



Victoria at a Glance 1992

Of the six States and two Territories which comprise the Commonwealth of Australia, Victoria has the second largest population although it ranks only sixth in area. The State is bordered in the south by 1,200 kilometres of ocean coastline; the southern-most point is at Wilsons Promontory in latitude 39°08'S. The eastern-most point is Cape Howe in longitude 149°58'E. The western boundary is the 140°58'E meridian while in the north the State is bounded principally by the Murray River. Eastern Standard Time in Victoria is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Front cover illustration: Grass trees in the Little Desert National Park - Department of Conservation and Environment (Photo: Noel Ryan)

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Demography		1981	1990	1991p
Estimated resident population at 30 June -				
Victoria	000	3,948.6	4,379.8	4,427.4
Males	"	1,960	2,175.5	2,198.3
Females	"	1,988.6	2,204.3	2,229.1
Melbourne Statistical Division	"	2,834.2	3,121.9	3,153.5
Rest of Victoria	"	1,112.6	1,258.0	1,274.0
Number of persons by age group at 30 June -				
Under 15 years	"	978.6	934.8	940.0
15-19 years	"	346.2	361.7	348.0
20-59 years	"	2,070.1	2,397.1	2,440.8
60-64 years	"	160.6	191.8	189.2
65 years and over	"	393.1	494.4	509.4
Vital events registered -		1980	1989r	1990r
Births	No.	58,206	64,002	66,970
Deaths (including infant deaths)	"	29,966	32,793	30,966
Marriages	"	27,724	30,624	30,120
Divorces	"	8,207	10,253	10,406
Education		1981	1990	1991
Number of institutions -				
Primary and secondary schools (July)	No.	2,781	2,778	2,785
Universities (April)	"	4	4	4
Colleges of Advanced Education (April)	"	22	18	10
TAFE institutions (December) (a)	"	222	140	n.a.
Students				
Primary and secondary schools (July)	"	616,653	785,107	789,513
Universities (April)	"	44,219	61,477	83,527
Advanced education (April) (b)	"	56,586	76,465	56,749
TAFE	"			
Vocational and preparatory	"	163,622	249,458	n.a.
Adult education	"	116,050	154,614	n.a.
Teaching staff (c)				
Primary and secondary schools (July)	"	55,584	57,137	55,868
Universities (April) (c)	"	2,994	5,391	13,431
Advanced education (April) (b)	"	3,628	1,522	6,628
TAFE (December) (c)	"	n.a.	4,504	n.a.

(a) Major institutions only. (b) Relates only to CAE's prior to 1983. (c) Expressed as full-time equivalent

Welfare Services		1978-80	1988-89	1989-90
Age and invalid pension payments	\$m	1,124.4	2,513.4	2,719.8
Family allowance payments	"	283.2	335.2	454.1
Children covered	000	1,149.9	852.0	928.8
Unemployment benefit	\$m	204.7	529.5	514.9

Overseas Trade		1980-81	1988-89r	1990-91
Imports from -	\$m			
USA	"	1,464	3,566	3,115
Japan	"	1,029	3,316	2,679
Germany, Federal Republic of	"	501	1,498	1,326
UK	"	606	1,083	1,042
Other	"	2,329	7,328	8,747
Total	"	5,929	16,781	14,907
Exports to -	"			
USA	"	310	874	1,189
Japan	"	685	1,420	1,567
New Zealand	"	111	713	728
UK	"	321	388	281
Other	"	2,242	5,128	6,067
Total (a)	"	3,869	8,523	8,847

State and Local Government Finance		1978-80	1988-89	1989-90
Current outlays	\$m	4,802.8	13,908.4	15,282.1
Final consumption expenditure -	"	3,224.6	8,767.0	9,647.4
Education	"	1,411.3	3,183.2	3,417.5
Health	"	758.0	2,324.7	2,547.7
Other purposes	"	1,055.3	3,259.1	3,682.8
Interest payments	"	781.4	3,100.8	3,441.6
Other current outlays	"	596.5	2,041.8	2,193.2
Capital outlays	"	1,919.1	2,952.8	3,481.2
Expenditure on new fixed assets -	"	1,631.3	3,340.4	3,695.7
Housing and community amenities	"	417.8	821.0	904.4
Fuel and energy	"	543.4	890.1	1,020.8
Transport and communications	"	388.2	804.5	876.5
Other purposes	"	481.9	824.8	894.0
Other capital outlays	"	87.8	387.6	214.5
Revenue and grants received	"	6,197.4	14,638.5	15,810.5
Taxes, fees and fines	"	2,014.5	6,201.9	6,677.2
Grants from Commonwealth Government	"	3,308.8	8,791.1	6,107.0
Other revenue	"	874.1	2,645.5	2,826.3
Financing transactions	"	324.2	2,223.7	3,152.8

(a) State of origin

This brochure is intended to give no more than a general indication of various aspects of Victorian social and economic activity. For statistics on a wide range of topics the reader can refer to the Victorian Year Book (1301.2) published by the Victorian Office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The ABS also issues a large number of specialised publications which are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0) which is available from any ABS Office.

Labour Force (August)		1981	1990	1991
Employed persons -				
Males	000	1,078.5	1,200.2	1,120.8
Females	"	844.6	872.9	851.3
Unemployed persons -				
Males	"	50.3	73.8	136.5
Females	"	50.4	65.2	75.7
Unemployment rates -				
Males	per cent	4.5	5.8	10.9
Females	"	7.2	6.9	8.2
Employed persons by industry				
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	000	103.9	102.8	102.8
Manufacturing	"	404.6	392.8	366.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	"	51.1	47.7	52.5
Metal products	"	49.3	44.5	39.5
Other manufacturing	"	304.2	300.6	274.6
Construction	"	112.8	149.9	118.4
Wholesale and retail trade	"	323.0	428.4	397.2
Transport and storage	"	92.6	87.6	91.8
Finance, property and business services	"	154.6	239.5	227.0
Community services	"	268.9	376.1	366.0
Recreation, personal and other services	"	104.1	130.2	135.4
Other industries	"	156.7	165.5	166.7
Total	"	1,721.1	2,073.1	1,972.1

Earnings (June quarter)

Average weekly ordinary time earnings -				
Full-time adult males	\$	n.a.	588.40	594.20
Full-time adult females	"	n.a.	475.20	507.20
Full-time adult employees	"	n.a.	536.20	554.10

Prices		1981-82	1988-90	1990-91
Consumer Price Index (Melbourne) -				
Food	1980-81 = 100	108.6	188.2	203.2
Clothing	"	106.9	186.7	185.3
Housing	"	111.2	238.7	249.7
Household equipment and operation	"	110.9	193.7	204.7
Transportation	"	108.6	196.9	210.9
Tobacco and alcohol	"	108.3	221.8	246.8
Health and personal care	"	128.7	211.1	235.7
Recreation and education	"	101.0	178.1	186.4
All groups	March qtr 1982 = 100 1980-81 = 100	110.4	203.6	215.3
House Price Index (Melbourne) -	Sept qtr 1986 = 100	n.a.	155.4	148.9
Price Index of Materials Used in Building				
All groups (Melbourne) -				
House building	1985-86 = 100	70.8	133.5	138.1
Other than house building	1979-80 = 100	123.6	227.8	238.0
Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries				
Imported materials	1984-85 = 100	84.6	121.1	124.7
Home produced materials	"	85.2	117.9	123.3
Price Index of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry	1988-89 = 100	62.6	108.5	111.2

Agriculture		1980-81	1989-90	1990-91
Value of agricultural commodities produced -				
Crops	\$m	1,057	1,810	1,598
Livestock slaughtering	"	873	1,220	1,271
Livestock products	"	841	2,149	1,804
Total	"	2,771	5,179	4,673
Area of establishments at 31 March (a)	000 ha	14,866	13,082	12,705
Area artificially irrigated (a)	"	4,709	4,634	3,879
Cereal crops (a)				
Wheat for grain	Area 000 ha	1,431	952	911
Other cereals for grain	Production 000 tonnes	2,338	1,961	1,493
	Area 000 ha	527	603	671
	Production 000 tonnes	748	1,062	996
Area of other crops (a) -				
Potatoes	000 ha	14	13	14
Vegetables (except potatoes)	"	14	17	17
Orchard trees	"	19	21	21
Grape vines (a)	Area 000 ha	21	19	19
	Production 000 tonnes	262	301	355
Livestock at 31 March (a) -				
Milk cattle	000	1,538	1,445	1,423
Meat cattle	"	2,775	2,200	2,208
Sheep	"	25,467	29,268	27,494
Pigs	"	400	428	403
Livestock products -				
Milk	000 tonnes	679	660	702
Milk (b)	m litres	3,065	3,787	3,907
Wool	000 tonnes	146	171	190

Manufacturing		1979-80	1988-89	1989-90
Turnover -				
Food, beverages and tobacco	\$m	4,435	9,713	10,261
Textiles	"	930	2,110	1,997
Clothing and footwear	"	1,355	2,748	2,579
Wood, wood products, and furniture	"	750	1,995	2,139
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	"	1,536	4,743	4,817
Chemical, petroleum, and coal products	"	1,750	4,387	6,342
Non metallic mineral products	"	703	1,956	2,134
Basic metal products	"	1,318	3,822	3,880
Fabricated metal products	"	1,599	3,700	4,088
Transport equipment	"	3,034	7,514	7,890
Other machinery and equipment	"	2,419	5,543	5,527
Miscellaneous manufacturing	"	1,402	3,297	3,128
Total	"	21,233	61,822	54,582

Mineral Production

Coal and briquettes	000 tonnes	34,150	47,404	46,685
Petroleum products - (c)				
Crude oil, excluding condensates	megalitres	22,080	18,898	18,677
Natural gas	mil cu m	4,262	5,497	5,670
Ethane	"	148	153	165
Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	megalitres	1,553	2,699	2,680
Other non metallic minerals	\$m	19	n.a.	44

(a) Figures for 1980-81 exclude establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of less than \$1,500. Figures for 1989-90 and 1990-91 exclude establishments with an EVAO of less than \$20,000. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Source: Department of Manufacturing and Industry Development.

Retail Trade (a)	1980-81	1988-89	1990-91
Turnover -			
Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists	\$m	n.a.	6,674.3
Butchers	"	n.a.	537.7
Other food stores	"	n.a.	1,473.2
Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	"	n.a.	2,204.6
Cafes and restaurants	"	n.a.	1,228.1
Clothing and fabrics stores	"	n.a.	1,748.7
Department and general stores	"	n.a.	2,278.6
Footwear stores	"	n.a.	270.2
Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	"	n.a.	914.2
Electrical goods stores	"	n.a.	1,472.9
Furniture stores	"	n.a.	472.8
Floor coverings stores	"	n.a.	202.9
Chemists	"	n.a.	722.7
Newsagents	"	n.a.	806.4
Other	"	n.a.	1,183.4
Total	"	10,247.8	22,202.2

Tourist Accommodation

Hotels and licensed hotels (with facilities) -			
Establishments at 30 June	No.	602	978
Guest rooms at 30 June	"	15,629	28,038
takings from accommodation	\$m	101.1	375.4

Building Completions (b)

New residential buildings -			
Houses	No.	21,480	31,750
Other residential buildings	\$m	817.5	2,758.2
Alterations and additions (of \$10,000 and over)	No.	4,423	2,629
to residential buildings	\$m	115.6	179.6
Buildings other than residential	"	119.5	612.6
	"	817.0	3,515.3

Transport

Motor vehicles on register at 30 June -			
Cars and station wagons	'000	1,632.5	2,137.8
Commercial vehicles	"	339.2	446.4
Motor cycles	"	64.2	67.9
Registrations of new motor vehicles -			
Cars and station wagons	No.	114,699	140,919
Commercial vehicles	"	23,921	28,447
Motor cycles	"	14,450	4,786

(a) Industry data on a state basis was not available before 1982-83. Prior to June 1988 these series reflect retail sales, adjusted to turnover. (b) From September quarter 1980, figures shown for the number of new houses have been rounded to the nearest ten units.

Victoria compared with Australia

Area	Period	Victoria	Percentage of Australia total
Area	'000 sq km	227.6	2.96
Demography -			
Estimated resident population	'000	30 June 1991	p4,427.4
Births	No.	1990	66,970
Deaths (including infant deaths)	"	"	30,986
Marriages	"	"	30,120
Divorces	"	"	10,406
Labour Force -			
Employed persons	'000	August 1991	1,972.1
Unemployed persons	"	"	212.2
Agriculture -			
Value of agricultural commodities produced	\$m	1990/91	4,673
Area of establishments at 31 March (a)	'000 ha	"	12,704.8
Wheat - grain	'000 tonnes	"	1,493
Potatoes	"	"	376.3
Grapes - wine	'000	"	355.4
Cattle	"	"	3,631
Sheep	"	"	27,494
Pigs	"	"	403
Meat	'000 tonnes	"	p702
Milk (b)	m litres	"	3,907
Wool	'000 tonnes	"	133
Manufacturing			
Production of -			
Factory butter (b)	'000 tonnes	"	92.8
Non-processed cheese (b)	"	"	104.5
Cars and station wagons	'000	"	184.6
Turnover of retail establishments (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.) (c)	\$m	"	21,839.5
Exports (d) -			
Beef and veal	"	"	368.0
Mutton and lamb	"	"	120.0
Milk and cream	"	"	364.1
Butter and cheese	"	"	269.0
Unmilled wheat	"	"	182.3
Greasy wool	"	"	689.9
Motor vehicle parts	"	"	112.2
Fruit and nuts, fresh and dried	"	"	124.9
Refined petroleum products	"	"	519.2
Total	"	"	8,846.9
Imports			
Agricultural machinery	"	"	69.6
Motor cars	"	"	802.2
Domestic electrical equipment	"	"	137.3
Textile yarn and thread	"	"	324.6
Organic chemicals	"	"	272.6
Paper and paperboard	"	"	627.1
Articles of rubber	"	"	58.6
Total	"	"	14,907.0

(a) Excludes establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of below \$20,000. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. Includes natural equivalent of processed cheese. (c) Prior to June 1988 these series reflect retail sales adjusted to turnover. (d) State of origin.

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