

**PART X.****POPULATION.**

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 100 per cent., owing 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 1928-1939 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 1929-33 had its effect on the population of the State.

The estimated population of Victoria at the end of 1945 was 2,020,630. This figure is subject to revision.

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1945.

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
1906 .. .. .	600,856	618,976	1,219,832
1907 .. .. .	605,775	627,032	1,232,807
1908 .. .. .	614,937	635,512	1,250,449
1909 .. .. .	631,021	646,001	1,277,022
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

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1945—*continued.*

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
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	905,050	919,429	1,824,479
1934	910,373	927,117	1,837,490
1935	911,710	931,313	1,843,023
1936	915,304	936,289	1,851,593
1937	918,665	940,822	1,859,487
1938	925,892	947,868	1,873,760
1939	931,405	954,843	1,886,248
1940	948,504	969,713	1,918,217
1941	965,681	984,306	1,949,987
1942	971,026	994,939	1,965,965
1943	980,169	1,005,747	1,985,916
1944	987,977	1,014,891	2,002,868
1945	996,339	1,024,291	2,020,630

Increase of population, 1860-1945.

At the census of 1861, the population of Victoria was 538,628; 730,198 in 1871; 861,566 in 1881; 1,140,088 in 1891; 1,201,070 in 1901; 1,315,551 in 1911; 1,531,280 in 1921; and 1,820,261 in 1933. During the period ended at the date of the census in each of the years 1901, 1911, 1921, and 1933 there were respective increases in the population at the rate of 5·35, 9·53, 16·40, and 18·87 per cent.

The table which follows shows, for each quinquennium of the 86 years 1860-1945, and for each year of the 20 years 1926-1945, 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, 1860-1945.

Period.	Increase during Period.			Increase per cent. during Period.		
	Natural.	Net Immigration.	Total.	Natural.	Net Immigration.	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	·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	(-) ·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	(-) 2,021	59,221	3·44	(-) ·11	3·33
1935-39 ..	52,364	(-) 3,598*	48,766	2·85	(-) ·20*	2·65
1940-44 ..	76,153	†	†	4·04	†	†
1926 ..	19,027	8,909	27,936	1·13	·53	1·66
1927 ..	18,301	11,544	29,845	1·07	·67	1·74
1928 ..	16,790	3,124	19,914	·96	·18	1·14
1929 ..	16,887	(-) 364	16,523	·96	(-) ·02	·94
1930 ..	17,168	(-) 2,832	14,336	·97	(-) ·16	·81
1931 ..	13,299	(-) 2,334	10,965	·74	(-) ·13	·61
1932 ..	10,659	(-) 842	9,817	·59	(-) ·05	·54
1933 ..	10,936	156	11,092	·60	·01	·61
1934 ..	9,180	3,831	13,011	·50	·21	·71
1935 ..	9,428	(-) 3,895	5,533	·51	(-) ·21	·30
1936 ..	10,105	(-) 1,535	8,570	·55	(-) ·08	·47
1937 ..	11,118	(-) 3,224	7,894	·60	(-) ·17	·43
1938 ..	11,389	2,884	14,273	·61	·16	·77
1939 ..	10,324	3,194*	13,518	·55	·17*	·72
1940 ..	11,669	20,635*	32,304	·62	1·09*	1·71
1941 ..	13,884	19,495*	33,379	·72	1·02*	1·74
1942 ..	13,954	6,161*	20,115	·71	·32*	1·03
1943 ..	17,790	3,887*	21,677	·90	·20*	1·10
1944 ..	18,856	†	†	·95	†	†
1945 ..	20,704	†	†	1·03	†	†

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

\* Civil migration only.

† Not available.

VICTORIA—MIGRATION.

The interstate and oversea movement of people to and from Victoria, for the period 1936-1945, is shown in the following table:—

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.
1936 ..	141,813	11,586	153,399	143,821	11,113	154,934	- 2,008	473	- 1,535
1937 ..	139,199	13,063	152,262	144,054	11,432	155,486	- 4,855	1,631	- 3,224
1938 ..	152,514	15,540	168,054	152,591	12,579	165,170	- 77	2,961	2,884
1939* ..	147,087	15,028	162,115	148,568	10,353	158,921	- 1,481	4,675	3,194
1940* ..	146,457	5,930	152,387	129,464	2,288	131,752	16,993	3,642	20,635
1941* ..	147,001	1,417	148,418	127,984	939	128,923	19,017	478	19,495
1942* ..	125,687	2,395	128,082	120,451	1,470	121,921	5,236	925	6,161
1943* ..	106,185	1,061	107,246	102,091	1,268	103,359	4,094	- 207	3,887
1944* ..	†	848	†	†	1,289	†	†	441	†
1945* ..	†	1,656	†	†	2,969	†	†	- 1,313	†

NOTE.—The minus sign (—) indicates excess of departures over arrivals.  
\* Civil migration only. † Not available.

In 1936 migration to and from Victoria reached a total of 308,333 persons. There was little fluctuation during the following year, but in 1938 the volume of migration was the highest recorded since 1930. In 1939 a decline was recorded in both oversea and interstate migration. The considerable decrease in migration since 1939 was due to the war.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF MIGRATION, 1945.

—	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Migration by Sea—						
Arrivals .. ..	6,436	9,245	15,681	..	..	..
Departures .. ..	7,616	10,397	18,013	..	..	..
Gain by Sea .. ..	..	..	..	- 1,180	- 1,152	- 2,332
Migration by Rail—						
Arrivals .. ..	†	†	73,450	..	..	..
Departures .. ..	†	†	62,052	..	..	..
Gain by Rail .. ..	..	..	..	†	†	11,398
Migration by Air—						
Arrivals .. ..	†	†	†	..	..	..
Departures .. ..	†	†	†	..	..	..
Gain by Air .. ..	..	..	..	†	†	†

NOTE.—The minus sign (—) indicates the excess of departures over arrivals. † Not available.

The immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria, the other Australian States, British countries, and foreign countries during each of the four years ended 1945 are shown in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY SEA, 1942-1945.

State or Country of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from During—				Departures to During—			
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<i>States.</i>								
New South Wales ..	180	198	133	233	681	720	555	246
Queensland ..	39	14	..	24	158	151	..	..
South Australia ..	172	22	5	9	17	17	2	10
Western Australia ..	718	80	90	130	451	506	535	285
Tasmania ..	31,906	20,473	13,349	13,629	29,546	20,750	14,962	14,503
Total Interstate ..	33,015	20,787	13,577	14,025	30,853	22,144	16,054	15,044
<i>Overseas.</i>								
New Zealand ..	260	83	57	438	115	144	446	201
United Kingdom ..	225	89	60	304	159	127	191	1,857
India and Ceylon ..	210	128	222	211	138	146	170	334
South Africa ..	216	67	106	48	106	111	13	86
Other British Possessions ..	807	22	6	132	45	..	103	127
Total British Countries ..	1,718	389	451	1,133	563	528	923	2,605
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
France ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	171	117	368	223	732	247	331	279
Other Foreign Countries ..	506	555	29	295	175	493	23	85
Total Foreign Countries ..	677	672	397	523	907	740	366	364
GRAND TOTAL ..	35,410	21,848	14,425	15,681	32,323	23,412	17,343	18,013

The movement of population during the last four years by way of interstate railway passenger traffic is shown in the following statement:—

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1942-1945.

State—Territory.	Arrivals from During—				Departures to During—			
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
New South Wales ..	41,732	30,687	33,118	45,187	44,441	33,035	34,277	41,569
Queensland ..	7,430	8,917	10,130	12,071	6,074	5,616	4,106	5,089
South Australia ..	11,047	9,365	8,906	10,872	9,710	7,597	8,809	9,457
Western Australia ..	4,684	3,557	4,221	4,668	2,828	2,749	3,664	4,975
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,657	700	509	652	813	578	760	911
Northern Territory ..	..	2	..	..	..	36	..	51
Total ..	66,550	53,228	56,884	73,450	63,866	49,611	51,616	62,052

The following table shows the movement of population by air during the last five years :—

VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY AIR, 1941-1945.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excessive Arrivals over Departures.
1941 .. .. .	34,738	34,132	606
1942 .. .. .	26,122	25,732	390
1943 .. .. .	32,170	30,336	1,834
1944 .. .. .	†	†	†
1945 .. .. .	†	†	†

† Not available.

**Assisted immigration.** For the duration of 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.

**Population of Greater Melbourne.** For many years the population of Greater Melbourne was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of ten miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office.

To conform to the growth of the urban population in certain directions, principally in the cities of Chelsea and Mordialloc, the metropolitan area was re-defined in 1929. The municipalities included in this area and the population of each are as under :—

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933 AND (ESTIMATED) AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 1945.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1945.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1945.
Box Hill City .. .. .	5,120	15,332	20,550	4·0
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding) .. .. .	8,480	8,761	13,350	1·6
Brighton City .. .. .	3,308	29,707	39,550	12·0
Brunswick City .. .. .	2,719	54,348	59,900	22·0
Camberwell City .. .. .	8,352	50,052	74,100	8·9
Caulfield City .. .. .	5,600	65,297	82,750	14·8
Chelsea City .. .. .	3,040	6,625	8,400	2·8
Coburg City .. .. .	4,800	38,118	49,200	10·2
Collingwood City .. .. .	1,139	30,665	31,700	27·8

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933  
AND (ESTIMATED) AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1945—*continued.*

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 1945.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1945.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1945.
Essendon City .. ..	4,000	46,096	53,200	13·3
Fitzroy City .. ..	923	30,909	32,400	35·1
Footscray City .. ..	3,982	46,266	60,350	15·2
Hawthorn City .. ..	2,402	33,758	41,550	17·3
Heidelberg City (excluding Greensborough Ward) ..	8,800	24,949	32,300	3·7
Kew City .. ..	3,523	25,486	32,950	9·3
Malvern City .. ..	3,996	43,244	49,550	12·4
Melbourne City .. ..	7,740	92,112	104,400	13·5
Moorabbin City .. ..	13,360	19,006	25,800	1·9
Mordialloc City .. ..	3,351	9,216	12,600	3·8
Northcote City .. ..	2,850	42,723	47,150	16·5
Oakleigh City .. ..	2,658	11,903	14,750	5·5
Port Melbourne City ..	2,366	12,906	14,750	6·2
Prahran City .. ..	2,320	51,606	61,000	26·3
Preston City .. ..	8,800	33,442	41,100	4·7
Richmond City .. ..	1,430	39,618	42,800	29·9
Sandringham City .. ..	3,740	18,075	24,000	6·4
South Melbourne City ..	2,303	42,936	46,100	20·0
St. Kilda City .. ..	2,049	46,579	56,400	27·5
Williamstown City .. ..	2,775	22,199	26,350	9·5
Total .. ..	125,926	991,934	1,199,000*	9·5

\* Subject to revision.

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 35·1 persons to the acre; Richmond has 29·9; Collingwood, 27·8; St. Kilda, 27·5; Prahran, 26·3; Brunswick, 22·0; South Melbourne, 20·0; and Melbourne City, 13·5. There is a total area of 9,644 acres devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in Greater Melbourne, so that the population is really living more closely together than the figures in the table indicate; if these park areas are excluded, the density of the population in the abovementioned municipalities is as follows:—Fitzroy, 37·0 persons to the acre; Richmond, 35·7; St. Kilda, 32·5; Collingwood, 30·5; Prahran, 27·2; South Melbourne, 25·9; Brunswick, 22·7; and Melbourne City, 18·8; while, for the whole of Greater Melbourne, the exclusion of park areas has only a slight influence on the density, the number of persons to the acre increasing from 9·5 to 10·3.



**Population of cities, towns and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne.** Outside the boundaries of Greater Melbourne the chief centres of population in Victoria are the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Mildura, and Warrnambool. The particulars relating to Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong are exclusive of the urban populations in contiguous shires. The populations of cities, towns, and certain boroughs are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATIONS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, 1933 AND 1945.

Locality.	Population.		Locality.	Population.	
	Census 1933.	1945 (Estimated 31st December).		Census 1933.	1945 (Estimated 31st December).
<b>Cities—</b>			<b>Boroughs—</b>		
Ballarat* ..	37,411	39,500	Castlemaine ..	5,221	5,750
Bendigo† ..	29,131	30,900	Colac ..	..	5,650
Geelong‡ ..	39,223	41,300	Echuca ..	4,411	4,500
Mildura ..	6,617	8,000	Maryborough ..	5,631	6,200
Warrnambool ..	8,906	9,300	Shepparton ..	5,698	6,600
			Stawell ..	4,747	4,950
<b>Towns—</b>			Swan Hill ..	..	4,950
Ararat ..	4,914	5,080	Wangaratta ..	4,795	5,400
Hamilton ..	5,786	6,100	Wonthaggi ..	5,593	5,000
Horsham ..	5,272	5,800			
Sale ..	4,262	5,000			

\* Includes municipalities of Ballarat and Sebastopol.

† Includes municipalities of Bendigo and Eaglehawk.

‡ Includes municipalities of Geelong, Geelong West, and Newtown, and Chilwell.

NOTE.—Colac created a borough on 11th January, 1938. Swan Hill created a borough on 30th May, 1939.

**Population of Greater Melbourne and remainder of State, 1861-1945.** In the seventy-two years from the census of 1861 to the census of 1933, the population of Greater Melbourne increased by 609 per cent. from 139,916 to 991,934. In the same period, the population of the remainder of the State increased by 108 per cent. from 398,721 to 828,327. During only one intercensal period—1891-1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than in the metropolis. With the decline in the gold-mining 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 increase was 123,336; of this increase, 67,353 occurred in the 28 years ended 31st December, 1929, and 55,983 in the years of depression which followed.

**POPULATION OF VICTORIA, GREATER MELBOURNE, AND  
REMAINDER OF THE STATE, 1861 TO 1945.**

(a) Census. (b) Estimated 31st December.	Population at Each Date.		
	Victoria.	Greater Melbourne.	Remainder of State.
(a)			
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
(b)			
1936 .. .. .	1,851,593	1,016,500	835,093
1937 .. .. .	1,859,487	1,024,000	835,487
1938 .. .. .	1,873,760	1,035,600	838,160
1939 .. .. .	1,886,248	1,046,750	839,498
1940 .. .. .	1,918,217	1,076,700	841,517
1941 .. .. .	1,949,987	1,137,000	812,987
1942 .. .. .	1,965,965	1,152,000	813,965
1943 .. .. .	1,985,916	1,170,000	815,916
1944 .. .. .	2,002,868	1,184,000	818,863
1945 .. .. .	2,020,630	1,199,000	821,630

\* The boundaries of Greater Melbourne were re-defined in 1929.

In the following tables is given the population of each Australian State and of New Zealand at each census from 1861 to 1933 and also the estimated population at 31st December, 1945.

**CENSUS POPULATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATES AND  
TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND.**

	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							
	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.
States—								
Victoria ..	538,628	730,198	861,566	1,140,088	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261
New South Wales ..	350,860	502,998	749,825	1,123,954	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847
Queensland ..	30,059	117,960	213,525	393,718	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,534
South Australia ..	* 126,830	* 185,626	276,414	315,533	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949
Western Australia ..	15,100	25,270	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852
Tasmania ..	89,977	101,020	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599
Territories—								
Northern Australian Capital ..	..	..	3,451	4,898	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850
..	..	..	..	..	..	† 1,714	2,572	8,947
Australia ..	1,151,454	1,663,072	2,250,194	3,174,640	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734	6,629,839
New Zealand—								
Excluding Maoris ..	99,021	256,393	489,933	626,658	772,719	1,008,468	1,218,913	† 1,491,484
Including Maoris ..	..	..	534,030	668,651	815,862	1,058,312	1,271,664	† 1,573,810

\* Includes Northern Territory. † Part of New South Wales prior to 1911. ‡ Census of 1936.

The increase of population in each of the States and of the Territories during the intercensal period 1921-1933 was 288,981 in Victoria, 500,476 in New South Wales, 191,562 in Queensland, 106,120, in Western Australia, 85,789 in South Australia, 13,819 in Tasmania, 6,375 in the Australian Capital Territory, and 983 in the Northern Territory. The population of Australia increased between the above-mentioned dates by 1,194,105.

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND AT 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1945.	Persons to the Square Mile.	Proportion in Each State or Territory.
				%
Victoria .. .. .	87,884	2,020,630	22·99	27·25
New South Wales .. .. .	309,432	2,912,983	9·41	39·29
Queensland .. .. .	670,500	1,086,628	1·62	14·66
South Australia .. .. .	380,070	632,609	1·66	8·53
Western Australia .. .. .	975,920	492,018	0·50	6·54
Tasmania .. .. .	26,215	249,414	9·51	3·36
Territories—				
Northern .. .. .	523,620	5,242	0·01	0·07
Australian Capital .. .. .	940	14,804	15·75	0·20
Australia .. .. .	2,974,581	7,414,328†	2·49	100·00
New Zealand .. .. .	103,415*	1,728,441‡	16·71	..

\* Excluding 600 square miles, the areas of outlying and annexed islands.

† Subject to revision. ‡ Includes 99,653 Maoris.

The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1871-1933, and the estimated populations at the 31st December, 1945, are shown hereafter. During the 74 years, 1871-1945, Melbourne has made great progress. The most notable advance occurred in the decennial period 1881-91, when the population increased by 207,949, or

Population of Australian capital cities, 1871-1945.

73 per cent. The population remained almost stationary between 1891 and 1901. This unsatisfactory feature was due to a severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. A great number of persons migrated in those years to other parts in search of employment. In the intercensal period 1901 to 1911 there was an increase of 97,158; in the period 1911 to 1921 an increase of 189,742 and, in the period 1921-1933, an increase of 208,955 persons. The closing years of the last mentioned period were years of world-wide depression, during which immigration to Victoria was at a standstill and Melbourne lost population to a slight degree to the rural districts of the State. In the earlier years of the period, however, a consistent rate of increase was maintained, with the result that the net numerical increase for the period was the highest experienced. From 1933 to 1939 there was a steady increase but, since 1939, there has been a high rate of increase, due to the war. Since 1902 Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia. A high proportion of the population of Australia is concentrated in the capital cities of the six States.

**POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES,  
1871 TO 1945.**

Capital City (the Area of each City is given in a note below).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							Estimated Population, 31st December, 1945.	Persons to the Acre.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.		
Melbourne..	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,199,000	9.5
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,235,267	1,398,000†	8.9
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	299,748	393,580	1.6
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	312,619	370,000	3.6
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	207,440	233,000‡	1.9
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	60,406	72,150	1.3

\* Not available. † Population at 31st December, 1943. ‡ Population at 30th June, 1944.

NOTE.—The areas of the capital cities in acres were Sydney, 156,704; Melbourne, 125,926; Brisbane, 246,400; Adelaide, 102,987; Perth, 122,240; and Hobart, 54,890.

The estimated population of the Australian Capital Territory on 31st December, 1945, was 14,925.

**Aborigines in Victoria.** At the first colonization of Victoria the Aborigines were officially estimated to number about 5,000, but according to other and apparently more reliable estimates they numbered at that time not less than 15,000. In 1851, when the colony was separated from New South Wales, the number was officially stated as 2,693. The number in Victoria as at the 30th June, 1945, was 676; of whom 21 were full-blood and 655 were of mixed blood.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE AT STATIONS, 1944-45.

Station.	Aborigines.	Mixed Bloods.	Total.
Lake Condah .. .. .	2	..	2
Lake Tyers .. .. .	9	145	154
Framlingham .. .. .	..	2	2
In Institutions .. .. .	..	2	2
Total .. .. .	11	149	160

As will be seen from the above figures, the majority of the aborigines under the care of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines is concentrated at the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station, which is situated in East Gippsland. This Station is under the control of a resident manager. The reserves at Lake Condah and Framlingham are under the control of the local police officer, who is appointed as Local Guardian.

In addition to the number under the care of the Board at Stations in Victoria, it is estimated that there are eight full-bloods and 507 mixed bloods at Antwerp, Echuca, Framlingham, Colac, Dimboola, Lake Condah, Healesville, Mooroopna, Orbost, Lakes Entrance, Shepparton, and Swan Hill, and of this number approximately 370 are in regular employment. A few of these people occasionally receive assistance from the Board.

During the year 1944-45 there were 7 births of mixed bloods, 1 death of a full-blood, and 3 deaths of mixed bloods at Lake Tyers.

The amount expended on the care and maintenance of the aborigines during the year was £3,930. At the Treasury is kept a Trust Fund known as the Aborigines Board Produce Fund, into which receipts from the sale of timber and produce, leasing of reserves, &c., are paid. The amount to the credit of this Fund on the 30th June, 1945, was £7,319.

During the year 1945, non-European arrivals numbered 403 and departures 682, as compared with 84 arrivals and 12 departures in 1944. A statement of the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act appears on page 73 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 of 1903" the right to issue certificates of naturalization is vested in the Commonwealth.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1945 was 1,150. They were of various nationalities, 27 per cent. being of German origin. During the 75 years, 1871 to 1945 inclusive, 23,701 persons were naturalized. The following table shows the birthplaces of persons naturalized in Victoria during the five years 1941-1945.

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACES OF PERSONS NATURALIZED,  
1941-45.

Birthplace.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.					Total Naturalized 1941 to 1945.
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	
Austria .. ..	..	..	5	152	216	373
Denmark .. ..	15	17	8	3	7	50
Finland .. ..	10	5	2	2	4	23
Germany .. ..	19	16	32	267	312	646
Greece .. ..	28	37	42	31	27	165
Italy .. ..	21	5	33	87	243	389
Norway .. ..	13	10	6	4	3	36
Poland .. ..	17	80	125	134	167	523
Russia .. ..	10	..	8	13	18	49
Sweden .. ..	23	15	8	4	3	53
Switzerland .. ..	12	2	4	2	3	23
Other European Countries .. ..	66	45	64	88	129	392
United States .. ..	3	9	3	3	5	23
Australia .. ..	59*	82*	..	24*	10*	175*
Other Countries .. ..	19	28	12	8	3	70
Total .. ..	315	351	352	822	1,150	2,990

\* Australian born women who previously acquired foreign nationality on their marriage to aliens.