



Population data

Some basic data relevant to populations of Australians are included in this section. Table P.1 provides data on Indigenous people for 1996 and Table P.2 provides data on all Australians for 1997. Table P.3 provides data on projected populations. These are all estimates provided by the ABS. Details about the chosen population projections are provided below.

Population projections

The national population projections used in this report are 'Series K' of the population projections compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS 1998).

Series K is based on the following assumptions:

Fertility: The ABS offers two fertility assumptions: a high one and a low one. Series K adopts the low fertility assumption whereby the level of fertility is projected to decline from the 1996 level of 1,797 children per 1,000 women to 1,600 children per 1,000 women in 2006 and to remain constant from then until the end of the projection period (2051). The high assumption projects fertility to decline to 1,750 children per 1,000 women by 2006. Series K projections with the lower fertility assumption are chosen because the fertility rate in 1997 and 1998 has fallen further, reaching an estimated 1,735 children per 1,000 women on the basis of preliminary birth data for 1998. It appears most likely that the actual fertility rate in year 2006 will be much closer to the lower fertility assumption than the higher one.

Mortality: The ABS offers only one assumption relating to mortality. The rate of decline in mortality between 1987-91 and 1992-96 is assumed to continue to 2005-06. After which the average rates of decline in the period 1967-71 and 1992-96 were assumed to apply.

Immigration: Series K assumes a net intake of 90,000 immigrants a year. This is the high assumption (the low assumption is 70,000), and it is closer to the average level actually achieved in the past three years.

Table P.1: Indigenous Australians (estimated resident populations), age group by sex, States and Territories, 30 June 1996

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust.
Indigenous males									
Less than 1	1,720	346	1,642	811	321	227	50	738	5,857
1–4	6,595	1,309	6,269	3,108	1,221	832	191	2,873	22,406
5–9	7,708	1,458	7,287	4,077	1,544	1,080	189	3,531	26,884
10–14	6,790	1,308	6,451	3,375	1,291	1,053	191	3,104	23,577
15–19	5,306	1,038	5,254	2,764	1,024	831	154	2,753	19,141
20–24	4,937	1,002	4,911	2,647	1,009	625	165	2,742	18,049
25–29	4,269	986	4,287	2,462	966	580	144	2,404	16,106
30–34	3,828	818	3,695	2,081	874	517	114	1,814	13,749
35–39	3,270	749	3,114	1,806	684	490	118	1,539	11,777
40–44	2,703	604	2,455	1,302	591	435	85	1,222	9,404
45–49	2,239	495	1,955	1,001	396	352	52	911	7,406
50–54	1,611	342	1,324	721	306	227	36	719	5,289
55–59	1,165	242	902	532	203	139	18	489	3,695
60–64	850	157	769	380	131	113	7	385	2,794
65–69	521	121	489	318	107	62	5	248	1,871
70–74	297	81	335	167	58	26	1	147	1,112
75+	294	93	386	242	84	31	2	217	1,351
<i>All males</i>	<i>54,103</i>	<i>11,149</i>	<i>51,525</i>	<i>27,794</i>	<i>10,810</i>	<i>7,620</i>	<i>1,522</i>	<i>25,836</i>	<i>190,468</i>
Indigenous females									
Less than 1	1,691	332	1,608	774	313	215	42	682	5,658
1–4	6,482	1,269	6,130	2,956	1,203	799	157	2,655	21,660
5–9	7,319	1,498	6,955	3,879	1,489	954	204	3,170	25,479
10–14	6,446	1,215	6,218	3,413	1,310	1,058	184	3,016	22,868
15–19	5,125	1,035	5,211	2,717	1,064	890	169	2,655	18,873
20–24	5,093	1,054	5,088	2,651	1,076	663	172	2,782	18,588
25–29	4,868	1,022	4,789	2,659	1,052	621	154	2,461	17,635
30–34	4,365	925	4,019	2,277	943	557	135	1,984	15,210
35–39	3,695	800	3,379	1,882	746	586	112	1,673	12,881
40–44	2,990	609	2,774	1,454	569	407	84	1,325	10,218
45–49	2,324	503	2,176	1,055	428	329	58	1,032	7,912
50–54	1,644	309	1,464	765	302	182	33	748	5,451
55–59	1,242	251	1,101	563	234	153	12	574	4,131
60–64	949	203	825	466	176	99	5	509	3,233
65–69	694	187	625	375	138	76	6	298	2,400
70–74	390	90	419	228	69	53	5	208	1,463
75+	505	147	511	297	129	60	4	268	1,921
<i>All females</i>	<i>55,822</i>	<i>11,449</i>	<i>53,292</i>	<i>28,411</i>	<i>11,241</i>	<i>7,702</i>	<i>1,536</i>	<i>26,040</i>	<i>195,581</i>
All Indigenous persons									
	109,925	22,598	104,817	56,205	22,051	15,322	3,058	51,876	386,049

Source: ABS. Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, June 1991 – June 1996. ABS Cat. no. 3230.0.

Table P.2: Australians (estimated resident populations), age group by sex, States and Territories, 30 June 1997

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust.
Males									
0-4	224,811	161,163	124,935	65,269	49,592	17,197	11,086	9,128	663,326
5-9	226,372	163,777	126,446	68,136	51,289	17,791	11,498	8,786	674,264
10-14	222,759	160,647	128,967	69,409	52,148	18,315	11,525	7,859	671,797
15-19	219,532	162,435	126,707	67,219	50,183	17,395	12,799	7,319	663,680
20-24	229,053	173,396	131,911	70,772	52,729	15,905	14,072	9,114	697,074
25-29	241,615	183,285	134,913	72,849	55,497	16,293	13,065	10,040	727,726
30-34	241,851	176,875	128,139	70,657	55,098	16,272	12,149	9,187	710,389
35-39	250,760	181,588	133,758	73,231	58,196	18,553	12,450	8,609	737,306
40-44	231,888	169,111	125,723	69,967	54,592	17,626	11,841	7,546	688,428
45-49	217,725	157,516	121,454	65,823	52,008	16,510	11,692	6,693	649,590
50-54	189,262	135,975	104,178	53,932	44,796	14,214	9,652	5,370	557,455
55-59	147,928	107,907	79,551	41,158	34,772	11,411	6,482	3,554	432,830
60-64	125,622	91,451	63,881	32,629	30,536	9,587	4,617	2,031	360,382
65-69	118,640	85,964	58,428	29,508	29,743	9,055	3,718	1,458	336,529
70-74	99,349	71,594	48,653	23,755	26,322	7,589	2,963	860	281,090
75-79	67,793	47,748	33,579	15,314	17,909	5,141	1,913	455	189,861
80-84	38,076	27,819	18,907	9,010	10,431	3,086	945	216	108,495
85+	21,673	16,921	11,266	5,744	6,001	1,721	503	159	63,988
<i>All males</i>	<i>3,114,709</i>	<i>2,275,172</i>	<i>1,701,396</i>	<i>904,382</i>	<i>731,842</i>	<i>233,661</i>	<i>152,970</i>	<i>98,384</i>	<i>9,214,210</i>
Females									
0-4	213,680	152,643	118,178	61,717	47,097	16,199	10,625	8,669	628,962
5-9	215,131	155,861	120,604	64,786	48,159	17,093	10,953	8,120	640,884
10-14	212,997	153,653	121,816	65,717	49,787	17,646	11,077	7,458	640,312
15-19	208,826	154,563	120,039	63,545	47,862	16,683	12,015	6,649	630,243
20-24	223,353	168,815	128,260	66,545	50,118	15,611	13,644	8,183	674,613
25-29	243,107	185,247	133,425	69,888	53,652	16,636	13,241	9,482	724,812
30-34	241,448	180,533	129,105	69,905	54,769	17,252	12,583	8,436	714,205
35-39	250,462	183,927	134,736	73,008	58,705	19,080	13,045	7,796	740,902
40-44	231,932	172,477	125,401	69,778	55,389	17,802	12,473	6,848	692,235
45-49	213,559	159,579	117,358	62,754	52,508	16,322	12,206	5,696	640,059
50-54	181,924	133,760	98,737	49,862	44,640	13,812	9,320	4,112	536,230
55-59	144,347	106,416	74,899	39,051	35,075	11,280	6,178	2,499	419,785
60-64	127,003	93,941	62,026	32,468	31,399	9,815	4,568	1,621	362,859
65-69	125,189	90,740	59,733	30,030	31,440	9,499	3,953	1,124	351,722
70-74	117,356	85,867	54,392	26,465	31,010	8,822	3,617	783	328,316
75-79	91,576	65,805	43,108	20,430	24,551	7,141	2,622	494	255,728
80-84	63,780	46,445	29,689	14,808	17,139	5,118	1,671	308	178,966
85+	52,405	39,766	24,169	12,731	14,538	4,006	1,250	245	149,112
<i>All females</i>	<i>3,158,075</i>	<i>2,330,038</i>	<i>1,695,675</i>	<i>893,488</i>	<i>747,838</i>	<i>239,817</i>	<i>155,041</i>	<i>88,523</i>	<i>9,309,945</i>
All persons	6,272,784	4,605,210	3,397,071	1,797,870	1,479,680	473,478	308,011	186,907	18,524,155

Source: ABS. Australian Demographic Statistics. ABS Cat. no. 3101.0.

Table P.3: Projected Australian population by sex and age group, 1997–2051 ('000)

	1997	2021	2051	Ratio of 2021 to 1997	Ratio of 2051 to 2021
Males					
0–4	663.3	619.7	597.4	93.44	96.40
5–9	674.5	625.3	610.7	92.71	97.65
10–14	672.0	632.6	627.1	94.13	99.13
15–19	664.0	669.5	659.7	100.83	98.53
20–24	697.5	737.9	712.9	105.78	96.61
25–29	728.5	780.1	740.5	107.08	94.93
30–34	711.0	785.7	757.4	110.52	96.39
35–39	737.8	785.8	762.9	106.50	97.09
40–44	688.8	757.0	764.4	109.90	100.98
45–49	649.7	775.5	783.0	119.36	100.96
50–54	557.7	756.1	811.2	135.58	107.28
55–59	432.8	738.5	828.7	170.65	112.21
60–64	359.9	709.7	801.1	197.18	112.88
65–69	335.8	616.2	752.4	183.53	122.10
70–74	280.8	530.6	659.1	188.99	124.22
75–79	190.0	354.0	580.1	186.28	163.88
80–84	108.8	210.9	437.9	193.81	207.63
85+	65.3	154.4	413.4	236.60	267.75
Total males	9,218.0	11,239.6	12,299.8	121.93	109.43
Females					
0–4	629.0	587.5	566.1	93.41	96.36
5–9	641.1	592.3	578.0	92.39	97.59
10–14	640.5	599.9	594.2	93.66	99.05
15–19	630.5	635.3	625.1	100.75	98.41
20–24	675.2	705.2	680.2	104.45	96.46
25–29	725.7	755.0	715.5	104.04	94.77
30–34	714.7	772.9	741.3	108.13	95.92
35–39	741.3	778.0	751.4	104.95	96.59
40–44	692.4	752.9	755.6	108.73	100.37
45–49	640.2	780.4	773.7	121.89	99.14
50–54	536.5	770.9	802.0	143.69	104.03
55–59	419.8	754.0	821.6	179.61	108.95
60–64	362.8	729.8	803.1	201.16	110.04
65–69	351.3	649.1	767.6	184.76	118.26
70–74	328.0	572.2	695.0	174.45	121.47
75–79	255.5	403.5	653.1	157.94	161.84
80–84	178.8	273.6	553.5	153.01	202.29
85+	150.8	288.0	741.7	190.98	257.49
Total females	9,314.2	11,400.5	12,618.8	122.40	110.69

Note: The data are Series K Projections. The ratios are the number in the later year divided by the number in the earlier year, multiplied by 100.

Source: ABS Population Projections 1997 to 2051. ABS Cat. no. 3222.0 and unpublished tabulations.