

## PART VII.

### POPULATION.

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale the first enumeration of the people was taken by an officer from Sydney on the 25th May, 1836, less than one year after the date of the arrival of John Batman (29th May, 1835). This was the first official census in Victoria, which was at that time known as the district of Port Phillip, and it disclosed that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females of European origin.

At the census taken in 1838 it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511. During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population increased by 100 per cent., owing principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and it continued to increase to the end of 1850.

The discovery of gold in 1851 (the year of separation from New South Wales) was the greatest influence in populating Victoria, the numbers increasing from 77,345 at the census in 1851 to 538,628 in 1861, a gain of 596 per cent. In the next ten years the natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was the main factor in the growth of population. From the end of 1870 the population advanced steadily to 1,133,728 at the end of 1890, the increase being 409,803 (natural increase 307,246—gain from migration 102,557). The latter portion of this period was known as the "Land Boom" period, which was followed by the inevitable reaction.

Between 1891 and 1905 the population of the State advanced very slowly, the total increase in this period being 76,693. The gain by natural increase—247,078—was offset by the loss from migration—170,385—the discovery of gold in Western Australia being the principal cause of migration from Victoria in the period. A steady annual increase was maintained from 1905 to the end of 1927 (exclusive of the years relating to the Great War), the population increasing from 1,210,421 to 1,741,832.

During the ten-year period 1928–1937 the population of the State increased slowly, the lowest annual increase for the period being recorded in the year 1935. The rate of natural increase dropped considerably and, in seven years of the period, a loss from migration was experienced. The world-wide depression of 1929–33 had its effect on the population of the State.

The estimated population of Victoria at the end of 1940 was 1,918,660. This figure is subject to revision.

## VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1940.

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1836 (25th May) .. .. .	142	35	177
1836 (8th Novr.) .. .. .	186	38	224
1840 .. .. .	7,254	3,037	10,291
1850 .. .. .	45,495	30,667	76,162
1855 .. .. .	226,462	120,843	347,305
1860 .. .. .	330,302	207,932	538,234
1870 .. .. .	397,230	326,695	723,925
1880 .. .. .	459,558	408,047	858,605
1890 .. .. .	595,519	538,209	1,133,728
1900 .. .. .	601,773	594,440	1,196,213
1905 .. .. .	598,134	612,287	1,210,421
1906 .. .. .	600,856	618,976	1,219,832
1907 .. .. .	605,775	627,032	1,232,807
1908 .. .. .	614,937	635,512	1,250,449
1909 .. .. .	631,021	646,001	1,277,022
1910 .. .. .	646,482	654,926	1,301,408
1911 .. .. .	668,818	671,075	1,339,893
1912 .. .. .	690,056	692,497	1,382,553
1913 .. .. .	707,444	707,972	1,415,416
1914 .. .. .	713,307	721,881	1,435,188
1915 .. .. .	694,210	730,235	1,424,445
1916 .. .. .	666,245	738,418	1,404,663
1917 .. .. .	671,075	745,985	1,417,060
1918 .. .. .	684,243	753,002	1,437,245
1919 .. .. .	739,956	763,079	1,503,035
1920 .. .. .	753,803	774,106	1,527,909
1921 .. .. .	765,306	785,421	1,550,727
1922 .. .. .	789,517	800,756	1,590,273
1923 .. .. .	807,884	817,571	1,625,455
1924 .. .. .	825,919	831,232	1,657,151
1925 .. .. .	840,817	843,234	1,684,051
1926 .. .. .	855,035	856,952	1,711,987
1927 .. .. .	870,718	871,114	1,741,832
1928 .. .. .	879,478	882,268	1,761,746
1929 .. .. .	886,472	891,797	1,778,269
1930 .. .. .	892,422	900,183	1,792,605
1931 .. .. .	896,429	907,141	1,803,570
1932 .. .. .	900,663	912,724	1,813,387
1933 .. .. .	905,050	919,429	1,824,479
1934 .. .. .	910,373	927,117	1,837,490
1935 .. .. .	911,710	931,313	1,843,023
1936 .. .. .	915,304	936,289	1,851,593
1937 .. .. .	918,665	940,822	1,859,487
1938 .. .. .	925,892	947,868	1,873,760
1939 .. .. .	931,724	954,632	1,886,356
1940 .. .. .	949,650	969,010	1,918,660*

\* Subject to revision.

The rates of increase in population in various years are given on pages 296 and 302.

**Population, 1940.** The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during 1940 are shown in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1939 .. ..	..	..	931,724	954,632	1,886,356
Births, 1940 .. ..	16,393	15,569			
Deaths, 1940 .. ..	10,930	9,363			
Natural Increase .. ..	..	..	5,463	6,206	11,669
Migration by Sea, 1940—					
Arrivals .. ..	30,047	27,361			
Departures .. ..	27,192	24,110			
Gain by Sea .. ..	..	..	2,855	3,251	6,106
Migration by Rail, 1940—					
Arrivals .. ..	47,021	23,511			
Departures .. ..	38,165	19,082			
Gain by Rail .. ..	..	..	8,856	4,429	13,285
Migration by Air, 1940—					
Arrivals .. ..	16,925	7,522			
Departures .. ..	16,173	7,030			
Gain by Air .. ..	..	..	752	492	1,244
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1940 .. ..	..	..	949,650	969,010	1,918,660*

\* Subject to revision.

**Increase of Population, 1860-1940.** At the census of 1891, the population of Victoria was 1,140,088; 1,201,070 in 1901; 1,315,551 in 1911; 1,531,280 in 1921; and 1,820,261 in 1933. During the period ended on the date of the census in each of the years 1901, 1911, 1921, and 1933 there were respective increases in the population at the rate of 5·35, 9·53, 16·40, and 18·87 per cent. The rate of increase during the decade 1921-31 was 17·33 per cent.

The census of 30th June, 1933, showed that the population of the State at that date was 1,820,261, comprising 903,244 males and 917,017 females. The table which follows shows, for each quinquennium of the 80 years 1860-1939, and for each year of the 20 years 1921-1940, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration.

VICTORIA— INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY MIGRATION, 1860-1940.

Period.	Increase during Period.			Increase per cent. during Period.		
	Natural.	Net Immigration.	Total.	Natural.	Net Immigration.	Total.
1860-64 ..	69,249	7,682	76,931	13·29	1·47	14·76
1865-69 ..	74,639	24,120	98,759	12·48	4·03	16·51
1870-74 ..	81,902	7,444	89,346	11·75	1·07	12·82
1875-79 ..	66,473	(-) 10,824	55,649	8·46	(-) 1·38	7·08
1880-84 ..	72,332	21,688	94,020	8·59	2·58	11·17
1885-89 ..	83,704	85,457	169,161	8·95	9·13	18·08
1890-94 ..	100,292	(-) 23,075	77,217	9·08	(-) 2·09	6·99
1895-99 ..	76,625	(-) 70,239	6,386	6·48	(-) 5·94	·54
1900-04 ..	74,296	(-) 57,229	17,067	6·25	(-) 4·81	1·44
1905-09 ..	80,312	(-) 8,898	71,414	6·66	(-) ·74	5·92
1910-14 ..	93,975	64,191	158,166	7·36	5·03	12·39
1915-19 ..	84,092	(-) 16,245	67,847	5·86	(-) 1·13	4·73
1920-24 ..	98,235	55,881	154,116	6·53	3·72	10·25
1925-29 ..	91,091	30,027	121,118	5·50	1·81	7·31
1930-34 ..	61,242	(-) 2,021	59,221	3·44	(-) ·11	3·33
1935-39 ..	52,364	(-) 3,498	48,866	2·85	(-) ·19	2·66
1921 ..	19,428	3,390	22,818	1·27	·22	1·49
1922 ..	21,132	18,414	39,546	1·36	1·19	2·55
1923 ..	18,657	16,525	35,182	1·17	1·04	2·21
1924 ..	19,636	12,060	31,696	1·21	·74	1·95
1925 ..	20,086	6,814	26,900	1·21	·41	1·62
1926 ..	19,027	8,909	27,936	1·13	·53	1·66
1927 ..	18,301	11,544	29,845	1·07	·67	1·74
1928 ..	16,790	3,124	19,914	·96	·18	1·14
1929 ..	16,887	(-) 364	16,523	·96	(-) ·02	·94
1930 ..	17,168	(-) 2,832	14,336	·97	(-) ·16	·81
1931 ..	13,299	(-) 2,334	10,965	·74	(-) ·13	·61
1932 ..	10,659	(-) 842	9,817	·59	(-) ·05	·54
1933 ..	10,936	156	11,092	·60	·01	·61
1934 ..	9,180	3,831	13,011	·50	·21	·71
1935 ..	9,428	(-) 3,895	5,533	·51	(-) ·21	·30
1936 ..	10,105	(-) 1,535	8,570	·55	(-) ·08	·47
1937 ..	11,118	(-) 3,224	7,894	·60	(-) ·17	·43
1938 ..	11,389	2,884	14,273	·61	·16	·77
1939 ..	10,324	2,272	12,596	·55	·12	·67
1940 ..	11,669	20,635*	32,304	·62	1·09	1·71

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

\* Subject to revision.

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION.

The interstate and oversea movement of people to and from Victoria, for the period 1931–1940, is shown in the following table :—

Year.	Arrivals in Victoria.			Departures from Victoria.			Excess of Arrivals Over Departures.	
	Inter-state.	From Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	To Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	Other Countries Direct.
1931 ..	135,486	5,804	141,290	135,760	7,864	143,624	(-) 274	(-) 2,060
1932 ..	141,851	5,969	147,820	141,496	7,166	148,662	355	(-) 1,197
1933 ..	147,078	8,840	155,918	146,485	9,277	155,762	593	(-) 437
1934 ..	153,410	11,377	164,787	150,520	10,436	160,956	2,890	941
1935 ..	140,406	11,090	151,496	143,526	11,789	155,315	(-) 3,120	(-) 699
1936 ..	141,813	11,586	153,399	143,628	11,113	154,741	(-) 1,815	473
1937 ..	139,199	13,063	152,262	144,054	11,432	155,486	(-) 4,855	1,631
1938 ..	152,514	15,740	168,054	152,591	12,579	165,170	(-) 77	2,961
1939 ..	147,087	15,028	162,115	148,568	10,353	158,921	(-) 1,481	4,675
1940 ..	146,457	5,930	152,387	129,464	2,288	131,752	16,993	3,642

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

In 1931, migration to and from Victoria reached a total of 284,914 persons. From 1931, a slight increase was recorded each year until 1935, when a decrease, as compared with the previous year, was registered. There was little fluctuation during the following two years, but in 1938 the volume of migration was the highest recorded since 1930. In 1939 and in 1940 a decline was recorded in both oversea and interstate migration. The considerable decrease in oversea migration during 1940 was due to the war.

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

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1937–1940.

State—Territory.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1937.	1938.	1939.	*1940.	1937.	1938.	1939.	*1940.
New South Wales	48,381	48,489	43,801	..	50,832	49,347	47,176	..
Queensland ..	2,886	2,826	3,107	..	2,723	2,614	2,553	..
South Australia ..	11,578	10,263	10,407	..	11,343	9,942	9,888	..
Western Australia	1,861	2,235	2,855	..	1,962	2,222	2,289	..
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,332	851	808	..	1,386	1,228	881	..
Total ..	66,038	64,664	60,978	70,532	68,246	65,353	62,787	57,247

\* Details of Interstate migration not available.

The immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria, the other Australian States, British countries, and foreign countries during each of the four years ended 1940 are shown in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY SEA, 1937-1940.

State or Country of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1937.	1938.	1939.	*1940.	1937.	1938.	1939.	*1940.
<i>States.</i>								
New South Wales ..	14,064	15,313	12,911	..	15,486	15,371	12,606	..
Queensland ..	6,274	7,078	5,922	..	7,419	7,583	7,311	..
South Australia ..	1,847	1,747	1,310	..	1,588	1,717	1,257	..
Western Australia ..	4,152	4,128	3,313	..	4,594	4,368	3,596	..
Tasmania ..	38,279	40,754	43,969	..	37,831	39,871	42,447	..
Northern Territory ..	117	101	106	..	130	169	314	..
Total Interstate ..	64,733	69,121	67,531	..	67,048	69,079	67,531	..
Adjustment (cruise pas- sengers) ..	..	..	..	..	101	122	198	..
Net Total ..	64,733	69,121	67,531	51,478	66,947	68,957	67,729	49,014
<i>Oversea—</i>								
New Zealand ..	2,942	3,642	2,720	813	2,884	3,564	3,040	481
United Kingdom ..	3,780	4,310	4,676	1,323	4,097	3,972	3,140	260
India and Ceylon ..	811	945	1,460	409	710	842	594	238
South Africa ..	420	477	319	153	445	452	335	64
Other British Possessions	971	984	983	794	1,028	956	1,034	691
Total British Countries	8,924	10,358	10,158	3,492	9,164	9,786	8,143	1,734
Egypt ..	496	504	482	129	108	103	65	18
France ..	586	570	611	144	345	386	227	..
Italy ..	1,218	1,656	1,288	383	414	406	303	10
Japan ..	272	123	130	113	301	98	106	40
United States of America	1,201	1,744	1,691	465	779	1,315	1,225	341
Other Foreign Countries ..	366	585	668	1,204	321	485	284	145
Total Foreign Countries	4,139	5,182	4,870	2,438	2,268	2,793	2,210	554
GRAND TOTAL ..	77,796	84,661	82,559	57,408	78,379	81,536	78,082	51,302

\* Details of Interstate migration not available.

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

## VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY AIR.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
1936 .. ..	3,814	3,704	110
1937 .. ..	8,428	8,861	(-) 433
1938 .. ..	18,729	18,281	448
1939 .. ..	18,578	18,052	526
1940 .. ..	24,447	23,203	1,244

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

Classification of Migrants.

The following table shows the oversea migration for 1940, classified according to permanent and temporary migrants.

OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1940.

	Arrivals.				Departures.			
	Permanent New Arrivals	Australian Residents Returning from Abroad.	Visitors.	Total.	Australian Residents Departing Permanently.	Australian Residents Departing Temporarily.	Visitors.	Total.
Victoria ..	2,293	962	2,675	5,930	667	438	1,183	2,288
Commonwealth ..	11,609	8,267	18,727	38,603	5,476	4,726	15,001	25,203

State-assisted Immigration.

In 1940, State-assisted migration to Victoria consisted of 5 males and 15 females.

Population of Greater Melbourne.

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

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

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933 AND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1940.

Municipal District	Area in Acres, 31st December, 1940.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1940.	Persons to the Acre 31st December 1940.
Box Hill City .. ..	5,120	15,332	17,200	3·4
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding) .. ..	8,480	8,761	10,000	1·2
Brighton City .. ..	3,308	29,707	34,350	10·4
Brunswick City .. ..	2,719	54,348	55,550	20·4
Camberwell City .. ..	8,352	50,052	68,000	8·1
Caulfield City .. ..	5,600	65,297	72,450	12·9
Chelsea City .. ..	3,040	6,625	7,450	2·5
Coburg City .. ..	4,800	38,118	41,900	8·7
Collingwood City .. ..	1,139	30,665	30,050	26·4
Essendon City .. ..	4,000	46,096	48,650	12·2
Fitzroy City .. ..	923	30,909	30,800	33·4
Footscray City .. ..	3,982	46,266	54,000	13·6
Hawthorn City .. ..	2,402	33,758	36,550	15·2
Heidelberg City (excluding Greensborough Ward) ..	8,800	24,949	27,000	3·1
Kew City .. ..	3,523	25,486	27,800	7·9

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933  
AND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1940—*continued.*

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 31st December, 1940.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1940.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1940.
Malvern City .. ..	3,996	43,244	46,350	11·6
Melbourne City .. ..	7,740	92,112	93,650	12·1
Moorabbin City .. ..	13,360	19,006	21,900	1·6
Mordialloc City .. ..	3,351	9,216	10,650	3·2
Northcote City .. ..	2,850	42,723	43,850	15·4
Oakleigh City .. ..	2,658	11,903	13,100	4·9
Port Melbourne City ..	2,366	12,906	13,600	5·7
Prahran City .. ..	2,320	51,606	55,800	24·1
Preston City .. ..	8,800	33,442	36,450	4·1
Richmond City .. ..	1,430	39,618	40,000	28·0
Sandringham City .. ..	3,740	18,075	20,100	5·4
South Melbourne City ..	2,303	42,936	43,700	19·0
St. Kilda City .. ..	2,049	46,579	52,150	25·5
Williamstown City .. ..	2,775	22,199	23,650	8·5
Total .. ..	125,926	991,934	1,076,700*	8·6

\* Subject to revision.

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 33·4 persons to the acre; Richmond has 28·0; Collingwood, 26·4; St. Kilda, 25·5; Prahran, 24·1; Brunswick, 20·4; South Melbourne, 19·0; and Melbourne City, 12·1. There is a total area of 9,121 acres devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in Greater Melbourne, so that the population is really living more closely together than the figures in the table indicate; if these park areas are excluded, the density of the population in the above-mentioned municipalities is as follows:—Fitzroy, 35·1 persons to the acre; Richmond, 33·3; St. Kilda, 30·0; Collingwood, 28·9; South Melbourne, 24·6; Prahran, 24·9; Brunswick, 21·0; and Melbourne City, 16·4; while, for the whole of Greater Melbourne, the exclusion of park areas has only a slight influence on the density, the number of persons to the acre increasing from 8·6 to 9·2.

Density of Metropolitan Population.



**Population of Cities, Towns and Boroughs outside Greater Melbourne.**

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

**VICTORIA—POPULATIONS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, 1933 AND 1940.**

Locality.	Population.		Locality.	Population.	
	Census 1933.	1940 (Estimated 31st December).		Census 1933.	1940 (Estimated 31st December).
<b>Cities—</b>			<b>Boroughs—<i>contd.</i></b>		
Ballarat* ..	37,411	38,740	Daylesford ..	2,619	2,660
Bendigo† ..	29,131	30,300	Echuca ..	4,411	4,460
Geelong‡ ..	39,223	40,730	Inglewood ..	1,050	1,020
Mildura ..	6,617	6,900	Koroit ..	1,698	1,690
Warrnambool ..	8,906	9,300	Maryborough ..	5,631	5,810
<b>Towns—</b>			Port Fairy ..	1,859	1,880
Ararat ..	4,914	4,960	Portland ..	2,518	2,600
Hamilton ..	5,786	6,050	Queenscliffe ..	1,969	2,010
Horsham ..	5,272	5,570	Ringwood ..	3,012	3,210
Sale ..	4,262	4,280	Shepparton ..	5,698	6,140
<b>Boroughs—</b>			St. Arnaud ..	3,159	3,210
Castlemaine ..	5,221	5,350	Stawell ..	4,747	4,860
Clunes ..	1,180	1,170	Swan Hill ..	..	4,900
Colac ..	..	5,600	Wangaratta ..	4,795	4,990
			Wonthaggi ..	5,593	6,500

\* Includes municipalities of Ballarat and Sebastopol.

† Includes municipalities of Bendigo and Eaglehawk.

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

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

**Population of Greater Melbourne and Remainder of State, 1861-1940.**

In the seventy-two years from the census of 1861 to the census of 1933, the population of Greater Melbourne increased by 609 per cent. from 139,916 to 991,934. In the same period, the population of the remainder of the State increased by 108 per cent. from 398,721 to 828,327. During only one intercensal period—1891-1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than in the metropolis. With the decline in the gold-mining industry, the rate of increase in the country areas diminished until, at the beginning of the present century, the rural population became almost stationary. Between 1901 and 1933 the increase was 123,336; of this increase, 67,353 occurred in the 28 years ended 31st December, 1929, and 55,983 in the four years of depression which followed. Further aspects of the growth in the population of Greater Melbourne appear in a paragraph dealing with the Capital Cities of Australia.

**POPULATION OF VICTORIA, GREATER MELBOURNE, AND  
REMAINDER OF THE STATE 1861 TO 1940.**

(a) Census. (b) 31st Dec.	Population at each Date.		
	Victoria.	Greater Melbourne.	Remainder of State.
(a)			
1861 .. .. .	538,628	139,916	398,712
1871 .. .. .	730,198	206,780	523,418
1881 .. .. .	861,566	282,947	578,619
1891 .. .. .	1,140,088	490,896	649,192
1901 .. .. .	1,201,070	496,079	704,991
1911 .. .. .	1,315,551	593,237	722,314
1921 .. .. .	1,531,280	782,979	748,301
1933 .. .. .	1,820,261	991,934†	828,327
(b)			
1931 .. .. .	1,803,570	995,600	807,970
1932 .. .. .	1,813,387	993,800	819,587
1933 .. .. .	1,824,479	995,800	828,679
1934 .. .. .	1,837,490	1,000,000	837,490
1935 .. .. .	1,843,023	1,008,300	834,723
1936 .. .. .	1,851,593	1,016,500	835,093
1937 .. .. .	1,859,487	1,024,000	835,487
1938 .. .. .	1,873,760	1,035,600	838,160
1939 .. .. .	1,886,356	1,046,750	839,606
1940 .. .. .	1,918,660*	1,076,700	841,960

\* Subject to revision. † The boundaries of Greater Melbourne were re-defined in 1929.

**Population of  
Australian  
States and of  
New Zealand,  
1861 to 1940.**

In the following tables is given the population of each Australian State and of New Zealand at each census from 1861 to 1933 and also the estimated population at 31st December, 1940.

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

	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							
	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.
<b>States—</b>								
Victoria ..	538,628	730,198	861,566	1,140,088	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261
New South Wales ..	350,860	502,998	749,825	1,123,954	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847
Queensland ..	30,059	117,960	213,525	393,718	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,534
South Australia ..	* 126,830	* 185,626	276,414	315,533	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949
Western Australia ..	15,100	25,270	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852
Tasmania ..	89,977	101,020	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599
<b>Territories—</b>								
Northern Australian Capital ..	..	..	3,451	4,898	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850
..	..	..	..	..	..	† 1,714	2,572	8,947
<b>Australia ..</b>	<b>1,151,454</b>	<b>1,663,072</b>	<b>2,260,194</b>	<b>3,174,640</b>	<b>3,773,801</b>	<b>4,455,005</b>	<b>5,435,734</b>	<b>6,629,839</b>
<b>New Zealand—</b>								
Excluding Maoris ..	99,021	256,393	489,933	626,658	772,719	1,008,468	1,218,913	† 1,491,484
Including Maoris ..	..	..	534,030	668,651	815,862	1,058,312	1,271,664	† 1,573,810

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

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

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES  
AND OF NEW ZEALAND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1940.

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1940.	Persons to the Square Mile.	Proportion in Each State or Territory.
				Per cent.
Victoria .. ..	87,884	1,918,660	21·83	27·14
New South Wales .. ..	309,432	2,789,123	9·01	39·46
Queensland .. ..	670,500	1,029,613	1·54	14·56
South Australia .. ..	380,070	598,090	1·57	8·46
Western Australia .. ..	975,920	468,309	·48	6·63
Tasmania .. ..	26,215	243,057	9·27	3·44
Territories—				
Northern .. ..	523,620	8,968	·02	·13
Australian Capital .. ..	940	12,867	13·69	·18
Australia .. ..	2,974,581	7,068,687†	2·38	100·00
New Zealand .. ..	103,415*	1,634,500‡	15·81	..

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

† Subject to revision.

‡ Population at 30th September, 1940, including 91,511 Maoris.

The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1871-1933, and the estimated populations at the 31st December, 1940, are shown hereafter. During the 69 years, 1871-1940, Melbourne has made great progress. The most notable advance occurred in the decennial period 1881-91, when the population increased by 207,949, or 73 per cent. The population remained almost stationary between 1891 and 1901. This unsatisfactory feature was due to a severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. A great number of persons migrated in those years to other parts in search of employment. In the intercensal period 1901 to 1911 there was an increase of 97,158; in the period 1911 to 1921 an increase of 189,742 and, in the period 1921-1933, an increase of 208,955 persons. The closing years of the last-mentioned period were years of world-wide depression, during which immigration to Victoria was at a standstill and Melbourne lost population to a slight degree to the rural

Population of  
Australian  
capital cities,  
1871-1940.

districts of the State. In the earlier years of the period, however, a consistent rate of increase was maintained with the result that the net numerical increase for the period was the highest experienced. There has been a steady increase since 1933. Since 1902 Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia. On the 31st December, 1940 the populations of Sydney and Melbourne were 1,310,530 and 1,076,700 respectively, these two cities together containing about 34 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth. A high proportion of the population of Australia is concentrated in the capital cities of the six States. In 1940 the proportion amounted to 47 per cent. The population of Canberra on the 31st December, 1940, was 11,000.

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES,  
1871 TO 1940.

Capital City (the Area of each City is given in a note below).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							Estimated Population, 31st December, 1940.	Persons to the Acre, 1940.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.		
Melbourne ..	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,076,700	8·6
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,235,267	1,310,530	8·3
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	299,748	335,520	1·4
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	312,619	322,988†	3·1
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	207,440	228,000	1·9
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	60,406	66,270‡	1·2

\* Not available. † Population at 31st December, 1939. ‡ Population at 31st March, 1940.

NOTE.—The areas of the capital cities in acres were Sydney, 157,509; Melbourne, 125,926; Brisbane, 246,400; Adelaide, 102,987; Perth, 122,240; and Hobart, 54,890.

At the first colonization of Victoria the Aborigines were officially estimated to number about 5,000, but according to other and apparently more reliable estimates they numbered at that time not less than 15,000. In 1851, when the colony was separated from New South Wales, the number was officially stated as 2,693. A census of Aborigines in Australia was taken by the Commonwealth Statistician on 30th June, 1940. The number in Victoria at that date was 750, of whom 77 were full-blood and 673 were half-caste.

**Aborigines  
in Victoria.**

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE  
AT STATIONS, 1939-40.

Station.	Aborigines.	Three-quarter and Half-castes.	Total.
Lake Condah .. .. .	..	2	2
Lake Tyers .. .. .	40	251	291
Framlingham .. .. .	..	5	5
Depots .. .. .	..	3	3
In Institutions .. .. .	1	5	6
Total .. .. .	41	266	307

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

In addition to the number under the care of the Board at Stations in Victoria, it is estimated that there are 449 half-castes and octoroons at Antwerp, Echuca, Framlingham, Colac, Dimboola, Lake Condah, Healesville, Orbost and Swan Hill. These people occasionally receive assistance from the Board.

During the year 1939-40 there were 11 births of half-castes at Lake Tyers. There were 15 deaths of half-castes, 12 of which occurred at Lake Tyers and 3 at Framlingham. There were also 5 deaths of full-bloods at Lake Tyers.

The amount expended on the care and maintenance of the Aborigines during the year was £5,825. At the Treasury is kept a Trust Fund, known as the Aborigines Board Produce Fund, into which receipts from the sale of timber and produce, leasing of reserves &c., are paid. The amount to the credit of this Fund on the 30th June, 1940 was £4,352.

**Arrivals in and departures from Victoria of Chinese and other non-Europeans.** During the year 1940, 119 Chinese arrived and 114 departed. Other non-European arrivals numbered 113 and departures 80, as compared with 69 arrivals and 75 departures in 1939. A statement of the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act appears on page 73 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

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

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1940 was 507. They were of various nationalities, the greatest proportion (34 per cent.) being of Italian origin. During the seventy years, 1871 to 1940 inclusive, 20,711 persons were naturalized. The following table shows the birthplaces of persons naturalized in Victoria during the last five years.

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACES OF PERSONS NATURALIZED.  
1936-40.

Birthplace.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.					Total Naturalized 1936 to 1940.
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	
Germany .. ..	36	23	30	53	19	161
Greece .. ..	18	26	21	34	48	147
Italy .. ..	94	68	104	308	173	747
Poland .. ..	50	32	46	72	22	222
Russia .. ..	14	12	12	32	34	104
Switzerland ..	3	11	4	19	13	50
Other European Countries .. ..	48	56	57	128	160	449
United States ..	..	1	5	10	8	24
Other Countries ..	4	1	13	20	30	68
Total .. ..	267	230	292	676	507	1,972