

11 Transport, Communication, and Tourism

TRANSPORT

Introduction

In 1985-86 the Transport, storage, and communication industry sector contributed 7.5 per cent of the total Victorian Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost. This represented a marginal decline on the 8 per cent in 1980-81 to 1982-83, and the 7.6 per cent in 1983-84 and 1984-85.

During the period 1980-81 to 1985-86, Victoria's percentage share of the national GDP at factor cost for the Transport, storage, and communication industry declined from 26.2 per cent to 23.4 per cent.

**TABLE 11.1 TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY -
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST**

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Australia (\$m)	10,193	11,880	12,938	14,631	16,266	17,930
Victoria (\$m)	2,675	2,980	3,166	3,473	3,855	4,188
Victoria as a percentage of Australia	26.2	25.1	24.5	23.7	23.7	23.4

Metropolitan transport

Since 1983, the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has been responsible for the operations of the Melbourne metropolitan public transport system which utilises trains, trams, and buses. In 1985-86, the total number of vehicles in use had increased by 39 from the 1983-84 figure of 2029; the number of passengers had increased by 11 per cent to 288 million from the 1983-84 figure of 259 million, and fares revenue had increased by 10 per cent from \$143m in 1983-84 to \$158m. The net annual deficit in 1985-86 was \$140m, a 36 per cent decrease from \$218m in 1984-85, and a 52 per cent increase on the \$92m in 1983-84.

**TABLE 11.2 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OPERATIONS AND SERVICES,
VICTORIA**

Particulars	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Vehicles in service -			
Rail (excluding trams)	154	154	161
Tram	652	662	642
Government bus	277	316	315
Private bus	946	930	950
Total	2,029	2,062	2,068
Passengers - boarding (millions)	259	279	288
Fares revenue (\$m)	143	150	158
Subsidies provided by Victorian Government (\$m)	215	267	333
Net annual deficit (\$m)	92	219	140

Source: Annual Reports of Melbourne Transit Authority

Rail

Over the period 1980-81 to 1985-86, there was a 7 per cent decrease in the average number of kilometres open for traffic. Goods train traffic kilometres have decreased at a more rapid rate, with the 1985-86 number (7,752) being 27 per cent less than 1980-81 (10,682). The number of suburban passenger journeys increased steadily from 72.7 million in 1981-82 to 89.3 million in 1985-86, reversing a downward trend evident over many previous years. Country and interstate passenger journeys have fluctuated in number over the period but at 4,963,000 in 1985-86 they were 25 per cent more than in 1980-81 (3,973,000). The capital cost of railways equipment and rolling stock in the six year period 1980-81 to 1985-86 was at its highest of \$835.3m in 1983-84 and has declined since then to \$642.1m in 1985-86.

TABLE 11.3 RAILWAYS TRAFFIC, EXCLUDING ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, VICTORIA

Traffic	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Average number of kilometres open for traffic	6,123	5,812	5,814	5,760	5,760	5,714
	('000)					
Traffic train kilometres -						
Country and interstate	6,188	6,661	7,004	7,552	7,047	7,857
Suburban	13,744	14,209	14,549	14,483	13,983	14,200
Goods	10,682	10,266	8,613	9,170	9,258	7,752
Total	30,614	31,136	30,166	31,205	30,288	29,809
Passenger journeys -						
Country and interstate	3,973	3,587	4,126	3,952	4,293	4,963
Suburban	84,500	(a)72,726	(a)80,197	(a)83,500	(a)86,300	(a)89,300
Total	88,473	(a)76,313	(a)84,323	(a)87,452	(a)90,593	(a)94,263

(a) These figures exclude suburban rail journeys made on multi-modal tickets purchased on trams or buses.

Source: Ministry of Transport, Victoria

Bus

Metropolitan Melbourne is served by both Government and private buses. From 1 July 1983, bus services in Victorian country areas and provincial centres came under the control of the State Transport Authority (V/Line), which also determines subsidies paid. The services are operated by private bus companies, some of which are under contract to V/Line to provide coach services connecting with or extending the rail network.

The number of passengers carried by country and urban private bus services has steadily decreased over the three years 1983-84 to 1985-86, though the number of bus kilometres has increased.

Revenue from these services has kept increasing, as has payment of Government subsidies. Contract services, on the other hand, have shown increasing patronage as well as increasing bus kilometres and contract costs for the years 1983-84 to 1985-86.

TABLE 11.4 COUNTRY AND PROVINCIAL ROAD PASSENGER SERVICES, VICTORIA
(^{'000})

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>1983-84</i>	<i>1984-85</i>	<i>1985-86</i>
PRIVATE BUS SERVICES			
Country services -			
Passengers	3,813	3,798	3,655
Bus kilometres	7,849	8,388	9,280
Revenue (\$)	3,549	3,995	4,210
Subsidy (\$)	1,300	1,440	1,720
Urban services (a) -			
Passengers	7,552	7,373	7,096
Bus kilometres	6,261	6,489	6,838
Revenue (\$)	3,341	3,440	3,625
Subsidy (\$)	3,420	5,200	6,205
CONTRACT SERVICES			
Passengers	297	347	462
Bus kilometres	2,985	3,439	4,212
Contract costs (\$)	2,187	2,883	3,838

(a) Covers the Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, and La Trobe Valley areas.

Roads and motor vehicles

In 1985-86 there were 158,576 kilometres of roads and streets open for general traffic, of which 7,527 kilometres were State highways and freeways and 14,867 kilometres were main roads. The total length of all roads and streets open for general traffic in Victoria increased marginally between 1983-84 and 1985-86 from 157,311 kilometres to 158,576 kilometres. Expenditure on roads and bridges by the Road Construction Authority between 1980-81 and 1985-86 has been continually increasing in current dollar terms. The construction of State highways and freeways constitute the biggest proportion of road and bridges total construction expenditure, varying from 55 per cent in 1982-83 to 61 per cent in 1985-86. The proportion of total maintenance expenditure to total construction expenditure on roads and bridges in these 6 years remained between 30 and 37 per cent.

There were 2,476,800 motor vehicles on register in Victoria at 30 June 1986, a 22 per cent increase on the 2,035,900 at 30 June 1981. The greatest proportionate increases were in rigid trucks and buses, with increases of 37 and 39 per cent, respectively. Between 1981 and 1986 the only decrease was in panel vans; from 57,000 in 1981 to 56,000 in 1986, a decrease of 2 per cent. As a proportion of the Australian total of motor vehicles on register, the Victorian component increased steadily from 25.7 per cent in 1981 to 26.7 per cent in 1986.

There were 121,907 riders' licences in force at the end of June 1986, an increase of 42 per cent on the 82,293 at the end of June 1981. Motor cycles on register at the end of June 1986 were 81,800 in number, which represented an increase of 27 per cent on the 1981 figure of 64,200. In contrast, drivers' licences in force at the end of June 1986 numbered 2,466,256, an increase of 17 per cent on 2,099,421 in 1981. Motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles) on register increased by 21 per cent from 1,971,700 in 1981 to 2,395,000 in 1986.

**TABLE 11.5 LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS OPEN FOR
GENERAL TRAFFIC AT 30 JUNE (a), VICTORIA**
(kilometres)

Type of road or street	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
State highways, freeways	7,552	7,534	7,527
Main roads	14,848	14,854	14,867
Tourist roads, forest roads	1,853	1,853	1,851
Other roads and streets	133,058	133,607	134,329
Total	157,311	157,848	158,574

(a) Excludes roads which are the responsibility of the State Electricity Commission, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, and the Forests Commission.

**TABLE 11.6 ROAD CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, EXPENDITURE ON ROADS AND
BRIDGES, VICTORIA**
(\$'000)

Particulars	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
State highways -						
Construction	37,760	38,250	51,510	73,475	78,633	81,065
Maintenance	19,790	24,326	29,651	33,669	33,427	36,921
Freeways -						
Construction	63,884	72,129	65,918	80,310	94,571	114,498
Maintenance	3,752	4,856	7,512	8,051	8,627	7,474
Main roads -						
Construction	26,559	32,246	41,124	48,197	53,675	55,873
Maintenance	18,285	21,975	23,630	26,141	27,845	28,850
Unclassified roads -						
Construction	39,472	41,674	48,846	59,225	58,556	60,344
Maintenance	9,550	14,116	11,990	12,957	13,315	15,558
Tourists' roads -						
Construction	2,215	1,983	3,504	6,024	4,962	6,184
Maintenance	2,535	3,130	3,853	3,891	4,225	3,996
Forest roads -						
Construction	550	871	1,013	1,306	1,358	1,378
Maintenance	1,411	1,547	1,597	1,725	1,828	1,981
Metropolitan bridges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rail-over road bridge protection	728	1,034	1,469	-	-	-
State Intersection Control Program	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traffic Facilities Program-works expenditure	-	-	7,535	12,644	14,340	12,953
Murray River bridges and punts	738	1,248	520	514	758	142
Traffic line marking	2,716	3,558	4,283	3,833	3,852	4,023
Wage Pause Employment Program	-	-	-	1,209	31	-
Metropolitan street name signing	-	-	-	-	1	476
Commonwealth Employment Program	-	-	-	-	78	124
Total construction	170,440	187,153	211,915	268,537	291,755	319,342
Total maintenance	55,323	69,950	78,233	86,434	89,267	94,780
Total other	4,182	5,840	13,807	18,200	19,060	17,718
Total expenditure-works	229,945	262,943	303,955	373,171	400,082	431,840

TABLE 11.7 MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER AT 30 JUNE ('000)

Type of vehicle	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Motor cars and station wagons	1,632.5	1,731.2	1,796.5	1,859.7	1,936.8	1,972.9
Utilities	113.9	122.0	127.0	133.4	137.8	139.2
Panel vans	57.0	59.4	60.1	60.4	59.0	56.0
Trucks -						
Rigid	136.8	149.5	157.5	168.5	181.1	187.0
Articulated	11.1	12.2	12.2	12.5	13.0	13.3
Other truck type vehicles	10.5	11.7	12.5	12.6	13.0	12.9
Buses	9.9	11.5	12.2	12.9	13.5	13.8
Motor cycles	64.2	74.3	79.6	81.7	83.4	81.8
Total - Victoria	2,035.9	2,171.8	2,257.7	2,341.8	2,437.7	2,476.8
Total - Australia	7,917.7	8,358.4	8,589.8	8,832.8	9,118.3	9,290.5
Victoria as a percentage of Australia	25.7	26.0	26.3	26.5	26.7	26.7

TABLE 11.8 DRIVERS' AND RIDERS' LICENCES IN FORCE AT 30 JUNE, VICTORIA

Type of licence	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Drivers'	2,099,421	2,164,116	2,216,443	2,262,444	2,346,069	2,466,256
Riders'	82,293	91,323	100,377	107,178	126,723	121,907
Total	2,181,714	2,255,439	2,316,820	2,369,622	2,472,792	2,588,163

Road traffic accidents

In 1986 the number of road traffic accidents involving casualties was 17,291, an increase of 11 per cent over the five year period from 1981. The number of persons injured in these accidents was 23,942 an increase of 16 per cent over the same period. However, the number of persons killed in 1986 (668) decreased by 13 per cent from 1981 (766).

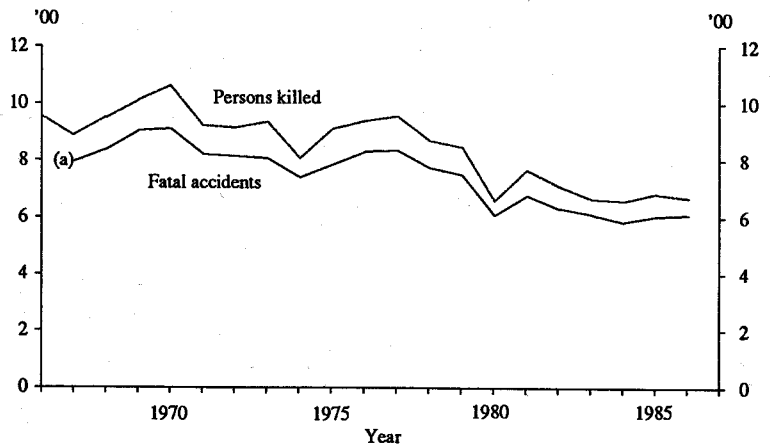
For the period 1984 to 1986, drivers of motor vehicles remained the highest category of all types of road users killed and injured. Drivers killed increased by 14 per cent from 1984 (246) to 1986 (280), whereas the number of drivers injured increased by 15 per cent from 1984 (9,505) to 1986 (10,894). The next most severely affected category was passengers, where the number injured increased by 10 per cent from 1984 (6,605) to 1986 (7,293). However, the number of passengers killed, after increasing from 174 in 1984 to 188 in 1985, declined to 165 in 1986. The number of pedal cyclists killed decreased markedly by 43 per cent from 1984 (28) to 1986 (16), whereas the number injured decreased only 4 per cent from 1984 (1,235) to 1986 (1,190). Over the same period, the age groups 17-20 and 21-25 suffered the greatest numbers killed and injured. Actual numbers killed in 1984 were highest in the age group 60 years and over, in 1985 in the age group 21-25 years and in 1986 in the age group 17-20 years.

In 1985, the number of traffic accident deaths per 100,000 of the population in Victoria was 17, which was lower than the Australian average of 19 per 100,000 population. Victorian road traffic accident deaths per 100,000 of the population have steadily declined from a peak of 32 in 1970.

TABLE 11.9 ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, VICTORIA

Period	Number of accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	Per 100,000 of mean population		
				Number of accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured
1981	15,619	766	20,680	395.4	19.4	523.7
1982	15,380	709	20,293	385.2	17.8	508.2
1983	15,225	664	20,008	377.1	16.4	495.5
1984	16,001	657	21,311	392.4	16.1	522.5
1985	16,774	683	22,452	407.0	16.6	544.8
1986	17,291	668	23,274	415.2	16.0	558.9

FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND PERSONS KILLED VICTORIA, 1966 TO 1986



(a) Dissection of accidents into fatal and non-fatal is not available prior to 1967.

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS PER 100,000 MEAN POPULATION, VICTORIA, 1986



TABLE 11.10 ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, VICTORIA AS A PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIA

Particulars	1984	1985	1986
Accidents - Fatal	21.1	23.0	23.7
Serious injury (a)	29.7	29.3	29.7
Casualties - Persons killed	21.6	23.2	23.1
Persons admitted to hospital	30.1	29.5	30.4
Estimated mean resident population	26.3	26.2	26.0
Motor vehicles on register at 30 June	26.5	26.7	26.7

(a) A non-fatal road vehicle accident resulting in one or more persons being admitted to hospital.

TABLE 11.11 ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, TYPE OF ROAD USER KILLED OR INJURED, VICTORIA

Description	1984		1985		1986	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
Drivers of motor vehicles	246	9,505	268	10,293	280	10,894
Motor cyclists	68	1,901	64	1,832	67	1,759
Passengers (any type)	174	6,605	188	6,973	165	7,293
Pedestrians	139	1,990	134	2,057	139	2,050
Pedal cyclists	28	1,235	26	1,219	16	1,190
Other	2	75	3	78	1	88
Total	657	21,311	683	22,452	668	23,274

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED BY TYPE OF ROAD USER, VICTORIA, 1986

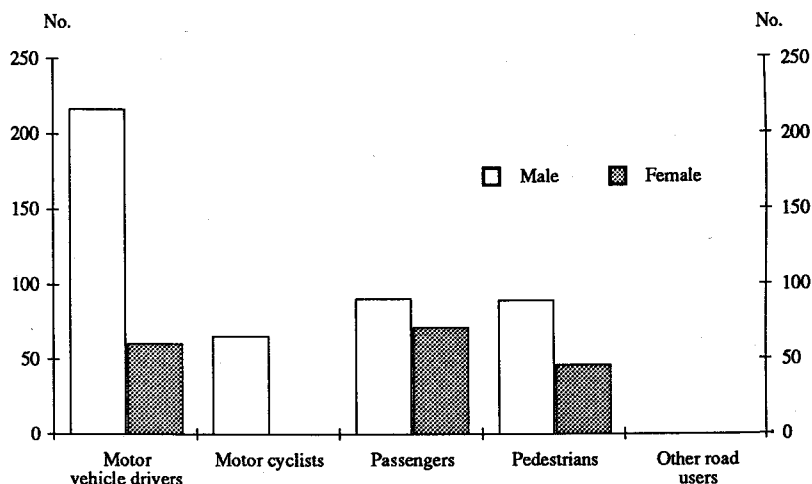


TABLE 11.12 ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, AGES OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, VICTORIA

Description	1984		1985		1986	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
0 - 4	15	418	21	416	13	445
5 - 16	69	2,556	60	2,475	48	2,572
17 - 20	113	3,961	104	4,002	138	4,276
21 - 25	112	3,809	138	4,106	119	4,290
26 - 29	49	1,760	50	2,027	60	2,054
30 - 39	80	2,915	93	3,156	80	3,449
40 - 49	51	1,724	43	1,916	47	2,073
50 - 59	46	1,332	43	1,434	42	1,445
60 and over	122	1,707	131	1,765	121	1,906
Not stated	-	1,129	-	1,155	-	764
Total	657	21,311	683	22,452	668	23,274

Air transport

In 1986 there were 5.2 million domestic passengers embarking and disembarking at Melbourne (Tullamarine) airport from 63,640 domestic aircraft movements. The number of domestic passenger embarkations and disembarkations was the highest for the six year period 1981 to 1986, but the domestic aircraft movements were 4 per cent lower than the 1981 figure of 66,500. International aircraft movements in 1986 were 12,691, a 31 per cent increase over 1981 (9,719).

TABLE 11.13 MELBOURNE (TULLAMARINE) AIRPORT

Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Domestic aircraft movements	66,500	61,484	57,497	57,437	60,570	63,640
Domestic passengers embarked '000	2,518	2,414	2,211	2,322	2,519	2,606
Domestic passengers disembarked '000	2,520	2,417	2,223	2,324	2,521	2,614
International aircraft movements	9,719	10,710	9,481	10,575	11,359	12,691
Passengers arriving from/departing to overseas	955,784	968,002	919,370	1,043,546	1,156,681	1,261,913

Source: Department of Transport and Communications.

TABLE 11.14 REGULAR DOMESTIC INTERSTATE AIR SERVICES TERMINATING IN VICTORIA

Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984(a)	1985	1986
Kilometres flown ('000)	47,069	46,960	44,322	43,752	46,577	49,313
Passenger kilometres ('000)	4,240,336	4,738,161	3,749,395	3,905,837	4,254,598	4,472,940
Freight -						
Tonnes	74,379	88,295	87,950	99,455	102,961	94,121
Tonne kilometres ('000)	40,779	68,686	70,976	82,511	84,565	80,001
Mail -						
Tonnes	7,421	7,670	7,567	7,954	8,151	8,054
Tonne kilometres ('000)	6,034	7,106	7,096	7,342	7,779	8,054

(a) Not comparable with previous series. From 1984, the statistics are based on traffic on board direct domestic interstate flights to/from Tullamarine and Essendon Airports.

Source: Department of Transport and Communications.



(Above) Captain Cook's Cottage, Fitzroy Gardens.

(Below) Flagstaff Hill, Warrnambool.

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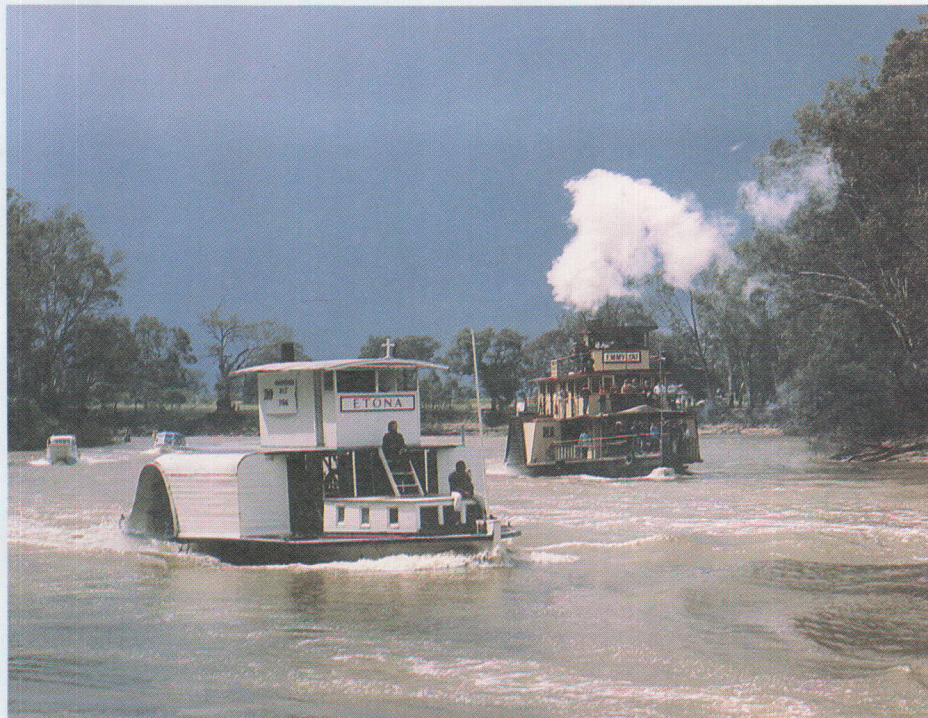




(Above) Rich River Festival, Echuca.

(Below) Rich River Festival, Paddle Steamer Race, Echuca.

Victorian Tourism Commission



COMMUNICATIONS

In 1986 there were 2.5 million instruments connected in Victoria, a ratio of 611 per 1,000 of the population. This ratio has increased from 554 in 1981. Instruments comprise telephone installations, excluding switchboards and switching equipment. The number of public telephones in 1986 was 6,084 a decline of 8 per cent from 6,633 in 1981.

There were 748 million standard articles posted in Victoria and received from overseas in Victoria in 1985-86. This was 16 per cent more than in 1980-81 (644 million). The corresponding figure for registered articles (excluding registered parcels) in 1985-86 was 1.8 million, a decrease of 12 per cent on 1980-81 (2.1 million).

The number of television stations has remained the same from 1982 to 1987, but air radio broadcasting stations increased from 38 to 52 in the same period.

TABLE 11.15 TELEPHONE SERVICES AT 30 JUNE, VICTORIA

Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Telephone exchanges	1,109	1,107	1,103	1,103	1,167	1,096
Public telephones	6,633	6,482	6,514	6,487	6,556	6,084
Services in operation ('000)	1,424	1,484	1,536	1,593	1,671	1,740
Instruments connected (a) ('000)	2,161	2,200	2,388	2,358	2,446	2,554
Instruments per 1,000 of population	554	554	592	579	593	611

(a) Telephone installations excluding switchboards and switching equipment.

Source: Australian Telecommunications Commission.

TABLE 11.16 POSTAL ARTICLES HANDLED BY AUSTRALIA POST, VICTORIA
('000)

Period	Standard articles	Registered articles (except parcels)	Non-standard articles	Parcels (including registered)
POSTED IN VICTORIA FOR DELIVERY WITHIN AUSTRALIA				
1980-81	574,209	800	105,818	7,436
1981-82	589,329	756	110,524	8,144
1982-83	602,530	770	113,610	8,420
1983-84	622,338	687	110,860	7,962
1984-85	659,247	700	122,076	8,466
1985-86	676,452	662	133,487	9,295
POSTED IN VICTORIA FOR DELIVERY OVERSEAS AND RECEIVED IN VICTORIA FROM OVERSEAS				
1980-81	70,544	1,305	19,705	1,180
1981-82	70,188	1,293	19,686	1,016
1982-83	75,134	1,210	18,389	934
1983-84	75,171	1,234	18,705	1,258
1984-85	71,033	1,227	20,466	1,360
1985-86	71,920	1,183	20,012	1,219
TOTAL POSTED IN VICTORIA AND RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS IN VICTORIA				
1980-81	644,753	2,105	125,523	8,616
1981-82	659,517	2,049	130,210	9,160
1982-83	677,664	1,980	131,999	9,354
1983-84	697,509	1,921	129,565	9,220
1984-85	730,280	1,927	142,542	9,826
1985-86	748,372	1,845	153,499	10,514

Source: Australian Postal Commission

**TABLE 11.17 BROADCAST AND TELEVISION STATIONS LICENSED
AT 30 JUNE, VICTORIA**

<i>Particulars</i>	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Broadcasting stations -						
Commercial	24	24	24	24	24	24
National	8	12	13	15	15	16
Special Broadcasting Service	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public	5	7	7	7	8	11
Total	38	44	45	47	48	52
Television stations -						
Commercial	9	9	9	9	9	9
National	9	9	9	9	9	9
Special Broadcasting Service	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	19	19	19	19	19	19

Source: Australian Broadcasting Tribunal

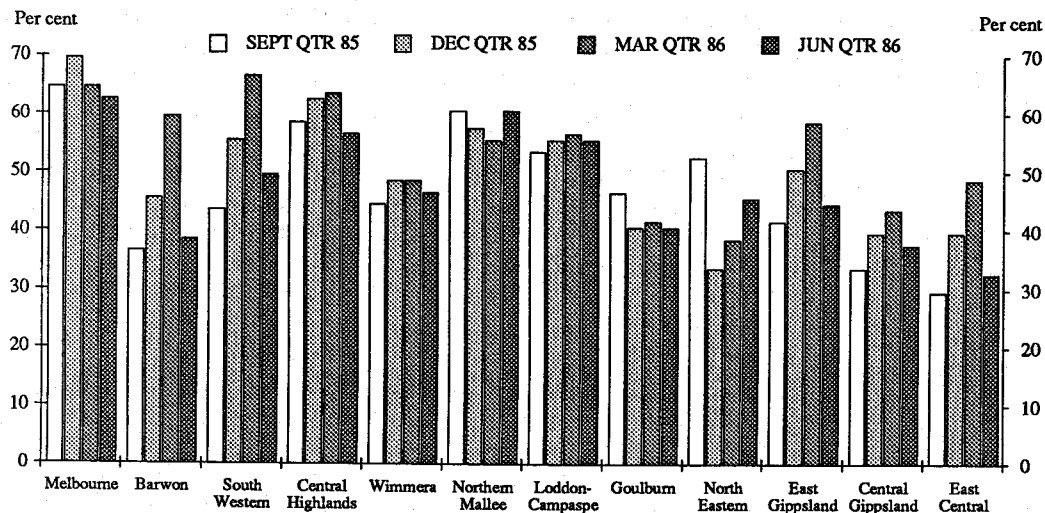
TOURISM

In 1985-86, 45 per cent of the total hotel, motel, and guest house with facilities accommodation in Victoria was located in the Melbourne Statistical Division (MSD). The room occupancy rates in the MSD were the highest in Victoria and 63 per cent of all takings were collected in the MSD.

The snow districts of Victoria, which are located within the North Eastern and Goulburn Statistical Divisions experienced high occupancy during the September quarter. Occupancy rates in the Northern Mallee Statistical Division were highest in the cooler months of the June and September quarters. For the remainder of the State, high occupancy occurred during the Christmas School holidays, particularly in the Statistical Divisions with coastal resorts.

TABLE 11.18 HOTELS, MOTELS, AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES: NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS, OCCUPANCY RATES, AND TAKINGS; BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, VICTORIA 1985-86

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Number of establishments</i>	<i>Capacity at 30 June 1986</i>		<i>Room occupancy rates (per cent)</i>				<i>Bed occupancy rates (per cent)</i>				<i>Takings from accommodation</i>
		<i>Guest rooms</i>	<i>Bed spaces</i>	<i>Sept. 1985</i>	<i>Dec. 1985</i>	<i>Mar. 1986</i>	<i>June 1986</i>	<i>Sept. 1985</i>	<i>Dec. 1985</i>	<i>Mar. 1986</i>	<i>June 1986</i>	
Melbourne	179	8,784	21,953	65	70	65	63	39	42	41	38	123,783
Barwon	52	1,025	3,021	37	46	60	39	22	28	42	23	6,311
South Western	52	1,019	2,919	44	56	67	50	25	32	42	28	6,924
Central Highlands	41	839	2,567	59	63	64	57	35	39	42	35	6,671
Wimmera	37	608	1,861	45	49	49	47	26	28	31	27	3,777
Northern Mallee	50	1,368	4,225	61	58	56	61	40	37	38	38	10,676
Loddon-Campaspe	59	969	2,910	54	56	57	56	33	35	39	35	7,191
Goulburn	71	1,194	3,637	47	41	42	41	29	24	25	23	7,178
North Eastern	76	1,428	4,204	53	34	39	46	38	22	27	30	9,853
East Gippsland	54	1,065	3,215	42	51	59	45	25	30	41	28	6,764
Central Gippsland	39	737	2,099	34	40	44	38	19	23	26	21	3,183
East Central	30	609	1,814	30	40	49	33	21	25	35	22	3,212
Total	740	19,645	54,425	55	58	58	55	33	34	37	32	195,523

**HOTELS, MOTELS, AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES; OCCUPANCY RATES;
BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, VICTORIA 1985-86**


Ninety per cent of short-term caravan park capacity in the June Quarter 1986 was outside the MSD. Caravan parks throughout Victoria experienced a marked seasonal peak during the school holidays after Christmas. In general, site occupancy rates for caravan parks were considerably lower than room occupancy rates for hotels, motels, and guest houses.

TABLE 11.19 SHORT TERM CARAVAN PARKS: NUMBER, CAPACITY, SITE OCCUPANCY RATES, AND TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION, BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, VICTORIA, 1985-86

Statistical division	Number of establishments	Capacity (at June qr 1986)				Site occupancy rates (per cent)				Takings from accommodation (four quarters)
		Powered sites	Unpowered sites	Cabins, flats, etc.	Total capacity	Sept. qr 1985	Dec. qr 1985	Mar. qr 1986	June qr 1986	
Melbourne	55	4,710	934	71	5,715	14	31	50	20	4,468
Barwon	48	7,762	1,301	371	9,434	5	17	39	8	5,177
South Western	35	3,554	1,425	72	5,051	9	18	33	16	2,914
Central Highlands	19	1,394	563	18	1,975	18	20	28	21	1,438
Wimmera	21	1,174	949	63	2,186	12	18	24	14	1,161
Northern Mallee	27	2,244	789	45	3,078	25	24	33	27	3,003
Loddon-Campaspe	29	3,035	839	46	3,920	15	22	31	18	2,062
Goulburn	37	3,226	1,525	29	4,780	10	15	27	15	1,911
North Eastern	34	3,195	1,270	100	4,565	11	13	26	12	2,061
East Gippsland	64	3,580	1,966	145	5,691	9	14	26	12	3,130
Central Gippsland	27	1,669	900	15	2,584	7	13	26	9	869
East Central	27	2,285	595	27	2,907	3	11	34	7	1,445
Total	423	37,828	13,056	1,002	51,886	10	18	33	14	29,639

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Road traffic accident statistics are compiled by the ABS from data provided by the Road Traffic Authority, Victoria. The statistics on air transport were obtained from the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Communications; telephone services statistics from the Australian Telecommunications Commission; postal statistics from the Australian Postal Commission and the numbers of broadcast and television stations from the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.

Tourist accommodation statistics are derived from the quarterly ABS Survey of Tourist Establishments. The survey covers hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and short term caravan parks.

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