

Part 3

DEMOGRAPHY

Population

Historical

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

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

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

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

During the period 1928 to 1938 the population of the State increased slowly, the lowest annual increase for the period being recorded in the year 1935. The rate of natural increase dropped considerably and, in seven years of the period, a loss from migration was experienced. The world-wide depression of 1929 to 1933 had its effect on the population of the State. The population at the end of 1938 was 1,871,099.

During the period of the Second World War the population of Victoria increased by 144,008. There was a considerable increase from migration during the early part of the period due to war conditions. In each of the years 1946 and 1947 the increase in the population was due entirely to natural increase, as there was a slight loss from migration in each year. In 1948 a substantial gain by natural increase and in migration was recorded. This was followed by further substantial increases by both natural increase and migration in each of the years 1949 to 1954, the gain from migration in 1950 being the highest recorded to that time, excluding the return of troops from overseas after the First World War. During the five year period to the end of 1959 the population of Victoria increased by 362,026, of which 179,460 was due to natural increase and 182,566 to net migration, the increase from net migration in 1956, 43,095, exceeding the previous record established in 1950.

The estimated population at the end of 1959 was 2,842,903.

The following table shows the estimated population of Victoria from 1836 to 1959:—

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION

Year	Estimated Population, 31st December		
	Males	Females	Total
1836 (25th May)	142	35	177
1836 (8th November)	186	38	224
1840	7,254	3,037	10,291
1850	45,495	30,667	76,162
1855	226,462	120,843	347,305
1860	330,302	207,932	538,234
1870	397,230	326,695	723,925
1880	450,558	408,047	858,605
1890	595,519	538,209	1,133,728
1900	601,773	594,440	1,196,213
1905	598,134	612,287	1,210,421
1910	646,482	654,926	1,301,408
1911	668,818	671,075	1,339,893
1912	690,056	692,497	1,382,553
1913	707,444	707,972	1,415,416
1914	713,307	721,881	1,435,188
1915	694,210	730,235	1,424,445
1916	666,245	738,418	1,404,663
1917	671,075	745,985	1,417,060
1918	684,243	753,002	1,437,245
1919	739,956	763,079	1,503,035
1920	753,803	774,106	1,527,909
1921	765,306	785,421	1,550,727
1922	789,517	800,756	1,590,273
1923	807,884	817,571	1,625,455
1924	825,919	831,232	1,657,151
1925	840,817	843,234	1,684,051
1926	855,035	856,952	1,711,987
1927	870,718	871,114	1,741,832
1928	879,478	882,268	1,761,746
1929	886,472	891,797	1,778,269
1930	892,422	900,183	1,792,605
1931	896,429	907,141	1,803,570
1932	900,663	912,724	1,813,387
1933	904,868	919,349	1,824,217
1934	909,806	926,854	1,836,660
1935	910,740	930,855	1,841,595
1936	913,959	935,648	1,849,607

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION—*continued*

Year	Estimated Population, 31st December		
	Males	Females	Total
1937	916,974	940,017	1,856,991
1938	924,034	947,065	1,871,099
1939	929,470	953,663	1,883,133
1940	947,037	967,881	1,914,918
1941	964,619	981,806	1,946,425
1942	970,729	991,829	1,962,558
1943	979,549	1,002,067	1,981,616
1944	986,889	1,011,065	1,997,954
1945	994,784	1,020,323	2,015,107
1946	1,006,395	1,033,374	2,039,769
1947	1,016,724	1,045,985	2,062,709
1948	1,039,037	1,069,088	2,108,125
1949	1,071,759	1,097,125	2,168,884
1950	1,114,497	1,122,685	2,237,182
1951	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538
1952	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719
1953	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035
1954	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877
1955	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021
1956	1,328,357	1,304,266	2,632,623
1957	1,360,540	1,340,095	2,700,635
1958	1,394,876	1,376,043	2,770,919
1959	1,431,373	1,411,530	2,842,903

Increase of Population

The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during the years 1956 to 1959 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION AT 31st DECEMBER

Particulars	1956	1957	1958	1959
Estimated Population, 1st January	2,555,021	2,632,623	2,700,635	2,770,919
Births	58,393	60,464	61,269	62,245
Deaths	23,886	24,131	23,625	25,078
Natural Increase	34,507	36,333	37,644	37,167
Recorded Migration by Sea, Rail, and Air—				
Arrivals	643,158	616,425	622,865	737,520
Departures	600,063	584,746	590,225	702,703
Gain by Recorded Migration*	43,095	31,679	32,640	34,817
Estimated Population, 31st December	2,632,623	2,700,635	2,770,919	2,842,903

* Excess of arrivals over departures. Interstate migration relates to recorded movements by rail, sea, and air and certain special movements by road, together with an allowance for unrecorded movement into the Australian Capital Territory.

The table which follows shows, for each quinquennium from 1860, and for each year of the twenty years, 1940 to 1959, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration.

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

Period	Increase during Period			Increase Per Cent. during Period		
	Natural	Net Migration	Total	Natural	Net Migration	Total
1860-64 ..	69,249	7,682	76,931	13.29	1.47	14.76
1865-69 ..	74,639	24,120	98,759	12.48	4.03	16.51
1870-74 ..	81,902	7,444	89,346	11.75	1.07	12.82
1875-79 ..	66,473	(-) 10,824	55,649	8.46	(-) 1.38	7.08
1880-84 ..	72,332	21,688	94,020	8.59	2.58	11.17
1885-89 ..	83,704	85,457	169,161	8.95	9.13	18.08
1890-94 ..	100,292	(-) 23,075	77,217	9.08	(-) 2.09	6.99
1895-99 ..	76,625	(-) 70,239	6,386	6.48	(-) 5.94	0.54
1900-04 ..	74,296	(-) 57,229	17,067	6.25	(-) 4.81	1.44
1905-09 ..	80,312	(-) 8,898	71,414	6.66	(-) 0.74	5.92
1910-14 ..	93,975	64,191	158,166	7.36	5.03	12.39
1915-19 ..	84,092	(-) 16,245	67,847	5.86	(-) 1.13	4.73
1920-24 ..	98,235	55,881	154,116	6.53	3.72	10.25
1925-29 ..	91,091	30,027	121,118	5.50	1.81	7.31
1930-34 ..	61,242	(-) 2,851	58,391	3.44	(-) 0.16	3.28
1935-39 ..	52,364	(-) 5,883	46,473*	2.85	(-) 0.32	2.53
1940-44 ..	76,153	47,624	114,821*	4.04	2.53	6.10
1945-49 ..	120,943	51,928	170,930*	6.05	2.60	8.56
1950-54 ..	148,029	163,964	311,993	6.83	7.56	14.39
1955-59 ..	179,460	182,566	362,026	7.23	7.36	14.59
1940 ..	11,669	20,268	31,785*	0.62	1.08	1.69
1941 ..	13,884	18,995	31,507*	0.73	0.99	1.65
1942 ..	13,954	5,527	16,133*	0.72	0.29	0.83
1943 ..	17,790	3,789	19,058*	0.91	0.19	0.97
1944 ..	18,856	(-) 955	16,338*	0.95	(-) 0.05	0.82
1945 ..	20,704	(-) 1,812	17,153*	1.04	(-) 0.09	0.86
1946 ..	25,159	(-) 327	24,662*	1.25	(-) 0.02	1.22
1947 ..	25,924	(-) 2,952	22,940*	1.27	(-) 0.14	1.12
1948 ..	24,274	21,142	45,416*	1.18	1.02	2.20
1949 ..	24,882	35,877	60,759*	1.18	1.70	2.88
1950 ..	27,489	40,809	68,298*	1.27	1.88	3.15
1951 ..	27,107	35,249	62,356*	1.21	1.58	2.79
1952 ..	30,416	36,765	67,181*	1.32	1.60	2.92
1953 ..	30,911	18,405	49,316*	1.30	0.78	2.08
1954 ..	32,106	32,736	64,842*	1.33	1.35	2.68
1955 ..	33,809	40,335	74,144	1.36	1.63	2.99
1956 ..	34,507	43,095	77,602	1.35	1.69	3.04
1957 ..	36,333	31,679	68,012	1.38	1.20	2.58
1958 ..	37,644	32,640	70,284	1.39	1.21	2.60
1959 ..	37,167	34,817	71,984	1.34	1.26	2.60

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

* Figures shown for natural increase and net migration for the years 1939 to 1947 do not add to the total increase, for the reason that during the period September, 1939, to June, 1947, the natural increase represents the excess of births over civilian deaths, whereas deaths of defence personnel, whether in Australia or overseas, were taken into account in calculating total increase. Figures for the years 1947 to 1954, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

Migration

General

The recorded interstate and overseas movement of people to and from Victoria, during the years 1955 to 1959, is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RECORDED MIGRATION

Year	Arrivals in Victoria			Departures from Victoria			Excess of Arrivals over Departures		
	Inter-state	From Other Countries Direct	Total	Inter-state	To Other Countries Direct	Total	Inter-state	Other Countries Direct	Total
1955 ..	528,181	72,320	600,501	539,651	20,515	560,166	(-)11,470	51,805	40,335
1956 ..	562,136	81,022	643,158	575,520	24,543	600,063	(-)13,384	56,479	43,095
1957 ..	553,812	62,613	616,425	562,545	22,201	584,746	(-) 8,733	40,412	31,679
1958 ..	559,528	63,337	622,865	562,530	27,695	590,225	(-) 3,002	35,642	32,640
1959 ..	660,294	77,226	737,520	669,737	32,966	702,703	(-) 9,443	44,260	34,817

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

The overseas migration between Victoria and British or Foreign countries for the period 1955 to 1959 is shown in the following tables:—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION : ARRIVALS

Place of Departure	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
British—					
United Kingdom and Ireland ..	20,356	21,384	18,850	20,958	23,200
Canada .. .. .	..	66	85	208	394
Ceylon	647	626	304	612	605
Fiji	6	247	34	301	444
Hong Kong	97	118	290	224	250
India	353	414	172	339	376
Malta	5,445	2,152	1,084	1,032	1,380
Malaya	16	4	20	127	110
Nauru	243	214	338	296	307
New Guinea	26	29	29	50	38
New Zealand	2,780	4,467	3,708	5,148	7,317
Pakistan	4	82	..	22	45
Papua	13	23	8	17	14
Singapore	242	264	292	1,247	2,168
Union of South Africa ..	436	418	314	474	530
Other British Countries ..	524	540	307	1,445	391
Total British Countries ..	31,188	31,048	25,835	32,500	37,569

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION : ARRIVALS—*continued*

Place of Departure	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Foreign—					
Egypt	1,094	1,626	372	234	128
France	68	24	15	19	820
Germany	5,180	5,658	6,121	4,986	8,562
Greece	7,326	8,052	3,469	2,869	3,338
Indonesia	95	134	65	75	131
Italy.. .. .	13,823	19,028	16,263	13,572	15,951
Japan	79	258	152	155	244
Netherlands	7,475	7,461	4,845	4,151	4,813
United States of America .. .. .	..	462	211	683	999
Other Foreign Countries	5,992	7,271	5,265	4,093	4,671
Total Foreign Countries	41,132	49,974	36,778	30,837	39,657
Total British and Foreign	72,320	81,022	62,613	63,337	77,226

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION: DEPARTURES

Place of Destination	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
British—					
United Kingdom and Ireland	11,292	10,266	9,852	10,090	11,006
Canada	24	14	168	138	326
Ceylon	516	384	241	344	367
Fiji	6	..	14	245	477
Hong Kong	108	58	111	96	88
India	292	348	235	280	269
Malta	43	35	489	223	218
Malaya	34	89	13	70	123
Nauru	292	285	277	292	295
New Guinea	18	15	31	60	23
New Zealand.. .. .	2,592	3,909	3,649	4,590	6,940
Pakistan	3	73	1	21	19
Papua	21	5	7	18	18
Singapore	288	319	297	1,177	1,739
Union of South Africa	318	278	339	402	496
Other British Countries	259	304	254	404	424
Total British Countries	16,106	16,382	15,978	18,450	22,828

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION : DEPARTURES—*continued*

Place of Destination	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Foreign—					
Egypt	139	103	53	15	41
France	367	389	151	294	277
Germany	183	236	260	202	294
Greece	147	247	22	360	381
Indonesia	39	117	28	73	131
Italy	3,156	4,056	4,419	4,658	5,296
Japan	172	385	270	282	341
Netherlands	130	325	161	470	816
United States of America	30	521	237	783	1,051
Other Foreign Countries	46	1,782	622	2,108	1,510
Total Foreign Countries	4,409	8,161	6,223	9,245	10,138
Total British and Foreign	20,515	24,543	22,201	27,695	32,966

The following table shows the overseas migration for the period 1955 to 1959 classified according to permanent and temporary migrants:—

VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION

Year	Victoria				Australia			
	Long Term and Permanent*	Australian Residents Returning or Departing Temporarily	Visitors	Total	Long Term and Permanent*	Australian Residents Returning or Departing Temporarily	Visitors	Total
ARRIVALS								
1955 ..	59,811	8,342	4,167	72,320	130,795	52,877	53,565	237,237
1956 ..	63,061	9,181	8,780	81,022	123,822	57,608	66,018	247,448
1957 ..	50,462	8,133	4,018	62,613	118,695	56,017	58,616	233,328
1958 ..	47,567	9,887	5,883	63,337	109,857	59,065	61,342	230,264
1959 ..	57,215	11,577	8,434	77,226	124,022	61,754	68,120	253,896
DEPARTURES								
1955 ..	7,893	8,804	3,818	20,515	35,478	52,180	52,324	139,982
1956 ..	8,390	8,440	7,713	24,543	37,717	51,400	64,333	153,450
1957 ..	9,588	8,285	4,328	22,201	41,073	53,438	60,085	154,596
1958 ..	11,188	10,880	5,627	27,695	44,978	58,888	61,032	164,898
1959 ..	11,021	13,607	8,338	32,966	40,444	64,631	72,030	177,105

* "Long Term and Permanent Movement" relates to persons arriving who state that they intend to reside in Australia for a period of one year or more, and to persons departing who state that they intend to reside abroad for a period of one year or more.

The following statement shows the nationalities of the permanent new arrivals in 1959 whose State of disembarkation was Victoria:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF PERMANENT NEW ARRIVALS, 1959

Nationality	Persons	Nationality	Persons	Nationality	Persons
British ..	20,458	Estonian ..	3	Norwegian ..	145
Irish ..	304	French ..	74	Polish* ..	1,051
American (U.S.)	164	Finnish ..	1,848	Portuguese ..	3
Argentinian ..	6	German ..	7,649	Romanian ..	18
Austrian ..	1,570	Greek ..	3,337	Russian† ..	62
Belgian ..	16	Hungarian ..	115	Ukrainian ..	2
Brazilian ..	2	Indonesian ..	26	Spanish ..	24
Bulgarian ..	2	Israeli ..	30	Swedish ..	211
Burmese ..	14	Italian ..	9,106	Swiss ..	232
Chilean ..	1	Japanese ..	5	Turkish ..	5
Chinese ..	42	Latvian ..	10	Yugoslav ..	821
Czechoslovak ..	9	Lebanese ..	43	Other‡ ..	5,593
Danish ..	368	Lithuanian ..	2		
Dutch ..	3,841	Mexican ..	3	Total ..	57,215

* Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. † Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian. ‡ Includes 5,565 "Stateless" with former Nationality stated but other than Polish or Russian.

Assisted Migration

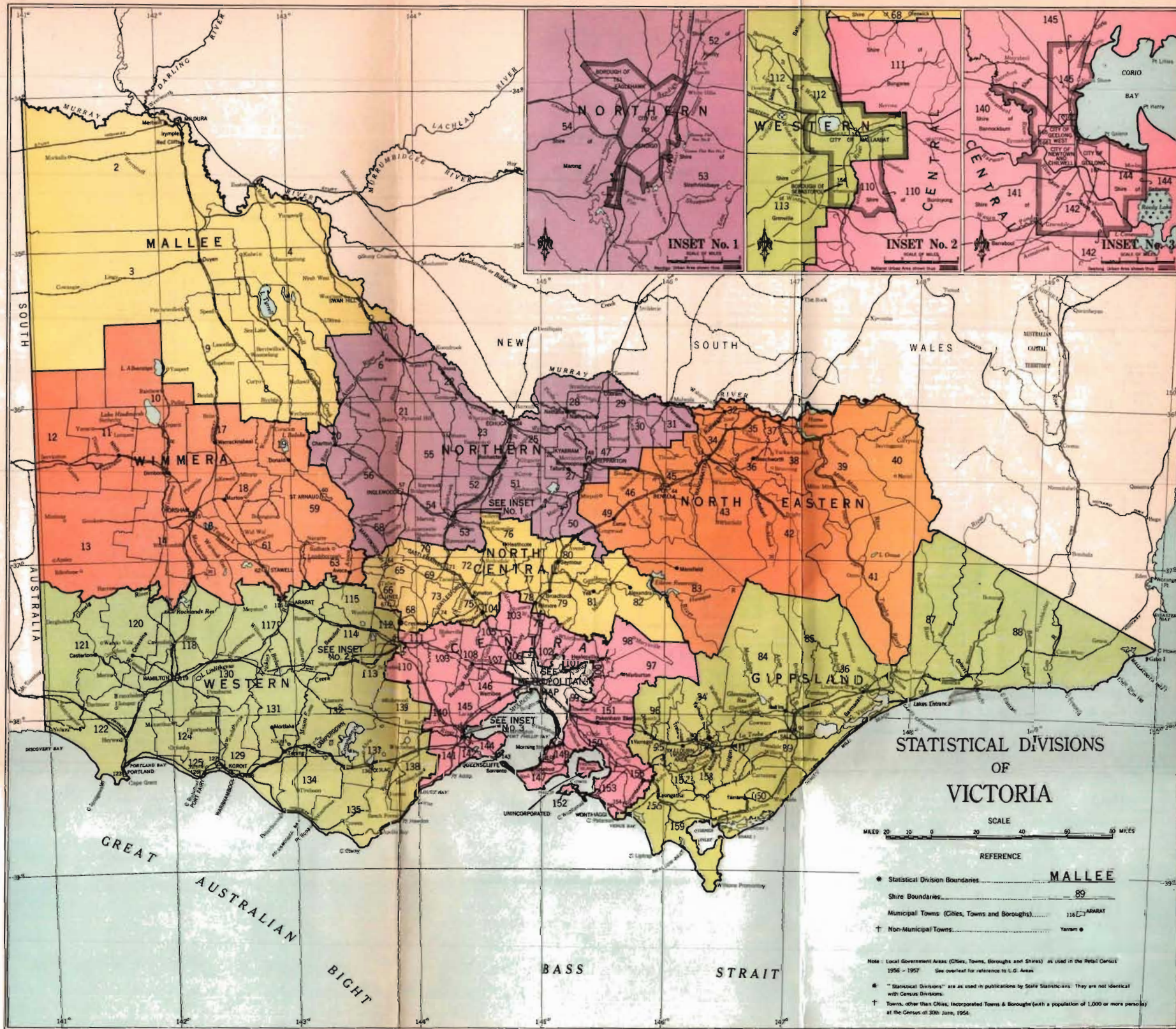
The Migration Scheme in operation prior to the war ceased on the outbreak of war. During the war assisted immigration was discontinued, except in cases of close family reunion involving wives and dependent children, and other special cases having exceptional features, for which special approval was required.

Two new agreements were signed between the Commonwealth and United Kingdom Governments on the 5th March, 1946, the first for the granting of free passages from the British Isles to British ex-Service personnel, their wives and children, who wish to come here, and are accepted as suitable for settlement in this country; and the second for the granting of assisted passages from the United Kingdom to British civilians not eligible under the free passage scheme. The Free Passage Agreement was terminated in 1955.

Naturalization

The *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948 commenced on Australia Day (26th January), 1949, and repealed all previous Commonwealth legislation on this subject. The most significant effect of the Act was the creation, for the first time, of the status of "Australian Citizen". In this respect, the Act was complementary to citizenship legislation passed or about to be passed by other countries of the British Commonwealth. All Australian citizens, and the citizens of other countries of the British Commonwealth, are declared to be British Subjects.

The number of naturalization certificates granted in Victoria in the period 1955 to 1959 was 46,107, which is 13,998 more than for the 84 year period from 1871 to 1954 (inc.) when 32,109 persons



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31 Yarrowonga S.	87 Tambo S.	143 Queenscliffe B.	Bannockburn S.	110	Maffra S.	94	Tunmuck S.	30
32 Rutherglen S.	88 Orbost S.	144 Bellarine S.	Berwick S.	133	Maldon S.	70	Upper Murray S.	40
33 Wangaratta B.	89 Rosedale S.	145 Corle S.	Castlemaine B.	71	Mansfield S.	83	Upper Yarra S.	97
34 Wangaratta S.	90 Sale, City of	146 Werrilow S.	Charlton S.	20	Marong S.	54	Violet Town S.	46
35 Chiltern S.	91 Traralgon S.	147 Flinders S.	Clunes B.	67	Maryborough B.	64	Walpeup S.	3
36 Beechworth S.	92 Yallourn Works Area	148 Mornington S.	Cobram S.	29	McIvor S.	76	Wangaratta B.	33
37 Wodonga S.	93 Moe B.	149 Frankston & Hastings S.	Cohuna S.	22	Melton S.	107	Wangaratta S.	34
38 Yackandandah S.	94 Narracan S.	150 Cranbourne S.	Colac S.	137	Metcalfe S.	72	Wannon S.	120
39 Towong S.	95 Warracall S.	151 Berwick S.	Colac T.	136	Mildura, City of	1	Waranga S.	51
40 Upper Murray S.	96 Bala Bala S.	152 Phillip Island S.	Corio S.	145	Mildura S.	124	Warracknabeal S.	95
41 Omeo S.	97 Upper Yarra S.	153 Bass S.	Cranbourne S.	150	Mirhamite S.	124	Warrnambool S.	128
42 Bright S.	98 Healesville S.	154 Wonthaggi B.	Creswick S.	68	Mirboo S.	157	Warrnambool, City of	129
43 Oxley S.	99 Fern Tree Gully S.	155 Korumburra S.	Daylesford B.	74	Moe B.	93	Warrnambool S.	129
44 Benalla B.	100 Lillydale S.	156 Wooraui S.	Deakin S.	25	Mornington S.	148	Warrilwaa S.	146
45 Benalla S.	101 E'atham S.	157 Nirbee S.	Dimboola S.	10	Mortlake S.	131	Whittlesea S.	102
46 Violet Town S.	102 Whittlesea S.	158 Morwell S.	Donald S.	19	Morwell S.	158	Wimmera S.	16
47 Shepparton S.	103 Romey S.	159 South Gippsland S.	Dundas S.	118	Mount Rouse S.	130	Winchelsea S.	138
48 Shepparton, City of	104 Newham & Woodend S.	160 Alberton S.	Dunmunkle S.	18	Narracan S.	94	Wodonga S.	37
49 Euroa S.	105 Gisborne B.	161 Eaglehawk B.	Dunmunkle S.	18	Newham & Woodend S.	104	Wonthaggi B.	154
50 Goulburn S.	106 Bulls S.	162 Bendigo, City of	Eaglehawk B.	161	Newstead S.	69	Woorayl S.	156
51 Waranga S.	107 Melton S.	163 Ballaarat, City of	East Loddon S.	55	Newton & Chilwell, City of	166	Wycheproof S.	7
52 Huntly S.	108 Bacchus Marsh B.	164 Sebastopol B.	Echuca B.	24	Newton & Chilwell, City of	166	Yackandandah S.	38
53 Strathfieldsaye S.	109 Ballan S.	165 Geelong West, City of	Eiltham S.	101	Euroa S.	41	Yallourn Works Area	92
54 Marong S.	110 Buninyong S.	166 Newton & Chilwell, City of	Euroa S.	49	Fern Tree Gully S.	88	Yarrowonga S.	31
55 East Loddon S.	111 Bunaree S.	167 Geelong, City of	Fern Tree Gully S.	99	Flinders S.	147	Yea S.	81
56 Korong S.	112 Ballaarat S.							

were naturalized. Of the 46,107 certificates granted during the period, 20 per cent. were to persons of Polish origin and just under 17 per cent. were to Italian nationals.

The following table shows the persons of each nationality granted naturalization certificates in Victoria during the five years 1955 to 1959:—

VICTORIA—PREVIOUS NATIONALITY OF PERSONS NATURALIZED

Nationality	Numbers of Naturalization Certificates Granted					Total Granted 1955 to 1959	
	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	No.	%
Albanian ..	22	44	39	23	23	151	0·3
Austrian ..	167	83	114	79	100	543	1·2
Belgian ..	7	8	11	15	12	53	0·1
Bulgarian ..	27	28	23	18	21	117	0·2
Czechoslovak ..	631	603	413	282	191	2,120	4·6
Danish ..	11	11	6	16	12	56	0·1
Dutch ..	246	672	725	1,093	1,258	3,994	8·7
Estonian ..	129	134	168	137	121	689	1·5
Finnish ..	4	7	1	11	5	28	0·1
French ..	28	25	25	26	47	151	0·3
German ..	279	295	386	537	849	2,346	5·1
Greek ..	194	222	323	323	536	1,598	3·5
Hungarian ..	749	767	553	390	253	2,712	5·9
Italian ..	442	899	1,326	2,079	2,953	7,699	16·7
Latvian ..	482	733	769	762	600	3,346	7·3
Lithuanian ..	221	295	430	340	329	1,615	3·5
Norwegian ..	10	15	15	15	15	70	0·1
Polish ..	1,727	1,936	1,989	1,691	1,952	9,295	20·2
Romanian ..	108	106	89	71	73	447	1·0
Russian ..	64	102	103	121	154	544	1·2
Swedish ..	9	1	3	8	13	34	0·1
Swiss ..	20	45	54	34	43	196	0·4
Ukrainian ..	218	479	623	649	751	2,720	5·9
Yugoslav ..	336	685	716	728	735	3,200	6·9
Other European ..	16	21	34	35	54	160	0·3
U.S. American ..	11	10	8	10	10	49	0·1
Other Nationalities	49	63	139	123	242	616	1·3
Stateless ..	183	361	498	312	204	1,558	3·4
Total ..	6,390	8,650	9,583	9,928	11,556	46,107	100·0

Note.—The above figures relate to the number of certificates granted, and do not represent the total number of persons affected by the certificates. In addition to the figures shown there were 2,100 children in 1957, 2,474 in 1958, and 3,071 in 1959 affected by the grant of certificates. Corresponding figures for 1955 and 1956 are not available.

Population of the Melbourne Metropolitan Area and of the Remainder of the State

For many years the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of 10 miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office. To conform to the growth of the urban population in certain directions the Metropolitan Area was re-defined in 1929, 1947, and 1954, and consists of those municipalities shown in pages 103 and 104. The population of the Metropolitan Area increased from 139,916 at the Census of 1861 to 1,777,700 at the 30th June, 1959. In the same period the

population of the remainder of the State increased from 398,712 to 1,036,823. During only one intercensal period—1891 to 1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than the metropolis. There was little increase in the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area in this period, due to the severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. With the decline in the goldmining industry, the rate of increase in the country areas diminished until, at the beginning of the present century, the rural population became almost stationary. Between 1901 and 1933, the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area increased by 495,855; in the same period the population of the remainder of the State increased by 123,336. The closing years of the period were years of world wide depression, during which Melbourne lost population, to a slight degree, to the rural districts of the State. Following the depression, the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area increased steadily until the outbreak of war in 1939. In the war years which followed there was a considerable increase in the population of the Metropolitan Area, due partly to migration from the rural areas of the State. In 1946, the country areas showed a substantial increase in population. The enlargement of the area of Melbourne Metropolitan Area in 1947 resulted in the country areas losing approximately 30,000 persons and a further enlargement in 1954 resulted in a similar loss of approximately 115,000 persons. During the period 1948 to 1959 oversea migration had a pronounced effect on the increase in the population in Victoria. In the table below are given the population of Victoria, Melbourne Metropolitan Area, and the Remainder of the State at each Census since 1861, and for each year since the last Census of 30th June, 1954.

POPULATION OF VICTORIA, MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA AND REMAINDER OF THE STATE

Date	Population		
	Victoria	Melbourne Metropolitan Area	Remainder of State
Census—			
1861	538,628	139,916	398,712
1871	730,198	206,780	523,418
1881	861,566	282,947	578,619
1891	1,140,088	490,896	649,192
1901	1,201,070	496,079	704,991
1911	1,315,551	593,237	722,314
1921	1,531,280	782,979	748,301
1933	1,820,261	991,934	828,327
1947	2,054,701	1,226,409	828,292
1954	2,452,341	1,524,111	928,230
Estimated at—			
1955 (31st December)	2,555,021	1,595,300	959,721
1956 (31st December)	2,632,623	1,649,000	983,623
1957 (30th June)	2,673,498	1,677,100	996,398
1958 (30th June)	2,741,397	1,726,100	1,015,297
1959 (30th June)	2,814,523	1,777,700	1,036,823

The following table shows the population and the number of dwellings in each of the municipalities of Victoria, by Statistical Division, at the Census of 30th June, 1954 and as estimated at the 30th June, 1959, together with the area at 30th June, 1959.

For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or any part of a building. The term has, therefore, a very wide reference and includes, in addition to houses and flats, a single-roomed shack to a multi-roomed hotel or institution. In the following tables the figures for dwellings represent all dwellings, whether private or other, and whether occupied or unoccupied.

VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA BY MUNICIPALITY

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.59 (Acres)
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	
MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA					
Altona Shire*	6,700	11,100	1,633	2,843	10,135
Box Hill City	35,554	47,600	9,795	13,064	5,309
Brighton City	40,458	42,300	12,157	12,734	3,380
Broadmeadows City†	23,065	49,600	5,772	12,747	17,490
Brunswick City	53,620	50,900	14,754	14,898	2,625
Camberwell City	90,397	100,900	26,618	29,490	8,682
Caulfield City	75,217	72,500	22,941	23,594	5,431
Chelsea City	16,857	21,500	5,027	6,288	3,020
Coburg City	62,077	69,800	16,616	18,748	4,616
Collingwood City	27,155	25,700	7,387	7,451	1,180
Dandenong City‡	27,748	19,900	7,418	5,421	8,960
Doncaster and Templestowe Shire	6,814	13,800	1,958	3,880	22,090
Eltham Shire (Part)§	7,499	11,200	2,143	3,123	9,505
Essendon City	57,873	59,700	16,519	17,101	4,073
Fern Tree Gully Shire (Part)§	22,019	28,000	7,661	9,345	32,790
Fitzroy City	30,312	29,000	8,436	8,385	904
Footscray City	57,915	62,200	15,599	16,774	4,441
Frankston and Hastings Shire (Part)§	15,478	22,500	5,036	6,936	17,460
Hawthorn City	37,188	35,200	11,731	12,030	2,411
Heidelberg City	60,007	79,800	15,350	20,682	30,490
Keilor Shire¶	10,681	21,000	2,829	5,657	24,265
Kew City	31,518	33,000	8,642	9,089	3,596
Lilydale Shire (Part)§	16,619	24,100	5,291	7,319	57,365
Malvern City	46,910	45,700	14,574	15,171	3,935
Melbourne City	93,172	88,900	22,800	22,814	7,765
Moorabbin City||	65,332	91,400	17,777	24,905	13,295
Mordialloc City	21,025	25,400	5,876	7,073	3,013
Mulgrave Shire||	20,293	44,800	5,263	11,812	16,505
Northcote City	43,604	42,700	12,473	12,966	2,819
Nunawading City	23,855	43,200	6,475	11,592	10,275
Oakleigh City||	24,305	29,800	6,694	8,210	3,326
Port Melbourne City	13,104	12,500	3,501	3,437	2,628
Prahran City	54,009	50,900	18,468	19,202	2,361

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30. 6. 59 (Acres)
	At 30. 6. 54 (Census)	At 30. 6. 59 (Estimated)	At 30. 6. 54 (Census)	At 30. 6. 59 (Estimated)	
MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA—<i>continued</i>					
Preston City	63,868	79,500	16,324	20,501	9,155
Richmond City	35,213	32,600	10,083	10,034	1,513
Ringwood Borough	12,951	22,200	3,713	6,242	5,625
Sandringham City	31,758	37,700	9,152	10,755	3,700
South Melbourne City	37,995	34,700	11,564	11,152	2,203
Springvale and Noble Park Shire|| .. ..	†	25,600	†	6,848	25,600
St. Kilda City	53,301	51,000	18,102	18,874	2,118
Sunshine City	41,332	56,000	9,481	13,377	19,775
Williamstown City	29,313	31,100	8,014	8,605	3,377
Remainder of Melbourne Metropolitan Area (Parts of Shires of Bulla, Melton, and Whittlesea).. ..	†¶	700	†¶	176	26,540
Total—Melbourne Metro- politan Area	1,524,111	1,777,700	431,647	511,345	445,746

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

Bacchus Marsh Shire	3,972	4,340	1,053	1,173	144,640
Ballan Shire	2,752	2,840	921	946	227,200
Bannockburn Shire	2,126	2,220	623	655	174,080
Barrabool Shire	1,917	2,960	959	1,296	146,560
Bass Shire	3,761	4,040	1,176	1,264	129,920
Bellarine Shire	7,015	9,900	2,280	3,217	81,920
Berwick Shire	12,412	17,600	3,812	5,380	248,960
Broadmeadows Shire†	1,010	†	307	†	..
Bulla Shire (Part)†	3,232	3,810	488	668	89,779
Bungaree Shire	1,966	2,140	484	539	56,320
Buninyong Shire	3,953	4,250	1,107	1,194	192,000
Corio Shire	15,808	24,120	3,612	6,363	172,800
Cranbourne Shire	8,201	9,520	2,596	3,003	183,680
Eltham Shire (Part)§	3,942	3,380	1,394	1,234	64,736
Fern Tree Gully Shire (Part)§	3,427	3,990	1,483	1,660	42,093
Flinders Shire	12,072	18,710	6,405	8,711	116,480
Frankston and Hastings Shire (Part)§	2,622	3,040	826	955	35,661
Geelong City	20,034	20,920	5,263	5,540	3,322
Geelong West City	17,313	18,540	4,805	5,198	1,299
Gisborne Shire	2,122	2,250	750	790	64,000
Healesville Shire**	5,168	6,570	1,550	1,980	248,960
Kilmore Shire (Part) (see North Central Division)†**	**	470	**	116	63,360
Korumburra Shire	7,386	7,970	1,962	2,137	151,680
Lillydale Shire (Part)§	4,488	4,980	1,613	1,768	49,197
Melton Shire (Part)**	1,424	1,600	424	475	100,378
Mornington Shire	5,793	8,180	2,191	2,953	22,400
Newtown and Chilwell City	11,191	11,980	3,056	3,308	1,376
Phillip Island Shire	1,231	1,650	528	665	24,960
Queenscliffe Borough	2,551	3,100	1,002	1,170	2,099
Romsey Shire**	2,813	2,850	842	850	152,960
South Barwon Shire	11,016	15,480	3,304	4,787	40,960

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.59 (Acres)
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	
CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION—<i>continued</i>					
Upper Yarra Shire ..	6,952	6,520	1,995	2,147	391,680
Werribee Shire* ..	9,414	11,110	2,017	2,565	165,120
Whittlesea Shire (Part)† ..	5,724	8,820	1,548	2,517	146,758
Wonthaggi Borough ..	4,461	4,580	1,327	1,363	13,088
Not Incorporated ..	178	180	39	39	41,600
Total—Central Statistical Division ..	209,447	254,610	63,742	78,626	3,792,026
NORTH-CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Alexandra Shire ..	6,523	5,490	1,533	1,623	462,080
Broadford Shire ..	1,939	2,070	580	620	144,640
Castlemaine Town ..	6,577	7,140	1,894	2,069	5,760
Clunes Borough ..	871	920	307	318	5,760
Creswick Shire ..	3,554	3,730	1,084	1,137	136,320
Daylesford Borough ..	3,216	3,350	1,019	1,062	4,013
Glenlyon Shire ..	2,273	2,360	853	875	146,560
Killmore Shire (Part) (see Central Division)†** ..	1,932	1,910	442	460	60,160
Kyneton Shire ..	6,063	6,400	1,958	2,063	179,200
Maldon Shire ..	2,030	2,050	737	746	138,240
Maryborough Borough ..	6,827	7,410	2,034	2,224	5,760
McIvor Shire ..	2,201	2,200	642	644	357,120
Metcalfe Shire ..	2,425	2,580	726	770	145,920
Newham and Woodend Shire ..	2,058	2,160	651	681	60,800
Newstead Shire ..	2,088	2,150	669	686	101,120
Pyalong Shire ..	483	500	144	153	149,120
Seymour Shire ..	11,596	12,530	1,963	2,263	234,240
Talbot Shire ..	803	820	293	300	126,080
Tullaroop Shire ..	1,416	1,480	430	445	157,440
Yea Shire ..	2,866	2,940	887	910	338,560
Total—North-Central Statistical Division ..	67,741	70,190	18,846	20,049	2,958,893
WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Ararat City ..	7,414	7,970	1,804	1,984	4,659
Ararat Shire ..	4,659	5,000	1,323	1,434	903,680
Ballaarat City ..	39,945	42,820	11,218	12,136	8,550
Ballarat Shire ..	6,145	8,500	1,327	2,074	117,760
Belfast Shire ..	1,949	2,010	489	513	128,000
Camperdown Town** ..	3,205	3,450	906	982	3,591
Colac Town ..	8,032	9,120	2,164	2,505	2,688
Colac Shire ..	6,963	7,100	1,799	1,839	360,320
Dundas Shire ..	3,903	4,180	1,038	1,129	856,320
Glenelg Shire ..	5,949	6,370	1,684	1,815	885,120
Grenville Shire ..	1,862	1,920	575	593	208,640
Hamilton City ..	8,507	9,510	2,273	2,608	5,351
Hampden Shire ..	8,781	9,160	2,384	2,498	647,040
Heytesbury Shire ..	6,464	6,940	1,632	1,780	381,440
Koroit Borough ..	1,401	1,440	350	360	5,696

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.59 (Acres)
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	
WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION—<i>continued</i>					
Leigh Shire	1,096	1,380	334	418	242,560
Lexton Shire	1,350	1,480	393	428	202,880
Minhamite Shire	2,520	2,780	678	758	337,280
Mortlake Shire	4,060	4,430	1,088	1,203	528,000
Mount Rouse Shire	2,859	3,030	786	839	350,720
Otway Shire	4,197	4,410	1,204	1,270	435,840
Port Fairy Borough	2,265	2,590	683	785	5,683
Portland Town**	4,759	5,800	1,470	1,796	5,978
Portland Shire**	7,056	7,350	1,992	2,086	912,000
Ripon Shire	3,365	3,740	1,020	1,149	378,880
Sebastopol Borough	3,265	3,590	863	968	1,747
Wannon Shire	3,949	4,310	1,078	1,192	488,320
Warrnambool City	10,850	14,330	2,907	4,045	7,091
Warrnambool Shire	8,920	7,970	2,217	1,867	392,320
Winchelsea Shire	4,361	4,900	1,509	1,678	344,960
Not Incorporated .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,112
Total—Western Statistical Division	180,051	197,580	49,188	54,732	9,155,226
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Arapiles Shire	2,160	2,250	573	599	491,520
Avoca Shire	2,381	2,450	744	767	277,760
Dimboola Shire	6,224	6,580	1,724	1,841	1,215,360
Donald Shire	2,864	3,070	790	855	357,760
Dunmunkle Shire	4,110	4,320	1,141	1,211	382,080
Horsham City	7,767	8,950	2,152	2,520	5,939
Kaniva Shire	2,290	2,520	620	690	762,240
Kara Kara Shire	1,663	1,690	488	499	567,040
Kowree Shire	5,012	5,450	1,308	1,447	1,331,200
Lowan Shire	3,999	4,200	1,161	1,223	663,040
St. Arnaud Town.. ..	3,037	3,220	865	919	6,279
Stawell Town**	5,463	5,910	1,603	1,744	5,952
Stawell Shire	2,286	2,380	751	783	645,760
Warracknabeal Shire	4,861	5,210	1,366	1,476	454,400
Wimmera Shire	3,569	3,810	963	1,036	645,760
Total—Wimmera Statistical Division	57,686	62,010	16,249	17,610	7,812,090
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Birchip Shire	1,745	1,870	459	497	362,880
Karkaroc Shire	4,424	4,650	1,151	1,216	919,040
Mildura City	10,972	12,320	2,884	3,305	5,408
Mildura Shire	15,727	16,580	4,258	4,524	2,605,440
Swan Hill Borough	5,197	6,070	1,323	1,607	3,373
Swan Hill Shire	11,147	11,870	2,908	3,135	1,619,200
Walpeup Shire	4,310	4,500	1,151	1,210	2,667,520
Wycheproof Shire	4,548	4,790	1,166	1,244	1,016,960
Total—Mallee Statistical Division	58,070	62,650	15,300	16,738	9,199,821

VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.59 (Acres)
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Bendigo City	28,726	31,250	8,364	9,178	8,032
Bet Bet Shire	2,296	2,350	735	752	229,120
Charlton Shire	2,359	2,560	639	699	290,560
Cobram Shire	3,642	4,330	943	1,165	108,800
Cohuna Shire	3,872	4,290	997	1,128	122,880
Deakin Shire	4,635	5,130	1,232	1,386	237,440
Eaglehawk Borough ..	4,696	5,050	1,404	1,511	3,584
East Loddon Shire ..	1,446	1,530	407	428	295,040
Echuca Borough	5,405	6,220	1,489	1,746	4,378
Gordon Shire	2,969	3,100	857	898	499,840
Goulburn Shire	1,760	2,230	505	666	254,720
Huntly Shire	2,247	2,330	670	696	216,960
Inglewood Borough ..	957	1,000	289	304	2,560
Kerang Shire	8,483	9,110	2,277	2,474	823,680
Korong Shire	2,986	3,050	938	959	586,880
Kyabram Borough	3,335	3,920	888	1,073	5,152
Marong Shire	5,421	6,060	1,532	1,739	368,000
Nathalia Shire**	**	3,690	**	1,021	305,920
Numurkah Shire** ..	8,027	5,380	2,128	1,444	178,560
Rochester Shire	6,330	6,720	1,713	1,837	480,000
Rodney Shire	9,181	10,470	2,328	2,614	254,080
Shepparton City	10,848	12,820	3,004	3,649	4,716
Shepparton Shire ..	5,376	5,890	1,362	1,530	230,400
Strathfieldsaye Shire	4,213	5,060	1,120	1,386	152,960
Tungamah Shire	2,258	2,340	627	650	282,240
Waranga Shire	4,655	4,680	1,326	1,327	408,320
Yarrawonga Shire ..	3,770	4,140	965	1,087	155,520
Total—Northern Statistical Division	139,893	154,700	38,739	43,347	6,510,342
NORTH-EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Beechworth Shire	4,417	4,610	1,039	1,094	190,720
Benalla Borough** ..	6,045	7,300	1,652	1,951	4,544
Benalla Shire**	4,407	3,720	1,016	1,054	573,440
Bright Shire	8,060	9,440	2,092	2,259	909,440
Chiltern Shire	1,613	1,660	502	516	122,880
Euroa Shire	4,476	4,870	1,303	1,434	330,880
Mansfield Shire	5,023	5,180	1,447	1,526	965,120
Omeo Shire	2,072	2,110	609	621	1,428,480
Oxley Shire	4,393	4,600	1,180	1,247	691,200
Rutherglen Shire ..	2,897	3,020	852	889	131,200
Towong Shire	4,385	4,570	1,187	1,265	1,025,280
Upper Murray Shire ..	2,521	2,700	669	723	607,360
Violet Town Shire ..	1,424	1,470	412	425	231,040
Wangaratta City** ..	10,715	12,640	2,761	3,387	5,478
Wangaratta Shire ..	2,267	2,320	608	628	226,560
Wodonga Shire	10,924	12,770	1,890	2,480	85,760
Yackandandah Shire ..	3,131	3,190	825	843	274,560
Total—North-Eastern Statistical Division	78,770	86,170	20,044	22,342	7,803,942

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VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.59 (Acres)
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION					
Alberton Shire	5,602	5,910	1,665	1,760	461,440
Avon Shire	3,215	3,420	744	811	588,800
Bairnsdale Shire	10,104	11,130	2,707	3,038	606,720
Buln Buln Shire	8,015	8,540	2,212	2,391	311,040
Maffra Shire	8,554	9,000	2,269	2,433	1,031,040
Mirboo Shire	1,862	1,990	507	547	62,720
Moe Borough**	**	13,730	**	3,754	5,286
Morwell Shire	13,033	15,790	3,334	4,066	165,760
Narracan Shire**	21,023	8,980	5,499	2,287	570,880
Orbost Shire	5,492	5,740	1,562	1,640	2,368,000
Rosedale Shire	3,860	4,340	1,193	1,338	562,560
Sale City	6,537	7,460	1,737	2,021	5,363
South Gippsland Shire	4,882	5,160	1,302	1,385	353,920
Tambo Shire	5,085	5,590	1,418	1,576	867,840
Traralgon Shire	10,036	11,450	2,692	3,139	120,320
Warragul Shire	8,605	9,610	2,242	2,568	87,040
Woorayl Shire	7,046	8,050	2,130	2,448	307,840
Yallourn Works Area	5,580	5,000	1,213	1,266	8,653
Not Incorporated .. ..	..	..	..	..	82,886
Total—Gippsland Statistical Division	128,531	140,890	34,426	38,468	8,568,108

* In 1957 the Shire of Werribee was reduced and re-defined, the Altona Riding being constituted as the Shire of Altona.

† Parts of the Metropolitan portion of the Shire of Broadmeadows were annexed to the Shires of Bulla (1955 and 1958) and Whittlesea (1955). Prior to these transfers both the Shires of Bulla and Whittlesea were entirely outside the Metropolitan Area.

The entire extra-Metropolitan portion of the Shire of Broadmeadows (Central Division) was annexed to the Shire of Kilmore in 1955. Prior to this transfer the Shire of Kilmore was entirely in the North-Central Division. Broadmeadows was proclaimed a city in 1956.

‡ The Shire of Dandenong was reduced and re-defined in 1955, the annexed portion becoming the Shire of Springvale and Noble Park.

Dandenong was proclaimed a city in 1959.

§ The following portions of the Shires of Eltham, Fern Tree Gully, Frankston and Hastings, and Lillydale are in the Melbourne Metropolitan Area :—

Eltham : West, Eltham, and part of Northern Ridings.

Fern Tree Gully : North, Centre, and East Ridings.

Frankston and Hastings : Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings.

Lillydale : Western, North, and Southern Ridings.

The remaining portions of these Shires are in the Central Division.

¶ In 1959 part of the Shire of Keilor was annexed to the Shire of Melton. Prior to this transfer the Shire of Melton was entirely outside the Metropolitan Area.

|| The transfer to the City of Oakleigh of parts of the Shires of Mulgrave, Springvale, and Noble Park, and the City of Moorabbin did not take effect until 1st October, 1959, and consequently have not been included in the figures quoted.

** The following changes in non-Metropolitan Local Government Areas have taken place since 30th June, 1954 :—

New Local Government Areas constituted : Nathalia Shire, by annexation of portion of Numurkah Shire (1957) ;

Moe Borough by annexation of portion of Narracan Shire (1955).

Annexation of portions of Shires : Melton Shire to Bulla Shire (1959) ;

Eltham Shire to Healesville Shire (1958) ; Romsey Shire to Kilmore Shire (1958) ;

Portland Shire to Portland Town (1958) ; Benalla Shire to Benalla Borough (1956).

Changes in Status : Declared a city : Wangaratta (1959).

Declared Towns : Camperdown (1959) ; Stawell (1957).

VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS, AND AREA—*continued*

Municipality	Population		Dwellings		Area at 30.6.59 (Acres)
	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	At 30.6.54 (Census)	At 30.6.59 (Estimated)	
SUMMARY					
Statistical Divisions—					
Metropolitan	1,524,111	1,777,700	431,647	511,345	445,746
Central	209,447	254,610	63,742	78,626	3,792,026
North-Central	67,741	70,190	18,846	20,049	2,958,893
Western	180,051	197,580	49,188	54,732	9,155,226
Wimmera	57,686	62,010	16,249	17,610	7,812,090
Mallee	58,070	62,650	15,300	16,738	9,199,821
Northern	139,893	154,700	38,739	43,347	6,510,342
North-Eastern	78,770	86,170	20,044	22,342	7,803,942
Gippsland	128,531	140,890	34,426	38,468	8,568,108
Migratory	8,041	8,023	..	..	..
Total—Victoria ..	2,452,341	2,814,523	688,181	803,257	56,246,194
VICTORIA—					
Municipalities—					
Metropolitan	1,524,111	1,777,700	431,647	511,345	445,746
Rest of State	914,431	1,023,620	255,282	290,607	55,665,197
Yallourn Works Area	5,580	5,000	1,213	1,266	8,653
Not Incorporated	178	180	39	39	126,598
Migratory	8,041	8,023	..	..	..
Total—Victoria ..	2,452,341	2,814,523	688,181	803,257	56,246,194
URBAN AREAS*—					
Geelong and Suburbs	72,595	88,160	19,006	24,171	29,146
Ballarat and Suburbs	48,030	53,680	13,104	14,804	17,709
Bendigo and Suburbs	36,918	41,140	10,726	12,015	14,304

* For statistical purposes these areas are defined as follows :—

Geelong and Suburbs : Cities of Geelong, Geelong West, Newtown and Chilwell, and parts of the Shires of Bellarine, Corio, and South Barwon.

Ballarat and Suburbs : City of Ballarat, Borough of Sebastopol, and parts of the Shires of Ballarat and Buninyong.

Bendigo and Suburbs : City of Bendigo, Borough of Eaglehawk, and parts of the Shires of Marong and Strathfieldsaye.

Population of Australian States

In the following table is given the estimated population of each Australian State at 31st December, 1959:—

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES AT 31st DECEMBER, 1959

State or Territory	Area in Square Miles	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1959	Persons to the Square Mile	Proportion in Each State or Territory (Per cent.)
New South Wales	309,433	3,790,270	12·25	37·28
Victoria	87,884	2,842,903	32·35	27·96
Queensland	667,000	1,447,198	2·17	14·24
South Australia	380,070	934,427	2·46	9·19
Western Australia	975,920	726,489	0·74	7·15
Tasmania	26,215	354,582	13·53	3·49
Northern Territory	523,620	20,354	0·04	0·20
Australian Capital Territory ..	939*	49,950	53·19	0·49
Australia	2,971,081	10,166,173	3·42	100·00

* Includes Jervis Bay.

Census Populations to 1954

In the following table is given the census population of each Australian State from 1901 to 1954:—

CENSUS POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES

State or Territory	Population at Census of—					
	1901	1911	1921	1933	1947	1954
New South Wales ..	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847	2,984,838	3,423,529
Victoria	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261	2,054,701	2,452,341
Queensland	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,534	1,106,415	1,318,259
South Australia	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949	646,073	797,094
Western Australia	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852	502,480	639,771
Tasmania	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599	257,078	308,752
Northern Territory	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850	10,868	16,469
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	1,714*	2,572	8,947	16,905	30,315
Australia	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734	6,629,839	7,579,358	8,986,530

* Part of New South Wales prior to 1911.

The populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1901 to 1954, are shown in the following table:—

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES

Metropolitan Area	Population at Census of—					
	1901	1911	1921	1933	1947	1954
Sydney ..	481,830	629,503	899,059	1,235,267	1,484,004	1,863,161
Melbourne ..	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,226,409	1,524,111
Brisbane ..	119,428	139,480	209,946	299,748	402,030	502,320
Adelaide ..	162,261	189,646	255,375	312,619	382,454	483,508
Perth ..	66,832	106,792	154,873	207,440	272,528	348,647
Hobart ..	34,604	39,937	52,361	60,406	76,534	95,206

The population of Canberra at the Census of 1954, was 28,277.

At the Census of 1954, approximately 53 per cent. of the population of Australia was concentrated in the capital cities of the six States.

Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia since 1902.

The population of Victoria at each Census from 1861 to 1954, and the numerical and percentage increase during each Census period, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATION

Year of Census	Persons			Males			Females		
	Popula- tion	Increase in Census Period		Popula- tion	Increase in Census Period		Popula- tion	Increase in Census Period	
		Numeri- cal	Per- centage		Numeri- cal	Per- centage		Numeri- cal	Per- centage
1861 ..	538,628	461,283*	596.40*	327,605	281,403*	609.07*	211,023	179,880*	577.59*
1871 ..	730,198	191,570	35.57	400,266	72,661	22.18	329,932	118,909	56.35
1881 ..	861,566	131,368	17.99	451,623	51,357	12.83	409,943	80,011	24.25
1891 ..	1,140,088	278,522	32.33	598,222	146,599	32.46	541,866	131,923	32.18
1901 ..	1,201,070	60,982	5.35	603,720	5,498	0.92	597,350	55,484	10.24
1911 ..	1,315,551	114,481	9.53	655,591	51,871	8.59	659,960	62,610	10.48
1921 ..	1,531,280	215,729	16.40	754,724	99,133	15.12	776,556	116,596	17.67
1933 ..	1,820,261	288,981	18.87	903,244	148,520	19.68	917,017	140,461	18.09
1947 ..	2,054,701	234,440	12.88	1,013,867	110,623	12.25	1,040,834	123,817	13.50
1954 ..	2,452,341	397,640	19.35	1,231,099	217,232	21.43	1,221,242	180,408	17.33

* Since 1851

The ratio of males to females, at each census from 1861 to 1954, was as follows:—

Census								Males to 100 Females
1861	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155.25
1871	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	121.32
1881	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110.17
1891	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110.40
1901	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101.07
1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.34
1921	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97.19
1933	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98.50
1947	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97.41
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100.81

Census of 1954

The last Census of the Commonwealth was taken on 30th June, 1954. The population and number of dwellings in each municipality of Victoria at the 1954 Census, and as estimated at 30th June, 1959, appear on pages 103 to 108.

The population of the statistical divisions of Victoria enumerated at the Census of 1954 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF STATISTICAL DIVISIONS ACCORDING TO SEX AT CENSUS OF 1954

Statistical Division					Males	Females	Persons
1. Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	747,712	776,399	1,524,111
2. Central	..	..	..	..	109,015	100,432	209,447
3. North-Central	..	..	..	..	36,805	30,936	67,741
4. Western	..	..	..	..	90,656	89,395	180,051
5. Wimmera	..	..	..	..	29,526	28,160	57,686
6. Mallee	..	..	..	..	30,620	27,450	58,070
7. Northern	..	..	..	..	70,920	68,973	139,893
8. North-Eastern	..	..	..	..	41,496	37,274	78,770
9. Gippsland	..	..	..	..	67,854	60,677	128,531
Migratory	..	..	..	..	6,495	1,546	8,041
Total Victoria	..	..	..	..	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

NOTE.—The boundaries of the Metropolitan Division were re-defined as from 1st January, 1954.

The next table shows the change which has taken place in the age constitution of the population of Victoria since 1947:—

VICTORIA—AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Age Last Birthday (Years)	Census, 1947			Census, 1954			Increase of Persons 1947 to 1954
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
0-4	100,830	96,409	197,239	132,184	126,151	258,335	61,096
5-9	78,593	75,518	154,111	122,204	116,653	238,857	84,746
10-14	68,738	66,655	135,393	92,175	88,632	180,807	45,414
15-19	76,723	75,271	151,994	78,776	74,945	153,721	1,727
20-24	82,121	83,762	165,883	83,734	77,196	160,930	(-) 4,953
25-29	78,719	80,764	159,483	101,392	93,078	194,470	34,987
30-34	78,988	81,337	160,325	100,487	95,108	195,595	35,270
35-39	76,149	75,585	151,734	87,819	85,875	173,694	21,960
40-44	71,431	67,871	139,302	88,548	84,036	172,584	33,282
45-49	66,437	66,565	133,002	78,969	73,389	152,358	19,356
50-54	58,920	63,955	122,875	69,714	67,798	137,512	14,637
55-59	54,231	57,809	112,040	55,039	59,817	114,856	2,816
60-64	42,105	47,274	89,379	50,136	58,306	108,442	19,063
65 and over ..	79,882	102,059	181,941	89,922	120,258	210,180	28,239
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	397,640
Under 21	340,417	330,031	670,448	440,629	420,827	861,456	191,008
21-64	593,568	608,744	1,202,312	700,548	680,157	1,380,705	178,393
65 and over ..	79,882	102,059	181,941	89,922	120,258	210,180	28,239
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	397,640

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

Numerical and percentage increases of the population in selected age groups from 1947 to 1954 are contrasted in the following table, with corresponding increases from 1933 to 1947:—

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION IN AGE GROUPS: CENSUSES, 1933 TO 1954

Age Group (Years)	Census, 1933	Increase, 1933 to 1947		Increase, 1947 to 1954	
	Persons	Numerical	Percentage	Numerical	Percentage
Under 21	665,650	4,798	0·7	191,008	28·5
21-64	1,017,070	185,242	18·2	178,393	14·8
65 and over ..	137,541	44,400	32·3	28,239	15·5
Total	1,820,261	234,440	12·9	397,640	19·4

The following table shows the population of Victoria classified according to conjugal condition:—

VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Conjugal Condition	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Never Married—						
Under Fifteen Years of Age	248,161	238,582	486,743	346,563	331,436	677,999
Fifteen Years of Age and Over	245,767	219,852	465,619	257,342	196,891	454,233
Total—Never Married ..	493,928	458,434	952,362	603,905	528,327	1,132,232
Married	463,979	463,406	927,385	570,204	564,688	1,134,892
Married but Permanently Separated	15,291	18,550	33,841	15,214	18,144	33,358
Widowed	31,793	90,164	121,957	30,906	99,058	129,964
Divorced	5,689	6,774	12,463	7,250	9,062	16,312
Not Stated	3,187	3,506	6,693	3,620	1,963	5,583
Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The following table shows the birthplace of the population at the Census of 1954:—

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACE OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1954

Birthplace	Males	Females	Persons
AUSTRALASIA—			
Australia	1,020,836	1,062,543	2,083,379
New Zealand	5,456	5,675	11,131
Other	118	139	257
Total Australasia	1,026,410	1,068,357	2,094,767
EUROPE—			
England	66,190	57,498	123,688
Wales	1,743	1,279	3,022
Scotland	17,282	14,793	32,075
Northern Ireland	1,808	1,295	3,103
Ireland, Republic of	1,139	633	1,772
Ireland—Undefined	4,753	3,315	8,068
Albania	612	84	696
Austria	2,064	1,899	3,963
Belgium	288	325	613
Czechoslovakia	2,579	1,489	4,068
Denmark	428	202	630

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACE OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1954—
continued

Birthplace	Males	Females	Persons
<i>EUROPE—continued</i>			
Estonia	652	697	1,349
France	725	772	1,497
Germany	11,029	10,743	21,772
Greece	5,009	2,636	7,645
Hungary	2,624	1,683	4,307
Italy	27,709	14,720	42,429
Latvia	3,021	2,672	5,693
Lithuania	1,763	1,199	2,962
Malta	4,469	2,662	7,131
Netherlands	9,188	6,786	15,974
Norway	481	112	593
Poland	12,836	8,592	21,428
Romania	619	441	1,060
Sweden	474	106	580
Switzerland	518	448	966
Ukraine	2,710	1,968	4,678
U.S.S.R.	1,685	1,706	3,391
Yugoslavia	4,060	2,058	6,118
Other	1,593	877	2,470
Total Europe	190,051	143,690	333,741
<i>ASIA—</i>			
China	1,726	492	2,218
Cyprus	1,760	636	2,396
Federation of Malaya	436	209	645
India, Pakistan, Ceylon	2,695	1,638	4,333
Indonesia	551	283	834
Israel	772	754	1,526
Syria and Lebanon	321	224	545
Other	1,310	754	2,064
Total Asia	9,571	4,990	14,561
<i>AFRICA—</i>			
Union of South Africa	882	850	1,732
Egypt	1,523	1,225	2,748
Other	255	218	473
Total Africa	2,660	2,293	4,953
<i>AMERICA—</i>			
Canada	582	480	1,062
United States of America	1,349	905	2,254
Other	221	211	432
Total America	2,152	1,596	3,748
OTHER	255	316	571
GRAND TOTAL	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The Censuses of 1947 and 1954 show the nationality of the population as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF THE POPULATION AT
CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Nationality	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BRITISH* ..	1,005,324	1,037,770	2,043,094	1,148,786	1,167,012	2,315,798
FOREIGN—						
American (U.S.)	617	270	887	1,042	606	1,648
Austrian ..	193	116	309	699	651	1,350
Chinese ..	1,030	82	1,112	1,401	189	1,590
Czechoslovakian	78	43	121	1,462	809	2,271
Dutch ..	468	191	659	9,255	7,035	16,290
Estonian ..	15	5	20	565	609	1,174
French ..	87	94	181	514	493	1,007
German ..	801	354	1,155	6,078	5,414	11,492
Greek ..	1,101	207	1,308	4,037	2,241	6,278
Hungarian ..	60	44	104	1,683	1,118	2,801
Italian ..	1,747	573	2,320	23,225	11,981	35,206
Latvian ..	13	11	24	2,992	2,814	5,806
Lithuanian ..	3	6	9	1,646	1,148	2,794
Norwegian ..	155	23	178	239	61	300
Polish ..	575	480	1,055	9,370	6,889	16,259
Portuguese ..	13	4	17	425	7	432
Romanian ..	9	13	22	267	180	447
Russian ..	57	36	93	548	495	1,043
Swiss ..	89	28	117	310	264	574
Ukrainian ..	†	†	†	3,185	2,453	5,638
Yugoslavian ..	128	25	153	3,450	2,045	5,495
Other . .	852	177	1,029	2,446	988	3,434
Stateless ..	452	282	734	7,474	5,740	13,214
Total Foreign	8,543	3,064	11,607	82,313	54,230	136,543
GRAND TOTAL	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

* Includes Irish.

† Included with U.S.S.R.

The next table shows the period of residence in Australia, at Censuses of 1947 and 1954, of persons who were not born in Australia:—

VICTORIA—PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA, AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954, OF PERSONS WHO WERE NOT BORN IN AUSTRALIA

Number of Completed Years of Residence	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
0	4,550	3,077	7,627	18,237	13,343	31,580
1	930	1,283	2,213	10,416	9,128	19,544
2	391	306	697	22,428	13,659	36,087
3	167	106	273	24,115	17,329	41,444
4	148	70	218	26,517	19,140	45,657
0-4	6,186	4,842	11,028	101,713	72,599	174,312
5	663	335	998	19,547	14,009	33,556
6	869	486	1,355	5,975	4,483	10,458
7	1,363	909	2,272	2,583	2,243	4,826
8	2,640	2,204	4,844	} 4,233	3,325	7,558
9	1,866	1,223	3,089			
10-14	3,471	3,227	6,698			
5-14	10,872	8,384	19,256	32,338	24,060	56,398
15 and over ..	79,670	63,452	143,122	72,948	59,243	132,191
Not Stated ..	2,623	2,571	5,194	3,264	2,797	6,061
Born outside Australia ..	99,351	79,249	178,600	210,263	158,699	368,962
Born in Australia	914,516	961,585	1,876,101	1,020,836	1,062,543	2,083,379
Total ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The following table shows the religion of the population at Censuses of 1947 and 1954:—

VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Religion	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
CHRISTIAN---						
Baptist ..	14,803	17,217	32,020	16,084	18,232	34,316
Brethren ..	1,125	1,459	2,584	1,479	1,782	3,261
Catholic, Roman (*) ..	71,179	62,986	134,165	99,128	82,083	181,211
Catholic (*) ..	133,744	151,752	285,496	188,492	194,951	383,443
Church of Christ	13,746	15,976	29,722	15,797	17,811	33,608
Church of England ..	360,028	369,874	729,902	413,591	418,882	832,473
Congregational	5,058	6,316	11,374	5,417	6,505	11,922
Greek Orthodox	†	†	†	12,219	7,902	20,121
Lutheran ..	5,244	4,758	10,002	11,785	11,108	22,893

* So described on individual Census schedules.

† Not available.

VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947
AND 1954—*continued*

Religion	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
CHRISTIAN—<i>con- tinued.</i>						
Methodist ..	112,874	121,721	234,595	122,377	130,425	252,802
Presbyterian ..	139,628	148,755	288,383	158,811	167,611	326,422
Protestant, Unde- fined ..	13,397	13,876	27,273	18,787	18,966	37,753
Salvation Army	5,060	5,924	10,984	5,291	6,100	11,391
Seventh Day Ad- ventist ..	1,298	1,978	3,276	1,906	2,562	4,468
Other ..	6,118	7,148	13,266	6,967	7,981	14,948
Total Christian	883,302	929,740	1,813,042	1,078,131	1,092,901	2,171,032
NON-CHRISTIAN—						
Hebrew ..	7,696	7,214	14,910	12,211	11,805	24,016
Other ..	895	130	1,025	1,830	453	2,283
Total Non- Christian ..	8,591	7,344	15,935	14,041	12,258	26,299
Indefinite ..	2,547	2,281	4,828	2,579	2,239	4,818
No Religion ..	5,517	2,441	7,958	4,564	2,073	6,637
No Reply ..	113,910	99,028	212,938	131,784	111,771	243,555
Grand Total ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

In the following table the male and female populations of Victoria are classified according to the industry in which they are usually engaged :—

VICTORIA—INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT
CENSUS OF 1954

Industry	Males	Females	Persons
Primary Production—			
Agricultural, Grazing, and Dairying ..	102,949	8,355	111,304
Other	5,175	21	5,196
Total Primary Production	108,124	8,376	116,500
Mining and Quarrying	4,463	123	4,586
Manufacturing—			
Founding, Engineering, and Metalworking ..	65,219	10,006	75,225
Manufacture, Assembly, and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories ..	40,121	3,044	43,165
Manufacture of Clothing, Knitted Goods, Boots, Shoes, &c. ..	19,561	36,518	56,079
Manufacture of Food, Drink, and Tobacco ..	33,378	9,027	42,405
Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, and Photography	18,694	5,939	24,633
Other	75,259	24,638	99,897
Total Manufacturing	252,232	89,172	341,404

VICTORIA—INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1954—
continued

Industry	Males	Females	Persons
Building and Construction	84,401	1,067	85,468
Transport and Storage	58,608	4,086	62,694
Communication	17,870	4,936	22,806
Finance and Property	18,938	9,690	28,628
Commerce	109,765	51,909	161,674
Public Authority (<i>n.e.l.</i>) and Professional Activities	72,584	51,521	124,105
Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, &c...	28,306	32,826	61,132
Electricity, Gas, Water, &c.	24,116	1,491	25,607
Industry Inadequately Described or Not Stated ..	7,541	2,249	9,790
Persons Not in Work Force	444,151	963,796	1,407,947
Grand Total	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The following table shows the occupational status of the population at Censuses of 1948 and 1954 :—

VICTORIA—OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION
AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954

Occupational Status	Census, 1947			Census, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
In Work Force—						
At Work—						
Employer	53,696	7,545	61,241	59,396	8,975	68,371
Self-employed	96,689	14,741	111,430	103,083	16,302	119,385
Employee (On Wage or Salary)	498,202	188,491	686,693	608,575	225,965	834,540
Helper (Not on Wage or Salary)	7,356	1,138	8,494	5,154	2,751	7,905
Total at Work	655,943	211,915	867,858	776,208	253,993	1,030,201
Not at Work *	13,838	4,191	18,029	9,659	2,997	12,656
Total in Work Force	669,781	216,106	885,887	785,867	256,990	1,042,857
Not in Work Force	339,269	823,390	1,162,659	444,151	963,796	1,407,947
Not Stated	4,817	1,338	6,155	1,081	456	1,537
Grand Total	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

* Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs, or for any other reason.

The following is a list of extra-metropolitan localities in Victoria which contained a population of 1,000 persons or over at the Census of 1954:—

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF EXTRA-METROPOLITAN LOCALITIES

Locality	Population at Census, 1954	Locality	Population at Census, 1954
Alexandra	1,712	Euroa	2,657
Ararat*	7,414	Geelong*	20,034
Avoca	1,025	Geelong West*	17,313
Bacchus Marsh	2,825	Hamilton*	8,507
Bairnsdale	5,718	Hastings	1,022
Ballaarat*	39,945	Healesville	2,707
Beaufort	1,281	Heathcote	1,273
Beechworth	3,153	Heyfield	2,184
Benalla*	6,045	Horsham*	7,767
Bendigo*	28,726	Irymple	1,068
Broadford	1,451	Kerang	3,227
Camperdown*	3,205	Kilmore	1,474
Casterton	2,391	Koroit*.. .. .	1,401
Castlemaine*	6,577	Korumburra	2,858
Charlton	1,408	Kyabram*	3,335
Cobram	1,695	Kyneton	3,232
Cohuna	1,542	Lakes Entrance	1,252
Colac*	8,032	Leongatha	2,304
Coleraine	1,393	Maffra	3,161
Creswick	1,606	Mansfield	1,861
Daylesford*	3,216	Maryborough*	6,827
Dimboola	1,814	Merbein	1,768
Donald	1,480	Mildura*	10,972
Dromana	1,257	Moe†	8,770
Drouin	2,104	Mooroopna	1,796
Eaglehawk*	4,696	Mornington	3,589
Echuca*	5,405	Mortlake	1,048
Eildon Weir	2,913	Morwell	9,040

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF EXTRA-METROPOLITAN LOCALITIES—
continued

Locality	Population at Census, 1954	Locality	Population at Census, 1954
Mount Beauty	1,782	St. Arnaud*	3,037
Murtoa	1,132	Stawell*	5,463
Myrtleford	1,538	Sunbury	2,385
Nathalia	1,046	Swan Hill*	5,197
Newborough	3,657	Tatura	1,929
Newtown and Chilwell* ..	11,191	Terang	2,365
Nhill	2,208	Tongala	1,465
Numurkah	2,195	Trafalgar	1,537
Ocean Grove	1,353	Traralgon	8,845
Orbost	2,214	Wangaratta*	10,715
Ouyen	1,426	Warburton	1,320
Pakenham East	1,110	Warracknabeal	3,009
Penshurst	1,026	Warragul	5,324
Port Fairy*	2,265	Warrnambool*	10,850
Portland*	4,759	Werribee	4,335
Queenscliffe*	2,551	Werribee South	1,480
Red Cliffs	2,361	Winchelsea	1,234
Rochester	1,791	Wodonga	5,259
Rosebud	1,694	Wonthaggi*	4,461
Rutherglen	1,370	Woodend	1,093
Rye	1,055	Wycheproof	1,006
Sale*	6,537	Yallourn North	1,457
Sebastopol*	3,265	Yallourn Works Area* ..	5,580
Seymour	3,736	Yarragon	1,096
Shepparton*	10,848	Yarram	1,800
Shepparton East	1,071	Yarrowonga	2,953
Sorrento	1,823	Yea	1,131

* The area covered by these localities coincides with the Local Government Area of the same name, and estimates of their populations as at 30th June, 1959, are therefore included in pages 103 to 108.

† The Borough of Moe was created in 1955; its estimated population at 30th June, 1959, is shown on page 108.

Aborigines in Victoria

The estimated number of persons with a significant amount of aboriginal blood who were born in Victoria and living in this State on 30th June, 1959, was 1,430 of whom fifteen were recorded as full-blood. In addition, there were approximately ten full-bloods and 820 part-aborigines from other States who had become domiciled in Victoria.

In 1957, following investigation by a Board of Inquiry appointed by the State Government to inquire into the operation of legislation under which aboriginal affairs were being administered, Parliament passed the present Aborigines Act. It repealed the law then existing and constituted the Aborigines Welfare Board to replace the former Board for the Protection of the Aborigines. The function of the new Board is to promote the moral, physical and intellectual welfare of aboriginal people living in Victoria, irrespective of their place of birth or degree of native blood, with a view to their assimilation into the general community.

After a preliminary survey of the conditions, the Board gave priority to plans for housing aboriginal people who are living in depressed camp settlements or in sub-standard metropolitan dwellings. Ten houses have already been completed at Mooroopna and are occupied by families transferred from river-bank camps.

The aborigines under the direct care of the Board are maintained on Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station, in East Gippsland, which is under the control of the resident manager. The number on the Station at 30th June, 1959, was 156 of whom six were recorded as full-bloods.

Approximately 80 part-aborigines live on another aboriginal reserve at Framlingham, in the Western District, which is supervised by a local Welfare Committee whose funds are subsidised by the Board. These aborigines are provided with Government cottages, for which they are charged a nominal rental, and maintain themselves with assistance from the Welfare Committee. Many of them receive social service allowances.

During the year two mixed bloods were born at Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station. No deaths occurred there.

The Board derives its revenue almost wholly from an Annual Appropriation by Parliament, and loan funds are allocated for capital works. The amount expended by the Board during 1958-59 was £33,587. The Housing Commission, Victoria, constructs houses for aborigines as the Board's agent. The Board has accepted responsibility for payment of the economic rent of the houses and charges the aboriginal occupants a small weekly rental according to their means.

Vital Statistics

Introduction

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages

The system of compulsory registration of births, deaths, and marriages in Victoria has been in force since 1853, and the registers contain all necessary information bearing on the family history of the people. The statutory duties under the Registration Acts are performed by the Government Statist, who has supervision over the registrars of births and deaths, the registrars of marriages, and (so far as regards their registration duties) the clergymen who celebrate marriages. Copies of entries certified by the Government Statist or by an Assistant Government Statist are *prima facie* evidence in the Courts of Australia of the facts to which they relate. At the Government Statist's Office there is kept for reference a complete collection of all registrations effected since 1st July, 1853, as well as originals or certified copies of all existing church records relating to earlier periods, as far back as 1837.

Law Relating to Births, Deaths, and Marriages

The various Acts relating to the registration of births, deaths, and marriages in Victoria were consolidated in 1958. The *Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act* 1959 provided for the registration of births and deaths to be effected by post, and was proclaimed to operate from 1st October, 1960.

Marriages may be celebrated by any minister of religion who ordinarily officiates as such in one of the religious denominations, and whose name is registered in the office of the Government Statist ; also by the Government Statist, an Assistant Government Statist, or a duly appointed Registrar of Marriages. The Governor in Council may prohibit from celebrating marriages any minister who is proved guilty of any indictable offence, misconduct or impropriety in the celebration of any marriage, or who makes a business of celebrating marriages for the purpose of profit or gain. At least three clear days before the performance of any marriage, written notice of such marriage must be given to the proposed celebrant by the parties about to be married, but such notice may, in respect of a marriage by a minister of religion, be dispensed with in the case of emergency by written permission of any justice of the peace. Marriage of minors is permissible only with the written consent of parents or guardian or, in certain circumstances, by permission of a Guardian of Minors ; should a parent refuse consent, appeal may be made to a stipendiary magistrate. Marriage with a deceased wife's sister is valid. Marriages of Jews and Quakers are exempted in part from the law relating to marriages, and are deemed legal and valid if celebrated according to their respective usages. Certificates of such marriages must, however, be lodged with the Government Statist for record purposes. No marriage is invalid by reason of its having been celebrated by an unqualified person if either of the parties believed at the time that such person was qualified, or by reason of any formal defect or irregularity where the identity of the parties to the marriage is not in question.

A person whose husband or wife has been continually absent from such person for the space of seven years or over, and has not been known by such person to be living within that time, may marry without being liable to prosecution for bigamy (*see* sec. 61 of the Crimes Act) ; but such a marriage would be void, and the issue thereof illegitimate, if it should be subsequently discovered that the former wife (or husband) was alive at the date of the marriage.

Births of live children must, under a penalty not exceeding £10 for default without reasonable cause, be registered within 60 days. After 60 days and within twelve months, registration may be effected, after declaration, on the payment of a fee of 5s. ; after twelve months and under seven years, only by authority of the Government Statist (fee 20s.) ; and after seven years by order of a Judge of the County Court or the Supreme Court (fee 30s.). The occupier of any house or place in which an illegitimate child is born, or in which an illegitimate child under the age of five years dies, is required to give notice of such birth or death to the district registrar within three to seven days, according to the locality of the event. If the mother is the occupier, the period of notification is extended to three weeks.

Act No. 5623 of 1952 amended the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Acts by providing for the compulsory registration of still-born children ; the Act defined a still-born child as any child born of its mother after the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy which did not at any time after being born breathe or show any other sign of life, and, where the duration of pregnancy is not reliably ascertainable, includes any foetus weighing not less than two pounds twelve ounces.

Deaths must, under a penalty not exceeding £10, be notified to the local registrar by the occupier of the house or tenement in which the death occurred. Registration of death must be effected within 21 days by a person present at the death or in attendance during the last illness of the deceased or, in the case of illness, inability or default of such person, by the occupier of the house or tenement in which the death occurred. The medical practitioner in attendance during the last illness is also required, under a penalty not exceeding £5, to report the death to the registrar, unless the death has been reported to the coroner.

The principal numbers and rates relating to vital statistics are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1959

Division	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population			Infant Mortality
	Marriages	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths under One Year †	Marriages	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Live Births
Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	*	37,265	16,465	758	*	20·98	9·27	20·34
Remainder of State ..	*	24,980	8,613	562	*	24·11	8·31	22·50
Victoria	20,456	62,245	25,078	1,320	7·27	22·13	8·92	21·21

* Not available

† Included in figure for deaths

The average annual natural increase, i.e., the excess of births over deaths, per 1,000 of the mean population, in each Australian State and the Commonwealth of Australia, since 1910, as well as detailed particulars for Victoria since 1900, are shown in the following tables :—

AUSTRALIA—NATURAL INCREASE PER 1,000 OF THE MEAN POPULATION

Period	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
1910-14 ..	18·38	13·85	18·51	17·68	18·61	19·35	17·03
1915-19 ..	15·98	11·75	17·06	14·84	15·47	17·83	14·99
1920-24 ..	15·73	12·49	16·13	13·75	13·96	16·66	14·60
1925-29 ..	12·99	10·57	13·35	11·18	12·71	13·27	12·18
1930-34 ..	9·52	6·77	10·56	6·89	10·26	11·05	8·78
1935-39* ..	7·91	5·64	10·06	6·12	9·85	10·36	7·67
1940-44* ..	9·36	7·82	12·01	9·05	11·37	11·47	9·52
1945-49* ..	12·77	11·73	15·70	14·31	15·30	16·82	13·41
1950-54 ..	12·44	12·68	15·40	14·30	16·74	16·97	13·63
1955 ..	11·98	13·38	15·72	13·36	17·07	17·71	13·65
1956 ..	11·71	13·25	14·80	13·40	16·75	17·35	13·37
1957 ..	12·74	13·58	15·86	13·68	16·81	17·46	14·04
1958 ..	12·91	13·74	15·85	13·72	15·84	17·35	14·09
1959 ..	12·14	13·21	16·18	13·49	16·16	16·97	13·69

* Excess of births over civilian deaths in the Australian States from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

VICTORIA—NATURAL INCREASE PER 1,000 OF THE MEAN POPULATION

Period	Average Annual Excess of Live Births over Deaths	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population			Period	Average Annual Excess of Live Births over Deaths	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population		
		Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase			Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase
1900-04 ..	14,859	25·08	12·84	12·24	1940-44 ..	15,250	18·53	10·71	7·82*
1905-09 ..	16,062	24·76	11·93	12·83	1945-49 ..	24,188	22·13	10·40	11·73*
1910-14 ..	18,795	25·42	11·57	13·85	1950-54 ..	29,605	22·47	9·79	12·68*
1915-19 ..	16,818	23·13	11·38	11·75	1955 ..	33,809	22·30	8·92	13·38*
1920-24 ..	19,647	22·89	10·40	12·49	1956 ..	34,507	22·42	9·17	13·25*
1925-29 ..	18,218	20·24	9·67	10·57	1957 ..	36,333	22·61	9·03	13·58*
1930-34 ..	12,249	16·27	9·50	6·77	1958 ..	37,644	22·36	8·62	13·74*
1935-39 ..	10,473	15·87	10·23	5·64*	1959 ..	37,167	22·13	8·92	13·21*

* Excess of births over civilian deaths in the Australian States from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

Marriages

Marriages in Victoria in 1959 numbered 20,456, a decrease of 193 as compared with the number registered in 1958. The rate per 1,000 of mean population in 1959 was 7·27 as compared with a rate of 7·54 in 1958, and was the lowest recorded in Victoria since the depression year of 1933, when the rate was 6·96. The highest rate ever recorded in Victoria was 12·06 in 1942, and the lowest 5·66 in 1931.

The following table shows the number of marriages, the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the mean population since 1900 :—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES

Period	Average Annual Number of Marriages	Quarter of Registration				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population
		March	June	September	December	
1900-04 ..	8,201	2,000	2,252	1,930	2,019	6.78
1905-09 ..	9,209	2,185	2,548	2,182	2,294	7.36
1910-14 ..	11,244	2,664	3,000	2,644	2,936	8.29
1915-19 ..	10,908	2,437	2,754	2,815	2,902	7.62
1920-24 ..	13,598	3,252	3,578	3,152	3,616	8.64
1925-29 ..	13,301	3,136	3,603	3,047	3,515	7.72
1930-34 ..	12,019	2,929	3,123	2,727	3,240	6.64
1935-39 ..	16,406	3,699	4,484	3,414	4,809	8.84
1940-44 ..	20,609	5,089	5,383	4,812	5,325	10.56
1945-49 ..	19,689	4,995	5,057	4,205	5,432	9.54
1950-54 ..	20,060	5,049	5,101	4,156	5,754	8.59
1955 ..	20,056	4,817	5,046	4,124	6,069	7.94
1956 ..	20,137	5,360	4,825	4,368	5,584	7.73
1957 ..	20,239	4,754	5,183	4,376	5,926	7.57
1958 ..	20,649	5,146	5,586	4,028	5,889	7.54
1959 ..	20,456	5,312	5,064	4,246	5,834	7.27

The crude marriage rate—per 1,000 of the mean population—like birth and death rates similarly estimated, is apt to be misleading in the early settlement stages of countries like Australia, but it affords a ready and approximate comparison between years not widely separated.

The following statement shows the marriage rate per 1,000 of the mean population in the Australian States for each of the five years 1955 to 1959 :—

AUSTRALIA—MARRIAGE RATES

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
1955	7.92	7.94	7.54	7.59	7.81	8.22	7.84
1956	7.68	7.73	7.27	7.40	7.50	8.07	7.61
1957	7.94	7.57	7.33	7.53	7.08	7.59	7.64
1958	7.73	7.54	7.25	7.25	7.14	7.33	7.51
1959	7.50	7.27	7.36	7.18	7.49	7.45	7.39

The relative ages of bridegrooms and brides who were married in Victoria in 1959 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, 1959

Ages of Bridegrooms	Ages of Brides														Total Bridegrooms
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 and over	
16 ..	..	2	4	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
17 ..	..	3	19	21	8	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55
18 ..	..	14	35	55	65	33	10	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	218
19 ..	3	11	53	99	111	94	58	62	3	..	..	..	..	..	494
20 ..	1	8	53	114	179	199	151	156	8	..	..	..	..	..	869
21 to 24 ..	10	30	120	340	713	1,152	1,417	3,463	371	32	6	..	2	1	7,657
25 to 29 ..	4	7	38	90	250	464	667	2,632	1,158	241	59	11	5	1	5,627
30 to 34 ..	..	2	3	18	42	101	126	741	784	455	183	37	16	8	2,516
35 to 39 ..	..	..	2	1	8	8	22	131	233	293	225	73	38	8	1,042
40 to 44 ..	1	..	..	1	..	3	3	41	66	145	128	84	56	22	550
45 to 49 ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	12	31	67	97	84	90	56	441
50 to 54 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	14	23	45	55	72	84	296
55 to 59 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	12	20	40	45	123	244
60 to 64 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	11	32	111	162
65 and over ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	6	23	239	273
Total Brides	19	77	327	742	1,377	2,060	2,458	7,249	2,671	1,271	772	401	379	653	20,456

Of every 1,000 men married during 1959, 778 were older and 138 were younger than their brides, and 84 were of the same age. In 1959 the oldest bridegroom was aged 91 years and the oldest bride 88 years ; the youngest bridegroom was aged sixteen years, and the youngest bride fourteen years.

The percentages of marriages in 1959 by the age of both bridegrooms and brides are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—PERCENTAGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN AGE GROUPS, 1959

Age Group	Percentage of Total—		Age Group	Percentage of Total—	
	Bridegrooms	Brides		Bridegrooms	Brides
Under 16 ..	..	0.5	35 to 39 ..	5.1	3.8
16 ..	0.1	1.6	40 to 44 ..	2.7	2.0
17 ..	0.3	3.6	45 to 49 ..	2.2	1.8
18 ..	1.1	6.7	50 to 54 ..	1.4	1.2
19 ..	2.4	10.1	55 to 59 ..	1.2	0.8
20 ..	4.2	12.0	60 and over..	2.1	1.2
21 to 24 ..	37.4	35.4			
25 to 29 ..	27.5	13.1		100.0	100.0
30 to 34 ..	12.3	6.2			

The number of minors marrying at each age and the proportion of each sex to the total marriages are given in the following table for each of the five years 1955 to 1959 :—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES OF MINORS

Year	Age in Years								Total		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Number	Percentage of Total Marriages	
BRIDEGROOMS											
1955	3	44	107	387	714	1,255	6.26
1956	1	4	41	167	378	785	1,376	6.83
1957	9	41	184	434	855	1,523	7.53
1958	1	11	58	213	465	851	1,599	7.74
1959	12	55	218	494	869	1,648	8.06
BRIDES											
1955	..	1	11	51	263	620	1,262	1,811	2,117	6,136	30.59
1956	..	1	5	66	245	667	1,335	1,951	2,147	6,417	31.87
1957	..	2	8	64	287	684	1,373	2,010	2,392	6,820	33.70
1958	..	1	9	89	321	731	1,417	2,036	2,512	7,116	34.46
1959	19	77	327	742	1,377	2,060	2,458	7,060	34.51

A feature of Victorian marriages since the end of the Second World War has been the steady increase in the proportion of marriages which involve minors. In 1947, 4.82 per cent. of bridegrooms and 22.94 per cent. of brides were under 21 years of age, but by 1959 these percentages had increased to 8.06 and 34.51 respectively, whilst in 6.91 per cent. of marriages both parties were under 21 years of age.

The mean ages at marriage, according to conjugal condition, are shown in the following table for each of the five years 1955 to 1959 :—

VICTORIA—MEAN AGE AT MARRIAGE

Year	Bridegrooms				Brides				
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	All Bridegrooms	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	All Brides	
1955	..	26.9	54.7	40.0	28.9	23.8	47.0	36.1	25.7
1956	..	26.8	56.0	40.5	28.9	23.7	49.0	36.8	25.6
1957	..	26.7	56.3	41.3	28.7	23.5	48.9	37.0	25.3
1958	..	26.7	56.9	41.0	28.6	23.4	48.7	36.9	25.2
1959	..	26.6	56.3	40.4	28.6	23.2	48.9	37.1	25.2

In the following tables are given the number of persons in each conjugal condition marrying during each of the five years 1955 to 1959, and the proportions in each condition for periods since 1930 :—

VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PERSONS MARRYING

Period	Bridegrooms			Brides			Total Marriages
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	
1955 ..	17,979	882	1,195	17,869	953	1,234	20,056
1956 ..	18,078	911	1,148	17,969	900	1,268	20,137
1957 ..	18,405	859	975	18,264	848	1,127	20,239
1958 ..	18,740	808	1,101	18,610	834	1,205	20,649
1959 ..	18,406	841	1,209	18,287	833	1,336	20,456

VICTORIA—TOTAL MARRIAGES IN 1959 AND PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS MARRYING IN EACH CONJUGAL CONDITION, 1930 TO 1959

Marriage Between—	1959		Conjugal Condition	Percentage of Total—			
	Number	Percentage		1930-39	1940-49	1950-59	1959
BRIDEGROOMS							
Bachelors and Spinsters ..	17,312	84.6	Bachelors	92.3	90.5	89.5	89.9
Bachelors and Widows ..	310	1.5	Widowers	5.5	4.9	4.5	4.2
Bachelors and Divorced Women ..	784	3.8	Divorced ..	2.2	4.6	6.0	5.9
Widowers and Spinsters ..	296	1.5	Total ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Widowers and Widows ..	365	1.8					
Widowers and Divorced Women ..	180	0.9	BRIDES				
Divorced Men and Spinsters ..	679	3.3	Spinsters	94.4	91.4	89.2	89.4
Divorced Men and Widows ..	158	0.8	Widows ..	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.1
Divorced Men and Divorced Women ..	372	1.8	Divorced ..	2.2	4.7	6.4	6.5
Total Marriages ..	20,456	100.0	Total ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The proportion of divorcees remarrying per 100 marriages has continued to rise. Between the periods 1910 to 1914 and 1950 to 1959 the percentage of bridegrooms who were divorcees increased from 0.7 to 6.0 and the percentage of brides from 0.9 to 6.4. The increased

proportion of divorced persons remarrying reflects the higher number of decrees for dissolution of marriage granted in recent years. The numbers of such decrees and of remarriages of divorced men and of divorced women for certain periods since 1900 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—DIVORCED PERSONS REMARRYING SINCE 1900

Period	Decrees Granted	Remarriages	
		Divorced Men	Divorced Women
1900-09.. ..	1,208	418	554
1910-19.. ..	2,258	867	1,096
1920-29.. ..	4,392	2,125	2,116
1930-39.. ..	6,059	3,172	3,099
1940-49.. ..	14,686	9,297	9,310
1950	1,591	1,296	1,305
1951	1,714	1,382	1,339
1952	1,596	1,281	1,350
1953	2,096	1,274	1,346
1954	1,519	1,171	1,250
1955	1,674	1,195	1,234
1956	1,255	1,148	1,268
1957	1,345	975	1,127
1958	1,698	1,101	1,205
1959	1,861	1,209	1,336

In 1959 the number of marriages celebrated by ministers of religion was 18,593 representing 91 per cent. of the total marriages. Civil marriages numbered 1,863, or 9 per cent. of the total.

The numbers and proportion of civil marriages and of marriages solemnized according to the rites of the principal religious denominations for the years 1939, 1949, and 1959 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL

Denomination	1939		1949		1959	
	Number	Per-centage of Total Marriages	Number	Per-centage of Total Marriages	Number	Per-centage of Total Marriages
Church of England	5,086	29.28	5,985	29.83	4,644	22.70
Roman Catholic	3,373	19.42	4,007	19.97	5,659	27.66
Presbyterian	3,203	18.44	3,983	19.85	3,273	16.00
Methodist	2,593	14.93	2,927	14.59	2,593	12.68
Baptist	709	4.08	385	1.92	312	1.52
Church of Christ	466	2.68	357	1.78	347	1.70
Congregational	364	2.10	312	1.55	258	1.26
Lutheran	73	0.42	186	0.93	243	1.19
Hebrew	113	0.65	176	0.88	157	0.77
Salvation Army	199	1.15	95	0.47	99	0.48
Other Denominations	201	1.16	222	1.10	1,008	4.93
Civil Marriages	988	5.69	1,431	7.13	1,863	9.11
Total	17,368	100.00	20,066	100.00	20,456	100.00

The following statement shows the numbers and proportions of civil marriages to total marriages performed for each of the ten years 1950 to 1959. In addition the number and proportions of civil marriages performed in the Office of the Government Statist are also shown.

VICTORIA—CIVIL MARRIAGES

Year	Total Civil Marriages		Performed in the Office of the Government Statist	
	Number	Percentage of Total Marriages	Number	Percentage of Total Civil Marriages
1950	1,547	7·61	1,501	97·03
1951	1,654	7·83	1,589	96·07
1952	1,557	7·70	1,503	96·53
1953	1,553	8·07	1,480	95·30
1954	1,685	8·68	1,538	91·28
1955	1,754	8·75	1,645	93·79
1956	1,721	8·55	1,599	92·91
1957	1,663	8·22	1,535	92·30
1958	1,776	8·60	1,620	91·22
1959	1,863	9·11	1,687	90·55

Divorce

Until the proclamation by the Commonwealth of the *Matrimonial Causes Act* 1960, the law in Victoria in regard to divorce is contained in the *Marriage Act* 1958.

The following table gives the number of petitions filed by husbands and wives respectively, and the number of dissolutions of marriage, and nullities of marriage during the year 1959. There were no judicial separations granted during the year. Every decree of dissolution of marriage is in the first instance a decree *nisi* and is not made absolute till the expiration of not less than three months thereafter.

VICTORIA—DIVORCES, 1959

Petition for—	Petitions Filed by—			Decrees Granted to—		
	Husbands	Wives	Total	Husbands	Wives	Total
Dissolution of Marriage	814	836	1,650	867	994	1,861
Nullity of Marriage ..	3	9	12	6	10	16
Judicial Separation ..	1	3	4	..	..	..
Total	818	848	1,666	873	1,004	1,877

The grounds upon which divorces were granted during the year 1959 were as set out in the following table :—

VICTORIA—GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, 1959

Grounds on Which Granted	Dissolution of Marriage		Nullity of Marriage	
	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions
Adultery	287	177	..	..
Assault and Cruelty .. .. .	..	8	..	..
Consanguinity .. .. .	..	..	..	3
Desertion	532	738	..	..
Desertion and Adultery	42	44	..	..
Drunkenness and Failure to Support .. .. .	..	2	..	..
Drunkenness and Cruelty .. .. .	..	12	..	..
Drunkenness and Neglect of Domestic Duties	4	..	..	..
Impotence .. .. .	..	..	6	2
Insanity	2	4	..	..
Invalid Marriage .. .. .	..	..	..	4
Prior Marriage (Bigamy) .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Sentences for Crime .. .. .	..	8	..	..
Other .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Total	867	994	6	10

The following table shows the number of petitioners to whom decrees were granted in 1959, the ages of such petitioners at date of petition and the number of their issue :—

VICTORIA—DIVORCE PETITIONS GRANTED: AGES OF PETITIONERS (AT DATE OF PETITION) AND ISSUE, 1959

Ages of Petitioners in Years	Dissolution of Marriage		Nullity of Marriage		Number of Children*	
	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions
20	3	..	..	..	1	..
21-24	14	59	1	2	9	54
25-29	111	209	4	1	86	213
30-34	209	259	..	5	213	312
35-39	169	161	..	2	196	216
40-44	126	137	..	..	180	219
45-49	95	89	1	..	141	133
50-54	81	52	..	..	111	80
55-59	35	21	..	..	43	36
60 and over	24	7	..	..	27	13
Total	867	994	6	10	1,007	1,276

* Of the total of 2,283, three children were issue of marriages which were annulled.

In the following table particulars are given of the duration of marriage and issue in respect of the petitions granted for dissolution of marriage during 1959 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : PETITIONS GRANTED : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND ISSUE, 1959

Duration of Marriage in Years	Number of Children									Total Dissolutions of Marriage	Total Children
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
2	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1
3	14	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	8
4	27	17	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	19
5	54	30	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	88	39
6	61	32	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	104	55
7	60	38	16	4	1	..	..	..	..	119	86
8	70	32	17	1	1	..	..	..	..	121	73
9	54	35	22	5	1	..	..	..	..	117	98
10	59	51	29	14	..	1	..	..	..	154	156
11	39	37	29	9	4	2	..	..	..	120	148
12	36	36	19	9	2	..	..	..	..	102	109
13	29	28	43	10	3	1	..	..	..	114	161
14	27	23	21	11	4	..	..	..	..	86	114
15-19	83	73	93	42	20	4	1	..	..	316	491
20-24	33	41	43	24	14	4	2	2	..	163	301
25-29	13	32	26	17	15	2	1	..	2	108	227
30-34	5	5	11	11	7	5	1	1	1	47	134
35-39	3	4	3	7	1	1	2	..	..	21	52
40-44	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	8
Total Dissolutions of Marriage	677	521	391	166	73	20	7	3	3	1,861	..
Total Children	..	521	782	498	292	100	42	21	24	..	2,280

The following table shows the ages of the parties concerned in the decrees for dissolution of marriage, petitions for which had been granted during 1959 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : PETITIONS GRANTED : AGES OF PARTIES AT DATE OF PETITION, 1959

Ages of Husbands in Years	Ages of Wives in Years										Total Husbands
	Under 21	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	
Under 21	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
21-24	5	18	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	29
25-29	1	80	159	16	..	..	..	..	..	1	257
30-34	1	21	171	213	29	8	1	..	..	..	444
35-39	..	7	44	155	136	28	12	1	..	..	383
40-44	..	1	11	40	97	103	22	7	1	..	282
45-49	..	..	4	22	27	68	62	10	1	..	194
50-54	..	..	2	6	16	30	53	34	7	1	149
55-59	..	..	..	..	1	4	18	29	17	3	72
60 and over	..	..	..	..	..	5	7	10	15	11	48
Total Wives	8	129	396	452	307	246	175	91	41	16	1,861

The following is a statement of the number of decrees granted in Victoria for dissolution of marriage and for judicial separation since 1921 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS

Year Ended 31st December—	Decrees Granted For—		Year Ended 31st December—	Decrees Granted For—	
	Dissolution of Marriage	Judicial Separation		Dissolution of Marriage	Judicial Separation
1921-30 ..	4,403	16	1954	1,519	..
1931-40 ..	6,495	16	1955	1,674	1
1941-50 ..	15,460	22	1956	1,255	2
1951	1,714	1	1957	1,345	2
1952	1,596	3	1958	1,698	..
1953	2,096	1	1959	1,861	..

Births

General

The number of births registered in Victoria during the year 1959 was 62,245, the highest ever registered in Victoria.

The rate per 1,000 of mean population in 1959 was 22·13, as compared with 22·36 in 1958, 22·61 in 1957, 22·42 in 1956 and 22·30 in 1955.

In young communities, birth-rates calculated per 1,000 of the mean population are to some extent misleading. In the earlier periods when, owing to immigration, the population consists for the most part of men and women at the reproductive period of life, such rates are naturally high. As time proceeds, notwithstanding that immigration of reproductive adults may be maintained, the proportion of such adults to the total population must diminish, and, with it, consequently the birth-rate.

Stillbirths, which are excluded from both births and deaths, numbered 799 and corresponded to a ratio of 12·84 per 1,000 infants born alive in 1959. The compulsory registration of still-born children became effective in 1953 (see page 124).

There were 1,061 male to every 1,000 female births in 1959, as compared with 1,059 in 1958, 1,050 in 1957, 1,065 in 1956 and 1,052 in 1955.

The following table shows the number of births (male and female), the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the mean population since 1900 :—

VICTORIA—BIRTHS

Period	Average Annual Number of Births	Sex		Quarter of Registration				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population
		Males	Females	March	June	September	December	
1900-04 ..	30,316	15,544	14,772	7,384	7,682	7,880	7,370	25·08
1905-09 ..	30,994	15,879	15,115	7,489	7,832	8,076	7,597	24·76
1910-14 ..	34,500	17,717	16,783	8,329	8,619	8,850	8,702	25·42
1915-19 ..	33,101	17,014	16,087	8,228	8,336	8,514	8,023	23·13
1920-24 ..	36,022	18,549	17,473	8,729	8,970	9,367	8,956	22·89
1925-29 ..	34,892	18,013	16,879	8,732	8,728	8,856	8,576	20·24
1930-34 ..	29,429	15,075	14,354	7,383	7,409	7,361	7,276	16·27
1935-39 ..	29,467	15,113	14,354	7,285	7,154	7,466	7,562	15·87
1940-44 ..	36,154	18,539	17,615	8,873	8,611	9,211	9,459	18·53
1945-49 ..	45,646	23,453	22,193	11,185	10,919	11,366	12,176	22·13
1950-54 ..	52,468	26,905	25,563	13,137	12,684	13,228	13,419	22·47
1955 ..	56,336	28,888	27,448	13,934	13,800	14,181	14,421	22·30
1956 ..	58,393	30,115	28,278	14,757	14,268	14,579	14,789	22·42
1957 ..	60,464	30,968	29,496	15,273	14,544	14,958	15,689	22·61
1958 ..	61,269	31,517	29,752	15,187	14,302	15,968	15,812	22·36
1959 ..	62,245	32,041	30,204	14,715	16,304	15,465	15,761	22·13

The following statement shows the birth-rate per 1,000 of the mean population in the Australian States for each of the five years 1955 to 1959 :—

AUSTRALIA—BIRTH-RATES

Year	New South Wales	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aus-tralia	Western Aus-tralia	Tas-mania	Aus-tralia
1955.. ..	21·31	22·30	24·16	22·55	25·23	25·59	22·57
1956.. ..	21·29	22·42	23·72	22·35	24·98	25·15	22·50
1957	21·93	22·61	24·25	22·35	24·47	25·55	22·86
1958.. ..	21·67	22·36	23·95	22·35	23·71	25·37	22·59
1959	21·51	22·13	24·77	22·12	23·80	25·05	22·56

The average ages of fathers and of mothers of nuptial children whose births were recorded in 1959 were 30·8 and 27·9 years respectively. The proportions of both parents in various age groups are shown in the following table for the year 1959 :—

VICTORIA—NUPTIAL BIRTHS : PERCENTAGE OF PARENTS
IN EACH AGE GROUP, 1959

Age Group	Percentage of Total	
	Fathers	Mothers
Under 20	0·73	5·41
20-24	14·23	29·65
25-29	31·88	31·09
30-34	28·08	20·65
35-39	15·43	10·35
40-44	6·29	2·66
45-49	2·44	0·19
50 and over	0·92	..
	100·00	100·00

The number of cases of multiple births and the proportion per 1,000 of the total cases of births in each of the five years 1955 to 1959 were as follows :—

VICTORIA—MULTIPLE BIRTHS

Year	Cases of Twins	Cases of Triplets	Total Multiple Cases	Multiple Cases per 1,000 of Total Cases
1955	666	7	673	12·09
1956	691	4	695	12·04
1957	695	10	705	11·80
1958	759	9	768	12·69
1959	711	7	718	11·67

The last case of quadruplets occurred in 1951.

On the average of the five years 1955 to 1959, the proportion of mothers of twins was one in 84, of mothers of triplets, one in 7,977, and of mothers of all multiple births, one in 83 mothers.

Adoption of Children

Provision for the legal adoption of children and the registration of each adoption is contained in the *Adoption of Children Act 1958*. Details of the history of this legislation are contained in page 483 of Year Book 1954-58.

The following table shows the number of legal adoptions—male and female—from 1929 :—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN LEGALLY ADOPTED

Period	Number of Children Adopted	
	Males	Females
1929	31	56
1930-34.. .. .	492	833
1935-39.. .. .	843	1,156
1940-44.. .. .	1,958	2,125
1945-49.. .. .	2,662	2,699
1950-54.. .. .	3,036	2,946
1955	453	505
1956	600	643
1957	612	612
1958	633	665
1959	576	656

Children Legitimated

Provision for the legitimation of children is contained in the *Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act 1958*.

The table below shows the number of legitimations and the proportion per 100 ex-nuptial births from 1903 :—

VICTORIA—LEGITIMATIONS

Period	Number of Legitimations	Proportion per 100 Ex-nuptial Births
1903-09.. .. .	279	2·3
1910-19.. .. .	1,347	7·0
1920-29.. .. .	1,374	8·5
1930-39.. .. .	1,019	8·0
1940-49.. .. .	1,641	11·3
1950-54.. .. .	539	6·1
1955	104	5·5
1956	97	4·9
1957	124	6·0
1958	87	3·9
1959	86	3·7

Legitimation Acts are in force in all the Australian States, but differ greatly in content, and as a consequence there are marked differences in the numbers of legitimations resulting therefrom. In proportion to every 100 children born out of wedlock in 1959, the numbers of legitimations in the several States during that year were as follows :—Victoria, 3·7 ; New South Wales, 6·7 ; Queensland, 11·7 ; South Australia, 6·9 ; Western Australia, 22·3 ; and Tasmania, 18·0.

Ex-nuptial Births in Victoria

The following table shows the number of ex-nuptial births and their percentage to total births since 1910 :—

VICTORIA—EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

Period	Average Annual Number of Births	Average Annual Number of Ex-nuptial Births			Percentage of Total Births
		Male	Female	Total	
1910-14	34,500	1,013	979	1,992	5.77
1915-19	33,101	941	912	1,853	5.60
1920-24	36,022	869	821	1,690	4.69
1925-29	34,892	806	752	1,558	4.47
1930-34	29,429	685	620	1,305	4.43
1935-39	29,467	613	615	1,228	4.17
1940-44	36,154	701	638	1,339	3.70
1945-49	45,646	801	777	1,578	3.46
1950-54	52,468	892	875	1,767	3.37
1955	56,336	970	938	1,908	3.39
1956	58,393	1,025	955	1,980	3.39
1957	60,464	1,055	1,010	2,065	3.42
1958	61,269	1,141	1,078	2,219	3.62
1959	62,245	1,161	1,147	2,308	3.71

The percentages of ex-nuptial to total births in the various States in 1959 were as follows :—Victoria, 3.71 ; New South Wales, 4.97 ; Queensland, 6.07 ; South Australia, 3.66 ; Western Australia, 5.28 ; Tasmania, 4.50 ; and Australia, 4.71.

Deaths

The following table shows the number of deaths (male and female), the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the mean population since 1900 :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS

Period	Average Annual Number of Deaths	Sex		Quarter of Registration				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population
		Males	Females	March	June	September	December	
1900-04 ..	15,457	8,686	6,771	3,921	3,750	3,992	3,794	12.84
1905-09 ..	14,932	8,296	6,636	3,805	3,539	3,917	3,671	11.93
1910-14 ..	15,705	8,616	7,089	3,873	3,875	4,137	3,820	11.57
1915-19 ..	16,283	8,860	7,423	3,781	4,172	4,467	3,863	11.38
1920-24 ..	16,375	8,781	7,594	3,846	4,166	4,503	3,860	10.40
1925-29 ..	16,674	8,969	7,705	3,770	4,213	4,602	4,089	9.67
1930-34 ..	17,180	9,175	8,005	3,814	4,214	4,822	4,330	9.50
1935-39* ..	18,994	10,109	8,885	4,043	4,780	5,630	4,541	10.23
1940-44* ..	20,904	11,009	9,895	4,389	5,142	6,338	5,035	10.71
1945-49* ..	21,458	11,299	10,159	4,558	5,262	6,300	5,338	10.40
1950-54 ..	22,863	12,273	10,590	4,891	5,669	6,653	5,650	9.79
1955 ..	22,527	11,986	10,541	4,790	5,717	6,687	5,333	8.92
1956 ..	23,886	12,862	11,024	4,867	5,770	7,340	5,909	9.17
1957 ..	24,131	13,084	11,047	5,378	5,728	7,157	5,868	9.03
1958 ..	23,625	12,779	10,846	4,949	5,857	7,019	5,800	8.62
1959 ..	25,078	13,730	11,348	5,609	6,679	6,860	5,930	8.92

* Excludes deaths of defence personnel from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

The number of deaths (25,078) in 1959 was the highest on record for the State, and was 1,733 more than the average of the preceding five years.

In 1959 there were 1,210 male to every 1,000 female deaths, the average for the preceding five years being 1,168. The corresponding proportion of male to female births in the same quinquennium was 1,057.

The following statement shows the death-rate per 1,000 of the mean population in each of the Australian States for each of the five years 1955 to 1959 :—

AUSTRALIA—DEATH-RATES

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
1955	9·32	8·92	8·44	9·19	8·17	7·87	8·91
1956	9·58	9·17	8·92	8·95	8·23	7·80	9·13
1957	9·20	9·03	8·39	8·67	7·66	8·09	8·81
1958	8·76	8·62	8·10	8·63	7·87	8·02	8·50
1959	9·38	8·92	8·59	8·62	7·65	8·07	8·87

The ages of males and of females who died in each of the years 1957 to 1959 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—AGES AT DEATH

Ages	1957			1958			1959		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	664	555	1,219	644	534	1,178	744	576	1,320
1 year	79	59	138	54	40	94	57	36	93
2 years	30	38	68	41	24	65	28	32	60
3	33	15	48	19	13	32	32	17	49
4	15	15	30	26	10	36	22	21	43
5-9 years	75	46	121	84	51	135	82	53	135
10-14	59	35	94	50	39	89	60	41	101
15-19	120	46	166	99	23	122	124	48	172
20-24	140	34	174	147	49	196	155	41	196
25-29	158	71	229	112	49	161	118	58	176
30-34	189	104	293	168	75	243	171	89	260
35-39	248	114	362	212	150	362	259	125	384
40-44	283	211	494	281	200	481	287	182	469
45-49	472	293	765	479	293	772	498	318	816
50-54	680	373	1,053	708	414	1,122	755	400	1,155
55-59	1,076	553	1,629	1,031	534	1,565	1,121	576	1,697
60-64	1,340	838	2,178	1,317	887	2,204	1,332	828	2,160
65-69	1,788	1,244	3,032	1,748	1,183	2,931	1,849	1,219	3,068
70-74	1,813	1,470	3,283	1,713	1,461	3,174	1,885	1,500	3,385
75-79	1,602	1,684	3,286	1,630	1,614	3,244	1,813	1,716	3,529
80-84	1,139	1,568	2,707	1,141	1,480	2,621	1,217	1,590	2,807
85-89	740	1,110	1,850	746	1,132	1,878	780	1,159	1,939
90-94	277	454	731	264	477	741	279	561	840
95-99	53	98	151	53	98	151	56	150	206
100 years and over	2	10	12	2	12	14	5	11	16
Unknown	9	9	18	10	4	14	1	1	2
Total	13,084	11,047	24,131	12,779	10,846	23,625	13,730	11,348	25,078

Of the 72,834 persons who died in Victoria during the above three years, 16,664 (or approximately 23 per cent.) were aged 80 years and upwards, and 42—nine males and 33 females—were stated as having attained or passed the age of 100 years. In 1900, deaths of persons aged 80 years and over represented about 7 per cent. of the total deaths in that year.

Causes of Death

The Sixth (1948) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death was adopted for use in 1950.

The Revision introduced international rules for a uniform method of selecting the main cause of death to be tabulated if more than one cause is stated on the death certificate.

The comparability of statistics for years subsequent to 1950 with those for years prior to 1950 has been affected by the adoption of the new method.

The Seventh (1955) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death was adopted for use in 1958.

The causes of death in Victoria and in Melbourne Metropolitan Area for 1959, according to the abbreviated List of the Seventh (1955) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death and the rate per million of mean population are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF DEATH : NUMBERS AND RATES, 1959

Cause of Death*	Victoria		Melbourne Metropolitan Area	
	Number	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Population	Number	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Population
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System (1-8) ..	137	49	93	52
2. Tuberculosis, Other Forms (10-19)	16	6	12	7
3. Syphilis and Its Sequelae (20-29)	36	13	29	16
4. Typhoid Fever (40) .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
5. Cholera (43) .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
6. Dysentery, All Forms (45-48) .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
7. Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal Sore Throat (50, 51)	2	†	2	1
8. Diphtheria (55) .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
9. Whooping Cough (56)	1	†	1	†
10. Meningococcal Infections (57)	8	3	5	3
11. Plague (58) .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
12. Acute Poliomyelitis (80)	1	†	1	†
13. Smallpox (84) .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
14. Measles (85)	3	1	3	2
15. Typhus and Other Rickettsial Diseases (100-108)	..	..	..	..
16. Malaria (110-117) .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
17. All Other Diseases Classed as Infective and Parasitic	78	28	42	24
18. Malignant Neoplasms, Including Neoplasms of Lymphatic and Haematopoietic Tissues (140-205)	3,946	1,403	2,678	1,508
19. Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms (210-239) ..	50	18	34	19
20. Diabetes Mellitus (260)	369	131	247	139
21. Anaemias (290-293)	82	29	51	29
22. Vascular Lesions Affecting Central Nervous System (330-334) ..	3,388	1,205	2,335	1,314
23. Nonmeningococcal Meningitis (340)	25	9	11	6
24. Rheumatic Fever (400-402)	7	2	4	2
25. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease (410-416) ..	231	82	156	88
26. Arteriosclerotic and Degenerative Heart Disease (420-422) ..	6,948	2,470	4,710	2,651
27. Other Diseases of the Heart (430-434)	754	268	452	254

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF DEATHS : NUMBERS AND RATES, 1959—
continued

Cause of Death*	Victoria		Melbourne - Metropolitan Area	
	Number	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Popu- lation	Number	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Popu- lation
28. Hypertension with Heart Disease (440-443) ..	444	158	297	167
29. Hypertension without Mention of Heart (444-447)	302	107	193	109
30. Influenza (480-483)	181	64	69	39
31. Pneumonia (490-493)	848	302	462	260
32. Bronchitis (500-502)	414	147	278	157
33. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum (540, 541) ..	202	72	132	74
34. Appendicitis (550-553)	22	8	9	5
35. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia (560, 561, 570)	106	38	66	37
36. Gastritis, Duodenitis, Enteritis and Colitis except Diarrhoea of the Newborn (543, 571, 572) ..	114	41	72	41
37. Cirrhosis of Liver (581)	175	62	129	73
38. Nephritis and Nephrosis (590-594)	259	92	170	96
39. Hyperplasia of Prostate (610)	154	55	100	56
40. Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium (640-652, 660, 670-689)	16	6	7	4
41. Congenital Malformations (750-759)	350	124	225	127
42. Birth Injuries, Postnatal Asphyxia and Atelectasis (760-762)	430	153	289	163
43. Infections of the Newborn (763-768)	43	15	22	12
44. Other Diseases Peculiar to Early Infancy, and Immaturity Unqualified (769-776)	290	103	135	76
45. Senility without Mention of Psychosis, Ill-defined and Unknown Causes (780-795)	231	82	97	55
46. All Other Diseases	2,767	984	1,858	1,046
47. Motor Vehicle Accidents (E810-E835)	670	238	366	206
48. All Other Accidents (E800-E802, E480-E962) ..	686	244	416	234
49. Suicide and Self-inflicted Injury (E963, E970-E979)	265	94	191	108
50. Homicide and Operations of War (E964, E965, E980-E999)	27	10	16	9
Total	25,078	8,916	16,465	9,269

* Figures in parentheses are in respect of the Seventh Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.

† Less than one.

Tuberculosis

The number of deaths ascribed to tuberculosis during 1959 was 153, the rate per million of mean population being 54.

The deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in 1959 numbered 137 and equalled a rate of 49 per million of the mean population. Rates for previous periods were 130 for 1950-54, 294 in 1945-49, 660 in 1918-22, 855 in 1908-12, and 1,365 in 1890-92. In 1959, tuberculosis of the respiratory system was responsible for 90 per cent. of the total deaths from tuberculosis. Of the 111 males and 26 females dying from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in 1959, ten males and five females were under the age of 45 years.

Infective and Parasitic Diseases

There has been a remarkable decrease in both the incidence and mortality rate of certain infective and parasitic diseases since the beginning of the century. Particulars of the decreases in diseases such as tuberculosis, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, streptococcal sore throat, diphtheria, whooping cough, meningococcal infections, small-pox and measles appeared in Year Book 1954-58.

The incidence of poliomyelitis in Victoria has been recorded since the year 1916, when the disease was added to the list of compulsorily notifiable diseases. Since that year the most serious epidemic occurred in 1937-38 when 2,096 cases were reported, resulting in 113 deaths. Other epidemics occurred in 1918 (303 cases, 21 deaths), 1925 (140 cases, 25 deaths), 1949 (760 cases, 48 deaths), and 1954 (569 cases, 36 deaths).

During 1959, there were 28 cases notified which represented a rate of ten per million of population, and one death which represented a rate of 0.4 per million of population.

Distribution of the Salk poliomyelitis vaccine began in July, 1956, and there was a marked decline in the number of cases reported since that date.

Malignant Neoplasms

Deaths classified as malignant neoplasms since 1950 include deaths from Hodgkins' disease and leukaemia and aleukaemia, which were not formerly included with neoplasms. Deaths from malignant neoplasms in 1959 numbered 3,946 and represented a rate of 1,403 per million of mean population.

Rates for previous periods were 1,329 in 1958, 1,401 in 1957 and 1,405 in 1956.

Death-rates relating to malignant neoplasms, computed in relation to the general population in earlier and in later periods, are not comparable owing to the changed age distribution of the people. Satisfactory comparisons are obtained by relating the deaths with the number of persons in the community of the same sex, in age groups. This has been done for six census periods, when the numbers of the people in age groups were accurately known, and the results are given in the appended table :—

VICTORIA—DEATH-RATES FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS IN AGE GROUPS

Age Group	Annual Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms per 10,000 of Each Sex					
	1900-02	1910-12	1920-22	1932-34	1946-48	1953-55
MALES						
Under 5	0.30	0.73	0.46	0.27	0.60	1.11
5-9	0.42	0.25	0.13	0.20	0.34	0.98
10-14	0.20	0.16	0.14	0.24	0.24	0.69
15-19	0.22	0.15	0.30	0.37	0.61	0.93
20-24	0.33	0.71	0.64	0.73	0.69	1.27
25-34	1.26	0.96	0.76	0.93	1.20	1.32
35-44	3.69	3.16	3.31	3.04	3.00	4.01
45-54	14.14	16.03	13.94	10.13	11.65	13.25
55-64	36.00	36.36	40.46	37.25	32.73	36.99
65-74	59.04	74.15	78.21	85.19	80.46	82.41
75 and over	74.04	88.40	110.12	133.78	148.20	163.06
All Ages	7.52	8.50	9.52	11.63	13.51	13.76

VICTORIA—DEATH-RATES FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS IN AGE GROUPS—*continued*

Age Group	Annual Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms per 10,000 of Each Sex					
	1900-02	1910-12	1920-22	1932-34	1946-48	1953-55
FEMALES						
Under 5	0.26	0.19	0.39	0.38	0.48	1.37
5-9	0.04	0.10	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.60
10-14 .. ..	..	0.27	0.05	0.08	0.40	0.71
15-19	0.28	0.44	0.15	0.17	0.04	0.49
20-24	0.23	0.41	0.30	0.39	0.60	0.56
25-34	1.61	1.39	1.28	1.57	1.75	1.81
35-44	6.05	7.26	6.61	6.00	6.23	6.14
45-54	18.13	17.87	19.14	17.31	16.47	16.46
55-64	33.05	38.03	34.48	35.82	33.40	30.93
65-74	51.18	61.66	63.05	61.17	61.44	59.38
75 and over	62.70	86.19	92.86	106.19	111.49	117.02
All Ages	6.64	8.76	9.63	12.00	14.50	14.16

Deaths from malignant neoplasms occur at all age periods, but the rates in the above table show that it is essentially a disease of later life, increasing rapidly in the groups past middle age and reaching a maximum mortality rate in the oldest age group.

The number of deaths from malignant neoplasms in the year 1959, classified according to sex and age group, is given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS IN AGE GROUPS, 1959

Age Group	Males	Females	Total	Age Group	Males	Females	Total
0-4 ..	21	17	38	45-49	94	119	213
5-9 ..	17	8	25	50-54	143	138	281
10-14 ..	8	11	19	55-59	208	163	371
15-19 ..	7	3	10	60-64	275	225	500
20-24 ..	17	7	24	65-69	336	270	606
25-29 ..	14	14	28	70-74	302	284	586
30-34 ..	23	20	43	75-79	255	223	478
35-39 ..	30	43	73	80-84	145	154	299
40-44 ..	49	66	115	85 and over ..	104	133	237
				Total ..	2,048	1,898	3,946

90 per cent. of the deaths from malignant neoplasms in the year 1959 were at ages 45 years and upwards.

For the year 1959 the average age of those who died from malignant neoplasms was 64·3 years for males and 64·7 years for females.

The following table shows the site of the disease in persons who died from malignant neoplasms in 1959 :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS, 1959

Site of Disease*	Males	Females	Total
Buccal Cavity and Pharynx (140-148) ..	43	21	64
Oesophagus (150)	44	28	72
Stomach (151)	293	216	509
Intestine, except Rectum (152, 153) ..	189	260	449
Rectum (154)	115	80	195
Larynx (161)	30	4	34
Trachea, and Bronchus and Lung, Not Specified as Secondary (162, 163)	385	55	440
Breast (170)	8	406	414
Cervix Uteri (171) .. ..	..	102	102
Other and Unspecified Parts of Uterus (172-174) .. ..	..	86	86
Prostate (177)	202	..	202
Skin (190)	23	21	44
Bone and Connective Tissue (196, 197) ..	27	22	49
All Other and Unspecified Sites	482	450	932
Leukaemia and Aleukaemia (204)	102	64	166
Other Neoplasms of Lymphatic and Haemato- poietic System (200-203, 205)	105	83	188
Total	2,048	1,898	3,946

* Figures in parentheses are in respect of the Seventh Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.

Diabetes Mellitus

During 1959 diabetes was responsible for 144 male and 225 female deaths, representing a rate of 131 per million of the mean population. Rates for previous periods were 150 in 1958, 167 in 1957, 176 in 1956 and 166 in 1955.

Vascular Lesions Affecting Central Nervous System

In 1959, 1,377 male and 2,011 female deaths were ascribed to vascular lesions affecting the central nervous system, the total—3,388—corresponding to a rate of 1,205 per million of the mean population. Of the 3,388 deaths in 1959, 126 were due to subarachnoid haemorrhage, 1,671 to cerebral haemorrhage, 1,262 to cerebral embolism and thrombosis, and 329 to other vascular lesions.

Diseases of the Heart

During 1959 there were 8,377 deaths ascribed to diseases of the heart, including 231 due to chronic rheumatic heart disease, 6,948 to arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease, 754 to other diseases of

the heart, and 444 to hypertension with heart disease. The total of these causes in 1959 represented a rate of 2,978 per million of the mean population.

Diseases of the Respiratory System

In 1959 deaths from diseases of the respiratory system numbered 1,894 which represented a rate of 673 per million of the mean population. Of these deaths in 1959, 181 were due to influenza, 113 to lobar pneumonia, 584 to broncho-pneumonia, 151 to other and unspecified pneumonia, 414 to bronchitis, seventeen to empyema and abscess of lung, five to pleurisy, 56 to pulmonary congestion and hypostasis, 37 to bronchiectasis, and 336 to other diseases.

The 181 deaths from influenza in 1959 represented a rate of 64 per million of the mean population.

Influenza has generally proved more fatal to elderly people than to those at middle or young ages. In the epidemic of 1919, however, 72 per cent. of the deaths were of persons between 20 and 50 years of age. In 1959, 20 per cent. of the deaths were of persons under 50 years of age.

Diseases of the Digestive System

In 1959 there were 487 male and 366 female deaths from diseases of the digestive system, representing a rate of 303 per million of the mean population. Rates for previous periods were 288 in 1958, 289 in 1957, 297 in 1956 and 322 in 1955. Deaths from these causes in 1959 were :—202 from ulcers of the stomach and duodenum, five from gastritis and duodenitis, 22 from appendicitis, 106 from intestinal obstruction and hernia, 109 from gastro-enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn, 175 from cirrhosis of the liver, 75 from cholelithiasis and cholecystitis, and 159 from other diseases.

Diseases of the Genito-urinary System

In 1959 there were 586 deaths attributed to diseases of the genito-urinary system. This number represented a rate of 208 per million of the mean population. In 1959 nephritis and nephrosis were responsible for 259 deaths, infections of the kidney for 109, calculi of urinary system for twelve, hyperplasia of prostate for 154, and other diseases of genito-urinary system for 52.

Maternal Deaths

The death-rate of women in childbirth is usually ascertained by comparing the number of deaths of parturient women with the total number of live births.

This rate varies considerably at different ages, and is higher at older than younger ages. The number of deaths of women in childbirth and

the death-rates in various age groups in Victoria for the period 1926 to 1930 and the years 1957, 1958 and 1959 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MATERNAL DEATHS

Age Group	Deaths of Mothers				Deaths per 10,000 Children Born Alive to Mothers in Each Age Group			
	1926-30 *	1957	1958	1959	1926-30	1957	1958	1959
Under 20	8	1	1	..	47·1	3·2	2·8	..
20-24	30	4	2	..	39·1	2·5	1·1	..
25-29	47	7	4	6	46·5	3·7	2·1	3·1
30-34	45	9	8	4	56·8	7·1	6·2	3·1
35-39	45	5	2	4	88·1	8·7	3·1	6·2
40 and over	22	1	2	2	117·8	5·2	10·9	11·2
Total	197	27	19	16	57·4	4·6	3·1	2·6

* Average annual number

The experience of the years 1926-30 showed that, for the age period 35 years and upwards, the deaths of mothers in childbirth were 96 per 10,000 children born alive to mothers in that age group, as compared with 47 per 10,000 for those under that age. Corresponding figures for 1959 were 7 per 10,000 live births and 2 per 10,000 live births respectively.

Accidental Deaths

The following table shows particulars of deaths in Victoria in 1959 which were due to accidents, and which represented 5 per cent. of the total deaths :—

VICTORIA—ACCIDENTAL DEATHS, 1959

International List No.	Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
E800-E802	Railway accidents	31	8	39
E810-E835	Motor vehicle accidents	515	155	670
E840-E845	Other road vehicle accidents	19	1	20
E850-E858	Water transport accidents	5	..	5
E860-E866	Aircraft accidents	5	..	5
E870-E888	Accidental poisoning by solid and liquid substances	27	19	46
E890-E895	Accidental poisoning by gases and vapours	13	10	23
E900-E904	Accidental falls	75	118	193
E912	Accident caused by machinery	9	..	9
E914	Accident caused by electric current	18	4	22
E916	Accident caused by fire and explosion of combustible material	24	17	41
E917, E918	Accident caused by hot substance, corrosive liquid, steam, and radiation	5	3	8
E919	Accident caused by firearm	28	2	30
E924, E925	Accidental mechanical suffocation	5	..	5
E927	Accidents caused by bites and stings of venomous animals and insects	1	..	1
E928	Other accidents caused by animals	6	..	6
E929	Accidental drowning and submersion	103	28	131
E935	Lightning	1	..	1
E910, E911, E913, E915, E920-E923, E926, E930-E934, E936, E940-E946, E950-E959, E960-E962	} All other accidental causes	65	36	101
	Total	955	401	1,356

For the five years 1955 to 1959, the female mortality rate from accidents was 41 per cent. of the rate for males.

Accidental Deaths Involving Motor Vehicles

The number of motor vehicles (including motor cycles) registered in Victoria and the deaths in which they were involved, for the years 1950 to 1959, were as follows :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLES

Year	Number of Motor Vehicles at 30th June	Deaths Involving Motor Vehicles		
		Number	Per 10,000 Motor Vehicles	Per 1,000,000 of Mean Population
1950	403,965	563	13·9	255
1951	444,400	629	14·2	277
1952	533,226	630	11·8	269
1953	539,828	533	9·9	222
1954	559,246	622	11·1	253
1955	629,147	586	9·3	232
1956	677,916	592	8·7	227
1957	708,582	667	9·4	249
1958	747,834	597	8·0	218
1959	789,358	670	8·5	238

The mortality rate per 10,000 vehicles was 8·8 for the period 1955 to 1959, as compared with a rate of 12·0 in 1950 to 1954. The mortality rate (277) per million of mean population in 1951 was the highest on record.

In 1959 motor cars, &c., were involved in 8·3 deaths per 10,000 cars registered, and motor cycles in 19·2 deaths per 10,000 motor cycles registered.

Transport Accidents

In 1959 deaths from all transport accidents numbered 739, as against 659 in 1958, 714 in 1957, 634 in 1956 and 657 in 1955.

During the year 1959 deaths connected with transport represented 49 per cent. of the total deaths from accidents. The corresponding percentage in 1958 was 50.

In the following table details are given of deaths due to collisions between various types of transport, and to other fatal accidents in which transport was concerned, for the year 1959 :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM TRANSPORT ACCIDENTS, 1959

Particulars	Deaths from Collisions Between—										Deaths from Other Transport Accidents	Total Deaths from Transport Accidents	
	Motor Car	Motor Omnibus	Other Motor Vehicle Except Motor Cycle	Motor Cycle	Horse-drawn Vehicle, &c.	Bicycle	Animal	Fixed Object	Total Deaths from Collisions	Deaths from Other Transport Accidents		Males	Females
Railway Vehicle	12	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	18	39	47*	10
Tramcar	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	11	14	2
Motor Car	78	2	44	25	1	30	1	2	183	337	385	135	
Motor Omnibus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	..
Other Motor Vehicle (Except Motor Cycle) .. .. .	..	..	11	5	..	15	..	..	31	80	95	16
Motor Cycle .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	12	14	1
Horse-drawn Vehicle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Bicycle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..
Aeroplane .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..
Water Transport .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..
Animal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Total	94	2	60	32	1	47	3	2	241	498	575	164	

* Includes rail accidents to thirteen railway employees.

Suicide

In the year 1959, 188 males and 77 females took their lives. These deaths represented a rate of 94 per million of the population as compared with 90 in 1958, 89 in 1957, 70 in 1956 and 77 in 1955.

Of the 188 male deaths in 1959 from suicide, 76 (40 per cent.) were connected with firearms and explosives.

A much lower rate from suicide occurs among females than among males, the rate for the former for the five-year period 1955 to 1959 being 41 per cent. of that of the latter.

Homicide

The deaths ascribed to homicide in 1959 numbered 27 (fifteen males and twelve females).

These deaths represented a rate of 10 per million of the population in 1959 as compared with 12 in 1958, 6 in 1957, 10 in 1956 and 11 in 1955.

Since 1930, deaths from criminal abortion have been excluded from this category and included with deaths from maternal causes.

Infant Mortality

The mortality of children under one year, in proportion to live births, reveals a remarkable decline since 1890—the deaths per 1,000 children born having fallen from 133 in 1885 to 1889 to 20 in 1955 to 1959—a reduction of 85 per cent. In other words, where 100 infants died in the earlier period, only fifteen died in the latter.

The reduction has been contributed to by various health Acts and educative measures, including the notification of infectious diseases, the regulation of the manufacture, sale and distribution of foodstuffs and patent medicines, and the ensuring of a pure water supply. The passing of the Midwives Act in 1915 and the inauguration of the Infant Welfare Movement in 1917 coincide with and, in a large degree, account for the reduction of the rate in latter years.

The infant death-rates for Melbourne Metropolitan Area, for the remainder of the State, and for the whole State, for certain periods since 1900, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY

Period	Melbourne Metropolitan Area		Remainder of State		Victoria	
	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births
1900-04 ..	1,417	116·5	1,565	86·2	2,982	98·2
1905-09 ..	1,209	96·5	1,307	71·5	2,516	81·2
1910-14 ..	1,345	84·2	1,201	64·9	2,546	73·8
1915-19 ..	1,302	76·2	886	55·4	2,188	66·1
1920-24 ..	1,328	71·6	1,024	58·6	2,352	65·3
1925-29 ..	1,034	58·4	863	50·2	1,897	54·4
1930-34 ..	674	47·3	618	40·7	1,292	43·9
1935-39 ..	543	37·9	574	37·9	1,117	37·9
1940-44 ..	738	36·4	594	37·5	1,332	36·8
1945-49 ..	643	25·0	516	25·9	1,159	25·4
1950-54 ..	559	20·1	547	22·2	1,106	21·1
1955 ..	541	16·7	494	20·6	1,035	18·4
1956 ..	623	18·3	505	20·7	1,128	19·3
1957 ..	695	19·6	524	20·9	1,219	20·2
1958 ..	710	19·6	468	18·6	1,178	19·2
1959 ..	758	20·3	562	22·5	1,320	21·2

The practice was introduced in 1923 of allotting all births and deaths to the place of usual residence of the parties. In the cases of births and infant deaths the mother's residence is considered to be that of the child. This accounts for the slight increase in the rate for the remainder of the State in the period 1920 to 1924, and the corresponding decrease in the rate for the metropolis.

The infant death-rates have shown a decrease in each quinquennial period from 1885 onwards. In 1954 the rate fell below 20 per 1,000 births for the first time on record. The lowest rate recorded was in 1955 when the figure was 18·4. In 1959 the rate was 21·2.

The decrease in the infant death-rate, since the earlier periods, has been shared proportionally by each age group except that of "under one week". The rate per 1,000 births for infants "under one week" has varied from 21.5 in the quinquennium 1910 to 1914 to 22.7 in 1925 to 1929 and 12.7 in 1955 to 1959. The rate for infants "one week and under one month" declined from 11.1 in 1910 to 1914 to 1.8 in 1955 to 1959, a decrease of 84 per cent., and that for infants "one month and under one year" from 41.2 to 5.2, a decrease of 87 per cent. Between the ages of one month and one year Victoria lost 64 out of every 1,000 children born in 1900 to 1904, 33 in 1915 to 1919, and 5 in 1955 to 1959. In 1959 the mortality of infants "under one week" comprised 65 per cent. of the total infant mortality.

The rate for male infants is consistently higher than that for females, and in 1955 to 1959 exceeded the female rate by 17.8 per cent.

The following tables show infant mortality rates at certain ages under one year :—

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES

Period	Deaths Under One Year per 1,000 Live Births							Males	Females
	Under One Week	One Week and under One Month	One Month and under Three Months	Three Months and under Six Months	Six Months and under Twelve Months	Total under One Year			
1900-04 ..	34.4		16.9	21.0	25.9	98.2	105.7	90.4	
1905-09 ..	33.0		13.8	15.1	19.3	81.2	89.3	72.6	
1910-14 ..	21.5	11.1	12.1	12.4	16.7	73.8	81.8	65.3	
1915-19 ..	23.3	10.1	10.5	9.4	12.8	66.1	73.0	58.7	
1920-24 ..	23.7	9.3	9.8	10.0	12.5	65.3	71.8	58.5	
1925-29 ..	22.7	7.7	6.9	6.7	10.4	54.4	60.7	47.6	
1930-34 ..	22.3	5.5	4.8	4.6	6.7	43.9	49.2	38.4	
1935-39 ..	21.1	5.1	3.7	2.9	5.1	37.9	42.0	33.6	
1940-44 ..	19.8	5.6	4.0	3.2	4.2	36.8	41.0	32.5	
1945-49 ..	15.9	2.9	2.3	1.9	2.4	25.4	28.4	22.3	
1950-54 ..	13.4	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.1	21.1	23.4	18.5	
1955 ..	11.7	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	18.4	20.1	16.5	
1956 ..	12.4	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	19.3	20.9	17.7	
1957 ..	13.2	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	20.2	21.4	18.8	
1958 ..	12.8	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.5	19.2	20.4	17.9	
1959 ..	13.4	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.0	21.2	23.2	19.1	

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES,
BY SEX, 1959

Sex	Under One Week	One Week and under One Month	One Month and under Three Months	Three Months and under Six Months	Six Months and under Twelve Months	Total under One Year
Males—						
Number	478	69	65	68	64	744
Rate*	14.9	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	23.2
Percentage at Each Age ..	64.25	9.27	8.74	9.14	8.60	100.00
Females—						
Number	357	46	45	66	62	576
Rate*	11.8	1.5	1.5	2.2	2.1	19.1
Percentage at Each Age ..	61.98	7.99	7.81	11.46	10.76	100.00

* Number of deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

An examination of the principal causes of infant mortality over a period of years and at various ages reveals the direction in which improvement has been achieved, and discloses those causes and factors to which future investigations need to be directed if the decline in the rate is to be maintained. From 1950 infant deaths were classified according to the Sixth (1948) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death. Owing to the change in classifications, figures since 1950 are not exactly comparable with figures for previous years. The Seventh (1955) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death was adopted for use in 1958.

A comparison of infant mortality rates from the principal causes for certain periods from 1891 to 1949 was shown in Year Book 1954-58.

The following table shows the number of deaths of infants at certain ages by causes in 1959 :—

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES,
BY CAUSES, 1959

Cause of Death*	Deaths Under One Year per 1,000 Live Births					
	Under One Week	One Week and under One Month	One Month and under Three Months	Three Months and under Six Months	Six Months and under Twelve Months	Total under One Year
Infective and Parasitic Diseases (1-138) ..	1	..	1	7	7	16
Pneumonia and Bronchitis (490-493, 500-502)	1	..	26	33	29	89
Gastro-enteritis and Colitis, except Ulcerative, Age Four Weeks and over (571) .. ..	..	..	8	6	9	23
Congenital Malformations (750-759) ..	110	47	31	32	26	246
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy—						
Birth Injuries (760, 761)						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	80	5	1	1	..	87
(b) With Immaturity	89	5	..	..	..	94
Postnatal Asphyxia and Atelectasis (762)—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	66	2	2	2	..	72
(b) With Immaturity	172	4	..	..	..	176

VICTORIA—INFANT MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES, BY CAUSES, 1959—
continued

Cause of Death*	Deaths Under One Year per 1,000 Live Births					Total Under One Year
	Under One Week	One Week and Under One Month	One Month and Under Three Months	Three Months and Under Six Months	Six Months and Under Twelve Months	
Infections of the Newborn (763-768)—						
Pneumonia of Newborn—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	13	10	..	..	..	23
(b) With Immaturity	5	2	..	..	..	7
Diarrhoea of Newborn—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	..	5	..	..	..	5
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Other Infections of the Newborn—						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	..	2	1	..	..	3
(b) With Immaturity	1	3	..	..	..	4
Other Diseases Peculiar to Early Infancy (769-775)						
(a) Without Mention of Immaturity ..	46	5	1	1	..	53
(b) With Immaturity	37	3	2	1	..	43
Immaturity Unqualified (776)	190	2	..	..	..	192
All Other Diseases	19	17	34	45	44	159
Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence ..	5	2	3	6	11	27
Total All Causes	835	115	110	134	126	1,320

* Figures in parentheses are in respect of the Seventh Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.

In 1959, 517 deaths were connected with immaturity, either directly or in association with other causes, and all except three of these deaths were of children under one month of age. The deaths connected with immaturity represented 39 per cent. of the total infant deaths. Congenital malformations were responsible for 246, or 19 per cent., of the infant deaths. It will thus be seen that 58 per cent. of the total infant mortality in 1959 was related to immaturity and congenital malformations.

On the average of the last ten years, 21 in every 1,000 ex-nuptial infants died within a year, as against 20 in every 1,000 nuptial children. The proportion of ex-nuptial children who died before the age of one year was 1.04 times that of nuptial children. In the year 1959 the mortality rate of nuptial infants was 21.1 per 1,000 live births. Births and deaths of ex-nuptial children numbered 2,308 and 57 respectively, the death-rate being thus 24.7 per 1,000 live births.

The following statement shows the infant death-rate per 1,000 live births in each of the Australian States for the years 1955 to 1959 :—

AUSTRALIA—INFANT MORTALITY RATES*

Year	New South Wales	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aus-tralia	Western Aus-tralia	Tas-mania	Aus-tralia
1955	24.86	18.37	20.28	23.30	22.44	23.37	22.01
1956	23.47	19.32	22.74	19.88	22.70	20.98	21.72
1957	22.70	20.16	21.68	20.63	21.09	20.15	21.41
1958	21.29	19.23	19.40	22.40	21.52	19.49	20.49
1959	22.65	21.21	20.25	20.71	20.16	23.42	21.54

* Number of deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

Stillbirths

Registration of stillbirths came into operation in Victoria in 1953. Prior to this date, however, in accordance with the provisions of the Cemeteries Act and of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947*, cases were notified to registrars.

The following table contains information relating to stillbirths and infant mortality in Victoria :—

VICTORIA—STILLBIRTHS AND INFANT MORTALITY

Year	Stillbirths		Deaths under One Month		Deaths under One Month plus Stillbirths		Deaths under One Year plus Stillbirths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)
1950 ..	963 *	18·96	733	14·43	1,696	33·39	1,964	38·67
1951 ..	929 *	18·05	812	15·77	1,741	33·82	2,072	40·25
1952 ..	919 *	16·81	881	16·12	1,800	32·93	2,117	38·73
1953 ..	817	15·02	841	15·47	1,658	30·49	1,950	35·86
1954 ..	794	14·32	788	14·21	1,582	28·53	1,849	33·34
1955 ..	788	13·80	760	13·30	1,548	27·10	1,823	31·91
1956 ..	819	13·83	845	14·27	1,664	28·10	1,947	32·88
1957 ..	870	14·18	907	14·79	1,777	28·97	2,089	34·06
1958 ..	826	13·31	887	14·28	1,713	27·59	2,004	32·27
1959 ..	799	12·67	950	15·07	1,749	27·74	2,119	33·61

* Number notified (see paragraph above).

The causes of the 799 stillbirths in Victoria in 1959, classified according to the International Statistical Classification, are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF STILLBIRTHS, 1959

Classification Number	Cause of Stillbirth	Number of Stillbirths
Y 30 ..	Chronic Disease in Mother	26
Y 31 ..	Acute Disease in Mother	1
Y 32 ..	Diseases and Conditions of Pregnancy and Childbirth	53
Y 33 ..	Absorption of Toxic Substance from Mother .. .. .	..
Y 34 ..	Difficulties in Labour	80
Y 35 ..	Other Causes in Mother	11
Y 36 ..	Placental and Cord Conditions	361
Y 37 ..	Birth Injury	6
Y 38 ..	Congenital Malformation of Foetus	65
Y 39 ..	Diseases of Foetus, and Ill-defined Causes	151
		754
	Cause Unspecified	45
	Total	799

Cremation

There are now three crematoria in Victoria—one at Springvale, one at the new Melbourne General Cemetery, Fawkner, and one at Ballarat. The history of the establishment of the first two is contained in an article published in the Year Book 1942-43, page 307. The Ballarat Crematorium commenced operations on the 21st May, 1958.

The number of cremations in relation to total deaths are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—CREMATIONS AND DEATHS

Year	Cremations at Fawkner	Cremations at Springvale	Cremations at Ballarat	Total Cremations	Total Deaths	Percentage of Cremations to Deaths
1930-34 ..	1,430	..	..	1,430	85,901	1·66
1935-39 ..	2,192	2,621	..	4,813	94,971	5·07
1940-44 ..	3,728	6,313	..	10,041	104,520	9·61
1945-49 ..	5,962	10,553	..	16,515	107,288	15·39
1950-54 ..	9,061	16,616	..	25,677	114,315	22·46
1955 ..	2,017	4,102	..	6,119	22,527	27·16
1956 ..	2,282	4,451	..	6,733	23,886	28·19
1957 ..	2,366	4,483	..	6,849	24,131	28·38
1958 ..	2,238	4,580	95	6,913	23,625	29·26
1959 ..	2,515	4,830	204	7,549	25,078	30·10