



**Victoria  
at a Glance  
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Victoria, located in the south-east of the Australian continent, has a population of 4,541,003. Although it is the second most populous State or Territory in the country, Victoria is ranked sixth in terms of geographic size and accounts for only 3% of Australia's total area.

The capital city is Melbourne, with a population of 3,248,811. 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 642mm.

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

	Victoria	% of Australia
<b>Demography, 1996p</b>		
Estimated resident population at 30 September 1996 ('000)	4 552.0	24.8
Growth rate (%)	(a)0.9	17.5
Births	61 185	24.1
Deaths (including infant deaths)	32 938	25.5
Marriages	26 077	23.8
Divorces	12 400	23.6
<b>Labour force, February 1997</b>		
Employed persons ('000)	2 084.0	25.0
Unemployed persons ('000)	234.1	25.8
Unemployment rate (%)	10.1	..
<b>Average weekly ordinary time earnings, November 1996 (\$)</b>	681.20	..
<b>Agriculture, 31 March 1996 p (b)</b>		
Area of establishments ('000 ha)	12 768	2.7
Value of production (\$m)	6 334	23.0
<b>Manufacturing turnover, 1994-95p (\$m)</b>	61 025.0	31.8
<b>Retail turnover, 1995-96 (\$m)</b>	27 424.9	22.7
<b>Building approvals, 1995-96</b>		
Value (\$m)	5 322.3	21.2
<b>Trade, 1995-96 (\$m)</b>		
Exports (c)	15 408	20.3
Imports	24 663	31.7
<b>Gross State Product, 1994-95 (\$m) (d)</b>	109 153	26.2
<b>New motor vehicles registered, 1995-96</b>	156 917	23.8

(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

	1995	1996 p
Estimated resident population at 30 June ('000)		
Males	r2 228.5	2 247.3
Female	r2 272.5	2 293.7
Persons	r4 501.1	4 541.0
Melbourne Statistical Division	r3 217.4	3 248.8
Number of persons by age group at 30 June ('000)		
Under 15 years	r941.2	940.4
15-19 years	r313.1	314.3
20-59 years	r2 514.5	2 542.6
60-64 years	r179.9	179.6
65 years and over	r552.8	564.1

Vital events registered, year ended December (no.)	Crude Rate	
	1995 r	1995 (a)
Births	62 966	13.9
Deaths (incl. infant deaths)	32 398	7.2
Marriages	26 607	5.9
Divorces	11 838	2.6
Overseas arrivals and departures		
Permanent arrivals	22 057	20 247
Permanent departures	5 680	5 576

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

## 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 'not stated' and 'inadequately described'.

**EDUCATION**

	1995	1996 p
Number of institutions		
Schools (July)		
Government	1 711	1 700
Non-government	675	679
Total	2 386	2 379
Tertiary (excl. TAFE)	9	n.y.a.
TAFE (December) (a)	28	n.y.a.
Enrolments (no.)		
Schools (July)	770 277	776 455
Tertiary (excl. TAFE)	167 528	n.y.a.
TAFE	354 217	n.y.a.
Teaching staff (no.)		
Schools (July)	51 065	51 340
Tertiary (excl. TAFE) (b)	7 822	n.y.a.
TAFE (December) (b)	4 637	n.y.a.
Year 12 retention rates (%)	75.0	75.3

(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**

	1994-95	1995-96
Tourist accommodation		
All establishments (no.) (a)		
Establishments/letting entities at 30 June	1 888	1 900
Guest rooms/sites/bed spaces at 30 June	103 105	104 814
Takings from accommodation (\$m)	621.8	712.6

## Visitors

	1995
Attractions (%) (b)	
Melbourne	92
Melbourne shopping	73
Queen Victoria Market	42
Phillip Island	29
Royal Botanic Gardens	25
Captain Cook's Cottage/Fitzroy Gardens	24
Southgate	20

	1995
Short-term arrivals (no.)	480 205

(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**

	Feb 1996	Feb 1997
Employed persons ('000)		
Males	1 176.2	1 180.9
Females	882.1	903.0
Unemployed persons ('000)		
Males	130.3	132.4
Females	100.1	101.7
Unemployment rates (%)		
Males	10.0	10.1
Females	10.2	10.1
Average weekly ordinary time earnings (\$)	Nov 1995	Nov 1996
Full-time adult males	692.00	720.30
Full-time adult females	579.10	607.10
Full-time adult employees	653.60	681.20

**STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE 1994-95 r 1995-96**

	1994-95 r	1995-96
Economic transactions (\$m)		
Outlays	18 568	8 813
Final consumption expenditure	9 989	10 384
Interest payments	3 330	3 205
Other current outlays	3 116	3 016
Expenditure on new fixed assets	2 613	2 481
Other capital outlays	-480	-10 272
Revenue	18 122	19 026
Taxes, fees and fines	7 756	8 615
Net operating surplus of PTEs	2 158	1 814
Commonwealth grants	7 452	7 815
Other revenue	757	782
Financing (\$m)	446	-10 213
Deficit (\$m)	-702	-10 968
Deficit adjusted for net advances (a)	-197	-903
Outlays by purpose (\$m)		
General public services	1 774	1 358
Public order and safety	1 135	1 183
Education	4 557	4 845
Health	2 973	3 271
Transport and communications	1 506	1 580
Public debt	3 312	3 170
Other purposes	3 314	-6 594
Total	18 568	8 813

(a) This measure is the deficit less net advances paid (which includes net injections/acquisitions or sales of equity as well as other government lending for policy purposes).

**PRICES****1995-96 1995-96 (a)**

		% change
Consumer Price Index (Melbourne) (1989-90=100)		
Food	114.1	3.6
Clothing	108.0	0.6
Housing	101.4	4.0
Household equipment and operation	113.0	1.7
Transportation	122.6	3.2
Tobacco and alcohol	154.2	12.3
Health and personal care	148.7	4.4
Recreation and education	120.3	3.1
All groups	118.4	3.8
House Price Index (Melbourne) (1989-90=100)		
Established houses	97.6	-0.3
Project homes	107.3	1.4
Price Index of Materials Used in Building		
All groups (Melbourne) (1989-90=100)		
House building	115.4	-0.4
Other than house building	111.1	2.0
Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing		
Industries (1989-90=100)		
Imported materials	117.6	4.3
Home-produced materials	105.9	1.0
Price Index of Articles Produced by Manufacturing		
Industry (1988-89=100)	121.1	2.5

(a) Percentage change from previous financial year.

**MANUFACTURING****1993-94****1994-95**

Turnover (\$m) (a)		
Food, beverages and tobacco	11 736.1	12 364.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather	4 609.4	4 441.4
Wood and paper products	3 009.8	3 154.3
Printing, publishing and recorded media	3 851.1	4 169.4
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	10 039.1	10 397.8
Non-metallic mineral products	2 080.5	1 958.3
Metal products	7 429.7	7 640.6
Machinery and equipment	14 351.5	15 157.3
Other manufacturing	1 658.6	1 741.0
<b>Total manufacturing</b>	<b>58 765.8</b>	<b>61 025.0</b>

(a) Value data are at current prices and therefore do not discount the impact of price changes.

<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
Food retailing (\$m)	10 723.8	11 738.0
Department stores (\$m)	2 554.4	2 680.4
Clothing and soft goods retailing (\$m)	1 873.0	1 828.5
Household goods retailing (\$m)	3 169.6	3 392.9
Recreational goods retailing (\$m)	1 517.0	1 682.7
Other retailing (\$m)	2 509.4	2 526.3
Hospitality and service industries (\$m)	3 571.8	3 576.1
<b>Total (\$m)</b>	<b>25 919.0</b>	<b>27 424.9</b>

### **TRANSPORT**

	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>
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	127 644	129 803
Commercial vehicles	22 467	21 113
Motor cycles	5 347	5 921

### **BUILDING APPROVALS**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
New residential buildings (of \$10,000 and over)		
Houses (no.)	25 885	1
(\$m)	2 425.3	1
Other residential buildings (no.)	4 033	
(\$m)	448.7	392
Alterations and additions (of \$10,000 and over)		
to residential buildings (\$m)	685.1	590.1
Non-residential buildings (of \$50,000 and over) (\$m)	1 975.2	2 452.4

### **MINERAL PRODUCTION**

	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>
Coal and briquettes ('000 tonnes)	49 684	50 679
Petroleum products		
Crude oil, including condensates (megalitres)	17 221	14 598
Natural gas (gigalitres)	4 999	5 480
Ethane (gigalitres)	181	189
Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) (megalitres)	2 667	2 534

### **OVERSEAS TRADE**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
Imports from (\$m)		
USA	5 260	5 830
Japan	3 987	3 420
Germany	2 093	1 990
China	1 576	1 670
Other	11 052	11 720
Total Imports	23 968	24 660

### Exports to (\$m)

Japan	1 852	1 950
Republic of Korea	1 096	1 920
New Zealand	1 241	1 590
Singapore	1 339	1 160
Other	7 424	8 770
Total Exports	12 952	15 400

### **AGRICULTURE**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
Value of agricultural commodities produced (\$m)		
Crops	1 855	2 700
Livestock slaughtering	1 369	1 360
Livestock products	2 002	2 250
Total	5 226	6 330
Area of establishments at 31 March ('000 ha) (a)	12 719	12 760
Crops		
Wheat for grain		
Area ('000 ha)	822	850
Production ('000 tonnes)	944	1 920
Canola		
Area ('000 ha)	74	70
Production ('000 tonnes)	57	120
Potatoes ('000 ha)	10	10
Other vegetables ('000 ha)	18	20
Orchard trees ('000 ha)	23	20
Grape vines		
Area ('000 ha)	22	20
Production ('000 tonnes)	277	420
Livestock at 31 March ('000)		
Milk cattle	1 622	1 680
Meat cattle	2 663	2 710
Sheep	21 361	21 970
Pigs	439	450
Livestock products		
Meat including chicken ('000 tonnes)	719	720
Milk (m litres) (b)	5 113	5 480
Wool ('000 tonnes)	172	160

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

(b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

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