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OF  
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FOR THE YEAR  
1904.

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PART I.  
POPULATION.

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# STATISTICAL REGISTER OF VICTORIA, 1904.

## POPULATION.

### POPULATION OF VICTORIA.

RETURN showing the Enumerated Population of Victoria at the Census of 1901, also the Estimated Population on the 31st December, 1901, to 31st December, 1904.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
<b>Enumerated Population, 31st March, 1901 (exclusive of full-blooded Aborigines)</b> ... ..	...	...	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
Births, 1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1901 ... ..	11,902	11,364			
Deaths, 1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1901 ... ..	6,708	5,067			
Natural Increase ... ..	...	...	+ 5,194	+ 6,297	+ 11,491
Migration by Sea, 1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1901—					
Arrivals (as recorded) ... ..	42,909	21,689			
Departures (as recorded) ... ..	41,202	22,877			
Allowance (9 per cent.) ... ..	3,708	2,059			
Loss Seawards ... ..	...	...	- 2,001	- 3,247	- 5,248
Migration by Land, 1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1901 (plus 10 per cent.)—					
Arrivals ... ..	10,520	5,318			
Departures ... ..	7,889	4,380			
Gain Overland ... ..	...	...	+ 2,631	+ 938	+ 3,569
<b>Estimated Population, 31st December, 1901</b> ... ..	...	...	609,544	601,338	1,210,882
Births, 1902 ... ..	15,583	14,878			
Deaths, 1902 ... ..	9,152	7,025			
Natural Increase ... ..	...	...	+ 6,431	+ 7,853	+ 14,284
Migration by Sea, 1902—					
Arrivals (as recorded) ... ..	56,984	30,573			
Departures (as recorded) ... ..	62,963	34,970			
Allowance (9 per cent.) ... ..	5,667	3,147			
Loss Seawards ... ..	...	...	- 11,646	- 7,544	- 19,190
Migration by Land, 1902 (plus 10 per cent.)—					
Arrivals ... ..	15,533	8,334			
Departures ... ..	11,825	6,568			
Gain Overland ... ..	...	...	+ 3,708	+ 1,766	+ 5,474
<b>Estimated Population, 31st December, 1902</b> ... ..	...	...	608,037	603,413	1,211,450
Births, 1903 ... ..	15,115	14,454			
Deaths, 1903 ... ..	8,626	6,969			
Natural Increase ... ..	...	...	+ 6,489	+ 7,485	+ 13,974
Migration by Sea, 1903—					
Arrivals (as recorded) ... ..	33,275	19,481			
Departures (as recorded) ... ..	40,803	25,356			
Allowance (9 per cent.) ... ..	3,672	2,282			
Loss Seawards ... ..	...	...	- 11,200	- 8,157	- 19,357
Migration by Land, 1903 (plus 10 per cent.)—					
Arrivals ... ..	12,609	7,309			
Departures ... ..	10,574	6,557			
Gain Overland ... ..	...	...	+ 2,035	+ 752	+ 2,787
<b>Estimated Population, 31st December, 1903</b> ... ..	...	...	605,361	603,493	1,208,854
Births, 1904 ... ..	15,313	14,450			
Deaths, 1904 ... ..	7,992	6,401			
Natural Increase ... ..	...	...	+ 7,321	+ 8,049	+ 15,370
Migration by Sea, 1904—					
Arrivals (as recorded) ... ..	34,339	20,710			
Departures (as recorded) ... ..	40,318	25,513			
Allowance (9 per cent.) ... ..	3,629	2,296			
Loss Seawards ... ..	...	...	- 9,608	- 7,999	- 16,707
Migration by Land, 1904 (plus 10 per cent.)—					
Arrivals ... ..	12,650	7,556			
Departures ... ..	10,689	6,730			
Gain Overland ... ..	...	...	+ 1,961	+ 826	+ 2,787
<b>Estimated Population, 31st December, 1904</b> ... ..	...	...	605,035	605,269	1,210,304
Increase from Census, 31st March, 1901, to 31st December, 1904 ... ..	...	...	1,315	7,919	9,234
Full-blooded Aborigines at the date of the Census not included in the estimate ... ..	...	...	163	108	271

NOTE.—The figures in this table have been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of a Conference of Australian Statisticians, held at Melbourne in September, 1903, when a uniform method of estimating the populations of the various States was agreed to.

## NATURAL INCREASE OF POPULATION OF VICTORIA.

(AS RECORDED.)

RETURN showing the Excess of Births over Deaths, 1900 to 1904.

Year.	In Melbourne and Suburbs (Greater Melbourne).			Outside Melbourne and Suburbs.			Total of Victoria.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1900 ...	2,432	2,614	5,046	4,775	5,743	10,518	7,207	8,357	15,564
1901 ...	2,294	2,566	4,860	4,547	5,697	10,244	6,841	8,263	15,104
1902 ...	2,372	2,610	4,982	4,059	5,243	9,302	6,431	7,853	14,284
1903 ...	2,344	2,451	4,795	4,145	5,034	9,179	6,489	7,485	13,974
1904 ...	2,596	2,732	5,328	4,725	5,317	10,042	7,321	8,049	15,370
Total ...	12,038	12,973	25,011	22,251	27,034	49,285	34,289	40,007	74,296

## TOTAL INCREASE OF POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1900 TO 1904.

Year.	Natural Increase.			Loss by Emigration (including allowance for unrecorded).			Total Increase of Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1900 ...	7,207	8,357	15,564	5,200	2,628	7,828	2,007	5,729	7,736
1901 ...	6,841	8,263	15,104	+ 216*	1,644	1,428	7,057	6,619	13,676
1902 ...	6,431	7,853	14,284	7,938	5,778	13,716	- 1,507†	2,075	568
1903 ...	6,489	7,485	13,974	9,165	7,405	16,570	- 2,676†	80	- 2,596†
1904 ...	7,321	8,049	15,370	7,647	6,273	13,920	- 326†	1,776	1,450
Total ...	34,289	40,007	74,296	29,734	23,728	53,462	4,555	16,279	20,834

\* Gain by excess of Immigration.

† Decrease of Population.

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 State of Victoria by Sea during each Month of the Year 1904, distinguishing Males and Females, and Adults, Children, and Infants; also showing the Numbers arriving from, and departing to, the other States of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, and South Seas, South Africa, the United Kingdom, other British Dominions, and Foreign Ports.

Month.	IMMIGRATION, 1904.																
	Total Number.	Sex.		Age.			Where from or where to.										
		Males.	Females.	Adults.	Children. (1 to 15 years).	Infants.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total neighbouring States.	New Zealand and South Seas.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Other British Dominions.	Foreign Ports.
January ...	5,649	3,448	2,201	5,174	410	65	1,503	171	274	781	2,235	4,964	208	44	226	80	37
February ...	6,048	3,582	2,466	5,433	555	60	1,368	237	246	807	2,455	5,113	452	163	222	51	47
March ...	5,240	3,039	2,201	4,781	402	57	1,105	189	226	689	2,294	4,503	363	118	107	99	50
April ...	4,835	2,996	1,839	4,428	348	59	1,120	141	209	542	1,936	3,948	440	141	191	77	38
May ...	4,183	2,634	1,549	3,830	308	45	1,235	128	214	505	1,433	3,515	300	82	130	127	29
June ...	3,494	2,287	1,207	3,214	242	38	981	168	169	376	1,168	2,862	265	83	141	88	55
July ...	3,089	2,036	1,053	2,828	227	34	649	174	128	449	1,141	2,541	267	62	105	59	55
August ...	3,234	2,104	1,130	2,957	241	36	831	208	81	393	1,157	2,670	183	105	189	49	38
September ...	3,433	2,168	1,265	3,107	271	55	1,041	165	140	444	1,081	2,871	197	55	152	55	103
October ...	5,579	3,629	1,950	5,171	352	56	1,687	289	208	842	1,732	4,758	252	122	304	55	88
November ...	4,222	2,618	1,604	3,854	297	71	928	242	184	717	1,295	3,366	163	185	353	61	94
December ...	6,043	3,798	2,245	5,493	474	76	1,394	334	282	1,337	1,815	5,162	329	165	217	98	72
Total * ...	55,049	34,339	20,710	50,270	4,127	652	13,842	2,446	2,361	7,882	19,742	46,273	3,509	1,325	2,337	899	706
Chinese ...	372	372	...	372	...	...	19	8	1	1	13	42	...	...	...	330	...

EMIGRATION, 1904.

January ...	7,257	4,572	2,685	6,568	596	93	1,791	163	227	1,287	2,681	6,149	711	113	201	55	28
February ...	6,215	3,764	2,451	5,552	568	95	1,583	124	264	1,349	1,690	5,010	598	117	355	50	85
March ...	7,748	4,687	3,061	6,921	720	107	2,435	327	345	1,498	1,674	6,279	713	73	490	110	83
April ...	6,360	3,807	2,553	5,611	642	107	1,551	176	335	1,545	1,502	5,109	508	79	487	64	113
May ...	5,209	3,112	2,097	4,573	534	102	1,175	169	372	1,289	1,185	4,190	401	95	373	61	89
June ...	4,534	2,822	1,712	4,034	437	63	933	216	198	1,182	1,086	3,615	412	151	204	118	34
July ...	3,667	2,364	1,303	3,261	352	54	922	259	199	830	951	3,161	240	44	123	80	19
August ...	3,774	2,427	1,347	3,440	286	48	959	123	201	774	1,019	3,076	373	105	118	78	24
September ...	4,242	2,584	1,658	3,845	334	63	1,251	83	179	875	1,278	3,666	339	83	97	47	10
October ...	4,065	2,436	1,629	3,682	344	39	1,096	113	188	745	1,244	3,386	401	72	88	107	11
November ...	6,306	3,981	2,325	5,725	502	79	1,876	164	199	906	2,147	5,292	568	128	147	130	41
December ...	6,454	3,762	2,692	5,762	624	68	1,635	136	170	539	3,163	5,643	559	65	86	84	17
Total * ...	65,831	40,318	25,513	58,974	5,939	918	17,207	2,053	2,877	12,819	19,620	54,576	5,823	1,125	2,769	984	554
Chinese ...	441	441	...	441	...	...	51	...	1	...	50	102	...	...	...	339	...

BALANCE OF EMIGRATION OVER IMMIGRATION.†

Total * ...	10,782	5,979	4,803	8,704	1,812	266	3,365	-393	516	4,937	-122	8,303	2,314	-200	432	85	-152
Chinese ...	69	69	...	69	...	...	32	-8	...	-1	37	60	...	...	...	9	-

NOTE.—From the beginning of 1903 the migration returns have been amended, and do not now include persons who merely call at the ports of the State on their way to other places.

\* Including Chinese.

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

NET EMIGRATION BY SEA,\* 1900 TO 1904.

(As recorded.)

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1900 ...	387	1,140	1,527
1901 ...	-2,936*	-45*	-2,981*
1902 ...	5,979	10,376	16,355
1903 ...	7,528	5,875	13,403
1904 ...	5,979	4,803	10,782

\* The minus sign (-) indicates net immigration, the immigrants having exceeded the emigrants by the number to which the minus sign is prefixed.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY RAIL, 1904.

(AS RECORDED.)

	Arrivals during the Quarter ended—					Departures during the Quarter ended—					Excess of Arrivals (+). Excess of Departures (-).				
	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	Total.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	Total.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	Total.
New South Wales	3,718	3,285	3,306	3,539	13,848	3,167	2,883	2,804	2,729	11,583	+551	+402	+502	+810	+2,265
Queensland	37	41	41	56	175	27	45	29	30	131	+10	-4	+12	+26	+44
South Australia	1,157	1,080	937	1,172	4,346	1,230	1,089	915	887	4,121	-73	-9	+22	+285	+225
Total ...	4,912	4,406	4,284	4,767	18,369	4,424	4,017	3,748	3,646	15,835	+488	+389	+536	+1,121	+2,534

## MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1901 TO 1904.

(AS RECORDED.)

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1901 (from 1st April) ...	9,564	4,834	14,398	7,172	3,982	11,154	2,392	852	3,244
1902 ...	14,121	7,576	21,697	10,750	5,971	16,721	3,371	1,605	4,976
1903 ...	11,463	6,645	18,108	9,611	5,959	15,570	1,852	686	2,538
1904 ...	11,500	6,869	18,369	9,717	6,118	15,835	1,783	751	2,534

NOTE.—Single Tickets only have been taken into account in this return, and the sexes have been estimated on the basis of the seaward traffic for the corresponding periods.

## ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA.—RETURN FOR FIVE YEARS.

Year.	Population on the 31st December.			Year.	Mean Population during the Year.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
1900	602,487	594,719	1,197,206	1900	601,483	591,855	1,193,338
1901	609,544	601,338	1,210,882	1901	606,015	598,030	1,204,045
1902	608,037	603,413	1,211,450	1902	608,790	602,380	1,211,170
1903	605,361	603,493	1,208,854	1903	605,160	603,720	1,208,880
1904	605,035	605,269	1,210,304	1904	603,614	603,923	1,207,537

## IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA.—RETURN FOR FIVE YEARS.

(AS RECORDED.)

## IMMIGRANTS.

Year.	Total Number.	Males.	Females.	Numbers from—									
				New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Other British Dominions.	Foreign Ports.
1900	82,157	53,559	28,598	26,056	2,619	3,336	10,638	19,001	3,669	1,878	9,295	1,810	3,855
1901	93,107	61,118	31,989	27,992	2,835	3,948	11,371	20,701	3,889	4,785	11,180	2,209	4,197
1902	87,557	56,984	30,573	27,219	3,074	3,741	10,550	20,115	4,258	4,215	8,392	1,490	4,503
1903	52,756*	33,275	19,481	13,209	2,767	2,428	7,986	18,287	3,122	794	2,459	796	908
1904	55,049*	34,339	20,710	13,842	2,446	2,361	7,882	19,742	3,509	1,325	2,337	899	706

## EMIGRANTS.

Year.	Total Number.	Males.	Females.	Numbers to—									
				New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Other British Dominions.	Foreign Ports.
1900	83,684	53,946	29,738	24,533	2,924	2,627	13,576	17,409	4,733	3,645	9,853	1,185	3,199
1901	90,126	58,182	31,944	29,521	3,157	2,762	16,704	17,854	4,453	3,715	8,097	1,108	2,755
1902	97,933	62,963	34,970	28,949	2,283	2,853	18,608	19,708	6,853	5,460	8,645	1,365	3,209
1903	66,159*	40,803	25,356	16,835	2,346	2,839	12,854	17,624	5,952	3,511	2,637	983	578
1904	65,831*	40,318	25,513	17,207	2,053	2,877	12,819	19,620	5,823	1,125	2,769	984	554

\* See note to Table on page 7.



ENUMERATED POPULATION AND HABITATIONS, 1836-1901.

RETURN showing the Population of Victoria at the Period of each Enumeration from 1836 to 1901, and the Habitations at such of those periods as their number was ascertained.

Date of Enumeration.	Population.			Habitations (exclusive of Ships, &c)*								
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Total Number	Number.				Constructed of—			
					Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Being Built.	Brick or Stone.	Wood, Iron, &c.	Canvas, Bark, Mud, &c.	Un-specified Material.	
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	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	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	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	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	6,473
31st March, 1901 ...	1,201,341	603,884	597,457	253,656	241,410	11,629	617	75,696	166,356	6,319	5,285	5,285

\* The figures for 1901 include—

	Brick or Stone.	Wood, Iron, &c.	Canvas, Bark, &c	Unspecified.	Total.
Occupied Houses, Stores, Offices, &c.	73,621	158,449	2,806	3,021	237,987
Occupied Tents .. ..	..	..	3,423	..	3,423
Unoccupied Houses ..	1,872	7,579	..	2,178	11,629
Houses being built ..	203	328	..	86	617
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>75,696</b>	<b>166,356</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>5,285</b>	<b>253,656</b>

CHINESE IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.—RETURN FOR FIVE YEARS.

Year.	Chinese Immigrants.	Chinese Emigrants.	Year.	Chinese Immigrants.	Chinese Emigrants.
1900 ...	569	385	1903 ...	408	503
1901 ...	864	471	1904 ...	372	441
1902 ...	614	434			

ARRIVALS IN AND DEPARTURES FROM VICTORIA OF COLOURED PERSONS (OTHER THAN CHINESE) FROM THE 1st APRIL, 1901, TO 31st DECEMBER, 1904.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Arrivals in Excess (+); Departures in Excess (-).
From 1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1901 ..	609	483	+ 126
1902 ... ..	307	525	- 218
1903 ... ..	96	92	+ 4
1904 ... ..	48	75	- 27
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>- 115</b>

URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1881-1904.

Year.	Urban Districts.		Rural Districts	Total.
	Greater Melbourne.	Other Urban.		
1881*	282,947	189,583	389,816	862,346
1891*	490,896	193,000	456,509	1,140,405
1901*	496,079	206,550	498,712	1,201,341
1902†	502,120	207,660	501,390	1,211,170
1903†	502,060	207,010	499,810	1,208,880
1904†	504,960	205,767	496,810	1,207,537

NOTE.—Melbourne and Suburbs (Greater Melbourne) comprises the area within a radius of 10 miles from the centre of the City of Melbourne, other Urban Districts the space outside that limit, embraced in cities, towns, and boroughs (present and former). The remainder of the State is considered Rural. In 1904 the area of Greater Melbourne was 255 square miles, that of other Urban Districts 376 square miles, and that of Rural Districts 87,253 square miles.

\* Census figures are given for these years.

† Estimated mean population.



NATURALIZATION.—RETURN FOR FIVE YEARS.

Native Places.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.				
	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
France ... ..	11	19	17	11	9
Belgium ... ..	4	7	2	...	Nil.
Austria ... ..	10	13	10	11	8
Germany ... ..	154	233	194	149	132
Russia ... ..	18	24	19	25	9
Norway and Sweden ... ..	73	108	75	57	53
Other European Countries ... ..	102	141	146	121	101
United States ... ..	8	11	16	14	6
Other Countries ... ..	12	18	21	9	1
Total ... ..	392	574	500	397	319

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

STATE OF VICTORIA (THE SENATE).

Number of Electors on the 31st December, 1904.

Males.	Females.	Total.
306,055	312,527	618,582

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

STATE OF VICTORIA (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES).

Division.	No. of Electors on Rolls on the 31st December, 1904.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Balaclava ... ..	13,478	18,457	31,935
Ballarat ... ..	15,297	17,179	32,476
Bendigo ... ..	12,963	13,956	26,919
Bourke ... ..	15,352	18,071	33,423
Corangamite ... ..	13,504	11,882	25,386
Corinella ... ..	10,244	9,962	20,206
Corio ... ..	12,263	13,271	25,534
Echuca ... ..	11,358	9,937	21,295
Flinders ... ..	15,927	12,151	28,078
Gippsland ... ..	11,617	9,142	20,759
Grampians ... ..	12,402	10,966	23,368
Indi ... ..	11,116	8,906	20,022
Kooyong ... ..	16,616	22,660	39,276
Laanecoorie ... ..	10,372	10,056	20,428
Melbourne ... ..	11,035	12,121	23,156
Melbourne Ports ... ..	15,434	16,404	31,838
Mernda ... ..	13,425	10,625	24,050
Moir ... ..	11,879	10,125	22,004
Northern Melbourne ... ..	15,442	17,949	33,391
Southern Melbourne ... ..	14,609	17,737	32,346
Wannon ... ..	12,772	11,664	24,436
Wimmera ... ..	9,907	7,684	17,591
Yarra ... ..	19,043	21,622	40,665
Total ... ..	306,055	312,527	618,582

NOTE.—Figures are approximate only.

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

RETURN of the Number of Electors for each Electoral Province on the Rolls for 1904-5.

Electoral Provinces.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.		
	Ratepayers.	Non-Ratepayers.	Total.
Bendigo ... ..	8,418	19	8,437
East Yarra ... ..	13,177	86	13,263
Gippsland ... ..	9,186	13	9,199
Melbourne ... ..	13,889	49	13,938
Melbourne East ... ..	11,300	44	11,344
Melbourne North ... ..	12,057	28	12,085
Melbourne South ... ..	12,928	88	13,016
Melbourne West ... ..	12,790	19	12,809
Nelson ... ..	8,013	31	8,044
Northern ... ..	8,524	23	8,547
North-Eastern ... ..	8,803	34	8,837
North-Western ... ..	9,523	19	9,542
Southern ... ..	9,465	39	9,504
South-Eastern ... ..	10,470	22	10,492
South-Western ... ..	9,050	18	9,068
Wellington ... ..	8,945	32	8,977
Western ... ..	9,151	31	9,182
Total ... ..	175,689	595	176,284*
Public and Railways Officers ... ..	†	†	5,696‡

NOTE.—Under the *Constitution Act 1901* the number of electoral provinces was increased from 14 to 17, returning two members each, but the number of members was reduced from 48 to 35, including one representative for the State railways and public servants.

\* Including public and railways officers. † Not available. ‡ Number on the roll at the date of the general election in 1904, later particulars not being obtainable.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—(II.)

RETURN of the Number of Electors for each Electoral District on the Rolls for 1904-5.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.			Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.		
	Ratepayers.	Non-Ratepayers.	Total.		Ratepayers.	Non-Ratepayers.	Total.
Abbotsford ... ..	3,575	853	4,428	Brought forward ... ..	117,206	24,438	141,644
Albert Park ... ..	4,034	882	4,916	Grenville ... ..	2,984	864	3,848
Allandale ... ..	2,842	856	3,698	Gunbower ... ..	2,661	443	3,104
Ballaarat East ... ..	3,784	936	4,720	Hampden ... ..	3,054	1,215	4,269
Ballaarat West ... ..	3,535	946	4,481	Hawthorn ... ..	4,882	818	5,700
Barwon ... ..	3,306	556	3,862	Jika Jika ... ..	4,668	486	5,154
Benalla ... ..	2,715	688	3,403	Kara Kara ... ..	2,710	959	3,669
Benambra ... ..	2,514	299	2,813	Korong ... ..	2,330	455	2,785
Bendigo East ... ..	3,233	730	3,963	Lowan ... ..	2,595	379	2,974
Bendigo West ... ..	3,636	779	4,415	Maryborough ... ..	3,454	975	4,429
Boroondara ... ..	4,966	595	5,561	Melbourne ... ..	4,990	860	5,850
Borung ... ..	2,549	601	3,150	Mornington ... ..	3,590	778	4,368
Brighton ... ..	3,554	350	3,904	North Melbourne ... ..	4,012	1,162	5,174
Brunswick ... ..	3,880	656	4,536	Ovens ... ..	2,467	902	3,369
Bulla ... ..	3,048	931	3,979	Polwarth ... ..	3,108	728	3,836
Carlton ... ..	3,580	1,091	4,671	Port Fairy ... ..	2,898	982	3,880
Castlemaine and Maldon ... ..	2,779	968	3,747	Port Melbourne ... ..	4,633	815	5,448
Collingwood ... ..	3,847	580	4,427	Prahran ... ..	3,811	878	4,689
Dalhousie ... ..	2,810	1,233	4,043	Richmond ... ..	4,051	1,184	5,235
Dandenong ... ..	3,891	505	4,396	Rodney ... ..	2,867	930	3,797
Daylesford ... ..	2,809	527	3,336	Stawell and Ararat ... ..	2,500	1,115	3,615
Dundas ... ..	2,609	527	3,136	St. Kilda ... ..	4,069	1,011	5,080
Eaglehawk ... ..	3,081	896	3,977	Swan Hill ... ..	2,799	306	3,105
East Melbourne ... ..	3,437	805	4,242	Toorak ... ..	3,872	1,208	5,080
Essendon ... ..	4,978	603	5,581	Upper Goulburn ... ..	2,959	859	3,818
Evelyn ... ..	3,167	280	3,447	Walhalla ... ..	2,593	587	3,180
Fitzroy ... ..	3,562	1,041	4,603	Wangaratta ... ..	2,946	928	3,874
Flemington ... ..	4,135	662	4,797	Wangara ... ..	2,531	716	3,247
Geelong ... ..	4,013	827	4,840	Warrenheip ... ..	2,754	783	3,537
Gippsland East ... ..	2,361	706	3,067	Warrnambool ... ..	2,768	715	3,483
Gippsland North ... ..	2,767	324	3,091	Williamstown ... ..	4,877	967	5,844
Gippsland South ... ..	3,363	804	4,167				
Gippsland West ... ..	2,954	470	3,424				
Glenelg ... ..	2,937	537	3,474				
Goulburn Valley ... ..	2,955	394	3,349				
Forward ... ..	117,206	24,438	141,644	Total ... ..	217,639	49,446	267,085*
				Public Officers ... ..	†	†	3,928‡
				Railways Officers ... ..	†	†	6,336‡

NOTE.—Under the *Constitution Act 1903*, the number of members of the Legislative Assembly was reduced from 95 to 68, including two to be specially elected by the railway employees and one by the State public servants, and the number of electoral districts was reduced from 84 to 65, returning one member each.

\* Including public and railways officers. † Not available. ‡ Numbers on the rolls at the date of the general election in 1904, later particulars not being obtainable.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—(III.)**

NUMBER of Electors and Votes Polled at the General Election on the 1st June, 1904.

Electoral Provinces.						* Number of Electors on the Rolls.	Number of Electors who Voted.
Bendigo	...	...	...	...	...	8,911	6,161
East Yarra	...	...	...	...	...	12,899	7,077
Gippsland	...	...	...	...	...	9,154	5,579
Melbourne	...	...	...	...	...	13,410	Uncontested.
Melbourne East	...	...	...	...	...	10,904	5,891
Melbourne North	...	...	...	...	...	11,783	6,036
Melbourne South	...	...	...	...	...	12,843	7,767
Melbourne West	...	...	...	...	...	12,422	6,667
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	7,407	5,210
Northern	...	...	...	...	...	8,438	Uncontested.
North-Eastern	...	...	...	...	...	8,757	"
North-Western	...	...	...	...	...	9,506	4,994
Southern	...	...	...	...	...	9,212	Uncontested.
South-Eastern	...	...	...	...	...	10,037	"
South-Western	...	...	...	...	...	8,716	"
Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	8,976	6,000
Western	...	...	...	...	...	9,091	Uncontested.
Less uncontested provinces (7)						172,526	61,382
						67,661	—
<b>Total</b>						<b>104,865*</b>	<b>61,382</b>
						Electors who Voted.	
						Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.
Ordinary Electors						99,169	61,382
Public Officers and Railways Officers						5,696	4,800
<b>Total</b>						<b>104,865</b>	<b>66,182</b>
							63.11

\* Including public and railways officers.

† In contested provinces.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (IV.).

NUMBER of Electors and Votes Polled at the General Election on the 1st June, 1904.

Electoral Districts.	*Number of Electors on Rolls at period of General Election, including Voters' Certificates issued by Court		Number of Electors who Voted.	
	Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.	Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.
Abbotsford ... ..	4,458		Uncontested	
Albert Park ... ..	5,056		3,468	
Allandale ... ..	3,815		2,776	
Ballarat East ... ..	4,650		2,708	
Ballarat West ... ..	4,450		3,298	
Barwon ... ..	3,788		2,423	
Benalla ... ..	3,448		1,896	
Benambra ... ..	2,786		Uncontested	
Bendigo East ... ..	3,809		2,519	
Bendigo West ... ..	4,459		2,939	
Boroondara ... ..	5,016		2,771	
Borong ... ..	3,207		2,233	
Brighton ... ..	3,581		2,095	
Brunswick ... ..	4,787		2,927	
Bulla ... ..	3,894		Uncontested	
Carlton ... ..	4,775		2,964	
Castlemaine and Maldon ... ..	3,904		2,842	
Collingwood ... ..	4,571		2,642	
Dalhousie ... ..	3,986		2,591	
Dandenong ... ..	4,146		Uncontested	
Daylesford ... ..	3,333		"	
Dundas ... ..	3,043		"	
Eaglehawk ... ..	3,892		2,587	
East Melbourne ... ..	4,545		2,067	
Essendon ... ..	5,193		2,576	
Evelyn ... ..	3,213		1,508	
Fitzroy ... ..	4,642		2,953	
Flemington ... ..	4,736		2,358	
Geelong ... ..	4,728		2,857	
Gippsland East ... ..	3,045		1,941	
Gippsland North ... ..	2,995		2,054	
Gippsland South ... ..	4,139		2,588	
Gippsland West ... ..	3,375		Uncontested	
Glencig ... ..	3,367		2,224	
Goulburn Valley ... ..	3,319		2,428	
Grenville ... ..	3,940		2,771	
Gunbower ... ..	3,131		Uncontested	
Hampden ... ..	4,244		2,697	
Hawthorn ... ..	5,736		3,420	
Jika Jika ... ..	4,644		2,583	
Kara Kara ... ..	3,529		2,752	
Korong ... ..	2,787		Uncontested	
Lowan ... ..	3,029		"	
Maryborough ... ..	4,401		3,206	
Melbourne ... ..	5,820		3,154	
Mornington ... ..	4,231		2,256	
North Melbourne ... ..	5,247		3,158	
Ovens ... ..	3,351		2,506	
Polwarth ... ..	3,589		Uncontested	
Port Fairy ... ..	3,782		2,656	
Port Melbourne ... ..	5,344		3,482	
Prahran ... ..	4,980		3,282	
Richmond ... ..	5,282		3,292	
Rodney ... ..	3,906		2,704	
Stawell and Ararat ... ..	3,674		2,438	
St. Kilda ... ..	5,024		2,850	
Swan Hill ... ..	3,294		1,724	
Toorak ... ..	4,934		3,029	
Upper Goulburn ... ..	3,825		2,467	
Walhalla ... ..	2,817		1,517	
Wangaratta ... ..	3,775		2,686	
Warranga ... ..	3,381		2,306	
Warrenheip ... ..	3,600		2,508	
Warrnambool ... ..	3,538		Uncontested	
Williamstown ... ..	5,723		3,450	
Total ... ..	264,709		140,127	
Less uncontested districts (12) ... ..	41,109		...	
Total ... ..	223,600*		140,127	
			Electors who Voted.	
	Number of Members.	Number of Electors on Rolls.†	Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.
Ordinary Electors... ..	65	213,336	140,127	65.68
Public Officers ... ..	1	3,928	3,393	86.38
Railways Officers ... ..	2	6,336	5,672	89.52
Total ... ..	68	223,600	149,192	66.72

NOTE.—The result of the Scripture Lessons Referendum will be found in Part III., "Social Condition."

\* Including public and railways officers.

† In contested districts.

PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—1866 TO 1904.

Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
1866 ... ..	55·10	1886 ... ..	64·70
1868 ... ..	61·59	1889 ... ..	66·58
1871 ... ..	65·02	1892 ... ..	65·12
1874 ... ..	61·00	1894 ... ..	70·99
1877 ... ..	62·29	1897 ... ..	70·33
1880 (February) ...	66·56	1900 ... ..	63·47
1880 (July) ... ..	65·85	1902 ... ..	65·47
1883 ... ..	64·96	1904 ... ..	66·72

NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—RETURN FOR FIVE YEARS.

Year.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.					
	Legislative Council.			Legislative Assembly.		
	Ordinary, or Non-Ratepayers.	Ratepayers.	Total.	Ordinary, or Non-Ratepayers.	Ratepayers.	Total.
1900-1	438	130,294	130,732	70,369	212,412	282,781
1901-2	486	133,601	134,087	61,757	213,648	275,405
1902-3*	294	135,848	136,142	42,647	213,988	256,635
1903-4	294	133,722	134,016*	45,720	214,053	259,773
1904-5	595	175,689	176,284†	49,446	217,639	267,085

\* These numbers are approximate only, the Rolls not having been printed.

† The increase in the number of electors on the rolls is due to the franchise of the Legislative Council having been broadened by the Reform Act of 1913.

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