

INQUIRIES

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CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING 30 JUNE 1976

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This statement presents final statistics of the population of the six States and two mainland Territories of Australia as recorded at the Census of Population and Housing on 30 June 1976.

- Summary statements showing preliminary statistics for Local Government Areas and statistical divisions for the individual States and mainland Territories have been issued by the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the appropriate State or Territory.
- The Census was conducted on a de facto basis, that is all persons were enumerated where they spent Census Night (30 June - 1 July 1976), regardless of their usual place of residence. Special provision was made to enumerate persons who spent Census Night in the open, at work, or travelling by long distance train, bus or plane or on board vessels plying between Australian ports.
- Corresponding 1971 Census statistics are shown, in the table below, for comparison.
- This summary statement will be followed by a bulletin for each State and mainland Territory showing final population and dwelling statistics in localities, urban centres, Local Government Areas, statistical districts and statistical divisions. These bulletins will be released progressively from February 1977 onwards.
- Post-enumeration surveys to measure the degree of under-enumeration in the Census were conducted after both the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. Under-enumeration in 1971 was of the order of 1.3 per cent and preliminary results from the 1976 survey indicate under-enumeration of approximately 2 per cent. As final results of the survey become available, revised statistics of the population will be available for each State and Territory.
- While every effort is made to minimize under-enumeration in all field collections, including the Census, some inevitably remains for various reasons (e.g. inadvertent omission of very young children, inability of the collector to contact anyone at a dwelling to collect the form). These and similar problems are common to all population censuses, and although under-enumeration has increased since the 1971 Census, it is of a similar order to that experienced by comparable countries. For example, in the 1970 US Census, under-enumeration was measured at 2.5 per cent.
- The 1976 post-enumeration survey was conducted throughout Australia by specially trained interviewers. The sample was restricted to 2/3 per cent of households and designed only to measure the level of under-enumeration. It was not the intention to adjust all Census figures to correct for under-enumeration and all detailed Census publications will be on the basis of the actual Census enumeration. Initially, adjusted figures will be released only for States and Territories but it may be possible later to indicate the degree of under-enumeration in some other major aggregates.

POPULATION - STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA - CENSUSES 30 JUNE 1976 AND 1971

State or Territory	Population		Average Annual Rate of Increase
	Census 30 June 1976	Census 30 June 1971	Persons - 1971-1976 %
New South Wales	4,777,103	4,601,180	0.75
Victoria	3,646,981	3,502,351	0.81
Queensland	2,037,197	1,827,065	2.20
South Australia	1,244,756	1,173,707	1.18
Western Australia	1,144,857	1,030,469	2.13
Tasmania	402,866	390,413	0.63
Northern Territory	97,090	86,390	2.36
Australian Capital Territory	197,622	144,063	6.53
Australia	13,548,472	12,755,638	1.21