

Victoria, located in the south-east of the Australian continent covers only about 3% of the country's area. The population is 4,521,800 – a population density of 20 persons per square km, which is the highest in Australia and is well above the national average of 2 persons per square km.

The capital city is Melbourne, with a population of 3,218,050. Its maximum average temperature ranges from 14.4°C in Winter to 25.1°C in Summer; its minimum average temperature ranges from 7°C in Winter to 13.7°C in Summer. Its average annual rainfall is 639mm.

This brochure provides only a snapshot of Victoria; more detail can be found in the variety of products released by the ABS, including the Victorian Year Book.

VICTORIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

	<u>Victoria</u>	<u>% of Australia</u>
Demography, 1995p		
Estimated resident population at 31 December 1995	4 521 800	24.9
Growth rate (%)	(a) 0.8	14.8
Births	62 997	24.6
Deaths (including infant deaths)	32 843	25.9
Marriages	26 617	24.3
Divorces	11 838	23.8
Labour force, February 1996		
Employed persons	2 058 300	24.9
Unemployed persons	230 400	26.9
Unemployment rate (%)	10.1	..
Average weekly earnings (\$)	665.80	..
Agriculture, 31 March 1995p (b)		
Area of establishments ('000 ha)	12 719	2.7
Value of production (\$m)	5 226	22.0
Manufacturing turnover, 1993–94p (\$m)	59 282	32.0
Retail turnover, 1994–95 (\$m) (at average 1989–90 constant prices)	25 919.0	23.1
Building approvals, 1994–95		
Value (\$m)	5 534.3	20.1
Trade, 1994–95 (\$m)		
Exports (c)	12 952	19.4
Imports	23 968	32.1
Gross State Product, 1993–94 (\$m) (d)	103 962	26.1
New motor vehicles registered, 1994–95	155 458	24.3

(a) Percentage increase over the previous year's estimated resident population.

(b) Excludes establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of less than \$5,000.

(c) State of origin.

(d) At average 1989–90 prices.

DEMOGRAPHY

	1994	1995
Estimated resident population at 30 June ('000)		
Males	2 216.4	2 228.9
Females	2 259.1	2 273.1
Persons	4 475.5	4 502.2
Melbourne Statistical Division	3 198.2	3 218.1
Number of persons by age group at 30 June ('000)		
Under 15 years	939.9	p940.8
15–19 years	317.8	p313.3
20–59 years	2 493.2	p2 515.1
60–64 years	181.7	p179.8
65 years and over	543.4	p553.0

Vital events registered, year ended December (no.)	1995p	1995p (a)
Births	62 997	13.9
Deaths (incl infant deaths)	32 843	7.2
Marriages	26 617	5.9
Divorces	11 838	2.6

Overseas arrivals and departures (b)	1993	1994
Permanent arrivals	15 510	17 810
Permanent departures	6 140	5 600

(a) Per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

(b) Statistics have been rounded to the nearest 10.

ETHNICITY

	1986	1991
Birthplace by region (%)		
Australia	75.4	73.7
United Kingdom & Ireland	6.2	5.8
Italy	2.7	2.5
Greece	1.7	1.6
Former Yugoslav Republics	1.5	1.5
New Zealand	0.8	1.0
Viet Nam	0.7	1.0
Other (a)	12.0	12.9
Language spoken at home (%) (b)		
English only	81.0	77.4
Italian	4.7	4.4
Greek	3.3	3.2
Chinese languages	1.0	1.8
Religion (%) (c)		
Christian	68.8	70.7
Non-Christian	2.6	3.4
No religion	13.9	14.4

(a) Includes 'not stated', 'inadequately described', 'at sea' and 'not elsewhere classified'.

(b) Comprises the four most common languages reported.

(c) Excludes 'inadequately described' and 'not stated'.

EDUCATION	1994	1995
Number of institutions		
Schools (July)		
Government	1 731	1 711
Non-government	679	675
Total	2 410	2 386
Tertiary (excl. TAFE)	9	9
TAFE (December) (a)	r29	28
Enrolments (no.)		
Schools (July)	773 194	770 277
Tertiary (excl. TAFE)	163 854	167 528
TAFE	r314 583	354 217
Teaching staff (no.)		
Schools (July)	51 295	51 065
Tertiary (excl. TAFE) (b)	7 796	7 822
TAFE (December) (b)	4 631	4 637
Year 12 retention rates	77.3	75.0

(a) Comprises all institutions offering TAFE courses.

(b) Full-time teaching staff only.

WELFARE SERVICES	1993-94	1994-95
Age and disability pension payments (\$m)	3 996.0	4 092.2
Family allowance payments (\$m)	506.4	495.2
Families covered ('000)	448.0	440.0
Unemployment benefits (\$m)	2 039.3	1 864.7

TOURISM

	1993-94	1994-95
Tourist accommodation		
All establishments (no.) (a)		
Establishments/letting entities at 30 June	1 863	1 888
Guest rooms/sites/bed spaces at 30 June	103 420	103 105
Takings from accommodation (\$m)	548.6	621.8

Visitors	1993
Attractions (%) (b)	
Queen Victoria Market	43
Phillip Island	28
Royal Botanic Gardens	28
Fitzroy Gardens	26
Victorian Arts Centre	16

	1994
Short-term arrivals (no.)	438 621

(a) Includes total hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities, and caravan parks, holiday flats, units, houses and visitor hostels.

(b) % of all visitors aged 15 and over.

LABOUR FORCE (as at February)	1995	1996
Employed persons ('000)		
Males	1 166.5	1 176.2
Females	849.6	882.1
Unemployed persons ('000)		
Males	130.9	130.3
Females	102.1	100.1
Unemployment rates (%)		
Males	10.1	10.0
Females	10.7	10.2
Earnings		
Average weekly ordinary time earnings (\$)		
Full-time adult males	679.50	707.80
Full-time adult females	567.30	587.80
Full-time adult employees	639.10	665.80

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	1993-94	1994-95
Economic transactions (\$m)		
Outlays	17 035	18 596
Final consumption expenditure	9 569	9 967
Interest payments	3 522	3 365
Other current outlays	3 320	3 130
Expenditure on new fixed assets	2 430	2 600
Other capital outlays	-1 807	-466
Revenue	17 710	18 342
Taxes, fees and fines	7 398	7 756
Net operating surplus of PTEs	2 532	2 323
Commonwealth grants	7 128	7 452
Other revenue	652	811
Financing (\$m) (a)	-676	254
Deficit (\$m)	-1 478	-900
Outlays by purpose (\$m)		
General public services	1 661	1 767
Public order and safety	1 051	1 129
Education	-4 474	4 557
Health	2 927	3 064
Transport and communications	421	1 511
Public debt	-3 525	3 346
Other purposes	2 976	3 222
Total	17 035	18 596

(a) Financing is the difference between total outlays and revenue. The deficit/surplus comprises financing less increase in provisions. The net financing requirement comprises deficit/surplus less net advances received.

OVERSEAS TRADE**1993-94** **1994-95**

Imports from (\$m)	1993-94	1994-95
USA	4 696	5 260
Japan	3 779	3 987
Germany	1 550	2 093
China	1 415	1 576
Other	9 330	11 052
Total Imports	20 770	23 968
Exports to (\$m)		
Japan	2 177	1 852
Singapore	1 128	1 339
New Zealand	1 099	1 241
Republic of Korea	914	1 096
Other	7 011	7 424
Total Exports	12 329	12 952

AGRICULTURE**1993-94** **1994-95p**

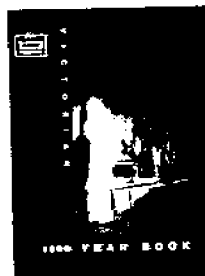
Value of agricultural commodities produced (\$m)	1993-94	1994-95p
Crops	2 121	1 855
Livestock slaughtering	1 475	1 369
Livestock products	1 926	2 002
Total	5 523	5 226
Area of establishments at 31 March ('000 ha) (a)	13 017	12 719
Crops		
Wheat for grain		
Area ('000 ha)	780	822
Production ('000 tonnes)	2 022	944
Canola		
Area ('000 ha)	29	74
Production ('000 tonnes)	47	57
Potatoes ('000 ha)	12	10
Other vegetables ('000 ha)	18	18
Orchard trees ('000 ha)	23	23
Grape vines		
Area ('000 ha)	21	22
Production ('000 tonnes)	359	277
Livestock at 31 March ('000)		
Milk cattle	1 585	1 622
Meat cattle	2 604	2 663
Sheep	23 439	21 361
Pigs	460	439
Livestock products		
Meat including poultry ('000 tonnes)	723	721
Milk (m litres) (b)	4 967	5 113
Wool ('000 tonnes)	190	172

(a) Excludes establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of less than \$5,000.

(b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

The following symbols are used in this brochure:

p	preliminary — figure or series subject to revision
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
..	not applicable

More Information.....

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Data is presented in both tabular and graphic format, together with analysis of the statistics. There is a feature article on the Review of Local Government in Victoria, followed by data on the physiography and climate, our system of Government and characteristics of the population. Other topics include education, labour, health, crime and justice, service industries, commerce, trade, tourism, finance, manufacturing, mining, agriculture, housing and transport.

There is also a Chronology covering the period 1770-1995 and a Historical Time Series of key Victorian statistics.

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RETAIL TRADE**1993-94****1994-95**

Food retailing (\$m)	r9 989.7	10 723.8
Department stores (\$m)	2 468.5	2 554.4
Clothing and soft goods retailing (\$m)	1 965.6	1 873.0
Household goods retailing (\$m)	r3 160.0	3 169.6
Other household goods retailing (\$m)	2 205.5	2 509.4
Recreational goods retailing (\$m)	r1 227.0	1 517.0
Hospitality and service industries (\$m)	3 158.6	3 571.8
Total (\$m)	r24 171.9	25 919.0

TRANSPORT**1993-94****1994-95**

Motor vehicles on register at 30 June ('000)		
Passenger vehicles	2 231.9	2 277.9
Commercial vehicles	506.6	518.4
Motor cycles	69.6	72.6
Registrations of new motor vehicles (no.)		
Passenger vehicles	113 249	127 644
Commercial vehicles	19 203	22 467
Motor cycles	4 400	5 347

BUILDING APPROVALS**1993-94****1994-95**

New residential buildings (of \$10,000 and over)		
Houses	(no.) 28 057	25 885
	(\$m) 2 524.0	2 425.3
Other residential buildings	(no.) 3 693	4 033
	(\$m) 293.7	448.7
Alterations and additions (of \$10,000 and over)		
to residential buildings (\$m)	623.5	685.1
Non-residential buildings		
(of \$50,000 and over) (\$m)	2 502.7	1 975.2

MINERAL PRODUCTION**1992-93****1993-94**

Coal and briquettes ('000 tonnes)	48 428	49 684
Petroleum products		
Crude oil, including		
condensates (megalitres)	17 804	17 221
Natural gas (giga litres)	6 823	4 999
Ethane (giga litres)	171	181
Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)		
(megalitres)	2 741	2 667

PRICES**1994-95 1994-95(a)**

		% change
Consumer Price Index (Melbourne) (1989-90=100)		
Food	110.1	2.0
Clothing	107.4	0.1
Housing	97.5	5.2
Household equipment and operation	111.1	1.0
Transportation	118.8	2.6
Tobacco and alcohol	137.3	3.9
Health and personal care	142.4	5.2
Recreation and education	116.7	2.7
All groups	114.1	2.7
House Price Index (Melbourne) (1989-90=100)		
Established houses	97.9	2.8
Project homes	105.8	1.8
Price Index of Materials Used in Building		
All groups (Melbourne) (1989-90=100)		
House building	115.9	3.4
Other than house building	108.9	2.1
Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries (1984-85=100)		
Imported materials	136.5	3.6
Home-produced materials	123.7	2.3
Price Index of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry (1988-89=100)		
	118.1	2.3

(a) Percentage change from previous financial year.

MANUFACTURING**1992-93r 1993-94p**

Turnover (\$m)		
Food, beverages and tobacco	11 111	11 972
Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather	4 466	4 668
Wood and paper products	2 828	3 034
Printing, publishing and recorded media	3 662	3 906
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	9 739	10 045
Non-metallic mineral products	2 096	2 200
Metal products	7 156	7 412
Machinery and equipment	13 328	14 363
Other manufacturing	1 478	1 680
Total manufacturing	55 865	59 282