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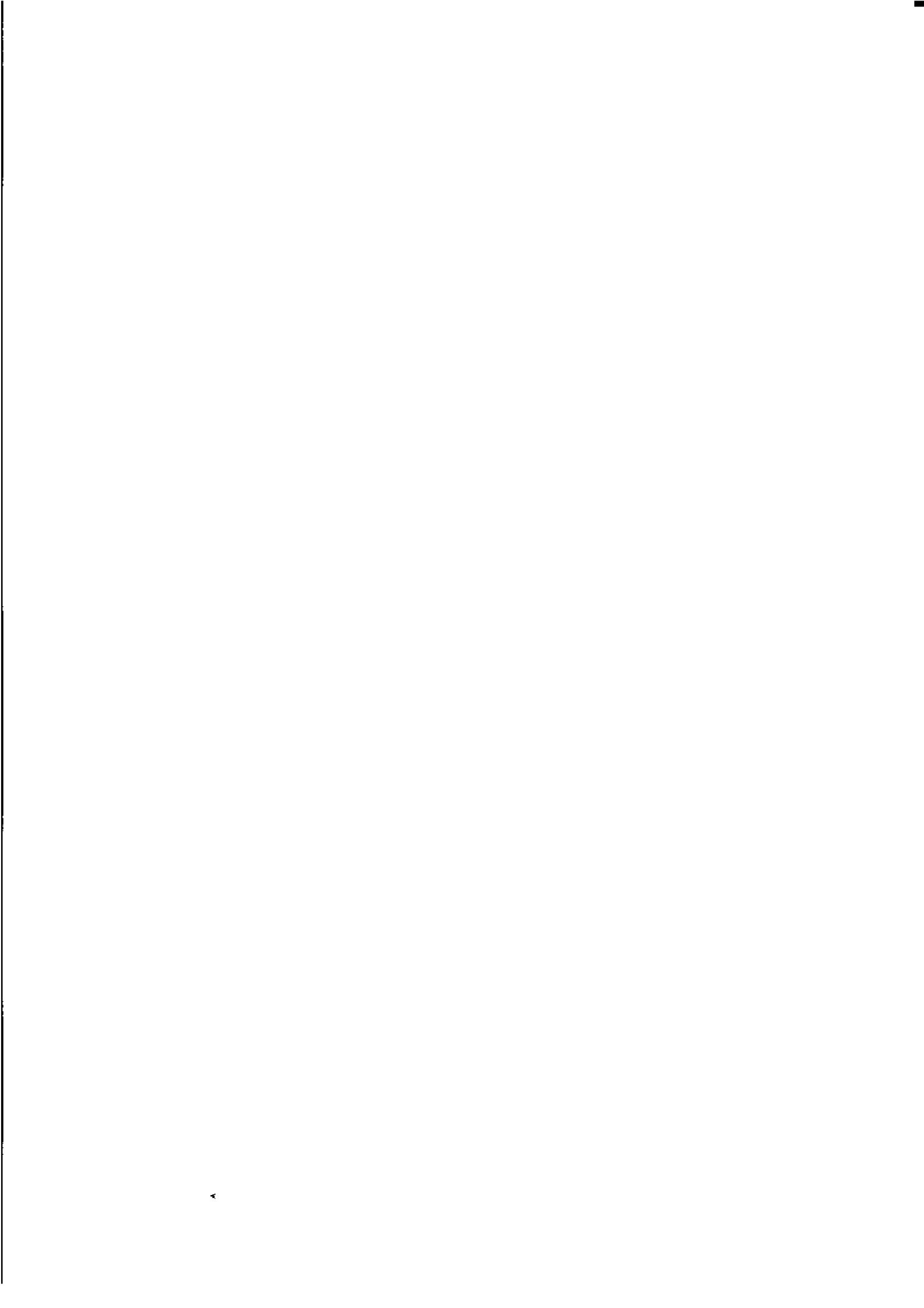


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## INTRODUCTION

This publication contains estimates of the resident populations of Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) and Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Tasmania as at 30 June, for 1995 and 1996. Also included are estimated resident populations for the census years of 1986 and 1991.

The publication also presents an analysis over the last six years of the components of population change in Tasmania.

Information on the methodology used to estimate resident population in Tasmania (and in LGAs and SLAs) is contained in the Explanatory Notes at the back of this publication. The notes also contain an assessment of the quality of the estimates produced.

Earlier editions of this publication contained additional detailed tables for SLAs and LGAs in the form of estimated resident population by age and sex. As the preparation of these data often delayed release of the main SLA and LGA estimates, they are no longer included as part of this publication. They are, however, available separately on request and users requiring these data are invited to contact the ABS.

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## MAIN FEATURES

### POPULATION GROWTH - SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF DECLINE

The year to 30 June 1996 was the sixth consecutive year to record declining population growth. Tasmania's population in that year increased by an estimated 381 persons which was less than the 534 persons recorded in the previous year and substantially less than the 6,930 persons recorded in 1989-90.

Tasmania's population growth rate for 1995-96 was 0.08 % compared with Australia's population growth rate of 1.33 % for the same period. Australia's rate represented a small increase over the 1.18 % recorded for 1994-95, whereas Tasmania's rate represented a small decrease from the 0.11 % for 1994-95.

### INCREASING NEGATIVE INTERSTATE MIGRATION A MAJOR FACTOR

Tasmania's declining population growth results from an increasingly negative net interstate migration movement. In 1995-96, Tasmania recorded a net loss through interstate migration of 2,725 persons. This is a further extension of a downward trend commencing from a high point in 1989-90 when a net *gain* of 2,790 was recorded.

The 1995-96 net loss figure was created by an excess of departures of 13,302 over arrivals of 10,577. Notably, compared to 1994-95, there were 435 more persons arriving in the State, but this was offset by 445 more departing the State.

### MINIMAL RISE IN OVERSEAS MIGRATION

The negative trend of net interstate migration was offset in only a very minor way by net overseas migration. The figure for 1995-96 was just 498, a small increase over the 310 recorded in 1994-95. Tasmania's net overseas migration rate of 0.11 % for 1995-96 compared with Australia's figure of 0.63 %.

### NATURAL INCREASE - LESS BIRTHS

Tasmania's natural increase in 1995-96 was 2,608, a decrease of 331 on the previous year. This decrease resulted from 335 less births and 4 less deaths registered in 1995-96 than in 1994-95.

Tasmania's natural increase rate, whilst normally lower than Australia's, decreased further in comparison. In 1995-96 Tasmania's rate was 0.55% compared to 0.70% for Australia. Tasmania's natural increase rate for 1995-96 was also slightly less than the 1994-95 figure of 0.62% and continues the downward trend from the recent high of 0.74% in 1989-90.

### AGEING OF THE POPULATION

The median age of Tasmanians in 1995-96 was 34.6 years, an increase on the 34.1 years for 1994-95. The median age for males was 33.7 years in 1995-96 (33.3 years in 1994-95) and the median age for females was 35.4 years (34.8 years in 1994-95).

Factors contributing to increased median ages include longer life expectancy, declining fertility (evident in smaller families and deferred first births) and changes in net migration age profiles.

POPULATION 65 AND  
OVER CONTINUES  
TO INCREASE

With the trend towards increasing median ages, the proportion of the State population in older age groups continues to rise. In 1985-86, persons aged 65 years and over accounted for 10.9 % of the population, compared to 12.8 % in 1995-96.

Conversely, the proportion of persons in the younger age groups has declined. Children under 15 years accounted for 24.1% of the State's population in 1985-86, but by June 1996 this had fallen to 22.1%. A similar decline was estimated for 20-29 year olds, from 16.4% in 1985-86 to 13.9% in 1995-96.

REGIONS

The Greater Hobart-Southern Region accounted for 48.4 % of Tasmania's estimated resident population at 30 June 1996; the Northern Region had 28.2 %; and the Mersey-Lyell Region, 23.4%. Since 1991, Greater Hobart-Southern and Northern Regions have both increased their shares slightly at the expense of the Mersey-Lyell Region, which has experienced a small decrease in population at an average annual rate of -0.18%.

Between 1991-96, the Greater Hobart-Southern Region showed an average annual growth rate of 0.47 % and the Northern Region 0.34 %. The average annual growth rate for the State as a whole for this period was 0.28 %.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AREAS

In the period 1990-91 to 1995-96, Sorell municipality recorded the largest growth rate with an average annual increase of 2.99 %. Other local government areas showing moderate growth were Kingborough (1.66 %), West Tamar (1.60%), Latrobe (1.41%) and Meander Valley (1.39 %).

Significant decreases occurred in West Coast (-2.51 %), Central Highlands (-1.24 %) and Flinders (-0.95%).

STATISTICAL LOCAL  
AREAS

The growth areas referred to in the previous section are again highlighted in an analysis of major statistical components of local government areas. Meander Valley Part A, (the *Part A* indicating that it is the predominantly urban component of the Meander Valley local government area), experienced an average annual growth rate of 3.65 %. Sorell Part A grew by 3.10 %, Kingborough Part A 1.66 % and West Tamar Part A 1.77 %.

In the predominantly rural areas Latrobe Part B experienced an average annual growth rate of 3.92%, Sorell Part B 1.99%, Launceston Part C 1.94% and Kingborough Part B 1.60%.

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS AT 30 JUNE

<b>Statistical Division</b>					<i>Growth</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>Proportion</i>
<i>Subdivision</i>	1986	1991	1995	1996p	<i>rate</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>rate</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>of State</i>
<i>Statistical Local Area</i>					1986-91	1991-96	1996
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	%	%	%
<b>Greater Hobart Statistical Division</b>	<b>182 071</b>	<b>190 950</b>	<b>194 755</b>	<b>195 004</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>41.19</b>
Brighton	11 106	12 066	12 675	12 760	1.67	1.12	2.70
Clarence	48 118	49 447	49 890	49 695	0.55	0.10	10.50
Derwent Valley -Part A	7 595	7 306	7 280	7 215	-0.77	-0.25	1.52
Glenorchy	41 895	43 611	44 060	44 150	0.81	0.25	9.33
Hobart—Inner	596	397	350	359	-7.80	-1.99	0.08
Hobart—Remainder	47 143	47 284	46 960	46 730	0.06	-0.24	9.87
Kingborough—Part A	19 612	23 182	24 920	25 175	3.40	1.66	5.32
Sorell—Part A	6 006	7 657	8 620	8 920	4.98	3.10	1.88
<b>Southern Statistical Division</b>	<b>29 826</b>	<b>32 805</b>	<b>33 725</b>	<b>34 080</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>7.20</b>
Central Highlands	3 073	2 969	2 845	2 790	-0.69	-1.24	0.59
Derwent Valley -Part B	2 661	3 007	3 000	3 000	2.47	-0.05	0.63
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3 733	3 962	4 070	4 120	1.20	0.79	0.87
Huon Valley	11 196	12 634	13 120	13 290	2.45	1.02	2.81
Kingborough—Part B	1 951	2 259	2 400	2 445	2.97	1.60	0.52
Sorell—Part B	744	861	920	950	2.96	1.99	0.20
Southern Midlands	4 829	5 157	5 320	5 400	1.32	0.93	1.14
Tasman	1 639	1 956	2 050	2 085	3.60	1.29	0.44
<b>Northern Statistical Division</b>	<b>123 856</b>	<b>131 080</b>	<b>133 128</b>	<b>133 345</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>28.17</b>
<b>Greater Launceston Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>91 061</b>	<b>96 134</b>	<b>97 863</b>	<b>97 990</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>20.70</b>
George Town—Part A	6 362	6 231	6 075	5 990	-0.42	-0.79	1.27
Launceston—Inner	599	336	298	290	-10.92	-2.90	0.06
Launceston—Part B	61 422	62 549	62 390	61 990	0.36	-0.18	13.10
Meander Valley—Part A	2 529	4 513	5 130	5 400	12.28	3.65	1.14
Northern Midlands—Part A	5 533	6 139	6 360	6 455	2.10	1.01	1.36
West Tamar—Part A	14 616	16 366	17 610	17 865	2.29	1.77	3.77
<b>Central North Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>19 510</b>	<b>20 580</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>21 045</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>4.45</b>
George Town—Part B	756	934	990	995	4.32	1.27	0.21
Launceston—Part C	2 327	2 752	2 920	3 030	3.41	1.94	0.64
Meander Valley—Part B	9 599	10 138	10 240	10 295	1.10	0.31	2.17
Northern Midlands—Part B	5 261	4 868	4 830	4 830	-1.54	-0.16	1.02
West Tamar—Part B	1 567	1 888	1 930	1 895	3.80	0.07	0.40
<b>North Eastern Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>13 285</b>	<b>14 366</b>	<b>14 355</b>	<b>14 310</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>3.02</b>
Break O'Day	5 019	5 764	5 855	5 860	2.81	0.33	1.24
Dorset	7 216	7 637	7 590	7 530	1.14	-0.28	1.59
Flinders	1 050	965	910	920	-1.67	-0.95	0.19
<b>Mersey—Lyell Statistical Division</b>	<b>110 720</b>	<b>111 967</b>	<b>111 390</b>	<b>110 950</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>23.44</b>
<b>Burnie—Devonport Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>77 263</b>	<b>79 460</b>	<b>79 720</b>	<b>79 570</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>16.81</b>
Burnie—Part A	18 918	18 875	18 580	18 335	-0.05	-0.58	3.87
Central Coast—Part A	17 257	17 706	17 820	17 880	0.52	0.20	3.78
Devonport	24 717	25 337	25 420	25 360	0.50	0.02	5.36
Latrobe—Part A <sup>2</sup>	5 719	6 370	6 640	6 755	2.18	1.18	1.43
Waratah/Wynyard—Part A	10 652	11 172	11 260	11 240	0.96	0.12	2.37
<b>North Western Rural Statistical Subdivision</b>	<b>23 902</b>	<b>24 843</b>	<b>24 800</b>	<b>24 630</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>5.20</b>
Burnie—Part B	2 132	2 196	2 195	2 170	0.59	-0.24	0.46
Central Coast—Part B	2 903	3 300	3 350	3 340	2.60	0.24	0.71
Circular Head	8 043	8 530	8 550	8 500	1.18	-0.07	1.80
Kentish	4 709	5 176	5 325	5 350	1.91	0.66	1.13
King Island	2 054	1 917	1 890	1 900	-1.37	-0.18	0.40
Latrobe—Part B <sup>2</sup>	508	557	640	675	1.86	3.92	0.14
Waratah/Wynyard—Part B	3 553	3 167	2 850	2 695	-2.27	-3.18	0.57
<b>Lyell Subdivision</b>	<b>9 555</b>	<b>7 664</b>	<b>6 870</b>	<b>6 750</b>	<b>-4.31</b>	<b>-2.51</b>	<b>1.43</b>
West Coast	9 555	7 664	6 870	6 750	-4.31	-2.51	1.43
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>446 473</b>	<b>466 802</b>	<b>472 998</b>	<b>473 379</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Average annual rate of increase or decrease (-) in population.<sup>2</sup> SLA boundaries for Latrobe changed significantly at 1 July 1996. Comparable SLA populations have been revised back to 1986.

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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN LEGAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AT 30 JUNE

<i>Region and Legal Local Government Area</i>	1986	1991	1995	1996 <sup>p</sup>	Growth rate <sup>1</sup> 1986-91	Growth rate <sup>1</sup> 1991-96	Proportion of State 1996
	no.	no.	no.	no.	%	%	%
<b>Greater Hobart—Southern Region</b>	<b>211 897</b>	<b>223 755</b>	<b>228 480</b>	<b>229 084</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>48.39</b>
Brighton	11 106	12 066	12 675	12 760	1.67	1.12	2.70
Central Highlands	3 073	2 969	2 845	2 790	0.69	-1.24	0.59
Clarence	48 118	49 447	49 890	49 695	0.55	0.10	10.50
Derwent Valley	10 256	10 313	10 280	10 215	0.11	-0.19	2.16
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3 733	3 962	4 070	4 120	1.20	0.79	0.87
Glenorchy	41 895	43 611	44 060	44 150	0.81	0.25	9.33
Hobart	47 739	47 681	47 310	47 089	-0.02	-0.25	9.95
Huon Valley	11 196	12 634	13 120	13 290	2.45	1.02	2.81
Kingborough	21 563	25 441	27 320	27 620	3.36	1.66	5.83
Sorell	6 750	8 518	9 540	9 870	4.76	2.99	2.09
Southern Midlands	4 829	5 157	5 320	5 400	1.32	0.93	1.14
Tasman	1 639	1 956	2 050	2 085	3.60	1.29	0.44
<b>Northern Statistical Region</b>	<b>123 856</b>	<b>131 080</b>	<b>133 128</b>	<b>133 345</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>28.17</b>
Break O'Day	5 019	5 764	5 855	5 860	2.81	0.33	1.24
Dorset	7 216	7 637	7 590	7 530	1.14	-0.28	1.59
Flinders	1 050	965	910	920	-1.67	-0.95	0.19
George Town	7 118	7 165	7 065	6 985	0.13	-0.51	1.48
Launceston	64 348	65 637	65 608	65 310	0.40	-0.10	13.80
Meander Valley	12 128	14 651	15 370	15 695	3.85	1.39	3.32
Northern Midlands	10 794	11 007	11 190	11 285	0.39	0.50	2.38
West Tamar	16 183	18 254	19 540	19 760	2.44	1.60	4.17
<b>Mersey—Lyell Region</b>	<b>110 720</b>	<b>111 967</b>	<b>111 390</b>	<b>110 950</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>23.44</b>
Burnie	21 050	21 071	20 775	20 505	-0.02	-0.54	4.33
Central Coast	20 160	21 006	21 170	21 220	0.83	0.20	4.48
Circular Head	8 043	8 530	8 550	8 500	1.18	-0.07	1.80
Devonport	24 717	25 337	25 420	25 360	0.50	0.02	5.36
Kentish	4 709	5 176	5 325	5 350	1.91	0.66	1.13
King Island	2 054	1 917	1 890	1 900	-1.37	-0.18	0.40
Latrobe	6 227	6 927	7 280	7 430	2.15	1.41	1.57
Waratah/Wynyard	14 205	14 339	14 110	13 935	0.19	-0.57	2.94
West Coast	9 555	7 664	6 870	6 750	-4.31	-2.51	1.43
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>446 473</b>	<b>466 802</b>	<b>472 998</b>	<b>473 379</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Average annual rate of increase or decrease (-) in population.

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#### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND MEAN RESIDENT POPULATION, TASMANIA

		<i>Estimated Resident Population</i>			<i>Mean Resident Population</i> <sup>1</sup>		
		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
		<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.no.</i>	
<b>Year ended 30 June</b>							
1991		231 466	235 336	466 802	230 439	234 177	464 616
1992		232 839	236 846	469 685	232 225	236 175	468 400
1993		233 743	237 607	471 350	233 428	237 251	470 679
1994		234 341	238 123	472 464	234 109	237 915	472 024
1995		234 616	238 382	472 998	234 522	238 352	472 874
1996 p		234 800	238 579	473 379	234 735	238 481	473 216
<b>Year ended 31 December</b>							
1990		230 360	234 160	464 520	229 049	232 740	461 789
1991		232 203	236 201	468 404	231 444	235 277	466 721
1992		233 475	237 319	470 794	232 864	236 777	469 641
1993		234 182	237 971	472 153	233 855	237 667	471 522
1994		234 468	238 348	472 816	234 339	238 161	472 500
1995 p		234 688	238 480	473 168	234 658	238 427	473 085
<b>Quarter ended</b>							
1994	Sept.	234 482	238 344	472 826	..	..	..
	Dec.	234 468	238 348	472 816	..	..	..
1995	Mar.	234 612	238 413	473 025	..	..	..
	June	234 616	238 382	472 998	..	..	..
	Sept. p	234 765	238 470	473 235	..	..	..
	Dec. p	234 688	238 480	473 168	..	..	..
1996	Mar. p	234 741	238 493	473 234	..	..	..
	June p	234 800	238 579	473 379	..	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Mean population is calculated according to the formula:  $\text{mean population} = \frac{a + 4b + 2c + 4d + e}{12}$

where 'a' is the population at the end of the quarter immediately preceding the twelve-month period and 'b', 'c', 'd' and 'e' are the populations at the end of each of the four succeeding quarters.

Mean populations are used in the calculation of crude rates.

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#### RESIDENT POPULATION GROWTH, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, TASMANIA

	<i>Estimated resident population</i>	<i>Population growth</i>	<i>Growth rate Tasmania</i>	<i>Growth rate Australia</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
1991	466 802	4 614	1.00	1.28
1992	469 685	2 883	0.62	1.19
1993	471 350	1 665	0.35	0.96
1994	472 464	1 114	0.24	1.03
1995	472 998	534	0.11	1.18
1996 p	473 379	381	0.08	1.33

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## COMPONENTS OF RESIDENT POPULATION CHANGE: NATURAL INCREASE, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

	Live births no.	Deaths no.	Natural increase no.	Annual rate Tasmania %	Annual rate Australia %
1991	6 972	3 712	3 260	0.71	0.83
1992	6 878	3 688	3 190	0.68	0.79
1993	6 790	3 675	3 115	0.66	0.78
1994	6 837	3 753	3 084	0.65	0.75
1995	6 775	3 836	2 939	0.62	0.73
1996 p	6 440	3 832	2 608	0.55	0.70

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## COMPONENTS OF RESIDENT POPULATION CHANGE: MIGRATION, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

	Arrivals no.	Departures no.	Net <sup>1</sup> no.	Annual rate Tasmania %	Annual rate Australia %
<b>Overseas Migration</b>					
1991	2 028	1 559	408	0.09	0.51
1992	1 851	1 649	36	0.01	0.40
1993	1 979	1 582	103	0.02	0.17
1994	1 943	1 553	192	0.04	0.26
1995	2 189	1 723	310	0.07	0.45
1996 p	2 255	1 785	498	0.11	0.63
<b>Interstate Migration</b>					
1991	11 696	10 880	816	0.18	..
1992	10 590	10 933	-343	-0.07	..
1993	11 089	12 642	-1 553	-0.33	..
1994	9 490	11 652	-2 162	-0.46	..
1995	10 142	12 857	-2 715	-0.57	..
1996 p	10 577	13 302	-2 725	-0.58	..
<b>Net Migration</b>					
1991	13 724	12 439	1 224	0.26	0.51
1992	12 441	12 582	-307	-0.07	0.40
1993	13 068	14 224	-1 450	-0.31	0.17
1994	11 433	13 205	-1 970	0.42	0.26
1995	12 331	14 580	-2 405	-0.51	0.45
1996 p	12 832	15 087	-2 227	-0.47	0.63

<sup>1</sup> Estimates of net overseas migration (long-term arrivals less departures) include an adjustment for 'category jumping'.

A more detailed description may be found in *Estimates of Residents Temporarily Overseas, Visitors in Australia and Category Jumping*, ABS Technical Paper, 3104.0 March 1983.

# 7 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, AT 30 JUNE

Age group (years)	Number				Per cent of total population			
	1986	1991	1995	1996p	1986	1991	1995	1996p
MALES								
0-4	18 167	18 252	17 405	17 038	4.07	3.91	3.68	3.60
5-9	17 519	18 762	18 028	17 894	3.92	4.02	3.81	3.78
10-14	19 074	18 154	18 734	18 641	4.27	3.89	3.96	3.94
15-19	19 471	18 621	17 476	17 489	4.36	3.99	3.69	3.69
20-24	18 116	17 599	17 584	16 935	4.06	3.77	3.72	3.58
25-29	18 652	17 496	16 419	16 853	4.18	3.75	3.47	3.56
30-34	17 379	18 771	17 888	17 085	3.89	4.02	3.78	3.61
35-39	17 006	17 603	18 387	18 450	3.81	3.77	3.89	3.90
40-44	13 599	17 324	17 354	17 411	3.05	3.71	3.67	3.68
45-49	11 634	13 578	16 430	16 985	2.61	2.91	3.47	3.59
50-54	10 030	11 597	12 879	13 245	2.25	2.48	2.72	2.80
55-59	10 533	9 831	10 849	11 272	2.36	2.11	2.29	2.38
60-64	9 834	10 026	9 338	9 205	2.20	2.15	1.97	1.94
65-69	7 604	8 933	9 184	9 067	1.70	1.91	1.94	1.92
70-74	6 204	6 503	7 428	7 654	1.39	1.39	1.57	1.62
75-79	3 901	4 690	4 826	4 963	0.87	1.00	1.02	1.05
80-84	1 940	2 449	2 887	3 012	0.43	0.52	0.61	0.64
85 and over	996	1 277	1 520	1 601	0.22	0.27	0.32	0.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>221 659</b>	<b>231 466</b>	<b>234 616</b>	<b>234 800</b>	<b>49.65</b>	<b>49.59</b>	<b>49.60</b>	<b>49.60</b>
Median age	30.0	31.8	33.3	33.7	..	..	..	..
FEMALES								
0-4	17 547	17 365	16 593	16 182	3.93	3.72	3.51	3.42
5-9	16 812	18 066	17 240	17 087	3.77	3.87	3.64	3.61
10-14	18 366	17 327	18 052	18 002	4.11	3.71	3.82	3.80
15-19	18 952	17 807	16 473	16 620	4.24	3.81	3.48	3.51
20-24	18 088	17 312	16 653	15 884	4.05	3.71	3.52	3.36
25-29	18 546	17 815	16 217	16 310	4.15	3.82	3.43	3.45
30-34	17 225	19 313	18 627	17 757	3.86	4.14	3.94	3.75
35-39	16 726	17 699	18 702	19 041	3.75	3.79	3.95	4.02
40-44	13 131	16 777	17 305	17 458	2.94	3.59	3.66	3.69
45-49	11 209	13 222	16 061	16 517	2.51	2.83	3.40	3.49
50-54	9 848	11 250	12 480	12 979	2.21	2.41	2.64	2.74
55-59	10 131	9 846	10 721	11 015	2.27	2.11	2.27	2.33
60-64	10 346	10 025	9 640	9 602	2.32	2.15	2.04	2.03
65-69	8 780	9 866	9 585	9 470	1.97	2.11	2.03	2.00
70-74	7 666	8 118	8 968	8 991	1.72	1.74	1.90	1.90
75-79	5 539	6 516	6 798	7 003	1.24	1.40	1.44	1.48
80-84	3 303	4 113	4 746	4 945	0.74	0.88	1.00	1.04
85 and over	2 599	2 899	3 521	3 716	0.58	0.62	0.74	0.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>224 814</b>	<b>235 336</b>	<b>238 382</b>	<b>238 579</b>	<b>50.35</b>	<b>50.41</b>	<b>50.40</b>	<b>50.40</b>
Median age	31.2	33.1	34.8	35.4	..	..	..	..
PERSONS								
0-4	35 714	35 617	33 998	33 220	8.00	7.63	7.19	7.02
5-9	34 331	36 828	35 268	34 981	7.69	7.89	7.46	7.39
10-14	37 440	35 481	36 786	36 643	8.39	7.60	7.78	7.74
15-19	38 423	36 428	33 949	34 109	8.61	7.80	7.18	7.21
20-24	36 204	34 911	34 237	32 819	8.11	7.48	7.24	6.93
25-29	37 198	35 311	32 636	33 163	8.33	7.56	6.90	7.01
30-34	34 604	38 084	36 515	34 842	7.75	8.16	7.72	7.36
35-39	33 732	35 302	37 089	37 491	7.56	7.56	7.84	7.92
40-44	26 730	34 101	34 659	34 869	5.99	7.31	7.33	7.37
45-49	22 843	26 800	32 491	33 502	5.12	5.74	6.87	7.08
50-54	19 878	22 847	25 359	26 224	4.45	4.89	5.36	5.54
55-59	20 664	19 677	21 570	22 287	4.63	4.22	4.56	4.71
60-64	20 180	20 051	18 978	18 807	4.52	4.30	4.01	3.97
65-69	16 384	18 799	18 769	18 537	3.67	4.03	3.97	3.92
70-74	13 870	14 621	16 396	16 645	3.11	3.13	3.47	3.52
75-79	9 440	11 206	11 624	11 966	2.11	2.40	2.46	2.53
80-84	5 243	6 562	7 633	7 957	1.17	1.41	1.61	1.68
85 and over	3 595	4 176	5 041	5 317	0.81	0.89	1.07	1.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>446 473</b>	<b>466 802</b>	<b>472 998</b>	<b>473 379</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Median age	30.6	32.5	34.1	34.6	..	..	..	..

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### METHODOLOGY

**1** Australia's population statistics (since 1971) are compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population. An explanation of the conceptual basis is given in the ABS Information Paper *Population Estimates: An Outline of the New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates* (Catalogue No. 3216.0) issued on 29 March 1982.

**2** The estimated resident population of any area at a Census date is derived by adjusting the Census Count Place of Enumeration data to exclude visitors who normally reside outside the area, to include residents who were temporarily absent in other areas or overseas, and to apply a factor for census under-enumeration.

**3** Due to the 1991 Census being held on 6 August further adjustments have been made for births, deaths and net migration for the period 30 June to 6 August 1991 to arrive at an estimated resident population at 30 June 1991.

**4** Post-censal estimates at the National and State and Territory levels are made quarterly and are obtained by adding components of natural increase (on a usual residence basis) and net migration gain to the population at the beginning of each period.

**5** At the National level, estimates of overseas migration are based on net permanent and long-term overseas movements as recorded on passenger cards completed by incoming and outgoing travellers for the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

**6** At the State and Territory level, information about internal migration is available from population censuses and from a sample survey of internal movements (conducted at more or less annual intervals to 1987 and resumed in 1991). These sources however, do not provide the up-to-date quarterly estimates of interstate migration required for regular population estimates. The only suitable sources for this purpose are administrative records. Since June 1986, quarterly estimates of internal migration have been derived from changes of addresses advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare.

**7** Post-censal Statistical Local Area (SLA) estimates are made annually and are produced with the assistance of local government authorities and other bodies who provide information on significant local factors which may have caused population changes in the relevant period.

**8** After each census, final estimates for the preceding intercensal period are provided by incorporating an additional adjustment (intercensal discrepancy) to ensure that the total intercensal increase agrees with the difference between the estimated resident populations at the two respective census dates. This publication contains these estimates based on the result of the 1991 Census.

**9** Estimates for Tasmania and component areas, based on 1996 Census results, will be published in *Regional Population Growth, Australia, 1996 Census Edition, 1991-96* (Catalogue No. 3218.0). This publication is expected to be released in July 1997. intercensal increase agrees with the difference between the estimated resident populations at the two respective census dates. This publication contains these estimates based on the result of the 1991 Census.

### DATA QUALITY

**10** The quality of estimates contained in this publication is dependent on the quality of population census results (including under-enumeration adjustments) and on the various components and indicators of population change.

**11** Intercensal discrepancy measures the difference between population estimates updated from a past population census and the estimates based on the subsequent population census. For Tasmania, between the 1986 and 1991 Censuses, the intercensal discrepancy was measured at 6,300 persons, or 1.4 % of the estimated population.



**12** Analysis of intercensal discrepancy between 1986 and 1991 revealed that for eleven local government areas containing more than 10,000 persons, discrepancy was less than 2 % of the final estimated population. For smaller local government areas, estimates for nine out of every ten were within 5 % of the final estimated population.

STATISTICAL  
GEOGRAPHY

**13** The statistical geography used in this publication is based on *1996 Statistical Geography Volume 1, Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)* (Catalogue No. 1216.0) or *Index of Tasmanian Towns, Localities and Standard Area Codes, Tasmania* (Catalogue No. 1101.6) for further information.

**14** Population estimates for statistical local areas and local government areas in this publication are based on the boundaries in existence at 30 June 1996.

RELIABILITY

**15** As the census data used to derive post-censal statistical local area and local government area estimates is based on boundaries in existence prior to 1996, some estimates may suffer due to poor match-up between old and new local government area boundaries.

**16** Estimates of population in each SLA and of overseas and interstate migration are shown in units without being rounded. However, accuracy down to the unit is not claimed and should not be assumed.

RELATED  
PUBLICATIONS

**17** Users may wish to refer to the following publications:  
*Characteristics of Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas, Tasmania* (2401.6)  
*Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0)  
*Estimated Resident Population by Age and Sex: States and Territories of Australia* (3201.0)

**18** All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available from any ABS office.

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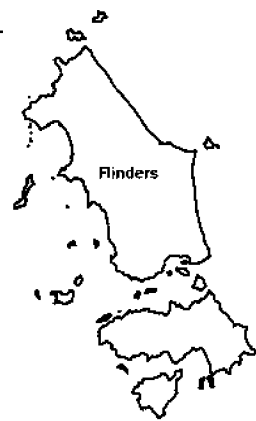
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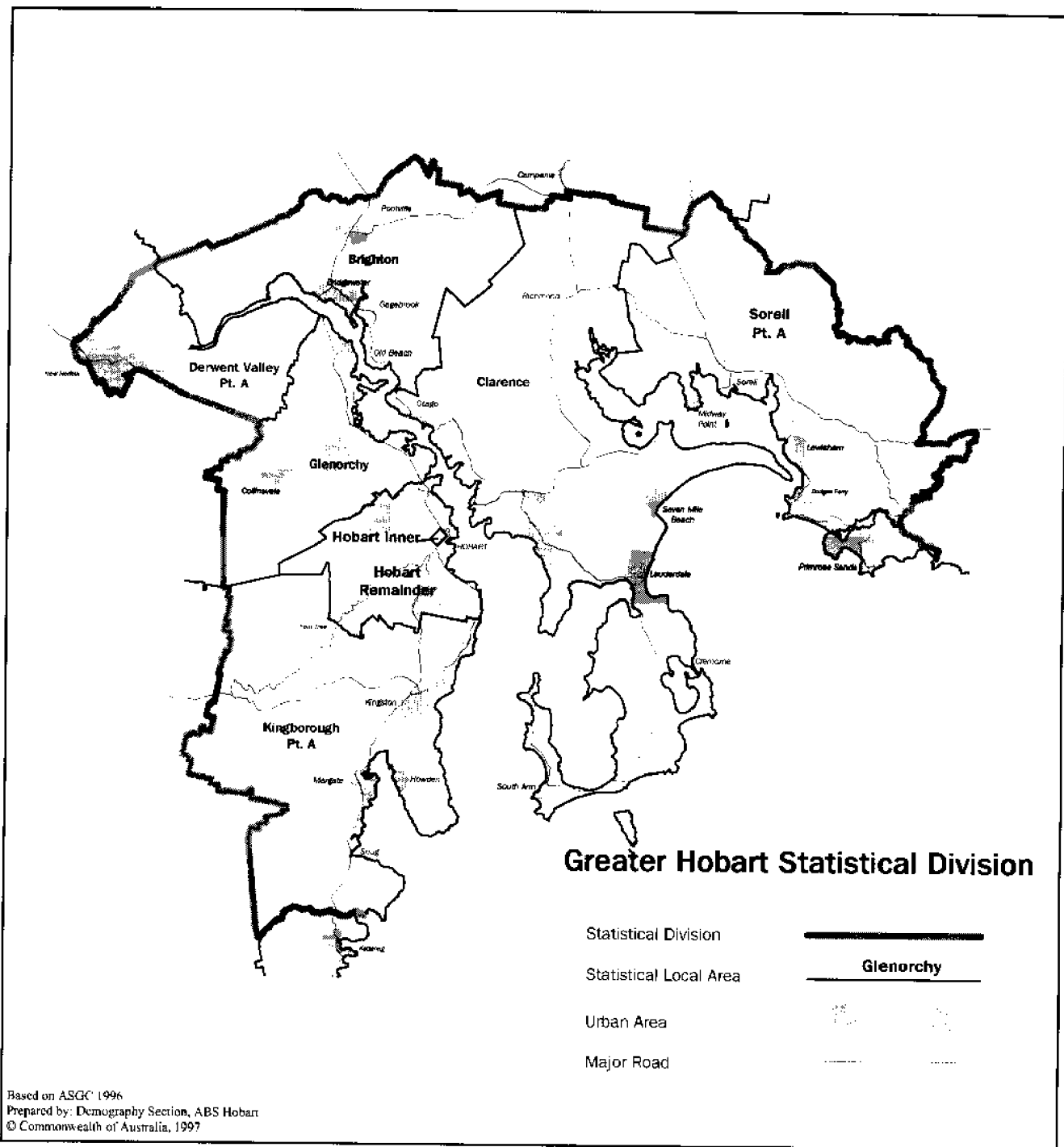
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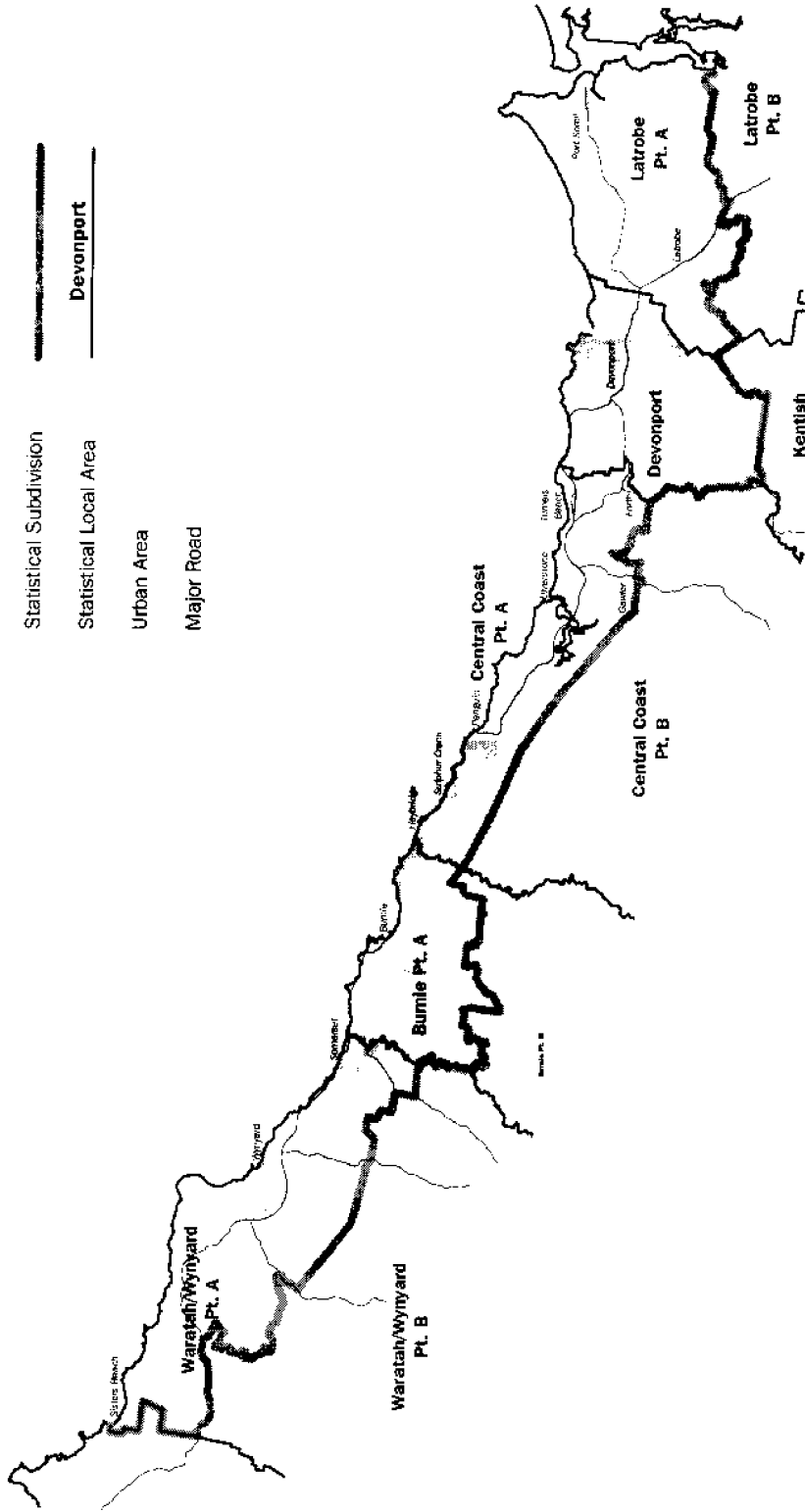
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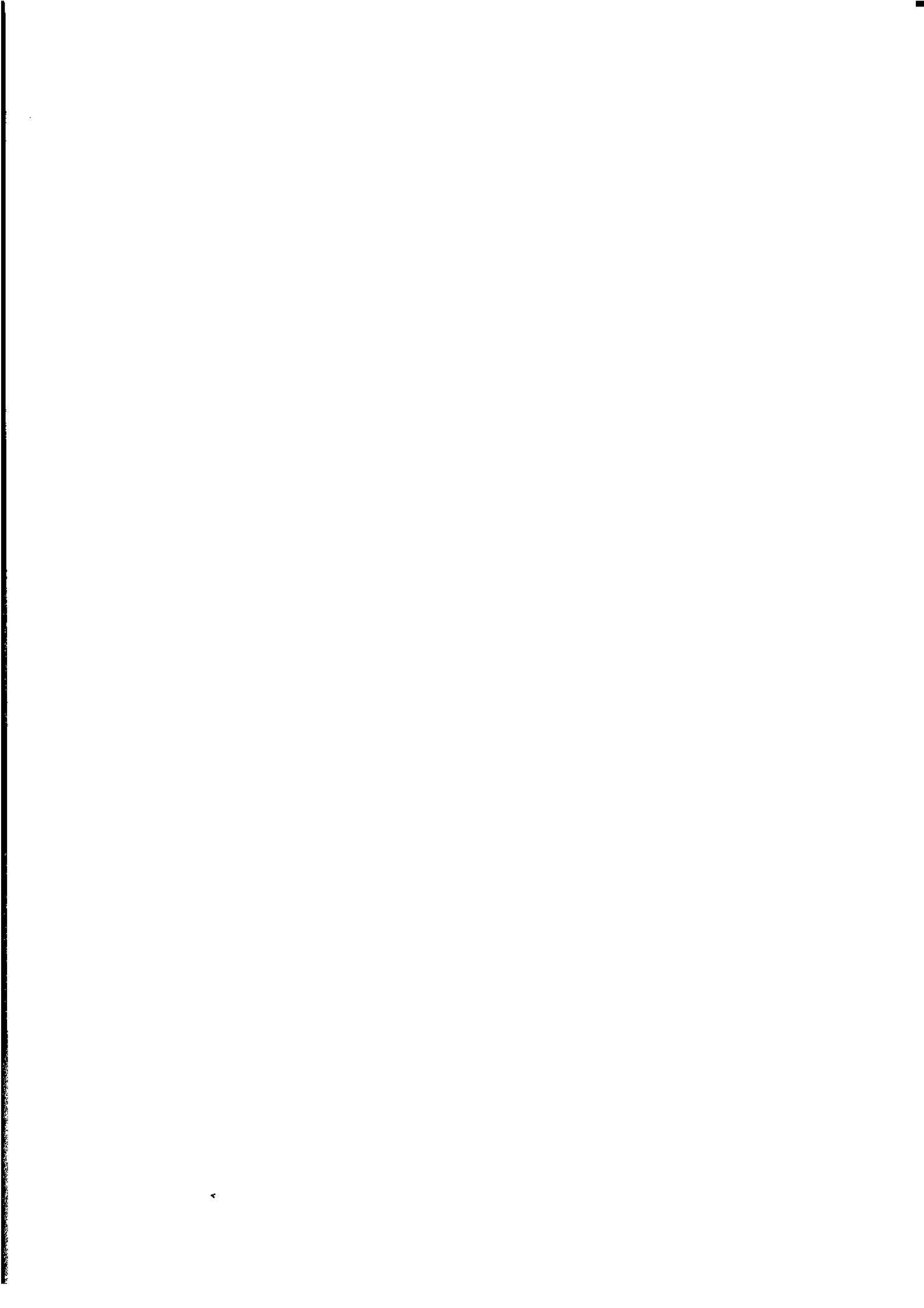
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