

**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). It was then found that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females of European origin. This was the first official census of what was at that time known as Port Phillip. In 1851, the year of separation from New South Wales, the population of Victoria was 77,345.

There have been fifteen censuses since 1836. The last census was taken on the 30th June, 1933.

The following table shows the population in various years of the period 1836 to 1937 :—

**ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1836 TO 1937.**

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.			Estimated Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1836 (25th May) .. ..	142	35	177	} 200
1836 (8th Novr.) .. ..	186	38	224	
1840 .. .. ..	7,254	3,037	10,291	8,056
1850 .. .. ..	45,495	30,667	76,162	71,191
1855 .. .. ..	226,462	120,843	347,305	315,628
1860 .. .. ..	330,302	207,932	538,234	529,653
1870 .. .. ..	397,230	326,695	723,925	710,344
1880 .. .. ..	450,558	408,047	858,605	850,181
1890 .. .. ..	595,519	538,209	1,133,728	1,119,333
1900 .. .. ..	601,773	594,440	1,196,213	1,192,377
1905 .. .. ..	598,134	612,287	1,210,421	1,206,046
1906 .. .. ..	600,856	618,976	1,219,832	1,213,672
1907 .. .. ..	605,775	627,032	1,232,807	1,225,503
1908 .. .. ..	614,937	635,512	1,250,449	1,240,488
1909 .. .. ..	631,021	646,001	1,277,022	1,261,169
1910 .. .. ..	646,482	654,926	1,301,408	1,282,477
1911 .. .. ..	668,818	671,075	1,339,893	1,320,652
1912 .. .. ..	690,056	692,497	1,382,553	1,357,824
1913 .. .. ..	707,444	707,972	1,415,416	1,395,881
1914 .. .. ..	713,307	721,881	1,435,188	1,427,512
1915 .. .. ..	694,210	730,235	1,424,445	1,431,632
1916 .. .. ..	666,245	738,418	1,404,663	1,414,480
1917 .. .. ..	671,075	745,985	1,417,060	1,411,381
1918 .. .. ..	684,243	753,002	1,437,245	1,424,054
1919 .. .. ..	739,956	763,079	1,503,035	1,473,018
1920 .. .. ..	753,803	774,106	1,527,909	1,512,093
1921 .. .. ..	765,306	785,421	1,550,727	1,537,042
1922 .. .. ..	789,517	800,756	1,590,273	1,570,883
1923 .. .. ..	807,884	817,571	1,625,455	1,607,850
1924 .. .. ..	825,919	831,232	1,657,151	1,641,944
1925 .. .. ..	840,817	843,234	1,684,051	1,671,537
1926 .. .. ..	855,035	856,952	1,711,987	1,696,758
1927 .. .. ..	870,718	871,114	1,741,832	1,727,734
1928 .. .. ..	879,478	882,268	1,761,746	1,751,974
1929 .. .. ..	886,472	891,797	1,778,269	1,770,133
1930 .. .. ..	892,422	900,183	1,792,605	1,786,217
1931 .. .. ..	896,429	907,141	1,803,570	1,799,241
1932 .. .. ..	900,663	912,724	1,813,387	1,808,618
1933 .. .. ..	905,050	919,429	1,824,479	1,820,568
1934 .. .. ..	910,378	927,117	1,837,495	1,830,898
1935 .. .. ..	911,710	931,313	1,843,023	1,839,361
1936 .. .. ..	915,304	936,289	1,851,593	1,847,665
1937 .. .. ..	918,665	940,822	1,859,487	1,856,033

The rates of increase in population in different years are given on pages 273 and 282.

The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during 1937 are shown in the following table:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 31ST DECEMBER, 1937.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1936 .. ..	..	..	915,304	936,289	1,851,593
Births, 1937 .. ..	15,209	14,522			
Deaths, 1937 .. ..	9,890	8,723			
Natural Increase .. ..	..	..	5,319	5,799	11,118
Migration by Sea, 1937—					
Arrivals .. ..	38,221	39,575			
Departures .. ..	38,556	39,823			
Gain by Sea .. ..	..	..	(-) 335	(-) 248	(-) 583
Migration by Rail, 1937—					
Arrivals .. ..	44,027	22,011			
Departures .. ..	45,497	22,749			
Gain by Rail .. ..	..	..	(-) 1,470	(-) 738	(-) 2,208
Migration by Air, 1937—					
Arrivals .. ..	6,185	2,243			
Departures .. ..	6,338	2,523			
Gain by Air .. ..	..	..	(-) 153	(-) 280	(-) 433
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1937 .. ..	..	..	918,665	940,822	1,859,487†

The minus sign (-) indicates a loss. † Full blood aboriginals excluded.

The population of Victoria was 1,139,840 at the date of the census in 1891; 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 5.37, 9.53, 16.40, and 18.87 per cent. Vide table on page 278. The rate of increase during the decade 1921-31 was 17.33 per cent.

The census count on the 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 75 years 1860-1934, and for each year of the 20 years 1918-1937, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration:—

INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY MIGRATION, 1860-1937.

	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
1918 ..	16,424	3,761	20,185	1·16	·27	1·43
1919 ..	12,251	53,539	65,790	·85	3·73	4·58
1920 ..	19,382	5,492	24,874	1·29	·37	1·66
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

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

The population of the State increased during the 78 years, 1860-1937, by 1,338,415. Of this increase 1,239,110 was due to the excess of births over deaths, and 99,305 to the excess of immigration over emigration. The percentage increase of the population of the State fell steadily during the five years 1928-32. The fall in the first three years of that period was due, principally, to the loss of power of the migration element, and in the years 1931 and 1932 to the decline in the rate of natural increase and the continuance of the unfavourable migration experience. In the year

1933 a slight recovery was made as compared with the previous year, the percentage increases being .61 and .54 respectively. There was a further improvement in 1934 in the rate of increase to .71 per cent. This was entirely due to the migration experience, the percentage increase from migration being the highest since 1927. This gain was due partly to visitors from abroad to the Victorian Centenary. The rate of natural increase (.50) continued to decline in 1934, and was the lowest recorded. In 1935 the percentage increase (.30) of the population of the State was the lowest on record. This was due to the continuance of the low rate of natural increase (.51) and the very unfavourable migration experience (partly due to the departure of Centenary visitors). The percentage decrease from migration in 1935 (.21) was the highest recorded since 1917. In 1936 a slight improvement was recorded in the percentage increase of the population of the State. Although the rate of natural increase rose slightly in 1937, the percentage increase of the population of the State declined as compared with the previous year. This decline was due to the unfavourable migration experience.

### MIGRATION.

The interstate and oversea movement of people to and from Victoria for the period 1928-1937, 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.
1928 ..	237,908	17,906	255,814	240,768	11,922	252,690	(-)2,860	5,984
1929 ..	221,472	13,870	235,342	223,543	12,163	235,706	(-)2,071	1,707
1930 ..	181,043	10,592	191,635	181,577	12,890	194,467	(-) 534	(-)2,298
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	11,739	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

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

The volume of migration to and from Victoria, as given in the above table, diminished steadily from a total of 508,504 persons in 1928 to 284,914 persons in 1931, both oversea and interstate traffic being affected. Since 1931, a slight increase was recorded each year until 1935. There has been little fluctuation during the last three years. The decline indicated in the interstate traffic over the ten-year period is probably offset to a certain extent by an increase in the road motor traffic, particulars of which are not available.

With the exception of the years 1932, 1933, and 1934, Victoria lost steadily from interstate migration during the ten-year period 1928-1937, the maximum loss being experienced in the year 1937.

Arrivals and  
Departures by  
Rail, 1934-37.

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

MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1934-1937.  
(Recorded.)

State—Territory.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
New South Wales	65,418	58,645	53,898	48,381	66,069	61,952	56,841	50,832
Queensland	3,993	3,413	3,060	2,886	3,898	3,815	3,159	2,723
South Australia	18,451	13,597	13,498	11,578	18,299	13,848	12,921	11,343
Western Australia	1,994	1,946	2,100	1,861	1,811	2,045	1,871	1,962
Federal Capital Territory	1,510	1,432	1,529	1,332	1,481	1,452	1,570	1,386
Total	91,366	79,033	74,085	66,038	91,558	83,112	76,362	68,246

During each of the four years 1934-37 Victoria experienced a loss of population by railway migration. The principal loss each year was to New South Wales.

Migration by  
Sea, 1934-37.

The immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria and the other Australian States, British Dominions, the United Kingdom, and foreign countries during each of the four years ended 1937 are shown in the following table :—

MIGRATION BY SEA, 1934-1937.  
(Recorded.)

State or Country of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
New South Wales	15,985	14,349	13,928	14,064	16,568	13,790	13,625	15,486
Queensland	4,558	4,121	5,232	6,274	5,176	4,713	6,193	7,419
South Australia	1,910	1,921	2,012	1,847	1,467	1,989	2,068	1,588
Western Australia	4,639	3,898	4,105	4,152	3,920	4,808	4,536	4,594
Tasmania	33,977	35,484	38,534	38,279	30,931	33,799	37,206	37,831
Northern Territory	70	126	103	117	127	129	107	130
Total Interstate	61,139	59,899	63,914	64,733	58,189	59,228	63,735	67,048
Adjustment (cruise pas- sengers)	..	..	..	..	..	206	173	101
Net Total	61,139	59,899	63,914	64,733	58,189	59,022	63,562	66,947
<i>Oversea—</i>								
New Zealand	3,479	2,704	2,462	2,942	2,725	2,755	2,472	2,884
United Kingdom	3,369	3,009	3,307	3,780	3,944	3,997	3,882	4,097
India and Ceylon	794	748	911	811	710	845	826	710
South Africa	248	253	289	420	256	443	358	445
Other British Possessions	813	1,212	1,186	971	785	1,353	1,214	1,028
Total British Countries	8,703	7,926	8,155	8,924	8,420	9,393	8,752	9,164
Egypt	230	233	337	496	200	157	90	108
France	573	507	430	586	281	344	275	345
Italy	633	619	731	1,218	305	285	220	414
Japan	267	325	290	272	302	370	375	301
United States of America	660	1,045	1,263	1,201	674	869	970	779
Other Foreign Countries	311	435	380	366	254	371	431	321
Total Foreign Countries	2,674	3,164	3,431	4,139	2,016	2,396	2,361	2,268
GRAND TOTAL	72,516	70,989	75,500	77,796	68,625	70,811	74,675	78,379

In the four years 1934-1937, the recorded gain of migrants by sea was 4,311. The principal gains recorded were from Tasmania, 6,507, and Italy, 1,977. Chief losses during the period were to Queensland, 3,316, and the United Kingdom, 2,455.

Migration by  
Air.

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

MIGRATION BY AIR.  
(Recorded.)

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
1934 .. ..	905	773	132
1935 .. ..	1,474	1,392	82
1936 .. ..	3,814	3,704	110
1937 .. ..	8,428	8,861	(-) 433

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

Classification  
of Migrants.

The following table shows the oversea migration for 1937, classified according to permanent and temporary migrants.

ARRIVALS.

Particulars.	In Victoria.	In Commonwealth.
Permanent new arrivals .. ..	3,937	16,291
Australian residents returning from abroad ..	5,500	25,198
Visitors .. ..	3,626	28,313
Total Arrivals .. ..	13,063	69,802

DEPARTURES.

Particulars.	From Victoria.	From Commonwealth.
Australian residents departing permanently ..	2,428	11,216
Australian residents departing temporarily ..	5,807	24,350
Visitors .. ..	3,197	29,033
Total Departures .. ..	11,432	64,599

The number of persons who have been assisted to come to Victoria from the date of the foundation of the Colony to the end of 1937 will be found in the next table :—

STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA TO THE END OF 1937.

Period.	Assisted Immigrants.			Period.	Assisted Immigrants.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
1838-50 ..	14,864	13,768	28,632	1926 ..	5,221	3,365	8,586
1851-60 ..	33,235	54,726	87,961	1927 ..	5,185	3,662	8,847
1861-70 ..	18,029	28,565	46,594	1928 ..	2,530	2,619	5,149
1871-80 ..	2,509	3,036	5,545	1929 ..	1,344	1,260	2,604
1881-90 ..	..	2	2	1930 ..	176	292	468
1891-00 ..	..	..	..	1931 ..	11	34	45
1901-10 ..	1,695	1,134	2,829	1932 ..	1	2	3
1911-20 ..	25,910	20,816	46,726	1933 ..	..	3	3
1921 ..	2,312	1,075	3,387	1934 ..	1	3	4
1922 ..	6,045	3,100	9,145	1935 ..	..	..	..
1923 ..	6,689	2,815	9,504	1936 ..	..	2	2
1924 ..	5,782	2,939	8,721	1937 ..	30	3	33
1925 ..	5,782	2,807	8,589				

CENSUS OF 1933.

The last census of Australia was taken on the 30th June, 1933, under the general superintendence of the Commonwealth Statistician. The collection in each State was in charge of the Commonwealth electoral officer of the State.

The following is a summary of the Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas as at the Census of 1933.

Local Bodies.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Built.	Being Built.	Total.
Greater Melbourne ..	464,775	527,159	991,934	242,341	394	242,735
Extra Metropolitan— Cities, Towns, and Boroughs ..	94,790	103,401	198,191	49,211	103	49,314
Shires ..	342,083	286,271	628,354	160,044	253	160,297
Not Incorporated ..	150	54	204	39	..	39
Migratory ..	1,446	132	1,578	..	..	..
Total—Victoria ..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	451,635	750	452,385

The enumerated populations of the districts of Victoria at the last two census dates are shown in the following table :—

Population in each District.

**ENUMERATED POPULATIONS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS  
OF VICTORIA AT THE CENSUSES OF 1921 AND 1933.**

Districts.	1921.			1933.			Increase Per Cent. During Period.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1. Metropolitan	367,973	415,530	783,503	464,775	527,159	991,934	26·60
2. Central	93,554	89,520	183,074	111,119	101,454	212,573	16·11
3. North Central	30,281	31,029	61,310	31,069	27,791	58,860	(-) 4·00
4. Western	74,715	75,778	150,493	80,643	77,731	158,374	5·24
5. Wimmera	28,670	26,367	55,037	32,069	29,062	61,131	11·07
6. Mallee	24,138	17,625	41,763	35,693	27,711	63,404	51·82
7. Northern	61,130	58,463	119,593	67,331	61,435	128,766	7·67
8. North Eastern	29,495	26,923	56,418	32,870	26,866	59,736	5·88
9. Gippsland	40,105	34,236	74,341	46,229	37,676	83,905	12·87
10. Migratory	4,663	1,085	5,748	1,446	132	1,578	..
Total	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	18·87

The minus sign (-) indicates percentage decrease.

NOTE.—The districts in the above table at the census periods of 1921 and 1933 are based on comparable local government areas, and are similar to those used in the compilation of Vital Statistics. These districts differ slightly from those relating to statistics of Primary Production.

During the intercensal period (1921-1933) increases in population occurred in eight districts. Only in one district (North Central) was there a loss of population. The main increases were in the Metropolitan, Central and Mallee Districts, being 208,431, 29,499, and 21,641 respectively. The growth in the Mallee District was most pronounced, the rate of increase being 51·82 per cent. The Metropolitan District increased by 26·60 per cent., as compared with an increase of 11·42 per cent. in the remainder of the State (excluding the migratory population).

The enumerated population at each of the last eight censuses and the numerical and percentage increase during each census period were as shown hereunder :—

**POPULATION OF VICTORIA AT EIGHT CENSUS PERIODS.**

Year of Census.	Both Sexes.				Males.				Females.			
	Popu-lation.	Increase in Census Period.		Popu-lation.	Increase in Census Period.		Popu-lation.	Increase in Census Period.		Popu-lation.	Increase in Census Period.	
		Numeri-cal.	Per-centage		Numeri-cal.	Per-centage.		Numeri-cal.	Per-centage.			
1861	538,628	*461,283	596·40	327,605	281,403	609·07	211,023	179,880	577·59			
1871	730,198	191,570	35·57	400,266	72,661	22·18	329,932	118,909	56·35			
1881	861,566	131,368	17·99	451,623	51,357	12·83	409,943	80,011	24·25			
1891	1,139,840	278,274	32·30	598,089	146,466	32·43	541,751	131,808	32·15			
1901	1,201,070	61,230	5·37	603,720	5,631	·94	597,350	55,599	10·26			
1911	1,315,551	114,481	9·53	655,591	51,871	8·59	659,960	62,610	10·48			
1921	1,531,280	215,729	16·40	754,724	99,133	15·12	776,556	116,596	17·67			
1933	1,820,261	288,981	18·87	903,244	148,520	19·68	917,017	140,461	18·09			

\* Since 1851.

NOTE.—The figures in this table exclude full-blood aboriginals.



**Masculinity  
of the  
Population.**

The ratio of males to females, at each of the last eight census enumerations, was as follows :—

Year.			Males to 100 Females.
1861	..	..	155·25
1871	..	..	121·32
1881	..	..	110·17
1891	..	..	110·40
1901	..	..	101·07
1911	..	..	99·34
1921	..	..	97·19
1933	..	..	98·50

**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, a new metropolitan area was 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 31ST DECEMBER, 1937.**

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 31st December, 1937.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1937.	Persons to the Acre 31st December 1937.
Box Hill City .. ..	5,120	15,332	15,750	3·1
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding) .. ..	8,480	8,761	9,050	1·1
Brighton City .. ..	3,308	29,707	31,850	9·6
Brunswick City .. ..	2,719	54,348	54,750	20·1
Camberwell City .. ..	8,352	50,052	55,600	6·7
Caulfield City .. ..	5,600	65,297	69,200	12·4
Chelsea City .. ..	3,040	6,625	7,000	2·3
Coburg City .. ..	4,800	38,118	39,700	8·3
Collingwood City .. ..	1,139	30,665	30,100	26·4
Essendon City .. ..	4,000	46,096	46,950	11·7
Fitzroy City .. ..	923	30,909	30,700	33·3
Footscray City .. ..	3,982	46,266	47,300	11·9
Hawthorn City .. ..	2,402	33,758	35,100	14·6
Heidelberg City (excluding Greensborough Ward) .. ..	8,800	24,949	25,500	2·9
Kew City .. ..	3,523	25,486	26,400	7·5

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933  
AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1937.—*continued.*

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 31st December, 1937.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1937.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1937.
Malvern City .. ..	3,996	43,244	45,050	11·3
Melbourne City .. ..	7,740	92,112	92,850	12·0
Moorabbin City .. ..	13,360	19,006	20,000	1·5
Mordialloc City .. ..	3,351	9,216	9,900	2·9
Northcote City .. ..	2,850	42,723	43,050	15·1
Oakleigh City .. ..	2,658	11,903	12,350	4·6
Port Melbourne City .. ..	2,366	12,906	12,950	5·5
Prahran City .. ..	2,320	51,606	53,750	23·2
Preston City .. ..	8,800	33,442	34,400	3·9
Richmond City .. ..	1,430	39,618	39,600	27·7
Sandringham City .. ..	3,740	18,075	18,800	5·0
South Melbourne City .. ..	2,303	42,936	43,200	18·8
St. Kilda City .. ..	2,049	46,579	50,700	24·7
Williamstown City .. ..	2,775	22,199	22,500	8·1
Total .. ..	125,926	991,934	1,024,000	8·1

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 33·3 persons to the acre; Richmond has 27·7; Collingwood, 26·4; St. Kilda, 24·7; Prahran, 23·2; Brunswick, 20·1; South Melbourne, 18·8; and Melbourne City, 12·0. There is a total area of 8,627 acres devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in Greater Melbourne, so that the population is really living closer together than the figures in the table indicate; if these park areas are excluded, the density of population in the above-mentioned municipalities is as follows:—Fitzroy with 34·9 persons to the acre; Richmond, 32·5; St. Kilda, 29·2; Collingwood, 29·0; South Melbourne, 24·0; Prahran, 23·9; Brunswick, 20·7; and Melbourne City, 16·2; 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 8·1 to 8·7.

The numbers of males and females in Greater Melbourne at each census date from 1861 to 1933 are shown in the following statement. The proportion of males to the total population of the metropolis and the percentage of the population in the metropolitan area to that of the whole State are also given.

**Males and Females in Greater Melbourne.**

## POPULATION OF GREATER MELBOURNE, 1861 TO 1933.

Year.	Census Population.			Males Percentage of Total Population.	Proportion of Metropolitan to State Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
1861 .. ..	71,300	68,616	139,916	51·0	per cent. 25·9
1871 .. ..	103,404	103,376	206,780	50·0	28·9
1881 .. ..	139,006	143,941	282,947	49·1	32·8
1891 .. ..	247,960	242,936	490,896	50·5	43·0
1901 .. ..	235,203	260,876	496,079	47·4	41·3
1911 .. ..	279,900	313,337	593,237	47·2	45·1
1921 .. ..	370,016	412,963	782,979	47·3	51·1
1933 .. ..	464,775	527,159	991,934	46·9	54·5

Population of  
extra  
metropolitan  
cities, towns  
and boroughs.

Outside the boundaries of Greater Melbourne the most important centres of population in Victoria are the cities of Ballaarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Mildura and Warrnambool. The particulars relating to Ballaarat, Bendigo and Geelong are exclusive of the urban populations in contiguous shires. The populations of extra-metropolitan cities, towns and boroughs in Victoria are given in the following tables :—

## POPULATION OF EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, TOWNS AND BOROUGHS IN VICTORIA, 1933 AND 1937.

Locality.	Population.		Locality.	Population.	
	Census 1933.	1937 (Estimated 31st Decem- ber).		Census 1933.	1937 (Estimated 31st Decem- ber).
Cities—			Boroughs— <i>contd.</i>		
Ballaarat* ..	37,411	38,270	Daylesford ..	2,619	2,630
Bendigo† ..	29,131	29,920	Echuca ..	4,411	4,450
Geelong‡ ..	39,223	39,900	Inglewood ..	1,050	1,040
Mildura ..	6,617	6,950	Koroit ..	1,698	1,690
Warrnambool ..	8,906	9,100	Maryborough ..	5,631	5,680
Towns—			Port Fairy ..	1,859	1,850
Ararat ..	4,914	4,950	Portland ..	2,518	2,550
Hamilton ..	5,786	5,900	Queenscliffe ..	1,969	1,970
Horsham ..	5,272	5,380	Ringwood ..	3,012	3,050
Sale ..	4,262	4,340	Shepparton ..	5,698	5,900
Boroughs—			St. Arnaud ..	3,159	3,190
Castlemaine ..	5,221	5,280	Stawell ..	4,747	4,800
Clunes ..	1,180	1,170	Wangaratta ..	4,795	4,850
			Wonthaggi ..	5,593	6,550

\* Includes Ballaarat, Sebastopol. † Includes Bendigo, Eaglehawk. ‡ Includes Geelong, Geelong West, Newtown and Chifwell.

**Population of Greater Melbourne and Remainder of State, 1861-1937.**

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 increase in the population of Greater Melbourne appear in a paragraph dealing with the Capital Cities of Australia. In the table hereunder are given the population of Victoria, Greater Melbourne and the remainder of the State, and the percentage increases therein, at each census since 1861, and at 31st December of each year, 1928 to 1937.

**POPULATION AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE THEREIN, OF VICTORIA, GREATER MELBOURNE, AND REMAINDER OF THE STATE, 1861 TO 1937.**

(a) Census. (b) 31st Dec.	Population at Each Date.			Increase Per Cent. during Period.		
	Victoria.	Greater Melbourne.	Remainder of State.	Victoria.	Greater Melbourne.	Remainder of State.
(a)						
1861 .. ..	538,628	139,916	398,712	†596·40	258·76	939·80
1871 .. ..	730,198	206,780	523,418	35·57	47·79	31·28
1881 .. ..	861,566	282,947	578,619	17·99	36·83	10·55
1891 .. ..	1,139,840	490,896	648,944	32·30	73·49	12·15
1901 .. ..	1,201,070	496,079	704,991	5·37	1·06	8·64
1911 .. ..	1,815,551	593,237	722,314	9·53	19·59	2·46
1921 .. ..	1,631,280	782,979	748,301	16·40	31·98	3·60
1933 .. ..	1,820,261	*991,934	828,327	18·87	26·69	10·69
(b)						
1928 .. ..	1,761,746	990,650	771,096	1·14	2·02	·03
1929 .. ..	1,778,269	1,006,000	772,269	·94	1·55	·15
1930 .. ..	1,792,605	999,650	792,955	·81	(-)·63	2·68
1931 .. ..	1,803,570	995,600	807,970	·61	(-)·41	1·89
1932 .. ..	1,813,387	993,800	819,587	·54	(-)·18	1·44
1933 .. ..	1,824,479	995,800	828,679	·61	·20	1·11
1934 .. ..	1,837,490	1,000,000	837,490	·71	·42	1·06
1935 .. ..	1,843,023	1,008,300	834,723	·30	·83	(-)·33
1936 .. ..	1,851,593	1,016,500	835,093	·47	·81	·04
1937 .. ..	1,859,487	1,024,000	835,487	·43	·74	·05

NOTE.—The minus sign (—) indicates percentage decrease.

\* The boundaries of Greater Melbourne were re-defined in 1928. † Since 1851.

**Population of Australian States and New Zealand 1861 to 1937.**

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, 1937.

POPULATION OF THE STATES AND TERRITORIES OF AUSTRALIA AND 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	1,139,840	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 Territory ..	..	..	3,451	4,898	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850
Federal Capital ..	..	..	..	..	..	†1,714	2,572	8,947
<b>Australia ..</b>	<b>1,151,454</b>	<b>1,663,072</b>	<b>2,250,194</b>	<b>3,174,392</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 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 Federal Capital Territory, and 983 in the Northern Territory. The population of Australia increased between the above-mentioned dates by 1,194,105.

POPULATION OF EACH AUSTRALIAN STATE AND NEW ZEALAND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1937.

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1937.			Persons to the Square Mile.	Proportion in each State or Territory
		Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria ..	87,884	918,665	940,822	1,859,487	21·16	per cent.
New South Wales ..	309,432	1,368,505	1,342,233	2,710,738	8·76	27·08
Queensland ..	670,500	519,689	473,772	993,461	1·48	39·48
South Australia ..	380,070	295,611	295,590	591,201	1·56	14·47
Western Australia ..	975,920	241,297	215,814	457,111	·47	8·61
Tasmania ..	26,215	120,869	118,121	238,990	9·12	6·65
<b>Territories—</b>						3·48
Northern ..	523,620	3,641	1,713	5,354	·01	·08
Federal ..	940	5,542	4,706	10,248	10·90	·15
<b>Australia ..</b>	<b>2,974,581</b>	<b>3,473,819</b>	<b>3,392,771</b>	<b>6,866,590</b>	<b>2·31</b>	<b>100·00</b>
<b>New Zealand ..</b>	<b>*103,415</b>	<b>806,011</b>	<b>781,200</b>	<b>1,587,211†</b>	<b>15·35</b>	<b>..</b>

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

† Population at 31st March, 1937, including 84,474 Maoris, of whom 43,900 were males and 40,574 females.

The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1871-1933, and the estimated population at the 31st December, 1937, are shown in the following table. During the 66 years, 1871-1937, Melbourne has made great progress. The most noticeable 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 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. Sydney, which since 1902 has been the most populous city in Australia, had 1,279,080 inhabitants on 31st December, 1937. Sydney and Melbourne contain about 34 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth and the capital cities of the six states 47 per cent. The population of Canberra on 31st December, 1937, was 8,400.

### POPULATION OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES, 1871 TO 1937.

Capital City (the area of each city is given in a note below).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							Estimated Population, 31st December, 1937.	Persons to the Acre. 1937.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.		
Melbourne	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,024,000	8·13
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,235,267	1,279,080	8·27
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	299,748	318,430	1·29
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	312,619	318,190	3·09
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	207,440	215,700	1·76
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	60,406	62,450	1·14

NOTE.—The areas of the capital cities in acres were Sydney, 155,293; Melbourne, 125,926; Brisbane, 246,400; Adelaide, 102,987; Perth, 122,277; and Hobart, 54,890.

\* Not available.

Chinese and  
Aborigines in  
Victoria.

In the following table is given the population of Victoria at each of the last eight census enumerations, Chinese and Aborigines being distinguished.

POPULATION OF VICTORIA, DISTINGUISHING CHINESE AND ABORIGINES, AT EIGHT CENSUS PERIODS.

Year of Census.	Total Population—including Chinese and Aborigines.			Chinese.			Aborigines.		
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.
1861	540,322	328,651	211,671	24,732	24,724	8	1,694	1,046	648
1871	731,528	401,050	330,478	17,935	17,899	36	1,330	784	546
1881	862,346	452,083	410,263	12,128	11,869	259	780	460	320
1891	1,140,405	598,414	541,991	9,377	8,772	605	565	325	240
1901	1,201,341	603,883	597,458	7,349	6,740	609	652	367	285
1911	1,315,747	655,694	660,053	5,601	4,956	645	643	340	303
1921	1,531,424	754,804	776,620	4,179	3,433	746	586	279	307
1933	1,820,353	903,299	917,054	3,232	2,479	753	602	325	277

NOTE.—The population of the State at each census date since 1861, which appears in the above table, includes full-blood aboriginals. When comparisons are made elsewhere in this part with the populations at these census dates, the aboriginals referred to are not included.

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, 1937. The number in Victoria at that date was 699, of whom 53 were full-blood and 646 were half-caste. These numbers, when compared with the 1933 census, show a decrease of 39 in full-blood aborigines and an increase of 136 in half-castes. From the records of the Board for the Protection of Aborigines it would appear that most of the natives in Victoria are under the care of the Board, the numbers in the different stations being as under :—

Decrease of Aborigines.

NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE AT STATIONS IN VICTORIA, 1936-7.

Station.	Aborigines.	Three-quarter and Half-castes.	Total.
Coranderrk .. .. .	1	..	1
Lake Condah .. .. .	..	2	2
Lake Tyers .. .. .	43	234	277
Framlingham .. .. .	1	8	9
Depots .. .. .	4	..	4
In Institutions .. .. .	2	4	6
Total .. .. .	51	248	299

As will be seen from the above figures, the majority of the aborigines under the care of the Board are concentrated at the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station which is situated in East Gippsland.

In addition to the number under the care of the Board at stations in Victoria, it is estimated that there are 410 half-castes and quadroons at Antwerp, Echuca, Framlingham, Colac, Dimboola, Lake Condah, Healesville, Orbost, and Swan Hill. These people occasionally receive assistance from the Board.

During the year 1936-37 there were 17 births, 14 of which occurred at Lake Tyers and 3 at Framlingham, and 2 deaths which occurred at Lake Tyers. All the births recorded were half-castes and the deaths were of 1 full-blood aborigine and 1 half-caste. There were 4 marriages between half-castes at Lake Tyers.

The amount expended on the care and maintenance of the aborigines during the year was £6,042. There is also a Trust Fund known as the Aborigines Board Produce Fund which is kept at the Treasury, into which receipts from the sale of timber and produce, leasing of reserves, &c., are paid. The amount at the credit of this Fund on the 30th June, 1937, was £3,419.

**Arrivals and departures of Chinese.**

During the year 1937, the number of Chinese who arrived in Victoria was 131, and the number who left was 126. This was the first year since 1918 that the arrivals exceeded the departures. The net decrease in the Chinese population in the last five years by excess of emigration over immigration was 80.

**Immigration and emigration of coloured persons, 1901 to 1937.**

During the year 1937 the number of coloured persons, other than Chinese, who entered Victoria was 47, being 42 less than the number admitted in 1936. The number that departed was 119, an increase of 15 compared with 1936. A statement of the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act, with a table showing the number of arrivals and departures of coloured persons other than Chinese, from 1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1928, appears on page 73 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 of 1903," the right to issue certificates of naturalization is vested in the Commonwealth. This Act came into force on 1st January, 1904.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1937 was 230. The principal country affected was Italy, 30 per cent. of the total naturalized being of Italian origin. During the sixty-seven years, 1871 to 1937 inclusive, 19,236 persons were naturalized.