

POPULATION

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FOR THE FIRST forty years of the history of the Australian colonies, our knowledge of population numbers is derived from the musters summarised in POP 1–16. Their major deficiency, and that of censuses until recent times, is the omission of the Aboriginal people. Thus, as far as can be ascertained, even in 1800 the musters perhaps account for only 1 to 2 per cent of the actual population, although by 1900 the census coverage was around 95 per cent. Nevertheless, the musters represent a remarkable record of the colonial population at a time when few censuses had been taken in the world and when there was no accurate knowledge of the population of Britain. The numbers were small; 1000 in 1788, 6000 at the end of the century, and 50 000 at the end of the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The mainland population, mostly in and around Sydney, dominated the picture for the first third of a century, falling below 80 per cent only after 1821. ‘Children’ were probably persons of twelve years of age and under: all that can be concluded from their numbers compared with those of women and their age structure is that female fertility was low until around 1800, but thereafter was probably a good deal higher than that found in Britain or elsewhere in Western Europe.

POP 17–43, which give census and other official totals of males, females and persons, demonstrate continued rapid population growth which took the population to over 200 000 by about 1840, to over 400 000 a decade later and to 1 000 000, as a result of the gold rushes, by the late 1850s. Twenty years later the two million mark was reached and, in another decade, three million. By World War I the population was almost five million. This first five million took 120 years to achieve, the next almost 50 years, and the third about 25 years. One of the continuing sagas was the slow decline in the numerical dominance of males, who constituted around 75 per cent of the population in 1800 (and nearly 80 per cent of the population over twelve years of age), almost 60 per cent in 1851, 54 per cent in 1881, 52 per cent in 1901, and just over 50 per cent in 1947 (when the male surplus was only fifteen thousand). The male preponderance increased slightly with postwar immigration, later falling again until the 1981 census for the first time enumerated a female majority, largely because of increased female longevity. Gender distributions for each colony and state since 1861 can be found in the following pages.

Some material is also provided to illustrate the period before 1860 when there were some dramatic changes in age distribution and sex structure. Later nineteenth-century data details the

age and sex structure of each colony and state at selected censuses from 1861 to 1901, and information on the age and sex structure of each state, as detailed in the Commonwealth censuses from 1911 to 1981, is also included.

Profound changes have occurred in the population structure as a result of two forces: firstly, the transition from being a predominantly immigrant society to being a settled population, and, secondly, the decline in fertility from the 1880s and a parallel, but longer, decline in mortality. The most distinctive feature of an immigrant society, a predominance of males, was evident in the 38 per cent surplus of males over females in 1861. It was not, in fact, until the end of World War II that this surplus disappeared, only to experience a modest revival, as a result of renewed immigration, in the next two decades. The society became a more settled one, made up largely of families, and the proportion of the population under fifteen years of age reached 42 per cent in 1871, subsequently to fall, with declining fertility (propelled by a rising age of female marriage in the 1870s and 1880s, and then by declining marital fertility). The 1961 and 1971 proportions of children bear witness to the impact of the 'baby boom' but by 1981 children made up only one-quarter of the population. The society—again with a pause during the 'baby boom'—persistently aged as immigration became less important, birth rates fell, and life expectancy rose. The average age increased by ten years between 1861 and 1981, while the proportion of the population over 65 years of age rose throughout nearly the whole of the period from under 1 per cent in 1861 to almost 10 per cent by 1981.

Equally important changes took place as a rural society was converted to an urban one. In 1861, over three-fifths of the population lived outside the towns, but this level had fallen half that by the beginning of the present century and to one-seventh by the mid-1980s. The great surplus of males, increased by immigration, was largely a rural phenomenon; parity of the sexes had been reached in the towns by 1871 with the waning of the gold rushes. The rural male surplus has never entirely disappeared, although in the present century the long-term tendency for greater male than female migration to the country has been supplemented, as white collar jobs become increasingly available in the cities, by a surplus of young female adults moving from rural to urban areas. There has always been a greater proportion of the old in the towns, and, from 1871, as urban birth rates fell and remained at a level lower than rural ones, a higher proportion of children in the country. As a result, since 1881 the average age of the urban population has been higher than that of the rural population.



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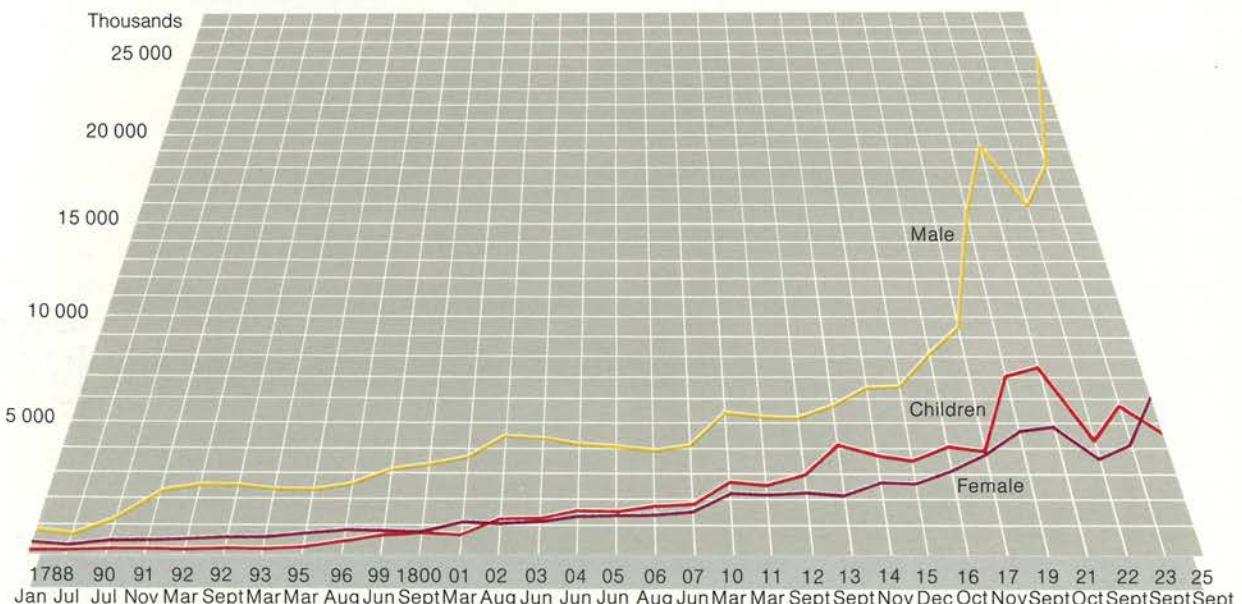
POP 1-16 COLONIAL POPULATION 1788-1825

Muster date	MAINLAND COLONY				NORFOLK ISLAND				VDL				TOTAL COLONY			
	Male	Female	Child	Total	Male	Female	Child	Total	Male	Female	Child	Total	Male	Female	Child	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Jan 1788	775	220	40	1 035									775	220	40	1 035
Jul 1788	713	205	30	948	14	6		20					727	211	30	968
Apr 1790				591				418								1 009
Jul 1790	1 203	404	108	1 715	383	104	37	524					1 586	508	145	2 239
Nov 1791	2 348	399	140	2 887	778	285	109	1 172					3 126	684	249	4 059
Mar 1792	2 532	409	127	3 068	762	277	97	1 136					3 294	686	224	4 204
Sept-Oct 1792	2 470	478	166	3 114	730	265	126	1 121					3 200	743	292	4 235
Mar-May 1793	2 339	511	177	3 027	875	143	108	1 126					3 214	654	285	4 153
Mar 1795	2 376	665	348	3 389	789	268	223	1 280					3 165	933	571	4 669
Aug 1796	2 622	873	524	4 019	533	165	189	887					3 155	1 038	713	4 906
Jun 1799	3 111	833	812	4 756												
Sept-Nov 1800	3 385	853	862	5 100	519	165	269	953					3 904	1 018	1 131	6 053
Mar-Aug 1801	3 712	1 047	790	5 549	530	164	267	961					4 242	1 211	1 057	6 510
Aug-Oct 1802	4 634	1 164	1 208	7 006	556	172	279	1 007					5 190	1 336	1 487	8 013
Jun-Sept 1803	4 520	1 325	1 283	7 128	610	186	313	1 109	36	10	3	49	5 166	1 521	1 599	8 286
Jun-Jul 1804	4 189	1 439	1 602	7 230					358	39	366	433				
Jun 1805	4 094	1 407	1 564	7 065	425	170	117	712	581	110	75	766	5 100	1 687	1 756	8 543
Aug 1806	3 915	1 412	1 799	7 126	394	183	117	694	554	106	87	747	4 863	1 701	2 003	8 567
Jun-Sept 1807	4 125	1 582	1 855	7 562	358	148	314	820	542	102	102	746	5 025	1 832	2 271	9 128
Mar 1810	5 511	2 220	2 721	10 452	127	26	24	177	702	273	346	1 321	6 340	2 519	3 091	11 950
Mar 1811	5 258	2 166	2 601	10 025								1 500				
Sept 1812	5 234	2 315	2 972	10 521												
Sept 1813	5 793	2 219	4 161	12 173												
Nov 1814	6 562	2 681	3 871	13 114								1 898				15 012
Dec 1815	6 613	2 716	3 582	12 911								1 953				14 864
Oct 1816	8 087	3 041	4 045	15 173								1 915				17 088
Nov 1817	9 476	3 830	3 954	17 260					2 024	530	700	3 254	11 500	4 360	4 654	20 514
Sept-Nov 1819	15 545	4 708	7 048	27 301					2 806	727	817	4 350	18 351	5 435	7 865	31 651
1820 ^a				23 939					3 568	880	1 020	5 468 ^b				29 407 ^c
Oct 1821	19 185	4 842	7 568	29 783 ^b								7 185 ^b				36 968 ^b
Sept 1822	16 042	3 787	4 359	24 188 ^b					6 056	1 019	1 347	8 422 ^b	22 098	4 806	5 706	32 610 ^b
Sept 1823	18 257	4 232	5 844	28 333 ^b					6 850	1 379	1 780	10 009 ^b	25 107	5 611	7 624	38 342 ^b
Sept 1825	25 304	6 261	4 725	36 290 ^b	92	6	6	104				14 512				50 906 ^b

(a) No month indicated.

(b) Excludes military and their families.

(c) Does not include all military and their families.



THE COLONIAL POPULATION BEFORE 1826

Decisions in British courts and parliament meant that the early Australian population was predominantly male. In 1825 the aggregate female population was less than a quarter of the male equivalent.

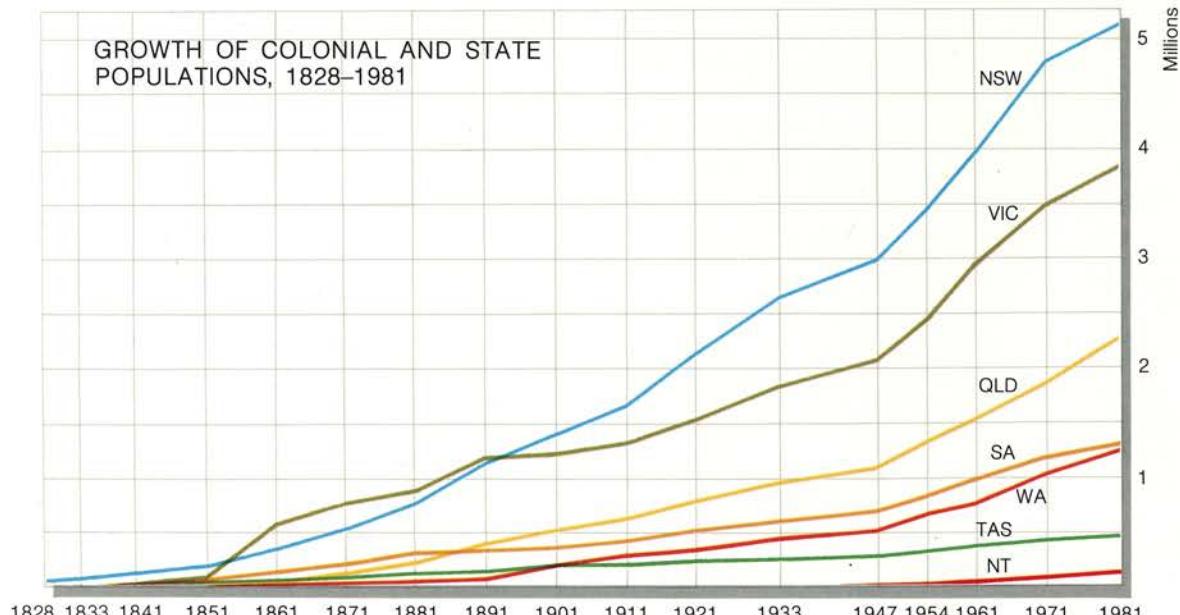
POP 17-25 POPULATION, COLONIES AND STATES 1828-1981

Census year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1828	35 960		638		18 128				
1829						1 079 ^a			
1832						1 489 ^b			
1833	59 652		1 209						
1834					39 563				
1836	77 096	224		225		1 958 ^c			
1837				2 220					
1839				14 630					
1841	118 918	11 738	200		57 420				
1843						3 853			
1844				17 366					
1846	154 205	32 879	2 525	22 390					
1847					70 164				
1848						4 622			
1851	178 668	77 345	8 575	63 700	70 130				437 665
1854		236 776				11 743			
1855				85 821					
1856	249 282		16 907						
1857		408 998			81 492				
1859						14 837			
1861	350 860	538 628	30 059	126 830	89 977	15 593			1 151 947
1864			61 467						
1866				163 487					
1868			99 901						
1870					99 328	24 785			
1871	502 998	730 198	120 104	185 626			201		
1876			173 283	213 271			743		
1881	749 825	861 566	213 525	276 414	115 705	29 708	3 451		2 250 194
1886			322 853						
1891	1 123 954	1 139 840	393 718	315 533	146 667	49 782	4 898		3 174 392
1901	1 354 846	1 201 070	498 129	358 346	172 475	184 124	4 811		3 773 801
1911	1 646 734	1 315 551	605 813	408 558	191 211	282 114	3 310	1 714	4 455 005
1921	2 100 371	1 531 280	755 972	495 160	213 780	332 732	3 867	2 572	5 435 734
1933	2 600 847	1 820 261	947 534	580 949	227 599	438 852	4 850	8 947	6 629 839
1947	2 984 838	2 054 701	1 106 415	646 073	257 078	502 480	10 868	16 905	7 579 358
1954	3 423 529	2 452 341	1 318 259	797 094	308 752	639 771	16 469	30 315	8 986 530
1961	3 917 013	2 930 113	1 518 828	969 340	350 340	736 629	27 095	58 828	10 508 186
1966	4 233 822	3 219 526	1 663 685	1 091 875	371 435	836 673	37 433	96 013	11 550 462
1971	4 601 180	3 502 351	1 827 065	1 173 707	390 413	1 030 469	86 390	144 063	12 755 638
1976	4 777 095	3 646 975	2 037 193	1 244 754	402 866	1 144 855	97 090	197 622	13 548 450
1981	5 126 217	3 832 443	2 295 123	1 285 033	418 957	1 273 624	123 324	221 609	14 576 330

(a) Includes 173 people (including 99 children), sex not stated.

(b) Includes 185 people, sex not stated.

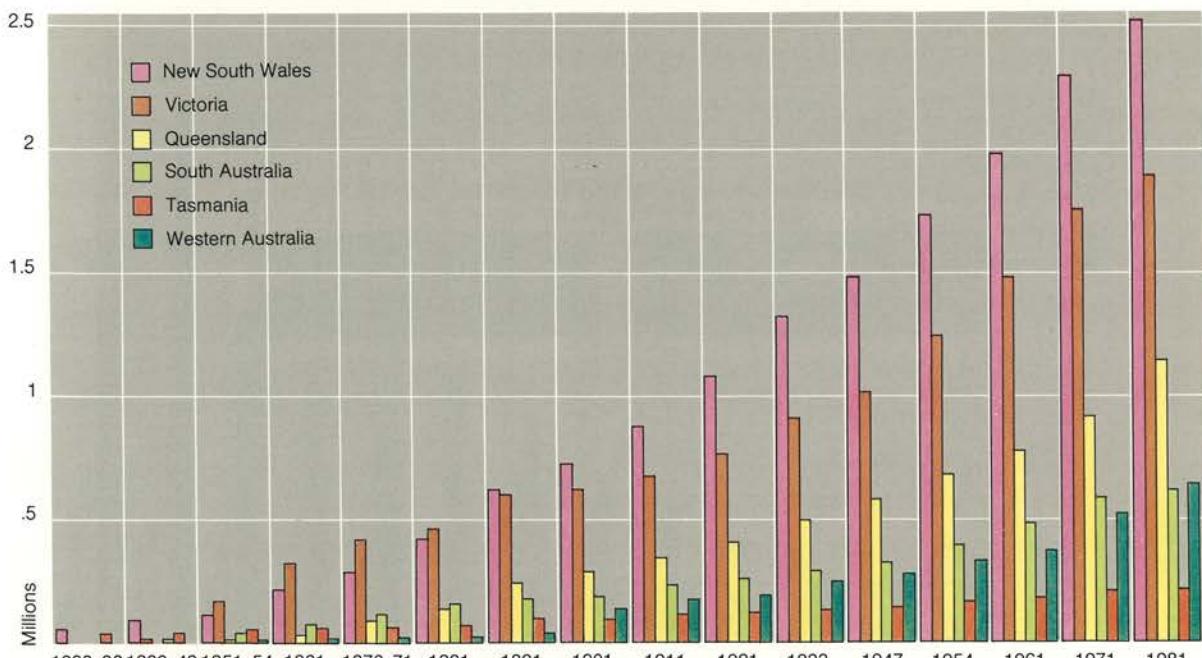
(c) Includes 262 people (including 40 children), sex not stated.

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POP 26-34 MALE POPULATION, COLONIES AND STATES 1828-1981

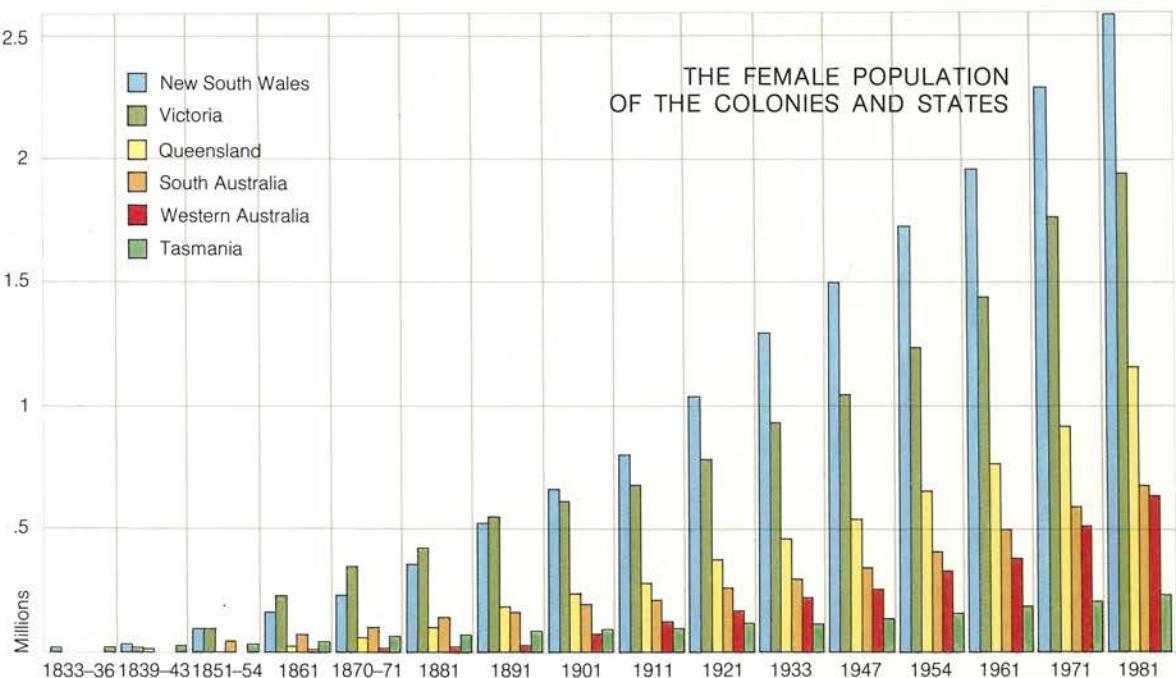
Census year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
1828	26 977		634		14 047				
1829						719			
1832						840			
1833	43 522		1 166						
1834					28 081				
1836	55 539	186		178		1 060			
1837				1 322					
1839				8 272					
1841	78 848	8 274	176		39 604				
1843						2 304			
1844				9 686					
1846	92 687	20 184	1 898	12 670					
1847					47 828				
1848						2 818			
1851	100 217	46 202	6 012	35 309	44 444				256 975
1854		155 876				7 779			
1855				43 720					
1856	136 712		10 379						
1857		263 182			46 458				
1859						9 522			
1861	198 488	327 605	18 121	65 048	49 593	9 843			668 698
1864			37 425						
1866				85 334					
1868			60 746						
1870					52 853	15 375			
1871	274 842	400 266	71 767	95 408			172		
1876			105 009	110 491			650		
1881	410 211	451 623	125 325	146 183	61 162	17 062	3 347		1 214 913
1886			190 344						
1891	608 003	598 089	223 779	162 241	77 560	29 807	4 560		1 704 039
1901	710 005	603 720	277 003	180 485	89 624	112 875	4 216		1 977 928
1911	857 698	655 591	329 506	207 358	97 591	161 565	2 734	992	2 313 035
1921	1 071 501	754 724	398 969	248 267	107 743	177 278	2 821	1 567	2 762 870
1933	1 318 471	903 244	497 217	290 962	115 097	233 937	3 378	4 805	3 367 111
1947	1 492 211	1 013 867	567 471	320 031	129 244	258 076	7 378	9 092	3 797 370
1954	1 720 860	1 231 099	676 252	403 903	157 129	330 358	10 288	16 229	4 546 118
1961	1 972 909	1 474 395	774 579	490 225	177 628	375 452	16 206	30 858	5 312 252
1966	2 124 462	1 613 904	843 897	548 530	187 390	426 691	21 508	49 977	5 816 359
1971	2 307 210	1 750 061	921 665	586 051	196 442	529 066	48 627	73 589	6 412 711
1976	2 380 146	1 814 783	1 024 609	620 160	201 512	581 188	52 447	100 103	6 774 948
1981	2 548 984	1 901 411	1 153 404	635 696	208 641	643 108	65 417	110 415	7 267 076



Tasmania in 1981 still had not attained the male population achieved by Victoria in 1857.

POP 35-43 FEMALE POPULATION, COLONIES AND STATES 1828-1981

Census year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
1828	8 983		4		4 081				
1829						187			
1832						464			
1833	16 130		43						
1834					11 482				
1836	21 557	38		47		636			
1837				898					
1839				6 358					
1841	40 070	3 464	24		17 816				
1843						1 549			
1844					7 680				
1846	61 518	12 695	627	9 720					
1847					22 336				
1848						1 804			
1851	78 451	31 143	2 563	27 730	25 686				180 690
1854		80 900				3 964			
1855				42 101					
1856	112 570		6 528						
1857		145 816			35 034				
1859						5 315			
1861	152 372	211 023	11 938	61 782	40 384	5 750			483 249
1864			24 042						
1866				78 153					
1868			39 155						
1870					46 475	9 410			
1871	228 156	329 932	48 337	90 218			29		
1876			68 274	102 780			93		
1881	339 614	409 943	88 200	130 231	54 543	12 646	104		1 035 281
1886			132 509						
1891	515 951	541 751	169 939	153 292	69 107	19 975	338		1 470 353
1901	644 841	597 350	221 126	177 861	82 851	71 249	595		1 795 873
1911	789 036	659 960	276 307	201 200	93 620	120 549	576	722	2 141 970
1921	1 028 870	776 556	357 003	246 893	106 037	155 454	1 046	1 005	2 672 864
1933	1 282 376	917 017	450 317	289 987	112 502	204 915	1 472	4 142	3 262 728
1947	1 492 627	1 040 834	538 944	326 042	127 834	244 404	3 490	7 813	3 781 988
1954	1 702 669	1 221 242	642 007	393 191	151 623	309 413	6 181	14 086	4 440 412
1961	1 944 104	1 455 718	744 249	479 115	172 712	361 177	10 889	27 970	5 195 934
1966	2 109 360	1 605 622	819 788	543 345	184 045	409 982	15 925	46 036	5 734 103
1971	2 293 970	1 752 290	905 400	587 656	193 971	501 403	37 763	70 474	6 342 927
1976	2 396 949	1 832 192	1 012 584	624 594	201 354	563 667	44 643	97 519	6 773 502
1981	2 577 233	1 931 032	1 141 719	649 337	210 316	630 516	57 907	111 194	7 309 254



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POP 44-54 POPULATION BY AGE AND GENDER, VICTORIA,
CENSUSES 1854, 1857

Age	MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS ^a		GEELONG ^a		GOLD- FIELDS ^b		SEAPORT TOWNS ^c		INLAND TOWNS ^d		RURAL ^b	
	1854	1857	1854	1857	1854	1857	1854	1857	1854	1857	1854	1857
	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	
<i>Male</i>												
0-4	4 415	3 599	1 391	2 147	2 568	9 793	800	4 485	3 727	1 739	6 793	
5-9	3 520	2 237	1 149	1 281	1 611	4 416	648	2 648	3 242	888	4 449	
10-14	2 697	1 808	777	964	1 478	3 456	499	1 994	2 474	597	4 279	
15-19	2 709	1 660	659	667	2 317	4 308	606	1 293	2 401	807	3 643	
20-24	7 203	3 700	1 499	1 028	9 336	16 520	1290	2 138	4 627	2 680	5 932	
25-29	8 325	5 202	1 606	1 480	10 076	23 654	1530	3 410	5 279	3 535	7 061	
30-34	6 187	3 763	1 422	1 221	7 306	16 533	1190	2 880	4 661	2 499	5 552	
35-39	3 862	2 630	928	1 005	4 209	9 717	807	2 215	3 447	1 524	4 886	
40-44	2 744	1 806	760	721	2 878	5 910	568	1 453	2 860	921	3 987	
45-49	1 505	1 116	392	469	1 498	3 313	308	899	1 624	539	2 464	
50-54	1 002	688	285	300	1 015	1 928	184	550	1 348	341	1 755	
55-59	378	365	121	174	312	901	66	299	465	159	1 002	
60-64	241	189	90	115	180	433	46	153	419	64	618	
65-69	90	84	29	45	56	158	18	53	168	38	271	
70-74	57	48	23	24	29	64	6	40	80	14	157	
75-79	22	31	4	10	9	50	6	10	24	5	60	
80+	15	12	12	7	12	16	4	12	13	8	22	
Not stated	280	176	125	29	7 652	1 330	151	75	1 224	160	386	
Total	45 252	29 114	11 272	11 687	52 542	102 500	8727	24 607	38 083	16 518	53 317	
<i>Female</i>												
0-4	4 415	3 752	1350	2 112	2 515	9 695	824	4 502	3 961	1798	6 661	
5-9	3 514	2 227	1095	1 275	1 560	4 438	690	2 820	3 168	920	4 438	
10-14	2 809	1 987	864	1 052	909	2 942	510	2 217	2 192	647	3 711	
15-19	3 111	2 250	914	1 020	964	2 866	503	2 049	1 721	630	2 727	
20-24	5 124	3 780	1389	1 648	2 268	6 599	683	3 232	2 623	1325	3 880	
25-29	4 145	3 207	1071	1 423	2 066	6 736	556	3 116	2 204	1326	3 468	
30-34	3 079	2 193	817	1 035	1 410	4 511	470	2 376	1 917	959	2 571	
35-39	1 985	1 507	544	730	879	2 660	315	1 591	1 298	537	2 090	
40-44	1 343	1 001	364	494	578	1 628	218	1 035	944	339	1 458	
45-49	688	577	223	308	268	884	116	674	510	191	855	
50-54	487	392	174	232	153	514	64	420	342	113	633	
55-59	213	219	63	135	60	250	28	217	155	43	324	
60-64	144	137	61	76	24	128	24	145	133	40	230	
65-69	59	58	17	51	8	44	12	70	42	16	88	
70-74	28	31	11	8	1	30	3	37	20	9	45	
75-79	13	8	2	4	1	10	2	13	8	3	12	
80+	9	6	1	5	1	4	0	4	6	2	1	
Not stated	142	56	83	19	487	204	7	40	121	33	74	
Total	31 308	23 388	9043	11 627	14 152	44 143	5032	24 558	21 365	8931	33 278	

(a) In 1857, includes shipping and migratory.

(b) In 1857, includes migratory.

(c) In 1857, 'Other seaport municipalities'; includes shipping and migratory.

(d) In 1854, 'Inland towns and pastoralists', including Chinese; in 1857, 'Inland municipalities'.

POP 55-58 POPULATION BY AGE AND GENDER,
NEW SOUTH WALES, CENSUS 1856

Age	Sydney and suburbs	Rest of NSW	Bris- bane	Rest of event- ual Qld	Age	Sydney and suburbs	Rest of NSW	Bris- bane	Rest of event- ual Qld
	55	56	57	58		55	56	57	58
<i>Male</i>									
0-1	2 056	5 579	228	308	0-1	2 059	5 402	248	347
2-3	1 680	5 419	199	281	2-3	1 728	5 404	192	308
4-6	2 638	7 961	242	338	4-6	2 690	7 817	213	314
7-13	5 631	16 684	421	611	7-13	5 991	16 229	468	574
14-20	3 720	11 060	316	699	14-20	5 913	11 088	403	477
21-44	14 078	38 701	1426	4259	21-44	14 029	25 051	1058	1630
45-59	3 303	13 256	239	682	45-59	2 173	5 019	125	138
60+	825	4 121	45	85	60+	659	1 320	21	12
Total	33 931	102 781	3116	7263	Total	35 242	77 330	2728	3800

POP 59-65 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES,
1861 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	Aust
	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
0-4	55 840	91 341	5 473	24 244	14 999	2 337	194 234
5-9	41 664	53 139	3 204	18 082	11 108	2 053	129 250
10-14	35 717	34 444	2 115	13 058	8 240	1 517	95 091
15-19	33 646	32 616	2 108	13 526	7 302	1 018	90 216
20-24	33 368	55 289	3 315	11 477	6 580	1 589	111 618
25-29	34 432	79 825	3 957	11 948	6 542	2 023	138 727
30-34	26 845	68 201	3 048	8 626	6 682	1 541	114 943
35-39	20 027	43 336	2 150	7 951	6 938	1 079	81 481
40-44	19 740	31 742	1 836	5 457	6 800	896	66 471
45-49	14 354	17 476	1 194	5 079	4 291	564	42 958
50-54	11 668	12 842	876	2 939	3 585	432	32 342
55-59	6 234	6 067	355	2 112	2 744	236	17 748
60-64	5 898	4 715	224	1 123	2 232	179	14 371
65-69	2 189	1 692	70	561	860	59	5 431
70-74	1 466	931	47	277	543	40	3 304
75-79	614	350	14	118	314	17	1 427
80+	527	244	11	44	217	13	1 056
Not stated	6 631	4 378	62	208	0	0	11 279
Total	350 860	538 628	30 059	126 830	89 977	15 593	1 151 947

POP 66-72 MALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES,
1861 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	Aust
	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
0-4	28 118	45 977	2 721	12 237	7 639	1156	97 848
5-9	20 849	26 429	1 564	8 956	5 545	1284	64 627
10-14	18 082	17 388	1 085	6 653	4 182	960	48 350
15-19	16 445	16 464	1 093	6 459	3 384	484	44 329
20-24	18 158	32 802	2 082	5 376	2 898	1037	62 353
25-29	20 307	53 146	2 567	6 050	3 067	1439	86 576
30-34	16 823	48 217	2 103	4 775	3 581	1057	76 556
35-39	12 166	30 243	1 467	4 427	4 395	738	53 436
40-44	12 166	22 286	1 314	3 034	4 300	609	43 709
45-49	9 333	12 283	869	2 940	3 022	393	28 840
50-54	7 843	8 868	658	1 663	2 568	302	21 902
55-59	4 207	4 110	273	1 203	1 936	164	11 893
60-64	4 253	3 148	168	616	1 590	129	9 904
65-69	1 502	1 119	60	299	680	41	3 701
70-74	1 027	592	29	163	388	28	2 227
75-79	403	233	12	66	243	12	969
80+	390	171	8	25	175	10	779
Not stated	6 416	4 129	48	106	0	0	10 699
Total	198 488	327 605	18 121	65 048	49 593	9843	668 698

POP 73-79 FEMALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES,
1861 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	Aust
	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
0-4	27 722	45 364	2 752	12 007	7 360	1181	96 386
5-9	20 815	26 710	1 640	9 126	5 563	769	64 623
10-14	17 635	17 056	1 030	6 405	4 058	557	46 741
15-19	17 201	16 152	1 015	7 067	3 918	534	45 887
20-24	15 210	22 487	1 233	6 101	3 682	552	49 265
25-29	14 125	26 679	1 390	5 898	3 475	584	52 151
30-34	10 022	19 984	945	3 851	3 101	484	38 387
35-39	7 861	13 093	683	3 524	2 543	341	28 045
40-44	7 574	9 456	522	2 423	2 500	287	22 762
45-49	5 021	5 193	325	2 139	1 269	171	14 118
50-54	3 825	3 974	218	1 276	1 017	130	10 440
55-59	2 027	1 957	82	909	808	72	5 855
60-64	1 645	1 567	56	507	642	50	4 467
65-69	687	573	10	262	180	18	1 730
70-74	439	339	18	114	155	12	1 077
75-79	211	117	2	52	71	5	458
80+	137	73	3	19	42	3	277
Not stated	215	249	14	102	0	0	580
Total	152 372	211 023	11 938	61 782	40 384	5750	483 249

In January 1788 only 1035 Europeans inhabited a single colony on the Australian mainland. The story of their increase through the importing of convicts and the immigration of free settlers is also the story of the sharp decline in the Aboriginal population, due to epidemics of diseases imported by Europeans and to confrontations with the invaders and their superior firepower. By 1861, when the European population had passed its first million, Aboriginal numbers (since estimated at 750 000 in 1788) had been significantly reduced. In 1888 Timothy Coghlan estimated that 200 000 Aborigines remained in Australia, and the belief that the Aborigines were a dying race had become widespread among the colonists.

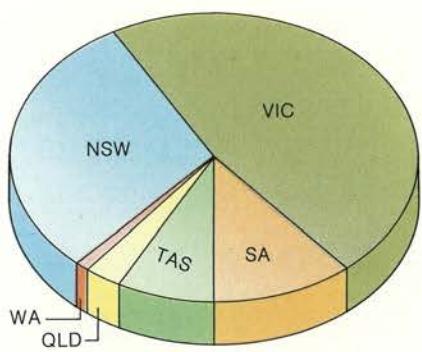
POPULATION

**POP 80-87 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIAL CENSUSES
1870, 1871**

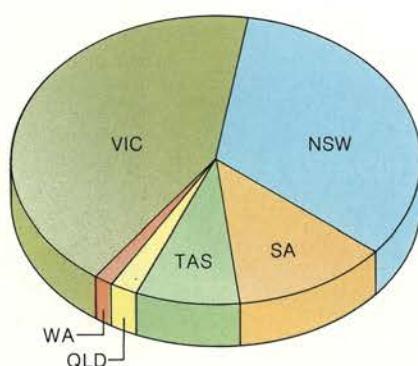
Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust ^a
	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87
0-4	81 984	116 658	21 168	31 435	14 302	3 527	15	269 089
5-9	70 527	106 479	14 601	28 514	14 592	3 117	11	237 841
10-14	57 672	85 565	10 221	23 707	13 549	2 513	5	193 232
15-19	42 636	54 288	7 991	17 530	8 848	1 721	9	133 023
20-24	42 274	49 178	9 672	14 219	7 390	1 513	29	124 275
25-29	43 617	53 993	14 163	13 978	4 841	1 926	61	132 579
30-34	37 989	57 055	13 261	12 330	5 399	2 105	30	128 169
35-39	32 967	61 695	9 703	10 854	5 287	2 010	12	122 528
40-44	25 899	52 528	6 615	9 281	5 677	2 095	21	102 116
45-49	18 162	33 273	4 035	6 978	4 847	794	5	68 094
50-54	17 817	24 960	3 067	6 057	4 440	773	1	57 115
55-59	11 351	13 447	1 602	3 909	3 556	537	1	34 403
60-64	9 302	10 059	1 272	3 059	3 174	394	1	27 261
65-69	4 850	4 917	289	1 706	1 310	141	0	13 213
70-74	3 609	3 307	218	1 069	1 218	100	0	9 521
75-79	1 275	1 121	118	378	538	33	0	3 463
80+	977	703	57	248	360	16	0	2 361
Not stated	1 073	2 302	2 051	173	0	0	0	5 599
Total	503 981	731 528	120 104	185 425	99 328	23 315	201	1 663 882

NOTE Colonial censuses were not carried out simultaneously.

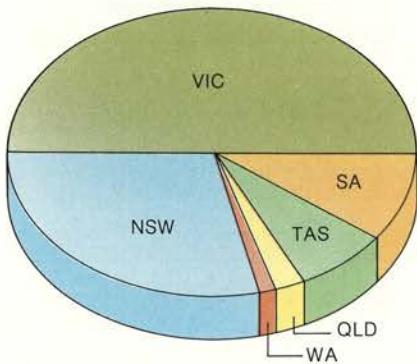
(a) Total POP 80-87.



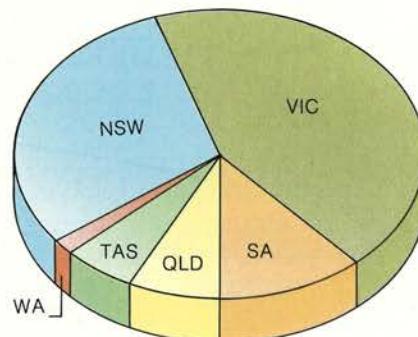
PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN POPULATION IN EACH COLONY IN 1861



PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN FEMALE POPULATION IN EACH COLONY IN 1861

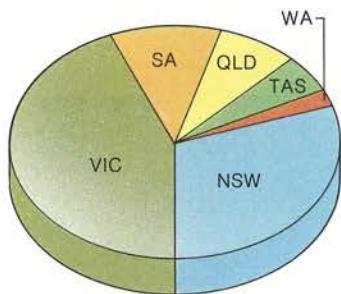


PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN MALE POPULATION IN EACH COLONY IN 1861



PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN POPULATION IN EACH COLONY IN 1870 AND 1871

**POP 88-95 MALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIAL CENSUSES
1870, 1871**



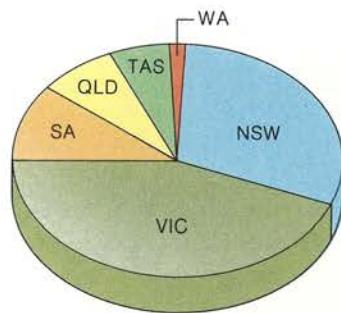
PERCENTAGE OF
AUSTRALIAN MALE
POPULATION IN EACH
COLONY IN 1870, 1871

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust ^a
	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
0-4	41 650	58 922	10 838	15 911	7 185	1 792	9	136 307
5-9	35 835	53 539	7 390	14 252	7 426	1 547	5	119 994
10-14	29 130	43 002	5 270	12 018	6 758	1 275	2	97 455
15-19	21 082	26 087	4 219	8 576	4 295	860	8	65 127
20-24	21 261	23 842	5 545	7 040	3 599	749	26	62 062
25-29	23 919	28 680	8 880	7 332	2 065	1 131	57	72 064
30-34	22 761	33 033	9 087	6 359	2 465	1 300	27	75 032
35-39	20 086	38 146	6 692	5 604	2 733	1 545	11	74 817
40-44	16 409	34 641	4 638	5 051	3 113	1 635	19	65 506
45-49	11 098	21 942	2 771	3 871	3 167	600	5	43 454
50-54	10 984	16 460	2 088	3 427	2 902	583	1	36 445
55-59	7 227	8 679	1 047	2 158	2 387	386	1	21 885
60-64	6 056	6 292	856	1 697	2 315	301	1	17 518
65-69	3 255	3 032	195	911	910	108	0	8 411
70-74	2 495	1 990	149	567	879	68	0	6 148
75-79	892	665	78	200	383	17	0	2 235
80+	640	407	37	142	271	8	0	1 505
Not stated	771	1 691	1 987	120	0	0	0	4 569
Total	275 551	401 050	71 767	95 236	52 853	13 905	172	910 534

NOTE Colonial censuses were not carried out simultaneously.

(a) Total POP 88-94.

**POP 96-103 FEMALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIAL CENSUSES
1870, 1871**

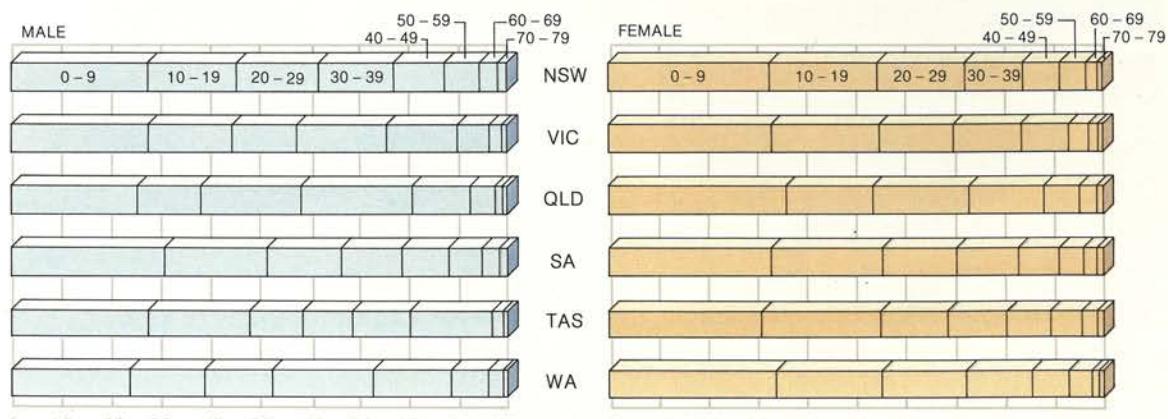


PERCENTAGE OF
AUSTRALIAN FEMALE
POPULATION IN EACH
COLONY IN 1870, 1871

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust ^a
	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
0-4	40 334	57 736	10 330	15 524	7 117	1 735	6	132 782
5-9	34 692	52 940	7 211	14 262	7 166	1 570	6	117 847
10-14	28 542	42 563	4 951	11 689	6 791	1 238	3	95 777
15-19	21 554	28 201	3 772	8 954	4 553	861	1	67 896
20-24	21 013	25 336	4 127	7 179	3 791	764	3	62 213
25-29	19 698	25 313	5 283	6 646	2 776	795	4	60 515
30-34	15 228	24 022	4 174	5 971	2 934	805	3	53 137
35-39	12 881	23 549	3 011	5 250	2 554	465	1	47 711
40-44	9 490	17 887	1 977	4 230	2 564	460	2	36 610
45-49	7 064	11 331	1 264	3 107	1 680	194	0	24 640
50-54	6 833	8 500	979	2 630	1 538	190	0	20 670
55-59	4 124	4 768	555	1 751	1 169	151	0	12 518
60-64	3 246	3 767	416	1 362	859	93	0	9 743
65-69	1 595	1 885	94	795	400	33	0	4 802
70-74	1 114	1 317	69	502	339	32	0	3 373
75-79	383	456	40	178	155	16	0	1 228
80+	337	296	20	106	89	8	0	856
Not stated	302	611	64	53	0	0	0	1 030
Total	228 430	330 478	48 337	90 189	46 475	9410	29	753 348

NOTE Colonial censuses were not carried out simultaneously.

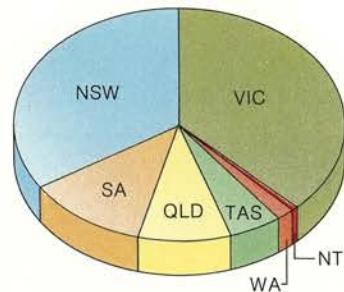
(a) Total POP 96-102.



POPULATION

POP 104-111 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES, 1881 CENSUS

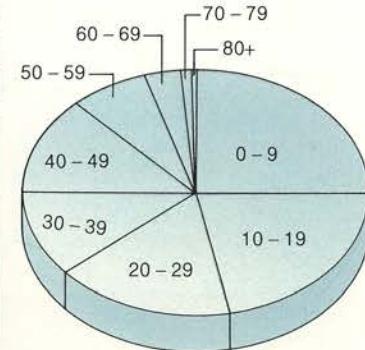
Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111
0-4	111 123	113 683	31 934	41 650	16 191	4 141	34	318 756
5-9	99 018	108 805	27 047	34 736	14 242	3 725	28	287 601
10-14	88 479	107 758	22 904	32 252	13 660	3 546	23	268 622
15-19	75 734	100 216	18 060	29 730	13 366	3 052	62	240 220
20-24	74 537	83 563	20 907	30 055	11 903	2 608	696	224 269
25-29	60 538	54 243	19 489	24 437	7 979	1 951	790	169 427
30-34	50 639	44 397	16 513	17 927	5 890	1 515	727	137 608
35-39	46 405	44 813	16 048	15 612	5 085	1 684	683	130 330
40-44	39 535	46 989	14 005	13 187	4 981	1 771	202	120 670
45-49	31 322	47 583	9 157	10 486	4 677	1 726	135	105 086
50-54	24 484	41 548	6 177	8 720	4 588	1 437	48	87 002
55-59	15 009	24 972	3 383	6 012	3 552	914	15	53 857
60-64	13 878	18 969	2 511	5 013	3 655	782	7	44 815
65-69	8 282	9 910	1 286	3 013	2 320	356	0	25 167
70-74	5 518	6 183	715	2 005	1 754	241	1	16 417
75-79	2 637	2 983	321	984	907	100	0	7 932
80+	1 914	1 933	194	595	642	54	0	5 332
Not stated	2 416	3 798	2 874	0	313	105	0	9 506
Total	751 468	862 346	213 525	276 414	115 705	29 708	3 451	2 252 617



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POP 112-119 MALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES, 1881 CENSUS

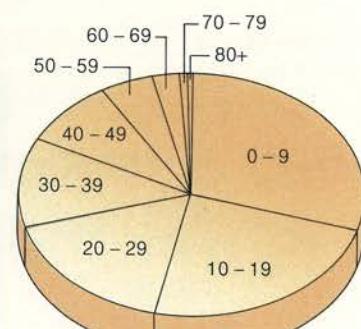
Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119
0-4	56 169	57 542	16 178	21 012	8 126	2 070	16	161 113
5-9	49 877	54 555	13 637	17 391	7 274	1 878	16	144 628
10-14	45 071	54 043	11 704	16 196	6 997	1 802	11	135 824
15-19	38 169	49 196	9 357	14 745	6 701	1 505	56	119 729
20-24	40 056	40 385	12 228	16 226	5 975	1 386	681	116 937
25-29	35 050	27 341	12 811	14 257	4 173	1 102	775	95 509
30-34	29 361	22 517	10 882	10 247	3 125	830	718	77 680
35-39	27 338	23 314	10 506	8 950	2 532	1 036	675	74 351
40-44	24 242	25 815	9 600	7 148	2 520	1 155	196	70 676
45-49	19 426	28 209	6 214	5 540	2 420	1 232	132	63 173
50-54	15 649	26 303	4 181	4 849	2 666	1 114	48	54 810
55-59	9 086	15 885	2 168	3 321	2 165	698	15	33 338
60-64	8 350	11 984	1 615	2 763	2 368	595	7	27 682
65-69	5 134	6 122	810	1 607	1 550	262	0	15 485
70-74	3 461	3 667	449	1 101	1 241	182	1	10 102
75-79	1 645	1 772	189	537	638	75	0	4 856
80+	1 277	1 094	113	293	453	40	0	3 270
Not stated	1 788	2 339	2 683	0	238	100	0	7 148
Total	411 149	452 083	125 325	146 183	61 162	17 062	3 347	1 216 311



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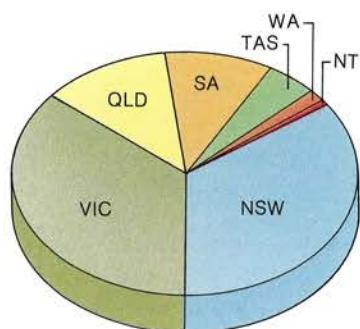
**POP 120-127 FEMALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES,
1881 CENSUS**

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127
0-4	54 954	56 141	15 756	20 638	8 065	2 071	18	157 643
5-9	49 141	54 250	13 410	17 345	6 968	1 847	12	142 973
10-14	43 408	53 715	11 200	16 056	6 663	1 744	12	132 798
15-19	37 565	51 020	8 703	14 985	6 665	1 547	6	120 491
20-24	34 481	43 178	8 679	13 829	5 928	1 222	15	107 332
25-29	25 488	26 902	6 678	10 180	3 806	849	15	73 918
30-34	21 278	21 880	5 631	7 680	2 765	685	9	59 928
35-39	19 067	21 499	5 542	6 662	2 553	648	8	55 979
40-44	15 293	21 174	4 405	6 039	2 461	616	6	49 994
45-49	11 896	19 374	2 943	4 946	2 257	494	3	41 913
50-54	8 835	15 245	1 996	3 871	1 922	323	0	32 192
55-59	5 923	9 087	1 215	2 691	1 387	216	0	20 519
60-64	5 528	6 985	896	2 250	1 287	187	0	17 133
65-69	3 148	3 788	476	1 406	770	94	0	9 682
70-74	2 057	2 516	266	904	513	59	0	6 315
75-79	992	1 211	132	447	269	25	0	3 076
80+	637	839	81	302	189	14	0	2 062
Not stated	628	1 459	191	0	75	5	0	2 358
Total	340 319	410 263	88 200	130 231	54 543	12 646	104	1 036 306



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AUSTRALIAN FEMALE
POPULATION IN 1881

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POP 128-135 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES, 1891 CENSUS

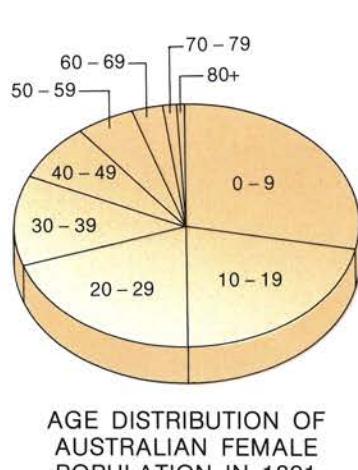
Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135
0-4	164 963	148 359	60 325	45 166	21 466	6 835	115	447 229
5-9	143 459	127 923	47 086	43 032	19 399	5 397	62	386 358
10-14	122 689	115 777	39 153	37 762	16 461	4 794	41	336 677
15-19	108 076	114 208	35 328	30 831	13 893	4 302	149	306 787
20-24	110 538	125 008	42 355	29 675	13 737	5 430	628	327 371
25-29	106 104	117 247	41 225	26 290	13 322	5 673	1047	310 908
30-34	88 086	86 606	33 132	23 144	10 831	4 313	972	247 084
35-39	67 142	57 466	23 864	18 429	7 799	2 942	619	178 261
40-44	53 068	44 558	18 866	13 855	5 981	2 167	599	139 094
45-49	45 217	40 793	16 461	12 037	4 915	1 865	307	121 595
50-54	37 130	40 595	13 717	10 127	4 438	1 769	205	107 981
55-59	27 276	37 010	8 337	7 838	3 719	1 459	93	85 732
60-64	20 113	31 855	5 512	6 736	3 389	1 168	44	68 817
65-69	11 770	17 784	2 901	4 535	2 462	674	12	40 138
70-74	8 655	11 725	1 788	3 253	2 171	504	4	28 100
75-79	4 740	5 352	806	1 679	1 191	184	1	13 953
80+	3 160	3 477	458	1 144	903	111	0	9 253
Not stated	1 768	4 720	2 404	0	590	195	0	9 677
Total	1 123 954	1 130 463	393 718	315 533	146 667	49 782	4898	3 165 015

POP 136-143 MALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES, 1891 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143
0-4	83 624	75 040	30 453	22 955	10 839	3 442	60	226 413
5-9	72 497	64 826	23 814	21 792	9 879	2 787	35	195 630
10-14	61 832	58 386	19 897	19 139	8 284	2 402	23	169 963
15-19	53 926	56 756	18 199	15 257	7 073	2 235	106	153 552
20-24	57 473	62 882	23 705	14 813	7 154	3 288	567	169 882
25-29	59 507	62 284	25 318	13 403	7 263	3 796	997	172 568
30-34	51 721	46 975	21 015	12 488	5 901	2 902	938	141 940
35-39	40 076	31 096	15 349	10 165	4 360	1 970	593	103 609
40-44	31 100	23 246	12 022	7 525	3 233	1 402	590	79 118
45-49	26 755	21 249	10 375	6 529	2 574	1 224	298	69 004
50-54	22 494	21 316	9 045	5 200	2 295	1 204	201	61 755
55-59	16 576	20 882	5 365	4 002	1 935	1 023	92	49 875
60-64	12 453	19 015	3 528	3 485	1 902	880	44	41 307
65-69	6 915	10 646	1 759	2 366	1 493	519	12	23 710
70-74	4 997	6 950	1 061	1 719	1 405	374	4	16 510
75-79	2 837	3 099	505	850	790	133	0	8 214
80+	1 887	1 986	262	553	610	71	0	5 369
Not stated	1 333	2 683	2 107	0	570	155	0	6 848
Total	608 003	589 317	223 779	162 241	77 560	29 807	4560	1 695 267

POP 144-151 FEMALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, COLONIES, 1891 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151
0-4	81 339	73 319	29 872	22 211	10 627	3 393	55	220 816
5-9	70 962	63 097	23 272	21 240	9 520	2 610	27	190 728
10-14	60 857	57 391	19 256	18 623	8 177	2 392	18	166 714
15-19	54 150	57 452	17 129	15 574	6 820	2 067	43	153 235
20-24	53 065	62 126	18 650	14 862	6 583	2 142	61	157 489
25-29	46 597	54 963	15 907	12 887	6 059	1 877	50	138 340
30-34	36 365	39 631	12 117	10 656	4 930	1 411	34	105 144
35-39	27 066	26 370	8 515	8 264	3 439	972	26	74 652
40-44	21 968	21 312	6 844	6 330	2 748	765	9	59 976
45-49	18 462	19 544	6 086	5 508	2 341	641	9	52 591
50-54	14 636	19 279	4 672	4 927	2 143	565	4	46 226
55-59	10 700	16 128	2 972	3 836	1 784	436	1	35 857
60-64	7 660	12 840	1 984	3 251	1 487	288	0	27 510
65-69	4 855	7 138	1 142	2 169	969	155	0	16 478
70-74	3 658	4 775	727	1 534	766	130	0	11 590
75-79	1 903	2 253	301	829	401	51	1	5 739
80+	1 273	1 491	196	591	293	40	0	3 884
Not stated	435	2 037	297	0	20	40	0	2 829
Total	515 951	541 146	169 939	153 292	69 107	19 975	338	1 469 748

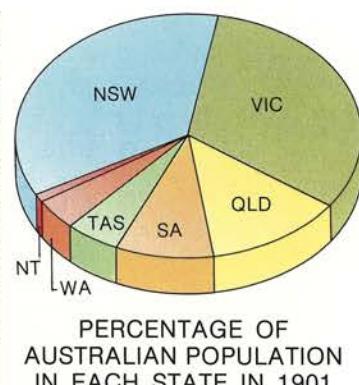


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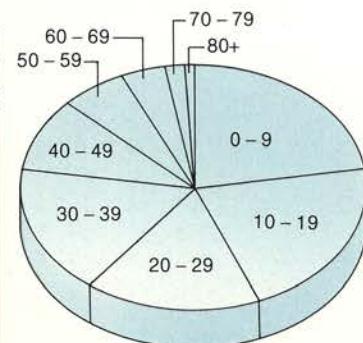
POP 152-159 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1901 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159
0-4	158 861	131 986	62 626	39 940	20 865	20 675	137	435 090
5-9	166 135	142 545	63 537	45 229	22 024	17 747	276	457 493
10-14	161 679	134 029	58 302	43 710	21 136	14 825	358	434 039
15-19	141 159	118 613	47 279	40 054	18 451	12 937	115	378 608
20-24	127 266	108 225	46 787	33 944	16 410	19 120	237	351 989
25-29	112 316	98 301	42 661	27 615	13 837	24 499	409	319 638
30-34	99 293	94 791	39 148	24 679	11 998	22 143	634	292 686
35-39	93 928	90 113	36 166	22 592	11 479	17 763	634	272 675
40-44	78 366	70 669	29 423	20 322	9 740	12 113	645	221 278
45-49	57 339	45 947	20 603	15 848	6 854	7 371	462	154 424
50-54	44 942	35 949	16 374	12 027	5 176	5 131	313	119 912
55-59	35 010	30 508	12 949	9 719	3 881	3 488	162	95 717
60-64	28 925	29 271	10 800	7 931	3 454	2 675	87	83 143
65-69	22 242	29 923	6 556	5 900	2 613	1 671	23	68 928
70-74	12 974	20 141	3 623	4 548	2 033	971	14	44 304
75-79	6 422	9 964	1 664	2 551	1 270	423	1	22 295
80+	4 935	6 043	1 067	1 899	1 107	257	2	15 310
Not stated	3 054	4 867	3 701	0	147	315	0	12 084
Total	1 354 846	1 201 885	503 266	358 508	172 475	184 124	4509	3 779 613



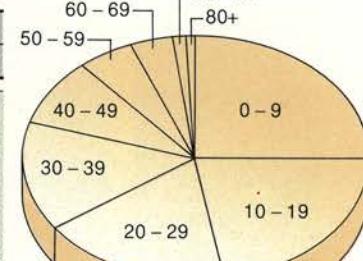
POP 160-167 MALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1901 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167
0-4	80 308	66 807	31 626	20 191	10 702	10 441	69	220 144
5-9	84 189	72 052	32 264	22 679	11 160	8 891	146	231 381
10-14	81 582	67 389	29 439	22 140	10 649	7 505	199	218 903
15-19	70 423	58 896	24 148	19 956	9 388	7 088	51	189 950
20-24	62 448	50 593	25 197	16 467	8 261	11 841	174	174 981
25-29	56 273	45 469	24 102	13 419	7 276	15 822	352	162 713
30-34	52 596	46 635	22 935	12 368	6 422	14 845	577	156 378
35-39	52 335	46 723	22 303	11 419	6 262	12 441	594	152 077
40-44	44 930	37 118	18 562	10 748	5 273	8 722	623	125 976
45-49	33 338	24 137	13 155	8 580	3 760	5 220	453	88 643
50-54	25 615	18 348	10 274	6 460	2 797	3 453	307	67 254
55-59	19 634	15 351	8 008	5 178	1 996	2 311	158	52 636
60-64	16 733	14 979	6 825	3 909	1 729	1 767	83	46 025
65-69	13 005	16 080	4 142	2 849	1 292	1 101	23	38 492
70-74	7 772	11 781	2 237	2 269	1 123	692	13	25 887
75-79	3 578	5 733	959	1 290	756	290	0	12 606
80+	2 683	3 228	597	891	658	176	2	8 235
Not stated	2 563	2 925	3 319	0	120	269	0	9 196
Total	710 005	604 244	280 092	180 813	89 624	112 875	3824	1 981 477



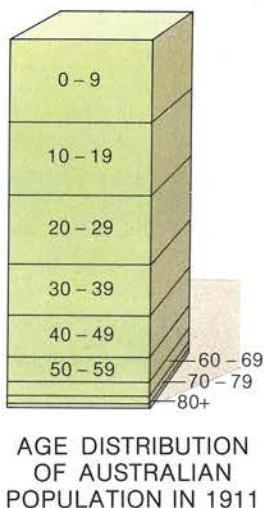
POP 168-175 FEMALE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1901 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	Aust
	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175
0-4	78 553	65 179	31 000	19 749	10 163	10 234	68	214 946
5-9	81 946	70 493	31 273	22 550	10 864	8 856	130	226 112
10-14	80 097	66 640	28 863	21 570	10 487	7 320	159	215 136
15-19	70 736	59 717	23 131	20 098	9 063	5 849	64	188 658
20-24	64 818	57 632	21 590	17 477	8 149	7 279	63	177 008
25-29	56 043	52 832	18 559	14 196	6 561	8 677	57	156 925
30-34	46 697	48 156	16 213	12 311	5 576	7 298	57	136 308
35-39	41 593	43 390	13 863	11 173	5 217	5 322	40	120 598
40-44	33 436	33 551	10 861	9 574	4 467	3 391	22	95 302
45-49	24 001	21 810	7 448	7 268	3 094	2 151	9	65 781
50-54	19 327	17 601	6 100	5 567	2 379	1 678	6	52 658
55-59	15 376	15 157	4 941	4 541	1 885	1 177	4	43 081
60-64	12 192	14 292	3 975	4 022	1 725	908	4	37 118
65-69	9 237	13 843	2 414	3 051	1 321	570	0	30 436
70-74	5 202	8 360	1 386	2 279	910	279	1	18 417
75-79	2 844	4 231	705	1 261	514	133	1	9 689
80+	2 252	2 815	470	1 008	449	81	0	7 075
Not stated	491	1 942	382	0	27	46	0	2 888
Total	644 841	597 641	223 174	177 695	82 851	71 249	685	1 798 136



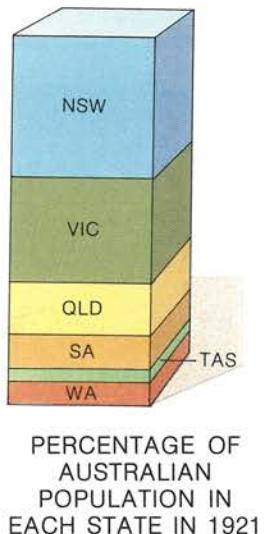
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POP 176-184 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1911 CENSUS



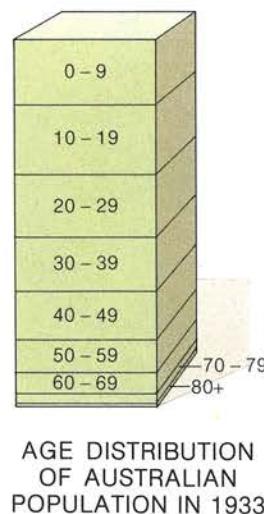
Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184
0-4	200 866	143 478	73 704	47 530	24 780	34 924	171	180	525 633
5-9	168 257	129 519	63 486	40 320	22 109	29 194	181	180	453 246
10-14	157 134	126 109	62 449	39 001	19 739	23 416	125	188	428 161
15-19	163 996	135 523	63 536	42 874	19 678	22 593	149	187	448 536
20-24	170 164	127 112	63 007	42 200	18 136	25 297	191	163	446 270
25-29	148 820	107 606	52 561	37 537	15 603	25 916	202	131	388 376
30-34	124 124	93 622	43 734	29 764	13 149	26 223	225	119	330 960
35-39	105 829	85 857	38 149	24 500	11 272	25 468	248	109	291 432
40-44	94 395	84 992	34 693	22 672	10 454	21 847	378	87	269 518
45-49	84 221	79 492	31 015	20 342	9 645	16 406	408	87	241 616
50-54	69 309	61 286	24 721	17 891	8 123	11 090	426	73	192 919
55-59	48 449	37 943	16 627	13 443	5 577	6 626	247	69	128 981
60-64	36 375	28 150	12 392	9 597	4 043	4 606	187	40	95 390
65-69	28 384	24 035	10 049	7 740	3 195	3 189	58	41	76 691
70-74	19 196	19 387	7 052	5 272	2 160	1 937	40	26	55 070
75-79	11 900	14 209	3 514	3 344	1 397	952	8	8	35 332
80-84	4 942	7 290	1 364	1 789	710	393	2	7	16 497
80+	2 080	2 902	594	880	379	165	0	3	7 003
Not stated	8 293	7 039	3 166	1 862	1 062	1 872	64	16	23 374
Total	1 646 734	1 315 551	605 813	408 558	191 211	282 114	3310	1714	4 455 005

POP 185-193 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1921 CENSUS



Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193
0-4	239 340	155 636	90 148	53 902	25 546	34 977	331	326	600 206
5-9	233 424	157 132	86 655	54 798	25 283	37 884	289	293	595 758
10-14	205 600	143 168	74 783	47 936	22 615	34 533	184	221	529 040
15-19	175 178	130 609	65 470	41 183	19 851	29 668	196	273	462 428
20-24	172 086	129 599	66 317	40 238	17 772	25 769	285	245	452 311
25-29	178 516	132 492	65 728	42 308	16 701	24 429	329	215	460 718
30-34	180 372	122 683	62 858	41 261	15 562	24 296	345	238	447 615
35-39	155 623	104 486	51 707	36 710	13 737	22 922	258	194	385 637
40-44	129 060	92 799	43 321	29 880	11 858	22 885	262	151	330 216
45-49	105 450	81 934	36 193	23 981	9 948	21 477	251	123	279 357
50-54	91 822	80 565	32 513	22 096	9 247	18 444	295	74	255 056
55-59	76 911	70 764	26 921	18 582	8 183	13 363	273	85	215 082
60-64	62 105	53 676	20 925	15 874	6 867	8 967	229	61	168 704
65-69	39 868	30 771	13 289	10 981	4 408	5 122	128	37	104 604
70-74	25 047	19 239	8 152	6 790	2 697	2 955	53	13	64 946
75-79	15 128	12 241	5 040	4 211	1 621	1 605	12	15	39 873
80-84	6 769	6 822	2 610	2 100	887	684	3	4	19 879
80+	3 212	3 996	1 054	1 109	416	301	2	4	10 094
Not stated	4 860	2 668	2 288	1 220	581	2 451	142	0	14 210
Total	2 100 371	1 531 280	755 972	495 160	213 780	332 732	3867	2572	5 435 734

POP 194-202 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1933 CENSUS

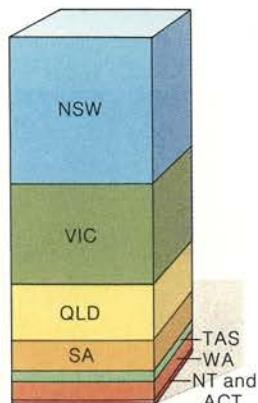


Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202
0-4	229 805	144 591	85 676	45 140	22 033	40 297	460	963	568 965
5-9	251 841	164 071	92 892	53 325	23 101	40 793	398	959	627 380
10-14	250 073	163 688	92 865	54 705	23 456	39 258	323	854	625 222
15-19	243 963	160 484	90 158	54 821	22 601	39 913	322	734	612 996
20-24	229 063	154 621	85 434	51 827	20 370	39 929	365	711	582 320
25-29	205 464	145 284	77 137	45 457	17 521	39 771	475	765	531 874
30-34	184 591	137 405	72 025	41 105	15 155	35 733	450	796	487 260
35-39	179 745	132 137	67 787	40 536	14 037	28 840	412	837	464 331
40-44	180 287	127 811	64 328	40 671	13 694	26 676	339	698	454 504
45-49	165 777	110 267	55 848	37 897	12 527	23 869	356	569	407 110
50-54	133 414	92 149	43 839	30 622	10 655	21 827	258	385	333 149
55-59	99 799	75 295	33 834	23 377	8 547	18 827	220	252	260 151
60-64	84 232	70 361	28 977	19 660	7 562	16 553	175	188	227 708
65-69	65 245	59 636	23 103	16 204	6 358	11 939	137	106	182 728
70-74	46 847	42 536	15 981	12 094	4 952	7 237	85	60	129 792
75-79	26 619	22 237	8 930	7 626	2 902	3 508	41	31	71 894
80-84	11 434	8 394	3 685	3 393	1 178	1 371	13	15	29 483
80+	5 382	4 217	1 771	1 515	629	605	6	4	14 129
Not stated	7 266	5 077	3 264	974	321	1 906	15	20	18 843
Total	2 600 847	1 820 261	947 534	580 949	227 599	438 852	4850	8947	6 629 839

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POP 203-211 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1947 CENSUS

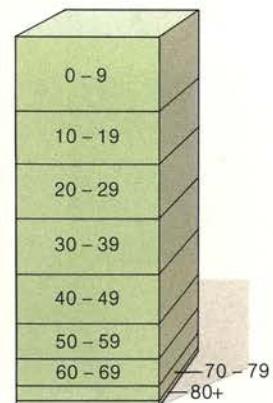
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	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211
0-4	293 066	197 239	118 882	67 189	28 878	52 452	1 009	1 672	760 387
5-9	235 288	154 111	95 419	48 579	23 788	44 592	772	1 434	603 983
10-14	213 482	135 393	83 499	41 212	20 705	38 682	549	1 161	534 683
15-19	235 458	150 785	86 764	46 075	20 548	39 659	724	1 596	581 609
20-24	246 217	164 564	88 211	51 493	20 875	38 163	1 337	1 773	612 633
25-29	238 363	158 214	87 207	50 780	20 042	35 871	1 149	1 604	593 230
30-34	235 878	159 050	86 220	51 001	19 925	38 312	1 069	1 492	592 947
35-39	219 946	150 524	79 945	47 515	18 064	37 907	961	1 259	556 121
40-44	189 902	138 193	69 702	41 034	15 411	35 827	893	1 073	492 035
45-49	176 655	131 945	66 805	38 375	13 876	32 240	762	1 079	461 737
50-54	163 334	121 896	60 156	37 059	12 470	24 887	587	955	421 344
55-59	157 198	111 149	54 831	35 838	11 422	22 446	426	724	394 034
60-64	129 530	88 668	43 276	30 436	9 791	18 512	274	438	320 925
65-69	95 371	68 062	31 551	22 556	7 650	15 698	168	239	241 295
70-74	62 820	49 130	21 535	15 213	5 227	11 850	67	131	165 973
75-79	40 412	34 850	14 383	9 959	3 663	7 636	54	84	111 041
80-84	20 503	19 414	7 427	5 388	1 938	3 674	24	45	58 413
80+	10 298	9 039	3 450	2 885	1 002	1 480	5	16	28 175
Not stated	21 117	12 475	7 152	3 486	1 803	2 592	38	130	48 793
Total	2 984 838	2 054 701	1 106 415	646 073	257 078	502 480	10 868	16 905	7 579 358



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POP 212-220 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1954 CENSUS

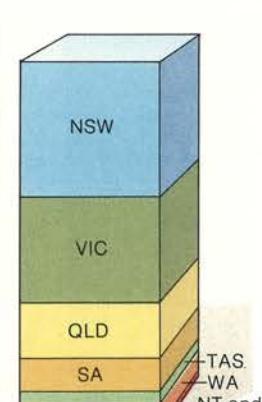
Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220
0-4	354 255	258 335	147 501	88 208	37 021	74 978	2 074	4 045	966 417
5-9	336 586	238 857	138 955	82 628	33 883	67 079	1 459	3 290	902 737
10-14	263 654	180 807	107 565	59 736	26 544	52 693	986	2 195	694 180
15-19	228 485	153 721	92 441	47 333	21 933	45 251	803	1 804	591 771
20-24	230 476	160 930	89 979	49 655	21 168	43 602	1 808	2 548	600 166
25-29	269 114	194 470	100 299	62 286	23 559	49 479	2 301	3 309	704 817
30-34	271 742	195 595	99 521	63 861	23 770	48 520	1 674	3 160	707 843
35-39	250 583	173 694	93 097	57 806	21 653	42 690	1 233	2 367	643 123
40-44	241 379	172 584	89 505	56 631	20 693	44 406	1 154	2 076	628 428
45-49	209 381	152 358	77 065	47 654	17 373	40 636	922	1 540	546 929
50-54	180 471	137 512	68 322	40 444	14 780	35 647	737	1 288	479 201
55-59	150 756	114 856	57 875	35 244	11 805	25 234	500	1 000	397 270
60-64	146 522	108 442	53 732	34 320	11 219	22 267	373	767	377 642
65-69	121 168	83 158	42 709	28 859	9 212	17 502	241	463	303 312
70-74	82 844	58 227	28 471	20 524	6 632	13 340	112	240	210 390
75-79	48 346	36 970	17 174	12 097	4 061	9 010	57	127	127 842
80-84	25 136	20 454	9 132	6 375	2 194	5 059	21	71	68 442
80+	12 631	11 371	4 916	3 433	1 252	2 378	14	25	36 020
Total	3 423 529	2 452 341	1 318 259	797 094	308 752	639 771	16 469	30 315	8 986 530



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POP 221-229 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1961 CENSUS

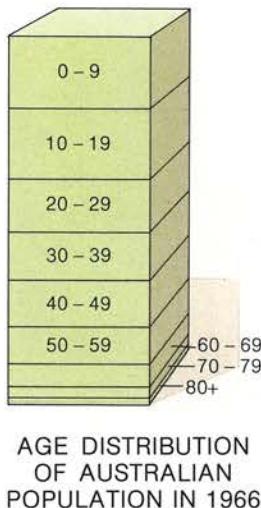
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	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229
0-4	396 567	307 532	167 369	102 993	41 694	81 916	3 587	7 835	1 109 493
5-9	373 632	288 770	156 687	99 436	38 715	80 754	2 700	6 827	1 047 521
10-14	369 415	277 854	151 802	99 003	36 890	77 041	1 990	5 989	1 019 984
15-19	301 465	219 365	122 227	74 541	27 756	57 738	1 489	4 352	808 933
20-24	263 054	195 076	100 089	60 417	23 121	47 877	3 070	4 734	697 438
25-29	248 066	186 724	91 785	56 452	21 147	44 321	2 910	4 666	656 071
30-34	279 884	209 542	100 381	67 219	23 277	49 647	2 854	5 164	737 968
35-39	291 126	217 856	103 890	72 475	24 116	50 634	2 375	5 444	767 916
40-44	259 868	187 624	95 923	63 975	21 797	43 665	1 616	4 059	678 527
45-49	250 394	181 826	93 114	61 646	21 063	45 275	1 409	3 104	657 831
50-54	216 524	158 846	80 335	50 881	17 831	40 376	1 046	2 188	568 027
55-59	173 634	131 730	65 941	40 791	14 148	34 833	778	1 526	463 381
60-64	150 513	115 027	59 689	34 645	11 777	27 455	582	1 165	400 853
65-69	126 579	95 755	49 362	30 916	9 791	20 240	349	792	333 784
70-74	103 199	73 610	38 760	25 107	7 868	15 742	181	520	264 987
75-79	64 384	45 364	23 259	16 389	5 111	10 065	100	275	164 947
80-84	32 414	24 232	12 051	8 286	2 735	5 811	40	127	85 696
85+	16 295	13 380	6 164	4 168	1 503	3 239	19	61	44 829
Total	3 917 013	2 930 113	1 518 828	969 340	350 340	736 629	27 095	58 828	10 508 186



PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN POPULATION IN EACH STATE IN 1961

NOTE Since 1954 'Not stated' ages have been allocated to age groups prior to tabulation.

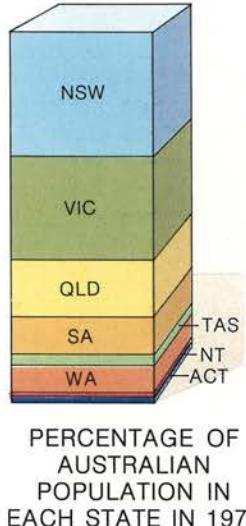
POP 230-238 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1966 CENSUS



AGE DISTRIBUTION OF AUSTRALIAN POPULATION IN 1966

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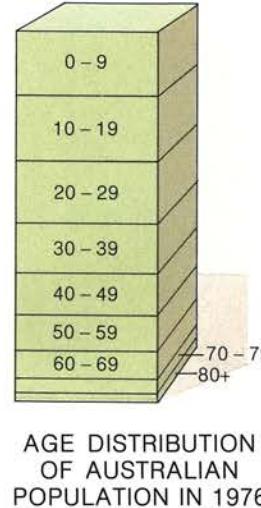
POP 239-247 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1971 CENSUS



PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN POPULATION IN EACH STATE IN 1971

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POP 248-256 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1976 CENSUS



AGE DISTRIBUTION OF AUSTRALIAN POPULATION IN 1976

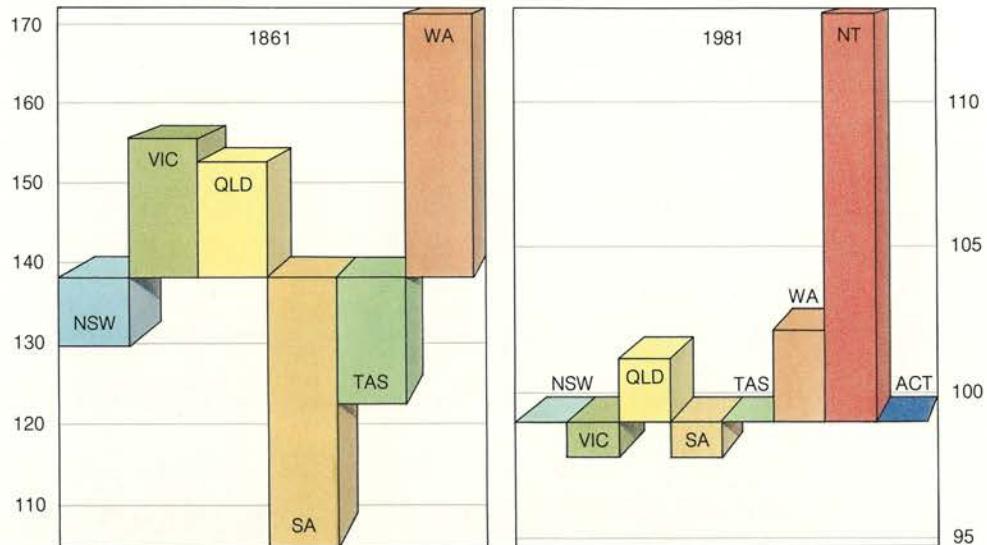
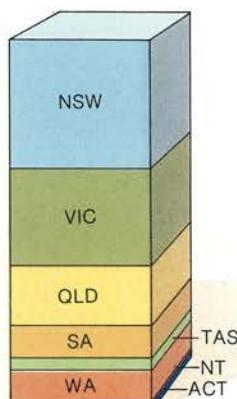
NOTE Since 1954 'Not stated' ages have been allocated to age groups prior to tabulation.

POPULATION

POP 257-265 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, STATES, 1981 CENSUS

Age	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265
0-4	385 812	285 584	180 354	91 009	33 447	102 407	12 856	20 476	1 111 945
5-9	433 411	326 055	202 008	102 966	36 863	112 059	13 581	22 998	1 249 941
10-14	435 497	350 344	204 995	112 602	39 294	118 589	11 999	21 698	1 295 018
15-19	430 006	336 782	198 439	113 946	38 417	112 259	9 786	19 394	1 259 029
20-24	431 935	326 388	198 660	110 478	36 072	112 388	12 960	18 902	1 247 783
25-29	409 436	309 595	183 134	103 613	33 511	110 934	13 537	20 389	1 184 149
30-34	416 790	311 075	182 093	103 683	32 831	109 747	12 927	23 086	1 192 232
35-39	346 966	254 952	151 552	83 206	26 638	86 612	9 534	17 773	977 233
40-44	293 663	217 111	124 452	70 193	22 818	73 650	7 004	13 810	822 701
45-49	259 758	193 780	108 459	63 491	19 856	62 521	4 957	10 317	723 139
50-54	274 825	202 890	113 625	69 929	20 834	61 606	4 424	9 411	757 544
55-59	266 373	191 857	112 064	68 698	20 326	55 455	3 369	8 343	726 485
60-64	222 150	151 774	100 161	56 330	17 186	44 007	2 637	5 487	599 732
65-69	192 600	133 026	88 017	49 635	15 190	40 591	1 843	3 983	524 885
70-74	143 752	102 478	65 158	36 839	11 173	31 266	1 039	2 597	394 302
75-79	92 029	69 187	41 306	23 930	7 328	21 130	514	1 524	256 948
80-84	54 262	41 985	24 690	14 337	4 295	11 429	234	859	152 091
85+	36 952	27 580	15 956	10 148	2 878	6 974	123	562	101 173
Total	5 126 217	3 832 443	2 295 123	1 285 033	418 957	1 273 624	123 324	221 609	14 576 330

NOTE Since 1954 'Not stated' ages have been allocated to age groups prior to tabulation.



In 1861 all colonies had more males than females, with a national average of 138 males to every 100 females. By 1981, however, Australia as a whole had slightly more females than males.

POP 266-274 MALES PER 100 FEMALES, COLONIES AND STATES 1861-1981

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274
1861	130	155	152	105	123	171			138
1871	121	121	149	106	114 ^a	148 ^a	593		121 ^a
1881	121	110	142	112	112	135	3218		117
1891	118	109	132	106	112	149	1349		116
1901	110	101	126	102	108	158	558		110
1911	109	99	119	103	104	134	475	137	108
1921	104	97	112	101	102	114	270	156	103
1933	103	98	110	100	102	114	229	116	103
1947	100	97	105	98	101	106	211	116	100
1954	101	101	105	103	104	107	166	115	102
1961	101	101	104	102	103	104	149	110	102
1966	101	101	103	101	102	104	135	109	101
1971	101	100	102	100	101	106	129	104	101
1976	99	99	101	99	100	103	117	103	100
1981	99	98	101	98	99	102	113	99	99

(a) Figures for Tas and WA are from 1870 censuses.

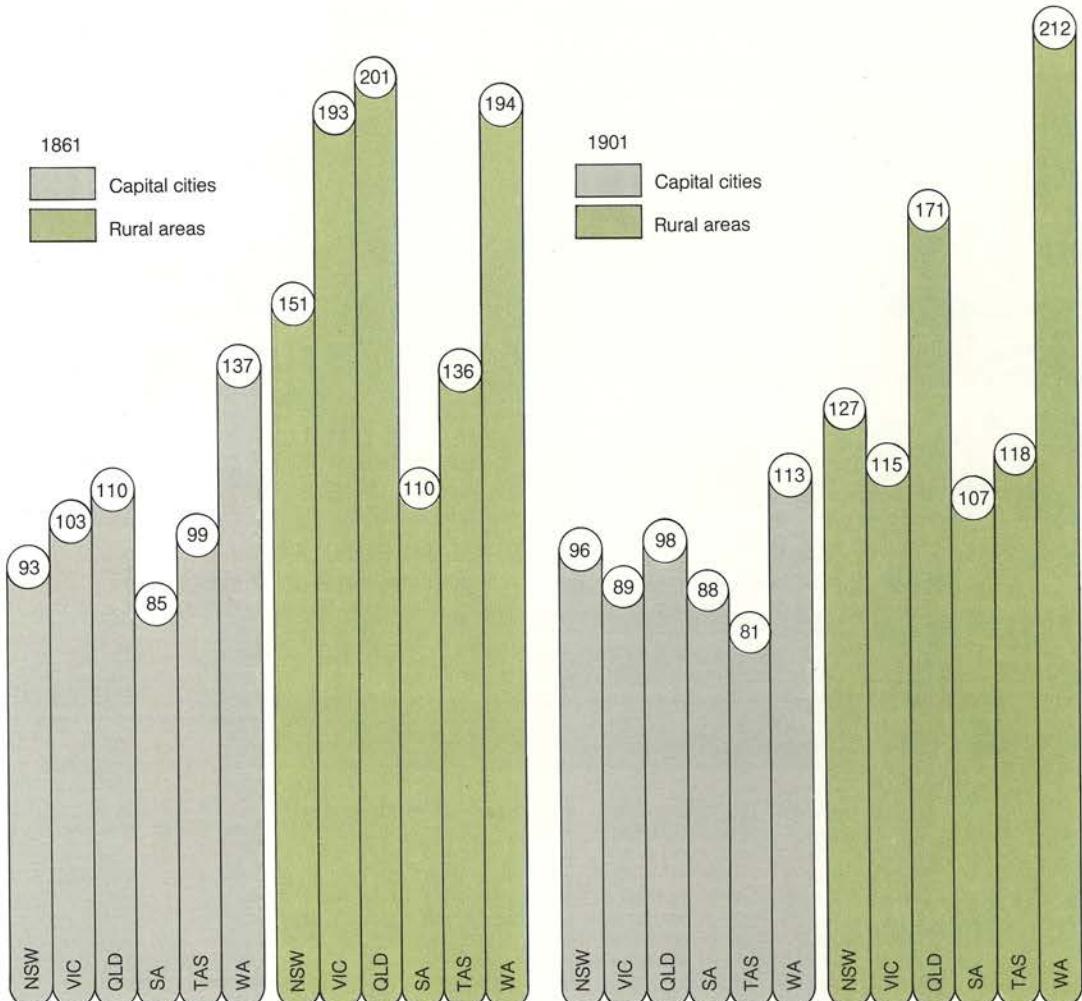
POP 275-285 AGE STRUCTURE, SEX RATIO AND URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA 1861-1981

Census year	AGE STRUCTURE				AVERAGE AGE		URBAN POPULATION		MALES PER 100 FEMALES		AVERAGE AGE	
	0-14yrs	15-44yrs	45-64yrs	65+yrs	Males	Females	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	
	%	%	%	%			%					
1861	36.7	53.0	9.4	0.9	25.2	20.7	39.4	110	161	23.0	23.5	
1871 ^a	42.2	44.8	11.3	1.7	25.0	21.3	42.4	101	137	23.3	23.3	
1881	39.0	45.6	13.0	2.4	25.5	22.6	45.8	102	132	24.3	24.0	
1891	37.1	47.8	12.2	2.9	25.6	23.4	48.9	102	130	24.8	24.3	
1901 ^b	35.2	48.8	12.0	4.0	26.7	25.0	49.4	96	125	26.4	25.5	
1911 ^b	31.7	49.1	14.9	4.3	27.7	26.7						
1933	27.6	47.4	10.6	6.4	30.5	30.6	63.8	93	125	31.4	29.0	
1947	25.2	45.6	21.2	8.0	32.2	33.0	68.7	94	115	33.4	30.8	
1961	30.2	41.4	19.9	8.5	30.8	32.2	81.9	99	118	32.0	29.3	
1971	28.3	42.0	20.0	8.3	30.6	32.3	85.5	99	114	31.7	29.8	
1981	25.1	45.8	19.3	9.8	32.1	33.8	85.7	97	111	33.3	30.7	

NOTE Some of the original census data for 1861 (WA, Tas), 1871 (Qld, WA, Tas) and 1881 (NSW) contain varying aggregate age groups. In computing significant age groups and averages these age groups have been distributed.

(a) WA and Tas censuses were taken in 1870.

(b) Census for 1911 includes 'Other urban' with 'Rural' and is not compatible with other censuses.



THE NUMBER OF MALES PER 100 FEMALES IN CAPITAL CITIES AND RURAL AREAS IN 1861 AND 1901

Australia's rural areas have always had higher male to female ratios than the capital cities.

POPULATION

POP 286-294 POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, COLONIAL AND STATE CENSUSES 1861-1981

Year	Area	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	Aust
		286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294
1861	Capital city	56 394	123 061	6 051	18 303	19 449	3 507			
	Other urban	80 453	112 240	9 297	7 393	10 359	4 290			
	Rural	212 103	303 327	14 711	100 506	60 169	7 796			
1871	Capital city	134 736	191 449	19 413	27 208	19 092	5 007			
	Other urban	99 426	182 701	31 171	15 263	10 668	18 308	201		
	Rural	267 417	357 378	68 844	142 392	69 568				
1881	Capital city	220 984	262 389	37 053	38 479	21 118	5 044			
	Other urban	212 407	173 054	67 042	48 986	12 752	9 115	3 451		
	Rural	314 850	426 903	107 741	185 411	81 835	15 549			
1891	Capital city	383 283	474 440	101 554	37 837	33 450	8 447			
	Other urban	308 673	140 956	161 345	85 330	21 285	14 904	4 898		
	Rural	426 349	515 067	128 564	187 259	91 932	26 431			
1901	Capital city	481 830	484 103	119 428	39 240	34 604	27 553			
	Other urban	371 330	163 294	228 029	113 289	21 180	69 254	4 509		
	Rural	495 616	552 207	151 760	201 472	116 691	87 317			
1911 ^a	Capital city	629 503	585 971	139 480	189 646	39 937	106 792			1 691 329
	Other urban	1 009 180	724 775	462 465	216 173	150 698	168 306	3 129	1 714	2 736 440
	Rural									
1921	Capital city	899 059	766 465	209 946	255 375	52 361	154 873			2 338 079
	Other urban	525 007	187 490	183 720	41 637	55 644	42 571	1 399	2 572	1 040 040
	Rural	664 590	571 577	359 014	195 054	105 123	130 098	2 403		2 027 859
1933	Capital city	1 235 267	991 934	299 748	312 619	60 406	207 440			3 107 414
	Other urban	565 440	198 191	199 144	51 456	56 777	44 805	1 566	7 325	1 124 704
	Rural	795 101	628 558	444 589	214 762	109 767	183 409	3 209	1 622	2 381 017
1947	Capital city	1 484 004	1 226 409	402 030	382 454	76 534	272 528			3 843 959
	Other urban	661 956	231 443	258 928	65 911	74 816	51 800	2 538	15 156	1 362 548
	Rural	831 536	592 998	443 570	196 007	105 025	175 171	8 192	1 749	2 354 248
1954	Capital city	1 863 161	1 524 111	502 320	483 508	95 206	348 647		28 277	4 845 230
	Other urban	965 387	470 063	460 080	110 107	108 128	105 418	10 856		2 230 039
	Rural	588 111	450 126	352 888	201 133	104 768	183 439	5 389	2 038	1 887 892
1961	Capital city	2 183 388	1 911 895	621 550	587 957	115 932	420 133		56 449	5 897 304
	Other urban	1 151 899	573 930	536 896	177 380	130 603	125 734	16 974		2 713 416
	Rural	571 135	439 679	358 394	200 065	102 926	187 745	9 857	2 379	1 872 180
1966	Capital city	2 446 345	2 110 168	718 822	727 916	119 469	499 969		92 308	6 714 997
	Other urban	1 210 345	642 987	558 115	173 796	141 512	140 267	28 753		2 895 775
	Rural	568 073	463 383	384 689	188 590	109 779	193 399	8 385	3 705	1 920 003
1971	Capital city	2 725 064	2 394 117	818 423	809 482	129 928	641 800		140 864	7 659 678
	Other urban	1 349 516	676 674	629 601	183 187	159 652	198 395	55 411		3 252 436
	Rural	520 641	429 257	375 376	179 148	100 418	187 657	30 605	3 199	1 826 301
1976	Capital city	2 765 240	2 480 951	892 987	857 187	131 524	731 275		194 500	8 053 664
	Other urban	1 473 971	723 275	740 152	199 766	170 399	224 804	64 439		3 596 806
	Rural	531 450	441 044	401 755	186 445	100 368	186 111	32 086	3 122	1 882 381
1981	Capital city	2 876 508	2 578 759	942 836	882 519	128 605	809 036		219 332	8 437 595
	Other urban	1 642 664	787 234	873 546	207 934	186 182	267 773	91 479		4 056 812
	Rural	602 820	464 352	476 264	193 628	103 718	194 750	31 147	2 277	2 068 956

(a) Census for 1911 includes 'Other urban' with 'Rural' and is not compatible with other censuses.

