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This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the population of Western Australia as enumerated at the Census of 30th. June, 1954.

The population is classified according to age, conjugal condition, birthplace, period of residence in Australia of persons born outside Australia, nationality, religion, industry and occupational status. Each major table shows the numbers of males, females and persons according to one particular characteristic (e.g., age, conjugal condition, etc.).

A Bulletin similar to this will shortly be issued on Dwellings, and at a later stage a more detailed analysis will be published, showing particulars of both population and dwellings in a series of cross tabulations (e.g., the numbers of persons in the various industries according to their age groups, and the numbers of dwellings according to both numbers of rooms and inmates, etc.).

Census Bulletin No. 2. - Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas, issued in February, 1955, shows the population and occupied and unoccupied dwellings in each Local Government Area of Western Australia. Census Bulletin No. 1, issued in March, 1955, provides comparisons of figures for Western Australia, as a whole, for a series of Censuses and also particulars of intercensal increases in population.

All the tables in this Bulletin exclude particulars of full-blood Aborigines.

POPULATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CENSUS, 30th. JUNE, 1954.

1. Population. - Metropolitan, Urban, Other Urban, Rural and Migratory. The following table sets out population totals for Western Australia.

TABLE 1. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : POPULATION, CENSUS, 30th. JUNE, 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Division of State	Males	Females	Persons	
			Total	Proportion of Total
Metropolitan Urban	171,832	176,815	348,647	54.50
Other Urban	53,868	51,550	105,418	16.48
Rural	102,753	80,686	183,439	28.67
Migratory	1,905	362	2,267	0.35
TOTAL	330,358	309,413	639,771	100.00

Note. - The Metropolitan Urban Division relates to the City of Perth and adjoining Municipalities and Road Districts within boundaries used for Census purposes. "Other Urban" relates to all other cities and towns with a population of 1,000 persons or more, and "Rural" to the remainder of the State. "Migratory" refers to persons not elsewhere enumerated, who at midnight between 30th. June and 1st. July, 1954 were travelling on ships in Western Australian waters, or on long-distance trains or aircraft.

The 1954 Census population of Western Australia (639,771 persons) represented an increase of 27.3 per cent. over the 1947 Census figure (502,480 persons).

The population of the Metropolitan Area of the State showed an increase of 27.9 per cent. over the population of that area at the 1947 Census, while the population of the remainder of the State showed an increase of 26.6 per cent. in 1954 over the corresponding 1947 figure. The proportion of the Metropolitan population to the total population of the State increased from 54.2 per cent. in 1947 to 54.5 per cent. in 1954.

The proportion of males to females in the Western Australian population in 1954 was 106.8 males to 100 females, compared with 105.6 males to 100 females in 1947. In the Metropolitan area there were 97.2 males to 100 females in 1954, compared with 93.5 males to 100 females in 1947.

2. Age. - The following table shows the numbers of the population in each age group (five years) at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 2. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION
AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Age Last Birthday (years)	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954				
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons		
						Total	Proportion of Total	Increase since 1947
							%	Percentage
0-4	26,812	25,640	52,452	38,092	36,886	74,978	11.72	22.526
5-9	22,571	22,021	44,592	34,369	32,710	67,079	10.48	22.487
10-14	19,632	19,050	38,682	26,965	25,728	52,693	8.24	14.011
15-19	19,957	19,982	39,939	23,048	22,203	45,251	7.07	5.312
20-24	19,272	19,162	38,434	22,857	20,745	43,602	6.82	5.168
25-29	17,890	18,236	36,126	26,432	23,047	49,479	7.73	13.353
30-34	19,256	19,329	38,585	25,484	23,036	48,520	7.59	9.935
35-39	19,959	18,219	38,178	21,606	21,084	42,690	6.67	4.512
40-44	20,019	16,065	36,084	23,267	21,139	44,406	6.94	8.322
45-49	17,917	14,554	32,471	22,176	18,460	40,636	6.35	8.165
50-54	13,017	12,047	25,064	19,684	15,963	35,647	5.57	10.583
55-59	11,793	10,813	22,606	13,092	12,142	25,234	3.95	2.628
60-64	9,595	9,051	18,646	11,024	11,243	22,267	3.48	3.621
65 & over	20,386	20,235	40,621	22,262	25,027	47,289	7.39	6.668
TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	100.00	137,291
Under 21	92,636	90,538	183,174	126,605	121,393	247,998	38.76	64,824
21-49	110,649	101,720	212,369	137,691	123,645	261,336	40.85	48,967
50 & over	54,791	52,146	106,937	66,062	64,375	130,437	20.39	23,500
TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	100.00	137,291

At the 1954 Census 22.2 per cent. of the population of Western Australia was under 10 years of age, compared with 19.3 per cent. in 1947, and 38.8 per cent. was under 21 years of age, compared with 36.4 per cent. in 1947. The proportion of the population in the 21-49 years group was 40.8 per cent. in 1954 compared with 42.3 per cent. in 1947, whilst the 50 years and over age group constituted 20.4 per cent. of the population in 1954 and 21.3 per cent. in 1947. Increases occurred in respect of all age groups, the largest being in the 0-4 years group (43.0 per cent.) and the 5-9 years group (50.4 per cent.), and the smallest in the 55-59 years group (11.6 per cent.).

3. Conjugal Condition. - The following table shows the population of Western Australia classified according to conjugal condition at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 3. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE POPULATION
AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Conjugal Condition	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Never Married -							
Under 15 years of age	69,015	66,711	135,726	99,426	95,324	194,750	59,024
15 years of age and over	63,556	42,550	106,106	71,486	42,760	114,246	8,140
TOTAL	132,571	109,261	241,832	170,912	138,084	308,996	67,164
Married	110,428	108,123	218,551	144,037	141,076	285,113	66,562
Married but permanently separated	4,166	4,424	8,590	4,320	4,467	8,787	197
Widowed	7,387	19,981	27,368	7,455	22,874	30,329	2,961
Divorced	2,356	2,098	4,454	2,930	2,690	5,620	1,166
Not Stated	1,168	517	1,685	704	222	926	- 759
TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	137,291

At the 1954 Census, 48.3 per cent. of the population of Western Australia was never married, 46.0 per cent. was married (including 1.4 per cent. married but permanently separated), 4.7 per cent. was widowed and 0.9 per cent. divorced. In 1947, 48.1 per cent. of the population was never married, 45.2 per cent. was married (including 1.7 per cent. married but permanently separated), 5.5 per cent. was widowed and 0.9 per cent. divorced.

The number of never-married males (15 years of age and over) to every 100 never-married females (15 years of age and over) increased from 149 in 1947 to 167 in 1954, whilst the number of widows to every 100 widowers increased from 270 in 1947 to 307 in 1954.

4. Birthplace. - The following table shows the birthplaces of the population of Western Australia at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 4. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION

AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Birthplace	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Australasia -							
Australia	204,542	206,493	411,035	244,513	245,593	490,106	79,071
New Zealand	1,100	1,003	2,103	1,091	986	2,077	- 26
Other	13	20	33	34	24	58	25
Total Australasia	205,655	207,516	413,171	245,638	246,603	492,241	79,070
Europe -							
England	28,756	23,326	52,082	34,347	28,899	63,206	11,124
Wales	922	623	1,545	1,125	792	1,907	362
Scotland	6,169	4,695	10,824	7,419	5,765	13,184	2,360
Northern Ireland	364	193	557	546	380	926	369
Ireland, Republic of	285	423	708	375	321	696	- 12
Ireland - Undefined	2,086	1,599	3,685	2,071	1,703	3,774	89
Austria	86	70	156	432	372	804	648
Czechoslovakia	46	22	68	448	250	698	630
Denmark	170	55	225	199	64	263	38
Estonia	21	4	25	236	191	427	402
France	74	97	171	125	163	288	117
Germany	426	230	656	2,698	2,663	5,361	4,705
Greece	1,451	482	1,933	1,981	1,232	3,213	1,280
Hungary	10	12	22	537	328	865	843
Italy	3,856	1,566	5,422	11,482	5,560	17,042	11,620
Latvia	23	13	36	834	669	1,503	1,467
Lithuania	11	5	16	390	195	585	569
Malta	69	27	96	288	104	392	296
Netherlands	208	56	264	4,857	3,624	8,481	8,217
Norway	222	34	256	230	42	272	16
Poland	143	84	227	3,112	2,016	5,130	4,903
Romania	19	8	27	105	64	169	142
Sweden	213	17	230	159	17	176	- 54
Switzerland	103	66	171	144	99	243	72
Ukraine	(a)	(a)	(a)	688	444	1,132	1,613
U.S.S.R.	167	128	295	350	426	776	
Yugoslavia	2,415	962	3,377	2,957	1,616	4,573	1,196
Other	712	255	967	801	390	1,191	224
Total Europe	49,027	35,014	84,041	78,936	58,341	137,277	53,236
Asia -							
China	338	47	385	379	82	461	76
Federation of Malaya	350	230	580	408	210	618	38
India, Pakistan, Ceylon	1,040	593	1,633	1,946	1,785	3,731	2,098
Indonesia	88	60	148	338	242	580	432
Israel	170	151	321	165	161	326	5
Other	335	59	394	812	673	1,485	1,091
Total Asia	2,321	1,140	3,461	4,048	3,153	7,201	3,740
Africa -							
Union of South Africa	339	244	583	333	279	612	29
Egypt	43	46	89	333	310	643	554
Other	42	26	68	157	128	285	217
Total Africa	424	316	740	823	717	1,540	800
America -							
Canada	209	120	329	255	151	406	77
United States	263	151	414	469	261	750	336
Other	101	71	172	114	93	207	35
Total America	573	342	915	838	525	1,363	448
Other	75	76	151	75	74	149	- 3
GRAND TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	137,291

(a) Included with U.S.S.R.

5.

At 30th. June, 1954, the Australian-born population of Western Australia represented 76.6 per cent. of the total, compared with 81.8 per cent. in 1947. European-born persons constituted almost 21.5 per cent. of the Western Australian population in 1954, compared with 16.7 per cent. in 1947. At the 1954 Census these persons consisted mainly of people born in England (9.9 per cent.), Italy (2.7 per cent.), Scotland (2.1 per cent.), Netherlands (1.3 per cent.) and Germany (0.8 per cent.).

The largest increases in numbers of overseas-born persons in Western Australia between the Censuses of 1947 and 1954 occurred in respect of the following countries:- Italy, 11,620 persons (214 per cent.); England, 11,124 (21 per cent.); Netherlands, 8,217; Poland, 4,903; and Germany, 4,705. The numbers of persons born in the last-named three countries at the 1954 Census were, respectively, 32 times, 23 times, and 8 times as great as the numbers at the 1947 Census.

Of the 137,277 European-born persons in Western Australia at the 1954 Census, 78,936 or 57.5 per cent. were males, compared with 58.3 per cent. in 1947. The preponderance of males in 1954 was most noticeable in respect of persons born in Italy, Poland and Yugoslavia.

5. Period of Residence in Australia of Persons born outside Australia. - The following table sets out details of the period of residence in Australia of persons born outside Australia.

TABLE 5. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA OF PERSONS

BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA, CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Period of Residence	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Under 1 year	2,127	939	3,066	5,774	4,639	10,413	7,347
1 year and under 2 yrs.	315	480	795	4,261	3,473	7,734	6,939
2 years " " 3 "	130	83	213	7,068	4,153	11,221	11,008
3 " " " 4 "	54	31	85	6,773	5,031	11,804	11,719
4 " " " 5 "	61	26	87	8,983	6,895	15,878	15,791
Total, under 5 yrs.	2,687	1,559	4,246	32,859	24,191	57,050	52,804
5 yrs. and under 6 yrs.	197	149	346	6,309	4,260	10,569	10,223
6 " " " 7 "	161	154	315	2,381	1,994	4,375	4,060
7 " " " 8 "	242	252	494	1,194	978	2,172	1,678
8 " " " 9 "	625	511	1,136				
9 " " " 10 "	873	478	1,351	1,305	1,258	2,563	- 3,254
10 " " " 15 "	1,775	1,555	3,330				
Total, 5 yrs. and under 15 years	3,873	3,099	6,972	11,189	8,490	19,679	12,707
15 years and over	45,343	32,292	77,635	40,484	30,176	70,660	- 6,975
Not Stated	1,631	961	2,592	1,313	963	2,276	- 316
Total born outside Australia	53,534	37,911	91,445	85,845	63,820	149,665	58,220
Born in Australia	204,542	206,493	411,035	244,513	245,593	490,106	79,071
TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	137,291

Of the 1954 population born outside Australia, almost 50 per cent. (74,166 persons) had resided in Australia for less than eight years, as compared with less than 6 per cent. (5,401 persons) in 1947. In 1954 slightly more than 10.6 per cent. (15,878 persons) had spent between four and five years in Australia.

6. Nationality (i.e., Allegiance). - The following table shows particulars of the nationality of the population of Western Australia at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 6. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : NATIONALITY (i.e., ALLEGIANCE) OF THE
POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Nationality	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase since 1947
British (a)	253,916	243,597	497,513	303,609	292,488	596,097	98,584
Foreign -							
American (U.S.)	152	27	179	361	173	534	355
Austrian	15	9	24	244	175	419	395
Chinese	288	22	310	306	14	320	10
Czechoslovak	12	3	15	288	145	433	418
Dutch	292	62	354	4,940	3,782	8,722	8,368
Estonian	4	1	5	205	175	380	375
French	14	15	29	77	59	136	107
German	63	16	79	1,356	1,219	2,575	2,496
Greek	715	122	837	1,151	815	1,966	1,129
Hungarian	1	1	2	476	331	807	805
Italian	897	201	1,098	8,417	3,849	12,266	11,168
Latvian	..	3	3	778	664	1,442	1,439
Lithuanian	2	..	2	360	223	583	581
Norwegian	89	5	94	130	22	152	58
Polish	13	9	22	2,989	2,254	5,243	5,221
Russian	19	5	24	104	100	204	180
Swiss	20	11	31	74	36	110	79
Ukrainian	..	..	..	788	550	1,338	1,338
Yugoslav	984	214	1,198	1,584	1,045	2,629	1,431
Other	536	57	593	705	223	928	335
Stateless	44	24	68	1,416	1,071	2,487	2,419
Total Foreign	4,160	807	4,967	26,749	16,925	43,674	38,707
GRAND TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	137,291

(a) "Irish" nationality is included with "British" nationality for the purpose of this table.

At 30th. June, 1954, 596,097 persons (or 93.2 per cent. of the Western Australian population) were of British nationality, compared with 99.0 per cent. in 1947. The number of foreign nationals increased from 4,967 persons in 1947 to 43,674 persons at 30th. June, 1954.

Of the 149,665 persons constituting the overseas-born population of Western Australia at 30th. June, 1954 approximately 70 per cent. were British subjects, the remainder owing foreign allegiance.

The most numerous foreign nationals in Western Australia at 30th. June, 1954 were:- Italian, 12,266; Dutch, 8,722; Polish, 5,243; Yugoslav, 2,629; German, 2,575 and Greek, 1,966.

7. Religion. - The following table sets out particulars of the religions of those persons who answered this question (which was not obligatory), at the Censuses of 30th. June, 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 7. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : RELIGIONS OF THE POPULATION
AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Religion	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Christian -							
Baptist	2,973	3,124	6,097	3,475	3,761	7,236	1,139
Brethren	278	334	612	331	403	734	122
Catholic, Roman (a)	25,406	20,475	45,881	48,301	39,710	88,011	42,130
Catholic (a)	25,037	27,571	52,608	27,343	28,135	55,478	2,870
Church of Christ	3,177	3,866	7,043	3,590	4,211	7,801	758
Church of England	113,577	108,880	222,457	136,802	131,333	268,135	45,678
Congregational	2,893	3,057	5,950	3,332	3,512	6,844	894
Greek Orthodox	(b)	(b)	(b)	4,183	3,030	7,213	(b)
Lutheran	534	307	841	2,046	1,825	3,871	3,030
Methodist	29,212	29,982	59,194	33,697	34,792	68,489	9,295
Presbyterian	16,265	15,544	31,809	19,281	18,378	37,659	5,850
Protestant (undefined)	2,445	2,312	4,757	3,209	2,957	6,166	1,409
Salvation Army	1,485	1,715	3,200	1,774	1,958	3,732	532
Seventh Day Adventist	901	1,171	2,072	1,295	1,637	2,932	860
Other (incl. Christian undefined)	2,229	2,112	4,341	2,600	2,892	5,492	1,151
Total, Christian	226,412	220,450	446,862	291,259	278,534	569,793	122,931
Non-Christian -							
Hebrew	1,183	1,111	2,294	1,311	1,244	2,555	61
Other	655	79	734	297	77	374	- 360
Total, Non-Christian	1,838	1,190	3,028	1,608	1,321	2,929	- 99
Indefinite	940	903	1,843	941	805	1,746	- 97
No Religion	1,680	659	2,339	1,451	709	2,160	- 179
No Reply	27,206	21,202	48,408	35,099	28,044	63,143	14,735
GRAND TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	137,291

(a) So described in individual Census Schedules.

(b) Not available.

There were 63,143 persons or 9.9 per cent. of the population who gave no reply to this question in 1954 (compared with 48,408 or 9.6 per cent. in 1947).

The denominations with the largest numbers of stated adherents in 1954 were:- Church of England, 268,135; Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described), 143,489; Methodist, 68,489; Presbyterian, 37,659 and Church of Christ, 7,801.

The greatest numerical increase since 1947 was shown by the Church of England with an increase of 45,678 persons. This was followed by Roman Catholics and Catholics (so described) with an increase of 45,000 persons; Methodists 9,295 persons; Presbyterians, 5,850 persons and Lutherans, 3,030 persons.

Among the denominations with the largest number of stated adherents, the greatest proportional increases since 1947 were recorded by Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described), (45.7 per cent.); Church of England (20.5 per cent.); Presbyterian (18.4 per cent.) and Methodist (15.7 per cent.). Amongst the denominations with smaller numbers of adherents there were also some proportionally large increases.

Adherents of Christian religions represented 98.8 per cent. of all persons in Western Australia who replied to the question on religion at the Census of 30th. June, 1954. This proportion is almost identical with that shown at the 1947 Census.

8. **Industry.** - The following table shows the main groups of industry in which the working population of Western Australia was engaged at 30th. June, 1947 and 1954.

NOTE. - The Classification of Industries used for the 1954 Census differed in a number of instances from that used for the 1947 Census. The more significant of these instances are listed below, and the industry groups affected are indicated in the table by asterisks.

(i) **SHIP AND BOAT BUILDING AND MARINE ENGINEERING** in 1947 was included in the "Founding, Engineering and metalworking" sub-group, whereas in 1954 it has been included in the sub-group, "Manufacture, Assembly and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories".

(ii) **ELECTRICITY** in 1947 was divided into Production and Supply, (included in this table with "Other Manufacturing") and Construction and Maintenance (included with the "Building and Construction" group); (iii) **GAS** in 1947 was included in the "Gas and Electricity" sub-group of the "Manufacturing" group (included in this table with "Other Manufacturing"); (iv) **WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES** in 1947 was included with "Building and Construction"; (v) **SANITATION, INSPECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE** in 1947 was included with the "Personal Services etc." sub-group of "Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Services, etc.". In 1954 items (ii), except for Construction, (iii), (iv) and (v) have all been included in the "Electricity, Gas, Water and Sanitary Services (Production, Supply and Maintenance)" group.

(vi) **MOTOR ENGINEERING** in 1947 was included in the "Transport and Storage" group, whereas in 1954 it has been included with the "Manufacture, Assembly and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories" sub-group of the "Manufacturing" group. (vii) **MOTOR GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS** in 1947 was included in "Transport and Storage", whereas in 1954 it has been included in the "Retail Trade" sub-group of the "Commerce" group.

(viii) **CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES** in 1947 was included in "Building and Construction", whereas in 1954 it has been included in the "Communication" group.

TABLE 8. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA. INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT THE

CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Industry Group	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Primary Production -						
Agriculture, Grazing & Dairying	33,471	1,424	34,895	36,449	2,472	38,921
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping	1,216	3	1,219	1,551	19	1,570
Forestry	1,785	1	1,786	1,005	7	1,012
Total Primary Production	36,472	1,428	37,900	39,005	2,498	41,503
Mining and Quarrying -						
Coal Mining	1,226	5	1,231	1,779	11	1,790
Gold Mining	7,709	74	7,783	6,045	86	6,131
Other Mining and Quarrying	1,224	18	1,242	1,387	44	1,431
Total Mining and Quarrying	10,159	97	10,256	9,211	141	9,352
Manufacturing -						
Founding, Engineering and Metalworking	* 6,073	* 400	* 6,473	9,015	691	9,706
Manufacture, Assembly and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories	3,952	50	4,002	* 7,391	* 158	* 7,549
Manufacture of Textiles and Fibrous Materials (not Dress)	346	216	562	486	300	786
Manufacture of Clothing, Knitted Goods, Boots, Shoes, etc.	1,489	3,362	4,851	1,316	2,913	4,229
Manufacture of Food, Drink, and Tobacco	5,336	1,115	6,451	5,628	1,382	7,010
Sawmilling	2,807	31	2,838	5,509	72	5,581
Manufacture of Wood Products, Furniture & Fittings other than Metal etc.	1,997	99	2,096	2,995	223	3,218
Paper Printing, Bookbinding, Photography	2,046	745	2,791	2,539	875	3,414
Manufacture of Chemicals, Dyes, etc.	1,054	86	1,140	1,620	265	1,885
Other	* 4,986	* 567	* 5,553	5,399	580	5,979
Total Manufacturing	30,086	6,701	36,787	41,698	7,459	49,157

TABLE 8. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA: INDUSTRY (Continued).

Industry Group	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Electricity, Gas, Water, etc. (Production, Supply & Maintenance)	*	*	*	* 3,956	* 213	* 4,169
Building and Construction - Construction and Repair of Buildings	6,905	38	6,943	16,850	201	17,051
Construction Works (other than Buildings)	* 7,939	* 16	* 7,955	11,070	160	11,230
Total Building & Construction	* 14,844	* 54	* 14,898	27,920	361	28,281
Transport and Storage -						
Shipping and Loading and Discharging Vessels	4,646	147	4,793	4,641	194	4,835
Rail and Air Transport	5,936	282	6,218	8,463	374	8,837
Other	* 6,548	* 406	* 6,954	5,789	345	6,134
Total Transport and Storage	17,130	835	17,965	18,893	913	19,806
Communication	2,236	731	2,967	* 4,082	* 887	* 4,969
Finance and Property	3,631	1,397	5,028	4,468	2,079	6,547
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade (other than Live-stock and Primary Produce Dealing etc.)	6,667	1,615	8,282	9,432	2,820	12,252
Retail Trade	11,013	7,337	18,350	* 16,800	* 11,484	* 28,284
Other	1,984	453	2,437	2,441	547	2,988
Total Commerce	19,664	9,405	29,069	28,673	14,851	43,524
Public Authority (N.E.I.) & Professional Activities -						
Public Authority Activities (N.E.I.)	4,591	1,658	6,249	6,115	1,858	7,973
Law, Order & Public Safety	1,185	305	1,490	1,640	456	2,096
Health, Hospitals, etc.	1,812	3,842	5,654	2,617	5,698	8,315
Education	1,791	2,973	4,764	2,903	3,912	6,815
Other	4,483	1,259	5,742	5,434	1,785	7,219
Total Public Authority etc.	13,862	10,037	23,899	18,709	13,909	32,618
Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, etc. -						
Amusement, Sport & Recreation	1,725	444	2,169	1,810	574	2,384
Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, etc.	* 5,181	* 8,445	* 13,626	4,943	8,948	13,891
Total Amusement, Hotels, etc.	6,906	8,889	15,795	6,753	9,522	16,275
Industry Inadequately Described or Not Stated (a)	8,947	2,889	11,836	1,473	527	2,000
Total in Work Force	163,237	42,463	205,700	205,041	53,360	258,401
Persons not in Work Force	94,139	201,941	296,080	125,317	256,053	381,370
GRAND TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771

(a) Decreases in 1954 are due mainly to provision on the Householder's Schedule for added information to facilitate classification of industry.

At 30th. June, 1954 the combined industry groups Manufacturing, Electricity, etc., and Building and Construction absorbed 81,807 persons (31.7 per cent. of the total work force), and comprised 73,774 males (36.0 per cent. of the male work force) and 8,033 females (15.0 per cent. of the female work force). These were followed by the Commerce group 43,524 persons (representing 16.8 per cent. of all persons in the work force), the predominantly male Primary Production group, 41,503 persons (16.1 per cent. of the work force) and Public Authority (N.E.I.), etc., 32,618 persons (12.6 per cent.). In 1947 the proportion of these Industrial Groups to the total work force was as follows: Manufacturing, Electricity, Building, etc., 25.0 per cent., Commerce, 14.1 per cent., Primary Production, 18.4 per cent., and Public Authority (N.E.I.) etc., 11.6 per cent.

9. **Occupational Status.** - The following table shows details of the Occupational Status of the population (i.e., the capacity in which persons were engaged in the various branches of industry, whether as employer, employee, etc.) of Western Australia at 30th. June, 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 9. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION

AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Occupational Status	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
In Work Force -							
At Work -							
Employer	13,972	1,548	15,520	16,861	2,243	19,104	3,584
Self-Employed	24,119	2,721	26,840	26,146	3,367	29,513	2,673
Employee	117,993	36,632	154,625	158,260	46,104	204,364	49,739
Helper (not on wage or salary)	1,706	228	1,934	1,512	796	2,308	374
Total	157,790	41,129	198,919	202,779	52,510	255,289	56,370
Not at Work (a)	5,450	1,158	6,608	2,077	741	2,818	- 3,790
Not Stated	697	176	873	185	109	294	- 579
Total in Work Force	163,937	42,463	206,400	205,041	53,360	258,401	52,001
Not in Work Force	94,139	201,941	296,080	125,317	256,053	381,370	85,290
GRAND TOTAL	258,076	244,404	502,480	330,358	309,413	639,771	137,291

(a) Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs or for any other reason.

Of the total persons in the work force at 30th. June, 1954, employees numbered 204,364 (79.1 per cent.) compared with 154,625 (74.9 per cent.) in 1947; there were 19,104 employers (7.4 per cent.), compared with 15,520 (7.5 per cent.) in 1947; and 29,513 self-employed persons (11.4 per cent.), compared with 26,840 (13.0 per cent.) in 1947. Persons not in the work force constituted 59.6 per cent. of the total population in 1954, as compared with 58.9 per cent. in 1947.

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