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## Preface

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is Australia's official statistical agency. The mission of the ABS is to assist and encourage informed decision-making, research and discussion within governments and the community, by providing a high quality, objective and responsive national statistical service. In order to produce official statistics, the ABS undertakes a large number of separate collections; ranging from periodic censuses to regular surveys, to provide current social and economic indicators.

This 1999 Victorian Year Book, the 111th edition, presents a wide range of statistical information on the social, demographic and economic structure of Victoria; and represents a first point of reference for people throughout the community endeavouring to satisfy their statistical needs. Also included for the first time is a chapter on regional statistics. It presents selected characteristics by Labour Force regions, Statistical Divisions and Local Government Areas which complements the feature article.

The feature article for 1999 is on rural and regional Victoria. This article has been jointly authored by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Department of Infrastructure. It focuses on various aspects of rural and regional Victoria, such as environment and natural resources, population change, employment and employment opportunities, the growth and decline of some industries, trade and investment; and the challenges ahead for rural and regional Victoria to future economic success and population growth.

Other contributors to this edition include: Victorian Grants Commission, Land Victoria, Environmental Protection Authority, Parliamentary Library, Office of Local Government, Department of Human Services, Victorian and Tasmanian Casino and Gaming Authorities, Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Development, and Department of Education.

All sources have been carefully referenced to assist those seeking more detailed data. If further information is required, ABS publications can be accessed through public libraries, obtained via our subscription service or purchased on an ad hoc basis. An extensive range of products and services, including a comprehensive consultancy service, is also available through the Information Services Section on Melbourne 03 9615 7755.

The production of the Year Book has involved significant input from a number of individuals within the ABS and various other organisations. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all those involved in bringing together this edition of the Year Book.

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# General information

## List of abbreviations and symbols

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ANZIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographic Classification
B	borough
billion	thousand million
BTR	Bureau of Tourism Research
C	council
CBD	Central Business District
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DTM	Domestic Tourism Monitor
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
ERP	Estimated resident population
ETM	Elaborately Transformed Manufactures
EVAO	Estimated Value of Agricultural Operations
f.o.b.	free on board
FTE	full time equivalent
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GVACP	Gross Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced
ha	hectare
Hib	Haemophilus influenzae type b infection
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICD	International classification of diseases
IVS	International Visitors Survey
LCI	Labour Cost Index
LGA	Local Government Area
LPG	liquified petroleum gas
MSD	Melbourne Statistical Division
n.a.	not available
n.e.c	not elsewhere classified
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
n.f.d.	not further defined
n.y.a.	not yet available
P	preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
RC	Regional Council
S	shire
SMHWB	Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing
TAB	Totalisator Agency Board
TAC	Transport Accident Corporation
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
USA	United States of America
VRGP	Victorian registered general practitioner
WCI	Wage Cost Index
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded down to zero
—	break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)

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All unpublished data refers to the Australian Bureau of Statistics unless otherwise stated in the source.

The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: NSW (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld. (Queensland), SA (South Australia), WA (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), NT (Northern Territory), ACT (Australian Capital Territory), and Aust. (Australia).

Yearly periods ending 31 December are shown as a single number, e.g. 1998. Yearly periods ending 30 June are specified as the years spanned, e.g. 1997–98. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

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All data are presented in metric terms.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of component items and totals.

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