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Of the six States and two Territories which comprise the Commonwealth of Australia, Victoria has the second largest population although it ranks only sixth in area. The State is bordered in the south by 1,200 kilometres of ocean coastline; the southern-most point is at Wilsons Promontory in latitude 39°08'S. The eastern-most point is at Cape Howe in longitude 149°58'E. The western boundary is the 140°58'E meridian; in the north the State is bounded principally by the Murray River. Eastern Standard Time in Victoria is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

VICTORIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area	Period	Percentage of Australian total
Demography -		
Estimated resident population	30 June 1992	25.4
Births	"	25.0
Deaths (including infant deaths)	"	25.8
Marriages	"	24.8
Divorces	"	23.1
Labour Force -		
Employed persons	May 1994	24.9
Unemployed persons	"	28.3
Agriculture -		
Value of agricultural commodities produced	1992-93	23.8
Area of establishments at 31 March (a)	"	2.7
Wheat for grain	"	13.7
Potatoes	"	27.4
Meat	"	21.5
Wool	"	16.5
Manufacturing Turnover	1991-92	32.0
Turnover of retail establishments (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.) 1992-93		24.1
Exports (b)	"	18.2
Imports	"	30.5

(a) Excludes establishments with an Estimated Value of Agricultural Operations (EVAO) of less than \$22,500.

DEMOGRAPHY

	1992	1993
Estimated resident population at 30 June -		
Victoria -	'000 r 4 448.8	p 4 462.1
Males	" r 2 205.0	p 2 210.3
Females	" r 2 243.8	p 2 251.8
Melbourne Statistical Division	" r 3 177.9	p 3 187.5
Number of persons by age group at 30 June -		
Under 15 years	" 949.0	p 942.4
15-19 years	" 337.0	p 325.7
20-59 years	" 2 469.0	p 2 477.0
60-64 years	" 188.0	p 183.7
65 years and over	" 516.0	p 533.2
Vital events registered -		
Births	No. 65 438	65 766
Deaths (including infant deaths)	" 31 216	31 951
Marriages	" 28 535	28 429
Divorces	" 11 134	10 533

EDUCATION

	1991	1992
Number of institutions -		
Schools (July)	No. 2 725	2 700
Tertiary institutions	" 14	12
TAFE institutions (Dec) (a)	" 389	392
Students -		
Schools (July)	" 789 513	787 622
Tertiary institutions	" 150 276	156 055
TAFE -		
Vocational and preparatory	" 263 796	297 190
Adult education	" 172 244	221 994
Teaching staff -		
Schools (July)	" 55 868	56 741
Tertiary institutions (b)	" 19 426	20 071
TAFE (December) (b)	" 4 471	4 504

WELFARE SERVICES

	1991-92	1992-93
Age and disability pension payments		
	\$m 3 364.6	3 596.9
Family allowance payments -		
Children covered	'000 924.3	918.7
Unemployment benefit	\$m 1 723.8	1 951.1

(a) Comprises all institutions offering TAFE courses.
(b) Full-time teaching staff only.

LABOUR FORCE (MAY)		1993	1994
Employed persons -			
Males	'000	1 101.3	1 125.7
Females	"	816.0	838.0
Unemployed persons -			
Males	"	166.3	144.3
Females	"	105.4	96.7
Unemployment rates -			
Males	per cent	13.1	11.4
Females	"	11.4	10.3

Earnings (February quarter)

Average weekly ordinary time earnings -			
Full-time adult males	\$	631.10	641.00
Full-time adult females	"	531.40	542.00
Full-time adult employees	"	595.10	604.70

RETAIL TRADE

		1991-92	1992-93
Turnover -			
Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists			
	\$m	7 335.0	7 538.4
Butchers			
	"	507.9	504.0
Other food stores			
	"	1 589.2	1 608.8
Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs			
	"	2 044.3	1 913.6
Cafes and restaurants			
	"	1 075.0	1 169.2
Clothing and fabrics stores			
	"	1 675.7	1 647.5
Department and general stores			
	"	2 397.6	2 479.7
Footwear stores			
	"	367.0	393.1
Domestic hardware stores, jewellers			
	"	904.7	1 024.4
Electrical goods stores			
	"	1 208.7	1 280.6
Furniture stores			
	"	481.9	479.7
Floor coverings stores			
	"	179.2	233.8
Chemists			
	"	989.0	1 028.1
Newsagents			
	"	653.4	682.6
Other			
	"	1 178.1	1 202.4
Total		22 586.7	23 185.9

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

		1991-92	1992-93
Motels and licensed hotels (with facilities) -			
Establishments at 30 June	No.	1 037	1 051
Guest rooms at 30 June	"	29 949	30 278
Takings from accommodation	\$m	407.8	417.9

MINERAL PRODUCTION		1990-91	1991-92
Coal and briquettes	'000 tonnes	48 884	51 425
Petroleum products -			
Crude oil, including condensates			
	megalitres	14 782	16 935
Natural gas	mill. cu. m	6 352	6 668
Ethane	gigalitres	155	161
Liquefied petroleum gas	megalitres	2 498	2 568

AGRICULTURE

		1991-92	1992-93
Value of agricultural commodities produced -			
Crops			
	\$m	1 830	2 210
Livestock slaughterings			
	"	1 138	1 327
Livestock products			
	"	1 774	1 874
Total		4 742	5 410
Area of establishments at 31 March (a)			
	'000 ha	12 374	12 271
Crops (a) -			
Wheat for grain -			
Area			
	"	664	821
Production			
	'000 tonnes	1 150	2 015
Other cereals for grain -			
Area			
	'000 ha	756	817
Production			
	'000 tonnes	1 255	1 591
Potatoes			
	'000 ha	14	12
Other Vegetables			
	"	17	16
Orchard trees			
	"	22	24
Grape vines (a) -			
Area			
	'000 ha	19	20
Production			
	'000 tonnes	432	311
Livestock at 31 March (a) -			
Milk cattle			
	'000	1 422	1 463
Meat cattle			
	"	2 152	2 226
Sheep			
	"	24 782	23 555
Pigs			
	"	431	425
Livestock products -			
Meat			
	'000 tonnes	1 688	700
Milk (b)			
	m litres	4 118	4 456
Wool			
	'000 tonnes	117	118

(a) Figures for 1982-83 exclude establishments with an Estimated Value of Agricultural Operations (EVAO) of less than \$2,500. Figures for 1991-92 exclude establishments with an EVAO of less than \$20,000. Figures for 1992-93 exclude establishments with an EVAO of less than \$22,500.

(b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

BUILDING COMPLETIONS		1991-92	1992-93
New residential buildings -			
Houses	No.	22 401	25 099
	\$m	2 026.8	2 233.4
Other residential buildings	No.	2 865	2 566
	\$m	215.7	179.1
Alterations and additions (of \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings			
	\$m	543.1	583.5
Buildings other than residential	"	3 004.9	2 802.4

TRANSPORT		1991-92	1992-93
Motor vehicles on register at 30 June -			
Cars and station wagons	'000	2 178.1	2 206.6
Commercial vehicles	"	436.8	441.3
Motor cycles	"	69.9	70.4
Registrations of new motor vehicles -			
Cars and station wagons	No.	98 766	106 213
Commercial vehicles	"	14 151	17 677
Motor cycles	"	3 878	4 528

MANUFACTURING		1990-91	1991-92
Turnover -			
Food, beverages, and tobacco	\$m	r 10 504	10 670
Textiles	"	r 1 968	1 950
Clothing and footwear	"	r 2 470	2 323
Wood, wood products, and furniture	"	r 1 945	1 788
Paper, paper products, printing, and publishing	"	r 4 730	4 693
Chemical, petroleum, and coal products	"	r 7 990	7 843
Non-metallic mineral products	"	r 1 868	1 679
Basic metal products	"	r 4 085	3 949
Fabricated metal products	"	r 3 797	3 570
Transport equipment	"	r 7 296	6 374
Other machinery and equipment	"	r 5 682	5 420
Miscellaneous manufacturing	"	r 3 439	3 597
Total	"	r 55 774	53 856

OVERSEAS TRADE		1991-92	1992-93
Imports from -			
USA	\$m	3 306	3 974
Japan	"	2 882	3 315
Germany	"	1 199	1 448
UK	"	1 00s	1 050
Other	"	6 979	8 375
Total Imports	"	15 372	18 162
Exports to -			
USA	"	947	934
Japan	"	1 698	1 629
New Zealand	"	825	951
UK	"	310	334
Other	"	5 751	7 189
Total Exports	"	9 531	11 037

PRICES		1991-92	1992-93
Consumer Price Index (Melbourne) -			
Food	1989-90 = 100	104.9	106.3
Clothing	"	106.8	107.8
Housing	"	98.9	93.1
Household equipment and operation	"	108.3	108.3
Transportation	"	109.8	112.7
Tobacco and alcohol	"	116.8	122.7
Health and personal care	"	126.3	129.8
Recreation and education	"	108.6	110.8
All groups	"	108.1	108.9
House Price Index (Melbourne) -			
Established houses	"	94.8	93.1
Project homes	"	101.8	100.4
Price Index of Materials Used in Building,			
All groups (Melbourne) -			
House building	1985-86 = 100	137.3	141.1
Other than house building	1989-90 = 100	103.4	104.4
Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries -			
Imported materials			
	1984-85 = 100	123.3	130.6
Home produced materials	"	119.3	124.6
Price Index of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry			
	1988-89 = 100	111.6	114.3