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POPULATION ESTIMATES : CAPITAL CITIES AND PRINCIPAL CITIES
AND TOWNS, 30 JUNE 1968

This publication contains statistics of the estimated population of the Capital city and of other principal cities and towns in each State and Territory at 30 June 1968 and other recent years.

Further details of the estimated population of Local Government Areas and Statistical Divisions as at 30 June 1967 and 1968 are prepared by the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians in each State and copies of the relevant publications can be obtained from the Office of the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician in each Capital city.

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TABLE 1. - POPULATION: CAPITAL CITIES, 30 JUNE 1966 TO 1968

The figures shown for Metropolitan Areas and Statistical Divisions (and Canberra Statistical District) are in accordance with new concepts adopted at the 1966 Census for the delimitation of metropolitan and other urban areas for statistical purposes. These concepts are described in detail in Census Field Count Statement No. 4, pages 2-4. Statistical Division and Statistical District boundaries are expected to remain unchanged for a substantial number of years. The boundaries of metropolitan areas and urban centres will, by definition, change at intervals. The present boundaries of these areas are those established from 1966 Census data; in some cases it has not been possible to make post-censal estimates for these areas.

Metropolitan Area/Statistical Division	30 June 1966 (a)			30 June 1967	30 June 1968
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Sydney (N.S.W.) -					
Metropolitan Area	1,206.1	1,241.1	2,447.2	n.a.	n.a.
Statistical Division	1,256.8	1,285.4	2,542.2	2,591.7	2,646.8
Melbourne (Vic.) -					
Metropolitan Area	1,046.0	1,064.3	2,110.3	n.a.	n.a.
Statistical Division	1,108.1	1,122.7	2,230.8	2,277.3	2,319.7
Brisbane (Qld) -					
Metropolitan Area	352.5	366.8	719.3	n.a.	n.a.
Statistical Division	383.0	395.2	778.2	795.4	813.3
Adelaide (S.A.) -					
Metropolitan Area	358.6	369.7	728.3	736.9	742.3
Statistical Division	380.4	391.2	771.6	784.1	794.3
Perth (W.A.) -					
Metropolitan Area	244.9	255.4	500.2	n.a.	n.a.
Statistical Division	275.1	284.2	559.3	579.5	606.0
Hobart (Tas.) -					
Metropolitan Area	58.5	60.9	119.5	120.8	123.5
Statistical Division	69.6	71.7	141.3	143.3	144.9
Canberra (A.C.T.) -					
City District	48.3	45.0	93.3	(b) 100.9	110.0
Statistical District (c)	55.6	51.5	107.1	114.9	124.5
Darwin (N.T.) -					
City District	10.2	8.5	18.7	19.9	22.2
Greater Darwin	11.9	9.7	21.7	23.6	26.8

(a) Population at Census date. The difference between the statistics as here published and those shown in Census publications, which exclude full-blood Aborigines, cannot be taken as reliable statistics of Aboriginal population. (b) Result of June 1967 population count. (c) Includes the population of Queanbeyan in New South Wales just across the border from Canberra. The population of Queanbeyan was 12.5 thousand at June 1966, 12.9 thousand at June 1967 and 13.3 thousand at June 1968.

n.a. - Not available.

**TABLE 2. - POPULATION OF OTHER PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1966 TO 1968**

Unless otherwise indicated as "Statistical District" or "Urban Centre" the population figures for cities and towns refer to municipal boundaries.

The figures shown for Urban Centres and Statistical Districts are in accordance with new concepts adopted at the 1966 Census for the delimitation of metropolitan and other urban areas for statistical purposes. These concepts are described in detail in Census Field Count Statement No. 4, pages 2-4. Statistical Division and Statistical District boundaries are expected to remain unchanged for a substantial number of years. The boundaries of metropolitan areas and urban centres will, by definition, change at intervals. The present boundaries of these areas are those established from 1966 Census data; in some cases it has not been possible to make post-censal estimates for these areas.

City or town	Population as at 30 June -		
	1966 (a)	1967	1968
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>			
Newcastle -			
Newcastle City	143,070	143,500	144,450
Urban Centre	234,005	n.a.	n.a.
Statistical District (b)	327,578	332,660	338,920
Wollongong -			
Greater Wollongong	149,523	152,350	155,160
Urban Centre	162,171	n.a.	n.a.
Statistical District (c)	177,456	182,560	187,910
Greater Cessnock	34,521	34,520	34,500
Blue Mountains (d)	30,733	31,360	32,110
Broken Hill	30,043	30,220	30,320
Wagga Wagga	25,820	26,500	27,180
Albury	25,112	25,670	26,210
Tamworth	21,683	22,080	22,480
Orange	20,996	21,470	21,970
Goulburn	20,871	20,940	21,090
Lismore	19,757	19,920	20,040
<u>VICTORIA</u>			
Geelong -			
Geelong City	18,129	18,170	18,190
Urban Centre	105,060	n.a.	n.a.
Statistical District	111,365	113,400	115,500
Ballarat -			
Ballarat City	41,661	41,890	41,910
Urban Centre	56,312	n.a.	n.a.
Bendigo -			
Bendigo City	30,806	31,050	31,350
Urban Centre	42,209	n.a.	n.a.
Moe -			
Moe City	16,555	16,650	16,690
Moe-Yallourn Urban Centre	23,222	n.a.	n.a.

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TABLE 2. - continued

City or town	Population as at 30 June -		
	1966 (a)	1967	1968
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>			
Townsville	59,135	61,000	63,300
Toowoomba	55,813	57,000	58,000
Gold Coast	49,495	53,000	56,500
Rockhampton	46,246	46,500	47,000
Cairns	26,891	27,100	27,400
Bundaberg	25,472	26,000	26,500
Mackay -			
Mackay City	18,651	18,800	19,100
Urban Centre	24,603	n.a.	n.a.
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>			
Whyalla	22,131	24,650	26,900
Mount Gambier	17,261	17,300	17,350
Port Pirie	13,965	13,950	13,900
Port Augusta	10,132	10,150	10,650
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>			
Kalgoorlie -			
Kalgoorlie Town	9,203	9,280	9,400
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Centre	19,980	n.a.	n.a.
Bunbury	15,467	16,060	16,450
Geraldton	12,196	12,970	13,500
Albany	11,440	11,820	12,050
<u>TASMANIA</u>			
Launceston -			
Launceston City	37,217	37,080	36,880
Urban Centre	60,456	61,200	61,870
Burnie-Somerset Urban Centre	18,042	18,490	19,050
Devonport Urban Centre	14,874	15,190	15,910
<u>NORTHERN TERRITORY</u>			
Alice Springs	6,390	7,092	7,810

(a) Population at census date. The difference between the statistics as here published and those shown in Census publications, which exclude full-blood Aborigines, cannot be taken as reliable statistics of Aboriginal population. (b) Includes Maitland (29,350 at 1968) and most (33,820 at 1968) of Greater Cessnock. (c) Includes Shellharbour (26,600 at 1968). (d) Partly (15,290 at June 1968) included in Sydney Statistical Division.

n.a. - Not available.

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