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ESTIMATES OF POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS (PRELIMINARY) MARCH AND JUNE QUARTERS 1974

MAIN FEATURES

- The population of Australia is provisionally estimated at 13,359,300 at 31 March 1974 and 13,338,500 at 30 June 1974.
- Natural increase, the excess of births over deaths, was 36,651 in the first three months of 1974 and 33,243 in the second three months.
- There was a net gain from overseas movement in the three months ended 31 March 1974 (arrivals are provisionally estimated to have exceeded departures by 54,100), and an excess of departures over arrivals, of 54,000 in the three months ended 30 June 1974.
- Over the year ended 30 June 1974, the population gain for Australia was 206,900 or 1.58 per cent. Natural increase over this period (133,381) was 11,131 lower than in 1972-73, mainly because of a decline of births from 255,848 to 243,677. Net migration gain (excess of arrivals over departures) during 1973-74 at 73,500 was 45,500 greater than in the previous year.

publication, especially for States and Territories, are based on limited information about the total numbers of overseas arrivals and departures. The provisional estimates will be superseded by subsequent population estimates taking into account more statistics of overseas movement when these are available.

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 Commonwealth 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains provisional estimates of the population and of population changes for Australia and the States and Territories in respect of both the March and June quarters of 1974. It also contains estimates of births, deaths and natural increase for the March quarter 1974, and preliminary estimates for the June quarter 1974. It is issued in advance of the quarterly *Summary of Vital and Population Statistics* (Reference No. 4.11).

Temporary population movements

- The provisional population figures in this

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.

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

TABLE 1. - ESTIMATED POPULATION : STATES AND TERRITORIES
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971 -									
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	1,053.3	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	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 p	4,771.2	3,639.7	1,960.3	1,216.5	1,093.3	399.7	100.9	177.7	13,359.3
30 June p	4,754.4	3,626.8	1,968.6	1,216.0	1,091.1	399.5	101.7	180.5	13,338.5

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
1972 -									
June	-9.2	-7.5	5.7	-2.1	-2.1	-1.1	1.0	3.4	-11.9
September	19.7	17.4	14.8	4.4	5.8	0.9	1.1	3.1	67.2
December	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
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 p	33.1	23.9	13.8	5.4	8.9	0.6	2.8	2.3	90.8
June p	-16.8	-12.9	8.3	-0.5	-2.2	-0.3	0.8	2.8	-20.8

(a) Consists of natural increase, 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									
1972 -									
June	24,822	18,319	10,281	5,561	5,791	1,895	687	1,100	68,456
September	24,091	18,014	9,614	5,498	5,511	1,934	717	985	66,364
December	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	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	p21,800	16,882	p9,563	4,825	4,568	1,906	694	1,128	p61,366
June	p21,240	16,444	p9,702	p5,200	5,105	1,826	p678	p1,024	p61,419
DEATHS REGISTERED									
1972 -									
June	10,442	7,444	4,035	2,355	1,722	789	161	163	27,111
September	12,097	8,557	5,022	2,740	2,042	879	133	191	31,661
December	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	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	p8,640	7,118	p3,951	2,233	1,653	820	149	151	p24,715
June	p10,620	7,486	p4,443	p2,516	1,919	878	p141	p173	p28,176
EXCESS OF BIRTHS REGISTERED OVER DEATHS REGISTERED (NATURAL INCREASE)									
1972 -									
June	14,380	10,875	6,246	3,206	4,069	1,106	526	937	41,345
September	11,994	9,457	4,592	2,758	3,469	1,055	584	794	34,703
December	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	1,179	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	p13,160	9,764	p5,612	2,592	2,915	1,086	545	977	p36,651
June	p10,620	9,158	p5,259	p2,684	3,186	948	p537	p851	p33,243

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