

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, (PRELIMINARY)
DECEMBER QUARTER 1975



MAIN FEATURES

- The population of Australia is provisionally estimated at 13,600,800 at 31 December 1975.
- During the quarter ended December 1975, the population is estimated to have increased by 42,400 of which 30,300 was due to natural increases and 12,200 was due to net overseas movement. Corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year were 69,200, 31,900 and 37,300 respectively.
- Births registered in the quarter were 56,804, or 2,602 fewer than in the same quarter of 1974.
- During the year ended December 1975 the population of Australia is estimated to have increased by 115,800, (0.86%) the lowest increase since 1946 when an increase of 87,800 (1.18%) was recorded. The increase during the year 1975 resulted from a natural increase of 123,900 and a net loss of 8,100 from overseas migration, the first recorded loss since 1946. Births during the year numbered 232,882, or 12,295 fewer than in the previous calendar year.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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

2. Estimates are designated 'preliminary' (p) in so far as they are subject to amendments when detailed 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 2 and 3 are due to rounding.

NOTE. Minus sign (—) denotes population decrease.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY: VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriages registered	Divorces granted	Live births registered	Deaths registered	Natural increase (a)	Net recorded overseas migration gain (b)	Population -	
							Increase (c) ('000)	At end of period ('000)
Year ended 31 Dec. -								
1973	112,700	16,165	247,670	110,822	136,848	40,418	177.3	13,268.6
1974	110,673	17,551	245,177	115,833	129,344	87,121	216.4	13,485.0
1975 p	105,212	23,484	232,882	109,019	123,863	-8,065	115.8	13,600.8
Quarter ended -								
1974 -								
March	31,183	3,977	61,392	24,662	36,730	53,689	90.4	13,359.0
June	27,546	3,381	61,374	28,112	33,262	-53,928	-20.7	13,338.3
September	23,200	4,797	63,005	35,591	27,414	50,112	77.5	13,415.8
December	28,744	5,396	59,406	27,468	31,938	37,248	69.2	13,485.0
1975 -								
March	28,339	6,375	56,419	24,163	32,256	20,741	53.0	13,538.0
June	26,773	3,742	60,964	27,279	33,685	-69,392	-35.7	13,502.3
September p	22,537	5,330	58,695	31,039	27,656	28,411	56.1	13,558.4
December p	27,563	8,037	56,804	26,538	30,266	12,175	42.4	13,600.8

(a) Excess of live births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures. Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase and net overseas migration gain. (-) denotes a net decrease. p - Preliminary.

TABLE 2. - ESTIMATED POPULATION ('000)

Quarter ended	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1974 -									
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
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
September	4,767.4	3,653.1	1,977.6	1,224.8	1,103.7	402.4	103.9	183.0	13,415.8
December	4,803.2	3,669.4	1,993.8	1,239.0	1,118.3	405.0	(a)70.0	186.3	13,485.0
1975 -									
March	4,809.2	3,687.5	1,996.9	1,238.5	1,124.9	406.1	86.2	188.7	13,538.0
June	4,789.6	3,673.4	1,997.2	1,234.1	1,122.6	406.1	87.6	191.9	13,502.3
September p	4,804.1	3,685.3	2,004.9	1,237.6	1,129.7	407.5	94.1	195.2	13,558.4
December p	4,810.9	3,688.2	2,015.1	1,241.7	1,138.3	409.0	96.3	201.2	13,600.8

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

TABLE 3. - INCREASE OF POPULATION (a) ('000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Year ended 31 Dec. -									
1973	40.9	34.8	47.9	14.6	18.6	3.5	4.7	12.2	177.3
1974	65.0	53.6	47.2	27.9	34.0	5.9	-28.1	10.9	216.5
1975 p	7.8	18.8	21.3	2.7	20.0	4.1	26.4	14.8	115.8
Quarter ended -									
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	23.9	21.2	9.7	6.6	9.0	2.0	2.6	2.5	77.5
December	35.8	16.3	16.2	14.2	14.6	2.6	-33.8	3.3	69.2
1975 -									
March	6.1	18.0	3.2	-0.6	6.6	1.1	16.2	2.4	53.0
June	-19.7	-14.1	0.3	-4.4	-2.4	.	1.4	3.1	-35.7
September p	14.5	12.0	7.7	3.5	7.2	1.3	6.5	3.3	56.1
December p	6.8	2.9	10.2	4.1	8.6	1.6	2.2	6.0	42.4

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

TABLE 4. - BIRTHS, DEATHS AND NATURAL INCREASE

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
BIRTHS REGISTERED									
Year ended 31 Dec. -									
1973	87,332	67,123	38,067	20,407	20,510	7,326	2,809	4,096	247,670
1974	86,126	66,201	37,852	20,181	20,207	7,398	2,808	4,368	245,177
1975 p	80,783	61,897	36,425	19,944	20,349	6,981	2,128	4,375	232,882
Quarter ended -									
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	22,945	16,793	9,593	5,036	4,967	1,885	723	1,063	63,005
December	20,292	15,882	8,893	5,127	5,567	1,781	710	1,154	59,406
1975 -									
March	19,534	15,278	9,234	4,783	4,380	1,784	404	1,022	56,419
June	21,335	16,075	9,595	5,066	5,463	1,795	536	1,099	60,964
September p	20,755	15,556	9,039	4,859	5,106	1,747	510	1,123	58,695
December p	19,159	14,988	8,557	5,236	5,400	1,655	678	1,131	56,804
DEATHS REGISTERED									
Year ended 31 Dec. -									
1973	41,122	30,696	16,732	9,835	7,845	3,347	580	665	110,822
1974	43,999	30,875	18,128	10,236	7,778	3,484	575	758	115,833
1975 p	40,512	29,461	16,444	9,947	8,014	3,340	569	732	109,019
Quarter ended -									
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	14,466	8,993	5,749	2,933	2,091	991	119	249	35,591
December	10,321	7,278	4,049	2,554	2,115	795	172	184	27,468
1975 -									
March	8,593	6,949	3,733	1,988	1,759	849	158	134	24,163
June	10,075	7,447	4,163	2,636	1,815	823	99	231	27,279
September p	12,158	8,042	4,673	2,722	2,240	879	130	195	31,039
December p	9,686	7,023	3,875	2,601	2,200	789	182	182	26,538
NATURAL INCREASE (a)									
Year ended 31 Dec. -									
1973	46,210	36,427	21,335	10,572	12,665	3,979	2,229	3,431	136,848
1974	42,163	35,326	19,724	9,945	12,429	3,914	2,233	3,610	129,344
1975 p	40,271	32,436	19,981	9,997	12,335	3,641	1,559	3,643	123,863
Quarter ended -									
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	8,479	7,800	3,844	2,103	2,876	894	604	814	27,414
December	9,971	8,604	4,844	2,573	3,452	986	538	970	31,938
1975 -									
March	10,941	8,329	5,501	2,795	2,621	935	246	888	32,256
June	11,260	8,628	5,432	2,430	3,648	972	437	878	33,685
September p	8,597	7,514	4,366	2,137	2,866	868	380	928	27,656
December p	9,473	7,965	4,682	2,635	3,200	866	496	949	30,266

(a) Excess of live births registered over deaths registered. p - Preliminary.

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