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Although Victoria is the second smallest state in terms of land area, it has one quarter of Australia's population. Over recent decades a number of factors, including declining birth rates, declining death rates, and relatively low levels of net immigration, have resulted in a marked ageing of Victoria's population, with the rate of population increase being below the Australian average.

### **Population**

The population of Australia was estimated to be 16.0 million at 30 June 1986. Victoria's estimated resident population was 4.2 million, which represented 26 per cent of Australia's population.

Over the five years 1981 to 1986, the rate of growth of Australia's population averaged 1.43 per cent per year. Over the same period the population of Queensland, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, and the Australian Capital Territory have grown more rapidly than the national average. There has been a sustained decline in the proportion of the population living in Victoria with Victoria's rate of population growth averaging about one per cent over the five years.

Victoria is the most densely populated State with an average of 18.3 persons per square kilometre at 30 June 1986. This population density is nearly three times that of New South Wales and compares with the Australian average of just over two persons per square kilometre. Victoria's population is also highly concentrated. At 30 June 1986 an estimated 2,942,000 persons lived in the Melbourne Statistical Division, representing 71 per cent of Victoria's population and a population density of over 480 persons per square kilometre.

### **Population ageing**

The 1986 Census of Population and Housing revealed the ageing of Victoria's population. In 1986, 10.5 per cent of Victoria's census count were in the 65 years and over age group, compared with 9.8 per cent in 1981 and 8.4 per cent in 1971. A decrease in the proportion of persons aged under 15 years has continued since 1961, with 22.9 per cent in this age group in 1986 compared with 25.1 per cent in 1981 and 29.8 per cent in 1961.

The major reasons for these trends were increased life expectancy, declining birth rates, and the effects of previous immigration. During the period 1948 to 1960 a large number of immigrants arrived in Victoria and by 1986 a substantial proportion of them were aged 65 years and over.

The proportion of persons in the 25 to 44 year age group increased steadily from 25.6 per cent in 1971 to 30.4 per cent in 1986. This corresponds to the ageing of the 'baby boom' children born between the post war years and the early 1960s.

### **Immigration to Victoria**

During the 1980s the number of permanent and long-term overseas arrivals to Victoria fluctuated from just below 40,000 (in 1983 and 1984) to nearly 50,000 (in 1981 and 1986) per year. The number of permanent and long-term overseas

overseas departures from Victoria stabilised at around 20,000 per year. Consequently Victoria's net gain from permanent and long-term overseas movements ranged from below 20,000 to 30,000 per year.

The number of short-term overseas visitors arriving in Victoria has increased significantly in recent years from 164,500 in 1981 to 234,900 in 1986; an increase of 43 per cent over the five years.

### **Citizenship**

During 1986 there were 25,484 persons in Victoria granted Australian citizenship, a decrease of 17 per cent compared with 1985.

### **Births**

In 1986 there were 60,152 live births registered to women resident in Victoria. This represented a decrease of 2.3 per cent from the 61,555 births recorded in 1985. The 1986 crude birth rate in Victoria was 14.4 per 1,000 population, the lowest recorded since the registration of births was made compulsory in 1853. The Australian crude birth rate was 15.2 in 1986. The Victorian crude birth rate has remained below the Australian rate since the early 1970s.

The general decline in the birth rate was reflected in trends in the age-specific birth rates. However, there was an increase in the age-specific birth rates for the 30 to 34 and 35 to 39 year age groups.

During the 1980s the number of ex-nuptial births has risen steadily to 7,395 in 1986, which represented 12.3 per cent of total live births.

### **Deaths**

In 1986 there were 30,175 deaths of Victorian residents registered in Australia. This was a decrease of 3.8 per cent from the 31,353 deaths recorded in 1985 and compared with the 6.2 per cent increase from 1984 to 1985. The crude death rate declined from 7.6 per 1,000 population in 1985 to 7.2 in 1986.

The infant mortality rate (deaths of children under one year) dropped from 9.8 per 1,000 live births in 1985 to 8.6 in 1986. The mortality rate for male infants was consistently higher than that for females. In 1986 the rate was 9.6 for males and 7.5 for females.

There were 707 perinatal deaths (stillbirths and deaths within 28 days of birth) in 1986. This represents a death rate of 11.8 per 1,000 live and stillbirths.

The decline in the death rate was reflected in increased life expectancy at birth. In 1986 the life expectancy for males was 73.2 years and for females it was 79.4 years.

### **Marriages**

There were 29,390 marriages registered in Victoria during 1986, a decrease of 1.4 per cent from the 29,810 marriages registered in 1985. The crude marriage rate decreased marginally from 7.2 per 1,000 population in 1985 to 7.1 in 1986.

Of the total marriages in 1986, first marriage for both partners accounted for 20,287 (69.0 per cent), first marriage for one partner totalled 5,040 (17.1 per cent), and remarriages for both parties numbered 4,063 (13.8 per cent).

Age at marriage continued to increase slightly. In 1986 the median age of bridegrooms was 27.2 years and the median age of brides was 25.0 years. The proportion of marriages performed by civil celebrants also continued to show a slight increase, accounting for 38.4 per cent of marriages in 1986.

**Divorces**

The number of divorces granted in Victoria in 1986 was 9,670, a marginal decrease of 0.2 per cent from 1985. This continued the trend of a decrease in divorces from a peak of 11,266 in 1982. The crude divorce rate also decreased to 2.3 per 1,000 population. Victoria's crude divorce rate was generally below the Australian rate which, in 1986 was 2.5.

The age at marriage, final separation, and divorce for divorcing husbands or wives continued to increase marginally. For husbands divorcing in 1986, the median age at marriage, final separation, and divorce was 24.2, 34.6, and 37.3 years respectively. For wives divorcing in 1986, the corresponding median ages were 21.6, 31.8, and 34.7 years.

In recent years the median duration of marriages ending in divorce has remained relatively stable; in 1986 it was 10.7 years.

**TABLE 2.1 AREA, ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, AND POPULATION DENSITY OF STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1986**

State or Territory	Area sq km	Estimated resident population (a)	Persons per square kilometre	Percentage of population in each State or Territory
				per cent
New South Wales	801,600	5,543,500	6.92	34.70
Victoria	227,600	4,164,700	18.30	26.07
Queensland	1,727,200	2,592,600	1.50	16.23
South Australia	984,000	1,373,100	1.40	8.60
Western Australia	2,525,500	1,440,600	0.57	9.02
Tasmania	67,800	446,900	6.59	2.80
Northern Territory	1,346,200	148,100	0.11	0.93
Australian Capital Territory	2,400	264,400	110.17	1.66
<b>Australia</b>	<b>7,681,800</b>	<b>15,973,900</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>100.00</b>

(a) Preliminary estimate subject to revision after the final 1986 census results become available.

**TABLE 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION OF STATES AND TERRITORIES ('000)**

State or Territory	Estimated resident population at 30 June-					
	1981	1982 (a)	1983 (a)	1984 (a)	1985 (a)	1986 (a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
New South Wales	5,234.9	5,307.9	5,360.4	5,412.0	5,476.9	5,543.5
Victoria	3,946.9	3,994.1	4,037.6	4,078.5	4,122.5	4,164.7
Queensland	2,345.2	2,419.6	2,471.6	2,507.0	2,548.1	2,592.6
South Australia	1,318.8	1,328.7	1,341.5	1,353.9	1,362.9	1,373.1
Western Australia	1,300.1	1,336.9	1,364.5	1,383.7	1,408.2	1,440.6
Tasmania	427.2	429.8	432.6	437.4	442.2	446.9
Northern Territory	122.6	129.4	133.9	138.8	143.9	148.1
Australian Capital Territory	227.6	231.9	236.6	244.6	253.5	264.4
<b>Australia</b>	<b>14,923.3</b>	<b>15,178.4</b>	<b>15,378.6</b>	<b>15,555.9</b>	<b>15,758.4</b>	<b>15,973.9</b>

(a) Preliminary estimate subject to revision after the final 1986 census results become available.

**TABLE 2.3 ANNUAL RATE OF POPULATION INCREASE**  
(per cent)

State or Territory	Year ended 30 June-					
	1981	1982 (a)	1983 (a)	1984 (a)	1985 (a)	1986 (a)
New South Wales	1.23	1.40	0.99	0.96	1.20	1.22
Victoria	<b>0.83</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>1.02</b>
Queensland	3.50	3.17	2.15	1.43	1.64	1.75
South Australia	0.79	0.76	0.96	0.92	0.66	0.75
Western Australia	2.44	2.83	2.06	1.41	1.77	2.30
Tasmania	0.86	0.59	0.67	1.10	1.10	1.06
Northern Territory	3.70	5.56	3.44	3.70	3.67	2.92
Australian Capital Territory	1.47	1.91	2.01	3.37	3.64	4.30
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.37</b>

(a) Preliminary estimate subject to revision after the final 1986 census results become available.

**TABLE 2.4 NATURAL INCREASE (a) (b)**

Year ended 30 June-	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1981	41,001	<b>28,960</b>	20,350	9,154	12,932	3,618	2,078	3,398	121,491
1982	40,917	<b>30,346</b>	22,088	9,182	14,145	3,769	2,370	3,261	126,078
1983	42,937	<b>29,488</b>	23,840	9,121	14,422	3,622	2,426	3,168	129,024
1984	41,265	<b>30,625</b>	24,087	10,420	13,911	3,666	2,532	3,284	129,790
1985	41,904	<b>30,269</b>	22,274	9,697	14,215	3,578	2,502	3,178	127,617
1986	39,404	<b>29,071</b>	21,773	9,091	14,252	3,328	2,811	3,150	122,880

(a) Excess of live births (according to mother's State of usual residence) over deaths (according to the deceased's State of usual residence).

(b) Preliminary estimate subject to revision after the 1986 census results become available.

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1986 (b)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
	(sq km)	1981	1985	1986
<b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Altona (C)	40.19	32,000	33,500	33,900
Berwick (C) (c)	119.20	37,300	48,000	51,300
Box Hill (C)	21.49	49,400	48,800	48,700
Brighton (C)	13.68	35,200	35,000	35,000
Broadmeadows (C)	64.79	106,600	107,900	107,900
Brunswick (C)	10.67	45,900	43,500	42,800
Bulla (S)	422.20	18,800	26,400	28,600
Camberwell (C) (c)	35.18	89,900	90,100	89,400
Caulfield (C)	21.98	72,800	72,800	72,600
Chelsea (C)	12.23	27,100	28,000	27,700
Coburg (C)	18.71	56,900	55,200	54,800
Collingwood (C)	4.78	15,600	14,100	13,800
Cranbourne (S) (Pt A) (c)	398.12	31,900	41,400	44,500
Croydon (C)	33.72	37,300	41,100	42,000

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VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1986 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1981	1985	1986
<b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued</b>				
Dandenong (C)	36.26	56,300	59,000	59,400
Diamond Valley (S)	85.31	51,900	56,200	57,400
Doncaster and Templestowe (C)	89.40	93,800	101,100	102,700
Eltham (S)	277.20	36,000	40,100	40,700
Essendon (C)	22.24	58,500	56,900	56,100
Fitzroy (C)	3.66	19,100	17,900	17,600
Flinders (S)	323.70	27,000	31,700	33,100
Footscray (C)	17.97	51,200	50,400	49,900
Frankston (C) (c)	70.96	81,700	86,900	88,500
Hastings (S)	290.10	18,000	22,000	23,400
Hawthorn (C)	9.76	31,800	31,400	30,900
Healesville (S) (Pt A)	280.70	8,000	9,400	9,700
Heidelberg (C) (c)	32.96	66,500	64,800	64,500
Keilor (C)	98.38	84,300	92,500	94,800
Kew (C)	14.55	29,700	29,800	30,000
Knox (C)	110.10	91,600	103,800	108,400
Lillydale (S)	397.60	64,000	72,500	74,500
Malvern (C)(c)	15.88	45,000	44,300	43,700
Melbourne (C) (Inner & Remainder)	31.42	59,100	57,200	56,100
Melton (S)	450.40	21,100	27,900	29,500
Moorabbin (C)	51.20	101,600	101,000	100,400
Mordialloc (C)	12.19	28,900	28,100	27,800
Mornington (S)	90.65	24,600	27,700	28,500
Northcote (C)	17.11	52,800	50,200	49,600
Nunawading (C)	41.58	100,300	98,700	97,700
Oakleigh (C)	30.30	57,400	58,000	57,700
Pakenham (S) (Pt A)	162.50	5,400	6,900	7,300
Port Melbourne (C)	10.64	8,900	8,500	8,400
Prahran (C)	9.55	46,900	43,800	43,200
Preston (C) (c)	36.44	86,800	84,700	84,100
Richmond (C)	6.12	25,100	23,900	23,400
Ringwood (C)	22.76	40,000	41,900	42,300
St Kilda (C)	8.57	50,700	49,500	49,100
Sandringham (C)	14.97	32,700	32,400	32,400
Sherbrooke (S)	193.00	31,100	34,300	34,800
South Melbourne (C)	8.91	20,000	19,400	19,300
Springvale (C)	97.60	82,300	86,100	86,000
Sunshine (C)	80.03	97,100	98,300	98,000
Waverley (C)	58.57	126,500	129,400	128,800
Werribee (S)	668.20	41,800	50,200	54,200
Whittlesea (S) (c)	598.30	67,500	78,200	80,800
Williamstown (C)	14.50	26,400	24,400	24,300
<b>Total division</b>	<b>6,109.00</b>	<b>2,806,100</b>	<b>2,917,200</b>	<b>2,942,000</b>

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1986 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1981	1985	1986
<b>BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Bannockburn (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	705.30	3,070	3,450	3,530
Barrabool (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	593.50	5,960	6,630	7,000
Bellarine (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	331.50	31,380	35,310	36,520
Colac (C)	10.88	10,090	10,170	10,180
Colac (S)	1,458.00	6,350	6,600	6,670
Corio (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	699.30	52,650	55,330	56,360
Geelong (C)	13.44	14,980	14,050	13,850
Geelong West (C)	5.26	15,390	14,680	14,460
Leigh (S)	980.10	1,320	1,480	1,560
Newtown (C)	5.99	10,510	10,410	10,390
Otway (S)	1,910.00	3,820	3,800	3,810
Queenscliffe (B)	8.49	3,200	3,310	3,310
South Barwon (C) (Pt A & Pt B)	165.30	36,800	39,370	39,760
Winchelsea (S)	1,284.00	4,030	3,930	4,030
<b>Total division</b>	<b>8,171.00</b>	<b>199,550</b>	<b>208,520</b>	<b>211,430</b>
<b>SOUTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Belfast (S)	518.00	1,560	1,520	1,510
Camperdown (T)	14.53	3,710	3,630	3,630
Dundas (S)	3,464.00	3,620	3,580	3,580
Glenelg (S)	3,582.00	4,590	4,430	4,350
Hamilton (C)	21.65	9,900	10,160	10,220
Hampden (S)	2,621.00	7,760	7,450	7,410
Heytesbury (S)	1,515.00	7,950	7,820	7,750
Minhamite (S)	1,365.00	2,220	1,990	1,950
Mortlake (S)	2,137.00	3,610	3,440	3,380
Mount Rouse (S)	1,419.00	2,580	2,520	2,490
Port Fairy (B)	23.00	2,400	2,380	2,370
Portland (T)	34.11	9,630	10,900	10,950
Portland (S)	3,681.00	7,050	7,310	7,400
Wannon (S)	1,977.00	3,300	3,110	3,020
Warrnambool (C)	34.43	22,070	23,300	23,640
Warrnambool (S)	1,582.00	6,750	6,650	6,730
Koroit (B)	23.05	1,500	1,520	1,500
Tower Hill Lake Reserve & Lady Julia Percy Island	6.30	-	-	-
<b>Total division</b>	<b>24,018.00</b>	<b>100,200</b>	<b>101,710</b>	<b>101,880</b>
<b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Ararat (C)	19.06	8,500	8,810	8,920
Ararat (S)	3,657.00	4,320	4,310	4,310
Avoca (S)	1,124.00	2,180	2,230	2,260
Bacchus Marsh (S)	566.20	7,810	9,140	9,570
Ballaarat (C)	34.39	36,700	36,750	36,550
Ballan (S)	919.40	2,620	2,930	3,130
Ballarat (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	476.60	19,270	20,230	20,430

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Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1986 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1981	1985	1986
<b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued</b>				
Bungaree (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	227.90	3,800	4,060	4,150
Buninyong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	777.90	8,360	9,480	9,860
Creswick (S)	551.70	4,080	4,200	4,260
Daylesford and Glenlyon (S)	609.30	4,450	4,830	4,980
Grenville (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	844.30	4,440	5,430	5,860
Lexton (S)	821.00	1,220	1,220	1,220
Ripon (S)	1,531.00	3,230	3,350	3,440
Sebastopol (B)	7.07	6,600	7,270	7,500
Talbot and Clunes (S)	533.50	1,700	1,940	1,990
<b>Total division</b>	<b>12,700.00</b>	<b>119,280</b>	<b>126,180</b>	<b>128,430</b>
<b>WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Arapiles (S)	1,989.00	1,880	1,810	1,800
Birchip (S) (c)	1,469.00	1,490	1,420	1,410
Dimboola (S)	4,918.00	4,820	4,670	4,600
Donald (S) (c)	1,448.00	2,650	2,580	2,560
Dunmunkle (S) (c)	1,546.00	3,230	3,080	3,040
Horsham (C)	24.03	12,420	12,780	12,810
Kaniva (S)	3,085.00	1,940	1,800	1,750
Karkaroc (S)	3,719.00	3,260	3,130	3,040
Kowree (S)	5,387.00	4,150	4,030	4,000
Lowan (S)	2,683.00	3,350	3,250	3,220
Stawell (T)	24.09	6,340	6,500	6,560
Stawell (S)	2,615.00	2,250	2,280	2,310
Warracknabeal (S)	1,839.00	4,090	3,960	3,960
Wimmera (S)	2,613.00	2,920	2,870	2,850
<b>Total division</b>	<b>33,359.00</b>	<b>54,780</b>	<b>54,160</b>	<b>53,910</b>
<b>NORTHERN MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Kerang (B)	22.87	4,260	4,380	4,370
Kerang (S)	3,254.00	4,520	4,560	4,510
Mildura (C)	28.76	15,740	17,860	18,510
Mildura (S)	10,540.00	19,070	19,680	19,810
Swan Hill (C)	13.65	8,610	9,440	9,570
Swan Hill (S)	6,555.00	12,590	12,650	12,640
Walpeup (S)	10,795.00	3,700	3,700	3,620
Wycheproof (S) (c)	4,115.00	3,900	3,660	3,600
<b>Total division</b>	<b>35,324.00</b>	<b>72,400</b>	<b>75,930</b>	<b>76,630</b>
<b>LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Bendigo (C)	32.50	32,820	32,660	32,470
Bet Bet (S)	928.20	1,750	1,920	1,970
Castlemaine (C)	23.31	6,830	6,830	6,910
Charlton (S)	1,176.00	2,130	2,070	2,050
Cohuna (S)	497.30	4,760	4,710	4,680
Eaglehawk (B)	14.50	7,610	8,150	8,230

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Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1986 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1981	1985	1986
<b>LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued</b>				
East Loddon (S)	1,194.00	1,510	1,460	1,450
Echuca (C)	26.06	8,210	8,390	8,430
Gisborne (S)	278.20	7,380	7,510	7,860
Gordon (S)	2,079.00	2,990	2,900	2,870
Huntly (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	878.00	3,130	3,570	3,690
Kara Kara (S)	2,293.00	1,100	1,130	1,130
Korong (S)	2,384.00	3,080	3,130	3,150
Kyneton (S)	725.20	7,010	7,790	7,810
McIvor (S)	1,453.00	2,210	2,450	2,540
Maldon (S)	559.40	2,300	2,500	2,540
Marong (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,489.00	10,150	11,660	12,140
Maryborough (C)	23.31	8,120	8,300	8,330
Metcalfe (S)	590.50	2,280	2,410	2,440
Newham and Woodend (S)	246.00	3,530	4,110	4,260
Newstead(S)	409.20	2,050	2,290	2,300
Pyalong (S)	603.50	580	580	550
Rochester (S)	1,934.00	7,580	7,700	7,690
Romsey (S)	619.00	4,710	5,510	5,860
St Arnaud (T)	25.41	2,830	2,810	2,790
Strathfieldsaye (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	619.00	12,780	14,590	15,200
Tullaroop (S)	637.10	1,690	1,940	2,030
<b>Total division</b>	<b>21,738.00</b>	<b>151,120</b>	<b>159,070</b>	<b>161,370</b>
<b>GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Alexandra (S) (c)	2,175.00	5,210	5,500	5,580
Benalla (C)	17.76	8,570	8,930	9,020
Benalla (S)	2,322.00	4,290	4,610	4,720
Broadford (S)	576.30	2,490	2,840	3,080
Cobram (S)	440.30	6,410	6,550	6,550
Deakin (S)	960.90	6,090	6,140	6,130
Euroa (S)	1,412.00	4,330	4,500	4,560
Goulburn (S)	1,031.00	2,160	2,260	2,280
Kilmore (S)	508.90	4,860	5,630	6,170
Kyabram (T)	20.85	5,670	5,850	5,960
Mansfield (S)	3,915.00	4,460	4,950	5,110
Nathalia (S)	1,238.00	3,290	3,400	3,400
Numurkah (S)	722.60	6,160	6,550	6,550
Rodney (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,028.00	14,760	15,420	15,540
Seymour (S)	949.60	11,390	11,990	12,130
Shepparton (C)	26.71	24,570	26,250	26,680
Shepparton (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	924.80	7,400	8,020	8,140
Tungamah (S)	1,142.00	2,900	2,840	2,830
Violet Town (S)	935.00	1,330	1,450	1,440
Waranga (S)	1,645.00	4,390	4,490	4,530
Yea (S)	1,393.00	3,600	4,070	4,210
<b>Total division</b>	<b>23,385.00</b>	<b>134,340</b>	<b>142,240</b>	<b>144,610</b>



**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1986 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1981	1985	1986
<b>NORTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Beechworth (S)	771.60	4,650	4,870	4,940
Bright (S)	3,100.00	5,410	6,110	6,190
Chiltern (S)	497.50	2,030	2,160	2,260
Myrtleford (S)	712.20	4,300	4,290	4,290
Oxley (S)	2,792.00	5,030	5,120	5,150
Rutherglen (S)	530.90	2,860	3,050	3,080
Tallangatta (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	4,150.00	3,920	3,890	3,950
Upper Murray (S)	2,458.00	2,590	2,530	2,520
Wangaratta (C)	25.53	16,630	16,810	16,860
Wangaratta (S)	918.30	2,560	2,900	3,010
Wodonga (Rural City)	347.10	19,540	23,040	23,750
Yackandandah (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	1,111.00	3,600	3,910	3,990
Yarrawonga (S)	629.50	4,580	5,090	5,200
<b>Total division</b>	<b>18,044.00</b>	<b>77,700</b>	<b>83,770</b>	<b>85,190</b>
<b>EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Avon (S)	2,529.00	3,610	4,180	4,250
Bairnsdale (T)	27.19	9,800	10,480	10,640
Bairnsdale (S)	2,278.00	5,420	6,110	6,430
Maffra (S)	4,172.00	9,180	9,810	10,030
Omeo (S)	5,649.00	1,610	1,600	1,620
Orbost (S)	9,590.00	6,190	6,440	6,520
Sale (C)	29.78	13,170	13,990	14,220
Tambo (S)	3,512.00	7,260	8,490	8,760
Bass Strait Islands	312.80	-	-	-
<b>Total division</b>	<b>28,100.00</b>	<b>56,240</b>	<b>61,100</b>	<b>62,470</b>
<b>CENTRAL GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Alberton (S)	1,870.00	6,000	6,190	6,250
Buln Buln (S)	1,259.00	9,450	10,520	10,590
Korumburra (S)	613.80	6,870	7,110	7,260
Mirboo (S)	253.80	2,170	2,510	2,590
Moe (C)	24.08	17,220	18,840	19,330
Morwell (S) (Pt A & Pt B)	669.00	26,190	28,480	28,330
Narracan (S)	2,317.00	10,980	11,100	11,140
Rosedale (S)	2,273.00	6,490	7,640	7,780
South Gippsland (S)	1,432.00	5,980	6,350	6,500
Traralgon (C) (c)	22.37	18,490	20,300	20,660
Traralgon (S) (c)	464.60	3,270	4,200	4,420
Warragul (S)	352.20	11,280	12,200	12,430
Woorayl (S)	1,246.00	10,370	11,020	11,190
Yallourn Works Area	26.90	50	-	-
<b>Total division</b>	<b>12,823.00</b>	<b>134,830</b>	<b>146,460</b>	<b>148,470</b>

**TABLE 2.5 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

Statistical local area (a)	Area at 30 June 1986 (b) (sq km)	Estimated resident population at 30 June		
		1981	1985	1986
<b>EAST CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Bass (S)	521.60	3,390	3,670	3,800
Cranbourne (S) (Pt B)	345.30	4,010	4,220	4,330
Healesville (S) (Pt B) (c)	179.70	870	1,090	1,140
Pakenham (S) (Pt B)	725.30	13,100	15,180	15,930
Phillip Island (S)	101.00	3,070	3,610	3,790
Upper Yarra (S) (c)	1,745.00	10,400	12,190	12,900
Wonthaggi (B)	57.11	5,370	6,130	6,370
French Island	154.00	70	70	70
<b>Total division</b>	<b>3,829.00</b>	<b>40,270</b>	<b>46,160</b>	<b>48,330</b>
<b>STATISTICAL DIVISIONS - SUMMARY</b>				
Melbourne	6,109.00	2,806,300	2,917,200	2,942,000
Rest of Victoria -				
Barwon	8,171.00	199,530	208,520	211,430
South Western	24,018.00	100,170	101,710	101,880
Central Highlands	12,700.00	119,280	126,180	128,430
Wimmera	33,359.00	54,780	54,160	53,910
Northern Mallee	35,324.00	72,400	75,930	76,630
Loddon-Campaspe	21,738.00	151,100	159,070	161,370
Goulburn	23,385.00	134,340	142,240	144,610
North Eastern	18,044.00	77,680	83,770	85,190
East Gippsland	28,100.00	56,240	61,100	62,470
Central Gippsland	12,823.00	134,830	146,460	148,470
East Central	3,829.00	40,270	46,160	48,330
<b>Total Rest of Victoria</b>	<b>221,491.00</b>	<b>1,140,600</b>	<b>1,205,300</b>	<b>1,222,720</b>
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>227,600.00</b>	<b>3,946,900</b>	<b>4,122,500</b>	<b>4,164,720</b>

(a) The designation of City (C), Town (T), Borough (B), or Shire (S) shown against the name of each statistical local area indicates its status at 30 June 1986.

(b) Areas below 100 square kilometres have been calculated to two decimal places; areas from 100 to 999 square kilometres to one decimal place, and areas of 1,000 or more square kilometres to the nearest whole number.

(c) Table 2.6 shows changes which have occurred in statistical local areas between 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1986.

**TABLE 2.6 STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES, VICTORIA,  
1 JULY 1981 TO 30 JUNE 1986**

Statistical local area	Nature of change	Net change in area (sq km)	Estimated net change in population	Date of change
Alexandra (S)	Gained from Healesville (S) (Pt B)	+280.00	+800	1.10.84
Berwick (C)	Lost to Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	-0.05	-	1.12.84
Birchip (S)	Gained from Wycheproof (S)	+0.02	-	1.10.82
Camberwell (C)	Gained from Malvern (C)	+0.04	-	1.12.84
Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	Gained from Berwick (C)	+0.05	-	1.12.84
Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	Lost to Frankston (C)	-0.30	-	1.10.82
Donald (S)	Lost to Dunmunkle (S)	-0.08	-	1.10.82
Dunmunkle (S)	Gained from Donald (S)	+0.08	-	1.10.82

**TABLE 2.6 STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES, VICTORIA,  
1 JULY 1981 TO 30 JUNE 1986 - continued**

<i>Statistical local area</i>	<i>Nature of change</i>	<i>Net change in area (sq km)</i>	<i>Estimated net change in population</i>	<i>Date of change</i>
Frankston (C)	Gained from Cranbourne (S) (Pt A)	+0.30	-	1.10.82
Healesville (S) (Pt B)	Lost to Alexandra (S)	-280.00	-800	1.10.84
Healesville (S) (Pt B)	Lost to Upper Yarra (S)	-160.00	-	1.10.84
Heidelberg (C)	Gained from Preston (C)	+0.58	-	1.12.84
Malvern (C)	Lost to Camberwell (C)	-0.04	-	1.12.84
Preston (C)	Lost to Heidelberg (C)	-0.58	-	1.12.84
Preston (C)	Lost to Whittlesea (S)	-0.01	-	1.10.81
Traralgon (C)	Gained from Traralgon (S)	+2.10	-	1.10.81
Traralgon (C)	Gained from Traralgon (S)	+0.26	+10	1.10.82
Traralgon (S)	Lost to Traralgon (C)	-2.10	-	1.10.81
Traralgon (S)	Lost to Traralgon (C)	-0.26	-10	1.10.82
Upper Yarra (S)	Gained from Healesville (S) (Pt B)	+160.00	-	1.10.84
Whittlesea (S)	Gained from Preston (C)	+0.01	-	1.10.81
Wycheproof (S)	Lost to Birchip (S)	-0.02	-	1.10.82

**TABLE 2.7 PROPORTION OF THE VICTORIAN CENSUS COUNT IN AGE GROUPS,  
SELECTED CENSUSES 1933 TO 1986  
(per cent)**

<i>Census year 30 June</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>						<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-14</i>	<i>15-24</i>	<i>25-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65 and over</i>		
1933	7.9	18.0	17.3	29.8	19.1	7.5	0.3	100.0
1947	9.6	14.1	15.3	29.5	22.1	8.8	0.6	100.0
1961	10.5	19.3	14.1	27.4	20.0	8.6	0.6	100.0
1971	9.8	19.1	17.2	25.6	19.9	8.4	0.6	100.0
1981	7.5	17.6	17.3	28.5	19.3	9.8	0.6	100.0
1986	7.3	15.6	17.1	30.4	19.1	10.5	0.6	100.0

**TABLE 2.8 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES  
STATE OF RESIDENCE, VICTORIA, 1981 TO 1986**

<i>Persons</i>	<i>Year</i>					
	<i>1981</i>	<i>1982</i>	<i>1983</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1986</i>
<b>ARRIVALS</b>						
Permanent arrivals	27,760	24,640	19,530	19,840	21,080	26,210
Long-term arrivals -						
Australian residents	14,550	12,870	11,940	12,270	13,810	13,700
Overseas visitors	7,010	7,380	6,610	6,850	8,130	8,430
<b>Total permanent and     long-term arrivals</b>	<b>49,320</b>	<b>44,890</b>	<b>38,080</b>	<b>38,960</b>	<b>43,020</b>	<b>48,340</b>
Short-term arrivals -						
Australian residents	285,000	296,900	291,400	335,300	363,000	377,300
Overseas visitors	164,500	164,000	163,800	175,800	198,200	234,900
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>498,820</b>	<b>505,790</b>	<b>493,280</b>	<b>550,060</b>	<b>604,220</b>	<b>660,540</b>

**TABLE 2.8 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES  
STATE OF RESIDENCE, VICTORIA, 1981 TO 1986 - *continued***

Persons	Year					
	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
<b>DEPARTURES</b>						
Permanent departures -						
Former settlers	2,200	2,410	3,020	2,590	2,120	2,040
Other Australian residents	1,690	1,730	1,890	1,900	1,710	1,760
Long-term departures -						
Australian residents	11,190	11,410	11,810	12,150	12,460	11,980
Overseas visitors	4,210	4,660	5,520	5,150	5,460	5,790
<b>Total permanent and     long-term departures</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>20,210</b>	<b>22,240</b>	<b>21,780</b>	<b>21,760</b>	<b>21,560</b>
Short-term departures -						
Australian residents	294,600	305,600	305,300	355,700	375,900	390,100
Overseas visitors	149,400	151,700	151,300	152,400	181,200	205,300
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>463,300</b>	<b>477,510</b>	<b>478,840</b>	<b>529,880</b>	<b>578,860</b>	<b>616,960</b>

**TABLE 2.9 PERSONS GRANTED AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP, VICTORIA**

Country of former citizenship	1985	1986	Country of former citizenship	1985	1986
Austria	47	31	Netherlands	159	144
Canada	117	97	New Zealand	411	416
Chile	328	270	Philippines	725	555
China	484	386	Poland	1,542	1,057
Cyprus	442	267	Portugal	678	423
Czechoslovakia	141	175	Romania	316	233
Egypt	88	83	Singapore	85	78
Fiji	101	96	South Africa	673	493
Finland	10	8	Spain	183	116
France	133	115	Sri Lanka	235	416
Germany	279	265	Switzerland	96	50
Greece	1,717	1,257	Syria	49	42
Hong Kong	206	237	Thailand	70	61
Hungary	169	70	Turkey	1,276	1,311
India	359	366	Uruguay	131	80
Ireland	205	200	USA	46	55
Israel	114	57	UK and Colonies	6,958	6,155
Italy	1,409	1,039	USSR	89	20
Kampuchea	677	699	Vietnam	3,180	2,875
Laos	191	94	Yugoslavia	2,680	2,029
Lebanon	518	423	Stateless	933	457
Malaysia	387	381	Other	915	654
Malta	912	804			
			<b>Total</b>	<b>30,850</b>	<b>25,484</b>

Source: Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.

TABLE 2.10 SUMMARY OF BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, VICTORIA

Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Live births -						
Males	30,268	30,702	30,695	30,404	31,497	30,855
Females	29,016	29,174	29,233	29,081	30,058	29,307
Persons	59,284	59,876	59,928	59,485	61,555	60,162
Masculinity ratio (a)	104.3	105.2	105.0	104.5	104.8	105.3
Nuptial births	53,724	53,737	53,512	52,966	54,457	52,767
Ex-nuptial births -						
Number	5,560	6,139	6,416	6,519	7,098	7,395
Percentage of total live births	9.4	10.3	10.7	11.0	11.5	12.3
Crude birth rate (b)	15.0	15.0	14.8	14.6	14.9	14.4
Age-specific birth rates (c) -						
Age group (years) -						
15-19	19.8	19.1	18.0	15.6	15.5	14.2
20-24	93.9	90.1	87.5	81.5	80.6	74.1
25-29	145.9	144.5	144.8	142.2	145.8	140.6
30-34	80.6	83.9	84.0	86.8	91.5	92.3
35-39	25.3	26.5	25.3	26.8	27.4	28.0
40-44	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.2
45-49	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Total fertility (d)	1,851	1,846	1,821	1,789	1,828	1,768
Confinements (number)	58,687	59,238	59,281	58,880	60,909	59,432
Median age of mother (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	25.54	25.83	26.03	26.39	26.54	26.83
All nuptial confinements	27.44	27.64	27.69	27.96	28.11	28.35
Ex-nuptial confinements	22.38	22.61	22.74	23.17	23.39	23.70
All confinements	27.14	27.29	27.34	27.62	27.77	27.99
Median duration of marriage (years) -						
Nuptial first confinements	2.51	2.46	2.51	2.56	2.59	2.53

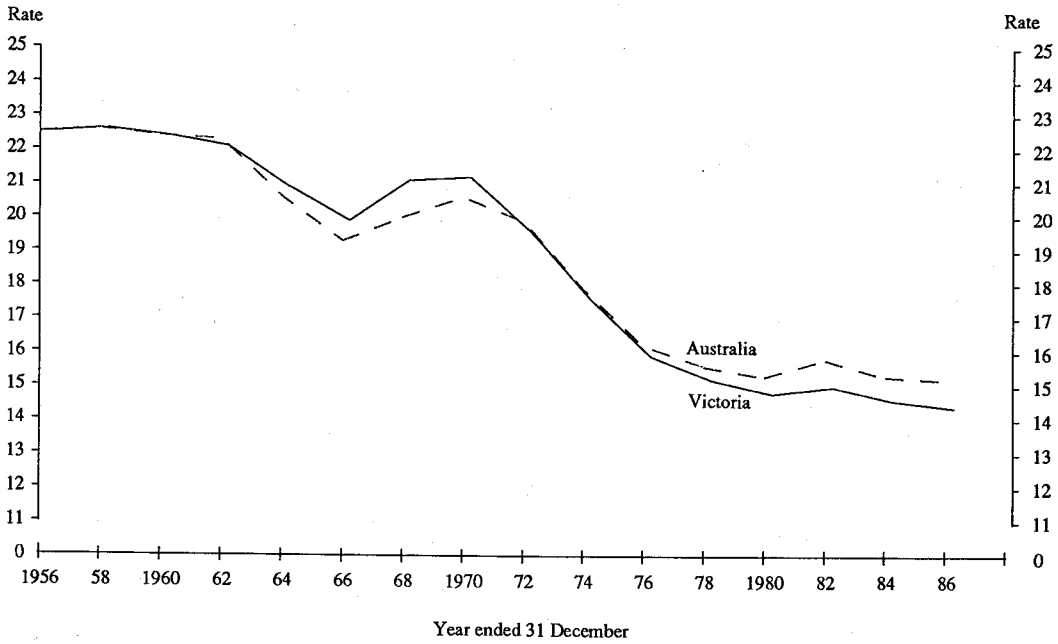
(a) Number of male live births per 100 female live births.

(b) Number of live births registered during calendar year per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population.

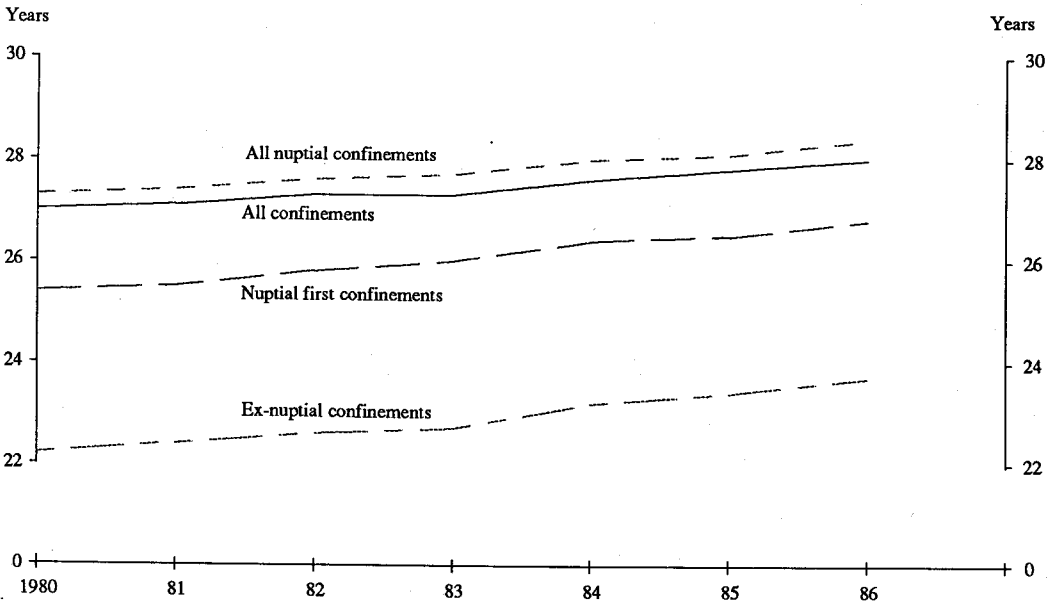
(c) Number of live births registered during calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age.

(d) The sum of 5-year age-specific birth rates multiplied by 5. It represents the number of children 1,000 women would bear during their lifetimes if they experienced the rates of the year shown.

CRUDE BIRTH RATES, 1956-86



MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER, VICTORIA, 1980-86



**TABLE 2.11 LIVE BIRTHS: STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS) (a)**

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
<b>MALES</b>									
1981	42,280	<b>30,268</b>	20,136	9,769	11,355	3,674	1,606	2,082	121,170
1982	43,096	<b>30,702</b>	20,957	9,916	11,401	3,616	1,456	2,110	123,254
1983	42,706	<b>30,695</b>	21,733	10,211	11,910	3,651	1,557	2,095	124,558
1984	39,885	<b>30,404</b>	20,840	10,276	11,152	3,582	1,629	2,048	119,816
1985	45,058	<b>31,497</b>	20,843	10,147	11,775	3,661	1,688	2,144	126,813
1986	43,458	<b>30,855</b>	20,782	9,930	12,448	3,615	1,711	2,115	124,914
<b>FEMALES</b>									
1981	39,691	<b>29,016</b>	18,799	9,502	10,545	3,556	1,503	2,060	114,672
1982	40,812	<b>29,174</b>	19,642	9,283	10,860	3,423	1,458	1,997	116,649
1983	40,601	<b>29,233</b>	20,352	9,619	11,177	3,411	1,570	2,049	118,012
1984	38,109	<b>29,081</b>	19,606	9,776	10,473	3,550	1,562	2,061	114,218
1985	42,728	<b>30,058</b>	19,594	9,643	11,334	3,588	1,627	1,963	120,535
1986	41,073	<b>29,307</b>	19,589	9,811	11,788	3,335	1,604	1,987	118,494
<b>PERSONS</b>									
1981	81,971	<b>59,284</b>	38,935	19,271	21,900	7,230	3,109	4,142	235,842
1982	83,908	<b>59,876</b>	40,599	19,199	22,261	7,039	2,914	4,107	239,903
1983	83,307	<b>59,928</b>	42,085	19,830	23,087	7,062	3,127	4,144	242,570
1984	77,994	<b>59,485</b>	40,446	20,052	21,625	7,132	3,191	4,109	234,034
1985	87,786	<b>61,555</b>	40,437	19,790	23,109	7,249	3,315	4,107	247,348
1986	84,531	<b>60,162</b>	40,371	19,741	24,236	6,950	3,315	4,102	243,408

(a) Based on the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother.

**TABLE 2.12 SUMMARY OF DEATHS, VICTORIA**

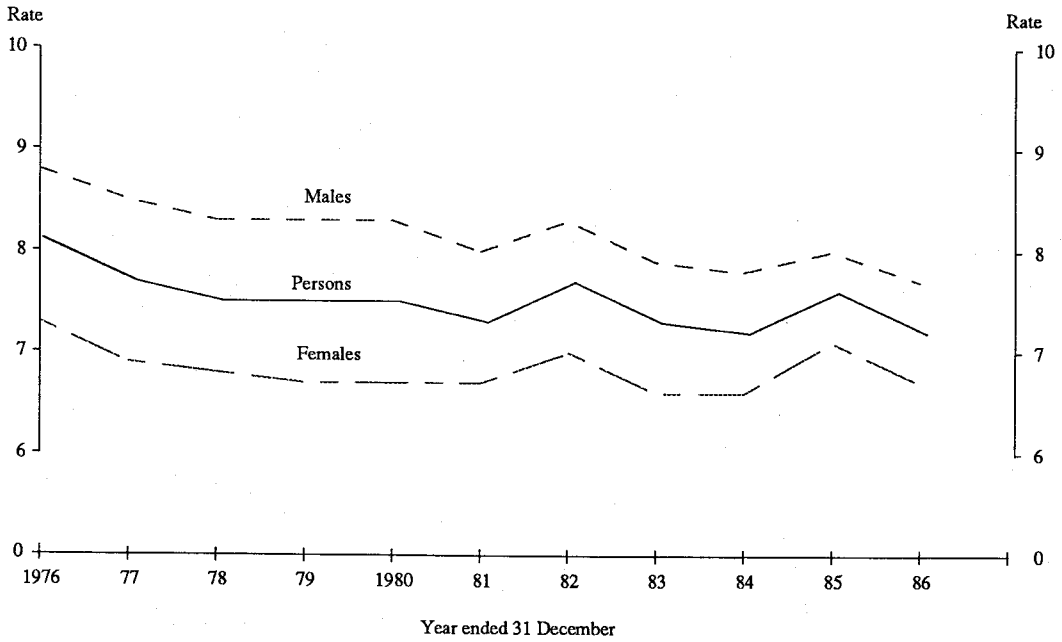
Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
<b>Deaths -</b>						
Males	15,728	16,554	15,823	15,843	16,516	16,021
Females	13,360	14,140	13,542	13,689	14,837	14,154
Persons	29,088	30,694	29,365	29,532	31,353	30,175
Masculinity ratio (a)	117.7	117.1	116.8	115.7	111.3	113.2
<b>Crude death rate (b) -</b>						
Males	8.0	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.7
Females	6.7	7.0	6.6	6.6	7.1	6.7
Persons	7.3	7.7	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.2
<b>Infant deaths -</b>						
Males	308	358	277	299	337	297
Females	246	265	266	226	264	220
Persons	554	623	543	525	601	517
Infant mortality rate (c)	9.3	10.4	9.1	8.8	9.8	8.6
<b>Median age at death (years) -</b>						
Males	70.3	70.7	70.4	71.0	71.6	71.4
Females	77.1	77.0	77.3	78.0	78.5	78.4
<b>Mean age at death (years) -</b>						
Males	66.1	66.3	65.7	66.7	67.2	67.0
Females	72.9	73.5	73.1	74.0	74.4	74.3

(a) Number of male deaths per 100 female deaths.

(b) Number of deaths registered per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population.

(c) Deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

CRUDE DEATH RATES, VICTORIA, 1976-86



INFANT MORTALITY RATES, VICTORIA, 1980-86

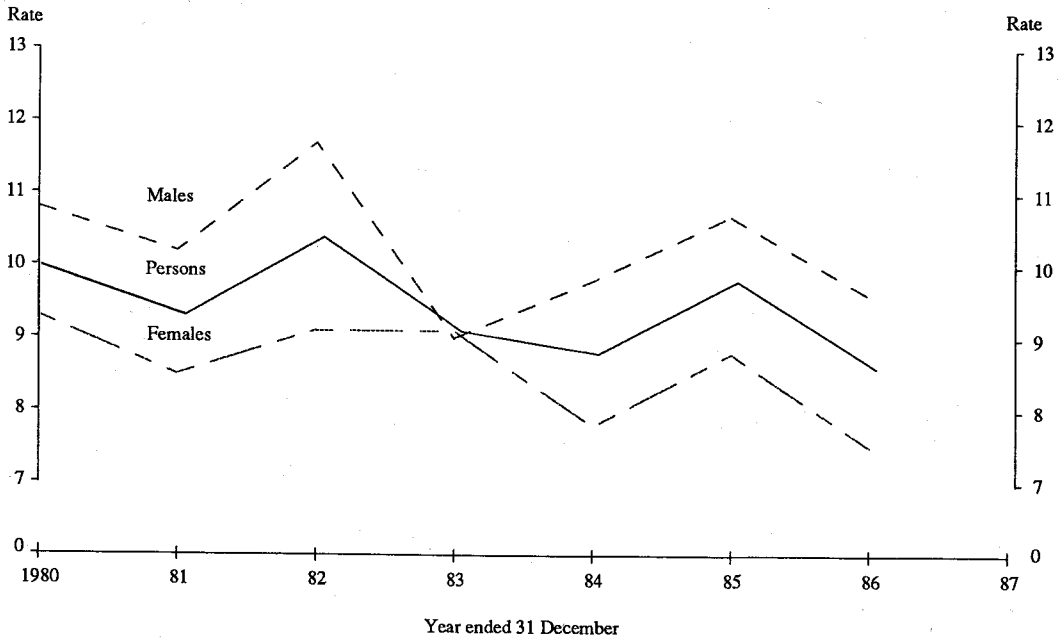




TABLE 2.13 DEATHS: STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MALES									
1981	22,099	15,728	9,803	5,390	4,658	1,937	563	518	60,696
1982	23,086	16,554	10,446	5,757	4,719	1,896	366	471	63,295
1983	21,899	15,823	9,725	5,465	4,796	1,846	462	434	60,450
1984	21,220	15,843	9,767	5,540	4,817	1,971	323	506	59,987
1985	23,840	16,516	10,443	5,570	4,921	1,974	404	488	64,156
1986	22,571	16,021	10,006	5,556	5,250	1,825	425	556	62,210
FEMALES									
1981	18,015	13,360	7,234	4,331	3,337	1,427	269	334	48,307
1982	19,441	14,140	7,564	4,691	3,482	1,548	196	414	51,476
1983	18,648	13,542	7,331	4,404	3,573	1,473	265	398	49,634
1984	18,082	13,689	7,638	4,559	3,686	1,625	224	424	49,927
1985	20,424	14,837	8,186	4,926	3,915	1,719	237	408	54,652
1986	19,596	14,154	7,855	4,772	4,057	1,629	236	472	52,771
PERSONS									
1981	40,114	29,088	17,037	9,721	7,995	3,364	832	852	109,003
1982	42,527	30,694	18,010	10,448	8,201	3,444	562	885	114,771
1983	40,547	29,365	17,056	9,869	8,369	3,319	727	832	110,084
1984	39,302	29,532	17,405	10,099	8,503	3,596	547	930	109,914
1985	44,264	31,353	18,629	10,496	8,836	3,693	641	896	118,808
1986	42,167	30,175	17,861	10,328	9,307	3,454	661	1,028	114,981

TABLE 2.14 INFANT DEATHS (a): STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1981	840	554	406	154	194	89	73	37	2,347
1982	851	623	425	216	208	59	58	42	2,482
1983	827	543	417	183	179	80	57	41	2,327
1984	721	525	364	152	232	84	44	41	2,163
1985	860	601	411	188	209	93	58	32	2,452
1986	759	517	351	146	214	79	53	35	2,154

(a) Deaths of children under one year of age.

TABLE 2.15 PERINATAL DEATHS (a) BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, NUMBER AND RATE (b)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
NUMBER									
1981	1,136	794	511	205	274	96	88	42	3,146
1982	1,140	872	511	247	260	78	80	46	3,234
1983	1,016	757	512	226	250	92	67	48	2,968
1984	974	700	464	208	260	90	63	38	2,797
1985	991	757	487	248	247	101	58	45	2,934
1986	975	707	441	200	269	110	66	44	2,812

**TABLE 2.15 PERINATAL DEATHS (a) BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, NUMBER AND RATE (b) - continued**

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
RATE									
1981	13.8	13.3	13.0	10.6	12.4	13.2	27.9	10.1	13.2
1982	13.5	14.5	12.5	12.8	11.6	11.0	27.1	11.1	13.4
1983	12.1	12.5	12.1	11.3	10.8	12.9	21.1	11.5	12.2
1984	12.4	11.7	11.4	10.3	12.0	12.5	19.5	9.2	11.9
1985	11.2	12.2	12.0	12.4	10.6	13.8	17.4	10.9	11.8
1986	11.5	11.8	10.9	10.1	11.1	15.8	19.9	10.7	11.6

(a) Perinatal deaths include both stillbirths and neonatal deaths. Each is defined as:

*Stillbirths.* Any child born weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or when the birthweight is unavailable, a period of gestation of at least 22 weeks) which does not, at any time after being born, breathe or show any other sign of life.

*Neonatal deaths.* The death within 28 days of birth of a live born child who had a birthweight of at least 500 grams (or when the birthweight is unavailable, a gestational period of at least 22 weeks).

(b) Rates are per 1,000 live births and stillbirths combined.

**TABLE 2.16 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA**

Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Total marriages -	28,648	28,851	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390
First marriage both partners	20,309	20,224	20,224	19,899	20,544	20,287
First marriage one partner	4,684	4,883	4,952	5,160	5,189	5,040
Remarriage both parties	3,655	3,744	3,798	3,872	4,077	4,063
Crude marriage rate (a)	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1
Marrriages performed by -						
Ministers of religion -						
Number	18,458	18,240	18,165	18,050	18,459	18,096
Per cent	64.4	63.2	62.7	62.4	61.9	61.6
Civil celebrants -						
Number	10,190	10,611	10,809	10,881	11,351	11,294
Per cent	35.6	36.8	37.3	37.6	38.1	38.4
BRIDEGROOM						
Marital status of bridegroom -						
Never married	22,592	22,542	22,493	22,335	23,000	22,648
Widowed	802	727	729	753	726	732
Divorced	5,254	5,582	5,752	5,843	6,084	6,010
Total	28,648	28,851	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390
Median age of bridegroom (years) -						
Never married	24.5	24.7	25.0	25.3	25.5	25.7
Widowed	59.6	60.4	59.2	59.9	60.9	60.6
Divorced	35.9	36.1	36.3	37.0	37.4	38.3
Total	25.7	26.0	26.4	26.7	26.9	27.2
Age of bridegroom (years) -						
Under 20	774	648	498	416	384	333
20-24	11,941	11,446	10,930	10,140	9,955	9,350
25-29	7,876	8,240	8,601	9,030	9,528	9,453
30-34	3,378	3,608	3,835	3,950	4,242	4,237
35-39	1,605	1,802	1,911	2,042	2,224	2,253
40-44	912	1,010	1,020	1,147	1,137	1,222
45-49	597	628	658	702	746	837
50 and over	1,565	1,469	1,521	1,504	1,594	1,705
Total	28,648	28,851	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390

TABLE 2.16 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA - *continued*

Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
<b>BRIDE</b>						
Marital status of bride -						
Never married	22,710	22,789	22,907	22,623	23,277	22,966
Widowed	925	866	855	845	886	891
Divorced	5,013	5,196	5,212	5,463	5,647	5,533
Total	28,648	28,851	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390
Median age of bride (years) -						
Never married	22.3	22.6	22.9	23.2	23.4	23.7
Widowed	53.2	51.4	53.8	52.8	53.8	53.1
Divorced	32.8	33.2	33.6	33.9	34.3	35.0
Total	23.4	23.8	24.0	24.4	24.6	25.0
Age of bride (years) -						
Under 20	4,115	3,607	3,023	2,543	2,428	2,160
20-24	13,694	13,500	13,718	13,303	13,387	12,609
25-29	5,271	5,801	6,085	6,505	6,989	7,254
30-34	2,279	2,542	2,610	2,795	2,981	3,088
35-39	1,104	1,263	1,384	1,489	1,627	1,698
40-44	698	713	725	816	883	887
45-49	487	502	475	535	524	638
50 and over	1,000	923	954	945	991	1,056
Total	28,648	28,851	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390

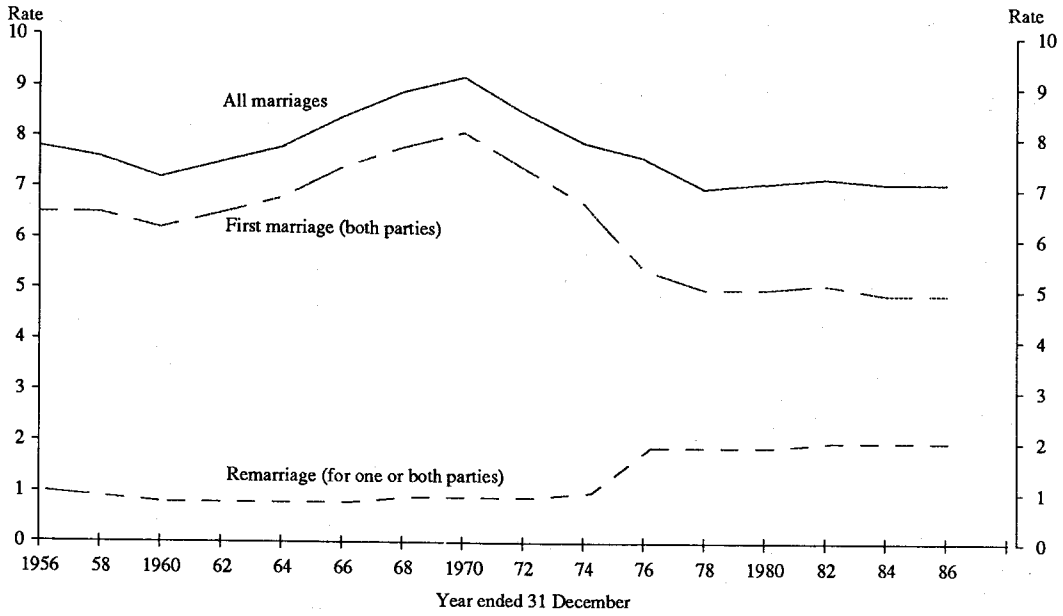
(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

TABLE 2.17 MARRIAGES REGISTERED, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1956 TO 1986

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Annual averages -									
1956-1960	28,432	20,422	10,254	6,517	5,145	2,573	190	321	73,854
1961-1965	31,788	23,262	11,437	7,514	5,768	2,700	248	533	83,250
1966-1970	39,216	29,481	14,714	9,920	8,147	3,330	394	983	106,188
1971-1975	40,313	30,262	16,082	10,616	9,185	3,442	492	1,411	111,803
1976-1980	37,284	27,648	16,222	10,134	9,563	3,296	590	1,560	106,297
1981-1985	39,550	29,043	18,545	10,506	10,281	3,592	767	1,754	114,038
Annual totals -									
1981	40,679	28,648	18,305	10,252	10,111	3,515	719	1,676	113,905
1982	41,955	28,851	18,928	10,936	10,455	3,576	818	1,756	117,275
1983	39,995	28,974	18,645	10,550	10,519	3,644	776	1,757	114,860
1984	(a)33,938	28,931	19,039	10,643	9,920	3,704	731	1,749	(a)108,655
1985	(a)41,183	29,810	17,810	10,148	10,398	3,520	791	1,833	(a)115,493
1986	(a)41,319	29,390	18,030	9,878	10,379	3,302	759	1,856	(a)114,913

(a) Figures for N.S.W. and Australia in this table have been effected by late registrations in N.S.W.

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, VICTORIA, 1956-86



MEDIAN AGES OF PARTIES AT MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1970-86

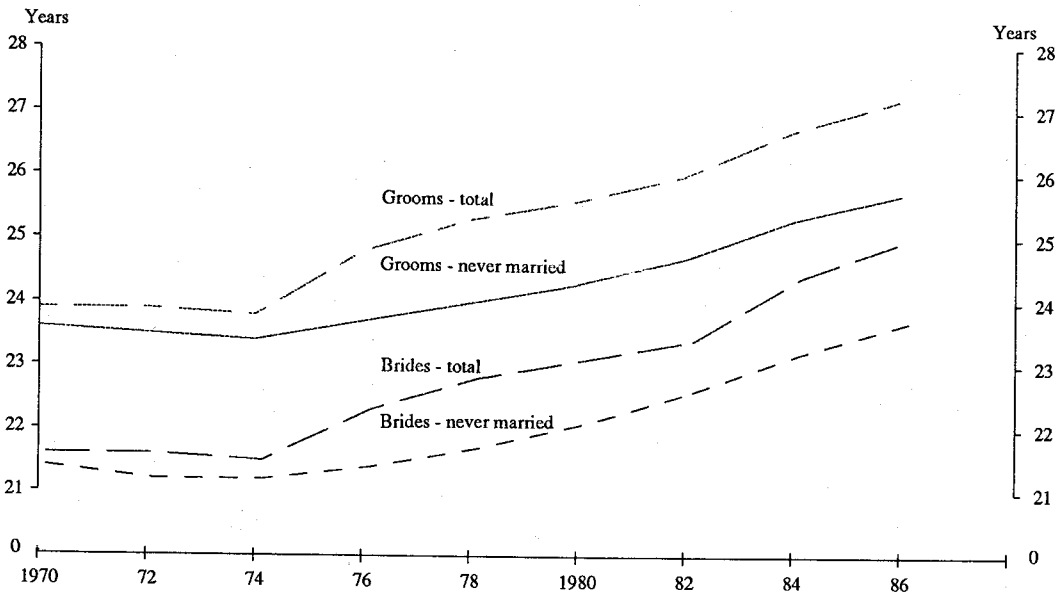


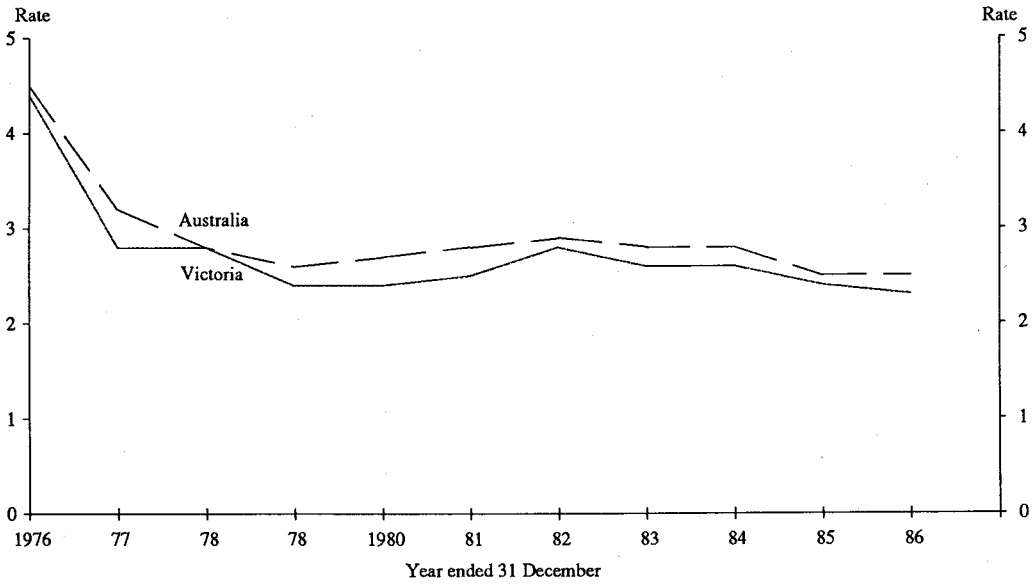
TABLE 2.18 SUMMARY OF DIVORCES, VICTORIA

Particulars	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Divorces granted -	9,769	11,266	10,663	10,501	9,688	9,670
Crude divorce rate (a)	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3
Median duration						
of marriage (years)	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.7
Median interval between						
marriage and separation (years)	7.6	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8
Divorces involving children -	5,942	6,867	6,577	6,296	5,809	5,705
Percentage of total	60.8	61.0	61.7	60.0	60.0	59.0
Average number of children	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
HUSBAND						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.5	0.4	1.2
25-29	12.9	13.1	11.7	9.7	10.1	9.5
30-34	13.6	16.2	14.3	14.3	11.9	11.7
35-39	12.3	14.1	13.5	13.3	12.5	11.7
40-44	10.0	12.2	12.0	11.3	10.6	10.3
45-49	8.0	9.7	9.2	9.4	8.6	8.7
50-54	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.5	5.4	6.5
55 and over	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	8,885	10,120	9,430	9,246	8,341	8,276
Widowed	104	139	137	154	152	132
Divorced	780	1,007	1,096	1,101	1,105	1,262
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	23.5	23.6	23.7	23.9	23.9	24.2
At separation	32.9	33.3	33.9	34.0	34.4	34.6
At divorce	35.5	35.8	36.5	36.7	37.1	37.3
WIFE						
Age-specific divorce rate (b) -						
Age group (years) -						
Under 25	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	1.2	2.8
25-29	15.1	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.4	11.9
30-34	12.9	15.8	13.9	13.9	12.3	12.2
35-39	11.1	13.1	12.3	12.3	11.4	10.8
40-44	9.0	10.5	10.2	10.2	9.5	9.2
45-49	6.8	8.0	7.5	7.5	6.5	7.4
50-54	4.7	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.6
55 and over	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1
Marital status at marriage -						
Never married	8,869	10,037	9,437	9,209	8,477	8,288
Widowed	150	158	178	192	171	169
Divorced	750	1,071	1,048	1,100	1,040	1,213
Median age (years) -						
At marriage	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.4	21.5	21.6
At separation	30.2	30.8	31.2	31.3	31.7	31.8
At divorce	32.9	33.5	33.7	34.1	34.4	34.7

(a) Number of divorces per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population.

(b) Number of divorces by age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population in specific age groups.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, 1976-86



RELATIVE MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1981 AND 1986

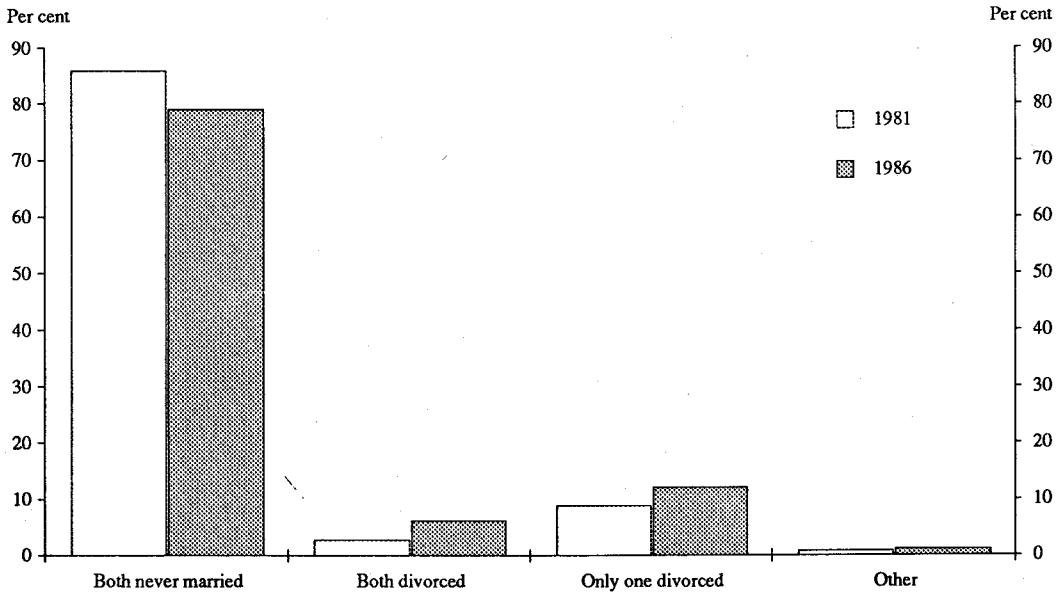


TABLE 2.19 DIVORCES: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1956 TO 1986

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Annual averages -									
1956-1960	3,185	1,491	716	538	549	197	15	29	6,720
1961-1965	3,205	1,740	928	781	549	260	34	70	7,568
1966-1970	4,936	2,299	1,197	963	787	324	39	136	10,681
1971-1975	7,548	4,028	1,869	1,491	1,546	488	76	302	17,348
1976-1980	15,556	11,395	7,008	4,473	3,730	1,295	324	1,440	45,220
1981-1985	13,597	10,377	7,117	4,284	3,851	1,249	352	1,569	42,396
Annual totals -									
1981	14,512	9,769	6,470	4,132	3,481	1,139	393	1,516	41,412
1982	14,378	11,266	6,770	4,526	3,842	1,391	369	1,546	44,088
1983	14,023	10,663	7,474	4,431	3,822	1,359	371	1,382	43,525
1984	13,203	10,501	8,056	4,114	4,069	1,185	325	1,671	43,124
1985	11,871	9,688	6,816	4,216	4,039	1,169	301	1,730	39,830
1986	11,661	9,670	7,042	3,776	4,001	1,245	381	1,641	39,417

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