

VICTORIAN POPULATION

Estimated population, 31 December

	Persons	Males	Females
1851	97,489	58,235	39,254
1852	168,321	110,825	57,496
1853	222,436	146,456	75,980
1854	312,307	205,629	106,678
1855	364,324	234,450	129,874
1856	397,560	255,827	141,733
1857	463,135	297,547	165,588
1858	504,519	323,576	180,943
1859	530,262	335,708	194,544
1860	537,847	328,251	209,596
1861	541,800	321,724	220,076

Source: Geoffrey Searle, *The Golden Age: A History of the colony of Victoria 1851 -1861*, Melbourne University Press, 1977, (Appendix 1 Page 382)

Activities

Historians use maths to help them answer questions about the past. Use these tables to help you answer the following questions.

Population growth (persons)

1. How much did Victoria's population grow in the first 10 years of the goldrush?
2. Create a graph to show population growth from 1851 to 1861. You may wish to cut and paste these statistics in Microsoft Excel to create a graph.
3. Which year saw the greatest population growth?
4. How many times bigger was Victoria's population in 1861 compared to 1851?

Males and females

1. Create a graph to show Males **and Females in Victoria from 1851 to 1861**. You might use Microsoft Excel to help.
2. In what year was the percentage of women smallest? You might be able to create a formula in Microsoft Excel to help.
3. In what year was the percentage of women highest?