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ESTIMATES OF POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS (PRELIMINARY) DECEMBER QUARTER 1974 AND MARCH QUARTER 1975

MAIN FEATURES

- Provisional estimates put the population of Australia at 13,485,900 at 31 December 1974 and at 13,542,100 at 31 March 1975.
- During the March quarter 1975 there were 56,450 births (compared with 61,392 in the March quarter 1974) and 24,163 deaths (24,662 in the March quarter 1974). Net migration during the March quarter 1975 is provisionally estimated at 23,900.
- The population of Australia during 1974 is estimated to have increased by 217,300 or 1.64 per cent.
- Natural increase during 1974 is estimated at 129,300 which was 7,500 less than in 1973. Births declined from 247,700 to 245,200 and deaths increased from 110,800 to 115,800. Net migration gain, at 87,900, was 47,500 higher than in 1973, and total population gain in 1974 was, therefore, 40,000 higher than in 1973.

tabulations have been compiled.

Population estimates

3. Population estimates for Australia as a whole take 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 can be derived from recorded transfers of State of residence under child endowment procedures or Australian electoral procedures or in other ways such as from the results of any special count. As records of migration by State or Territory are not complete, the estimated State and Territory populations are approximate and are subject to revision when the population of each State is ascertained at the next Census.

Temporary population movements

4. 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.

5. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in Tables 1 and 2 are due to rounding.

NOTE. Minus sign (-) denotes population decrease.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains provisional estimates of the population and of population changes for Australia and the States and Territories. It also contains preliminary estimates of births, deaths and natural increase. It is issued in advance of the quarterly *Summary of Vital and Population Statistics* (Reference No. 4.11)

2. The population estimate for recent quarters are designated 'provisional' (*) because they are based, especially for States and Territories, on very limited information about overseas arrivals and departures. Statistics of births, deaths and natural increase for recent quarters are designated 'preliminary' (p) in so far as they are subject to minor amendments when detailed

TABLE 1. - ESTIMATED POPULATION
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972 -									
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	162.5	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	4,719.0	3,599.5	1,929.3	1,204.9	1,075.9	397.1	97.0	172.2	13,194.9
31 December	4,738.1	3,615.8	1,946.5	1,211.1	1,084.4	399.1	98.1	175.4	13,268.6
1974 -									
31 March	4,763.0	3,643.4	1,960.5	1,217.7	1,095.0	401.1	100.6	177.7	13,359.0
30 June	4,743.4	3,631.9	1,967.9	1,218.2	1,094.7	400.4	101.2	180.5	13,338.3
30 September	p4,767.0	3,653.0	1,977.5	1,224.7	1,103.7	402.4	103.9	183.6	p13,415.9
31 December	4,796.1	3,672.5	1,997.7	1,239.3	1,116.1	405.0	(a)69.7	187.6	13,485.9
1975 -									
31 March*	4,808.5	3,685.7	2,002.1	1,239.4	1,122.5	406.7	86.5	190.6	13,542.1

(a) Decrease due to effect of cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population. * - Provisional. p - Preliminary.

TABLE 2 - INCREASE OF POPULATION (a)
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Quarter	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
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
September	16.5	12.9	14.4	5.8	7.5	1.1	1.4	3.8	63.3
December	19.1	16.4	17.2	6.2	8.4	2.0	1.1	3.2	73.6
1974 -									
March	24.8	27.6	14.0	6.6	10.6	2.0	2.5	2.3	90.4
June	-19.5	-11.6	7.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	0.7	2.8	-20.7
September	23.6	21.1	9.6	6.6	9.0	2.0	2.6	3.1	77.5
December *	31.0	19.5	p20.2	14.6	12.4	2.6	-34.2	3.9	70.0
1975 -									
March *	10.5	13.3	4.4	0.1	6.4	1.7	16.8	3.0	56.2

(a) Consists of natural increase, estimated net overseas and interstate migration. * - Provisional, p - Preliminary.

TABLE 3 - BIRTHS, DEATHS AND NATURAL INCREASE

Quarter	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
BIRTHS REGISTERED									
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	835	983	62,652
September	21,641	16,315	9,495	4,950	5,349	1,866	722	1,083	61,421
December	20,467	16,535	8,690	5,162	5,315	1,668	627	1,007	59,471
1974 -									
March	21,728	16,882	9,661	4,825	4,568	1,906	694	1,128	61,392
June	21,197	16,644	9,705	5,193	5,105	1,826	681	1,023	61,374
September	p22,962	16,793	9,593	5,036	4,967	1,885	723	1,063	p63,022
December	p20,280	15,882	8,893	5,127	5,567	1,781	710	1,154	p59,394
1975 -									
March p	19,530	15,280	9,263	4,783	4,400	1,784	370	1,040	56,450
DEATHS REGISTERED									
1973 -									
March	10,205	7,194	4,205	2,245	1,699	789	124	162	26,623
June	10,010	7,426	4,028	2,424	1,771	841	134	160	26,794
September	11,340	8,798	4,628	2,657	2,085	924	149	171	30,752
December	9,567	7,278	3,871	2,509	2,290	793	173	172	26,653
1974 -									
March	8,576	7,118	3,962	2,233	1,653	820	149	151	24,662
June	10,636	7,486	4,368	2,516	1,919	878	135	174	28,112
September	p14,466	8,993	5,749	2,933	2,091	991	119	249	p35,591
December	p10,320	7,278	p4,057	2,554	2,115	795	172	184	p27,475
1975 -									
March p	8,590	6,950	3,748	1,988	1,750	849	158	130	24,163
EXCESS OF BIRTHS REGISTERED OVER DEATHS REGISTERED (NATURAL INCREASE)									
1973 -									
March	12,977	10,310	5,777	2,974	2,924	1,179	501	861	37,503
June	12,032	9,343	5,872	2,652	3,452	983	701	823	35,858
September	10,301	7,517	4,867	2,293	3,264	942	573	912	30,669
December	10,900	9,257	4,819	2,653	3,025	875	454	835	32,818
1974 -									
March	13,152	9,764	5,699	2,592	2,915	1,086	545	977	36,730
June	10,561	9,158	5,337	2,677	3,186	948	546	849	33,262
September	p8,496	7,800	3,844	2,103	2,876	894	604	814	p27,431
December	p9,960	8,604	p4,836	2,573	3,452	986	538	970	p31,919
1975 -									
March p	10,940	8,330	5,515	2,795	2,650	935	212	910	32,287

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