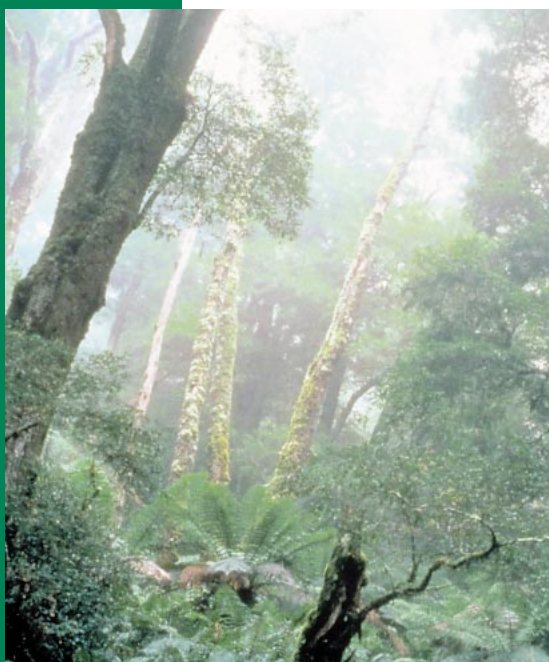




# 1998 VICTORIA AT A GLANCE



Victoria, located in the south-east of the Australian continent, has an estimated population of 4,560,800. 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 an estimated population of 3,248,800. 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	Australia %
<b>Demography, 1996p</b>			
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1996	'000	4 560.8	24.9
Growth rate	%	(a)0.9	17.9
Births	no.	61 143	24.1
Deaths (including infant deaths)	no.	33 034	25.6
Marriages	no.	26 074	24.6
Divorces	no.	12 491	23.8
<b>Labour force, May 1997</b>			
Employed persons	'000	2 090.8	24.9
Unemployed persons	'000	208.4	26.3
Unemployment rate	%	9.1	..
<b>Average weekly ordinary time earnings (trend)</b>			
May 1997	\$	693.40	..
<b>Agriculture, 31 March 1996(b)</b>			
Area of establishments	'000 ha	12 768	2.7
Value of production	\$m	6 388.9	23.0
<b>Manufacturing turnover, 1995–96</b>	\$m	63 768.0	32.3
<b>Retail turnover, 1996–97</b>	\$m	28 793.3	26.7
<b>Building approvals, 1996–97</b>			
Value	\$m	6 408.2	22.1
<b>Trade, 1996–97</b>			
Exports(c)	\$m	16 288	20.6
Imports	\$m	25 190	31.9
<b>Gross State Product, 1995–96(d)</b>	\$m	113 987	26.3
<b>New motor vehicles registered, 1996–97</b>	no.	162 260	24.4

(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	1996p
Estimated resident population at 30 June			
Males	'000	2 228.5	2 252.9
Female	'000	2 272.5	2 307.9
Persons	'000	4 501.1	4 560.8
Melbourne Statistical Division	'000	3 217.4	3 248.8
Number of persons by age group at 30 June			
Under 15 years	'000	941.2	947.7
15–19 years	'000	313.1	314.4
20–59 years	'000	2 514.5	2 546.2
60–64 years	'000	179.9	183.1
65 years and over	'000	552.8	569.5
Vital events registered, year ended December		1996	Crude rate (a)1996
Births	no.	61 143	13.5
Deaths (incl. infant deaths)	no.	33 034	7.2
Marriages	no.	26 074	5.7
Divorces	no.	12 491	2.8
Overseas arrivals and departures		1995	1996
Permanent arrivals	no.	r19 968	r22 269
Permanent departures	no.	r5 598	r5 773

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

## BIRTHPLACE

	1991 %	1996 %
Birthplace by region		
Australia	73.7	72.5
United Kingdom & Ireland	5.8	5.2
Italy	2.5	2.2
Greece	1.6	1.4
Vietnam	1.0	1.3
New Zealand	1.0	1.0
Germany, Federal Republic of	0.7	0.7
China	0.5	0.6
Netherlands	0.7	0.6
India	0.5	0.6
Malta	0.6	0.6
Other(a)	11.5	13.5

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

## EDUCATION

	1995 no.	1996 no.
Number of enrolments		
Government schools	514 805	517 062
Non-government schools	255 472	259 393
<i>Total schools</i>	<i>770 277</i>	<i>776 455</i>
Tertiary (excl. TAFE)	167 528	175 038
TAFE (Vocational)	449 469	496 324
Number of teaching staff		
Government schools	34 106	34 045
Non-government schools	16 959	17 295
Year 12 retention rates(a)	75.0	75.3
(a) Per cent		

## LABOUR

		May 1996	May 1997
Employed persons			
Males	'000	1 187.9	1 183.3
Females	'000	904.3	907.5
Unemployed persons			
Males	'000	109.2	115.7
Females	'000	82.3	92.7
Unemployment rates			
Males	%	8.4	8.9
Females	%	8.3	9.3
Average weekly ordinary time earnings (trend)			
Full-time adult males	\$	699.20	735.30
Full-time adult females	\$	590.30	617.50
Full-time adult employees	\$	662.20	693.40

## TOURISM

		1996	1997
Tourist accommodation — all establishments(a)			
Establishments/letting entities at 30 June	no.	1 900	1 874
Guest rooms/sites/bed spaces at 30 June	no.	104 814	104 351
Takings from accommodation(b)	\$m	712.6	763.0
International visitors by country of residence		1995	1996
New Zealand	no.	86 089	105 057
UK and Ireland	no.	55 470	58 199
USA	no.	51 449	53 934
Japan	no.	38 769	46 039
Singapore	no.	23 974	28 474
Indonesia	no.	20 078	26 902
Other countries	no.	204 376	224 489
<i>Total</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>480 205</i>	<i>543 094</i>

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

(b) Year ending 30 June.

# CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES — MELBOURNE

	1989–90= 100.0	Percentage change
	1996–97	(a)1996–97
CPI	119.9	1.3
Houses — established	101.4	3.9
Houses — project homes	107.7	0.4
Building materials — house building	115.3	–0.1
Building materials — other than house building	110.9	–0.2
Manufacturing materials used — imported	109.4	–7.0
Manufacturing materials used — domestic	104.2	–1.7

(a)Percentage change from previous financial year.

## STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	1994–95 \$m	1995–96 \$m
Selected economic transactions		
Revenue		
Taxes, fees and fines	7 756	8 615
Commonwealth grants	7 452	7 815
<i>Total revenue</i>	18 122	19 026
Outlays		
Final consumption expenditure	9 989	10 384
Interest payments	3 330	3 205
Expenditure on new fixed assets	2 613	2 281
Other capital outlays	–480	–10 272
<i>Total outlays</i>	18 568	8 613
Financing	446	–10 413
Deficit	–702	–11 168

## PRIVATE FINANCE

	June 1996 \$m	June 1997 \$m
Finance commitments		
Housing finance	10 152.3	11 344.8
Personal finance	7 584.1	8 080.7
Commercial finance	41 779.8	37 643.3
Lease finance	1 573.4	1 619.6

## RETAIL TURNOVER

	1995–96 \$m	1996–97 \$m
Food retailing	11 738.0	12 467.6
Department stores	2 680.4	2 724.0
Clothing and soft goods retailing	1 828.5	1 807.6
Household goods retailing	3 392.9	3 727.5
Recreational goods retailing	1 682.7	1 778.7
Other retailing	2 526.3	2 723.8
Hospitality and service industries	3 576.1	3 564.1
<i>Total</i>	27 424.9	28 793.3

**SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED**

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1996 refer to the year ended 31 December 1996; those shown as, for example 1996-97 refer to the year ended June 1997. Values shown in Australian dollars (\$). Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals..

°C	— degrees Celsius	n.a.	— not available
\$m	— million dollars	no.	— number
GL	— gigalitre	p	— preliminary data
ha	— hectare	r	— figure or series revised since previous issue
m	- million	ML	— megalitre
'000	— thousand	mm	— millimetre
t	— tonne	. .	— not applicable

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## MANUFACTURING

		1995-96	1996-97
Production — selected commodities			
Claybricks for structural purposes	m	260	264
	'000 cu		
Ready mix concrete	metres	3 023	3 169
Plastics in primary forms	'000 t	788	825
Yarns — cotton	t	22 148	24 115
Yarns — wool	t	17 198	15 692
Cheese	t	168 365	164 079
Butter and butteroil	t	118 830	120 041
Census			
		1994-95	1995-96
Employment	'000	291.4	292.6
Wages and salaries	\$m	9 542.6	9 593.7
Turnover(a)	\$m	60 855.1	63 768.0

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

## MINERAL PRODUCTION

		1994-95	1995-96
Mineral production			
Coal and briquettes	'000 t	50 679	(a)54 281
Petroleum products			
Crude oil, including condensates	ML	14 598	12 732
Natural gas	GL	5 480	6 299
Ethane	GL	189	180
Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	ML	2 534	2 312

(a) Figures for briquettes are not available for 1995-96.

## OVERSEAS TRADE

	1995-96 \$m	1996-97 \$m
Imports from		
USA	5 839	5 945
Japan	3 429	3 097
Germany	1 994	1 922
China	1 675	1 756
Other	11 726	12 470
<i>Total Imports</i>	24 663	25 190
Exports to		
Japan	1 952	1 525
Republic of Korea	1 921	2 098
New Zealand	1 598	2 134
Singapore	1 162	891
Other	8 777	9 640
<i>Total Exports</i>	15 410	16 288

## AGRICULTURE

		1994-95	1995-96
Value of agricultural commodities produced			
Crops	\$m	1 770.6	2 764.9
Livestock slaughterings	\$m	1 375.4	1 370.6
Livestock products	\$m	2 001.4	2 253.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>5 147.4</i>	<i>6 388.9</i>
Area of establishments at 31 March(a)	'000 ha	12 719	12 768
Agricultural production			
Wheat	'000 t	944	1 921
Meat (including chicken)	'000 t	719	733
Wool	'000 t	172	161
Milk	m litres	5 113	5 481
(a) Excludes establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of less than \$5,000.			

## TRANSPORT

		30 June 1995	31 October 1996
Motor vehicles on register			
Passenger vehicles	'000	2 277.9	2 335.4
Commercial vehicles	'000	484.0	483.7
Motor cycles	'000	72.6	69.8
Registrations of new motor vehicles		1995-96	1996-97
Passenger vehicles	no.	129 868	140 137
Commercial vehicles	no.	21 128	22 123
Motor cycles	no.	5 921	6 133

## BUILDING APPROVALS

		1995-96	1996-97
New residential buildings (of \$10,000 and over)			
Houses	no.	18 889	19 805
Houses	\$m	1 887.4	2 171.9
Other residential buildings	no.	4 155	6 805
Other residential buildings	\$m	392.3	668.1
Alterations and additions (of \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings	\$m	590.1	728.5
Non-residential buildings (of \$50,000 and over)	\$m	2 452.4	2 839.8