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ESTIMATES OF POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS (PRELIMINARY) SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1973

This publication shows the latest available estimates of the population and of population changes for the States and Territories of Australia. It also shows births, deaths and natural increase during the quarter ending on the date of the estimates. It is issued in advance of the quarterly *Summary of Vital and Population Statistics* (Reference No. 4.11).

- The estimated population for Australia as a whole takes account of natural increase and net overseas migration since the latest Census.
- The estimate for each State or Territory represents the population ascertained at the Census plus recorded natural increase and net gain from overseas migration for that State or Territory; gains and corresponding losses that result from movements between States and Territories are also taken into account in so far as they are recorded as transfers of State of residence under child endowment procedures or Commonwealth electoral procedures or are indicated in other ways such as the results of any special count. As records of migration by State or Territory are not complete, the estimated State and Territory populations so derived are approximate and are subject to revision when the population of each State is ascertained at the next Census.
- Holiday, business and other similar short-term movements between States and Territories are not taken into account in the quarterly calculations. However, such movements do affect the estimates in so far as people who were on holiday or other short-term interstate travel at the time of the Census are counted in the population of the State or Territory where they spent Census night. On the other hand, changes in the populations of States or Territories due to visitors from overseas and Australians travelling overseas are reflected in all estimates.
- Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in Tables 1 and 2 are due to rounding.

COMMENT

During the three months ended September 1973, the estimated population of Australia increased by 63,300 to 13,194,900 persons. During the twelve months ended September the Australian population increased by 168,600 or 1.29 per cent. The September quarter increase was slightly less than the increase of 67,200 during the previous September quarter. Almost half of the September 1973 quarterly increase was due to an excess of births over deaths, although this component has declined in recent quarters because of a continuing fall in births. Births registered fell by 7.5 per cent compared with the preceding September quarter. The contribution of net overseas migration to the population increase remained much the same. The net migration gain for the quarter was 32,700 and for the year ending in September was 28,100. The September quarter movement is largely influenced by Australians returning after overseas visits of less than a year. (See Reference No. 4.3 published on 7 January 1974).

TABLE 1. - ESTIMATED POPULATION : STATES AND TERRITORIES
('000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971 -									
30 June (a)	4,601.2	3,502.4	1,827.1	1,173.7	1,030.5	390.4	86.4	144.1	12,755.6
30 September	4,628.2	3,521.3	1,839.2	1,179.8	1,039.3	391.8	86.0	147.6	12,835.0
31 December	4,651.5	3,537.5	1,852.3	1,185.5	1,048.9	392.8	88.9	150.8	12,908.2
1972 -									
31 March	4,670.8	3,554.9	1,863.5	1,188.5	1,055.3	393.3	90.7	154.0	12,971.0
30 June	4,661.6	3,547.4	1,869.3	1,186.5	1,053.2	392.2	91.7	157.4	12,959.1
30 September	4,681.3	3,564.8	1,884.1	1,190.9	1,059.0	393.1	92.8	160.5	13,026.3
31 December	4,697.2	3,581.0	1,898.6	1,196.5	1,065.8	395.6	93.4	163.2	13,091.3
1973 -									
31 March	4,716.5	3,598.4	1,910.2	1,201.4	1,070.3	396.9	95.0	165.9	13,154.7
30 June	4,702.5	3,586.6	1,914.9	1,199.1	1,068.5	396.0	95.6	168.4	13,131.6
30 September p	4,718.7	3,599.4	1,929.5	1,204.9	1,076.0	397.1	97.1	172.2	13,194.9

(a) Population at Census date. p - preliminary.

TABLE 2. - INCREASE OF POPULATION (a) : STATES AND TERRITORIES ('000)

Quarter	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971 -									
Sept.	27.0	19.0	12.1	6.1	8.8	1.4	1.6	3.5	79.4
Dec.	23.3	16.2	13.1	5.7	9.6	1.0	0.9	3.2	73.2
1972 -									
March	19.3	17.4	11.2	3.0	6.4	0.5	1.8	3.2	62.7
June	-9.2	-7.5	5.7	-2.1	-2.1	-1.1	1.0	3.4	-11.9
Sept.	19.7	17.4	14.8	4.4	5.8	0.9	1.1	3.1	67.2
Dec.	16.0	16.2	14.5	5.7	6.8	2.5	0.6	2.7	65.0
1973 -									
March	19.3	17.4	11.6	4.9	4.6	1.3	1.6	2.7	63.4
June	-14.1	-11.8	4.6	-2.3	-1.9	-0.9	0.7	2.5	-23.1
Sept. p	16.2	12.8	14.6	5.8	7.5	1.1	1.5	3.8	63.3

(a) Consists of natural increase and estimated net overseas and interstate migration. p - preliminary.

NOTE. Minus sign (-) denotes population decrease.

TABLE 3. - BIRTHS, DEATHS AND NATURAL INCREASE : STATES AND TERRITORIES

Quarter	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
BIRTHS REGISTERED									
1971 -									
Sept.	24,944	19,336	10,097	5,966	5,774	2,148	878	974	70,117
Dec.	23,233	17,887	9,144	5,615	6,471	1,955	633	1,006	65,944
1972 -									
March	24,439	18,558	10,268	5,323	5,116	2,093	614	1,032	67,443
June	24,822	18,319	10,281	5,561	5,791	1,895	687	1,100	68,456
Sept.	24,091	18,014	9,614	5,498	5,511	1,934	717	985	66,364
Dec.	21,926	16,916	9,088	5,462	5,759	1,902	704	949	62,706
1973 -									
March	23,182	17,504	9,982	5,219	4,623	1,968	625	1,023	64,126
June	22,042	16,769	9,900	5,076	5,223	1,824	834	983	62,651
Sept.	p21,650	16,315	p9,486	p4,950	5,349	p1,866	p722	p1,083	p61,421
DEATHS REGISTERED									
1971 -									
Sept.	12,478	8,619	4,642	2,789	2,116	895	235	165	31,939
Dec.	9,374	7,489	3,861	2,508	2,079	790	154	156	26,411
1972 -									
March	9,633	6,545	3,770	2,119	1,601	805	104	153	24,730
June	10,442	7,444	4,035	2,355	1,722	789	161	163	27,111
Sept.	12,097	8,557	5,022	2,740	2,042	879	133	191	31,661
Dec.	9,480	7,310	3,771	2,550	2,076	754	155	162	26,258
1973 -									
March	10,205	7,194	4,205	2,245	1,699	790	124	162	26,624
June	10,010	7,426	4,028	2,424	1,771	841	134	160	26,794
Sept.	p11,360	8,798	p4,626	p2,657	2,085	p924	p149	p171	p30,770
EXCESS OF BIRTHS REGISTERED OVER DEATHS REGISTERED (NATURAL INCREASE)									
1971 -									
Sept.	12,466	10,717	5,455	3,177	3,658	1,253	643	809	38,178
Dec.	13,859	10,398	5,283	3,107	4,392	1,165	479	850	39,533
1972 -									
March	14,806	12,013	6,498	3,204	3,515	1,288	510	879	42,713
June	14,380	10,875	6,246	3,206	4,069	1,106	526	937	41,345
Sept.	11,994	9,457	4,592	2,758	3,469	1,055	584	794	34,703
Dec.	12,446	9,606	5,317	2,912	3,683	1,148	549	787	36,448
1973 -									
March	12,977	10,310	5,777	2,974	2,924	1,178	501	861	37,502
June	12,032	9,343	5,872	2,652	3,452	983	700	823	35,857
Sept.	p10,290	7,517	p4,860	p2,293	3,264	p942	p573	p912	p30,651

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