



## **2** ***Demography***



## INTRODUCTION

*In 1855 the first abstract of vital statistics was published for Melbourne and Victoria in the Registrar General's first annual report. The source of this data came from returns collected under the Registration Act of 1853 which provided for the compulsory registration of births, deaths and marriages in Victoria.*

*This chapter contains a recent insight to the many aspects of the Victorian population as it exists today. Information covering historical data can be found in relevant tables at the back of this book.*

### Overview

Victoria's image as a multicultural state is supported by the fact that nearly twenty per cent of its population comes from countries where English is not the main language spoken - a proportion higher than any other State or Territory.

As with Australia in general, Victoria has an ageing population, with an ever increasing proportion of people aged over 60 years and a decreasing proportion of people under 20 years of age. Victorians can now look forward to longer lives, with life expectancy for children born in 1992 being about 75 years for males and 81 years for females.

Victoria's population growth is the smallest of all States and Territories due to a combination of a net migration loss to other States, a rapidly decreasing number of new overseas migrants, and a lower than average birth rate.

### Population

As at June 1993, Australia's Estimated Resident Population (ERP) was 17.7 million, an increase of 200,000 or about one per cent over the previous year. During the same period the population of Victoria rose by 0.3 per cent to 4,462,100, the lowest overall growth rate of all States and Territories.

Victoria is the most densely populated State, averaging 20 persons per square kilometre at 30 June 1993, compared with the Australian average of just over 2 persons per square kilometre. At 30 June 1992, an estimated 3,177,900 persons lived in the Melbourne Statistical Division (MSD), representing 71 per cent of Victoria's population.

**TABLE 2.1 POPULATION: AREA, ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION (a), AND POPULATION DENSITY OF STATES AND TERRITORIES**

| State or Territory           | Area<br>sq km    | Estimated resident population<br>at June 30 |                  |                  | Percentage<br>increase in<br>population<br>from 1992<br>to 1993<br>per cent | Percentage of<br>population<br>in each<br>State or<br>Territory<br>(at 1993)<br>per cent |              |
|------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---|--|--------------|
|                              |                  | 1991<br>'000                                | 1992 (b)<br>'000 | 1993 (b)<br>'000 |   | Persons<br>per square<br>kilometre<br>(at 1993)  |              |
| New South Wales              | 801,600          | 5,898.7                                     | 5,958.7          | 6,008.6          | 0.8   | 7.5  | 34.0         |
| Victoria                     | 227,600          | 4,420.4                                     | 4,448.8          | 4,462.1          | 0.3   | 19.6   | 25.3         |
| Queensland                   | 1,727,200        | 2,961.0                                     | 3,030.5          | 3,112.6          | 2.7   | 1.8  | 17.6         |
| South Australia              | 984,000          | 1,446.3                                     | 1,456.4          | 1,461.7          | 0.4   | 1.5  | 8.3          |
| Western Australia            | 2,525,500        | 1,636.1                                     | 1,657.1          | 1,677.6          | 1.2   | 0.7  | 9.5          |
| Tasmania                     | 67,800           | 466.8                                       | 469.8            | 471.7            | 0.4   | 7.0  | 2.7          |
| Northern Territory           | 1,346,200        | 165.5                                       | 167.1            | 168.3            | 0.7   | 0.1  | 1.0          |
| Australian Capital Territory | 2,400            | 289.3                                       | 294.2            | 298.9            | 1.6   | 120.5  | 1.7          |
| <b>Australia</b>             | <b>7,682,300</b> | <b>17,284.0</b>                             | <b>17,482.6</b>  | <b>17,661.5</b>  | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>2.3</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |

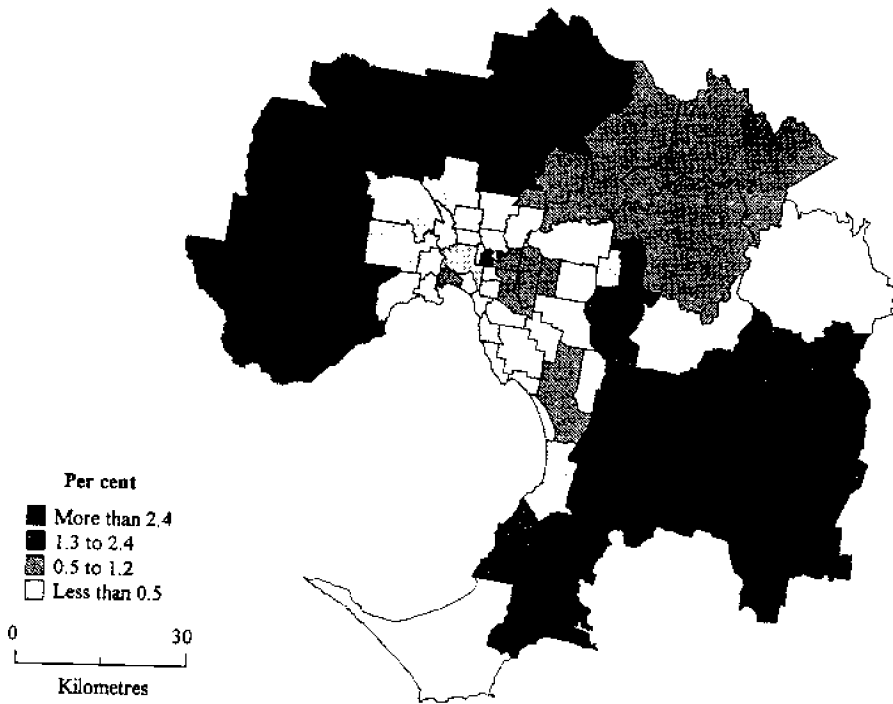
(a) Estimated Resident Population (ERP) should not be confused with the census count, the latter being the count of the population on census night. ERP takes into account under-enumeration and reflects normal place of residence.

### Regional population

In the MSD there were five Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) with more than 100,000 persons, based on 30 June 1992 ERP figures. These are Knox, Waverley, Keilor, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Broadmeadows.

The maps on the following pages show the areas where the greatest and least growth has occurred. The SLAs showing the highest population increases over the period 1991 to 1992 were Cranbourne (4,600) Berwick (3,700) and Werribee (3,400). Details of population and actual growth rate for each SLA in Victoria are given in Table 2.2. A table which lists towns and cities of 1,000 or more persons has also been included (Table 2.3).

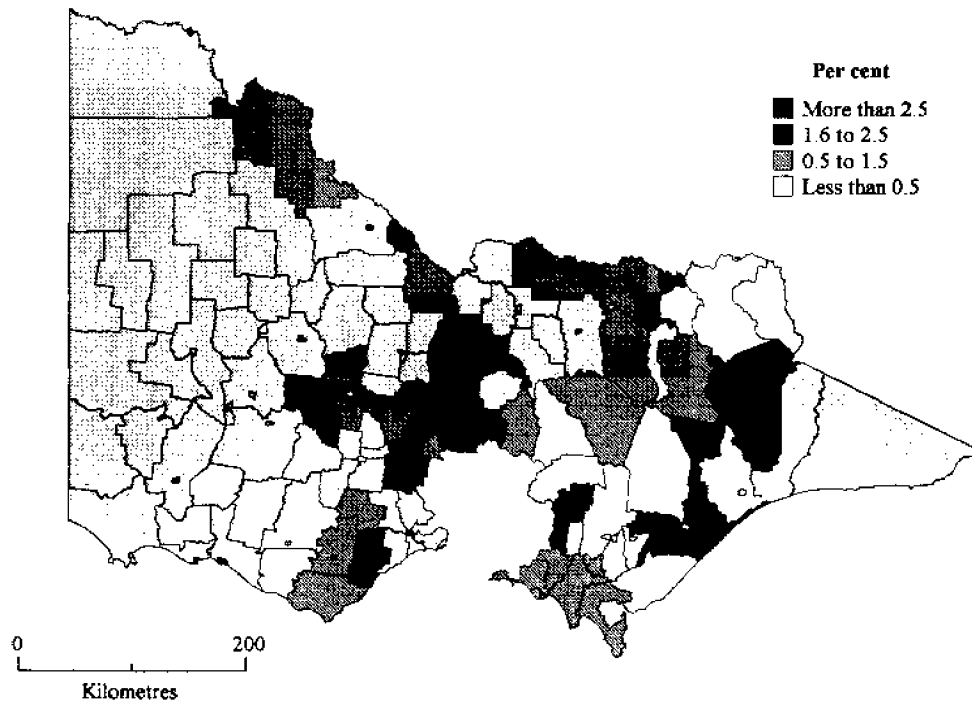
**PERCENTAGE GROWTH RATE  
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA, 1991-1992**



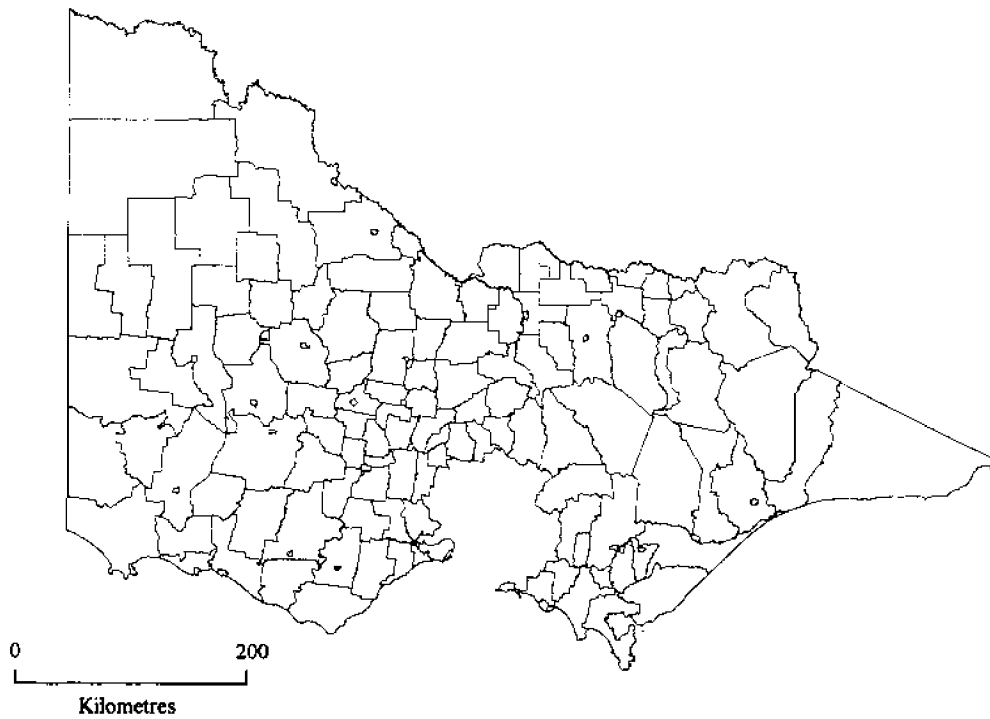
**MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION  
BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA**



**PERCENTAGE GROWTH RATE  
REST OF VICTORIA BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, 1991-1992**



**REST OF VICTORIA BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**



**TABLE 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA**

| Statistical Local Area (a)            | Area at<br>30 June 1992 (b)<br>(sq km) | Estimated resident population at 30 June |         | Growth<br>rate (a)<br>1991-1992p (%) |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------|--------------------------------------|
|                                       |  | 1991                                     | 1992p   |                                      |
| <b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b> |  |  |         |                                      |
| Altona (C)                            | 40.4                                   | 36,000                                   | 35,900  | -0.1                                 |
| Berwick (C)                           | 125.3                                  | 71,700                                   | 75,400  | 5.1                                  |
| Box Hill (C)                          | 21.3                                   | 47,800                                   | 48,300  | 0.9                                  |
| Brighton (C)                          | 13.2                                   | 34,700                                   | 34,700  | 0.1                                  |
| Broadmeadows (C)                      | 65.1                                   | 107,600                                  | 107,900 | 0.3                                  |
| Brunswick (C)                         | 10.3                                   | 41,100                                   | 40,700  | -1.1                                 |
| Bulla (S)                             | 422.5                                  | 40,700                                   | 42,500  | 4.3                                  |
| Camberwell (C)                        | 35.0                                   | 90,400                                   | 91,000  | 0.6                                  |
| Caulfield (C)                         | 21.5                                   | 71,400                                   | 71,600  | 0.3                                  |
| Chelsea (C)                           | 12.4                                   | 27,400                                   | 27,500  | 0.3                                  |
| Coburg (C)                            | 18.4                                   | 53,100                                   | 52,500  | -1.1                                 |
| Collingwood (C)                       | 4.7                                    | 13,800                                   | 14,000  | 1.6                                  |
| Cranbourne (S)                        | 756.3                                  | 73,500                                   | 78,100  | 6.3                                  |
| Croydon (C)                           | 34.2                                   | 48,100                                   | 48,900  | 1.7                                  |
| Dandenong (C)                         | 38.9                                   | 59,200                                   | 59,000  | -0.3                                 |
| Diamond Valley (S)                    | 74.7                                   | 63,900                                   | 64,400  | 0.8                                  |
| Doncaster and Templestowe (C)         | 88.7                                   | 109,200                                  | 109,200 | -0.1                                 |
| Eitham (S)                            | 274.8                                  | 44,400                                   | 44,800  | 0.9                                  |
| Essendon (C)                          | 22.8                                   | 57,600                                   | 57,000  | -0.9                                 |
| Fitzroy (C)                           | 3.5                                    | 17,800                                   | 17,800  | -1.0                                 |
| Flinders (S)                          | 331.2                                  | 40,000                                   | 40,000  | 0.1                                  |
| Footscray (C)                         | 17.8                                   | 48,100                                   | 47,900  | -0.5                                 |
| Frankston (C)                         | 70.9                                   | 89,700                                   | 89,600  | -0.1                                 |
| Hastings (S)                          | 286.0                                  | 29,800                                   | 30,600  | 2.7                                  |
| Hawthorn (C)                          | 9.5                                    | 31,200                                   | 31,500  | 0.9                                  |
| Healesville (S)                       | 456.2                                  | 12,200                                   | 12,300  | 0.5                                  |
| Heidelberg (C)                        | 33.8                                   | 63,300                                   | 62,800  | -0.8                                 |
| Keilor (C)                            | 96.5                                   | 108,700                                  | 110,500 | 1.6                                  |
| Kew (C)                               | 14.1                                   | 28,700                                   | 28,900  | 0.6                                  |
| Knox (C)                              | 112.1                                  | 127,900                                  | 129,500 | 1.3                                  |
| Lilydale (S)                          | 402.8                                  | 82,600                                   | 83,400  | 1.0                                  |
| Malvern (C)                           | 15.5                                   | 43,400                                   | 43,600  | 0.5                                  |
| Melbourne (C)                         | 31.0                                   | 53,800                                   | 53,800  | -0.1                                 |
| Melton (S)                            | 460.9                                  | 35,800                                   | 36,800  | 2.5                                  |
| Moorabbin (C)                         | 52.4                                   | 100,000                                  | 100,400 | 0.3                                  |
| Mordialloc (C)                        | 11.8                                   | 27,900                                   | 27,900  | 0.1                                  |
| Mornington (S)                        | 93.6                                   | 32,100                                   | 32,800  | 2.3                                  |
| Northcote (C)                         | 17.1                                   | 48,300                                   | 48,200  | -0.2                                 |
| Nunawading (C)                        | 41.4                                   | 97,600                                   | 96,600  | -1.1                                 |
| Oakleigh (C)                          | 30.4                                   | 57,100                                   | 56,300  | -1.3                                 |
| Pakenham (S)                          | 890.3                                  | 28,900                                   | 29,500  | 2.1                                  |
| Port Melbourne (C)                    | 10.7                                   | 7,800                                    | 7,900   | 0.9                                  |
| Prahran (C)                           | 8.9                                    | 42,700                                   | 42,200  | -1.1                                 |
| Preston (C)                           | 35.3                                   | 80,000                                   | 79,700  | -0.4                                 |
| Richmond (C)                          | 6.0                                    | 23,200                                   | 22,900  | -1.2                                 |
| Ringwood (C)                          | 23.5                                   | 42,600                                   | 42,200  | -0.9                                 |
| St Kilda (C)                          | 8.2                                    | 45,800                                   | 45,400  | -1.0                                 |
| Sandringham (C)                       | 14.7                                   | 32,500                                   | 32,500  | 0.0                                  |

**TABLE 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

| Statistical Local Area (a)                        | Area at<br>30 June 1992 (b)<br>(sq km) | Estimated resident population at 30 June |                  | Growth<br>rate (a)<br>1991-1992p (%) |
|---|--|--|------------------|--------------------------------------|
|   |  | 1991                                     | 1992p            |                                      |
| <b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued</b> |  |  |                  |                                      |
| Sherbrooke (S)                                    | 193.7                                  | 38,300                                   | 38,100           | -0.8                                 |
| South Melbourne (C)                               | 8.7                                    | 17,700                                   | 17,600           | -0.5                                 |
| Springvale (C)                                    | 98.1                                   | 93,300                                   | 93,900           | 0.7                                  |
| Sunshine (C)                                      | 79.4                                   | 97,600                                   | 98,000           | 0.4                                  |
| Upper Yarra (S) (Pt A)                            | 437.9                                  | 15,300                                   | 15,400           | 0.9                                  |
| Waverley (C)                                      | 59.0                                   | 126,000                                  | 125,400          | -0.4                                 |
| Werribee (C)                                      | 658.1                                  | 74,600                                   | 78,000           | 4.5                                  |
| Whittlesea (C)                                    | 599.60                                 | 99,500                                   | 101,600          | 2.1                                  |
| Williamstown (C)                                  | 14.6                                   | 23,300                                   | 23,200           | -0.4                                 |
| <b>Total Division</b>                             | <b>7,815.1</b>                         | <b>3,156,700</b>                         | <b>3,177,900</b> | <b>0.7</b>                           |
| <b>BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>                |  |  |                  |                                      |
| Bannockburn (S) (Parts A & B)                     | 3705.3                                 | 4,490                                    | 4,560            | 1.4                                  |
| Barrabool (S) (Parts A & B)                       | 577.2                                  | 10,290                                   | 10,470           | 1.8                                  |
| Bellarine (RC) (Parts A & B)                      | 328.5                                  | 43,620                                   | 44,180           | 1.3                                  |
| Colac (C)   | 11.3                                   | 9,790                                    | 9,990            | 2.0                                  |
| Colac (S)   | 1,454.5                                | 7,180                                    | 7,230            | 0.8                                  |
| Corio (S) (Parts A & B)                           | 699.3                                  | 57,870                                   | 57,720           | -0.2                                 |
| Geelong (C)                                       | 13.6                                   | 13,300                                   | 13,390           | 0.7                                  |
| Geelong West (C)                                  | 5.1                                    | 13,980                                   | 13,630           | -2.5                                 |
| Leigh (S)   | 991.9                                  | 2,310                                    | 2,340            | 1.3                                  |
| Newtown (C)                                       | 6.3                                    | 10,290                                   | 10,210           | -0.7                                 |
| Otway (S)   | 1,882.3                                | 3,920                                    | 3,960            | 0.9                                  |
| Queenscliffe (B)                                  | 8.6                                    | 3,280                                    | 3,290            | 0.3                                  |
| South Barwon (C) (Parts A & B)                    | 161.6                                  | 43,240                                   | 43,780           | 1.3                                  |
| Winchelsea (S)                                    | 1,302.6                                | 4,920                                    | 5,020            | 2.1                                  |
| <b>Total Division</b>                             | <b>8,148.1</b>                         | <b>228,480</b>                           | <b>229,770</b>   | <b>0.6</b>                           |
| <b>WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>      |  |  |                  |                                      |
| Belfast (S)                                       | 514.3                                  | 1,480                                    | 1,470            | -0.3                                 |
| Camperdown (T)                                    | 15.3                                   | 3,530                                    | 3,480            | -1.5                                 |
| Dundas (S)  | 3,470.1                                | 3,550                                    | 3,500            | -1.6                                 |
| Glenelg (S)                                       | 3,577.5                                | 4,270                                    | 4,270            | -0.1                                 |
| Hamilton (C)                                      | 21.8                                   | 10,120                                   | 10,180           | 0.6                                  |
| Hampden (S)                                       | 2,652.7                                | 7,130                                    | 6,960            | -2.3                                 |
| Heytesbury (S)                                    | 1,502.3                                | 7,640                                    | 7,530            | -1.4                                 |
| Heywood (S)                                       | 3,761.3                                | 7,540                                    | 7,500            | -0.4                                 |
| Minhamite (S)                                     | 1,373.3                                | 1,910                                    | 1,870            | -2.1                                 |
| Mortlake (S)                                      | 2,150.1                                | 3,120                                    | 3,070            | -1.8                                 |
| Mount Rouse (S)                                   | 1,406.0                                | 2,390                                    | 2,350            | -1.6                                 |
| Port Fairy (B)                                    | 23.5                                   | 2,630                                    | 2,680            | 1.9                                  |
| Portland (C)                                      | 36.5                                   | 10,790                                   | 10,760           | -0.3                                 |
| Wannon (S)  | 1,967.4                                | 2,840                                    | 2,750            | -3.3                                 |
| Warrnambool (C)                                   | 35.7                                   | 24,720                                   | 25,200           | 2.0                                  |
| Warrnambool (S)                                   | 1,582.4                                | 8,920                                    | 8,940            | 0.3                                  |
| <b>Total Division</b>                             | <b>24,096.3</b>                        | <b>102,580</b>                           | <b>102,500</b>   | <b>-0.1</b>                          |



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VICTORIA - continued**

| Statistical Local Area (a)                    | Area at<br>30 June 1992 (b)<br>(sq km) | Estimated resident population at 30 June |                | Growth<br>rate (a)<br>1991-1992p (%) |
|---|--|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
|   |  | 1991                                     | 1992p          |                                      |
| <b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION</b> |  |  |                |                                      |
| Ararat (C)                                    | 18.6                                   | 8,110                                    | 8,070          | -0.5                                 |
| Ararat (S)                                    | 3,668.9                                | 4,510                                    | 4,490          | -0.4                                 |
| Avoca (S)                                     | 1,119.8                                | 2,280                                    | 2,320          | 1.8                                  |
| Bacchus Marsh (S)                             | 560.7                                  | 12,280                                   | 12,590         | 2.5                                  |
| Ballarat (C)                                  | 36.6                                   | 35,700                                   | 35,500         | -0.6                                 |
| Ballan (S)                                    | 917.2                                  | 4,810                                    | 4,900          | 1.8                                  |
| Ballarat (S) (Parts A & B)                    | 471.1                                  | 19,570                                   | 19,530         | -0.2                                 |
| Bungaree (S) (Parts A & B)                    | 229.0                                  | 4,830                                    | 4,900          | 1.3                                  |
| Buninyong (S) (Parts A & B)                   | 760.7                                  | 12,470                                   | 12,760         | 2.4                                  |
| Creswick (S)                                  | 548.2                                  | 4,880                                    | 4,870          | -0.2                                 |
| Daylesford and Glenlyon (S)                   | 600.6                                  | 5,910                                    | 5,980          | 1.2                                  |
| Grenville (S) (Parts A & B)                   | 845.3                                  | 8,450                                    | 8,580          | 1.6                                  |
| Lexton (S)                                    | 820.1                                  | 1,350                                    | 1,380          | 2.4                                  |
| Ripon (S)                                     | 1,523.6                                | 3,570                                    | 3,530          | -1.0                                 |
| Sebastopol (B)                                | 7.7                                    | 7,810                                    | 7,800          | 0.0                                  |
| Talbot and Clunes (S)                         | 526.4                                  | 2,570                                    | 2,580          | 0.5                                  |
| <b>Total Division</b>                         | <b>12654.5</b>                         | <b>139,100</b>                           | <b>139,790</b> | <b>0.5</b>                           |
| <b>WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>           |  |  |                |                                      |
| Arapiles (S)                                  | 1,977.9                                | 1,950                                    | 1,930          | -1.0                                 |
| Dimboola (S)                                  | 4,897.2                                | 4,330                                    | 4,280          | -1.3                                 |
| Donald (S)                                    | 1,431.1                                | 2,530                                    | 2,540          | 0.2                                  |
| Dunmunkle (S)                                 | 1,555.6                                | 2,850                                    | 2,850          | 0.1                                  |
| Horsham (C)                                   | 23.4                                   | 13,030                                   | 13,070         | 0.3                                  |
| Kaniva (S)                                    | 3,063.0                                | 1,720                                    | 1,680          | -2.3                                 |
| Kara Kara (S)                                 | 2,290.7                                | 1,150                                    | 1,160          | 0.4                                  |
| Kowree (S)                                    | 5,456.3                                | 3,720                                    | 3,710          | -0.3                                 |
| Lowan (S)                                     | 2,693.1                                | 2,990                                    | 2,940          | -1.6                                 |
| St Arnaud (T)                                 | 25.9                                   | 2,880                                    | 2,910          | 1.1                                  |
| Stawell (C)                                   | 24.2                                   | 6,720                                    | 6,640          | -1.1                                 |
| Stawell (S)                                   | 2,608.4                                | 2,630                                    | 2,620          | -0.4                                 |
| Warracknabeal (S)                             | 1,832.3                                | 3,850                                    | 3,850          | 0.1                                  |
| Wimmera (S)                                   | 2,743.3                                | 2,930                                    | 2,920          | -0.5                                 |
| <b>Total Division</b>                         | <b>30,622.4</b>                        | <b>53,280</b>                            | <b>53,100</b>  | <b>-0.3</b>                          |
| <b>MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>            |  |  |                |                                      |
| Birchip (S)                                   | 1,486.2                                | 1,310                                    | 1,270          | -3.6                                 |
| Karkaroc (S)                                  | 3,803.1                                | 2,800                                    | 2,720          | -3.1                                 |
| Kerang (B)                                    | 23.6                                   | 4,220                                    | 4,300          | 1.9                                  |
| Kerang (S)                                    | 3,251.6                                | 4,420                                    | 4,380          | -1.0                                 |
| Mildura (C)                                   | 30.0                                   | 20,160                                   | 20,350         | 0.9                                  |
| Mildura (S) (Pt A & Pt B)                     | 10,624.1                               | 20,920                                   | 21,230         | 1.5                                  |
| Swan Hill (C)                                 | 23.5                                   | 9,730                                    | 9,750          | 0.1                                  |
| Swan Hill (S)                                 | 6,678.6                                | 11,900                                   | 12,070         | 1.5                                  |
| Walpeup (S)                                   | 10,969.4                               | 3,350                                    | 3,310          | -1.3                                 |
| Wycheproof (S)                                | 3,975.1                                | 3,180                                    | 3,130          | -1.7                                 |
| <b>Total Division</b>                         | <b>40,875.2</b>                        | <b>81,990</b>                            | <b>82,500</b>  | <b>0.6</b>                           |

**TABLE 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

| Statistical Local Area (a)                  | Area at<br>30 June 1992 (b)<br>(sq km) | Estimated resident population at 30 June |                | Growth<br>rate (d)<br>1991-1992p (%) |
|---|--|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
|   |  | 1991                                     | 1992p          |                                      |
| <b>LODDON-CAMPASPE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b> |  |  |                |                                      |
| Bendigo (C)                                 | 32.1                                   | 31,170                                   | 30,890         | -0.9                                 |
| Bet Bet (S)                                 | 931.2                                  | 2,100                                    | 2,120          | 0.7                                  |
| Castlemaine (C)                             | 22.7                                   | 7,270                                    | 7,310          | 0.5                                  |
| Charlton (S)                                | 1,163.1                                | 1,850                                    | 1,850          | 0.0                                  |
| Cohuna (S)                                  | 495.2                                  | 4,550                                    | 4,630          | 1.7                                  |
| Eaglehawk (B)                               | 15.3                                   | 8,780                                    | 8,800          | 0.3                                  |
| East Loddon (S)                             | 1,182.7                                | 1,350                                    | 1,320          | -2.2                                 |
| Echuca (C)                                  | 25.9                                   | 9,660                                    | 9,740          | 0.8                                  |
| Gisborne (S)                                | 383.8                                  | 10,210                                   | 10,330         | 1.1                                  |
| Gordon (S)                                  | 2,071.8                                | 2,750                                    | 2,720          | -1.1                                 |
| Huntly (S) (Parts A & B)                    | 877.6                                  | 4,780                                    | 4,800          | 0.4                                  |
| Korong (S)                                  | 2,380.5                                | 3,500                                    | 3,480          | -0.5                                 |
| Kyneton (S)                                 | 720.4                                  | 8,750                                    | 8,920          | 1.9                                  |
| Mcivor (S)                                  | 1,419.7                                | 3,320                                    | 3,450          | 4.0                                  |
| Maldon (S)                                  | 555.7                                  | 3,090                                    | 3,100          | 0.4                                  |
| Marong (RC) (Parts A & B)                   | 1,459.2                                | 15,400                                   | 15,880         | 3.2                                  |
| Maryborough (C)                             | 25.2                                   | 8,040                                    | 7,990          | -0.7                                 |
| Metcalfe (S)                                | 590.1                                  | 3,330                                    | 3,390          | 1.6                                  |
| Newham and Woodend (S)                      | 247.0                                  | 5,430                                    | 5,560          | 2.4                                  |
| Newstead (S)                                | 406.7                                  | 3,010                                    | 3,070          | 2.2                                  |
| Pyalong (S)                                 | 596.6                                  | 770                                      | 810            | 6.2                                  |
| Rochester (S)                               | 1,924.7                                | 7,820                                    | 7,900          | 0.9                                  |
| Romsey (S)                                  | 625.4                                  | 8,110                                    | 8,350          | 3.0                                  |
| Strathfieldsaye (S) (Parts A & B)           | 608.2                                  | 19,390                                   | 19,760         | 1.9                                  |
| Tullaroop (S)                               | 633.1                                  | 2,710                                    | 2,780          | 2.8                                  |
| <b>Total Division</b>                       | <b>19,393.9</b>                        | <b>177,140</b>                           | <b>178,950</b> | <b>1.0</b>                           |
| <b>GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>        |  |  |                |                                      |
| Alexandra (S)                               | 2,238.9                                | 6,120                                    | 6,120          | 0.0                                  |
| Benalla (C)                                 | 15.7                                   | 8,950                                    | 8,880          | -0.8                                 |
| Benalla (S)                                 | 2,312.1                                | 5,670                                    | 5,670          | 0.0                                  |
| Broadford (S)                               | 563.9                                  | 4,200                                    | 4,310          | 2.8                                  |
| Cobram (S)                                  | 332.8                                  | 6,600                                    | 6,750          | 2.2                                  |
| Deakin (S)                                  | 932.4                                  | 5,890                                    | 5,800          | -1.4                                 |
| Euroa (S)                                   | 1,406.7                                | 4,630                                    | 4,560          | -1.5                                 |
| Goulburn (S)                                | 1,034.3                                | 2,640                                    | 2,680          | 1.6                                  |
| Kilmore (S)                                 | 506.1                                  | 9,120                                    | 9,380          | 2.9                                  |
| Kyabram (T)                                 | 21.2                                   | 5,950                                    | 5,960          | 0.2                                  |
| Mansfield (S)                               | 3,906.5                                | 6,060                                    | 6,100          | 0.7                                  |
| Nathalia (S)                                | 1,258.2                                | 3,530                                    | 3,520          | -0.5                                 |
| Numurkah (S)                                | 830.6                                  | 7,060                                    | 7,170          | 1.7                                  |
| Rodney (S) (Parts A & B)                    | 998.2                                  | 15,880                                   | 16,110         | 1.4                                  |
| Seymour (RC)                                | 966.7                                  | 12,100                                   | 12,210         | 0.9                                  |
| Shepparton (C)                              | 26.3                                   | 26,380                                   | 26,320         | -0.2                                 |
| Shepparton (S) (Parts A & B)                | 921.0                                  | 9,070                                    | 9,250          | 2.0                                  |
| Tungamah (S)                                | 1,132.8                                | 2,990                                    | 3,030          | 1.5                                  |
| Violet Town (S)                             | 932.8                                  | 1,520                                    | 1,510          | -0.5                                 |
| Waranga (S)                                 | 1,607.6                                | 4,660                                    | 4,750          | 2.0                                  |
| Yea (S)                                     | 1,421.6                                | 5,000                                    | 5,030          | 0.6                                  |
| <b>Total Division</b>                       | <b>23,366.4</b>                        | <b>154,020</b>                           | <b>155,100</b> | <b>0.7</b>                           |

**TABLE 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - continued**

| Statistical Local Area (a)                 | Area at<br>30 June 1992 (b)<br>(sq km) | Estimated resident population at 30 June |                | Growth<br>rate (a)<br>1991-1992p (%) |
|--|--|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
|  |  | 1991                                     | 1992p          |                                      |
| <b>OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>   |  |  |                |                                      |
| Beechworth (S)                             | 760.7                                  | 5,100                                    | 5,210          | 2.1                                  |
| Bright (S)                                 | 3,112.9                                | 6,540                                    | 6,570          | 0.5                                  |
| Chiltern (S)                               | 489.1                                  | 2,730                                    | 2,770          | 1.5                                  |
| Myrtleford (S)                             | 825.0                                  | 4,370                                    | 4,370          | 0.0                                  |
| Oxley (S)                                  | 2,826.2                                | 5,270                                    | 5,310          | 0.6                                  |
| Rutherglen (S)                             | 528.9                                  | 3,530                                    | 3,560          | 0.8                                  |
| Tallangatta (S) (Parts A & B)              | 4,179.2                                | 4,360                                    | 4,350          | -0.2                                 |
| Upper Murray (S)                           | 2,473.7                                | 2,490                                    | 2,450          | -1.2                                 |
| Wangaratta (C)                             | 26.2                                   | 16,350                                   | 16,200         | -0.9                                 |
| Wangaratta (S)                             | 1,004.4                                | 3,150                                    | 3,180          | 0.7                                  |
| Wodonga (Rural City)                       | 344.3                                  | 26,970                                   | 27,810         | 3.1                                  |
| Yackandandah (S)                           | 1,091.8                                | 4,580                                    | 4,660          | 1.9                                  |
| Yarrowonga (S)                             | 621.5                                  | 5,610                                    | 5,740          | 2.5                                  |
| <b>Total Division</b>                      | <b>18,283.9</b>                        | <b>91,050</b>                            | <b>92,180</b>  | <b>1.3</b>                           |
| <b>EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b> |  |  |                |                                      |
| Avon (S)                                   | 2,588.1                                | 4,280                                    | 4,360          | 1.8                                  |
| Bairnsdale (C)                             | 29.8                                   | 11,280                                   | 11,270         | 0.0                                  |
| Bairnsdale (S) (Parts A & B)               | 2,448.9                                | 7,460                                    | 7,670          | 2.8                                  |
| Maffra (S)                                 | 4,190.7                                | 10,670                                   | 10,630         | -0.3                                 |
| Omeo (S)                                   | 5,683.5                                | 1,630                                    | 1,680          | 2.9                                  |
| Orbost (S)                                 | 9,374.0                                | 6,730                                    | 6,730          | 0.0                                  |
| Sale (C)                                   | 30.8                                   | 14,330                                   | 14,180         | -1.0                                 |
| Tambo (S) (Parts A & B)                    | 3,514.8                                | 10,540                                   | 10,720         | 1.7                                  |
| <b>Total Division</b>                      | <b>27,860.6</b>                        | <b>66,920</b>                            | <b>67,240</b>  | <b>0.5</b>                           |
| <b>GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>      |  |  |                |                                      |
| Alberton (S)                               | 2,052.0                                | 6,480                                    | 6,430          | -0.7                                 |
| Bass (S)                                   | 520.2                                  | 5,110                                    | 5,170          | 1.0                                  |
| Buln Buln (S)                              | 1,255.9                                | 11,720                                   | 11,960         | 2.0                                  |
| Korumburra (S)                             | 608.7                                  | 7,940                                    | 8,030          | 1.2                                  |
| Mirboo (S)                                 | 251.2                                  | 2,690                                    | 2,710          | 0.7                                  |
| Moe (C)                                    | 25.7                                   | 17,640                                   | 17,570         | -0.4                                 |
| Morwell (S) (Pt A & Pt B)                  | 660.3                                  | 27,510                                   | 27,320         | -0.7                                 |
| Narracan (S) (Pt A & Pt B)                 | 2,355.6                                | 11,400                                   | 11,380         | -0.1                                 |
| Phillip Island (S)                         | 100.5                                  | 5,270                                    | 5,330          | 1.2                                  |
| Rosedale (S)                               | 2,262.1                                | 9,080                                    | 9,230          | 1.7                                  |
| South Gippsland (S)                        | 1,374.1                                | 6,150                                    | 6,180          | 0.6                                  |
| Traralgon (C)                              | 22.2                                   | 20,530                                   | 20,520         | 0.0                                  |
| Traralgon (S) (Pt A & Pt B)                | 460.0                                  | 4,760                                    | 4,810          | 1.1                                  |
| Upper Yarra (S) (Pt.B)                     | 1,293.7                                | 570                                      | 550            | -2.9                                 |
| Warragul (S)                               | 346.2                                  | 13,490                                   | 13,540         | 0.4                                  |
| Woorayl (S)                                | 1,225.7                                | 11,890                                   | 12,030         | 1.2                                  |
| Wonthaggi (B)                              | 57.5                                   | 6,870                                    | 6,920          | 0.8                                  |
| French Island                              | 171.2                                  | 80                                       | 70             | -4.1                                 |
| Bass Strait Islands                        | 4.7                                    | -  | -              | -                                    |
| Yallourn Works Area                        | 27.6                                   | -  | -              | -                                    |
| <b>Total Division</b>                      | <b>15,055</b>                          | <b>169,180</b>                           | <b>169,760</b> | <b>0.3</b>                           |

**TABLE 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS,  
VICTORIA - *continued***

| Statistical Local Area (a)             | Area at<br>30 June 1992 (b)<br>(sq km) | Estimated resident population at 30 June |                  | Percentage<br>change (a)<br>1991-1992p (%) |
|--|--|--|------------------|--|
|  |  | 1991                                     | 1992p            |  |
| <b>STATISTICAL DIVISIONS - SUMMARY</b> |  |  |                  |  |
| Melbourne                              | 7,815.1                                | 3,156,700                                | 3,177,900        | 0.7  |
| Rest of Victoria -                     |  |  |                  |  |
| Barwon                                 | 8,148.1                                | 228,480                                  | 229,770          | 0.6  |
| Western District                       | 24,090.2                               | 102,580                                  | 102,500          | -0.1                                       |
| Central Highlands                      | 12,654.5                               | 139,100                                  | 139,790          | 0.5  |
| Wimmera                                | 30,622.4                               | 53,280                                   | 53,100           | -0.3                                       |
| Mallee                                 | 40,875.2                               | 81,990                                   | 82,500           | 0.6  |
| Loddon-Campaspe                        | 19,393.9                               | 177,140                                  | 178,950          | 1.0  |
| Goulburn                               | 23,366.4                               | 154,020                                  | 155,100          | 0.7  |
| Ovens-Murray                           | 18,283.9                               | 91,050                                   | 92,180           | 1.2  |
| East Gippsland                         | 27,860.6                               | 66,920                                   | 67,240           | 0.5  |
| Gippsland                              | 15,002.8                               | 169,180                                  | 169,760          | 0.3  |
| Total Rest of Victoria                 | 220,318.0                              | 1,263,740                                | 1,270,900        | 0.6  |
| <b>Total Victoria</b>                  | <b>228,113.0</b>                       | <b>4,420,400</b>                         | <b>4,448,800</b> | <b>0.6</b>                                 |

(a) Growth rates have been derived using unrounded figures.

(b) Figures take into account boundary changes that occurred between Keilor (C) and Essendon (C) on 25 March 1992.

(c) 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 1992.

TABLE 2.3 URBAN CENTRES (a), VICTORIA, 1991 CENSUS

| Urban centre                     | Population | Urban centre   | Population | Urban centre                  | Population |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Melbourne                        | 2,761,995  | Kerang         | 4,024      | Robinvale                     | 1,795      |
| Geelong                          | 126,306    | Leongatha      | 3,968      | Pearcedale                    | 1,781      |
| Ballarat                         | 64,980     | Kyneton        | 3,940      | Merbein                       | 1,776      |
| Bendigo                          | 57,427     | Maffra         | 3,879      | Millgrove                     | 1,715      |
| Shepparton-Mooroopna             | 30,511     | Cobram         | 3,797      | Buninyong                     | 1,627      |
| Melton                           | 29,039     | Queenscliff    | 3,681      | Diggers Rest                  | 1,620      |
| Warrnambool                      | 23,946     | Yarrawonga     | 3,603      | Heyfield                      | 1,614      |
| Albury-Wodonga<br>(Wodonga Part) | 23,639     | Daylesford     | 3,347      | Dimboola                      | 1,581      |
| Mildura                          | 23,176     | Camperdown     | 3,315      | Whittlesea                    | 1,553      |
| Traralgon                        | 19,699     | Beechworth     | 3,136      | Launching Place               | 1,518      |
| Cranbourne                       | 18,886     | Numurkah       | 3,128      | Heathcote                     | 1,507      |
| Sunbury                          | 18,533     | Hurstbridge    | 2,990      | Donald                        | 1,505      |
| Moe-Yallourn                     | 17,990     | Korumburra     | 2,906      | Seville                       | 1,481      |
| Wangaratta                       | 15,984     | Myrtleford     | 2,862      | Cobden                        | 1,477      |
| Morwell                          | 15,423     | Cockatoo       | 2,854      | Nathalia                      | 1,470      |
| Sale                             | 13,858     | Gisborne       | 2,819      | Drysdale                      | 1,406      |
| Horsham                          | 12,552     | Tatura         | 2,778      | Heywood                       | 1,394      |
| Bairnsdale                       | 10,770     | Euroa          | 2,772      | Ouyen                         | 1,337      |
| Colac                            | 10,241     | Woodend        | 2,743      | Stratford                     | 1,298      |
| Portland                         | 10,115     | St Arnaud      | 2,741      | Carrum Downs                  | 1,281      |
| Craigieburn                      | 10,098     | Warrackabeal   | 2,687      | Riddells Creek                | 1,281      |
| Ocean Grove                      |            | Cowes          | 2,658      | Macedon                       | 1,239      |
| -Barwon Heads                    | 10,069     | Kilmore        | 2,618      | Mirboo North                  | 1,231      |
| Hamilton                         | 9,753      | Red Cliffs     | 2,581      | Corryong                      | 1,226      |
| Bacchus Marsh                    | 9,695      | Portarlington  | 2,553      | Nagambie                      | 1,215      |
| Echuca-Moama<br>(Echuca Part)    | 9,438      | Rochester      | 2,527      | St Leonard                    | 1,206      |
| Swan Hill                        | 9,357      | Orbost         | 2,515      | Tyabb                         | 1,199      |
| Warragul                         | 8,910      | Warburton      | 2,504      | Yarra Glen                    | 1,183      |
| Benalla                          | 8,334      | Port Fairy     | 2,467      | Charlton                      | 1,182      |
| Ararat                           | 7,633      | Paynesville    | 2,444      | Maldon                        | 1,174      |
| Maryborough                      | 7,623      | Woori Yallock  | 2,388      | Beaufort                      | 1,171      |
| Castlemaine                      | 6,812      | Creswick       | 2,387      | Chiltern                      | 1,157      |
| Seymour                          | 6,558      | Broadford      | 2,215      | Rosedale                      | 1,153      |
| Stawell                          | 6,339      | Inverloch      | 2,195      | Lorne                         | 1,143      |
| Lara                             | 6,318      | Mansfield      | 2,178      | Koo-Wee-Rup                   | 1,106      |
| Healesville                      | 6,264      | Wailan         | 2,166      | Coleraine                     | 1,089      |
| Clifton Springs                  | 5,847      | Coldstream     | 2,156      | Wandong-Heathcote<br>Junction | 1,088      |
| Pakenham                         | 5,847      | Trafalgar      | 2,146      | Foster                        | 1,078      |
| Wonthaggi -                      | 5,751      | Cohuna         | 2,071      | Tongala                       | 1,065      |
| Hastings                         | 5,711      | Romsey         | 2,033      | Lancefield                    | 1,063      |
| Crib Point                       | 5,624      | Yarram         | 2,006      | Mount Helen                   | 1,054      |
| Somerville                       | 5,587      | Anglesea       | 1,977      | Ballan                        | 1,053      |
| Churchill                        | 5,580      | Terang         | 1,973      | Mortlake                      | 1,043      |
| Kyabram                          | 5,540      | Yarra Junction | 1,952      | Tailangatta                   | 1,021      |
| Torquay                          | 4,887      | Nhill          | 1,891      | Narre Warren                  | 1,014      |
| Emerald                          | 4,693      | Bright         | 1,881      | Rushworth                     | 1,012      |
| Lakes Entrance                   | 4,622      | Alexandra      | 1,876      | Avoca                         | 1,004      |
| Drouin                           | 4,455      | Rutherglen     | 1,876      | Wonga Park                    | 1,000      |
| Leopold                          | 4,432      | Mount Beauty   | 1,837      |                               |            |
|                                  |            | Balnarring     | 1,834      |                               |            |
|                                  |            | Casterton      | 1,808      |                               |            |

(a) An Urban centre is defined as a population cluster of 1,000 or more people.

### Population increase

The components of population growth are natural increase (the number by which live births exceeds deaths in the State of usual residence) and net migration, both from interstate and overseas. The annual natural increase has remained relatively steady since 1990. In the same period, annual net migration has decreased considerably, so that there is now a net migration loss. This was due to a large net decrease in the number of overseas migrants, as well as more Victorians moving interstate than arrived from other States.

**TABLE 2.4 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, VICTORIA (a)**

| Year (b) | Natural increase | Net migration |            |         | Total population increase |
|----------|------------------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------------------|
|          |                  | Overseas      | Interstate | Total   |                           |
| 1988     | 30,585           | 37,252        | -14,423    | 22,829  | 53,414                    |
| 1989     | 31,613           | 39,414        | -12,504    | 26,910  | 58,523                    |
| 1990     | 33,692           | 34,013        | -7,829     | 26,184  | 59,876                    |
| 1991     | 34,950           | 23,513        | -14,853    | 8,660   | 43,610                    |
| 1992p    | 33,781           | 17,201        | -22,537    | -5,336  | 28,445                    |
| 1993p    | 34,214           | 9,113         | -30,081    | -20,968 | 13,246                    |

(a) Data have been revised as a result of the 1991 Census count and more recent migration information.

(b) Year ended 30 June.

Of the departures from Victoria in the 12 months ended June 1993, 37 per cent were to Queensland and 33 per cent were to New South Wales. Of arrivals to Victoria, 37 per cent were from New South Wales and 22 per cent were from Queensland. South Australia was the only State or Territory whose net migration favoured Victoria.

**TABLE 2.5 INTERSTATE MIGRATION, VICTORIA, 12 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 1993 P**

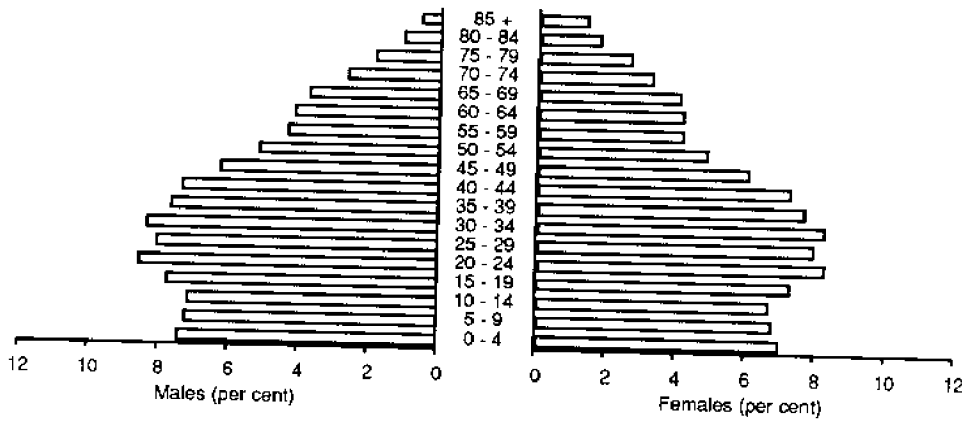
| State of origin/destination  | Arrivals to Victoria | Departures from Victoria |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| New South Wales              | 22,375               | 29,319                   |
| Queensland                   | 13,194               | 32,465                   |
| South Australia              | 8,639                | 7,899                    |
| Western Australia            | 6,841                | 9,234                    |
| Tasmania                     | 4,005                | 4,190                    |
| Northern Territory           | 1,914                | 2,597                    |
| Australian Capital Territory | 2,723                | 3,156                    |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>59,691</b>        | <b>88,860</b>            |

**Age distribution**

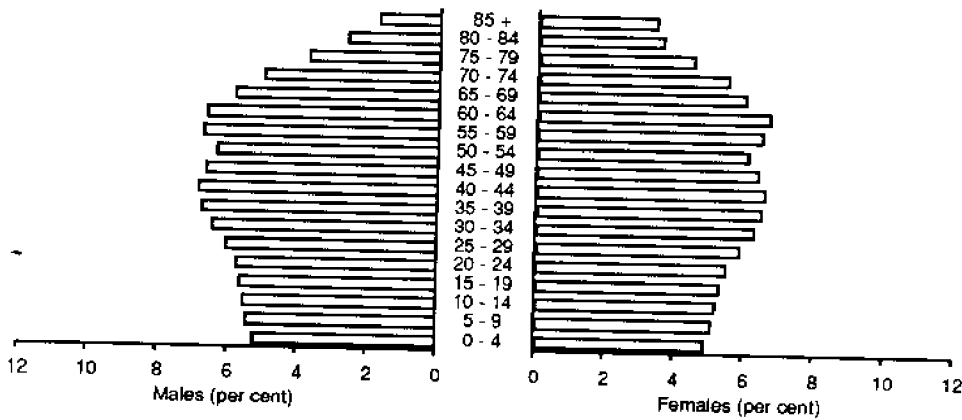
In 1992, 29 per cent of persons in Victoria were under 20 years of age, and 16 per cent were 60 years of age or over. The proportion of people over 60 is projected to increase to 28 per cent by the year 2031. The projection is based on a model that assumes low fertility, low overseas migration and low interstate migration.

**POPULATION AGE PYRAMIDS, VICTORIA**

**1992 Estimated Resident Population**



**Series D Population Projection  
Year 2031**



**TABLE 2.6 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS, VICTORIA,  
30 JUNE 1992 P**

| Age group (years) | Males            |              | Females          |              | Persons          |              |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
|                   | Number           | Per cent     | Number           | Per cent     | Number           | Per cent     |
| 0-4               | 164,535          | 7.5          | 156,810          | 7.0          | 321,345          | 7.2          |
| 5-9               | 160,919          | 7.3          | 152,870          | 6.8          | 313,789          | 7.1          |
| 10-14             | 158,527          | 7.2          | 150,503          | 6.7          | 309,030          | 6.9          |
| 15-19             | 172,017          | 7.8          | 163,497          | 7.3          | 335,514          | 7.5          |
| 20-24             | 189,284          | 8.6          | 186,155          | 8.3          | 375,439          | 8.4          |
| 25-29             | 177,633          | 8.1          | 179,478          | 8.0          | 357,111          | 8.0          |
| 30-34             | 184,707          | 8.4          | 185,121          | 8.3          | 369,828          | 8.3          |
| 35-39             | 170,433          | 7.7          | 172,231          | 7.7          | 342,664          | 7.7          |
| 40-44             | 162,855          | 7.4          | 162,939          | 7.3          | 325,794          | 7.3          |
| 45-49             | 139,461          | 6.3          | 136,171          | 6.1          | 275,632          | 6.2          |
| 50-54             | 113,605          | 5.2          | 108,877          | 4.9          | 222,482          | 5.0          |
| 55-59             | 96,323           | 4.4          | 95,009           | 4.2          | 191,332          | 4.3          |
| 60-64             | 93,504           | 4.2          | 94,668           | 4.2          | 188,172          | 4.2          |
| 65-69             | 83,309           | 3.8          | 92,402           | 4.1          | 175,711          | 3.9          |
| 70-74             | 60,145           | 2.7          | 75,160           | 3.3          | 135,305          | 3.0          |
| 75-79             | 41,408           | 1.9          | 59,791           | 2.7          | 101,199          | 2.3          |
| 80-84             | 23,430           | 1.1          | 40,149           | 1.8          | 63,579           | 1.4          |
| 85 and over       | 12,936           | 0.6          | 31,956           | 1.4          | 44,892           | 1.0          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>2,205,031</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>2,243,787</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,448,818</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**Country of birth**

At the time of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing, almost three quarters of the Victorian population had been born in Australia. A further 7 per cent of the population originated in countries where English is the predominant language spoken (over 5 per cent from the United Kingdom).

Victoria had a slightly higher proportion of people who had been born overseas than the Australian average and had the greatest proportion of people from non main English speaking countries of any State or Territory. Italy (2.5 per cent), Greece (1.6 per cent), the former Yugoslavia (1.5 per cent) and Vietnam (1.0 per cent) were the countries with the most migrants to Victoria. In all cases the proportion of migrants was higher than the Australian average.



**TABLE 2.7 POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY SEX, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA, CENSUS COUNTS, 6 AUGUST 1991**

|                                   | Victoria         |                   |                   |                        | Australia         |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|                                   | Males<br>number  | Females<br>number | Persons<br>number | Proportion<br>per cent | Persons<br>number | Proportion<br>per cent |
| Main English speaking countries - |                  |                   |                   |                        |                   |                        |
| Australia                         | 1,534,967        | 1,595,153         | 3,130,120         | 73.7                   | 12,725,164        | 75.5                   |
| Canada                            | 2,198            | 2,335             | 4,533             | 0.1                    | 24,143            | 0.1                    |
| Ireland                           | 6,769            | 6,231             | 13,000            | 0.3                    | 52,373            | 0.3                    |
| New Zealand                       | 21,408           | 21,590            | 42,998            | 1.0                    | 275,845           | 1.6                    |
| South Africa                      | 5,507            | 5,723             | 11,230            | 0.3                    | 49,606            | 0.3                    |
| United Kingdom (a)                | 115,930          | 117,473           | 233,403           | 5.5                    | 1,118,613         | 6.6                    |
| USA                               | 5,147            | 4,990             | 10,137            | 0.2                    | 50,614            | 0.3                    |
| Total                             | 1,691,926        | 1,753,495         | 3,445,421         | 81.2                   | 14,296,358        | 84.8                   |
| Other countries -                 |                  |                   |                   |                        |                   |                        |
| China                             | 10,924           | 9,298             | 20,222            | 0.5                    | 78,890            | 0.5                    |
| Germany                           | 15,470           | 16,303            | 31,773            | 0.7                    | 115,223           | 0.7                    |
| Greece                            | 33,916           | 33,122            | 67,038            | 1.6                    | 136,135           | 0.8                    |
| Hong Kong                         | 6,892            | 7,046             | 13,938            | 0.3                    | 58,933            | 0.3                    |
| India                             | 9,820            | 9,720             | 19,540            | 0.5                    | 61,230            | 0.4                    |
| Italy                             | 55,490           | 50,263            | 105,753           | 2.5                    | 254,924           | 1.5                    |
| Lebanon                           | 7,111            | 6,626             | 13,737            | 0.3                    | 68,948            | 0.4                    |
| Malaysia                          | 10,966           | 11,095            | 22,871            | 0.5                    | 72,549            | 0.4                    |
| Malta                             | 13,485           | 12,012            | 25,497            | 0.6                    | 53,536            | 0.3                    |
| Netherlands                       | 14,886           | 13,562            | 28,448            | 0.7                    | 95,709            | 0.6                    |
| Philippines                       | 6,072            | 10,529            | 16,601            | 0.4                    | 73,443            | 0.4                    |
| Poland                            | 11,838           | 12,218            | 24,056            | 0.6                    | 68,935            | 0.4                    |
| Former USSR (b)                   | 7,399            | 8,121             | 15,520            | 0.4                    | 43,997            | 0.3                    |
| Vietnam                           | 23,240           | 21,226            | 44,466            | 1.0                    | 122,304           | 0.7                    |
| Yugoslavia                        | 33,582           | 30,680            | 64,262            | 1.5                    | 161,138           | 1.0                    |
| Other (c)                         | 98,102           | 96,029            | 194,131           | 4.6                    | 718,556           | 4.3                    |
| Total                             | 359,193          | 348,660           | 707,853           | 16.7                   | 2,184,360         | 13.0                   |
| Not stated                        | 45,333           | 45,697            | 91,030            | 2.1                    | 368,659           | 2.2                    |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>2,096,452</b> | <b>2,147,852</b>  | <b>4,244,304</b>  | <b>100.0</b>           | <b>16,849,377</b> | <b>100.0</b>           |

(a) Includes England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

(b) Includes the Baltic States.

(c) Includes 'inadequately described', 'at sea', and 'not elsewhere classified'.

**Vital statistics**

In 1992 Victoria had the lowest birth rate of all the States and Territories, and an average death rate. Both the marriage and divorce rates were slightly below the Australian average.

**TABLE 2.8 SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS: STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA, 1992**

| Particulars            | NSW    | Vic        | Qld    | SA     | WA     | Tas   | NT         | ACT   | Australia |
|------------------------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Live births -          |        |            |        |        |        |       |            |       |           |
| Males                  | 47,710 | 33,691     | 23,600 | 9,957  | 12,879 | 3,595 | 1,913      | 2,256 | 135,601   |
| Females                | 44,875 | 32,075     | 22,640 | 9,354  | 12,194 | 3,392 | 1,829      | 2,191 | 128,550   |
| Persons -              |        |            |        |        |        |       |            |       |           |
| number                 | 92,585 | 65,766     | 46,240 | 19,311 | 25,073 | 6,987 | 3,742      | 4,447 | 264,151   |
| crude birth rate       | 15.5   | 14.8       | 15.2   | 13.3   | 15.1   | 14.9  | 22.4       | 15.1  | 15.1      |
| Deaths -               |        |            |        |        |        |       |            |       |           |
| Males                  | 23,969 | 16,816     | 11,174 | 5,812  | 5,352  | 1,939 | 475        | 578   | 66,115    |
| Females                | 20,832 | 15,135     | 9,322  | 5,113  | 4,546  | 1,800 | 301        | 496   | 57,545    |
| Persons -              |        |            |        |        |        |       |            |       |           |
| number                 | 44,801 | 31,951     | 20,496 | 10,925 | 9,898  | 3,739 | 776        | 1,074 | 123,660   |
| crude death rate       | 7.5    | 7.2        | 6.8    | 7.5    | 6.0    | 8.0   | 4.6        | 3.7   | 7.1       |
| Infant deaths          | 688    | 366        | 365    | 117    | 175    | 46    | 58         | 28    | 1,843     |
| Perinatal deaths (a) - |        |            |        |        |        |       |            |       |           |
| Number                 | 991    | 541        | 433    | 157    | 218    | 64    | 64         | 40    | 2,508     |
| Rate (b)               | 10.6   | 8.2        | 9.3    | 8.1    | 8.7    | 9.1   | 17.0       | 9.0   | 9.4       |
| Marriages -            |        |            |        |        |        |       |            |       |           |
| number                 | 40,734 | 28,429     | 20,316 | 9,423  | 10,118 | 3,081 | 860        | 1,791 | 114,752   |
| crude marriage rate    | 6.8    | 6.4        | 6.7    | 6.5    | 6.1    | 6.6   | 5.1        | 6.1   | 6.6       |
| Divorces -             |        |            |        |        |        |       |            |       |           |
| number                 | 13,949 | 10,533 (c) | 8,984  | 4,074  | 4,540  | 1,365 | 345 (d)    | 1,875 | 45,665    |
| crude divorce rate     | 2.3    | 2.4        | 3.0    | 2.8    | 2.7    | 2.9   | 2.1 (d)(e) |       | 2.6       |

(a) Perinatal deaths comprise neonatal and fetal deaths.

(b) The number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live and still births.

(c) Includes divorces heard in Lismore and Coffs Harbour (NSW) but registered in Queensland.

(d) Many divorces registered in the ACT are to applicants normally resident in areas adjacent to the ACT.

(e) Divorce rates from the ACT Family Court are not shown because they are not a statistically accurate reflection of the extent of divorce among ACT residents. See Paragraphs 7 and 8 of *Divorces, Australia* (3307.0).

**Births**

The number of live births registered to women resident in Victoria in 1992 (65,766) rose marginally (0.5 per cent) on the number registered in 1991.

From 1991 to 1992 birth rates declined for women aged 15 to 29 years, but increased for women aged 30 years and over. This change is also reflected in the median age of mothers for all categories of confinement exceeding 29 years for the first time, continuing the long established upward trend.

Another trend is the increasing proportion of ex-nuptial births. This has been matched by an increasing number of such births where the father was acknowledged (over 80 per cent in 1992), presumably reflecting the increasing number of defacto relationships.

**TABLE 2.9 SUMMARY OF BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, VICTORIA (a)**

| Particulars                           | 1987   | 1988   | 1989   | 1990    | 1991   | 1992   |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Live births -                         |        |        |        |         |        |        |
| Males                                 | 31,605 | 31,688 | 32,841 | r34,357 | 33,636 | 33,691 |
| Females                               | 29,902 | 30,446 | 31,161 | r32,613 | 31,802 | 32,075 |
| Persons                               | 61,507 | 62,134 | 64,002 | r66,970 | 65,438 | 65,766 |
| Sex ratio (a)                         | 105.7  | 104.1  | 105.4  | 105.3   | 105.8  | 105.0  |
| Crude birth rate (b)(c)               | 14.6   | 14.6   | 14.8   | 15.3    | 14.8   | 14.8   |
| Nuptial births                        | 53,027 | 52,921 | 53,868 | 55,220  | 53,217 | 53,175 |
| Ex-nuptial births -                   |        |        |        |         |        |        |
| Number                                | 8,480  | 9,213  | 10,134 | 11,750  | 12,221 | 12,591 |
| Percentage of total live births       | 13.8   | 14.8   | 15.8   | 17.5    | 18.7   | 19.1   |
| Age-specific birth rates (c)(d)-      |        |        |        |         |        |        |
| Age group (years)-                    |        |        |        |         |        |        |
| 15-19 (e)                             | 14.7   | 14.2   | 14.9   | 15.9    | 16.1   | 14.7   |
| 20-24                                 | 73.0   | 69.2   | 67.3   | 67.7    | 63.7   | 61.8   |
| 25-29                                 | 139.4  | 136.3  | 136.3  | 137.8   | 131.7  | 130.3  |
| 30-34                                 | 95.1   | 99.8   | 102.9  | 109.0   | 106.1  | 109.6  |
| 35-39                                 | 30.7   | 32.7   | 34.9   | 37.1    | 39.2   | 41.2   |
| 40-44                                 | 4.9    | 4.8    | 5.4    | 5.8     | 5.8    | 6.5    |
| 45-49 (f)                             | 0.4    | 0.2    | 0.2    | 0.2     | 0.2    | 0.4    |
| Total fertility (g)                   | 1,791  | 1,786  | 1,810  | 1,868   | 1,814  | 1,822  |
| Confinements (number)                 | 60,831 | 61,398 | 63,209 | 66,136  | 64,566 | 64,898 |
| Median age of mother (years) -        |        |        |        |         |        |        |
| Nuptial first confinements            | 27.1   | 27.4   | 27.6   | 27.8    | 28.0   | 28.3   |
| All nuptial confinements              | 28.6   | 28.8   | 29.0   | 29.3    | 29.5   | 29.7   |
| Ex-nuptial                            | 23.8   | 24.2   | 24.5   | 24.5    | 24.6   | 25.0   |
| All confinements                      | 28.2   | 28.4   | 28.6   | 28.8    | 28.9   | 29.2   |
| Median duration of marriage (years) - |        |        |        |         |        |        |
| Nuptial first confinements            | 2.5    | 2.5    | 2.5    | 2.5     | 2.6    | 2.6    |

(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.

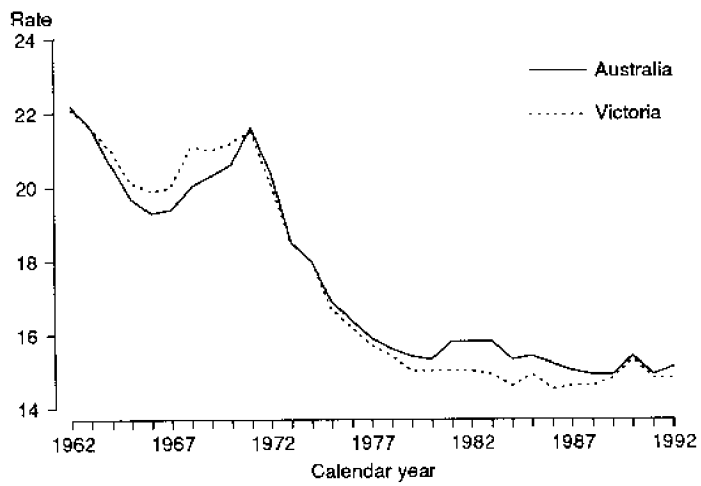
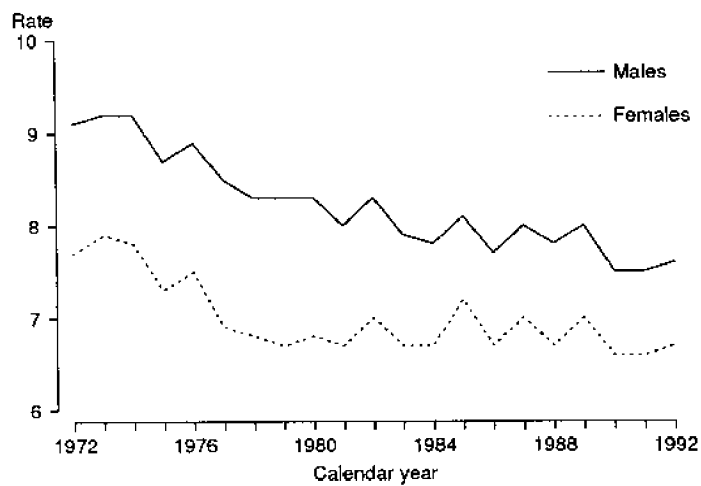
(c) Rates for 1987 to 1991 have been revised due to the finalisation of population estimates based on 1991 Census results.

(d) Number of live births registered during calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age.

(e) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15.

(f) Includes births to mothers aged 50 years and over.

(g) 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, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1962-1992****CRUDE DEATH RATES, VICTORIA, 1972-1992**

**Deaths**

The number of deaths of Victorian residents registered in 1992 (31,951) rose by 2 per cent on the 1991 figure. In 1992, 71 per cent of male deaths and 84 per cent of female deaths occurred after the age of 65. For the first time, the median age at death for females exceeded 80 years.

The main cause of death for Victorian residents in 1992 was diseases of the circulatory system (including ischaemic heart disease and cerebrovascular disease), followed by malignant neoplasms. Diseases of the circulatory system accounted for 40 per cent of male and 48 per cent of female deaths, and malignant neoplasms (cancer) accounted for 28 per cent of male and 25 per cent of female deaths. In 1992, AIDS was the cause of death of 118 males and 2 females, compared with 90 and 2 respectively in 1991. As in 1991, the total number of suicides exceeded motor vehicle traffic accidents as the major external cause of death.

The infant mortality rate continued its long term downward trend, with 5.6 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1992, compared with 10.2 in 1982 and 14.6 in 1972.

**TABLE 2.10 SUMMARY OF DEATHS, VICTORIA**

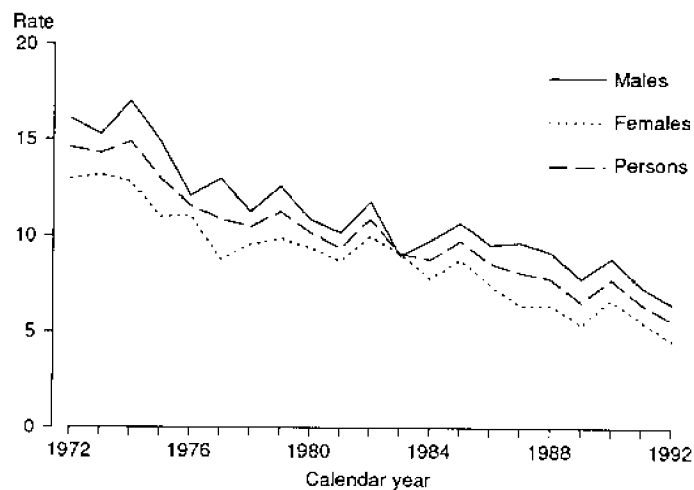
| Particulars                   | 1987   | 1988   | 1989    | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Deaths -                      |        |        |         |        |        |        |
| Males                         | 16,714 | 16,426 | 17,079r | 16,321 | 16,508 | 16,816 |
| Females                       | 14,835 | 14,300 | 15,300  | 14,665 | 14,708 | 15,135 |
| Persons                       | 31,549 | 30,726 | 32,379r | 30,986 | 31,216 | 31,951 |
| Sex ratio (a)                 | 112.7  | 114.9  | 111.6r  | 111.3  | 112.2  | 111.1  |
| Crude death rate (b) -        |        |        |         |        |        |        |
| Males                         | 8.0    | 7.8    | 8.0r    | 7.5    | 7.5    | 7.6    |
| Females                       | 7.0    | 6.7    | 7.0     | 6.7    | 6.6    | 6.7    |
| Persons                       | 7.5    | 7.2    | 7.5     | 7.1    | 7.1    | 7.2    |
| Infant deaths -               |        |        |         |        |        |        |
| Males                         | 306    | 291    | 248r    | 305    | 249    | 220    |
| Females                       | 192    | 195    | 166r    | 218    | 179    | 146    |
| Persons                       | 498    | 486    | 414r    | 523    | 428    | 366    |
| Infant mortality rate (c)     | 8.1    | 7.8    | 6.6r    | 7.8    | 6.5    | 5.6    |
| Median age at death (years) - |        |        |         |        |        |        |
| Males                         | 72.0   | 72.3   | 72.4r   | 72.3   | 72.6   | 73.2   |
| Females                       | 79.0   | 78.7   | 79.2r   | 79.1   | 79.1   | 80.1   |

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

(b) Number of deaths registered per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population. Rates for 1987 to 1991 have been revised due to the finalisation of population estimates based on 1991 Census results.

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

### INFANT MORTALITY RATES, VICTORIA, 1972-1992



### Life expectancy

Life expectancy refers to the average number of additional years a person of a given age and sex might expect to live if the age specific death rates of the given year continued throughout his or her lifetime.

The life expectancy of a female child born in 1992 to a mother resident in Victoria is 80.7 years, while for a male child the life expectancy is 74.8 years. For a person aged 40 in 1992, a woman has a life expectancy of a further 41.9 years, and a man 36.9 years. These life expectancies reflect the different mortality rates for the sexes.

**TABLE 2.11 LIFE EXPECTANCY (YEARS) BY SEX, VICTORIA 1992**

| Age | Males | Females |
|-----|-------|---------|
| 0   | 74.8  | 80.7    |
| 5   | 70.4  | 76.2    |
| 10  | 65.5  | 71.2    |
| 15  | 60.6  | 66.3    |
| 20  | 55.7  | 61.4    |
| 25  | 51.0  | 56.5    |
| 30  | 46.3  | 51.6    |
| 35  | 41.6  | 46.7    |
| 40  | 36.9  | 41.9    |
| 45  | 32.2  | 37.1    |
| 50  | 27.7  | 32.4    |
| 55  | 23.3  | 27.8    |
| 60  | 19.2  | 23.4    |
| 65  | 15.4  | 19.2    |
| 70  | 12.1  | 15.2    |
| 75  | 9.2   | 11.6    |
| 80  | 6.9   | 8.6     |
| 85  | 5.0   | 6.2     |
| 90  | 3.8   | 4.4     |
| 95  | 3.1   | 3.3     |

**Marriages**

In 1992 the number of marriages registered in Victoria (28,429) decreased marginally from those registered the previous year.

The age at marriage continued to increase. The median age at marriage, for all marriages, increased from 28.3 years in 1991 to 28.6 years in 1992 for bridegrooms, and from 26.1 years to 26.3 years for brides. The median age for first marriage was 27.0 years for bridegrooms and 25.0 years for brides.

In 1992, 65 per cent of all marriages were between Australian-born partners, and 22 per cent had either the bride or the bridegroom born overseas. In 9 per cent of marriages, both partners were born in the same overseas country.

Previously widowed bridegrooms and brides showed differing patterns in the time taken before remarriage: 65 per cent of previously widowed bridegrooms and 44 per cent of previously widowed brides who remarried in 1992 did so within 5 years of the death of their previous spouse.

**CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA,  
1972-1992**

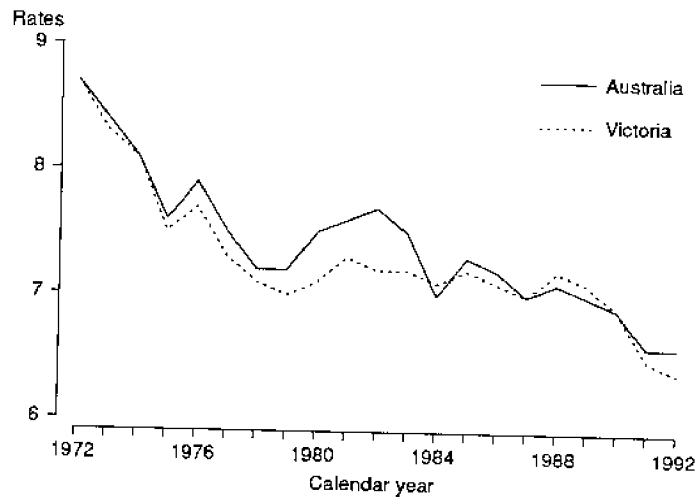


TABLE 2.12 SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA

| Particulars                        | 1987          | 1988          | 1989          | 1990          | 1991          | 1992          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Total marriages -</b>           | <b>29,682</b> | <b>30,687</b> | <b>30,624</b> | <b>30,120</b> | <b>28,535</b> | <b>28,429</b> |
| First marriage both partners       | 20,622        | 21,531        | 21,412        | 20,968        | 19,867        | 19,882        |
| First marriage one partner         | 5,110         | 5,244         | 5,281         | 5,182         | 4,953         | 4,926         |
| Remarriage both partners           | 3,950         | 3,912         | 3,931         | 3,970         | 3,715         | 3,621         |
| Crude marriage rate (a)            | 7.0           | 7.2           | 7.1           | 6.9           | 6.5           | 6.4           |
| Marriages performed by             |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Ministers of religion -            |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number                             | 18,434        | 18,782        | 18,485        | 18,063        | 17,429        | 17,361        |
| Per cent                           | 62.1          | 61.2          | 60.4          | 60.0          | 61.1          | 61.1          |
| <b>BRIDEGROOM</b>                  |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Marital status of bridegroom -     |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Never married                      | 22,940        | 23,977        | 23,832        | 23,456        | 22,167        | 22,140        |
| Widowed                            | 748           | 712           | 740           | 705           | 644           | 598           |
| Divorced                           | 5,994         | 5,998         | 6,052         | 5,959         | 5,724         | 5,691         |
| Median age of bridegroom (years) - |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Never married                      | 25.9          | 26.2          | 26.3          | 26.6          | 26.8          | 27.0          |
| Widowed                            | 61.1          | 61.0          | 60.9          | 61.5          | 61.0          | 62.0          |
| Divorced                           | 38.5          | 38.9          | 38.9          | 39.3          | 39.6          | 39.5          |
| Total                              | 27.4          | 27.6          | 27.8          | 28.1          | 28.3          | 28.6          |
| Age of bridegroom (years) -        |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Under 20                           | 316           | 394           | 346           | 303           | 236           | 198           |
| 20-24                              | 8,829         | 8,679         | 8,424         | 7,641         | 6,992         | 6,662         |
| 25-29                              | 9,956         | 10,485        | 10,395        | 10,497        | 9,871         | 9,779         |
| 30-34                              | 4,514         | 4,798         | 4,992         | 5,117         | 5,048         | 5,370         |
| 35-39                              | 2,236         | 2,423         | 2,420         | 2,491         | 2,399         | 2,490         |
| 40-44                              | 1,363         | 1,432         | 1,488         | 1,462         | 1,504         | 1,456         |
| 45-49                              | 788           | 828           | 868           | 923           | 908           | 908           |
| 50 and over                        | 1,678         | 1,646         | 1,691         | 1,686         | 1,577         | 1,566         |
| <b>BRIDE</b>                       |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Marital status of bride -          |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Never married                      | 23,414        | 24,329        | 24,273        | 23,662        | 22,520        | 22,550        |
| Widowed                            | 905           | 864           | 844           | 798           | 751           | 653           |
| Divorced                           | 5,363         | 5,494         | 5,507         | 5,660         | 5,264         | 5,226         |
| Median age of bride (years) -      |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Never married                      | 24.0          | 24.2          | 24.4          | 24.6          | 24.8          | 25.0          |
| Widowed                            | 52.4          | 52.1          | 53.1          | 52.7          | 53.5          | 53.7          |
| Divorced                           | 35.1          | 35.5          | 35.7          | 36.0          | 36.1          | 36.5          |
| Total                              | 25.2          | 25.4          | 25.6          | 25.9          | 26.1          | 26.3          |
| Age of bride (years) -             |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Under 20                           | 1,972         | 2,028         | 1,855         | 1,495         | 1,152         | 990           |
| 20-24                              | 12,491        | 12,407        | 12,046        | 11,426        | 10,742        | 10,381        |
| 25-29                              | 7,600         | 8,291         | 8,397         | 8,752         | 8,398         | 8,581         |
| 30-34                              | 3,253         | 3,444         | 3,688         | 3,711         | 3,691         | 3,886         |
| 35-39                              | 1,791         | 1,758         | 1,841         | 1,843         | 1,834         | 1,874         |
| 40-44                              | 983           | 1,133         | 1,150         | 1,153         | 1,049         | 1,081         |
| 45-49                              | 612           | 657           | 635           | 723           | 669           | 710           |
| 50 and over                        | 978           | 966           | 1,010         | 1,017         | 1,000         | 926           |

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 mean estimated resident population. Rates for 1987 to 1991 have been revised due to the finalisation of population estimates based on 1991 Census results.



**Divorces**

The number of divorces granted in Victoria in 1992 (10,533) decreased by 5 per cent on the number granted in 1991.

The highest age specific divorce rate (11.7) was in the 30 to 34 year age group for both husbands and wives. In 1992 the median age at divorce for husbands was 38.6 years and for wives 35.9 years, compared with 38.1 and 35.4 respectively in 1991.

Nearly 40 per cent of the couples who divorced in 1992 had separated within 5 years of marriage (the most common interval was between one and two years), and 60 per cent had separated within 10 years. The median interval between marriage and separation was 7.5 years.

**CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1972-1992**

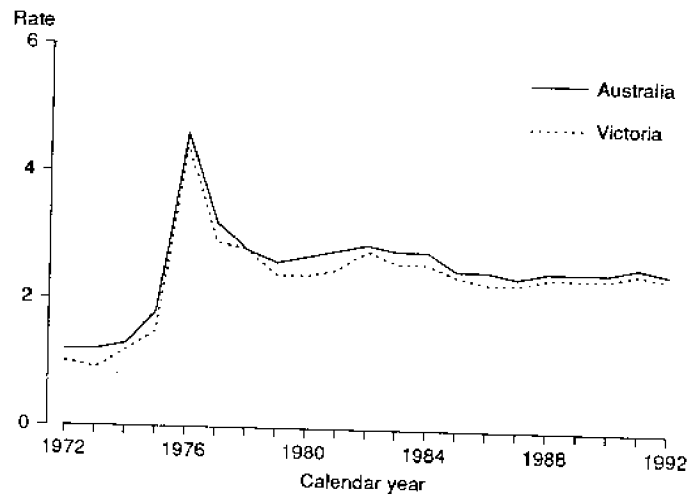


TABLE 2.13 SUMMARY OF DIVORCES, VICTORIA

| Particulars                        | 1987  | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Divorces granted -                 | 9,626 | 10,250 | 10,253 | 10,406 | 11,134 | 10,533 |
| Crude divorce rate (a)(b)          | 2.3   | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.5    | 2.4    |
| Median duration                    |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| of marriage (years)                | 10.1  | 10.4   | 10.2   | r10.0  | 10.1   | 10.4   |
| Median interval between            |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| marriage and separation (years)    | 7.3   | 7.6    | r7.5   | 7.3    | 7.3    | 7.5    |
| Divorces involving children -      | 5,509 | 5,867  | 5,596  | 5,712  | 5,894  | 5,616  |
| Percentage of total                | 57.2  | 57.2   | 54.6   | 54.9   | 52.9   | 53.3   |
| Average number of children         | 1.9   | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.9    |
| HUSBAND                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Age-specific divorce rate (b)(c) - |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Age group (years) -                |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Under 25                           | 1.2   | 1.1    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.2    | 1.0    |
| 25-29                              | 9.2   | 9.2    | 8.7    | 8.7    | 9.3    | 7.9    |
| 30-34                              | 12.3  | 12.6   | 12.3   | 12.3   | 12.7   | 11.7   |
| 35-39                              | 11.3  | 12.4   | 11.5   | 11.5   | 11.8   | 11.6   |
| 40-44                              | 9.9   | 10.5   | 10.7   | 10.4   | 10.8   | 10.6   |
| 45-49                              | 9.0   | 9.1    | 9.2    | 9.1    | 9.6    | 9.0    |
| 50-54                              | 5.8   | 6.5    | 6.7    | 6.7    | 7.4    | 7.3    |
| 55 and over                        | 2.0   | 2.1    | 2.1    | 2.1    | 2.2    | 2.3    |
| Marital status at marriage -       |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Never married                      | 8,199 | 8,666  | 8,670  | 8,749  | 9,380  | 8,899  |
| Widowed                            | 117   | 115    | 105    | 98     | 108    | 98     |
| Divorced                           | 1,310 | 1,469  | 1,478  | 1,559  | 1,646  | 1,536  |
| Median age (years) -               |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| At marriage                        | 24.3  | 24.4   | 24.6   | 24.7   | 24.8   | 25.1   |
| At separation                      | r34.4 | r34.8  | r35.1  | 35.1   | 35.3   | 35.8   |
| At divorce                         | 37.2  | r37.4  | r37.8  | r37.9  | 38.1   | 38.6   |
| WIFE                               |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Age-specific divorce rate (b)(c) - |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Age group (years) -                |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Under 25                           | 2.8   | 2.7    | 2.3    | 2.4    | 2.6    | 2.1    |
| 25-29                              | 11.8  | 12.0   | 12.0   | 11.9   | 12.3   | 11.5   |
| 30-34                              | 11.9  | 12.7   | 12.2   | 11.9   | 12.6   | 11.7   |
| 35-39                              | 10.8  | 11.4   | 11.2   | 11.3   | 11.5   | 11.3   |
| 40-44                              | 8.8   | 9.3    | 9.6    | 9.6    | 10.6   | 9.5    |
| 45-49                              | 7.2   | 7.9    | 7.5    | 7.2    | 8.3    | 8.2    |
| 50-54                              | 4.2   | 4.4    | 4.8    | 4.9    | 5.0    | 4.9    |
| 55 and over                        | 1.0   | 1.1    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    |
| Marital status at marriage -       |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Never married                      | 8,241 | 8,748  | 8,747  | 8,831  | 9,450  | 8,923  |
| Widowed                            | 152   | 146    | 118    | 114    | 148    | 135    |
| Divorced                           | 1,233 | 1,356  | 1,388  | 1,461  | 1,536  | 1,475  |
| Median age (years) -               |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| At marriage                        | 21.8  | 21.9   | r22.2  | 22.2   | 22.4   | 22.5   |
| At separation                      | 31.8  | 32.2   | 32.4   | r32.5  | 32.6   | 33.1   |
| At divorce                         | 34.6  | r34.8  | r35.1  | r35.3  | 35.4   | 35.9   |

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

(b) Rates for 1987 to 1991 have been revised due to the finalisation of population estimates based on 1991 Census results.

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

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## Data sources

The statistics in this chapter are derived from various sources including the Census of Population and Housing, the latest of which was conducted on 6 August 1991.

The estimated resident population was compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population. An explanation of the conceptual basis of this estimate is given in the ABS Information Paper *Population Estimates: An Outline of the New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates* (3216.0).

Data on overseas arrivals and departures are compiled from information supplied by the Department of Immigration Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.

Interstate migration data are currently estimated on the basis of changes to Medicare registration information. Further details are given in the Australian Demographic Statistics publication.

Births, deaths, and marriages statistics are compiled from data supplied by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages while divorce statistics are compiled from Statistical Reports completed by the Family Court of Australia.

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