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STATISTICAL REGISTER OF VICTORIA, 1898.

POPULATION.

* * For Tables embodying the principal results of the Census of 1891 see issue of this Part for 1893, pages 5 to 47.

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POPULATION OF VICTORIA.

RETURN showing the Estimated Population of Victoria at the end of the Year 1898; also the Estimated Increase of Population and the Estimated Mean Population during that Year.

Year 1898.							Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,435	14,737			
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,533	8,162			
Natural increase	...	...	...	...	...	...			4,902	6,575	11,477
Arrivals by sea (recorded)	...	...	...	...	...	...	64,026	30,410			
Departures by sea (recorded)	...	...	...	...	...	...	64,467	33,758			
Departures (unrecorded), estimated	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,447	2,026			
Net loss by emigration	...	...	...	...	...	...			6,888	5,374	12,262
Increase during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...			- 1,986*	1,201	- 785*
Estimated population on the 1st January, 1898	...	...	...	...	...	...			595,409	580,839	1,176,248
Estimated population on the 31st December, 1898	...	...	...	...	...	...			593,423	582,040	1,175,463
Estimated mean population for the year	...	...	...	...	...	...			592,025	580,925	1,172,950

NOTE.—In this estimate of population allowance has been made for the unrecorded departures which have occurred since the Census of 1891 was taken. Such departures, between the date of the Census and the end of 1898, are estimated to have amounted to 57,491, viz., 41,626 of males and 12,865 of females. Had this allowance not been made, the population of Victoria would have apparently amounted at the end of 1898 to 1,232,954, viz., 638,049 males and 594,905 females. On the 30th June, 1898, the estimated population was 1,179,434.

* The minus sign (-) indicates decrease.

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Population on the 31st December.			Year.	Mean Population during the Year.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
1888	570,480	506,486	1,076,966	1888	558,700	496,280	1,054,980
1889	582,547	521,180	1,103,727	1889	576,520	513,830	1,090,350
1890	596,064	537,202	1,133,266	1890	589,310	529,190	1,118,500
1891	606,035	551,643	1,157,678	1891	600,860	546,070	1,146,930
1892	607,801	559,572	1,167,373	1892	606,990	555,720	1,162,710
1893	608,049	565,957	1,174,006	1893	607,570	562,760	1,170,330
1894	607,260	571,843	1,179,103	1894	606,160	568,570	1,174,730
1895	605,164	576,587	1,181,751	1895	605,810	574,230	1,180,040
1896	595,983	578,961	1,174,944	1896	599,147	578,288	1,177,435
1897	595,409	580,839	1,176,248	1897	593,180	579,610	1,172,790
1898	593,423	582,040	1,175,463	1898	592,025	580,925	1,172,950

NOTE.—In estimating the population since 1891, an allowance—based on past experience—has been made for unrecorded emigration by sea.

ENUMERATED POPULATION AND HABITATIONS, 1836-1891.

RETURN showing the Population of Victoria at the Period of each Enumeration from 1836 to 1891, and the Habitations at such of those periods as their number was ascertained.

Date of Enumeration.	Population.			Total Number.	Habitations.							
	Persons.	Males.	Females.		Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Being Built.	Number.				
								Constructed of—				
Brick or Stone.	Wood, Iron, &c.	Canvas, Bark, Mud, &c.	Un-specified Materials.									
25th May, 1836 ...	177	142	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8th November, 1836	224	186	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12th September, 1838	3,511	3,080	431	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2nd March, 1841 ...	11,738	8,274	3,464	1,490	1,465	25	...	450	1,040	...	...	...
2nd March, 1846 ...	32,879	20,184	12,695	5,198	5,070	128	...	1,835	3,363	...	...	...
2nd March, 1851 ...	77,345	46,202	31,143	10,935	10,866	69	...	4,835	6,100	...	...	...
26th April, 1854 ...	236,798	155,887	80,911	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29th March, 1857 ...	410,766	264,334	146,432	102,001	96,662	4,724	615	12,612	42,594	45,161	1,634	...
7th April, 1861 ...	540,322	328,651	211,671	134,332	129,196	5,017	119	18,990	59,346	52,030	3,966	...
2nd April, 1871 ...	731,528	401,050	330,478	158,481	150,618	6,997	866	33,461	101,635	21,155	2,230	...
3rd April, 1881 ...	862,346	452,083	410,263	179,816	170,086	9,049	681	45,615	115,143	15,236	3,822	...
5th April, 1891 ...	1,140,405	598,414	541,991	241,560	224,021	15,846	1,693	69,545	154,843	10,699	6,473	...

URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1881 TO 1898.

Year.	Estimated Mean Population.			
	Urban Districts.		Extra-Urban Districts.	Total.
	Greater Melbourne.	Extra-Metropolitan.		
1881*	282,947	189,583	389,816	862,346
1882	291,464	190,839	407,417	889,720
1883	304,409	190,738	414,983	910,130
1884	322,690	190,636	419,304	932,630
1885	345,380	191,020	420,480	956,880
1886	371,630	190,500	422,730	984,860
1887	391,546	190,000	435,204	1,016,750
1888	419,490	194,000	441,490	1,054,980
1889	445,220	195,000	450,130	1,090,350
1890	473,500	192,140	452,860	1,118,500
1891*	491,378	192,880	456,147	1,140,405
1892	481,550	194,182	486,978	1,162,710
1893	457,230	193,810	519,290	1,170,330
1894	441,891	205,310	527,529	1,174,730
1895	445,600	201,210	533,230	1,180,040
1896	451,684	198,434	527,317	1,177,435
1897	454,852	197,110	520,828	1,172,790
1898	464,690	196,930	511,330	1,172,950

NOTE.—Melbourne and Suburbs (Greater Melbourne) comprises the area within a radius of 10 miles from the centre of the City of Melbourne, the Extra-Metropolitan the space outside that limit, embraced in cities, towns, and boroughs (present and former). The remainder of the colony is considered as Extra-Urban. In 1898 the area of Greater Melbourne was 254 square miles, that of other Urban Districts 376 square miles, and that of Extra-Urban Districts 87,254 square miles.

* Census figures are given for this year.

AGES OF THE PEOPLE, 1898 (ESTIMATED).

Age.	Year 1898.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 5 years	70,052	68,011	138,063
5 to 10	73,894	72,562	146,456
10 to 15	65,048	64,799	129,847
15 to 20	51,715	53,421	105,136
20 to 25	38,705	46,522	85,227
25 to 30	42,659	53,833	96,492
30 to 35	56,465	55,293	111,758
35 to 40	49,593	43,167	92,760
40 to 45	33,290	28,458	61,748
45 to 50	22,273	20,574	42,847
50 to 55	18,828	18,000	36,828
55 to 60	18,759	17,484	36,243
60 to 65	18,126	15,172	33,298
65 to 70	16,126	11,671	27,797
70 to 75	9,842	6,833	16,675
75 to 80	4,293	3,243	7,536
80 and upwards	2,357	1,882	4,239
Total mean Population ...	592,025	580,925	1,172,950

NOTE.—This return has been carefully brought on from the numbers enumerated at the Census of 1891 by means of the recorded births, and the deaths, and net immigration or emigration at various ages which have since occurred. The details, which have been worked out in single ages, are here summarized in quinquennial groups of ages.

GOLD MINERS.

ESTIMATED Number employed in the several Mining Districts during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1898.

Mining Districts.	Alluvial Miners.	Quartz Miners.	Total.
Ballarat	3,187	3,420	6,607
Beechworth	3,191	1,922	5,113
Bendigo	645	4,046	4,691
Maryborough	2,606	1,353	3,959
Castlemaine	3,046	2,195	5,241
Ararat	1,375	360	1,735
Gippsland	1,258	2,200	3,458
Total	15,308	15,496	30,804*

NOTE.—This Return has been furnished by the Secretary for Mines.

* In addition to this number, 887 were employed mining for black coal; 6 for brown coal; 14 for tin ore; 10 for silver-lead ore; 11 for antimony ore; and 2 for infusorial earth.

GOLD MINERS.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS

Year.	Gold Miners at the end of each Year.				
	Total Number.	Alluvial Miners.	Quartz Miners.	Europeans.	Chinese.
1888	25,142	12,416	12,726	21,373	3,769
1889	24,047	11,686	12,361	20,668	3,379
1890	23,712	11,063	12,649	20,548	3,164
1891	23,526	10,520	13,006	20,779	2,747
1892	23,518	10,308	13,210	20,982	2,536
1893	25,519	11,847	13,672	23,106	2,413
1894	27,856	13,019	14,837	25,628	2,228
1895	29,897	14,421	15,476	27,883	2,014
1896	32,123	15,450	16,673	30,184	1,939
1897	32,820	15,181	17,639		32,820
1898	30,804	15,308	15,496		30,804*

NOTE.—This Return has been compiled from information furnished each year by the Mining Department.

* See footnote (*) to the preceding table.

NATURAL INCREASE OF POPULATION OF VICTORIA.

(AS RECORDED.)

RETURN showing the Excess of Births over Deaths, 1888 to 1898.

Year.	In Melbourne and Suburbs (Greater Melbourne).			Outside Melbourne and Suburbs.			Total of Victoria.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1888 ...	3,259	3,780	7,039	4,973	6,204	11,177	8,232	9,984	18,216
1889 ...	2,987	3,535	6,522	4,662	5,783	10,445	7,649	9,318	16,967
1890 ...	4,000	4,562	8,562	4,806	6,198	11,004	8,806	10,760	19,566
1891 ...	4,153	4,497	8,650	4,779	6,445	11,224	8,932	10,942	19,874
1892 ...	4,715	4,986	9,701	5,592	6,687	12,279	10,307	11,673	21,980
1893 ...	3,569	3,964	7,533	5,703	6,808	12,511	9,272	10,772	20,044
1894 ...	3,180	3,621	6,801	5,424	6,603	12,027	8,604	10,224	18,828
1895 ...	3,023	3,109	6,132	5,468	6,470	11,938	8,491	9,579	18,070
1896 ...	2,755	2,893	5,648	4,803	6,013	10,816	7,558	8,906	16,464
1897 ...	2,691	2,779	5,470	4,788	5,926	10,714	7,479	8,705	16,184
1898 ...	1,568	1,925	3,493	3,334	4,650	7,984	4,902	6,575	11,477

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA.

(As recorded.)

RETURN of the Number of Immigrants who arrived in, and of the Number of Emigrants who departed from, the Colony of Victoria by Sea during each Month of the Year 1898, distinguishing Males and Females, and Adults, Children, and Infants; also showing the Numbers arriving from, and departing to, the adjacent Colonies, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and Foreign Ports.

IMMIGRATION, 1898.

Month.	Total Number.	Sex.		Age.			Where from or where to.								
		Males.	Females.	Adults.	Children.	Infants.	New South Wales and Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	Total neighbouring Colonies.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Foreign Ports.
January ...	8,747	5,928	2,819	7,967	691	89	3,552	692	1,285	1,928	279	7,736	72	520	419
February ...	8,868	5,796	3,072	7,986	792	90	3,087	656	1,761	2,089	365	7,958	62	460	388
March ...	9,710	6,292	3,418	8,736	876	98	3,284	496	2,139	2,065	354	8,338	70	721	581
April ...	9,107	6,068	3,039	8,146	872	89	3,808	441	1,737	1,881	329	8,196	87	409	415
May ...	7,316	4,906	2,410	6,540	687	89	2,750	405	1,873	1,019	354	6,401	52	424	439
June ...	6,165	4,272	1,893	5,603	493	69	1,897	391	1,458	1,230	273	5,249	45	432	439
July ...	5,903	4,189	1,714	5,458	395	50	1,933	431	1,541	1,104	225	5,234	47	301	321
August ...	6,412	4,459	1,953	5,844	506	62	2,112	263	1,428	1,413	142	5,358	64	594	396
September ...	6,818	4,698	2,120	6,309	468	41	2,213	259	2,050	1,103	217	5,842	69	396	511
October ...	8,596	5,955	2,641	7,911	615	70	3,530	430	1,712	1,462	314	7,454	8	690	444
November ...	7,290	4,931	2,359	6,582	636	72	2,456	383	1,811	1,010	151	5,811	79	772	628
December ...	9,594	6,532	2,972	8,683	726	95	2,875	614	2,892	1,370	164	7,915	85	841	663
Total * ...	94,436	64,026	30,410	85,765	7,757	914	33,497	5,467	21,687	17,674	3,167	81,492	740	6,560	5,644
Chinese ...	711	710	1	711	...	...	43	9	25	221	1	299	...	...	412

EMIGRATION, 1898.

January ...	10,859	7,565	3,294	9,972	818	69	3,010	422	3,370	2,795	597	10,194	89	321	255
February ...	9,765	6,564	3,201	8,789	868	108	3,053	407	3,456	1,558	494	8,968	162	390	245
March ...	11,521	7,309	4,212	10,215	1,179	127	3,384	533	3,267	1,569	498	9,251	122	1,591	557
April ...	10,600	6,799	3,801	9,326	1,160	114	3,795	405	2,862	1,292	408	8,762	88	1,331	419
May ...	7,869	5,208	2,661	6,935	807	127	2,468	406	2,153	1,149	156	6,332	61	1,141	335
June ...	6,358	4,192	2,166	5,647	621	90	2,596	261	1,670	796	308	5,631	62	437	228
July ...	6,404	4,363	2,041	5,748	576	80	2,583	266	1,376	1,207	162	5,594	75	459	276
August ...	5,844	3,933	1,911	5,198	574	72	2,473	269	1,059	1,217	252	5,270	53	335	186
September ...	5,861	3,832	2,029	5,341	456	64	2,896	274	821	1,211	183	5,385	26	327	123
October ...	5,958	3,648	2,310	5,245	626	87	2,820	395	909	1,053	323	5,410	37	309	202
November ...	7,820	5,289	2,531	7,065	646	109	3,818	312	704	1,595	568	6,997	58	479	286
December ...	9,366	5,765	3,601	8,362	892	112	4,374	346	857	2,548	642	8,767	37	389	173
Total * ...	98,225	64,467	33,758	87,843	9,223	1,159	37,270	4,206	22,504	17,990	4,591	86,561	870	7,509	3,285
Chinese ...	341	341	...	341	...	...	34	...	3	1	...	38	...	...	303

BALANCE OF EMIGRATION OVER IMMIGRATION.†

Total * ...	3,789	441	3,348	2,078	1,466	245	3,773	-1261	817	316	1,424	5,069	130	949	-2,359
Chinese ...	-370	-369	-1	-370	...	...	-9	-9	-22	-220	-1	-261	...	...	-109

* Including Chinese.

† Where the minus sign (-) appears the immigrants exceeded the emigrants by the number against which it is placed.

NOTE.—In consequence of the migration returns being inflated by the inclusion of persons passing through Victorian ports *en route* to other countries, the figures in the above table showing the balance of emigration over immigration are misleading as a guide to the movements of population as between Victoria and other colonies and countries individually. The net emigration to Western Australia, for example, consists not only of Victorians, but also of emigrants bound for that colony from New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, and New Zealand, in vessels which happen to call in on their way at the port of Melbourne. Hence this number may be regarded as practically the net emigration from the whole of Eastern Australasia (including Tasmania and New Zealand). No land-kept or overland migration.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.
(AS RECORDED.)

Year.	Total Number.	Males.	Females.	Numbers from—							
				New South Wales and Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Foreign Ports.
1888	102,032	68,575	33,457	39,774	9,384	18,030	12,364	...	18,406	4,074	
1889	84,582	56,163	28,419	30,142	6,625	18,436	5,288	...	19,282	4,809	
1890	79,777	52,171	27,606	30,396	4,969	21,779	5,613	...	11,715	5,305	
1891	62,448	41,537	20,911	24,456	6,898	344	18,346	4,028	...	5,846	
1892	62,951	42,849	20,102	23,543	6,663	632	22,631	3,334	...	4,091	
1893	74,047	50,674	23,373	33,254	9,955	1,922	14,233	5,112	...	5,571	
1894	84,261	58,688	25,573	41,510	9,509	6,545	12,474	3,489	...	7,155	
1895	81,199	55,481	25,718	37,646	7,437	6,344	14,775	3,395	136	6,467	
1896	84,872	59,137	25,735	39,014	4,376	12,951	13,844	3,416	333	6,066	
1897	90,847	63,123	27,724	33,500	4,476	20,580	14,404	3,539	824	7,177	
1898	94,436	64,026	30,410	33,497	5,467	21,687	17,674	3,167	740	6,560	

Year.	Total Number.	Males.	Females.	Numbers to—							
				New South Wales and Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Foreign Ports.
1888	60,229	41,380	18,849	29,257	5,982	9,381	3,889	...	8,512	3,208	
1889	68,418	46,679	21,739	30,401	6,118	13,177	4,927	...	8,995	4,800	
1890	63,820	42,740	21,080	26,362	6,391	14,831	4,314	...	8,213	3,709	
1891	53,172	36,033	17,139	20,438	5,038	2,304	15,217	3,313	...	4,853	
1892	69,214	46,718	22,496	29,069	11,208	2,346	16,804	4,181	...	3,917	
1893	80,460	54,271	26,189	33,701	10,327	4,177	12,186	8,321	...	7,187	
1894	90,110	61,892	28,218	36,126	8,428	16,690	11,440	4,828	...	8,223	
1895	88,886	60,061	28,825	33,490	6,591	17,471	13,517	4,958	1,524	6,248	
1896	99,419	68,978	30,441	26,805	4,052	37,448	12,175	4,008	3,214	6,550	
1897	97,301	64,706	32,595	30,481	4,105	31,775	13,238	4,995	1,570	7,122	
1898	98,225	64,467	33,758	37,270	4,206	22,504	17,990	4,591	870	7,509	

NOTE.—No record is taken of overland migration. See also note to preceding table.

NET IMMIGRATION BY SEA,* 1888 TO 1898.
(AS RECORDED.)

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1888	27,195	14,608	41,803
1889	9,484	6,680	16,164
1890	9,431	6,526	15,957
1891	5,504	3,772	9,276
1892	-3,869*	-2,394*	-6,263*
1893	-3,597*	-2,816*	-6,413*
1894	-3,204*	-2,645*	-5,849*
1895	-4,580*	-3,107*	-7,687*
1896	-9,841*	-4,706*	-14,547*
1897	-1,583*	-4,871*	-6,454*
1898	-441*	-3,348*	-3,789*

* The minus sign (-) indicates net emigration, the emigrants having exceeded the immigrants by the number against which the minus sign is placed.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Chinese Immigrants.	Chinese Emigrants.	Year.	Chinese Immigrants.	Chinese Emigrants.
1888	372	582	1894	416	415
1889	124	655	1895	569	416
1890	232	593	1896	709	512
1891	293	604	1897	762	435
1892	584	709	1898	711	341
1893	1,094	507			

NOTE.—According to the Census taken on the 5th April, 1891, the number of Chinese in Victoria was 9,377.

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.

RETURN of the Area, Population, Number of Dwellings, Number of Ratepayers, Amount of Rate levied, Total and Annual Value of Rateable Property in the various Cities, Towns, and Boroughs throughout the Colony of Victoria at the Periods when the Valuations were made up for the Municipal Financial Year 1898-9*, distinguishing those forming part of Greater Melbourne (embracing a radius of 10 miles).

Name of City, Town, or Borough.	Estimated Area in Acres on the 31st Dec., 1898.	Date of Completion of Latest Valuation (v); Revision (r); or Estimate (e).	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Amount of General Rate levied in the £1.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
				Inhabited.	Uninhabited.			Total Value.	Annual Value.
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.†									
							s. d.	£	£
Brighton ...	3,288	(v) 28.3.99	9,534	2,208	216	2,151	2 4	1,422,720	71,136
Brunswick ...	2,722	(v) 23.1.99	22,759	5,014	100	7,800	2 6	1,931,620	96,531
Collingwood ...	1,139	(v) 17.10.98	32,191	6,993	607	7,290	1 9	2,674,500	160,470
Essendon ...	4,000	(r) 9.1.99	15,200	3,520	143	6,801	2 3	2,193,860	109,693
Fitzroy ...	923	(v) 24.11.98	29,719	6,667	347	7,703	1 10	4,182,480	209,124
Flemington and Kensington	1,088	(r) 4.1.99	10,501	2,228	69	2,295	2 0	1,356,500	67,825
Footscray ...	2,577	(v) 24.1.99	16,880	3,534	200	6,868	2 6	1,629,960	81,498
Hawthorn ...	2,400	(v) 30.11.98	20,000	4,329	220	5,503	1 9	3,376,000	168,362
Kew ...	3,553	(r) 22.11.98	8,781	1,545	45	1,867	1 2	1,166,490	77,766
Melbourne ...	6,005	(v) 8.5.99	69,994	14,478	540	17,880	1 0	13,171,100	1,317,110
Northcote ...	2,850	(v) 19.12.98	8,080	1,770	100	3,797	2 3	1,261,700	52,346
North Melbourne ...	565	(v) 31.1.99	17,886§	3,930	200	4,437	1 9	2,067,520	103,376
Oakleigh ...	2,178	(v) 3.1.99	1,310	284	10	776	1 9	242,460	12,123
Port Melbourne ...	2,366	(v) 30.11.98	11,039	2,560	114	2,500	1 6	814,760	67,897
Prahran ...	2,320	(e) 19.12.98	36,500	9,150	100	9,078	1 8	4,696,930	335,495
Richmond ...	1,430	(v) 1.11.98	34,097	7,737	388	7,711	2 0	3,073,392	170,744
St. Kilda ...	2,049	(v) 12.12.98	19,703	4,108	117	4,398	2 0	2,164,236	180,353
South Melbourne ...	2,311	(r) 14.9.98	38,000	8,167	54	8,800	1 9	5,046,880	252,344
Williamstown ...	2,775	(e) 31.12.98	13,449	2,962	250	5,110	2 0	736,963	73,696
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.									
Ararat ...	3,840	(v) 22.2.99	4,084	615	10	600	1 0	180,000	18,000
Ballarat ...	4,090	(v) 9.6.98	21,562	5,525	286	5,460	2 0	2,340,108	156,127
Ballarat East ...	4,331	(v) 30.11.98	16,886	4,044	250	4,396	2 0	922,812	76,901
Bendigo ...	7,900	(v) 16.11.98	30,199	7,294	382	6,841	1 3	2,214,468	184,539
Browns and Scarsdale	5,760	(r) 5.9.98	880	193	nil	154	1 0	10,875	2,175
Buninyong ...	3,424	(v) 28.10.98	1,239	280	10	337	1 3	60,310	6,031
Carisbrook ...	5,395	(v) 20.5.98	1,500	276	8	291	1 0	48,400	5,974
Castlemaine ...	5,760	(r) 31.1.99	5,103	1,100	40	1,150	1 0	314,980	31,498
Chewton ...	5,760	(r) 29.3.98	1,370	296	13	290	1 0	35,370	5,895
Clunes ...	5,760	(e) 19.10.98	2,736	675	50	760	1 4	73,262	10,466
Creswick ...	4,760	(r) 18.11.98	3,050	666	18	674	1 6	98,350	9,835
Daylesford ...	4,062	(v) 3.3.99	3,800	810	58	798	1 9	150,700	15,700
Dunolly ...	5,760	(v) 30.11.98	1,390	334	18	325	1 6	74,720	7,472
Eaglehawk ...	3,640	(v) 29.11.98	8,273	1,862	nil	1,853	1 6	462,560	34,698
Echuca ...	4,308	(v) 12.12.98	4,155	817	90	1,009	1 3	300,000	24,108
Geelong ...	3,012	(r) 31.12.98	11,483	2,708	201	4,338	1 8	1,740,040	87,002
Geelong West ...	859	(v) 16.1.99	5,570	1,329	138	1,365	1 7	367,759	26,268
Hamilton ...	5,100	(r) 27.1.99	3,577	755	20	1,170	1 9	468,480	23,424
Horsham ...	5,760	(v) 17.2.99	2,445	518	42	570	2 6	184,000	12,277
Inglewood ...	2,560	(v) 12.12.98	1,300	334	10	376	1 6	69,310	6,931
Koroit ...	5,599	(r) 7.12.98	1,725	309	nil	440	1 4	169,215	11,281
Majorca ...	5,005	(e) 2.5.98	1,007	252	...	243	1 0	31,520	3,940
Malmsbury ...	4,214	(r) 7.2.99	1,300	256	30	310	1 0	31,330	6,266
Maryborough ...	5,760	(v) 6.10.98	5,057	980	110	1,143	1 3	238,330	23,833
Newtown and Chilwell ...	1,422	(r) 30.11.98	4,874	1,086	102	1,401	1 9	545,720	27,286
Port Fairy ...	5,902	(r) 31.12.98	1,847	383	2	451	2 0	180,000	11,353
Portland ...	2,860	(r) 31.12.98	2,200	479	38	581	1 8	206,175	13,745
Queenscliff ...	2,173	(v) —.3.99	1,875	373	15	407	1 6	107,320	10,732
Raywood ...	5,760	(v) 30.11.98	470	94	2	125	1 0	23,160	2,316
Rutherglen ...	1,280	(r) 6.2.99	1,637	344	10	470	1 0	201,696	12,606
St. Arnaud ...	6,355	(r) 5.12.98	3,500	742	8	679	1 3	178,870	17,887
Sale ...	5,442	(v) 17.10.98	3,540	747	14	912	1 6	285,100	14,255
Sebastopol ...	1,880	(r) 30.9.98	3,000	720	12	715	1 6	96,367	9,600
Smythesdale ...	1,440	(e) 20.9.98	444	98	4	87	1 0	18,450	1,845
Stawell ...	5,996	(e) 18.11.98	5,500	1,800	100	1,500	1 6	160,545	22,935
Talbot ...	5,578	(e) 31.12.98	1,470	290	20	402	1 0	118,160	5,908
Tarnagulla ...	5,133	(v) 14.11.98	820	214	5	170	1 0	35,000	4,721
Wangaratta ...	3,932	(v) 25.1.99	2,394	464	4	505	1 0	290,660	14,533
Warrnambool ...	3,450	(v) 17.1.99	6,600	1,450	50	1,300	1 9	738,940	36,947
Total ...	217,561	...	595,485	132,696¶	5,990	157,363	...	66,983,137	4,605,199

* The financial year of Melbourne and Geelong ends on the 31st August; that of all other municipalities on the 30th September. —† The area comprised in the Statistical District of Greater Melbourne embraces a radius of 10 miles from the General Post Office. —‡ For particulars as to the Shires which are either wholly or partly comprised within that radius, see footnotes ¶ and ¶ on page 14 post. —§ In addition, the following rates were levied in the municipalities named in each year:—Sanitary rates in Bendigo and Eaglehawk of 4d in the £1; Lighting rates in Geelong and Melbourne of 4d. and 3d. in the £1 respectively; and Water rates in Hamilton and Sale of 1s. in the £1. It must not, however, be inferred that similar rates were not levied in other municipalities, as many of them furnished no particulars respecting the rates levied in addition to the general rates. —¶ Including the inmates of the Benevolent Asylum, viz., 676. —¶ Including uninhabited, not distinguished. —¶ In the case of 252 dwellings the uninhabited were not distinguished.

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Name of Shire.	Estimated Area in Square Miles on 31st December, 1897.	Date of Completion of Latest Valuation (v); Revision (r); or Estimate (e).	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Rate-payers (both sexes).	Amount of General Rate levied in the £1.*	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
				Inhabited.	Uninhabited.			Total Value.	Annual Value
							s. d.	£	£
Alberton	1,037	(v) 27.10.98	5,140	850	150	1,115	1 0	788,760	39,438
Alexandra	766	(v) 13.9.98	2,400	641	2	800	1 0	572,440	28,622
Arapiles	769	(r) ...	2,630	470	10	700	1 0	406,940	20,347
Ararat	1,556	(v) 22.9.98	4,710	920†	...	1,346	1 0	1,664,190	83,209
Avoca	453	(v) 31.12.98	4,227	900	30	1,400	1 0	245,530	24,563
Avon	652	(e) ...	2,370	474	10	629	1 0	460,980§	30,733
Bacchus Marsh	210	(r) 12.9.98	2,660	452	12	496	1 0	330,720	25,440
Bairnsdale	1,118	(v) 30.11.98	7,700	1,900	100	3,000	1 0	1,119,400	55,970
Ballan	359	(v) 29.8.98	6,512	1,227	24	1,350	1 0	653,080	32,654
Ballarat	182	(v) 28.9.98	5,500	710	6	850	1 0	48,395	2,420
Bannockburn	136	(v) 6.2.99	1,877	324	6	357	1 0	270,000	18,261
Barrabool	195	(v) 12.10.98	1,920	391	8	438	1 0	345,058	24,647
Beechworth	314	(v) 7.10.98	9,000	1,950	50	1,900	1 0	517,560	34,504
Belfast	201	(v) 23.12.98	2,700	600	Nil	750	1 4	800,000	36,724
Bellarine	128	(v) 7.12.98	4,404	1,060	6	917	1 0	460,440	38,370
Benalla	1,074	(v) 20.2.99	9,220	2,520	40	2,961	1 0	1,516,560	75,828
Berwick	387	(r) 31.8.98	5,000	950	50	1,175	1 3	686,300	34,315
Bet Bet ‡	337	...	3,500	800	100	900	1 0	217,000	21,700
Birchip	572	(v) 1.9.98	3,465	780	215	893	1 0	555,270	27,764
Boroondara|| ... ..	13	(r) ...	7,350	1,660	50	2,300	1 8	1,741,660	81,709
Borong	744	(v) 30.9.98	6,700	1,200	Nil	1,264	1 6	1,159,120	58,079
Braybrook¶	92	(e) 30.9.98	1,287	307	30	1,404	1 0	576,320	28,816
Bright	1,543	(v) 1.12.98	4,502	1,037	18	1,210	1 0	459,900	22,995
Broadford	218	(v) 17.1.99	1,610	350	Nil	434	1 0	264,640	13,232
Broadmeadows¶¶	74	(e) ...	1,420	444	58	502	1 0	239,630	23,963
Bulla	112	(e) ...	1,971	322	20	250	1 0	450,000	22,179
Buln Buln	472	(v) 30.8.98	4,550	980	20	1,470	1 0	680,380	34,019
Bungaree	88	(v) 10.12.98	5,550	1,050	75	1,132	1 6	545,868	30,326
Buninyong	296	(v) 1.10.98	6,800	1,370	30	1,504	1 0	494,450	49,445
Castle Donington	3,392	(v) 1.7.98	4,200	750	20	1,051	1 0	431,280	28,752
Canfield|| ... ..	9½	(r) ...2.99	9,500	1,915	50	4,000	2 0	1,996,560	99,828
Charlton	455	(r) ...9.98	2,600	630	20	960	1 0	733,580	36,709
Chiltern	95	(r) 22.10.98	2,715	626	17	727	1 0	118,430	11,843
Coburg|| ... ..	7½	(e) 19.12.98	6,200	1,117	75	3,544	2 3	731,140	36,557
Colac	1,094	(v) 16.11.98	9,000	1,680	20	2,027	1 0	2,265,520	113,276
Corio	243	(v) 27.12.98	2,059	428	Nil	514	1 0	338,880	33,668
Cranbourne	290	(e) ...8.98	3,045	550	40	1,061	1 0	701,160	35,058
Creswick	198	(v) 1.9.98	8,300	1,779	29	1,792	1 0	1,212,860	60,643
Dandenong	60	(v) 27.2.99	2,623	534	8	1,264	1 6	332,580	27,715
Deakin	366	(v) 16.8.98	1,705	350	48	712	1 0	603,600	30,180
Dimboola	3,253	(v) 22.11.98	4,860	1,000	20	957	1 0	500,000	33,084
Donald	475	(v) 30.9.98	4,000	760	40	785	1 0	767,120	38,356
Doncaster¶¶	13½	(e) 19.12.98	920	790	6	293	1 0	214,680	10,374
Dundas	1,364	(v) 6.10.98	2,323	454	2	791	1 0	1,229,415	81,961
Dunmunkle	571	(v) 28.1.99	6,007	1,050	Nil	1,130	1 6	1,457,175	58,287
East Loddon	455	(v) ...9.98	1,408	275	15	341	1 0	344,470	34,447
EchUCA	749	(v) 20.9.98	4,805	978	22	1,447	0 9	1,183,940	59,197
Eltham¶¶	216	(e) ...11.98	3,200	612	5	950	1 0	572,000	28,600
Epping¶¶	81	(r) 31.7.98	1,166	300	12	350	1 0	316,566	17,587
Euroa	564	(r) 23.12.98	5,840	1,230	32	1,521	1 0	796,032	44,224
Ferntree Gully	121	(v) 1.11.98	3,470	810	9	1,010	1 0	569,880	28,494
Flinders and Kangerong	184	(r) ...7.98	2,540	620†	...	830	1 0	494,540	24,727
Frankston and Hastings	83	(r) ...10.98	2,400	550†	...	1,000	1 0	406,420	20,321
Gisborne	100	(r) 1.12.98	1,900	424	38	560	1 0	395,000	19,702
Glenelg	1,411	(v) 15.12.98	4,302	830	10	1,325	1 0	1,218,465	81,231
Glenlyon	121	(v) 6.2.99	3,050	750	25	742	1 0	161,600	16,160
Gordon	772	(e) ...	3,880	750	5	1,041	1 0	950,640	47,532
Goulburn	260	(v) 17.1.99	3,105	630†	...	774	1 0	480,000	24,197
Grenville	315	(v) 30.9.98	4,400	977	40	1,085	1 0	697,760	34,888
Hampden	1,030	(v) ...10.98	5,650	1,060	40	1,159	1 0	2,556,730	127,837
Healesville	283	(e) ...	1,350	227	5	530	1 0	200,000	11,154
Heidelberg¶¶	41	(v) ...8.98	4,047	944	49	1,403	1 4	690,340	34,517
Heytesbury	708	(v) 1.9.98	3,258	753	12	914	1 0	756,540	37,827
Howqua	806	(v) 20.10.98	3,200	494†	...	576	1 0	25,930	5,186
Huntly	335	(v) 10.11.98	4,100	920	30	900	1 0	456,900	30,460

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Name of Shire.	Estimated Area in Square Miles on 31st December, 1898.	Date of Completion of Latest Valuation (v); Revision (r); or Estimate (e).	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Rate-payers (both sexes).	Amount of General Rate levied in the £1*	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
				Inhabited.	Uninhabited.			Total Value.	Annual Value.
							s. d.	£	£
Kara Kara ...	911	(v) 28.7.98	5,190	1,078	20	1,398	1 0	535,980	53,598
Karkaroc ...	1,778	(v) 26.8.98	3,600	750	15	860	1 0	600,220	30,011
Keilor ¶	53	(v) 8.10.98	674	139	20	493	1 0	230,000	11,495
Kerang (Swan Hill) **	1,465	(v) 27.10.98	7,365	1,440	10	2,002	1 0	1,485,180	74,259
Kilmore ...	92	(v) 7.3.99	2,355	450	83	684	1 0	225,936	18,828
Korong ...	925	(v) 1.10.98	8,000	1,850	50	1,589	0 9	966,000	48,300
Kowree ...	2,114	(r) ...	6,300	1,160	50	1,226	1 0	830,760	55,384
Kyneton ...	253	(v) 1.10.98	8,845	1,742	58	1,738	1 0	1,270,260	63,513
Lancefield ...	38	(v) 23.12.98	1,025	195	21	256	1 0	252,520	12,626
Lawloit ...	2,265	(r) 1.12.98	2,295	510†	...	581	1 0	451,648	28,228
Leigh ...	381	(v) 28.9.98	2,217	473	Nil	583	1 0	386,630	38,663
Lexton ...	300	(v) 14.12.98	1,997	402	10	472	1 0	560,000	27,981
Lilydale ...	179	(r) ...	5,364	1,060†	...	1,359	1 0	834,500	41,725
Lowan ...	1,623	(v) 4.10.98	4,070	676	129	863	1 0	673,140	34,785
Maffra ...	966	(v) 23.1.99	3,800	708	10	975	1 0	899,800	44,990
Maldon ...	212	(v) 31.12.98	4,650	1,292	4	1,292	1 0	614,120	30,706
Malvern ¶	6½	(v) 17.10.98	9,909	1,997	78	2,245	1 4	2,389,180	119,459
Mansfield ...	825	(v) 23.11.98	4,500	660	45	1,115	1 0	632,500	31,625
Marong ...	562	(v) 28.11.98	7,870	1,590	18	2,528	1 0	1,354,500	67,725
Melton ...	101½	(r) 30.9.98	1,390	215	18	276	1 0	307,800	15,390
Meredith ...	181	(r) 7.12.98	1,380	273	35	580	1 0	285,760	14,288
Merriang ...	121	(r) 1.9.98	776	188	Nil	234	0 9	229,275	15,285
Metcalf ...	213	(r) 2.2.99	3,760	578†	...	770	††	284,676	23,723
Mildura ...	4,564	(v) 6.10.98	2,800	700	Nil	1,200	1 4	420,000	20,576
Minhamite ...	541	(e) ...	2,108	405	Nil	501	1 0	1,149,458	40,232
Mirboo ...	77	(v) 19.9.98	1,010	195	12	323	1 0	187,900	9,395
Moorabbin ¶	32	(v) 16.1.99	7,209	1,497	11	3,388	1 9	1,158,000	57,900
Mornington ...	35	(r) 10.98	1,350	270†	...	533	1 0	290,170	14,508
Mortlake ...	815	(v) 1.9.98	3,016	530	20	579	1 0	859,800	85,980
Morwell ...	255	(v) 26.10.98	2,413	520	5	680	1 0	449,540	22,477
Mount Alexander ...	50	(r) 10.98	2,700	574	41	597	1 0	106,130	10,613
Mount Franklin ...	107	(e) 28.12.98	2,900	660	25	853	1 0	145,500	14,462
Mount Rouse...	537	(r) 30.9.98	2,250	450	10	485	1 0	1,174,160	58,708
Mulgrave ¶	25½	(v) 7.12.98	1,615	374	12	681	2 0	383,850	19,193
McIvor ...	580	(v) 27.1.99	4,147	923	58	987	1 0	662,440	33,128
Narracan ...	552	(r) 27.10.98	3,800	950	20	1,260	1 0	520,000	26,000
Newham ...	91	(r) 27.11.98	2,331	498	6	560	1 0	230,550	15,370
Newstead ...	105	(e) 9.2.99	1,769	465	Nil	465	1 0	211,110	14,074
North Ovens ...	237	(r) 4.11.98	2,063	408	27	872	1 0	378,520	18,926
Numurkah ...	765	(e) ...	7,595	1,300	25	1,500	1 0	1,567,240	78,362
Nunawading ¶	23½	(r) 10.12.98	4,218	896	115	1,990	1 9	701,185	35,059
Omeo ...	2,211	(r) 3.1.99	5,510	1,002	102	1,287	1 3	660,350	33,947
Orbost ...	3,721	(v) 25.1.99	2,386	503†	...	847	1 3	341,480	17,074
Oxley ...	1,005	(r) 31.10.98	3,777	750	57	1,115	1 0	674,000	33,700
Phillip Island ...	258	(v) 3.12.98	2,425	490	20	765	1 0	550,980	27,549
Poowong and Jeetho ...	222	(v) 10.98	7,600	1,200	50	1,812	1 0	888,850	44,429
Portland ...	1,460	(v) 8.12.98	5,550	1,600†	...	1,652	1 0	1,268,140	63,407
Preston ¶	13¾	(v) 19.9.98	3,012	621	142	863	1 6	558,300	27,915
Pyalong ...	229	(v) ...	1,150	220	...	400	1 0	288,000	14,400
Ripon ...	588	(v) 25.11.98	4,320	950	40	1,012	1 0	880,125	58,675
Rodney ...	400	(r) ...	4,942	1,000†	...	1,376	1 0	1,045,915	52,296
Romsey ...	85	(e) ...	2,000	350	Nil	387	1 0	418,940	20,947
Rosedale ...	804	(v) 1.3.99	3,910	785	10	805	1 0	991,720	49,586
Rutherglen ...	205	(r) 7.1.99	4,517	1,245	24	1,376	1 0	497,776	31,111
Seymour ...	382	(r) 8.1.99	3,194	603†	...	1,121	1 0	507,210	33,979
Shepparton ...	208	(v) 19.12.98	4,200	1,030	5	1,060	1 0	769,220	38,461
South Barwon ...	63	(v) 31.10.98	1,813	373	Nil	1,037	1 3	350,700	17,535
South Gippsland ...	512	(v) 10.10.98	2,300	590	6	850	1 0	437,740	21,887
Springfield ...	111	(e) 14.11.98	700	100	10	160	1 0	252,140	12,607
Stawell ...	994	(r) 4.10.98	3,217	804	50	1,030	1 0	898,638	46,084
Strathfieldsaye ...	234	(v) 31.1.99	3,810	755	56	938	1 0	191,700	19,170
Talbot ...	184	(r) 1.99	1,700	425	25	521	1 0	169,570	16,957
Tambo ...	1,295	(r) 23.11.98	2,048	413	26	640	1 3	312,120	15,650

SHIRES.

RETURN of the Area, Population, Number of Dwellings, Number of Ratepayers, Amount of Rate levied, Total and Annual Value of Rateable Property in the various Shires throughout the Colony of Victoria at the periods when the Valuations were made up for the Municipal Financial Year ending the 30th September, 1899—*continued*.

Name of Shire.	Estimated Area in Square Miles on 31st December, 1898.	Date of Completion of Latest—Valuation (v); Revision (r); or Estimate (e).	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Amount of General Rate levied in the £l.*	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
				Inhabited.	Uninhabited.			Total Value.	Annual Value.
							s. d.	£	£
Templestowe ¶	20½	(r) 27.2.99	840	202	Nil	285	1 0	207,650	10,383
Towong ...	2,545	(v) 9.1.99	5,689	1,200	25	1,734	1 0	1,128,960	56,448
Traralgon ...	199	(v) 7.3.99	2,100	691	3	707	1 0	105,076	20,255
Tullaroop ...	222	(v) —.4.99	3,130	800†	...	1,110	1 0	240,500	24,050
Tungamah ...	602	(r) 5.11.98	5,550	1,357	25	2,704	1 0	1,293,680	64,684
Upper Yarra ...	444	(v) —.1.99	1,500	325	50	453	1 0	185,660	9,283
Violet Town ...	359	(r) 9.1.99	3,073	500	50	683	1 0	480,020	24,001
Walhalla ...	409	(v) 27.12.98	3,648	915	200	1,038	1 6	141,784	17,723
Wannon ...	753	(v) 13.9.98	2,680	535	25	687	1 0	1,337,840	66,892
Waranga ...	700	(v) 10.4.99	5,380	2,001	162	2,163	1 0	1,244,000	62,200
Warragul ...	123	(v) 1.4.99	3,800	950	10	1,197	1 0	701,040	35,052
Warrnambool ...	610	(v) 30.11.98	9,557	1,650	Nil	2,000	1 0	2,352,560	117,628
Whittlesea ...	134	(r) 31.8.98	1,640	400†	...	560	1 0	365,880	18,294
Wimmera ...	1,043	(r) —.10.98	4,760	700	199	952	1 0	1,012,020	50,601
Winchelsea ...	630	(v) 7.10.98	3,184	559	54	757	1 0	961,080	48,054
Wodonga ...	104	(v) 16.12.98	1,685	328	22	549	1 0	122,220	12,322
Woorayl ...	527	(r) 22.11.98	3,000	600	Nil	1,145	1 0	601,820	33,091
Wycheproof ...	1,162	(r) 17.11.98	3,812	770	Nil	1,168	1 0	868,720	43,436
Wyndham ¶	275	(v) 30.9.98	2,050	410	15	622	1 0	1,121,640	56,082
Yackandandah ...	561	(v) 30.8.98	3,937	930	13	1,064	1 0	654,960	32,748
Yarrowonga ...	242	(r) 19.12.98	3,130	580	5	880	1 0	731,540	36,577
Yea ...	556	(v) —.9.98	3,160	458	Nil	789	1 0	586,760	29,338
Total ...	86,981½	...	567,615	118,212‡	4,406	159,487	...	101,473,386	5,528,909

NOTE.—The following alterations took place in the areas of the respective districts during the year 1898:—Wycheproof increased by 28 square miles, and Donald correspondingly reduced on the 29th April; Ferntree Gully increased by 1 square mile, and Lilydale correspondingly reduced on the 18th February; Healesville increased by 42 square miles, and Howqua and Upper Yarra reduced by 32 and 10 square miles respectively on the 29th April; Poowong and Jeetho increased by 46 square miles, and Phillip Island and Woolamai correspondingly reduced on the same date. Moreover, the areas of Alberton, Dammunkle, South Gippsland, and Mirboo, as now given, are the result of a fresh computation, those previously published having been found inaccurate.

¶ In addition, the following rates were levied in the municipalities named:—An extra rate of 3d. in the Greensborough Riding of Heidelberg, and in the South and East Ridings of Warrnambool; a separate rate of 6d. in the Township of Birchip, and of 3d. and 6d. in the Townships of Donald and Watchem respectively, in the Shire of Donald; a sanitary rate of 5d. in Beechworth, of 6d. in each of the Shires of Charlton, Donald, Mildura, and Newham, of 7s. per pan in Healesville, and of 15s. to 30s. in the Townships of Korumburra and Outtrim, in the Shire of Poowong and Jeetho; a water rate of 1s. in Beechworth; and a lighting rate of 4d. and an improvement rate of 6d. in the Shepparton Riding of the Shire of Shepparton. It must not, however, be inferred that similar rates were not levied in other municipalities, as many of them furnished no particulars respecting the rates levied in addition to the general rates.

† Including uninhabited, not distinguished.

‡ No return furnished for 1898-9, figures for 1897-8 repeated.

§ Information not furnished, but an estimate has been made from the annual value.

¶ This shire is wholly comprised within the Statistical District of Greater Melbourne. See footnote (†) to table on page 11 *ante*.

¶ This shire is partly comprised within the Statistical District of Greater Melbourne.

* Kerang was formerly called Swan Hill. The name was altered on the 12th December, 1898.

†† General rate of 1s. from 1st October to 31st December, 1898, and of 0d. from 1st January to 30th September, 1899.

‡‡ In the case of 10,453 dwellings, the uninhabited were not distinguished.

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGH.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Population.	Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
					Total.	Annual.
					£	£
1889 ...	59	589,485	129,314	127,523	85,211,558	6,659,735
1890 ...	59	619,581	137,944	131,034	86,226,966	6,833,043
1891 ...	60	620,258	138,218	136,084	91,276,090	7,141,270
1892 ...	59	607,560	142,477	139,553	88,138,720	7,006,030
1893 ...	59	581,728	137,079	141,135	79,606,270	6,303,590
1894 ...	58	574,272	146,813	141,358	70,423,015	5,526,092
1895 ...	58	583,654	140,383	140,564	65,700,580	4,900,000
1896 ...	58	581,931	138,119	142,913	65,626,300	4,790,000
1897 ...	58	582,618	148,679	139,804	68,255,714	4,769,345
1898 ...	58	588,269	151,654	140,206	66,592,139	4,595,535
1899 ...	58	595,485	157,363	138,686	66,983,137	4,605,199

SHIRES.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year ended 30th September.	Number of Shires.	Estimated Population.	Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
					Total. £	Annual. £
1889	130	506,965	129,666	109,485	102,346,953	6,271,791
1890	133	515,185	135,908	110,953	108,086,680	6,432,500
1891	137	523,699	138,919	112,447	112,075,270	6,592,500
1892	139	537,127	141,470	117,238	109,228,220	6,599,960
1893	142	548,207	141,613	118,342	109,855,080	6,476,010
1894	145	553,760	151,746	121,465	104,561,836	6,149,987
1895	149	560,600	152,137	124,667	101,497,200	5,741,200
1896	150	555,251	151,732	123,302	102,801,400	5,603,000
1897	150	560,614	155,499	122,047	102,998,270	5,576,190
1898	150	560,616	157,354	120,910	102,019,767	5,556,965
1899	150	567,615	159,487	121,618	101,473,386	5,528,909

CLASSIFICATION OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES.—NUMBER AND VALUE, 1874 TO 1898.

Year.	Number of Properties rated.							Total.
	Under £50.	£50 and less than £100.	£100 and less than £200.	£200 and less than £300.	£300 and less than £400.	£400 and less than £500.	£500 and upwards.	
CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.								
1874	91,320	7,981	2,964	764	289	153	235	103,706
1879	99,846	8,877	3,166	826	331	145	287	113,478
1884	114,615	11,003	3,947	1,018	445	194	362	131,584
1889	149,068	17,434	6,077	1,582	723	401	993	176,278
1890	149,936	18,198	6,179	1,526	742	410	991	177,982
1891	153,012	18,497	6,224	1,600	697	422	1,087	181,539
1892	155,629	17,725	5,949	1,669	653	416	1,091	183,132
1893	158,006	15,824	5,076	1,451	596	389	1,012	182,354
1894	162,380	12,554	4,477	1,214	506	349	765	182,245
1895	165,640	11,046	4,261	1,100	462	289	685	183,483
1896	166,496	10,499	4,126	1,054	463	282	671	183,591
1897	169,248	9,769	3,775	971	428	249	645	185,085
1898	167,064	9,621	3,601	969	401	237	530	182,423
SHIRES.								
1874	75,852	7,537	2,398	552	268	117	612	87,336
1879	88,598	10,436	3,051	683	296	159	672	103,895
1884	98,089	10,701	3,403	736	321	154	711	114,175
1889	138,466	16,764	6,123	1,547	648	326	1,141	165,015
1890	148,705	17,666	6,436	1,711	679	355	1,044	176,596
1891	153,300	19,126	6,468	1,561	637	366	968	182,426
1892	156,198	19,171	6,677	1,572	616	343	914	185,491
1893	155,015	18,864	6,423	1,484	559	286	850	183,481
1894	163,472	18,521	6,177	1,343	540	280	806	191,139
1895	168,234	16,834	5,454	1,161	469	258	729	193,139
1896	165,910	15,971	5,228	1,088	430	259	711	189,597
1897	166,703	15,956	5,252	1,053	432	230	740	190,366
1898	166,819	16,338	5,540	1,137	454	273	801	191,362
TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.								
1874	167,172	15,518	5,362	1,316	557	270	847	191,042
1879	188,444	19,313	6,217	1,509	627	304	959	217,373
1884	212,704	21,704	7,410	1,754	766	348	1,073	245,759
1889	287,534	34,198	12,200	3,129	1,371	727	2,134	341,293
1890	298,641	35,864	12,615	3,237	1,421	765	2,035	354,578
1891	306,312	37,623	12,692	3,161	1,334	788	2,055	363,965
1892	311,827	36,896	12,626	3,241	1,269	759	2,005	368,623
1893	313,021	34,688	11,499	2,935	1,155	675	1,862	365,835
1894	325,852	31,075	10,654	2,557	1,046	629	1,571	373,384
1895	333,874	27,880	9,715	2,261	931	547	1,414	376,622
1896	332,406	26,470	9,354	2,142	893	541	1,382	373,188
1897	335,951	25,725	9,027	2,024	860	479	1,385	375,451
1898	333,883	25,959	9,141	2,106	855	510	1,331	373,785

CLASSIFICATION OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES—continued.

Year.	Total Value of Properties rated annually at—					Annual Value of rateable Properties.				
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and upwards.	Total.	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and upwards.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.										
1874	12,620,396	5,201,090	3,717,516	5,785,603	27,324,605	1,352,679	537,885	381,885	584,033	2,856,482
1879	14,833,220	5,960,162	4,045,167	6,514,331	31,352,880	1,494,247	600,406	407,496	656,231	3,158,380
1884	19,855,306	7,715,575	5,064,994	8,625,789	41,261,664	1,851,434	719,449	472,292	804,323	3,847,498
1889	36,840,166	14,534,828	10,907,233	22,929,331	85,211,558	2,879,254	1,135,974	852,458	1,792,049	6,659,735
1890	37,863,106	14,924,540	11,074,410	22,364,910	86,226,966	3,000,456	1,182,693	877,590	1,772,304	6,833,043
1891	39,072,130	16,152,230	11,377,190	24,674,540	91,276,090	3,056,930	1,263,720	890,130	1,930,490	7,141,270
1892	38,521,240	15,055,360	10,777,530	23,784,590	88,138,720	3,062,000	1,196,730	856,690	1,890,610	7,006,030
1893	35,857,460	12,798,010	9,629,230	21,321,570	79,606,270	2,839,360	1,013,400	762,490	1,688,340	6,303,590
1894	33,756,570	10,034,549	7,892,675	18,739,221	70,423,015	2,648,876	789,761	619,335	1,468,120	5,526,092
1895	32,943,848	8,977,031	7,293,014	16,486,687	65,700,580	2,456,978	669,514	543,918	1,229,590	4,900,000
1896	32,241,400	8,663,470	7,271,820	17,443,610	65,626,300	2,353,270	632,780	530,760	1,273,190	4,790,000
1897	33,974,576	8,841,860	7,145,623	18,293,655	68,255,714	2,373,962	617,822	499,298	1,278,263	4,769,345
1898	33,806,324	8,890,210	6,867,390	17,028,215	66,592,139	2,332,980	613,515	473,920	1,175,120	4,595,535

SHIRES.

1874	13,105,624	5,070,283	3,319,425	13,401,702	34,897,034	1,220,327	492,313	315,056	1,111,299	3,138,995
1879	20,914,381	8,653,809	5,304,667	17,018,379	51,891,236	1,605,387	664,266	407,186	1,306,330	3,983,169
1884	26,106,636	10,335,547	6,573,698	19,518,287	62,534,168	1,774,831	702,650	446,907	1,326,928	4,251,316
1889	38,784,570	18,258,460	12,920,346	32,383,577	102,346,953	2,376,707	1,118,873	791,755	1,984,456	6,271,791
1890	41,449,164	19,596,816	14,143,030	32,897,670	108,086,680	2,466,740	1,166,254	841,686	1,957,820	6,432,500
1891	43,934,720	20,993,170	14,591,210	32,556,170	112,075,270	2,584,330	1,234,860	858,290	1,915,020	6,592,500
1892	42,479,450	20,795,360	14,763,930	31,189,480	109,228,220	2,566,760	1,256,530	892,090	1,884,580	6,599,960
1893	43,865,620	21,078,210	14,665,400	30,245,850	109,855,080	2,585,900	1,242,570	864,530	1,783,010	6,476,010
1894	43,526,766	20,247,725	13,472,028	27,315,317	104,561,836	2,558,451	1,190,117	791,870	1,609,549	6,149,987
1895	44,602,832	19,223,953	12,477,533	25,192,882	101,497,200	2,522,964	1,087,405	705,793	1,425,038	5,741,200
1896	45,720,200	19,145,500	12,407,900	25,527,800	102,801,400	2,492,500	1,042,600	676,300	1,391,600	5,603,000
1897	44,953,315	19,099,925	12,611,672	26,333,358	102,998,270	2,433,815	1,034,050	682,685	1,425,640	5,576,190
1898	44,349,045	19,029,185	12,846,915	25,794,622	102,019,767	2,415,670	1,036,510	699,765	1,405,020	5,556,965

TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

1874	25,726,020	10,271,373	7,036,941	19,187,305	62,221,639	2,573,006	1,030,198	696,941	1,695,332	5,995,477
1879	35,747,601	14,613,971	9,349,834	23,532,710	83,244,116	3,099,634	1,264,672	814,682	1,962,561	7,141,549
1884	45,961,942	18,051,122	11,638,692	28,144,076	103,795,832	3,626,265	1,422,099	919,199	2,131,251	8,098,814
1889	75,624,736	32,793,288	23,827,579	55,312,908	187,558,511	5,255,961	2,254,847	1,644,213	3,776,505	12,931,526
1890	79,312,270	34,521,356	25,217,440	55,262,580	194,313,646	5,467,106	2,348,947	1,719,276	3,730,124	13,265,543
1891	83,006,850	37,145,400	25,968,400	57,230,710	203,351,300	5,641,260	2,498,580	1,748,420	3,845,510	13,733,770
1892	81,000,690	35,850,720	25,541,460	54,974,070	197,366,940	5,628,760	2,453,260	1,748,780	3,775,190	13,605,990
1893	79,723,080	33,876,220	24,294,630	51,567,420	189,461,350	5,425,260	2,255,970	1,627,020	3,471,350	12,779,600
1894	77,283,336	30,282,274	21,364,703	46,054,538	174,984,851	5,207,327	1,979,878	1,411,205	3,077,669	11,676,079
1895	77,546,680	28,200,984	19,770,547	41,679,569	167,197,780	4,979,942	1,756,919	1,249,711	2,654,628	10,641,200
1896	77,961,600	27,814,970	19,679,720	42,971,410	168,427,700	4,845,770	1,675,380	1,207,060	2,664,790	10,393,000
1897	78,927,891	27,941,785	19,757,295	44,627,013	171,253,984	4,807,777	1,651,872	1,181,983	2,703,903	10,345,535
1898	78,155,369	27,919,395	19,714,395	42,822,837	168,611,906	4,748,650	1,650,025	1,173,685	2,580,140	10,152,500

INCREASE IN NUMBER AND VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES, 1874 TO 1898.

Rateable Values.				Increase during Twenty-four Years in the—		
				Number of Properties.	Total Value	Annual Value.
					£	£
Under £50 ...	...	...	...	166,711	52,429,349	2,175,644
£50 to £100 ...	...	...	...	10,441	17,648,022	619,827
£100 to £200 ...	...	...	...	3,779	12,677,364	476,744
£200 and upwards ...	...	...	...	1,812	23,635,532	884,808
Total increase	...	...	...	182,743	106,390,267	4,157,023

NATURALIZATION.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Native Places.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.										
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
France	11	4	6	2	9	11	7	7	2	16	14
Belgium ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Austria	6	7	5	10	8	12	10	7	5	26	9
Germany	46	48	42	52	88	118	129	81	88	440	144
Russia	3	13	20	37	18	7	28	7	9	61	17
Norway and Sweden ... ..	...	...	...	16	11	15	20	21	20	114	61
Other European Countries	46	38	67	32	62	109	80	81	44	264	71
United States	1	...	...	1	4	7	7	7	1	5	3
Other Countries	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	10	5	20	11
Total	114	112	141	151	200	279	281	221	174	946	334

NOTE.—The material for this Return has been derived from information furnished each year by the Under-Secretary.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—(I.)

RETURN of the Number of Electors on the Rolls, and the Number who Voted at the Election for the Legislative Council held during the Year 1898.

Electoral Provinces.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.	Electors who Voted.	
		Number.	Percentage.
Gippsland	9,160	2,839	30.99
Melbourne	14,079	Uncontested	...
Nelson	5,409	"	...
Northern	8,234	"	...
North-Central	5,343	"	...
North-Eastern	8,996	"	...
North-Western	11,746	"	...
North Yarra	9,299	"	...
Southern	10,177	"	...
South-Eastern	12,936	"	...
South-Western	7,197	"	...
South Yarra	13,105	"	...
Wellington	8,459	"	...
Western	6,437	"	...
Total	130,577		

NOTE.—This Return was furnished by the Under-Secretary.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—(II.)

RETURN of the Number of Electors for each Electoral Province on the Rolls for 1898-9.

Electoral Provinces.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.		
	Ratepayers.	Non-Ratepayers.	Total.
1. Melbourne	13,508	91	13,599
2. North Yarra	8,927	71	8,998
3. South Yarra	12,526	372	12,898
4. Southern	10,276	52	10,328
5. South-Western	7,206	41	7,247
6. Nelson	5,459	43	5,502
7. Western	6,299	20	6,319
8. North-Western	11,674	67	11,741
9. Northern	8,245	52	8,297
10. Wellington	8,200	54	8,254
11. North-Central	5,317	26	5,343
12. North-Eastern	9,210	31	9,241
13. Gippsland	9,057	48	9,105
14. South-Eastern	12,942	81	13,023
Total	128,846	1,049	129,895

NOTE.—This Return was furnished by the Under-Secretary.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

RETURN showing the Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District; also the Number of Electors who Voted at the General Election on the 14th October, 1897.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Members.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Period of General Election.	Electors who Voted.	
			Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.
1. Albert Park	1	2,784	2,137	76·76
2. Anglesey	1	3,531	2,505	70·94
3. Ararat	1	1,770	1,272	71·86
4. Ballarat East	1	3,333	2,796	83·88
5. Ballarat West	2	5,660	4,263	73·55
6. Barwon	1	2,401	1,815	75·59
7. Benalla and Yarrawonga	1	2,729	2,025	74·20
8. Benambra	1	2,060	1,388	67·37
9. Bogong	1	1,933	*	*
10. Borung	1	2,497	1,654	66·23
11. Bourke East	1	2,537	1,829	72·09
12. Bourke West	1	1,902	1,366	71·81
13. Bourke (East) Boroughs	2	8,871	6,237	70·30
14. Brighton	1	3,441	2,424	70·44
15. Carlton	1	3,626	2,758	76·06
16. Carlton South	1	2,310	1,691	73·20
17. Castlemaine	2	3,385	2,798	82·65
18. Clunes and Allandale	1	1,743	*	*
19. Collingwood	2	5,059	3,961	78·29
20. Creswick	1	1,941	1,607	82·79
21. Dandenong and Berwick	1	3,572	2,126	59·51
22. Daylesford	1	1,814	1,244	68·57
23. Delatite	1	2,528	1,640	64·87
24. Donald and Swan Hill	1	6,000	2,434	40·56
25. Dundas	1	2,265	*	*
26. Dunolly	1	2,048	*	*
27. Eaglehawk	1	2,020	1,516	75·04
28. Eastern Suburbs	1	4,904	3,580	73·00
29. Emerald Hill	1	2,521	1,908	75·68
30. Essendon and Flemington	1	5,108	3,293	64·46
31. Evelyn	1	3,410	1,597	46·83
32. Fitzroy	2	6,091	4,040	66·32
33. Footscray	2	3,776	2,368	62·71
34. Geelong	2	5,391	3,669	68·05
35. Gippsland Central	1	2,907	1,897	65·25
36. Gippsland East	1	3,028	1,684	55·61
37. Gippsland North	1	1,985	1,274	64·18
38. Gippsland South	1	2,644	1,521	57·14
39. Gippsland West	1	4,205	2,442	58·07
40. Grant	1	2,347	*	*
41. Grenville	2	3,727	2,882	77·32
42. Gunbower	1	2,736	2,099	76·71
43. Hawthorn	1	4,119	3,096	75·16
44. Horsham	1	1,906	1,302	68·31
45. Jolimont and West Richmond	1	2,452	1,822	74·30
46. Kara Kara	1	2,309	*	*
47. Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1	2,127	1,494	70·23
48. Korong	1	2,244	*	*
49. Kyneton	1	2,154	1,670	77·53
50. Lowan	1	2,429	1,490	61·34
51. Maklen	1	1,781	1,439	80·79
52. Mandarong	1	2,025	1,585	78·27
53. Maryborough	1	2,306	*	*
54. Melbourne	1	3,996	2,751	68·84
55. Melbourne East	2	4,322	3,190	73·80
56. Melbourne North	1	2,938	2,360	80·32
57. Melbourne South	1	2,469	1,781	72·13
58. Melbourne West	1	2,324	1,861	80·07
59. Mornington	1	4,395	2,181	49·62
60. Normanby	1	1,873	*	*
61. Nunurkah and Nathalia	1	2,092	*	*
62. Ovens	1	1,954	*	*
63. Polwarth	1	3,128	2,454	78·45
64. Port Fairy	1	1,936	1,454	75·10
65. Port Melbourne	1	2,538	1,947	76·71
66. Portland	1	1,743	1,184	67·92
67. Prahran	1	2,851	2,167	76·00
68. Richmond	2	5,372	3,786	70·47
69. Ripon and Hampden	1	2,656	1,867	70·29
70. Rodney	2	4,881	3,190	65·36
71. Sandhurst	2	5,099	3,912	76·72
72. Sandhurst South	1	2,218	1,625	73·26
73. Shepparton and Euroa	1	2,162	1,539	71·18
74. South Yarra	1	2,491	1,991	79·92
75. St. Kilda	1	3,838	*	*
76. Stawell	1	2,216	*	*
77. Talbot and Avoca	1	1,882	1,341	71·25
78. Toorak	1	4,000	3,063	76·57

* Uncontested.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

RETURN showing the Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District; also the Number of Electors who Voted at the General Election on the 14th October, 1897—continued.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Members.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Period of General Election.	Electors who Voted.	
			Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.
79. Villiers and Heytesbury	1	2,384	1,786	74'91
80. Wangaratta and Rutherglen	1	3,559	2,656	74'62
81. Warrenheip	1	1,803	1,426	79'09
82. Warrnambool	1	1,912	1,499	78'39
83. Williamstown	1	3,231	2,324	71'92
84. Windermere	1	1,500	1,252	83'46
Total	95	254,155	...	...
Deduct for Uncontested Districts (13) ... ..	...	29,168	...	...
Net result ... ..	...	224,987	158,225	70'33

NOTE.—This Return was furnished by the Under-Secretary.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

RETURN of the Number of Electors for each Electoral District on the Rolls for 1898-9.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.			Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.		
	Ratepayers	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.		Ratepayers	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.
1. Albert Park	1,977	628	2,605	45. Jolimont and West Richmond	1,622	645	2,267
2. Anglesey	2,576	829	3,405	46. Kara Kara	1,593	516	2,109
3. Ararat	1,369	409	1,778	47. Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,755	408	2,163
4. Ballarat East	2,540	861	3,401	48. Korong	1,744	328	2,072
5. Ballarat West	4,677	1,139	5,816	49. Kyneton	1,490	523	2,013
6. Barwon	1,850	479	2,329	50. Lowan	2,069	278	2,347
7. Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,077	687	2,764	51. Maldon	1,784	301	1,785
8. Benambra	1,856	308	2,164	52. Mandurang	1,499	572	2,071
9. Bogong	1,478	374	1,852	53. Maryborough	1,892	268	2,160
10. Borung	2,146	297	2,443	54. Melbourne	3,831	378	4,209
11. Bourke East	2,111	431	2,542	55. Melbourne East	3,437	724	4,161
12. Bourke West	1,663	406	2,069	56. Melbourne North	2,169	762	2,931
13. East Bourke Boroughs	7,615	1,045	8,660	57. Melbourne South	1,842	490	2,332
14. Brighton	2,817	446	3,263	58. Melbourne West	1,683	574	2,257
15. Carlton	2,975	567	3,542	59. Mornington	3,485	862	4,347
16. Carlton South	1,790	454	2,244	60. Normanby	1,565	234	1,799
17. Castlemaine	2,291	908	3,199	61. Numurkah and Nathalia	1,887	175	2,062
18. Clunes and Allandale	1,460	260	1,720	62. Ovens	1,464	442	1,906
19. Collingwood	4,143	720	4,863	63. Polwarth	2,461	909	3,370
20. Creswick	1,415	455	1,870	64. Port Fairy	1,582	314	1,896
21. Dandenong and Berwick	3,408	281	3,689	65. Port Melbourne	1,975	432	2,407
22. Daylesford	1,540	187	1,727	66. Portland	1,584	248	1,832
23. Delatite	2,156	271	2,427	67. Prahran	2,406	590	2,996
24. Donald and Swan Hill	5,411	501	5,912	68. Richmond	4,442	864	5,306
25. Dundas	1,770	424	2,194	69. Ripon and Hampden	2,106	623	2,729
26. Dunolly	1,546	470	2,016	70. Rodney	4,111	727	4,838
27. Eaglehawk	1,719	270	1,989	71. Sandhurst	4,407	983	5,390
28. Eastern Suburbs	4,133	739	4,872	72. Sandhurst South	1,931	321	2,252
29. Emerald Hill	1,931	602	2,533	73. Shepparton and Euroa	1,884	297	2,181
30. Essendon and Flemington	4,623	630	5,253	74. South Yarra	2,190	630	2,820
31. Evelyn	3,162	262	3,424	75. St. Kilda	2,943	944	3,887
32. Fitzroy	4,378	1,136	5,514	76. Stawell	1,696	439	2,135
33. Footscray	3,413	451	3,864	77. Talbot and Avoca	1,509	283	1,792
34. Geelong	4,926	929	5,855	78. Toorak	3,499	722	4,221
35. Gippsland Central	2,437	499	2,936	79. Villiers and Heytesbury	1,942	512	2,454
36. Gippsland East	2,318	448	2,766	80. Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,587	966	3,553
37. Gippsland North	1,857	165	2,022	81. Warrenheip	1,534	329	1,863
38. Gippsland South	2,415	429	2,844	82. Warrnambool	1,575	470	2,045
39. Gippsland West	3,546	609	4,155	83. Williamstown	2,563	421	2,984
40. Grant	1,901	416	2,317	84. Windermere	1,190	334	1,524
41. Grenville	3,041	870	3,911	Total	207,887	44,695	252,582
42. Gunbower	2,096	555	2,651				
43. Hawthorn	3,191	732	3,923				
44. Horsham	1,515	278	1,793				

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FEDERAL CONVENTION ELECTION AND REFERENDUM.

RETURN showing the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District, also the Number of Electors who voted at the Federal Convention Election on the 4th March, 1897, and at the Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution on the 3rd June, 1898.

Electoral Districts.	Federal Convention Election.			Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution.					Percentage of Electors who Voted to Number on Rolls.
	Number of Electors on Rolls, 1896-7.	Electors who Voted.		Number of Electors on Rolls, 1897-8.	Number of Electors who Voted.			Total.	
		Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.		For Acceptance of Constitution.	For Rejection of Constitution.	Informal Votes.		
Albert Park	2,354	1,114	47'32	2,651	1,179	234	10	1,423	53'67
Anglesey	3,225	1,610	49'92	3,529	1,404	348	15	1,767	50'07
Ararat	1,670	838	50'17	1,842	862	130	7	999	54'23
Ballaarat East	2,985	1,619	54'23	3,457	1,767	129	10	1,906	55'13
Ballaarat West... ..	5,212	2,844	54'56	5,744	3,357	116	6	3,479	60'56
Barwon	2,321	913	39'33	2,327	995	92	15	1,102	47'35
Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,593	1,127	43'46	2,754	1,159	206	12	1,377	50'00
Benambra	1,965	735	37'40	2,078	849	161	9	1,019	49'03
Bogong	1,860	1,055	56'72	1,917	951	87	8	1,046	54'56
Borong	2,358	810	34'35	2,466	851	196	14	1,061	43'02
Bourke East	2,441	884	36'21	2,533	883	193	7	1,083	42'75
Bourke West	1,816	769	42'34	2,040	739	201	15	955	46'81
East Bourke Boroughs ...	8,411	3,573	42'49	8,914	2,895	1,171	49	4,115	46'16
Brighton	3,285	1,269	38'63	3,305	1,468	97	11	1,576	47'68
Carlton	3,456	1,608	46'52	3,373	1,139	555	8	1,702	50'45
Carlton South	2,140	910	42'52	2,204	694	280	11	985	44'69
Castlemaine	3,130	1,730	55'27	3,218	1,564	197	12	1,773	55'09
Clunes and Allandale ...	1,658	934	56'33	1,706	698	77	1	776	45'48
Collingwood	4,671	2,099	44'93	4,987	1,331	1,088	23	2,442	48'96
Creswick	1,793	1,051	58'61	1,892	692	132	8	832	43'97
Dandenong and Berwick	3,460	1,149	33'20	3,518	1,126	295	13	1,434	40'76
Daylesford	1,762	751	42'62	1,813	663	99	1	763	42'08
Delatite	2,443	957	39'17	2,430	821	242	5	1,068	43'95
Donald and Swan Hill ...	5,738	1,311	22'84	5,601	1,593	142	12	1,747	31'19
Dundas	2,173	1,067	49'10	2,218	1,125	79	13	1,217	54'86
Dunolly	1,913	824	43'07	1,998	798	133	8	939	46'99
Eaglehawk	1,944	937	48'19	2,023	1,078	56	7	1,141	56'40
Eastern Suburbs	4,491	1,965	43'75	4,706	2,155	223	12	2,390	50'78
Emerald Hill	2,284	1,084	47'46	2,747	818	435	15	1,268	46'15
Essendon and Flemington	4,842	2,339	48'30	5,007	2,341	530	16	2,887	57'65
Evelyn	3,301	786	23'81	3,327	854	192	9	1,055	31'71
Fitzroy	5,620	2,210	39'32	5,372	1,927	677	21	2,625	48'86
Footscray	3,575	1,259	35'21	3,882	1,221	591	17	1,829	47'11
Geelong	5,162	2,644	51'22	5,281	2,280	494	9	2,783	52'69
Gippsland Central	2,735	1,130	41'31	2,922	1,036	397	11	1,444	49'41
Gippsland East	2,882	742	25'74	3,049	906	200	16	1,122	36'79
Gippsland North	1,920	609	31'71	1,992	690	310	24	1,024	51'40
Gippsland South	2,511	726	28'91	2,772	841	263	14	1,118	40'33
Gippsland West	3,950	1,323	33'49	3,943	1,142	440	19	1,601	46'03
Grant	2,213	982	44'37	2,328	813	146	8	967	41'53
Grenville	3,519	1,650	46'88	3,838	1,828	143	13	1,984	51'69
Gunbower	2,471	1,040	42'08	2,685	978	285	14	1,277	47'56
Hawthorn	3,843	2,101	54'67	4,073	2,047	237	10	2,294	56'32
Horsham	1,775	728	41'01	1,817	905	62	7	974	53'60
Jolimont and West Richmond	2,163	1,076	49'74	2,341	1,034	219	5	1,258	53'73
Kara Kara	1,978	659	33'31	2,242	696	217	11	924	41'21
Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	2,045	808	39'51	2,195	686	239	13	938	42'73
Korong	2,122	951	44'81	2,127	919	74	6	999	46'96
Kyneton	1,978	1,092	55'20	2,089	903	218	14	1,135	54'33
Lowan	2,374	904	38'07	2,405	1,291	56	7	1,354	56'29
Maldon	1,647	812	49'30	1,756	851	67	11	929	52'99
Mandurang	1,932	841	43'53	1,937	788	201	11	1,000	51'62
Maryborough	2,211	1,073	48'53	2,210	877	170	8	1,055	47'73
Melbourne	3,854	1,365	35'41	4,118	1,432	216	6	1,654	40'16
Melbourne East	4,036	1,780	44'10	4,240	1,769	281	13	2,063	48'65
Melbourne North	2,666	1,321	49'54	2,981	1,052	513	12	1,577	52'90
Melbourne South	2,230	996	44'66	2,627	823	337	3	1,163	44'27
Melbourne West	2,095	1,046	49'92	2,340	664	581	12	1,257	53'71
Mornington	4,174	1,578	37'80	4,398	1,361	303	18	1,682	38'24
Normanby	1,812	757	41'77	1,837	825	70	8	903	49'15
Numurkah and Nathalia	2,027	752	37'09	2,024	538	476	10	1,024	50'59
Ovens	1,784	844	47'30	1,911	757	188	12	957	50'07
Polwarth	2,852	1,169	40'98	3,274	1,114	431	17	1,562	47'70
Port Fairy	1,800	691	38'48	1,934	668	223	13	904	46'74
Portland	2,400	1,133	47'20	1,812	855	68	10	933	51'49
Port Melbourne	1,677	686	40'90	2,413	897	460	20	1,377	57'06
Prahran	2,694	1,354	50'25	3,315	1,459	205	11	1,675	50'52
Richmond	5,020	2,476	49'32	5,408	1,964	769	25	2,758	50'99
Ripon and Hampden	2,472	1,140	46'11	2,709	1,443	120	10	1,573	58'06
Rodney	4,680	2,013	43'01	4,767	1,744	490	27	2,261	47'40
Sandhurst	4,788	2,558	53'42	5,321	2,827	199	12	3,038	57'09
Sandhurst South	2,129	877	41'19	2,226	933	77	9	1,019	45'77
Shepparton and Euroa ...	2,060	967	46'94	2,175	804	263	12	1,079	49'60
South Yarra	2,296	1,203	52'39	2,831	1,227	239	10	1,476	52'13

FEDERAL CONVENTION ELECTION AND REFERENDUM—*continued.*

RETURN showing the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District, also the Number of Electors who Voted at the Federal Convention Election on the 4th March, 1897, and at the Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution on the 3rd June, 1898—*continued.*

Electoral Districts.	Federal Convention Election.			Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution.					Percentage of Electors who Voted to Number on Rolls.
	Number of Electors on Rolls, 1896-7.	Electors who Voted.		Number of Electors on Rolls 1897-8.	Number of Electors who Voted.				
		Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.		For Acceptance of Constitution.	For Rejection of Constitution.	Informal Votes.	Total.	
St. Kilda	3,594	1,895	52.72	3,843	1,820	157	16	1,993	51.86
Stawell	2,095	1,091	52.26	2,182	1,055	128	6	1,189	54.49
Talbot and Avoca	1,788	728	40.71	1,825	661	130	11	802	43.94
Toorak	3,630	1,697	46.74	4,108	1,921	184	6	2,111	51.38
Villiers and Heytesbury	2,260	903	39.95	2,401	1,088	158	14	1,260	52.47
Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,890	1,151	39.82	3,555	1,265	269	8	1,542	43.37
Warrenheip	1,642	565	34.40	1,873	627	44	7	678	36.19
Warrnambool	1,819	817	39.41	2,008	1,059	108	4	1,171	58.31
Williamstown	3,092	1,656	53.55	3,022	1,209	507	16	1,732	57.31
Wimmera	1,362	701	51.46	1,501	1,151	83	19	1,253	83.47
Total	238,039	103,932	43.66	252,560	100,520	22,099	1,008	123,627	48.94

NOTE.—The information for compiling this Return was obtained from the Under-Secretary.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.					
	Legislative Council.			Legislative Assembly.		
	Ordinary, or Non-Ratepayers.	Ratepayers.	Total.	Ordinary, or Non-Ratepayers.	Ratepayers.	Total.
1888-9	1,111	137,458	138,569	36,593	207,331	243,924
1889-90	1,121	150,682	151,803	35,902	218,960	254,862
1890-91	860	156,169	157,029	34,747	229,107	263,854
1891-2	1,239	162,047	163,286	51,664	229,616	281,280
1892-3	1,204	161,075	162,279	46,311	216,103	262,414
1893-4	579	152,939	153,518	29,081	205,471	234,552
1894-5	762	144,903	145,665	45,461	206,385	251,846
1895-6	1,141	137,565	138,706	43,881	206,147	250,028
1896-7	1,019	132,556	133,575	50,794	203,361	254,155
1897-8	1,020	129,557*	130,577*	48,288*	205,888	254,176*
1898-9	1,049	128,846	129,895	44,695	207,887	252,582

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* Figures revised and corrected since last publication.