926.

Year.	Estimated Population, 31st December.			Estimated Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1836 (25th May) ..	142	35	177	} 200
1836 (8th Novr.) ..	186	38	224	
1840	7,254	3,037	10,291	8,056
1850	45,495	30,667	76,162	71,191
1855	234,450	129,874	364,324	338,315
1860	328,251	209,596	537,847	534,055
1870	398,755	327,844	726,599	713,195
1880	451,456	408,611	860,067	850,343
1890	596,064	537,202	1,133,266	1,118,500
1900	602,487	594,719	1,197,206	1,193,338
1901	608,436	601,464	1,209,900	1,203,137
1902	604,318	603,913	1,208,231	1,207,527
1903	599,950	604,792	1,204,742	1,205,296
1904	597,617	607,991	1,205,608	1,202,814
1905	598,134	612,287	1,210,421	1,206,046
1906	600,856	618,976	1,219,832	1,213,672
1907	605,775	627,032	1,232,807	1,225,503
1908	614,937	635,512	1,250,449	1,240,488
1909	631,021	646,001	1,277,022	1,261,169
1910	646,482	654,926	1,301,408	1,282,477
1911	668,818	671,075	1,339,893	1,320,661
1912	690,056	692,497	1,382,553	1,357,864
1913	707,444	707,972	1,415,416	1,395,958
1914	713,307	721,881	1,435,188	1,427,512
1915	694,210	730,235	1,424,445	1,431,632
1916	666,245	738,418	1,404,663	1,414,480
1917	671,075	745,985	1,417,060	1,411,381
1918	684,243	753,002	1,437,245	1,424,054
1919	739,956	763,079	1,503,035	1,473,013
1920	753,893	774,106	1,527,999	1,512,093
1921	764,905	785,781	1,550,686	1,537,008
1922	788,626	801,599	1,590,225	1,570,824
1923	806,546	818,834	1,625,380	1,607,773
1924	824,182	832,913	1,657,095	1,641,852
1925	838,613	845,324	1,684,017	1,671,467
1926	852,399	859,428	1,711,827	1,696,670

The rates of increase in population in different years are given on page 120.

Population,
1923.

The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during 1926 are shown in the following table :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 31ST DECEMBER,
1926.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1925.. ..	..	..	838,693	845,324	1,684,017
Births, 1926	18,203	17,159	..	..	..
Deaths, 1926	8,765	7,570	..	..	..
Natural Increase .. ..	..	..	9,438	9,589	19,027
Migration by Sea, 1926—					
Arrivals	48,059	39,967	..	..	..
Departures (as adjusted)	39,424	34,685	..	..	..
Gain Seawards .. ..	..	..	8,635	5,282	13,917
Migration by Land, 1926—					
Arrivals	161,074	83,922	..	..	..
Departures (as adjusted)	165,441	84,689	..	..	..
Loss Overland .. ..	..	..	4,367	767	5,134
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1926.. ..	..	..	852,399	859,428	1,711,827
Full-blooded aborigines at the date of the 1921 census, not included in the estimate .. ..	..	..	80	64	144

The population of Victoria on 5th April, 1891, when the census of that year was taken, was 1,140,405 ; in 1901 it was 1,201,341 ; in 1911, 1,315,551 ; and, in 1921, 1,531,280. The table which follows shows the increase of population by excess of births over deaths, and the loss by emigration in each year since the first-mentioned date :—

Increase of
Population,
1891-1926.

INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND LOSS BY EMIGRATION, 1891 TO 1926.

Year.	Natural Increase (i.e., Excess of Births over Deaths).	Loss by Emigration.	Net Increase.
1891 (from 5th April, Census) ..	15,859	+ 1,414	17,273
1892	21,980	11,058	10,922
1893	20,044	12,484	7,560
1894	18,828	12,698	6,130
1895	18,070	14,410	3,660
1896	16,464	22,134	- 5,670
1897	16,184	13,754	2,430
1898	11,477	11,127	350
1899	14,430	8,020	6,410
1900	15,564	7,828	7,736
1901 (to 31st March, Census) ..	3,613	+ 251	3,864
Total Intercensal period (10 years) ..	172,513	111,848	60,665
1901 (from 1st April)	11,491	2,661	8,830
1902	14,284	15,953	- 1,669
1903	13,974	17,463	- 3,489
1904	15,370	14,504	866
1905	15,431	10,618	4,813
1906	15,607	6,196	9,411
1907	16,826	3,851	12,975
1908	15,331	+ 2,311	17,642
1909	17,108	+ 9,465	26,573
1910	16,705	+ 7,681	24,386
1911 (to 2nd April, Census) ..	4,694	+ 9,449	14,143
Total Intercensal period (10 years) ..	156,821	42,340	114,481
1911 (from 3rd April)	13,116	+ 11,226	24,342
1912	19,207	+ 23,453	42,660
1913	20,496	+ 12,367	32,863
1914	19,719	+ 53	19,772
1915	19,186	29,929	- 10,743
1916	17,746	37,528	- 19,782
1917	18,478	6,081	12,397
1918	16,420	+ 3,765	20,185
1919	12,249	+ 53,541	65,790
1920	19,381	+ 5,493	24,874
1921 (to 4th April, Census) ..	4,679	1,308	3,371
Total Intercensal period (10 years) ..	180,677	+ 35,052	215,729
1921 (from 5th April)	14,747	+ 4,659	19,406
1922	21,133	+ 18,406	39,539
1923	18,658	+ 16,497	35,155
1924	19,637	+ 12,078	31,715
1925	20,085	+ 6,837	26,922
1926	19,027	+ 8,783	27,810

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

Immigration
and
emigration,
1922-1926.

The following table shows the total migration by sea to and from Victoria during the five years 1922 to 1926 :—

RECORDED IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA, 1922 TO 1926.

Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants.
1922	81,903	66,355	15,548
1923	87,248	69,986	17,262
1924	88,467	72,458	16,009
1925	77,487	64,276	13,211
1926	88,026	73,799	14,227

Migration
of Soldiers.

The number of soldiers belonging to the Australian Expeditionary Forces who arrived in Victoria from or left the State for oversea countries from the commencement of the war to the 31st December, 1920, is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1922-23, page 85.

Arrivals and
departures by
rail, 1922 to
1926.

The Inter-State railway passenger traffic, as well as the seaward traffic, is taken into account in framing estimates of population. The effect of the railway traffic during the past five years is shown in the following statement :—

RECORDED MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1922 TO 1926.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1922	168,025	86,986	255,011	164,280	86,998	251,278	3,745	— 12	3,733
1923	171,436	88,430	259,866	172,580	87,132	259,712	1,144	1,293	154
1924	181,969	93,441	275,410	182,857	95,581	278,438	888	2,120	3,008
1925	192,390	99,285	291,676	194,982	102,137	297,119	2,592	2,851	5,443
1926	161,074	83,922	244,996	164,041	85,449	249,490	2,967	1,527	4,494

From the beginning of 1913 to 30th June, 1926, a systematic count was made of the passengers who travelled by rail between the States of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia. From 1st July, 1926, the count at the border station was abolished, and the interstate tickets issued by the various Railway Departments are from that time to be the data employed in the future in ascertaining the migration between the States on the mainland.

During 1926 Victoria lost by rail 876 persons to New South Wales and Queensland and 3,618 to South Australia and Western Australia.

Gain by
immigration
from various
countries and
vice versa.

The net result of the recorded immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria and the neighbouring States, the United Kingdom, and foreign countries (exclusive of soldiers) during each of the five years ended 1926 is shown in the following table. Where a minus sign (—) appears, it indicates

that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed :—

RECORDED NET IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA BY SEA,
1922 TO 1926.

Excess of Immigration over Emigration between Victoria and—													
Year.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.	Other British Dominions.	United States.	Other Foreign Ports.	Crews of Vessels.	Net Immigration.
1922	- 251	- 471	71	750	3,444	468	18	10,405	399	6	612	94	15,548
1923	- 450	- 355	- 116	764	3,610	592	127	11,181	563	15	431	..	17,262
1924	- 876	- 1,058	- 61	749	3,711	68	218	10,640	40	11	2,532	..	16,009
1925	- 959	- 1,442	- 142	64	3,405	- 433	1,05	10,736	- 10	7	1,880	..	13,211
1926	- 936	- 934	- 190	158	4,616	44	38	9,519	- 10	7	1,915	..	14,227
Total	- 2,572	- 4,260	- 438	2,485	18,791	739	536	52,484	982	46	7,370	94	76,257

The net result of the seaward migration for the five years has been an increase to Victoria of 76,257 persons, the principal gains having been from the United Kingdom, Tasmania, Foreign ports, Western Australia, and New Zealand. New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia attracted persons from this State during that period.

The number of persons who have been assisted to come to Victoria from the foundation of the State to the end of 1926 will be found in the next table :—

STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA TO THE END
OF 1926.

Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.	Period.	Number of State-assisted Immigrants.
1838-50	28,632	1912	15,119
1851-60	87,963	1913	12,146
1861-70	46,594	1914	7,496
1871-80	5,545	1915	1,724
1881-90	2	1916	327
1891-00 .. ..	..	1917	146
1901 .. ..	..	1918	101
1902 .. ..	..	1919	139
1903 .. ..	..	1920	2,763
1904 .. ..	..	1921	3,987
1905 .. ..	..	1922	9,145
1906 .. ..	..	1923	9,504
1907	127	1924	8,721
1908	360	1925	8,589
1909	652	1926	8,583
1910	1,690		
1911	6,776	Total	266,831

In 1926 the immigrants assisted by the Government numbered 8,583, of whom 5,244 were nominated and 3,339 selected. Of the immigrants 2,286 were married persons. The sex distribution of the State-assisted immigrants was—males 5,219, and females 3,364.

Upon the outbreak of war in August, 1914, instructions were issued by the Victorian Government that no men who were within the limits of the recruiting ages should be accepted for assisted passages by its representatives in England. Partly for this reason and partly because of the existence of prosperous conditions in Great Britain the number of assisted immigrants to Victoria was very small during the years 1915 to 1919.

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

CENSUS OF 1921.

A census of Australia was taken on 4th April, 1921, under the general superintendence of the Commonwealth Statistician. The officer in charge of the collection in each State was the Commonwealth electoral officer for that State with the designation of "Deputy Supervisor of Census." Under him an enumerator was in charge of each Commonwealth electoral division, and under each enumerator there was a sub-enumerator in respect of each electoral subdivision or a group of subdivisions. In all cases the position of enumerator was filled by the divisional returning officer. Each subdivision was further cut up into collectors' districts for the actual work of collection. The collecting organizations for the States comprised six deputy supervisors, 75 enumerators, and about 1,100 sub-enumerators, and 7,000 collectors.

A deputy supervisor was appointed for each of the Territories, viz., Northern Territory, Federal Territory, Norfolk Island, and Papua, and for the late German New Guinea. In these cases the collectors worked under the immediate direction of the deputy supervisor.

The following statement shows the population of and number of dwellings in each of the municipalities of the State at the census of 4th April, 1921 :—

POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN EACH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AREA OF VICTORIA AS AT
THE CENSUS OF 4TH APRIL, 1921.

Local Government Area.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Built.	Being Built.	Total.
<i>Cities, Towns, and Boroughs—Metropolitan.</i>						
Brighton	9,491	11,744	21,235	4,620	59	4,679
Brunswick	21,339	23,145	44,484	9,685	91	9,776
Camberwell	10,703	13,132	23,835	5,729	124	5,853
Caulfield	18,667	22,026	40,693	9,672	162	9,834
Coburg	8,952	9,162	18,114	3,857	40	3,897
Collingwood	15,956	18,283	34,239	7,564	1	7,565
Essendon	16,525	18,744	35,269	8,050	36	8,086
Fitzroy	16,311	18,627	34,938	7,708	4	7,712
Footscray	16,785	16,990	33,775	7,147	46	7,193
Hawthorn	12,870	16,295	29,165	6,563	29	6,592
Kew	7,711	9,671	17,382	3,650	57	3,707
Malvern	14,054	18,252	32,306	7,626	127	7,753
Melbourne	51,084	52,167	103,251	21,533	22	21,555
Northcote	14,694	15,825	30,519	6,841	112	6,953
Oakleigh	2,932	3,144	6,076	1,366	17	1,383
Port Melbourne ..	6,495	6,594	13,089	2,306	2	2,808
Prahran	21,706	28,584	50,290	11,479	18	11,497
Richmond	20,606	22,565	43,171	9,505	6	9,511
Sandringham	5,142	6,174	11,316	2,761	63	2,824
South Melbourne ..	22,167	24,706	46,873	10,153	16	10,169
St. Kilda	16,736	21,843	38,579	8,307	64	8,371
Williamstown	9,916	9,526	19,442	4,335	30	4,365
Total	340,842	387,199	728,041	160,957	1,126	162,083
<i>Extra Metropolitan.</i>						
Ararat	2,306	2,347	4,653	857	2	859
Ballarat	9,359	11,856	21,215	4,950	12	4,962
Ballarat East	6,194	7,258	13,452	3,308	3	3,311
Bendigo	11,755	13,927	25,682	5,970	15	5,985
Carrum	2,490	2,735	5,225	1,850	17	1,867
Castlemaine	2,509	2,822	5,331	1,249	1	1,250
Clunes	510	715	1,225	354	1	355
Creswick	764	906	1,670	429	..	429
Daylesford	1,468	1,860	3,328	771	..	771
Dunolly	405	448	853	242	..	242
Eaglehawk	2,134	2,585	4,719	1,171	..	1,171
Echuca	1,836	1,909	3,745	859	1	860
Geelong	6,850	7,955	14,805	3,245	2	3,247
Geelong West	4,518	5,123	9,641	2,221	10	2,231
Hamilton	2,406	2,691	5,097	1,155	2	1,157
Horsham	1,805	1,985	3,790	833	12	845

POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
OF VICTORIA AS AT THE CENSUS OF 4TH APRIL, 1921—*continued.*

Local Government Area.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Built.	Being Built.	Total.
<i>Cities, Towns, and Boroughs—Extra Metro- politan—continued.</i>						
Inglewood	517	600	1,117	239	..	289
Koroit	856	904	1,760	364	..	364
Maryborough	2,216	2,528	4,744	1,172	2	1,174
Mentone and Mordialloc ..	2,629	3,045	5,674	1,361	7	1,368
Mildura	2,665	2,436	5,101	1,064	16	1,080
Newtown and Chilwell ..	3,312	3,928	7,240	1,596	5	1,601
Port Fairy	983	1,005	1,988	435	..	435
Portland	1,135	1,420	2,555	561	2	563
Queenscliff	1,102	1,384	2,486	502	..	502
Sale	1,766	2,003	3,769	824	6	830
Sebastopol	867	875	1,742	420	..	420
St. Arnaud	1,214	1,507	2,721	638	2	640
Stawell	2,041	2,372	4,413	1,046	1	1,047
Wangaratta	1,769	1,920	3,689	751	4	755
Warrnambool	3,718	4,012	7,730	1,655	4	1,659
Wonthaggi	2,809	2,361	5,170	1,045	19	1,064
Total	86,908	99,422	186,330	43,187	146	43,333
 Total—Cities, Towns, and Boroughs ..	 427,750	 486,621	 914,371	 204,144	 1,272	 205,416
<i>Shires.</i>						
Alberton	3,114	2,508	5,622	1,339	5	1,344
Alexandra	1,890	1,464	3,354	920	1	921
Arapiles	1,198	1,126	2,324	480	..	480
Ararat	3,162	2,793	5,955	1,349	1	1,350
Avoca	1,658	1,649	3,307	818	4	822
Avon	1,287	1,097	2,384	543	3	546
Bacchus Marsh	1,738	1,561	3,299	675	9	684
Bairnsdale	3,888	3,831	7,719	1,794	3	1,797
Ballan	1,603	1,477	3,080	798	1	799
Ballarat	1,894	2,059	3,953	733	4	737
Bannockburn	1,345	1,244	2,589	633	..	633
Barrabool	968	843	1,811	411	..	411
Barwon South	1,529	1,639	3,168	857	1	858
Beechworth	2,358	2,293	4,651	1,014	1	1,015
Belfast	1,322	1,166	2,488	524	..	524
Bellarine	2,040	1,969	4,009	969	4	973
Benalla	3,895	3,652	7,587	1,771	3	1,774
Berwick	4,832	4,119	8,951	2,156	10	2,166
Bet Bet	1,424	1,255	2,679	698	1	699
Birchip	1,014	836	1,850	395	2	397
Borong	2,532	2,209	4,751	1,056	2	1,058
Braybrook	2,335	2,096	4,431	944	75	1,019
Bright	2,044	1,958	4,002	1,000	..	1,000
Broadford	710	622	1,332	347	1	348

POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
OF VICTORIA AS AT THE CENSUS OF 4TH APRIL, 1921—*continued.*

Local Government Area.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Built.	Being Built.	Total.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>						
Broadmeadows ..	3,626	1,804	5,430	820	7	827
Bulla ..	1,264	1,337	2,601	370	..	370
Buln Buln ..	3,264	2,618	5,882	1,472	..	1,472
Bungaree ..	1,528	1,490	3,018	717	..	717
Buninyong ..	2,637	2,427	5,064	1,225	3	1,228
Charlton ..	1,325	1,140	2,465	535	..	535
Chiltern ..	1,063	1,077	2,140	536	..	536
Colac ..	6,248	5,851	12,099	2,662	23	2,685
Corio ..	2,256	1,683	3,941	766	8	774
Cranbourne ..	3,219	2,462	5,681	1,403	10	1,413
Creswick ..	1,505	1,539	3,044	774	..	774
Dandenong ..	3,439	3,441	6,880	1,583	27	1,610
Deakin ..	2,163	1,761	3,924	926	2	928
Dimboola ..	3,370	2,899	6,269	1,256	4	1,260
Donald ..	1,727	1,513	3,240	709	..	709
Doncaster ..	1,342	1,242	2,584	670	3	673
Dundas ..	1,788	1,699	3,487	794	1	795
Dunmunkle ..	2,486	2,097	4,583	982	2	984
Eltham ..	2,092	1,981	4,073	1,104	1	1,105
Euroa ..	1,994	1,914	3,908	898	1	899
Ferntree Gully ..	3,372	3,632	7,004	2,255	37	2,292
Flinders ..	2,505	2,250	4,755	1,237	3	1,240
Frankston and Hastings..	2,299	2,347	4,646	1,431	2	1,433
Gippsland South ..	2,615	2,058	4,673	1,037	1	1,038
Gisborne ..	1,089	1,286	2,375	564	..	564
Glenelg ..	2,815	2,664	5,479	1,235	4	1,239
Glenlyon ..	1,638	1,783	3,421	847	2	849
Gordon ..	1,717	1,433	3,150	708	1	709
Goulburn ..	1,145	1,001	2,146	506	1	507
Grenville ..	1,557	1,565	3,122	803	..	803
Hampden ..	5,370	5,133	10,503	2,282	6	2,288
Healesville ..	1,550	1,864	3,414	710	5	715
Heidelberg ..	7,942	8,674	16,616	3,420	43	3,463
Heytesbury ..	2,326	2,123	4,449	961	1	962
Huntly ..	1,696	1,402	3,098	767	1	768
Kara Kara ..	1,649	1,392	3,041	709	4	713
Karkaroc ..	3,139	2,354	5,493	1,210	5	1,215
Keilor ..	663	528	1,191	265	..	265
Kerang ..	5,697	4,779	10,476	2,353	12	2,365
Kilmore ..	942	848	1,790	431	..	431
Korong ..	2,611	2,262	4,873	1,141	2	1,143
Kowree ..	1,748	1,550	3,298	792	2	794
Kyneton ..	3,341	3,630	6,971	1,705	4	1,709
Lawloit ..	1,150	1,016	2,166	443	..	443
Leigh ..	807	716	1,523	387	..	387

POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
OF VICTORIA AS AT THE CENSUS OF 4TH APRIL, 1921—*continued.*

Local Government Area.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Built.	Being Built.	Total.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>						
Lexton	894	729	1,623	414	..	414
Lilydale	4,651	4,758	9,409	2,463	35	2,498
Loddon East	971	800	1,771	407	..	407
Lowan	1,906	1,722	3,628	772	..	772
Maffra	3,082	2,571	5,653	1,282	9	1,291
Maldon	1,508	1,630	3,138	764	..	764
Mansfield	2,119	1,874	3,993	980	2	982
Marong	3,053	2,822	5,875	1,342	1	1,343
Melton	786	644	1,430	341	..	341
Metcalfe	1,350	1,323	2,673	647	1	648
Mildura	4,891	3,189	8,080	2,189	9	2,198
Minhamite	1,017	863	1,880	468	24	492
Mirboo	892	646	1,538	367	..	367
Moorabbin	3,786	3,657	7,443	1,499	19	1,518
Mornington	987	1,215	2,202	588	2	590
Mortlake	1,497	1,414	2,911	697	4	701
Morwell	2,105	1,580	3,685	969	1	970
Mt. Rouse	1,361	1,348	2,709	597	..	597
Mulgrave	1,600	1,610	3,210	714	3	717
Murray Upper	1,169	942	2,111	460	1	461
McIvor	1,744	1,590	3,334	811	..	811
Narracan	3,810	3,110	6,920	1,671	3	1,674
Newham and Woodend ..	984	1,108	2,092	481	..	481
Newstead and Mt. Alex- ander	1,356	1,344	2,700	733	..	733
Numurkah	3,000	2,765	5,765	1,327	..	1,327
Nunawading	6,238	6,393	12,631	2,855	52	2,907
Omeo	1,303	1,065	2,368	665	2	667
Orbost	2,204	1,624	3,828	999	1	1,000
Otway	2,339	1,701	4,040	997	4	1,001
Oxley	2,172	1,776	3,948	864	1	865
Phillip Island and Woolamai	2,721	2,379	5,100	1,111	2	1,113
Poowong and Jeetho	3,891	3,286	7,177	1,657	4	1,661
Portland	2,742	2,525	5,267	1,260	3	1,263
Preston	4,717	4,953	9,670	2,102	86	2,188
Pyalong	370	331	701	189	..	189
Ripon	1,730	1,700	3,430	803	..	803
Rochester	3,397	2,889	6,286	1,399	7	1,406
Rodney	3,913	3,481	7,394	1,642	7	1,649
Romsey	1,690	1,503	3,193	800	..	800
Rosedale	2,260	1,920	4,180	1,002	4	1,006
*Rutherglen	2,086	1,859	3,945	885	..	885
Seymour	2,028	1,778	3,806	870	2	872

*The borough of Rutherglen has been amalgamated with the shire, and the figures which are given above relate to the municipality in its altered form. In Census publications the population of the borough is shown as Males 572, Females 588—Total 1,160; and that of the shire as Males 1,514, Females 1,271—Total 2,785.

POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
OF VICTORIA AS AT THE CENSUS OF 4TH APRIL, 1921—*continued.*

Local Government Area.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Built.	Being Built.	Total.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>						
Shepparton	4,019	3,692	7,711	1,685	5	1,690
Stawell	1,840	1,510	3,350	802	..	802
Strathfieldsaye	1,687	1,687	3,374	788	..	788
Swan Hill	6,723	4,830	11,553	2,721	16	2,737
Talbot	646	736	1,382	388	..	388
Tambo	2,235	1,993	4,228	929	1	930
Towong	2,412	1,915	4,327	1,008	2	1,010
Traralgon	1,729	1,609	3,338	791	4	795
Tullaroop	1,314	1,264	2,578	637	..	637
Tungamah	2,402	2,098	4,500	1,030	2	1,032
Upper Yarra	3,017	2,512	5,529	1,308	10	1,318
Violet Town	960	924	1,884	461	2	463
Walpeup	3,278	2,195	5,473	1,199	5	1,204
Wangaratta	1,268	1,117	2,385	525	..	525
Wannon	1,519	1,322	2,841	636	3	639
Waranga	2,909	2,462	5,371	1,321	2	1,323
Warragul	2,543	2,412	4,955	1,048	4	1,052
Warrnambool	4,256	3,978	8,234	1,760	..	1,760
Werribee	3,737	3,299	7,036	1,559	7	1,566
Whittlesea	1,835	1,645	3,480	788	..	788
Wimmera	2,346	1,810	4,156	870	2	872
Winchelsea	2,247	2,061	4,308	980	1	981
Wodonga	1,363	1,185	2,553	608	7	615
Woorayl	3,311	2,656	5,967	1,358	4	1,362
Wycheproof	2,428	1,785	4,213	1,000	..	1,000
Yackandandah	1,515	1,412	2,927	677	2	679
Yarrawonga	1,354	1,265	2,619	611	..	611
Yea	1,488	1,208	2,696	646	10	656
Total—Shires	322,205	288,782	610,987	141,842	737	142,579

SUMMARY.

Cities, Towns and Boroughs	427,750	486,621	914,371	204,144	1,272	205,416
Shires	322,205	288,782	610,987	141,842	737	142,579
Not Incorporated	106	68	174	64	..	64
Whole State	750,061	775,471	1,525,532	346,050	2,009	348,059
Shipping	4,663	1,085	5,748	..	..	..
Total Population	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	346,050	2,009	348,059

Population in
each District.

The enumerated populations of the districts of Victoria
at the last two census dates are shown hereunder :—

ENUMERATED POPULATIONS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS
OF VICTORIA AT THE CENSUSES OF 1911 AND 1921.

District.	1911.			1921.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Central ..	358,360	388,532	746,892	465,671	510,370	976,041
North Central	37,256	37,268	74,524	30,946	31,645	62,591
Western ..	69,746	68,792	138,538	67,178	67,380	134,558
Wimmera ..	31,636	28,067	59,703	30,533	27,940	58,473
Mallee ..	17,247	11,806	29,053	25,896	19,032	44,928
Northern ..	67,819	63,988	131,807	62,066	59,767	121,833
North-Eastern	30,795	27,488	58,283	25,902	23,577	49,479
Gippsland ..	38,650	33,296	71,946	41,869	35,760	77,629
Shipping ..	4,082	723	4,805	4,663	1,085	5,748
Total ..	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	754,724	776,556	1,531,280

In only three districts were increases shown in the intercensal period. The population of the Central District, which includes Melbourne and suburbs, advanced by 229,149; that of the Mallee District by 15,875; and that of the Gippsland District by 5,683 during the decennium. All the northern districts lost population during the period mentioned, and the Wimmera District, in which large quantities of wheat are grown, had 1,230 fewer residents in 1921 than in 1911.

The populations enumerated in each county of the State at the Censuses of 1911 and 1921 are given in the following statement, and the increases or decreases are shown :—

POPULATION OF COUNTIES IN VICTORIA, 1911 AND 1921.

County.	Enumerated Population in—						Increase (+) or Decrease (—) in 1921 compared with 1911.					
	1911.			1921.								
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Anglesey ..	4,772	4,180	8,952	5,508	4,581	10,089	+ 736	+ 401	+ 1,137			
Benambra ..	3,625	2,957	6,582	3,359	2,722	6,081	— 266	— 235	— 501			
Bendigo ..	26,771	27,729	54,500	22,924	24,606	47,530	— 3,847	— 3,123	— 6,970			
Bogong ..	14,681	13,224	27,905	11,639	10,668	22,307	— 3,042	— 2,566	— 5,598			
Borong ..	16,289	14,562	30,851	16,173	14,721	30,894	— 116	+ 159	+ 43			
Bourke ..	295,309	327,502	622,811	323,959	433,810	822,769	+ 93,650	+ 106,308	+ 199,958			
Buln Buln ..	22,283	18,774	41,057	24,546	20,344	44,890	+ 2,263	+ 1,570	+ 3,833			
Croajongo- long ..	1,510	1,190	2,700	1,684	1,275	2,959	+ 174	+ 85	+ 259			
Dalhousie ..	8,917	8,724	17,641	8,096	8,117	16,203	— 831	— 607	— 1,438			
Dargo ..	3,077	2,441	5,518	2,353	2,050	4,403	— 724	— 391	— 1,115			
Delatite ..	11,491	10,574	22,065	10,171	9,655	19,826	— 1,320	— 919	— 2,239			
Dundas ..	5,298	5,152	10,450	5,330	5,258	10,588	+ 32	+ 106	+ 138			
Evelyn ..	9,026	8,265	17,291	12,460	12,090	24,550	+ 3,434	+ 3,825	+ 7,259			
Follett ..	1,372	1,339	2,711	1,611	1,552	3,163	+ 239	+ 213	+ 452			
Gladstone ..	8,752	7,961	16,713	6,516	5,939	12,455	— 2,236	— 2,022	— 4,258			
Grant ..	34,991	36,486	71,477	35,677	38,110	73,787	+ 686	+ 1,624	+ 2,310			
Grenville ..	20,503	22,567	43,070	17,621	19,791	37,412	— 2,882	— 2,776	— 5,658			
Gumbower ..	5,083	4,181	9,264	6,258	5,357	11,615	+ 1,175	+ 1,176	+ 2,351			
Hampden ..	6,707	6,188	12,895	6,443	6,244	12,687	— 264	— 56	— 208			
Heytesbury ..	3,705	3,261	6,966	4,090	3,764	7,854	+ 385	+ 503	+ 888			
Kara Kara ..	8,265	7,274	15,539	7,627	7,195	14,822	— 638	— 79	— 717			
Karkaroc ..	9,618	6,562	16,180	16,267	11,882	28,149	+ 6,649	+ 5,320	+ 11,969			
Lowan ..	7,082	6,231	13,313	6,733	6,024	12,757	— 349	— 207	— 556			
Millwaa ..	56	28	84	49	21	70	— 7	— 7	— 14			
Moir ..	16,814	15,028	31,842	14,878	13,623	28,501	— 1,936	— 1,405	— 3,341			
Mornington ..	19,034	16,279	35,313	28,575	26,369	54,935	+ 9,541	+ 10,081	+ 19,622			
Normanby ..	5,903	6,007	11,907	5,857	5,922	11,779	— 43	— 85	— 128			
Polwarth ..	7,367	6,533	13,900	7,981	7,173	15,154	+ 614	+ 640	+ 1,254			
Ripon ..	7,464	6,448	13,912	6,671	6,236	12,907	— 793	— 212	— 1,005			
Rodney ..	10,299	9,089	19,488	11,490	10,242	21,732	+ 1,091	+ 1,153	+ 2,244			
Talbot ..	23,567	24,364	47,931	17,352	18,947	36,299	— 6,215	— 5,417	— 11,632			
Tambo ..	1,650	1,329	2,979	2,240	1,876	4,116	+ 590	+ 547	+ 1,137			
Tanjil ..	10,130	9,562	19,692	11,046	10,215	21,261	+ 916	+ 653	+ 1,569			
Tatchera ..	6,318	4,519	10,837	7,076	5,321	12,397	+ 758	+ 802	+ 1,560			
Villiers ..	11,430	11,297	22,727	11,574	11,440	23,014	+ 144	+ 143	+ 287			
Weeah ..	1,255	697	1,952	2,504	1,808	4,312	+ 1,249	+ 1,111	+ 2,360			
Wonnangatta ..	998	733	1,731	733	532	1,265	— 265	— 201	— 466			
Outside Counties—												
Shipping ..	4,082	723	4,805	4,663	1,085	5,748	+ 581	+ 362	+ 943			
Total ..	655,591	659,990	1,315,581	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	+ 99,133	+ 116,596	+ 215,729			

NOTE.—Full-blood aborigines, to the number of 196 in 1911 and 144 in 1921, are excluded from the foregoing statement.

Decreases of population were shown in 17 of the 37 counties in the ten-year period 1911-1921. The largest of these were in the counties of Talbot, Bendigo, Grenville, Bogong and Gladstone, where the mining industry was in a depressed condition during that decade. The north-eastern county of Moira, which is principally dependent on agriculture, showed a decline of about 10 per cent. The county of Bourke, which includes the metropolis, contained nearly 200,000 more people at the later census than at the earlier one. There were also large increases in the counties of Mornington, Evelyn, and Karkaroc.

The conjugal condition of the people, as ascertained at the census of 1921, is shown in the following table:—

CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE, 4TH APRIL,
1921.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Never married—			
Under age 15 years	231,086	224,850	455,936
Age 15 years and over	222,177	211,833	434,010
Married	277,183	282,494	559,677
Widowed	21,279	54,928	76,207
Divorced	1,092	1,221	2,313
Unspecified	1,907	1,230	3,137
Total	754,724	776,556	1,531,280

Occupations
of the People,
1911 and
1921.

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

OCCUPATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA, AS RETURNED
AT THE CENSUSES OF 1911 AND 1921.

Occupation.	1911.	1921.
Breadwinners—		
Professional	43,819	60,585
Domestic	62,175	58,225
Commercial	91,611	108,011
Transport and Communication—		
Engaged in Railway Traffic ..	14,133	20,974
" " Traffic on Roads ..	11,047	16,255
" " " " Seas and Rivers ..	8,522	9,455
" " Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Service ..	5,371	6,354
" " Aviation .. .. .	..	52
Messengers, etc.	165	282
Total	39,238	53,332
Industrial	187,773	234,245
Primary Producers—		
Engaged in Agricultural Pursuits ..	86,152	103,116
" " Pastoral Pursuits ..	29,340	22,679
" " Capture, etc., of Wild Animals and their Produce ..	1,002	944
" " Fisheries	873	1,059
" " Forestry	5,151	8,153
" " Water Conservation and Supply	1,627	2,808
" " Mining and Quarrying ..	20,239	8,679
Total	144,384	147,438
Indefinite	8,053	7,617
Total Breadwinners	577,053	669,453
Dependents	721,137	856,379
Occupation not stated	17,361	5,448
Total	1,315,551	1,531,280

The grades of occupation of the population, as returned at the censuses of 1911 and 1921, were as follows :—

Grade.	Census of 1911.			Census of 1921.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Employer	59,713	7,315	67,028	40,636	4,071	44,707
Working on own account	37,753	11,987	49,740	82,436	14,624	97,060
Assisting but not receiving salary or wages ..	19,273	3,002	22,275	10,742	1,003	11,745
Receiving salary or wages	281,727	103,975	385,702	315,391	118,052	433,443
Unemployed	14,930	3,012	17,942	32,432	7,581	40,013
*Grade not applicable ..	229,594	528,264	757,858	266,661	629,013	895,674
Grade not stated ..	12,601	2,405	15,006	6,426	2,212	8,638
Total	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	754,724	776,556	1,531,280

* This relates principally to dependents and persons supported by voluntary and State contributions.

The mode of occupancy of private dwellings changed materially between the dates of the 1911 and 1921 censuses. Particulars for those two census years are given below :—

MODE OF OCCUPANCY OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS, TENEMENTS AND FLATS—CENSUSES OF 1911 AND 1921.

Occupied by—	4th April, 1921.				3rd April, 1911.	Increase during Ten years 1911-1921.
	Urban.		Rural.	Whole State.	Whole State.	
	Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.				

NUMBER OF OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

Owner ..	45,036	18,778	66,998	130,872	118,716	12,156
Purchaser by Instalments	25,259	4,856	12,140	42,255	13,973	28,282
Tenant ..	83,087	14,280	30,398	127,745	119,562	8,183
Other and Un-specified ..	4,579	1,643	11,842	18,064	11,383	6,681
Total ..	158,001	39,557	121,378	318,936	263,634	55,302

The number of owner occupiers and purchasers by instalments of those dwellings for which definite information was given increased from 52.6 per cent. in the earlier to 57.5 per cent. in the later year. The prevailing scarcity of houses doubtless influenced many persons who were formerly classed as tenants to become prospective owners, by entering into arrangements to purchase their houses on the instalment principle.

Ages of the people.

The following table shows the ages of the people at the dates of the censuses of 1901, 1911, and 1921, and the proportionate numbers living in successive age groups :—

AGES OF THE PEOPLE AT CENSUSES, 1901, 1911, AND 1921.

Age Group (Years).	1901.		1911.		1921.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
0-5 ..	66,807	65,179	73,061	70,417	79,210	76,426
5-10 ..	72,052	70,493	65,615	63,904	79,452	77,680
10-15 ..	67,389	66,640	63,586	62,523	72,424	70,744
15-20 ..	58,896	59,717	67,804	67,719	66,020	64,589
20-25 ..	50,593	57,632	61,895	65,217	62,096	67,503
25-30 ..	45,469	52,832	51,955	55,651	62,845	69,647
30-35 ..	46,635	48,156	44,928	48,694	59,244	63,439
35-40 ..	46,723	43,390	41,308	44,549	50,696	53,790
40-45 ..	37,118	33,551	42,512	42,480	44,885	47,914
45-50 ..	24,137	21,810	41,015	38,477	39,556	42,378
50-55 ..	18,348	17,601	31,866	29,420	40,174	40,391
55-60 ..	15,351	15,157	19,486	18,457	35,923	34,841
60-65 ..	14,979	14,292	13,834	14,316	26,660	27,016
65-70 ..	16,080	13,843	11,432	12,603	15,054	15,717
70-75 ..	11,781	8,360	9,415	9,972	9,035	10,204
75-80 ..	5,733	4,231	7,275	6,934	5,415	6,826
80-85 ..	2,453	2,065	3,903	3,387	2,991	3,831
85-90 ..	603	587	1,133	1,129	1,336	1,672
90-100 ..	160	152	301	321	404	567
100 and over ..	12	11	8	10	9	8
Unspecified ..	2,564	1,759	3,259	3,780	1,295	1,373
Total ..	603,883	597,458	655,591	659,960	754,724	776,556

AGES OF THE PEOPLE AT CENSUSES, 1901, 1911, AND 1921—*continued*.

Age Group (Years).	1901.		1911.		1921.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
PROPORTIONS PER CENT.						
0-5 ..	11·11	10·94	11·20	10·73	10·51	9·86
5-10 ..	11·98	11·83	10·06	9·74	10·55	10·02
10-15 ..	11·21	11·19	9·74	9·53	9·61	9·13
15-20 ..	9·80	10·03	10·40	10·32	8·76	8·33
20-25 ..	8·41	9·68	9·48	9·94	8·24	8·71
25-30 ..	7·56	8·87	7·96	8·48	8·34	8·98
30-35 ..	7·76	8·08	6·89	7·42	7·86	8·18
35-40 ..	7·77	7·28	6·33	6·79	6·73	6·94
40-45 ..	6·17	5·63	6·52	6·47	5·96	6·18
45-50 ..	4·02	3·66	6·29	5·87	5·25	5·47
50-55 ..	3·05	2·96	4·89	4·48	5·33	5·21
55-60 ..	2·55	2·54	2·99	2·81	4·77	4·49
60-65 ..	2·49	2·40	2·12	2·18	3·54	3·49
65-70 ..	2·67	2·32	1·75	1·92	2·00	2·03
70-75 ..	1·96	1·40	1·44	1·52	1·20	1·32
75-80 ..	·95	·71	1·11	1·06	·72	·88
80-85 ..	·41	·35	·60	·52	·40	·49
85-90 ..	·10	·10	·18	·17	·18	·22
90 and over ..	·03	·03	·05	·05	·05	·07
Specified Ages	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

Persons at
dependent
and support-
ing ages.

By adopting larger groups a clearer idea is obtained of the age distribution of the population at the three census periods. The subjoined table shows the numbers and

proportions of males and females at ages 0-15, 15-45, 45-65 and 65 and upwards. Persons of unspecified ages have been omitted :—

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

Census Year.	Number of Persons at—							
	Dependent Ages (under 15 years).		Supporting Ages.				Old Age (65 years and upwards).	
			15 to 45 years.		45 to 65 years.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1901	206,248	202,312	285,434	295,278	72,815	68,860	36,822	29,249
1911	202,262	196,844	310,402	324,310	106,201	100,670	33,467	34,356
1921	231,086	224,850	345,786	366,882	142,313	144,626	34,244	38,825
Proportions per cent.								
1901	34·30	33·96	47·47	49·57	12·11	11·56	6·12	4·91
1911	31·00	30·00	47·59	49·42	16·28	15·34	5·13	5·24
1921	30·67	29·00	45·89	47·33	18·89	18·66	4·55	5·01

Australian Born and other Population in State.

The next table shows the length of residence in Australia, at the date of the census of 1921, of persons included in the population of the State who were born outside the Commonwealth :—

POPULATION OF VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 4TH APRIL, 1921, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

No. of Completed Years of Residence.		Enumerated Population.			No. of Completed Years of Residence.		Enumerated Population.		
		Males.	Females.	Persons.			Males.	Females.	Persons.
0 to 1	..	8,559	9,588	18,147	90 and upwards	3	12	15	
2 " 4	..	1,389	1,595	2,984	Not stated	3,666	4,205	7,871	
5 " 9	..	24,576	20,039	44,615	Total	108,603	92,349	200,952	
10 " 19	..	12,586	7,338	19,924	Born in Commonwealth	646,121	684,207	1,330,328	
20 " 39	..	29,898	19,232	49,130	Grand Total	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	
40 " 59	..	17,226	10,034	27,260					
60 " 79	..	10,570	14,080	24,650					
80 " 89	..	130	226	356					

There were 17 persons—9 males and 8 females—
 Centenarians in Victoria. aged 100 years and upwards in Victoria when the 1921
 census was taken.

In the following statement the persons and dwellings to
 the square mile, the persons and rooms to a dwelling, and
 Density of population, &c. the persons to a room are shown for the seven census
 years 1861-1921 :—

DENSITY OF POPULATION.—RETURN FOR SEVEN CENSUS
 YEARS.

Year of Census.	Persons to the Square Mile (exclusive of Persons in Ships).	Inhabited Dwellings to the Square Mile.	Persons to the Inhabited Dwelling (exclusive of Persons in Ships).	Rooms to an Inhabited Dwelling.	Persons to a Room.
1861 ..	6·126	1·470	4·16	2·96	1·39
1871 ..	8·298	1·714	4·84	3·88	1·24
1881 ..	9·791	1·935	5·06	4·43	1·14
1891 ..	12·948	2·549	5·08	5·09	1·00
1901 ..	13·643	2·747	4·97	5·38	·93
1911 ..	14·915	3·103	4·80	5·51	·87
1921 ..	17·360	3·766	4·61	5·35	·85

The population returned at the census of 1921 represented a proportion of 17·4 persons to the square mile. In 1911 the proportion was 14·9; in 1901, 13·6; in 1891, 12·9; in 1881, 9·8; in 1871, 8·3; and in 1861, 6·1. There were 461 persons to every 100 inhabited dwellings in 1921—a number smaller than in any of the five preceding census years, but greater than in 1861.

BIRTHPLACES OF THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA, 1921.

Birthplaces of the people, 1921. The census of 1921 gave the birthplaces of the people as follows :—

Birthplaces.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Commonwealth of Australia	646,023	684,113	1,330,136
New Zealand	5,460	5,750	11,210
British Isles	83,712	77,405	161,117
British India	1,003	537	1,540
Union of South Africa	818	854	1,672
Canada	523	340	863
Denmark	835	200	1,035
Germany	2,462	1,231	3,693
France	393	353	746
Italy	1,411	439	1,850
Sweden	1,021	94	1,115
Norway	637	89	726
Russia	601	342	943
Greece	505	53	558
United States	952	641	1,593
China	2,740	85	2,825
Japan	52	20	72
Switzerland	321	118	439
Other Countries	2,710	1,484	4,194
At Sea	524	587	1,111
Unspecified	2,021	1,821	3,842
Total	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
Allegiance—			
British	747,482	774,702	1,522,184
Foreign	6,873	1,496	8,369
Unstated	369	358	727

Australian born. The residents of Victoria at the date of the Census who were born in the Commonwealth of Australia numbered 1,330,136 or 87 per cent. of the total population. The number born in Australia or New Zealand was 1,341,346, the ratio to population being 88 per cent. The corresponding ratios in 1911 and 1901 were 85 per cent. and 79 per cent. respectively.

Foreign born. The number of persons in the State in 1921 who were born in countries outside the British dominions was 19,486, or 1·3 per cent. of the population. This is a decrease as compared with 1911, when they numbered 21,252, or 1·6 per cent. of the population.

Allegiance. The number of persons living in Victoria in 1921 who owed their allegiance to a foreign country was 8,369.

Chinese. In the interval between the censuses of 1911 and 1921 natives of China decreased from 4,302 to 2,825. These figures, however, do not represent all the Chinese in the State, as there are persons of this race born in places outside of China who are resident in Victoria. The total number of the Chinese race

in Victoria (including Chinese born in Australia) was 5,601 in 1911 and 4,179 in 1921.

The enumerated population at each of the last seven censuses and the decennial increases, numerical and centesimal, were as shown hereunder:—

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

Year of Census.	Both Sexes.			Males.			Females.		
	Population.	Increase in Ten-year period.		Population.	Increase in Ten-year period.		Population.	Increase in Ten-year period.	
		Numerical.	Centesimal.		Numerical.	Centesimal.		Numerical.	Centesimal.
1861	540,322	462,977	598·59	328,651	282,449	611·34	211,671	180,528	579·67
1871	731,528	191,206	35·39	401,050	72,399	22·03	330,478	118,807	56·13
1881	862,346	130,818	17·88	452,083	51,033	12·72	410,263	79,785	24·14
1891	1,140,405	278,059	32·24	598,414	146,331	32·37	541,991	131,728	32·11
1901	1,201,341	60,936	5·34	603,883	5,469	·91	597,458	55,467	10·23
1911	1,315,747	114,406	9·52	655,694	51,811	8·58	660,053	62,595	10·48
1921	1,531,424	215,677	16·39	754,804	99,110	15·12	776,620	116,567	17·66

NOTE.—The figures in this table include full-blood aboriginals. These numbered 144 in 1921, viz., 80 males and 64 females.

The increase in population between the censuses of 1911 and 1921, viz., 215,677, was larger than in any ten-year period subsequent to 1851-61, with the exception of the decennium 1881-91.

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

Year.	Males to 100 Females.				
1861	155·26
1871	121·36
1881	110·19
1891	110·41
1901	101·08
1911	99·34
1921	97·19

The number of males to every 100 females in age-groups at the date of the 1921 census was as follows:—Age-group 0-10, 103·0; 10-20, 102·3; 20-40, 92·5; 40-60, 97·0; 60-80, 94·0; and 80 and over, 78·0. The ratios for certain age groups in the census years 1891, 1901, and 1911 are given in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, also the proportions existing between males and females at the census of 1911 in other parts of Australasia and England and Wales.

Population of Greater Melbourne, 1926. The following table shows the area in acres and the enumerated population at the census of 1921 of the various municipalities of Greater Melbourne, also the number of persons to the acre in these municipalities and the estimated population at the end of 1926:—

**POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT
CENSUS OF 1921, AND 31st DECEMBER, 1926.**

Sub-District.	Area in Acres, 31st Dec., 1926.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1921.	Estimated Population, 31st Dec., 1926.	Persons to the Acre, 31st Dec., 1926.
Melbourne City	7,555	103,251	103,600	13·7
*Box Hill City	5,120	†	11,280	2·2
Brighton City	3,308	21,235	27,060	8·2
Brunswick City	2,719	44,484	51,300	18·9
Camberwell City	8,322	23,835	39,770	4·8
Caulfield City	5,600	40,693	63,960	11·4
Coburg City	4,800	18,114	33,850	7·1
Collingwood City	1,139	34,239	33,700	29·6
Essendon City	4,000	35,269	41,400	10·4
Fitzroy City	923	34,938	33,930	36·8
Footscray City	3,982	33,775	45,100	11·3
Hawthorn City	2,402	29,165	32,220	13·4
Kew City	3,553	17,382	24,500	6·9
Malvern City	3,996	32,306	44,000	11·0
Northcote City	2,850	30,519	39,380	13·8
Oakleigh City	2,658	6,076	9,500	3·6
Port Melbourne City	2,366	13,089	13,200	5·6
Prahran City	2,320	50,290	52,000	22·4
Preston City	8,800	9,670	23,500	2·7
Richmond City	1,430	43,171	43,540	30·4
Sandringham City	3,740	11,316	19,500	5·2
South Melbourne City	2,303	46,873	47,300	20·5
St. Kilda City	2,049	38,579	41,600	20·3
Williamstown City	2,775	19,442	23,500	8·5
Remainder of District	76,956	40,557	41,000	·5
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River .. ..	..	4,711	4,710	..
Total	165,666	782,979	944,400	5·7†

* Excised from the Shire of Nunawading and proclaimed a borough on 15th December, 1925.

† Included with "Remainder of District" in 1921.

‡ In making this calculation persons in ships were excluded from the total population.

NOTE.—Oakleigh and Box Hill were proclaimed cities on 28th April, 1927.

**Density of
metropolitan
population.**

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with about 37 persons to the acre; Richmond has 30; Collingwood, 30; Prahran, 22; South Melbourne, 21; St. Kilda City, 20; Brunswick, about 19; and Melbourne City 14 persons. There are areas devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in many of the municipalities, so that the population is really living closer together than the figures in the table indicate. Melbourne City contains 1,969

acres of such reserves ; Kew, 643 ; South Melbourne, 497 ; Williamstown, 446 ; Caulfield, 305 ; St. Kilda, 302 ; Richmond, 234 ; and Brighton, 191 acres. There are smaller areas in other districts, but they do not appreciably affect the question of density of population. The total area of all the reserves is 6,245 acres ; if these be excluded, the number of persons to the acre in the places named will be as follows :—Richmond, 36 ; South Melbourne, 26 ; St. Kilda, 24 ; Melbourne City, 19 ; Caulfield, 12 ; Williamstown, 10 ; Brighton, 9 ; and Kew, 8.

In the appended statement Victoria is shown in three divisions, the first being the Metropolitan (Greater Melbourne) District, or the area extending in all directions for a distance of 10 miles from the centre of the city ; the second, the other urban districts, outside the limits of Greater Melbourne ; and the third, the remaining portions of the State, which are termed "rural districts." The second division includes not only all existing cities, towns and boroughs, but also the larger towns in shires. The population of each of these divisions at the end of 1926, the ratio of its population to that of the whole State, and the number of persons to the square mile were as follows :—

URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION, 1926.

Divisions.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population, 31st Decr., 1926.		
		Total.	Proportion per cent.	Persons to the Sq. Mile.
Metropolitan	255	944,400	55·17	3,704
Other Urban	376	213,084	12·45	567
Total Urban	631	1,157,484	67·62	1,834
„ Rural	87,253	554,343	32·38	6·4
Total, Victoria ..	87,884	1,711,827	100·00	19·5

The urban is much greater than the rural population, and the population of the metropolis alone is nearly 55·2 per cent. of that of the whole State. The results of each census (except that of 1901), after the census of 1861, showed an increase in the proportion of the total population resident in the metropolitan area. The marked nature of this increase will be apparent from the following statement :—

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

Year.	Per cent.	Year.	Per cent.
1861 (Census) ..	25·9	1901 (Census) ..	41·3
1871 „ ..	28·9	1911 „ ..	45·1
1881 „ ..	32·8	1921 „ ..	51·1
1891 „ ..	43·0	1926 (estimated) ..	55·2

The next statement gives the population of the municipal districts in Greater Melbourne at the last three census dates. There was a slight falling-off in the cities of Melbourne and Port Melbourne between 1911 and 1921, but in all other districts there were increases during each decennial period. The most remarkable of these increases was in the City of Caulfield, where the population was enumerated as 9,541 in 1901 and 40,693 in 1921. Northcote, Malvern, and Camberwell also made great progress in the twenty-year period, their respective populations being* trebled.

RETURN SHOWING THE POPULATION OF GREATER MELBOURNE IN 1901, 1911, AND 1921.

Municipal District.	Population at the Census of—		
	1901.	1911.	1921.
Cities—			
Melbourne	97,440	103,593	103,251
Brighton	10,047	12,083	21,235
Brunswick	24,141	32,215	44,484
Camberwell	8,602	12,551	23,835
Caulfield	9,541	15,919	40,693
Coburg	6,772	9,505	18,114
Collingwood	32,749	34,190	34,239
Essendon	17,426	23,749	35,269
Fitzroy	31,687	34,283	34,938
Footscray	18,318	23,643	33,775
Hawthorn	21,430	24,450	29,165
Kew	9,469	11,152	17,382
Malvern	10,619	15,969	32,306
Northcote	9,677	17,519	30,519
Port Melbourne	12,176	13,515	13,089
Prahran	40,441	45,367	50,290
Richmond	37,824	40,442	43,171
Sandringham	*	*	11,316
South Melbourne	40,619	46,190	46,873
St. Kilda	20,542	25,334	38,579
Williamstown	14,052	15,275	19,442
Towns—			
Oakleigh	1,273	2,151	6,076
Preston	4,059	5,049	9,670
Shires—			
Parts of Shires, forming remainder of District	15,445	24,873	40,557
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River	1,730	4,220	4,711
Total	496,079	593,237	782,979

* Included with Moorabbin Shire in 1901 and 1911.

The numbers of males and females in Melbourne and suburbs at each census date from 1861 to 1921, and as estimated in 1926, are shown in the following statement.

The proportion of males to the total population of the metropolis and the percentage of the population in the metropolitan area to that of the whole State are also given.

POPULATION OF MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1861 TO 1926.

Year.	Census Population.			Males Percentage of Total Population.	Proportion of Metropolitan to State Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
					per cent.
1861	71,300	68,616	139,916	51.0	25.9
1871	103,404	103,376	206,780	50.0	28.9
1881	139,006	143,941	282,947	49.1	32.8
1891	247,960	242,936	490,896	50.5	43.0
1901	235,203	260,876	496,079	47.4	41.3
1911	279,900	313,337	593,237	47.2	45.1
1921	370,016	412,963	782,979	47.3	51.1
1926 (estimated) ..	446,320	493,080	944,400	47.3	55.2

Outside Melbourne and suburbs, the most important towns in Victoria are Ballarat, comprising two municipalities; Geelong, three; Bendigo, two; and Warrnambool, Mordialloc, Castlemaine, Carrum, Wonthaggi, Mildura, Hamilton, and Ararat, one each. The populations of these, with their immediate suburbs, according to the census of 1921, and as estimated in 1926, were as follows :—

POPULATION OF CHIEF TOWNS IN VICTORIA, 1921 AND 1926.

Name of Town.	Population.	
	1921 (Census).	1926 (Estimated).
Ballarat	38,500	41,550
Geelong	36,170	40,880
Bendigo	33,170	33,550
Warrnambool	7,739	8,050
Mordialloc	5,225	7,760
Castlemaine	7,000	7,170
Wonthaggi	5,176	6,800
Carrum	5,674	6,750
Mildura	5,100	6,000
Hamilton	5,098	5,260
Ararat	4,653	5,010

The following is a list of the other towns in Victoria which contained a population of 1,000 persons or over in 1926 :—

Town.	Estimated Population in 1926.	Town.	Estimated Population in 1926.
Bacchus Marsh ..	1,400	Mooroopna ..	1,500
Bairnsdale ..	3,550	Mornington ..	1,940
Beaufort ..	1,100	Mortlake ..	1,000
Beechworth ..	2,550	Morwell ..	1,400
Benalla ..	3,270	Murtoa ..	1,160
Blackburn ..	1,900	Nhill ..	1,500
Camperdown ..	3,870	Numurkah ..	1,250
Casterton ..	1,550	Nyah ..	1,080
Charlton ..	1,130	Orbost ..	1,320
Clunes ..	1,230	Port Fairy ..	2,060
Cohuna ..	1,150	Portland ..	2,720
Colac ..	4,500	Queenscliff ..	2,780
Coleraine ..	1,050	Red Cliffs ..	1,100
Creswick ..	1,750	Ringwood ..	3,500
Dandenong ..	4,250	Rochester ..	1,500
Daylesford ..	3,440	Rushworth ..	1,210
Dimboola ..	1,520	Rutherglen ..	1,200
Donald ..	1,550	Sale ..	3,980
Drouin ..	1,000	Seymour ..	2,130
Echuca ..	4,000	Shepparton ..	4,000
Euroa ..	1,800	St. Arnaud ..	3,200
Healesville ..	2,500	Stawell ..	4,670
Heathcote ..	1,050	Sunshine ..	2,750
Horsham ..	4,500	Swan Hill ..	2,550
Inglewood ..	1,100	Tatura ..	1,240
Irymple ..	2,100	Terang ..	2,340
Kerang ..	2,600	Traralgon ..	2,150
Kilmore ..	1,050	Wangaratta ..	3,900
Koroit ..	1,860	Warburton ..	1,170
Korumburra ..	2,520	Warracknabeal ..	2,500
Kyabram ..	1,620	Warragul ..	1,800
Kyneton ..	3,200	Wedderburn ..	1,000
Leongatha ..	1,530	Werribee ..	1,700
Lilydale ..	1,870	Wodonga ..	1,630
Maffra ..	1,620	Woodend ..	1,350
Maldon ..	1,400	Yallourn ..	3,000
Maryborough ..	4,860	Yarram ..	1,100
Merbein ..	2,420	Yarrawonga ..	1,650
Mitcham ..	1,550	Yea ..	1,050

Rates of
increase of
population.

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

AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE OF POPULATION IN THE WHOLE STATE, IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, AND IN REMAINDER OF STATE, 1851 TO 1926.

Period.	In Victoria.		In Melbourne and Suburbs.		In Remainder of State.	
	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.	Rate of Natural Increase.	Rate of Total Increase.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
1851-60 ..	2·01	21·59	*	13·62	*	26·67
1861-70 ..	2·46	3·05	1·96†	3·91	2·63†	2·74
1871-80 ..	1·87	1·70	1·33	3·31	2·11	1·01
1881-90 ..	1·66	2·80	1·53	5·56	1·74	1·17
1891-1900 ..	1·47	·55	1·36	·25	1·55	·77
1901-10 ..	1·26	·89	1·05	1·74	1·42	·25
1911 ..	1·37	2·96	1·18	4·11	1·52	2·01
1912 ..	1·43	3·19	1·35	3·92	1·50	2·57
1913 ..	1·48	2·38	1·48	3·77	1·48	1·20
1914 ..	1·39	1·40	1·39	3·08	1·40	·07
1915 ..	1·34	·75	1·35	1·24	1·33	-2·54
1916 ..	1·25	-1·39	1·26	1·92	1·23	-4·48
1917 ..	1·32	·88	1·30	2·00	1·33	·23
1918 ..	1·16	1·42	1·13	2·05	1·19	·79
1919 ..	·85	4·58	·67	2·75	1·04	6·47
1920 ..	1·29	1·66	1·30	3·45	1·27	·13
1921 ..	1·27	1·49	1·26	2·35	1·28	·60
1922 ..	1·36	2·55	1·30	2·73	1·43	2·36
1923 ..	1·17	2·21	1·00	4·41	1·35	·12
1924 ..	1·21	1·95	1·06	3·85	1·37	·15
1925 ..	1·21	1·62	1·04	2·98	1·41	·06
1926 ..	1·13	1·65	·96	3·54	1·33	·58

* Not available.

† Average 1862-1870.

It will be observed that the rate of natural increase (excess of births over deaths) has during all periods, except the years 1915, 1916, and 1920, been less in Melbourne than in other portions of the State, while the rate of total increase has usually been greater. It would appear from this that the metropolis has been gaining population at the expense of the country districts. The higher rate of natural increase in extra-metropolitan areas is due principally to the low death rates prevailing there, and this favorable mortality can only be partially accounted for by the migration from country to town of persons in indifferent health. The light mortality in country districts shows the advantage to be derived from a large increase in the population of these portions of the State.

The small natural increase in 1919, both in Melbourne and the remainder of the State, is accounted for by a heavy death rate in that year due to the existence of an epidemic of influenza. The rate of total increase in 1919 was large on account of the return to the State of soldiers, and the extra-Metropolitan districts benefited to a greater extent proportionally by their return than Melbourne and suburbs.

**Population of
Australia and
New Zealand,
1861-1921.**

The following table shows the population of each Australian State and New Zealand at each census from 1861 to 1921 :—

**POPULATION OF THE SIX STATES OF AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND, 1861-1921.**

State.	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.
Victoria..	540,322	731,528	862,346	1,140,405	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280
New South Wales	350,860	503,981	751,468	1,132,234	1,354,846	1,648,448	2,02,943*
Queensland ..	30,059	117,960	213,525	393,718	498,129	605,813	755,972
South Australia ..	126,830	185,626	279,865	320,431	363,157	411,868	499,027†
Western Australia	15,100	25,270	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732
Tasmania ..	89,977	101,020	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780
Australia ..	1,153,148	1,665,385	2,252,617	3,183,237	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734
New Zealand ..	84,536	257,810	489,933	626,658	772,719	1,008,407	1,218,270

* Including Federal Territory, 2,572.

† Including Northern Territory, 3,867.

**Population of
Australian
States and
New Zealand,
1926.**

In the next table is shown the estimated population of each Australian State (excluding aborigines) and of New Zealand at the end of 1926, also the increase of population since the census of 1921, and the number of persons to the square mile.

POPULATION OF EACH AUSTRALIAN STATE AND NEW ZEALAND, AT 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

State.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1926.			Increase since Census of 1921 (4th April).	Persons to the Square Mile.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria ..	852,399	839,428	1,711,827	180,547	19·48
New South Wales ..	1,196,559	1,151,222	2,347,781	247,410	7·59
Queensland ..	465,644	416,549	882,193	126,221	1·32
South Australia ..	292,846	273,548	566,394	71,234	1·49
Western Australia ..	203,210	175,536	378,746	46,014	·39
Tasmania ..	106,330	108,424	214,754	974	8·19
Territories—					
Northern ..	2,820	2,101	4,921	1,054	·01
Federal ..	2,773	1,125	3,898	1,326	4·15
Australia ..	3,122,581	2,987,933	6,110,514	674,780	2·05
New Zealand ..	697,113	668,304	1,365,417	147,147	13·22

Particulars of the movement of population by migration and of the natural increase by excess of births over deaths are given for each State from the year 1851 on page 300 of the *Year-Book* for 1921-22.

The enumerated populations of Australasian capital cities during the past 55 years are shown in the following table. Melbourne during that time has made great progress, the most noticeable advance having been in the decennial period 1881-91, when the increase of population was 73 per cent. Between 1891 and 1901 the population remained almost stationary, but in the intercensal period 1901 to 1911 there was an increase of 97,158 and in the period 1911 to 1921 an increase of 189,742 persons. Sydney, which since 1902 has been the most populous city in Australasia, had 1,070,510 inhabitants in 1926. These two cities contain about 33 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth.

POPULATION OF AUSTRALASIAN CAPITAL CITIES, 1871 TO 1926.

Capital City (with Suburbs).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—						Estimated Population, 31st Dec., 1926.	Persons to the Acre, 1926.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.		
Melbourne	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	944,400	5·70
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,070,510	9·05
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	274,260	1·11
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	316,865	2·30
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	184,223	2·10
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	55,130	1·00
Wellington	7,908	20,563	34,190	49,344	70,729	107,491	†117,986	3·63

* Not available. † Census, 20th April, 1926.

Density of
population in
capital cities.

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

Chinese and
Aborigines in
Victoria.

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

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

Year of Census.	Total Population—including Chinese and Aborigines.			Chinese.			Aborigines.		
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
1861	540,322	328,651	211,671	24,732	24,724	8	1,694	1,046	648
1871	731,528	401,050	330,478	17,935	17,899	36	1,330	784	546
1881	862,346	452,083	410,263	12,128	11,869	259	780	460	320
1891	1,140,405	598,414	541,991	9,377	8,772	605	565	325	240
1901	1,201,341	603,883	597,458	7,349	6,740	609	652	367	285
1911	1,315,747	655,694	660,053	5,601	4,956	645	643	340	303
1921	1,531,424	754,804	776,620	4,179	3,433	746	586	279	307

NOTE.—The population of the State at each census date since 1861, which appears in the above table and in the table on page 114, includes full-blood aboriginals. When comparisons are made elsewhere in this part with the populations at these census dates, the aboriginals referred to are not included.

Arrivals and
departures of
Chinese.

During each of the five years ended 1926 the number of Chinese who left Victoria was greater than the number who entered the State. The net decrease in the Chinese population in the last five years by excess of emigration over immigration was 451. The figures for each year are as follows:—

CHINESE IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1922 TO 1926.

Year.				Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of— Arrivals (+), Departures (-).
1922	..	..	..	346	509	- 163
1923	..	..	..	462	487	- 25
1924	..	..	..	290	363	- 73
1925	..	..	..	256	352	- 96
1926	..	..	..	311	405	- 94
Total				1,665	2,116	- 451

**Decrease of
Aborigines.**

At the first colonization of Victoria the Aborigines were officially estimated to number about 5,000, but according to other and apparently more reliable estimates they numbered at that time not less than 15,000. When the colony was separated from New South Wales the number was officially stated to be 2,693. At the 1921 census there were enumerated 586 Aborigines, consisting of 144 of pure blood and 442 half-castes. Between the censuses of 1911 and 1921 there was a decrease of 57, the reduction in the pure race being 51 and, in the half-castes, 6. These figures indicate that the race is gradually but surely dying out. From the records of the Aborigines Board it would appear that most of the natives are under the care of that body, the numbers in the different stations being as under:—

**NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE AT
STATIONS IN VICTORIA, 1925-26.**

Station.	Aborigines.	Three- quarter and Half-castes.	Total.
Coranderrk	1	5	6
Lake Condah .. .. .	..	33	33
Lake Tyers	48	184	232
Framlingham	1	30	31
Dépôts	1	28	29
In Institutions	2	..	2
In Service	2	2	4
Total	55	282	337

In addition to the above there are 272 half-castes and quadroons at Antwerp, Condah, Framlingham, Echuca, Colac, Dimboola, Healesville, Orbost, and Swan Hill.

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

During the year 1925-26, 4 deaths occurred—2 at Lake Tyers, 1 at Swan Hill, and 1 at Framlingham. There were 18 births—all of these took place at Lake Tyers. The births recorded were all half-castes, while, of the deaths, 2 were those of full-blood Aborigines, and 2 of half-castes. There were 5 marriages at Lake Tyers during the year mentioned.

The amount expended on the maintenance of Aborigines during the year was £6,610. There is a Trust Fund kept at the Treasury into which receipts from the sale of produce, etc., are paid. The amount at the credit of this Fund on the 30th June, 1926, was £4,262.

With a view to restricting the immigration of Asiatics and other coloured persons the Commonwealth Parliament passed the Immigration Restriction Act in 1901, which provides that any person, who, when asked to do so by a public officer, fails to write out from dictation and sign in the presence of the officer a passage of fifty words in any prescribed language, is prohibited from landing in Australia. Certificates of exemption are granted in certain cases, and members of the military and naval forces, as well as the master and crew of any public vessel of any government, are excepted. The Act appears to have achieved its purpose, judging by the small number of coloured persons who have been admitted into the Commonwealth since it commenced to operate. The following are the numbers of coloured persons, other than Chinese, who have entered or left Victoria since 1st April, 1901 :—

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION OF COLOURED PERSONS
(OTHER THAN CHINESE) FROM 1st APRIL, 1901, TO 31st
DECEMBER, 1926.

Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of— Arrivals (+) Departures (—)
From 1st April, 1901, to 31st Dec., 1905	1,118	1,311	— 193
1906-10	382	495	— 113
1911-15	491	406	+ 85
1916	80	92	— 12
1917	67	208	— 141
1918	52	46	+ 6
1919	46	151	— 105
1920	59	86	— 27
1921	70	64	+ 6
1922	65	47	+ 18
1923	76	64	+ 12
1924	109	53	+ 56
1925	89	85	+ 4
1926	114	85	+ 29
Total	2,818	3,193	— 375

Coloured
persons in
Victoria, 1921.

The number of coloured persons in Victoria was ascertained at the census of 1921. Chinese were found to number 4,179, and other coloured persons 1,932—a total of

6,111, as compared with 7,631 at the previous census in 1911. The figures for the different races are given below :—

NUMBER OF PERSONS OF COLOURED RACES (EXCLUSIVE OF FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES) IN VICTORIA AT THE CENSUS OF 1921.

Race.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.	Full-blood.	Half-caste.
Asiatic—						
Chinese	2,918	515	244	502	3,162	1,017
Hindus	431	62	15	50	446	112
Japanese	37	12	13	12	50	24
Syrians	292	20	240	31	532	51
Cingalese	19	9	2	4	21	13
Other	55	14	23	9	78	23
African—						
Negroes	11	24	..	12	11	36
Other	3	3	1	1	4	4
American—						
American Indians ..	1	..	..	3	1	3
Other	8	8	1	9	9	17
Polynesians—						
Maoris	2	3	1	2	3	5
Other	7	9	1	8	8	17
Australian Aborigines (H.C.) ..	..	199	..	243	..	442
Indefinite	14	1	7	..	21	1
Total	3,798	879	548	886	4,346	1,765

Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 Naturalization. of 1903," the right to issue certificates of naturalization was taken from the States, and vested in the Commonwealth. This Act came into force on 1st January, 1904. An epitome of its principal provisions is given in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, page 340.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1926 was 186; in the fifty-six years, 1871 to 1926 inclusive, it was 16,102.