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

The population is classified according to age, conjugal condition, birth-place, 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.). This information has already been published in a summary similar to this for each State and Territory separately (statements No.16. - Australian Capital Territory, No.17. - Tasmania, No.19. - Northern Territory, No.21. - Papua and New Guinea, No.22. - Nauru, No.23. - Norfolk Island, No.25. - Western Australia, No.27. - South Australia, No.29. - New South Wales, No.35. - Victoria and No.47. - Queensland). In addition, a series of statements has been issued each containing detailed particulars of characteristics of the population at the 1954 Census for each State and Territory and for Australia as a whole (No.30. - Single Ages and Conjugal Condition, No.32. - Religions, No.37. - Nationalities, No.38. - Birthplaces and Period of Residence, and No.48. - Industry and Occupational Status).

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 the States and in each District of the Territories of Australia. Census Bulletin No.1, issued in March, 1955, provides comparisons of figures for Australia, by States and Territories, 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 AUSTRALIA, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

1. POPULATION. - METROPOLITAN URBAN, OTHER URBAN, RURAL AND MIGRATORY. The following table sets out population totals for each State and Territory of Australia as at 30th June, 1954. The proportion of each Division of State to the total, the area, and the density of population (the number of persons per square mile), of each Division are also shown.

TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIA: POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
METROPOLITAN URBAN									
Area - sq. miles	671	697	385(a)	161	191	94	..	42	2,242
Males	909,978	747,712	244,904	237,651	171,832	46,544	..	15,076	2,373,662
Females	953,183	776,399	257,416	245,857	176,815	48,662	..	13,201	2,471,533
Persons	1,863,161	1,524,111	502,320	483,508	348,647	95,206	..	28,277	4,845,195
per cent. of Grand Total	54.42	42.15	36.10	60.66	54.50	30.84	..	93.28	53.28
per sq. mile	2,775.12	2,188.34	1,304.73	3,004.65	1,824.42	1,015.86	..	673.26	2,162.2
OTHER URBAN									
Area - sq. miles	2,766	533	813	128	169	141	130	..	4,660
Males	485,128	233,083	230,157	55,853	53,868	53,521	6,378	..	1,117,990
Females	480,259	236,960	229,923	54,254	51,550	54,607	4,478	..	1,112,000
Persons	965,387	470,043	460,080	110,107	105,418	108,128	10,856	..	2,230,000
per cent. of Grand Total	28.20	19.17	34.90	13.81	16.48	35.02	65.92	..	24.12
per sq. mile	349.07	881.13	565.88	859.00	622.96	765.45	83.82	..	476.1
RURAL									
Area - sq. miles	305,996	86,654	669,302	379,781	975,560	25,980	523,490	897	2,967,600
Males	319,562	243,809	198,605	108,199	102,753	56,418	3,692	1,153	1,034,110
Females	268,549	206,317	154,283	92,934	80,686	48,350	1,697	885	853,745
Persons	588,111	450,126	352,888	201,133	183,439	104,768	5,389	2,038	1,887,855
per cent. of Grand Total	17.18	18.35	26.77	25.23	28.67	33.93	32.72	6.72	21.2
per sq. mile	1.92	5.19	0.53	0.53	0.19	4.03	0.01	2.27	0.6
MIGRATORY									
Males	6,192	6,495	2,586	2,200	1,905	646	218	..	20,242
Females	678	1,546	385	146	362	4	6	..	3,120
Persons	6,870	8,041	2,971	2,346	2,267	650	224	..	23,362
per cent. of Grand Total	0.20	0.33	0.23	0.30	0.35	0.21	1.36	..	0.26
GRAND TOTAL, ALL DIVISIONS OF STATE									
Area - sq. miles	309,433	87,884	670,500	380,070	975,920	26,215	523,620	939	2,974,500
Males	1,720,860	1,231,099	676,252	403,903	330,358	157,129	10,288	16,229	4,546,110
Females	1,702,669	1,221,242	642,007	393,191	309,413	151,623	6,181	14,086	4,440,410
Persons	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,520
per cent.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
per sq. mile (b)	11.04	27.81	1.96	2.09	0.65	11.75	0.03	32.28	3.0

(a) Includes 10 square miles of Brisbane River. (b) Excludes migratory population.

Note. - Densities have been calculated using area figures to two places of decimal.

3.

Metropolitan Urban Divisions include the Capital Cities of the States and Canberra, the Capital City of Australia. The boundaries of the Capital Cities are determined for Census purposes by the Statisticians of the States, and normally include the city proper and all adjoining urban areas. In order to conform to the growth of the metropolitan urban population, the boundaries are reviewed at each Census and adjustments made, wherever necessary, to embrace contiguous urban areas that have developed since the previous Census. Amendments were made in 1954 to the boundaries of the Metropolitan Urban Divisions in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. The City of Canberra was included in the Metropolitan Urban Division for the first time in 1954. Previously it was included in the Other Urban Division, or, as it was known at previous Censuses, the Urban Provincial Division.

Other Urban Divisions comprise the Capital City of the Northern Territory, all separately incorporated cities and towns, and all other towns with a population of 1,000 persons or more (750 in Tasmania), outside the Metropolitan Urban Divisions.

Rural Divisions comprise the remaining portions of each State and Territory, and are affected by the intercensal changes in the areas of the Metropolitan Urban and Other Urban Divisions. As already mentioned, the Rural Divisions exclude the cities and towns of 1,000 persons or more (750 in Tasmania) which were not separately incorporated.

The term "Migratory" used in the foregoing table refers to persons not elsewhere enumerated who at midnight between 30th June and 1st July, 1954 were travelling on ships in Australian waters or were travelling on long-distance trains or aircraft.

The boundaries of the Metropolitan Areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart and of Darwin, the capital of the Northern Territory, were extended for the 1954 Census, and the populations of the areas so added at the Census of 30th June, 1954, were:- Sydney, 290,402; Melbourne, 120,628; Hobart, 3,633; and Darwin, 3,541.

The 1954 Census population of Australia (8,986,530 persons) represented an increase of 18.57 per cent. over the 1947 figure (7,579,358 persons).

The population of the Metropolitan Areas of the Commonwealth showed an increase of 18.52 per cent. over the population of the corresponding areas at the 1947 Census, while the population of the remainder of Australia showed an increase of 18.62 per cent. The proportion of the Metropolitan population to the total population of Australia decreased slightly from 53.94 per cent. in 1947 to 53.92 per cent. in 1954.

The ratio of males to females in the Australian population in 1954 was 102.38 males to 100 females, compared with 100.41 males to 100 females in 1947. In the Metropolitan Areas there were 96.04 males to 100 females in 1954, compared with 93.24 males to 100 females in the corresponding areas in 1947.

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. - 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	Total	Persons	
							Proportion of Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
0-4	388,301	372,086	760,387	493,682	472,735	966,417	10.75	206,030
5-9	307,697	296,286	603,983	461,903	440,834	902,737	10.05	298,754
10-14	271,761	262,222	534,683	354,075	340,105	694,180	7.72	159,497
15-19	297,524	269,112	566,636	302,287	289,484	591,771	6.58	5,105
20-24	309,490	308,464	617,954	311,979	288,187	600,166	6.68	-17,788
25-29	297,497	300,839	598,386	368,639	336,178	704,817	7.84	106,431
30-34	297,531	300,567	598,098	364,238	343,605	707,843	7.88	109,745
35-39	285,309	275,637	560,946	325,768	317,355	643,123	7.16	82,177
40-44	258,008	238,284	496,292	323,418	305,010	628,428	6.99	132,136
45-49	236,381	229,317	465,728	286,705	260,224	546,929	6.09	81,201
50-54	207,515	217,473	424,988	246,061	233,140	479,201	5.34	54,213
55-59	198,928	198,521	397,449	193,148	204,122	397,270	4.42	-179
60-64	159,157	164,552	323,709	178,947	198,695	377,642	4.20	53,933
65 & over	282,271	327,818	610,089	335,268	410,738	746,006	8.30	135,917
TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	100.00	1,407,172
Under 21	1,324,623	1,280,353	2,604,976	1,668,770	1,594,959	3,263,729	36.34	660,753
21-49	1,624,876	1,593,271	3,218,147	1,923,924	1,796,758	3,720,682	41.40	502,535
50 & over	847,871	908,364	1,756,235	953,424	1,045,695	2,000,119	22.26	243,684
TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	100.00	1,407,172

At the 1954 Census 20.80 per cent. of the population of Australia were under 10 years of age, compared with 18.00 per cent. in 1947, whilst 36.34 per cent. were under 21 years of age, compared with 34.37 per cent. in 1947. The proportion of the population in the 21-49 years group was 41.40 per cent. in 1954, compared with 42.46 per cent. in 1947, whilst the 50 years and over age group constituted 22.26 per cent. of the population in 1954 and 23.17 per cent. in 1947. Increases occurred in most age groups, the largest, both numerical and proportional being in the 5-9 years group. Decreases occurred in the 20-24 years group and 55-59 years group.

The number of Males exceeded females in each age group up to and including the 50-54 years group, but in the higher age groups females were more numerous.

3. **CONJUGAL CONDITION.** - The following table shows the population of Australia classified according to conjugal condition at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 3. - 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	967,759	931,294	1,899,053	1,309,660	1,253,674	2,563,334	664,281
15 years of age and over	929,212	748,414	1,677,626	962,491	684,154	1,646,645	-30,981
TOTAL	1,896,971	1,679,708	3,576,679	2,272,151	1,937,828	4,209,979	633,300
Married	1,692,913	1,686,885	3,379,798	2,062,122	2,043,651	4,105,773	725,975
Married but permanently separated	58,722	67,890	126,612	57,371	66,229	123,600	-3,012
Widowed	111,680	309,383	421,063	113,064	351,101	464,165	43,102
Divorced	21,952	27,441	49,393	32,389	36,650	69,039	16,646
Not Stated	12,132	10,681	22,813	9,021	4,953	13,974	-8,839
TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	1,407,172

5.

At the 1954 Census, 46.85 per cent. of the total population of Australia were never married, compared with 47.19 per cent. in 1947. However, in 1954, 60.89 per cent. of those never married were under 15 years of age, whereas 53.10 per cent. were under 15 years of age in 1947. The increase of 633,300 never-married persons since 1947 (equal to an increase of 17.71 per cent.) was entirely due to the increase in children under 15 years of age. The number of females 15 years of age and over who were never-married at 30th June, 1954 showed a decrease of 64,260 compared with 1947, although this decrease was partly offset by an increase of 33,279 in the males of this group.

In 1954, 47.06 per cent. of the total population stated their conjugal condition as married (including 1.38 per cent. married but permanently separated); 5.17 per cent. as widowed and 0.77 per cent. as divorced. In 1947, 46.26 per cent. of the Australian population described themselves as married (including 1.67 per cent. married but permanently separated); 5.56 per cent. as widowed and 0.69 per cent. as divorced.

The ratio of never-married males (15 years of age and over) to every 100 never-married females (15 years of age and over) increased from 124.16 in 1947 to 140.68 in 1954; whilst that of widows to every 100 widowers increased from 277.03 in 1947 to 310.53 in 1954.

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

TABLE 4. - 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	Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Australasia -							
Australia	3,380,324	3,454,847	6,835,171	3,812,842	3,687,739	7,500,581	865,410
New Zealand	21,890	21,720	43,610	21,723	21,624	43,347	-263
Other	776	810	1,586	1,065	1,058	2,123	537
Total Australasia	3,402,990	3,477,377	6,880,367	3,835,630	3,910,421	7,746,051	865,684
Europe -							
England	205,330	176,262	381,592	256,583	221,629	478,212	96,620
Wales	6,859	5,005	11,864	8,341	6,142	14,483	2,619
Scotland	55,734	47,264	102,998	66,791	56,837	123,628	20,630
Northern Ireland	3,214	2,325	5,539	5,527	3,975	9,502	3,963
Ireland, Republic of	2,420	2,244	4,664	3,595	2,397	5,992	1,328
Ireland - Undefined	18,309	16,301	34,610	18,052	14,122	32,174	-2,436
Austria	2,368	1,851	4,219	5,582	5,286	10,868	6,649
Czechoslovakia	926	558	1,484	8,155	4,165	12,680	11,196
Denmark	2,032	727	2,759	2,128	826	2,954	195
Estonia	656	446	1,102	3,393	3,156	6,549	5,447
France	1,077	1,138	2,215	2,417	2,282	4,699	2,484
Germany	8,955	5,612	14,567	33,663	31,758	65,421	50,854
Greece	9,115	3,176	12,291	16,794	9,068	25,862	13,571
Hungary	702	525	1,227	9,054	5,548	14,602	13,375
Italy	22,506	11,126	33,632	80,026	39,617	119,643	86,011
Latvia	296	151	447	5,273	7,734	12,757	16,810
Lithuania	169	104	273	5,273	3,172	8,444	8,171
Malta	2,472	766	3,238	12,411	7,577	19,988	16,750
Netherlands	1,577	597	2,174	30,037	21,962	51,999	49,825
Norway	1,745	279	2,024	2,364	470	2,834	810
Poland	3,672	2,901	6,573	35,652	20,942	56,594	50,021
Romania	283	210	493	2,003	1,311	3,314	2,821
Sweden	1,938	271	2,209	1,843	348	2,191	-18
Switzerland	1,062	601	1,663	1,682	1,231	2,913	1,250
Ukraine	(a)	(a)	(c)	8,728	6,028	14,756	22,878
U. S. S. R.	2,817	2,159	4,976	6,419	6,679	13,098	16,979
Yugoslavia	4,281	1,585	5,866	15,471	7,374	22,845	16,979
Other	4,930	1,977	6,907	7,446	3,619	11,065	4,158
Total Europe	365,445	286,161	651,606	659,312	495,255	1,154,567	502,961

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

TABLE 4. - AUSTRALIA : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(CONTINUED)

Birthplace	Census, 30th June, 1947			Census, 30th June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Asia -							
China	5,135	1,269	6,404	7,153	3,078	10,231	3,827
Federation of Malaya	1,037	731	1,768	1,521	758	2,279	511
India, Pakistan, Ceylon	5,247	2,913	8,160	8,477	6,373	14,850	6,690
Indonesia	530	388	918	2,205	1,423	3,628	2,710
Syria and Lebanon	1,035	851	1,886	2,614	1,552	4,166	2,280
Other	3,106	1,854	4,960	10,287	6,126	16,413	11,453
Total Asia	16,090	8,006	24,096	32,257	19,310	51,567	27,471
Africa -							
Union of South Africa	3,071	2,795	5,866	3,113	2,858	5,971	105
Egypt	412	391	803	4,392	3,758	8,150	7,347
Other	494	374	868	930	775	1,705	837
Total Africa	3,977	3,560	7,537	8,435	7,391	15,826	8,289
America -							
Canada	2,300	1,709	4,009	2,571	1,917	4,488	479
United States	3,794	2,438	6,232	5,037	3,249	8,286	2,054
Other	783	606	1,389	938	781	1,719	330
Total America	6,877	4,753	11,630	8,546	5,947	14,493	2,863
Other	1,991	2,131	4,122	1,938	2,088	4,026	- 96
GRAND TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	1,407,172

At 30th June, 1954, the Australian-born population of Australia represented 85.69 per cent. of the total, compared with 90.18 per cent. in 1947. European-born persons constituted 12.85 per cent. of the population of Australia in 1954, compared with 8.60 per cent. in 1947. In 1954 these persons consisted mainly of people born in England (5.32 per cent.), Scotland (1.38 per cent.), Italy (1.33 per cent.), Germany (0.73 per cent.), Poland (0.63 per cent.), and the Netherlands (0.58 per cent.).

The largest increases in numbers of overseas-born persons in Australia between the Censuses of 1947 and 1954 occurred in respect of the following countries:- England, 96,620 persons; Italy, 86,011; Germany, 50,854; Poland, 50,021; and Netherlands, 49,825. The number of persons born in the Netherlands was approximately 24 times, and in Poland nearly nine times as great as in 1947. Other countries showing large proportional increases were Latvia (39 times as great) and Lithuania (31 times).

Of the 1,154,567 European-born persons in Australia at the 1954 Census, 659,312 or 57.10 per cent. were males compared with 56.08 per cent. in 1947. The proportion of males to the total population was 50.59 per cent. (50.10 per cent. in 1947).

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. - 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	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Under 1 year	16,660	9,953	26,613	47,410	34,531	82,241	55,628
1 year & under 2 yrs.	4,116	4,953	9,069	32,198	27,093	59,291	50,222
2 years " " 3 "	2,124	1,322	3,446	65,289	39,330	104,619	101,173
3 " " " 4 "	822	462	1,284	71,119	50,341	121,460	120,176
4 " " " 5 "	671	319	990	87,582	62,191	149,773	148,783
Total, under 5 years	24,393	17,009	41,402	303,598	213,786	517,384	475,982
5 years & under 6 yrs.	2,217	1,238	3,455	64,570	45,401	109,971	106,516
6 " " " 7 "	2,374	1,827	4,201	21,514	15,418	36,932	32,731
7 " " " 8 "	3,608	3,032	6,640	9,446	7,883	17,329	10,689
8 " " " 9 "	7,966	6,803	14,769	15,673	12,523	28,196	- 23,285
9 " " " 10 "	6,270	4,166	10,436				
10 " " " 15 "	13,507	12,769	26,276				
Total, 5 years and under 15 years	35,942	29,835	65,777	111,203	81,225	192,428	126,651
15 years and over	345,039	270,399	615,438	306,202	247,809	554,011	- 61,427
Not Stated	11,672	9,698	21,570	12,273	9,853	22,126	556
Total born outside Australia	417,046	327,141	744,187	733,276	552,673	1,285,949	541,762
Born in Australia	3,380,324	3,454,847	6,835,171	3,812,842	3,887,739	7,700,581	865,410
TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	1,407,172

Of the 1954 population born outside Australia, 53.00 per cent. (681,616 persons) had resided in Australia for less than eight years, as compared with 7.48 per cent. (55,698 persons) in 1947.

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

TABLE 6. - 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 or Decrease (-) since 1947
British (a)	3,768,091	3,772,614	7,540,705	4,297,483	4,285,026	8,582,509	1,041,804
Foreign -							
American (U.S.)	2,474	877	3,351	3,761	1,959	5,720	2,369
Austrian	376	280	656	1,859	1,696	3,555	2,899
Chinese	4,329	529	4,858	5,010	931	5,941	1,083
Czechoslovak	239	135	374	4,958	2,280	7,238	6,864
Dutch	1,408	593	2,001	30,509	22,939	53,448	51,447
Estonian	159	96	255	2,720	2,581	5,301	5,046
French	770	551	1,321	1,908	1,624	3,532	2,211
German	1,669	692	2,361	17,262	14,186	31,448	29,087
Greek	3,720	784	4,504	11,415	6,428	17,843	13,339
Hungarian	154	173	327	5,910	3,746	9,656	9,329
Italian	5,473	1,699	7,172	61,441	28,344	89,785	82,613
Latvian	36	25	61	9,160	8,063	17,223	17,162
Lithuanian	23	15	38	4,854	3,246	8,100	8,062
Norwegian	685	60	745	1,413	297	1,710	965
Polish	839	721	1,560	29,524	20,208	49,732	48,172
Russian	333	210	543	2,179	2,077	4,256	3,713
Swiss	321	127	448	925	696	1,621	1,173
Ukrainian	..	..	..	9,867	7,367	17,234	17,234
Yugoslav	1,753	343	2,096	11,629	6,491	18,120	16,024

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

TABLE 6. - AUSTRALIA : NATIONALITY (i.e., ALLEGIANCE) OF THE POPULATION (Continued)

Nationality	Census, 30th June, 1947			Census, 30th June, 1954			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
						Total	Increase or Decrease (-, since 1947)
Other Foreign	3,331	703	4,034	9,751	3,862	13,613	9,579
Stateless	1,187	761	1,948	22,580	16,365	38,945	36,997
Total Foreign	29,279	9,374	38,653	248,635	155,386	404,021	365,368
GRAND TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	1,407,172

At 30th June, 1954, 8,582,509 persons (95.50 per cent. of the Australian population) were of British nationality, compared with 99.49 per cent. in 1947. These figures include naturalized British subjects. The number of foreign nationals increased from 38,653 in 1947 to 404,021 at 30th June, 1954.

Of the 1,285,949 persons constituting the overseas-born population of Australia at 30th June, 1954 approximately 69 per cent. were British subjects, the remainder owing foreign allegiance.

The most numerous foreign nationals in Australia at 30th June, 1954 were:- Italian, 89,785 persons; Dutch, 53,448; Polish, 49,732; German, 31,448; and Yugoslav, 18,120, followed closely by Greek, Ukrainian and Latvian.

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 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 7. - 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	53,197	60,330	113,527	60,048	67,396	127,444	13,917
Brethren	5,807	7,195	13,002	7,511	8,893	16,404	3,402
Catholic, Roman (a)	335,241	294,957	630,198	414,719	347,383	762,102	131,904
Catholic (a)	448,959	507,581	956,540	635,398	664,486	1,299,884	343,344
Church of Christ	33,276	38,495	71,771	37,880	42,484	80,364	8,593
Church of England	1,480,527	1,476,505	2,957,032	1,709,197	1,699,653	3,408,850	451,818
Congregational	29,364	33,879	63,243	32,508	36,944	69,452	6,209
Greek Orthodox	(b)	(b)	(b)	44,382	30,363	74,745	(b)
Lutheran	34,854	32,037	66,891	60,306	55,872	116,178	49,287
Methodist	425,745	445,680	871,425	478,605	499,328	977,933	106,508
Presbyterian	366,892	376,648	743,540	429,798	439,444	869,242	125,702
Protestant (undefined)	36,708	36,562	73,270	48,539	46,877	95,416	22,146
Salvation Army	17,542	20,030	37,572	20,304	22,534	42,838	5,266
Seventh Day Adventist	7,453	10,097	17,550	11,166	14,163	25,329	7,779
Other (incl. Christian undefined)	27,492	29,883	57,375	31,957	35,616	67,573	10,198
Total, Christian	3,303,057	3,369,879	6,672,936	4,022,318	4,011,436	8,033,754	1,360,818
Non-Christian -							
Hebrew	16,426	15,593	32,019	24,548	23,888	48,436	16,417
Other	3,736	807	4,543	4,910	1,471	6,381	1,838
Total, Non-Christian	20,162	16,400	36,562	29,458	25,359	54,817	18,255
Indefinite	9,838	8,870	18,708	10,038	8,418	18,456	- 252
No Religion	18,888	7,440	26,328	16,652	7,032	23,684	- 2,644
No Reply	445,425	379,399	824,824	457,652	388,167	845,819	30,995
GRAND TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	1,407,172

(a) So described in individual Census Schedules. (b) Not available.

There were 855,819 persons (9.52 per cent. of the population) who gave no reply to this question in 1954, compared with 824,824 or 10.88 per cent. in 1947.

The denominations with the largest number of stated adherents in 1954 were:- Church of England, 3,408,850 persons; Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described), 2,061,986; Methodist, 977,933; Presbyterian, 869,242 and Baptist, 127,444 (the order being the same as in 1947).

The greatest numerical increase since 1947 was shown by Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described) with an increase of 475,248 persons, followed by Church of England, 451,818, Presbyterian, 125,702, Methodist, 106,508, and Lutheran, 49,287.

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), 29.95 per cent.; Presbyterian, 16.91 per cent.; Church of England, 15.28 per cent.; Baptist, 12.26 per cent.; and Methodist, 12.22 per cent. Some large proportional increases took place in denominations with smaller numbers of stated adherents, in particular Lutheran, with an increase of 73.68 per cent.

Adherents to Christian religions represented 98.81 per cent. of all persons in Australia who replied to the question on religion at the Census of 30th June, 1954. This proportion is almost identical with the percentage (98.79) shown at the 1947 Census.

8. INDUSTRY. - The following table shows the main groups of industry in which the working population of 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. - 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 -						
Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	16,311	82	16,393	10,003	126	10,129
Agriculture, etc.	249,353	9,354	258,707	220,196	12,172	232,368
Grazing	89,331	4,938	94,269	115,162	8,714	123,876
Dairying	96,508	10,018	106,526	100,553	11,004	111,557
Forestry	22,078	46	22,124	15,279	67	15,346
Total Primary Production	473,581	24,438	498,019	461,193	32,083	493,276
Mining and Quarrying -						
Gold Mining	11,107	114	11,221	8,331	169	8,500
Silver, Lead and Zinc Mining	6,454	76	6,530	9,706	205	9,911
Coal Mining	24,583	121	24,704	29,652	315	29,967
Other Mining and Quarrying	11,694	242	11,936	12,621	372	12,993
Total Mining and Quarrying	53,838	553	54,391	60,310	1,061	61,371

TABLE 8. - AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION (Continued)

Industry Group	Census, 30th June, 1947			Census, 30th June, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Manufacturing -						
Cement, Bricks, Glass & Stone	26,281	1,522	27,803	40,012	3,104	43,116
Products of Petroleum & Coal (excluding Gas Works)	2,860	147	3,007	3,234	190	3,424
Founding, Engineering and Metalworking	*190,687	*17,918	*208,605	229,431	32,305	261,736
Manufacture, Assembly & Re- pair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories	66,159	2,303	68,462	*132,653	*6,463	*139,116
Textiles & Fibrous Materials (not Dress)	28,214	22,754	50,968	27,601	26,182	53,783
Clothing, Knitted Goods, Boots, Shoes, etc.	38,347	78,640	116,987	40,267	83,595	123,862
Food, Drink and Tobacco	97,815	22,184	119,999	117,088	27,927	145,015
Sawmilling	25,729	514	26,243	36,767	939	37,706
Wood Products, Furniture & Fittings other than Metal, etc.	29,545	2,374	31,919	40,148	3,712	43,860
Paper, Printing, Bookbinding and Photography	42,557	15,148	57,705	53,953	18,770	72,723
Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, etc.	21,906	6,616	28,522	31,029	9,423	40,452
Jewellery, Watchmaking, etc.	7,090	725	7,815	6,491	1,276	7,767
Leather & Leather Goods, etc. (not Clothing or Footwear)	12,387	2,777	15,164	11,063	2,964	14,027
Rubber Goods	9,626	1,711	11,337	14,912	3,353	18,265
Musical, Surgical & Scienti- fic Instruments	3,553	728	4,281	4,301	1,291	5,592
Plastic Products (N.E.I.)	3,085	939	4,024	4,211	1,842	6,053
Other and unclassified	*39,877	*7,082	*46,959	7,107	3,727	10,834
Total Manufacturing	645,718	184,082	829,800	800,268	227,063	1,027,331
Electricity, Gas, Water, etc. (Production, Supply and Maintenance)	*	*	*	*69,554	*4,096	*73,650
Building and Construction - Construction and Repair of Buildings	120,777	914	121,691	196,205	2,452	198,657
Construction Works (other than Buildings)	*110,357	*385	*110,742	125,624	1,341	126,965
Total Building and Con- struction	231,134	1,299	232,433	321,829	3,793	325,622
Transport and Storage -						
Shipping	25,841	1,597	27,438	27,985	1,973	29,958
Loading & Discharging Vessels	22,854	69	22,923	27,950	209	28,159
Rail and Air Transport	73,944	6,926	80,870	91,675	8,031	99,706
Other	*109,900	*5,245	*115,145	92,976	4,486	97,462
Total Transport & Storage	232,539	13,837	246,376	240,586	14,699	255,285
Communication	34,534	14,657	49,191	*63,802	*16,748	*80,550
Finance and Property	52,443	21,268	73,711	64,366	34,278	98,644
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade (other than Livestock and Primary Produce Dealing, etc.)	86,348	22,046	108,394	123,107	34,594	157,701
Retail Trade	168,572	100,835	269,407	*238,764	*149,932	*388,696
Other	23,106	4,612	27,718	25,687	5,387	31,074
Total Commerce	278,026	127,493	405,519	387,558	189,913	577,471
Public Authority (N.E.I.) & Professional Activities - Public Authority Activities (N.E.I.)	63,223	25,684	88,907	71,980	25,568	97,548
Law, Order and Public Safety	19,936	5,745	25,681	25,996	8,209	34,205
Religion and Social Welfare	11,260	8,276	19,536	12,830	9,821	22,651
Health, Hospitals, etc.	25,552	53,639	79,191	35,504	75,888	111,392
Education	27,395	37,421	64,816	39,672	51,851	91,523
Other	62,070	6,538	68,608	74,424	15,106	89,530
Total Public Authority, etc.	209,436	139,375	348,811	260,406	186,443	446,849

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TABLE 8. - AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION (Continued)

Industry Group	Census, 30th June, 1947			Census, 30th June, 1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, etc. - Amusement, Sport and Recreation	25,040	7,331	32,371	27,525	9,697	37,222
Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, etc.	*70,200	*122,995	*193,195	71,478	115,789	187,267
Total Amusement, Hotels, etc.	95,240	130,326	225,566	99,003	125,486	224,489
Other, Inadequately Described, or Not Stated	172,780	50,834	223,614	27,745	9,739	37,484
Total in Work Force	2,479,269	717,162	3,196,431	2,856,620	845,402	3,702,022
Persons not in Work Force	1,318,101	3,064,826	4,382,927	1,689,498	3,595,010	5,284,508
GRAND TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530

At 30th June, 1954, the combined industry groups Manufacturing, Electricity, etc. and Building and Construction absorbed 1,426,603 persons (38.54 per cent. of the total work force) and comprised 1,191,651 males (41.72 per cent. of the male work force) and 234,952 females (27.79 per cent. of the female work force). These were followed by the Commerce Group, 577,471 persons (15.60 per cent. of the total work force), the Primary Production Group, 493,276 persons (13.32 per cent.) and the Public Authority (N.E.I.) and Professional Group, 446,849 persons (12.07 per cent.). In 1947 the proportion of these industry groups to the total work force was as follows: Manufacturing, Electricity, Building, etc., 33.23 per cent., Commerce, 12.69 per cent., Primary Production, 15.58 per cent., and Public Authority (N.E.I.) etc., 10.91 per cent.

9. OCCUPATIONAL STATUS. - The following table sets out 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.) at 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 9. - 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			Increase or De- crease (-) since 1947
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
In Work Force -							
At Work -							
Employer	196,932	24,357	221,289	220,407	30,028	250,435	29,146
Self-Employed	342,650	44,487	387,137	358,746	51,436	410,182	23,045
Employee (on wage or salary)	1,827,072	620,421	2,447,493	2,211,916	737,488	2,949,404	501,911
Helper (not on wage or salary)	24,227	4,498	28,725	18,342	9,866	28,208	- 517
Total	2,390,881	693,763	3,084,644	2,809,411	828,818	3,638,229	553,585
Not at Work (a)	66,009	16,765	82,774	40,913	13,953	54,866	-27,908
Not Stated	22,379	6,634	29,013	6,296	2,631	8,927	-20,086
Total in Work Force	2,479,269	717,162	3,196,431	2,856,620	845,402	3,702,022	505,591
Not in Work Force	1,318,101	3,064,826	4,382,927	1,689,498	3,595,010	5,284,508	901,581
GRAND TOTAL	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	1,407,172

(a) Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, or (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 2,949,404 (79.67 per cent.) compared with 2,447,493 (76.57 per cent.) in 1947; there were 250,435 employers (6.77 per cent.) compared with 221,289 (6.92 per cent.) in 1947, and 410,182 self-employed persons (11.08 per cent.) compared with 387,137 (12.11 per cent.) in 1947. Persons not in the work force constituted 58.80 per cent. of the total population in 1954, compared with 57.83 per cent. in 1947.

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