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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The recent Census of Population and Housing undertaken on August 7th 2001 by the Australian Bureau of Statistics is an important highlight of the year to date and will keep many of us busy when the results are released for analysis next year. In Adelaide we celebrated this auspicious occasion with drinks provided for local APA members. This was an opportunity to gain an insight into the operational difficulties involved in conducting the Census, as persons from the ABS were well represented among those who attended. Each new Census represents a challenge to users in respect to retaining relevant questions and attempting to provide arguments for the inclusion of new ones. I thank all members who have played their part in the consultation processes that inevitably take time and for some prove to be rather frustrating experiences. I would especially thank those who managed to convince the ABS to allow people to opt to have their Census Schedules stored on microfilm by the Australian Archives for 99 years.

I look forward to our next major event to be held in Canberra on Thursday evening November 8th, 2001. We are planning to hold the W.D. Borrie lecture after the Annual General Meeting of the Association and are delighted that Lado Ruzicka has accepted our invitation to speak on his suicide research set in a fairly broad context. The association was fortunate to receive a bequest on the death of Professor Borrie that has been set aside to generate interest in population related topics. Since the inception of the Borrie Lecture in 1992 it has been held in conjunction with the biennial National Conferences of the Association. Council has decided to instigate an Annual Borrie Lecture with the intention that one continue as a an integral part of the Conference, and the other more in the form of a Public Lecture to be sponsored in the non-conference year, either linked to the AGM or as part of activities elsewhere. We plan to review the situation at a later date to see whether an annual lecture is warranted or if the Borrie Lectures could become a regular series.

Planning for the next Conference to be held in Sydney at the University of New South Wales on 2nd-4th October 2002 is progressing well. Please check the APA website for further details as they become available. We are currently upgrading the website and welcome any information that you would like included. Margaret Young has generously offered to maintain the website and subsequently relies heavily on members providing relevant and up-to-date material. We invite you to look at the site (<http://www.gisca.adelaide.edu.au/apa/>) and offer any helpful comments.

I was fortunate to join with other demographers in attending the XXIV General Population Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) held in Salvador – Bahia, Brazil on 18-24th August. This provided some useful insights into current research activities in a range of countries and exposure to the demography of Brazil, which is not commonly used as the basis for comparative studies in Australia. There was a relatively large contingent from Australia and by the time the next issue goes to press I hope to have some detailed accounts and opinions of the attendees to report.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Canberra on November 8th for the 2001 AGM and the Borrie Lecture to be given by Lado Ruzicka. I hope to have the problems we have encountered with incorporation resolved by then and would like to report the outcome of some new initiatives. In the meantime, if you have any matters you would like raised at the AGM please let me know.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

First, my thanks to those members who responded to my request for articles for *Demoz*. It is not always easy to obtain articles, let alone those that may be of interest to other members. I had planned to leave one page blank in this issue with a note highlighting the fact that this is your newsletter and I would like to see it filled with your news, however, I shied away from being so overt.

Our membership covers academics, students, public servants, the business community, and others with an interest in population so there are plenty of sources for material that could be published. You all need to keep *Demoz* in mind when you come across (or generate) such material.

Topics that I would like to highlight include moves by members from one tertiary institution to another, upcoming conferences, interesting publications that you may have come across, university and personal profiles. So please send material at any time, preferably as you come across it. I look forward to hearing from you!

Items may be sent to me electronically at my email address in files compatible with Word 2000: andrew.middleton@abs.gov.au. My postal address for other correspondence: c/- ABS, GPO Box 2272, Adelaide 5001.

Andrew Middleton

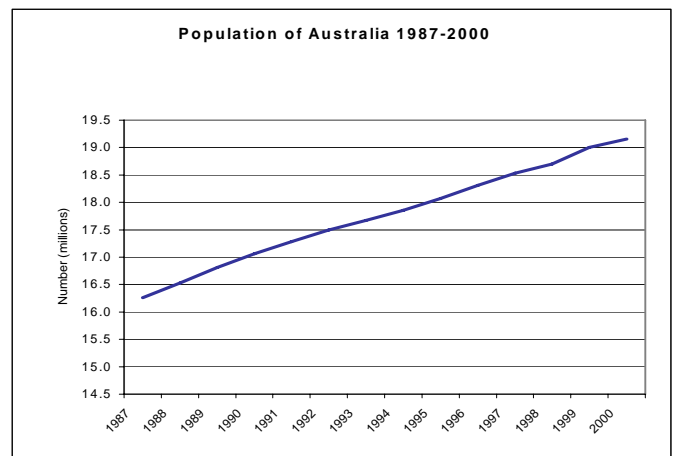
AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION UPDATE

At the time of going to print the latest population information from the ABS was:

		Dec 1999	Dec 2000	Rates 2000
Population	('000)	19052.0	19277.1	..
Natural increase	('000)	121.5	120.6	..
Net overseas migration	('000)	88.4	104.5	..
Live births	('000)	250.7	248.9	13.0
Total fertility rate		1.7
Deaths	('000)	129.3	128.3	6.7
Infant deaths	('000)	1.4	1.2	nya
Standardised death rate		nya
Marriages	('000)	114.3	113.2	5.9

ABS, Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2000 (Cat. No. 3101.0)

Australia's preliminary estimated resident population at December 2000 was 19,277,100 persons. This was an increase of 225,100 over the December 1999 estimate.



Estimated World Population

As of August 2001 6,137,000,000

Extrapolated from the mid-2001 population on Population Reference Bureau's *2001 World Population Data Sheet*. (www.prb.org)

APA 11th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE – SYDNEY 2002

Planning is well under way for the Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Association to be held in Sydney. The venue is the University of New South Wales and the dates are Tuesday 1 October (Borrie Lecture in the evening) to Friday 4 October 2002. Mark it in your diary now!

We have a fairly large and enthusiastic organising committee who are meeting regularly to plan the event. The committee includes veterans of both previous Sydney conferences in 1984 and 1992 - their experience is proving invaluable.

We are planning a diverse program around the draft theme "2020 Vision: Australia's Demographic Future". The aim is to have a program that will appeal to the wide range of interests among the Association's membership as well as to others with an interest in population issues, particularly in the business community.

Planned plenary sessions for the conference (exact titles to be finalised) include:

- Toward a population policy for Australia.
- Rural and regional population issues.
- International population issues and policies.
- Population and business.

A number of interesting speakers have already accepted invitations to speak in these sessions, with other speakers to be confirmed over the coming months.

Undoubtedly the social highlight of the conference will be the conference dinner, to be held in the historic New South Wales Parliament House on Thursday 3 October.

We will be issuing a brochure and call for papers for concurrent sessions in October. However I would appreciate any offers of papers or to convene concurrent sessions at any time. Papers and concurrent sessions may cover any topic related to population studies. Please contact me on (02) 9391 2278 (business hours) or e-mail shane.nugent@duap.nsw.gov.au.

In the meantime, please start thinking and planning your research for your contribution to the conference. The success of our eleventh national conference depends on the active participation of the Association's members. Let's all help to make it a great success.

Shane Nugent
Program Coordinator, 2002 APA Conference

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The association extends a warm welcome to the following new members whose applications were approved by the Association since the last issue of *Demoz* in April 2001:

Membership

Mr Enayat ur Rehman	Pakistan	Ordinary	Ms Georgie Hall	WA	Ordinary
Dr Frances Rolley	NSW	Ordinary	Kinokuniya Company Ltd	Japan	Ordinary

24th IUSSP CONFERENCE, BRAZIL

David Lucas from the Australian National University provided this article. (Ed.)

There was a significant Australian presence at the General Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population held in Salvador, Brazil, in August.

The IUSSP membership is ageing so fast, with a median age around 58 that it will disappear soon unless life expectancy at age 60 rises rapidly. A relatively youthful nominee for the IUSSP Council is Peter McDonald: a postal ballot is imminent. Peter asserted his youthfulness by participating in the floorshow after the Australian dinner, ably organised by ANU alumnus Roberto Rodrigues.

Less imminent is the meeting of the Nominating Committee for the subsequent Council. Apparently this group, which includes Gavin Jones, does not meet until 2004.

Some participants compared the IUSSP meeting unfavourably with last year's APA. Amongst the disappointments were the distant location of poster display, the few participants from South East Asia and from the small island nations, and the paucity of presentations from some of the great demographers present.

Good features were the Internet cafe, the evening debates, and the red light, which signified that the speaker's time was up (Even the formidable Nafis Sadik had her microphone cut off).

The evening debates focused on subjects dear to Australians: open borders, living longer, and low fertility. Peter McDonald organized a session on low fertility, while Gavin Jones co-organised a session on Muslim fertility.

Presenters included

- Gordon Carmichael (ANU) on a qualitative study of childlessness in Australia;
- Gerald Haberkorn on spatial analysis in rural and regional Australia;
- Terry Hull (ANU) on men and reproductive health in South East Asia;
- Robyn Iredale (Wollongong) on skilled and business returnees in Taiwan, China and Bangladesh;
- Gavin Jones (ANU) on extended metropolitan areas in SE Asia and co-organiser of a session on Muslim fertility;
- Uday Saikia (Flinders) on the Khasis and Karbis communities in India;
- Yu Zhu (ANU) on urbanisation in Fujian province, China.

Also active were Carlos Arnaldo, Heather Booth, Jack and Pat Caldwell, Val Hull, Fei Guo, Santosh Jatrana, David Lucas, Nick Parr, Di Rudd (representing herself and the absent Graeme Hugo), Len and Linette Smith, and Helen Ware.

Australian National University Alumni arriving from around the globe included those from:

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| • Bangladesh: Mehrab Khan, Abdur Razzaque | • Philippines: Connie Gultiano |
| • China: Yan Hao | • New Zealand: Ian Pool |
| • London, England: Mike Bracher, Gigi Santow | • From Singapore: Aris Ananta |
| • Indonesia: Aswantini Hartono, Yulfita Raharjo | • From Switerland: Alan Lopez |
| • Iran: Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi, | • From the USA: Jacob Adetunji |

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**Research Committee on Sociology of Population
INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
XV World Congress of Sociology
7-13 July 2002
Brisbane, Australia**

The program coordinator is Farhat Yusuf (Demographic Research Group, Department of Business, Division of Economic and Financial Studies, Macquarie University, Sydney, NSW, 2109, Australia). Farhat's email address is: fyusuf@efs.mq.edu.au.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 October 2001. Please submit your abstract to the session chair or contact the program coordinator if your proposed paper does not fit the sessions listed below.

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| <p>Session 1: Demography of families and children
Chair: Bali Ram
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Faculty of Political Science & Sociology
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| <p>Session 2: Socio-demographic changes in developing countries
Chair: Dudley L. Poston
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Chair: Eva Bernhardt
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| <p>Session 3: Health and other socio-demographic issues in developed countries
Chair: William F. Stinner
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Chair: Joseph Troisi
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| <p>Session 4: Mortality and social structure
Chair: Yonathon Anson
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Chair: Mary M. Kritz
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| <p>Session 5: Fertility and reproductive health</p> | |

**APA Conference 2002
2-4 October 2002
University of New South Wales
Sydney, Australia**

The eleventh biennial APA Conference will be held in Sydney in October 2002. For updates see the article on page 4 of this issue of Demoz. Don't forget to pencil the dates into your calendar now!!

POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

Special report from our koala-on-the-wall (aka Dr Natalie Jackson) at the New Zealand Population Association Conference (PANZ), held in Wellington in July.

This year's PANZ conference was, as usual, well attended, with heaps of interesting and thought-provoking papers. This brief review focuses on some of the lighter aspects of the keynote address by Professor Naohiro Ogawa of the Population Research Institute, Nihon University, Tokyo. Readers interested in following up on Ogawa's underlying and highly scholastic work will find a fascinating paper titled 'Late marriage and less marriage in Japan' by Rethorford, R. D., Ogawa, N., and Matsukara, R. (2001) in *Population and Development Review*, 27 (1), pp 65-102.

Ogawa's comprehensive and witty PANZ address was delivered to a captivated audience. When not reaching for their tissues in envy of the exhaustive survey databases Ogawa had to draw on, the audience was entertained by his dry humour. It is not everyone who can turn the story of a fall in fertility to a TFR of 1.35 into a tale of intrigue, but this speaker did it with ease and grace.

Among the many interesting tid-bits was Ogawa's explanation of something that has intrigued many a demographer: the sharp bite in the base of Japan's fertility curve, occurring in 1965. As many will know, Japan's fertility over the post-war period is often presented along with that of other developed countries. However, where data for each of the latter present an inverted U-shaped baby boom curve, the curve for Japan is an inverted J, and along its trough is an inverted blip that looks like the birth rate suffered a ventricular arrhythmia. According to Ogawa, this blip reflects the Year of the Fire Horse. Japanese superstition holds that female children born in such a year are likely to have unhappy marriages, and even to kill their husbands; accordingly, the Japanese avoided having children in that highly inauspicious year.

Another interesting trend outlined by Ogawa was Japan's declining marriage rate and its correlation with the still falling fertility rate. Ogawa argues that one of the major contributors to the declining marriage rate is the cultural practice whereby each oldest son is expected to live with his parents. Japan's low birth rate over the past 40 years means that almost every son of marriageable age *is* an oldest son, and it seems that modern educated women do not want to live with their in-laws...

Apparently, this unintended cultural reinforcement of Japan's already very low fertility is having its sequel for daughters as well. In order to pay for geriatric and other types of care for their institutionalised old-old parents, daughters who have primary responsibility for their parents' wellbeing—the lack of sons shifting this responsibility to daughters, who often as not are 'only-children'—are changing from part time to full-time work. With this shift appears to be going much of what is left of the birth rate.

With Japan leading the world in the hyper-ageing stakes, Ogawa argues that the country must take the lead in developing new and innovative policies. As one of the later cabs to come off the population ageing rank, it seems timely for Australia to take notice.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

National Executive Council Meeting

A National Executive Council Meeting was held via a teleconference on June 1 2001.

President's Report

The transition to the new council has been relatively smooth although a number of unresolved issues remain, notably the website and the process of incorporation.

Secretary's Report

Margaret Young reported that at 1 June 2001 APA membership stood at 248. This consisted of 204 ordinary, 24 student and 20 concessional members. There are a further 32 Corporate members.

(Ed: It is worth noting that quite a few ordinary members had not yet paid their subscriptions for 2001. Please check your records and if you haven't yet paid it would be appreciated if you could do so!).

Treasurer's Report

Fearnley Szuster presented the Treasurer's Report. Key points were:

- Return of the \$7,000 advance from the 2000 Conference;
- Receipt of monies from the Copyright Agency Limited;
- Request for an advance from the 2002 Conference organising committee;
- Request to appoint a new auditor;
- Allianz Australia taking over responsibility from the collapsed HIH for our Public Liability Policy.

Journal of Population Research

Dr Heather Booth reported the volume 18(1) of JPR contains papers by Bell, Stillwell et al, Ford, Childs, and Khoo and Zhao.

Our new patron, Emeritus Professor Jack Caldwell, congratulated Dr Booth on the Journal attaining International Standards.

This has been reflected in papers arriving more frequently than previously from both Australia and overseas.

APA Website

While there has been much debate about the proper location for the APA's web site it has been agreed that for the time being it will remain at GISCA. This will allow direct access and update ability for the Secretary.

W. D. Borrie Prize

It was noted that Borrie Prize entrants should be made aware that their papers should not have been previously published and that it will not be submitted for publication prior to the announcement of the prize. The APA Journal Editor then has first option on essays for consideration for publishing.

Ann Larson indicated that only three entrants had been received. The Council felt that more effort should be put into promoting the prize. Dianne Rudd said that she would follow this up with Ms Larson.

Borrie Lecture

It was proposed that the Borrie Lecture be held as an annual event. In a non-Conference year it would coincide with the AGM with the most likely venue being Canberra.

Conference 2002

Dr Nick Parr related details about the planning to date (for further details see the article on page 4).

Next Meeting

Friday 9 November 2001, Canberra.

AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS

Australian Social Trends 2001 (Cat. no. 4102.0, \$44) is the eighth annual edition of this informative report describing current social conditions and trends in Australia. It provides discussion on a range of topical issues in Australia's changing society, supported by the latest data from ABS collections and other sources. Anyone with an interest in the lives of Australians today will find this a useful and practical guide, with a clear layout, easily-understood commentary and well-chosen tables, graphs and maps. It is designed to be of great value in supporting your research and information needs.

Covers a wide range of topics

Australian Social Trends 2001 contains seven chapters, each covering a major area of social concern: Population, Family, Health, Education, Work, Income and Expenditure, and Housing. Information presented in earlier editions of *Australian Social Trends*, relating to population projections, international migration, private health insurance, time spent studying, childcare and the value of unpaid work has been updated. Also featured in the latest edition are articles on Asian-born Australians, changes experienced at work, field of study and employment, populations of Australian and New Zealand, older mothers, housing experience through life-cycle stages and women's incomes.

....and over 300 social indicators

A set of national and State summary tables, presenting key social indicators, provide an overview of social change over the past decade and variations in social conditions across the Australian States and Territories. Tables that provide a set of international summary tables comparing Australia with 17 other nations, including our main trading partners, neighbours and major OECD nations are also included.

Information on the ABS website

For AusStats subscribers, the summary tables are available in EXCEL spreadsheets from the ABS website, www.abs.gov.au.

A new feature on the website is the availability of articles and summary tables which have appeared in previous editions of *Australian Social Trends* (released between 1994 and 2000). These, along with special articles from other ABS publications, are available free of charge in 'Australia Now'.

POPULATION SPECIALTY GROUP ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS

Tom Boswell has handed over the reins to Associate Professor Alex Vias from the University of Northern Colorado.

I was fortunate enough to meet Alex while he was visiting Australia recently. He and I chatted over coffee about a number of issues related to population. His experiences with the United States Population Census were quite interesting and gave me some food for thought as the ABS

was in the throes of the 2001 Population Census. Alex has kindly agreed to continue the exchange of information between the two newsletters so I look forward to his first edition in the Fall.

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TASMANIAN NEWS

Despite its declining population (or rather, because of it), demography is alive and well in Tasmania. The APA's demographer on the spot, Dr Natalie Jackson, reports that the States' population remains one of its hottest topics, and that she is run off her feet responding to requests for media interviews, briefings to key business and government agencies, and talks to forums and conferences. Seems that everyone suddenly wants to know what this 'demographic transition' thing is/was, and why they don't much about it.

With all the media hype, Tasmanian student interest in things-population continues to grow, with increasing enrolments in Natalie's three courses: Population and Society, Social Ecology, and Social Ecology Internship. And it follows, students need teachers. If you have a background in social demography/urban sociology and/or housing and are looking for a great job (and great lifestyle), check out the UniTas web site, where you will find three new demographically oriented academic positions on offer. (It's a bit ironic isn't it: the population declines, so everyone wants to study it).

Reflecting all this activity, Natalie reports that her www.taspop.tasbis.com web site (mentioned in the last DEMOZ newsletter) had 1137 visitors in its first five months. She reports also that she has recently launched a small commercial venture in the School of Sociology and Social Work - the Demographic Analytical Services Unit (see www.dasu.tasbis.com). Boasting a research team of five, the unit is available to undertake demographic research, both regionally and nationally, on a fee for service basis. Natalie hopes this venture will eventually see the end of those pesky ARC and IRGS funding application rounds.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

The Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association will be publishing a new journal on regional issues in Australia – including population processes – later in the year. The Association has received financial support from the Federal Government's department of Transport and Regional Services to establish this new publication. The journal embraces the view that regional issues cover both the non-metropolitan and metropolitan parts of Australia. It is intended to bring regional issues to the notice of a wider audience than currently, and is written for both a lay and expert audience. At this stage it is expected that the first issue will be released at the end of September 2001.

Persons interested in submitting a paper or in receiving the new publication should contact Dr Andrew Beer on Andrew.beer@flinders.edu.au.

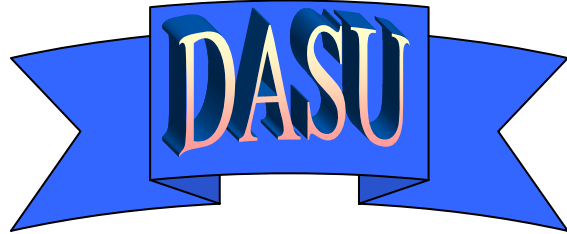
POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (PANZ) NEWS

The compilation of the PANZ newsletter has passed onto Ben Macrae at Te Puni Kōkiri.

It is to be hoped that PANZ will continue the exchange of newsletter information. I will keep you informed of developments. In the meantime, the PANZ website which contains many features including information about the association, conferences, seminars and workshops, as well as containing links to other organisations can be accessed via <http://panz.rsnz.govt.nz/>.

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYTICAL SERVICES UNIT

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University of Tasmania

The Demographic Analytical Services Unit (DASU) is a new commercial venture located in the School of Sociology and Social Work, University of Tasmania.

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THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR POPULATION RESEARCH

The following article has been kindly provided by Dr Siew-Ean Khoo. (Ed.)

This new Centre is a joint activity of the Demography and Sociology Program at the Australian National University and the National Key Centre for Social Applications of Geographical Information Systems at the University of Adelaide (GISCA). Professor Peter McDonald of the ANU and Professor Graeme Hugo of GISCA are joint Directors and Dr Siew-Ean Khoo is Executive Director. Dr Dimitria Giorgas has recently been appointed as the Centre's first Post-Doctoral Fellow. Members of the Centre include the demographic staff of the Demography and Sociology Program, other demographers working at ANU and the academic staff of GISCA.

The Centre has been established to facilitate a more comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to population research, particularly that pertaining to Australia's demography. The ANU part of the Centre focuses on population research at the national level while the GISCA part concentrates on research relating to spatial and sub-national issues. This complementarity between the two partners provides a unique opportunity for a comprehensive approach to research on Australia's population. Major core funding for the Centre comes from the ANU's Research School of Social Sciences.

Current research projects undertaken at the Centre include studies of fertility and mortality changes in Australia and their implications; the demographic impact of temporary migration; immigrant settlement; socioeconomic outcomes of the second generation in Australia; and migration and poverty in non-metropolitan Australia. Research funding includes grants from the Australian Research Council and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

One of the Centre's aims is to bring together people working in the population field in the various States and Territories by establishing a network of Associates. The network aims to facilitate joint research activities and joint applications for research funding. The Centre also aims to provide a focus for young demographers and other researchers working in the population field to further their interest and careers.

The Centre's website address is www.acpr.edu.au. More details about the Centre's activities as well as its published research are available on the site.

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ABS DEMOGRAPHY NEWS

1 Australian Historical Population Statistics

Australian Historical Population Statistics (Cat. no. 3105.0.65.001) was released on 26 April 2001 as an electronic product on ABS AusStats.

It contains a wide range of time series demographic data in computer spreadsheet form going back, where possible, to the beginnings of European settlement of Australia. Statistics are included on population size and growth, population distribution, population age-sex structure, births, deaths, migration, marriages and divorces.

A total of 103 spreadsheets are involved in the initial release. The spreadsheets are available on request to non-AusStats clients.

2 Small Area Household and Family Projections

A set of 1999-2019 statistical local area household and family projections using ASGC 1996 boundaries is now available. Output from the projections includes the projected population by living arrangement, projected number of families by family type and projected number of households, for each statistical local area. The cost of the projections, for all statistical local areas in a State/Territory, ranges from \$1,120 in NT to \$1,680 in NSW. For Australia the cost is \$2,800.

The method used for these projections is similar to that used in **Household and Family Projections, Australia, 1996 to 2021** (Cat. No. 3236.0). Living arrangement propensities of the population are applied to the projected population to produce the projected population by living arrangement. The projected number of families and households are then calculated.

For these projections, the living arrangement propensities are assumed to remain the same as those observed in the 1996 Census of Population

and Housing. The population projections used are consistent with Series II outlined in **Population Projections, Australia, 1999 to 2101** (Cat. No. 3222.0) and take account of the latest demographic trends and land use indicators available to the ABS. While the ABS takes responsibility for the method employed, the assumptions used are the responsibility of the client and the projections are not official ABS statistics.

3 Australia's Population is 19.3 Million

The preliminary estimated resident population of Australia at December 2000 was 19,277,100 persons, an increase of 225,100 persons since December 1999 and 58,000 persons since September 2000. The national growth rate during the 12 months ended December 2000 was 1.2%, higher than the growth rate for the preceding 12 months (1.1%). Just over half (54%) of this growth rate resulted from the excess of births over deaths with the balance from net overseas migration.

Due to the unavailability of final overseas arrivals and departures data from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA), September and December Quarters 2000 net overseas migration data have been estimated from a sample. Further information is available in **Demography Working Paper 2001/1 - Estimating July to December 2000 Net Overseas Migration**

4 People Aged 85+

At June 2000 there were 252,000 people aged 85 and over. Interestingly this is less than the number of people aged 80-84, a situation projected by ABS to remain until the 2030s (Series II, **Population Projections, Australia 1999-2101** (Cat. no. 3222.0)).

5 Households

There were 7,249,900 resident households in

Australia at June 2000, an increase of 123,400 or 2% since June 1999 and 582,200 or 9% since June 1995.

Household estimates back to September 1991 have been revised to incorporate a statistical smoothing technique, which reduces volatility but retains the trend of the time series. Further information is available in **Demography Working Paper 2001/3 - Improving Household Estimates.**

While annual estimates are published for capital cities/balances of States in **Australian Demographic Statistics** (Cat. No. 3101.0), quarterly estimates are available on request.

6 Understanding Demographic Data Courses in Darwin, Alice Springs and Perth

The aim of this one-day course is to provide an understanding of the framework of demographic data and the processes, which shape the population. The course covers the relationship between Census data and Estimated Resident Population data; components of population growth; population projections; estimating the population of small areas; some tools for analysing demographic data and population dynamics and costs \$342 per participant (including a light lunch, course notes and a copy of Australian Demographic Statistics, Cat. no. 3101.0).

The course continues to be well received and is contributing to a better understanding and use of ABS's demographic data among a wide range of clients from Commonwealth, State and Local Government bodies, business and community groups.

The next courses are scheduled for 9 and 10 October in Darwin, 12 October in Alice Springs and 23 & 24 October in Perth. If you would like more information or to register, please contact Megha Raut for the Darwin and Alice Springs courses (megha.raut@abs.gov.au or (08) 8943 2122), and Sue Lee for the Perth courses (sue.lee@abs.gov.au or (08) 9360 5935). A

course may also be offered in Canberra at the end of the year, please contact Tina Brozinic for more details (tina.brozinic@abs.gov.au or (02) 6207 0105). For general inquiries please contact Sue Taylor (sue.taylor@abs.gov.au or (02) 6252 6141).

7 Overseas Arrivals and Departures

Final overseas arrival and departure data for August 2000 onwards are not expected to be published before October 2001. Data from passenger cards completed by persons arriving in or departing from Australia, together with other information available to Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA), serve as a source for statistics on overseas arrivals and departures. DIMA is currently automating the processing of passenger cards and ABS has yet to receive relevant data.

8 Net Overseas Migration: Category Jumping Component

In **Demography Working Paper 2000/4 - Category Jumping: Trends, Demographic Impact and Measurement Issues** it was recommended that the term 'category jumping' be replaced with a different and less confusing term. A suggested alternative was 'change in intended duration'.

It is proposed to adopt 'duration category change' or 'duration change'. Comments on this terminology are welcome and should be sent to valerie.pearson@abs.gov.au

9 Population by Age and Sex: Statistical Local Area Level

The June 2000 issues of Population by Age and Sex, State/Territory (Cat. no. 3235.1-8) were the last. For June 2000 and subsequent years the age-sex data will be made available electronically in a SuperTABLE dataset or as companion data in AusStats. Data at all levels within the Australian Standard Geographical Classification main structure will be included, as well as Local Government Areas. The new

companion data will also effectively replace Estimated Resident Population by Age and Sex in Statistical Local Areas, State/Territory: Data on Floppy Disk (Cat. no. 3227.1-8).

For more information or to subscribe to a SuperTABLE dataset, please contact amanda.dobson@abs.gov.au

10 Development of Australia's Population Estimates

Demography Working Paper 1979/1 - Population Estimates in Australia: A Discussion Paper has been placed on the ABS website given its historic importance in the development of Australia's population estimates.

Following discussion associated with the 1979 paper, population estimates were placed on a usual residence basis. At the State and Territory level population estimates based on this new concept were constructed back to 1971.

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NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Statistics on Drug Use in Australia, 2000

Australians are consuming less alcohol and smoking fewer cigarettes than they were 10 years ago, but there has been an increase in the use of marijuana. The latest AIHW report on *Statistics on Drug Use in Australia 2000* shows that on the international stage, for annual per capita consumption of cigarettes, Australia dropped from 10th place in 1986 to 17th in 1996. This equates to a drop from 2,710 to 2,017 cigarettes annually for each Australian aged 15 years and over.

Australia ranked 19th for per capita consumption of alcohol in 1998 at 7.6 litres of pure alcohol per person per year. This was some way behind first-ranked Luxembourg, with 13.3 litres of pure alcohol per person, followed by Portugal with 11.2 litres per person.

Australia ranked 9th on per capita consumption of beer, however, at 95 litres per person, compared with the Czech Republic on top at 162 litres per person.

Projections of Older Immigrants: people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds 1996–2026

The number of older Australians (65 years and over) who are immigrants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds is expected to increase by 66% over a 15-year period, according to a recently released AIHW report.

The corresponding increase for the Australian-born population is projected to be 23%.

Projections of Older Immigrants: people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds 1996–2026, Australia shows there were 393,000 older immigrants from these backgrounds in Australia in 1996—18% of the total number of older Australians. In 2011, this number is expected to increase to 654,000 people, or nearly one-quarter of the total older Australian population.

Head of the AIHW's Aged Care Unit, Dr Diane Gibson, said that not only would this population of older immigrants increase more rapidly in the next decade and beyond, it will also age more rapidly.

Health and Community Services Labour Force 1996

Capital cities have almost twice as many medical workers — and 19% more health workers overall — than other regions in Australia.

The AIHW report *Health and Community Services Labour Force 1996*, shows that large geographic differences remain in the supply of health workers across Australia. Compared with regional areas, capital cities had almost twice as many medical workers, 64% more dental workers, 53% more pharmacists and 60% more allied health workers per 100,000 population.

Community service workers, however, are more evenly distributed among all regions across Australia. Tasmania had the greatest regional difference—relative to population Hobart had about 60% more community services workers than other areas in the State.

One in 13 employed Australians has a health or community service job. Acting Head of the AIHW's Labour Force and Rural Health Unit, Mr Warwick Conn, said that women dominated both fields of work.

Heart, Stroke and Vascular Disease: Australian Facts 2001

Despite a steady decline in death rates over the last 20 years, cardiovascular disease still claims more than 50,000 lives a year, with Indigenous Australians and people in the lower socio-economic groups by far the hardest hit. These facts are contained in Australia's most significant report into the impact of cardiovascular disease—*Heart, stroke and vascular diseases: Australian facts 2001*—jointly released by the AIHW and the National Heart Foundation of Australia.

The report shows that cardiovascular disease is still Australia's number one killer despite national death rates falling about 4% a year since the late 1980s.

Australian Hospital Statistics 1999–2000

Public and private hospital admissions continue to increase, according to a new report released in June from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). *Australian Hospital Statistics 1999–00* shows that there were 5.9 million hospital admissions recorded in 1999–00, up 2.8% compared with 1998–99.

The private hospital share was 2.0 million, approximately 6.8% up on 1998–99. Private hospital overnight stays increased by 5% and same-day stays increased by 10%.

In contrast, the public hospital share of 3.9 million was a 0.4% rise on the previous year. Overnight stays fell by about 2% and same-day stays rose by 3%.

Mental Health Services in Australia 1998–99

Depression and schizophrenia dominate hospital admissions involving specialised psychiatric care, according to *Mental Health Services in Australia 1998–99*—also released by the AIHW in June.

It shows that there were 169,000 psychiatric care admissions at Australian hospitals during 1998–99, and a further 83,000 general care admissions involving mental health-related conditions.

Of the psychiatric admissions, depression and schizophrenia and related conditions accounted for 26% and 20% respectively of all admissions.

Although psychiatric care admissions account for only a small percentage of all hospital admissions, they account for nearly 12% of all patient-days.

Further information on AIHW publications is available at the Institute's website: <http://www.aihw.gov.au> or contact AIHW publications on tel. 02 6244 1032. Many publications are available on the site in Adobe Acrobat format, with a link that allows users to download the free software to read the publications in this format.

DIMA RESEARCH AND STATISTICS NEWS

The 2001-2002 Migration Program” - Address to the Sydney Institute

The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Philip Ruddock, gave an address on 16 May 2001 to the Sydney Institute. This address provides an overview of the increased 2001-2002 Migration Program that was announced on 27 April 2001, as well as the population context for the Program. In the speech, the Minister highlighted that the Migration Program is now even more strongly targeted to meeting Australia's skills needs and responds to Australia's current and longer-term economic and social needs, where it will assist in slowing the projected decline in our workforce growth rate and in stabilising our population at around 24-25 million by mid-century. A copy of the speech is available from the Minister's website at

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/transcripts/migration160501.htm> or from the Director, Economic and Environment Section, DIMA (ph 02 6264 1765 or email john.ryan@immi.gov.au).

The following publications have been released recently:

Note: Unless otherwise specified, these publications are available on DIMA's web site at www.immi.gov.au

The Labour force Experience of New Migrants

The Minister launched a report by Professor Sue Richardson of the National Institute of Labour Studies entitled *The Labour force Experience of New Migrants* on 8 August. The report compares the labour market characteristics of the two LSIA cohorts who entered Australia between 1993 and 1995 and between 1999 and 2000. It finds that on all measures, the employment outcomes of the later group six months after arrival in Australia are substantially better than for the first group. The fall in unemployment is particularly striking for Independent migrants, who in cohort 2 six

months after arrival had an unemployment rate not much in excess of that for the Australian workforce. The halving in unemployment among recently arrived migrants far exceeds the fall in unemployment for Australia as a whole over the relevant period. The report's analysis shows that better English and qualifications were the strongest immediate cause of the improvements. These in turn reflected changes to the selection criteria for skilled migrants between the two cohorts, and a re-balancing of the Migration Program towards the Skill Stream. It also finds that changes to the waiting period and eligibility for social welfare payments were a factor. The self-selection of migrants likely to succeed quickly in the labour market is also discussed, as is the possibility that cohort 2 migrants were more likely to be of higher employability in ways that are not captured in the characteristics observable in the LSIA data.

Emigration from Australia: Economic Implications

The Minister launched a report by Professor Graeme Hugo entitled *Emigration from Australia: Economic Implications*. The report was commissioned by CEDA and funded partly by an ARC SPIRT grant. DIMA also contributed funds towards the development of the report. The report, launched on 26 July, uses a variety of data and information sources to examine a number of facets of emigration. Professor Hugo's examination of overseas arrivals and departures data essentially confirms analysis by Bob Birrell that Australia is enjoying a "brain gain" in virtually all key occupations. The report also uses LSIA data to ascertain the propensity of migrants in their first three and a half years in Australia to emigrate. It finds that young skilled migrants are most likely to emigrate because of the portability of and demand for their skills in a global market. The report also examines data from the Graduate Destination Survey of new graduates working overseas in their first year after graduation. It finds that most are engaging in working holidays

and will return to Australia. Copies of the report can be purchased direct from CEDA.

Skilled Labour: Gains and Losses

The Minister launched a report by Dr Bob Birrell entitled *Skilled Labour: Gains and Losses* on 24 July. The report examines the movement of skilled workers to and from Australia over the five year period between 1995-96 and 1999-00. The report finds that over the period in question, Australia registered a "brain gain". There was a net loss of skilled residents, but this was more than offset for almost every occupation by gains from settler arrivals and a net inflow of visitors. The report also found that there was no tendency for high losses in occupations where international demand was strong during the period. By far the chief destination for those leaving was the United Kingdom, followed by the USA and Singapore. Return rates from these destinations were 70, 58 and 44 per cent respectively. Dr Birrell concludes that much of the movement of Australians overseas was involved with the traditional "boomerang" trip of young Australians. He also surmises that Australia is losing so few of its skilled workers even though wages are higher in other markets, because Australia offers a better lifestyle than many other destinations.

Commonwealth Fiscal Impact Of Migrants To Australia

Access Economics was commissioned by DIMA to update and revise a model, which estimates the impact of new permanent migrants on the Commonwealth Budget. The model provides an estimate of the impact that an additional 1,000 migrants will have on the Commonwealth Budget's net operating surplus. The additional migrants arrive in Year 1 (which is configured to a base year of 2000-01) and the model provides estimates for those migrants over a period of ten years. Estimates of these impacts have been made for each major migration category: Family, Skilled - Australian Sponsored, Business, Skilled - Independent and Humanitarian. The Access Economics report provides a summary of

the key results from the model and also a short discussion of the key tasks involved in the 2000-01 update. The report was released in March 2001.

Economic Impact Of 2000-2001 Immigration Program Changes

DIMA commissioned Econtech Pty Ltd to undertake a research study into the economic impact of the 2000/01 Migration Program changes. The study assesses the economic impact of changes to the size, category, composition and category attributes of the 2000-2001 Migration (Non-Humanitarian) Program announced by the Government on 3 April 2000. It follows a similar study of the economic impact of the Migration Program between 1995-96 and 1997-98 completed in March 1998. Specifically, the study examines the impact of the changes on:

- Living standards;
- Demographic outcomes;
- Economic outcomes;
- Employment and unemployment; and
- States/Territories and individual industries.

The report was prepared by Chris Murphy from Econtech Pty Ltd and was released in March 2001.

English Proficiency: 1996 Census

This report presents a statistical profile of those people resident in Australia who spoke a language other than English at home, with an emphasis on those who reported poor English proficiency in the Census.

Note: Immigration statistics are available on the DIMA web site. A detailed summary is provided in the annual publication 'Population Flows'. Otherwise, the DIMA statistics enquiry line is (02) 6264 2486.

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