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Preface

The *Victorian Year Book* is an excellent general reference to key economic and social statistics on Victoria. The 104 editions, since the *Year Book* was first issued in 1873, provide an authoritative statistical record of Victoria's development. Most editions also contain feature articles; this year the topic is tourism.

The Year Book continues to play an important role in pursuit of the ABS mission: (ie) to assist and encourage informed decision-making, research and discussion within governments and the community by providing a high-quality, user-oriented and dynamic statistical service.

In addition to being a first point of reference for people from throughout the community who are trying to satisfy their information needs, the *Year Book* also includes references to more detailed sources and to the overall services offered by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). I encourage readers to provide the ABS with any comments for improving this important statistical product.

I have much pleasure in introducing the 1991 edition of the Victorian Year Book.

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General Information

Symbols

The following symbols mean:

- cr. credit
- dr. debit
- n.a. not available
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
- n.e.i. not elsewhere included
- n.e.s. not elsewhere specified
- n.p. not available for publication, but included in totals where applicable
- n.y.a. not yet available
 - p preliminary figure or series subject to revision
 - r figure or series revised since previous issue
 - .. not applicable
 - nil or rounded down to zero
- break in continuity of series (where a line drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes M, males; F, females; T, total

Other forms of usage

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 shown as, e.g. 1989 refer to the year ended 31 December 1989. Those shown as, e.g. 1988-89 refer to the year ended 30 June 1989. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

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