

# Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia (ABS Cat No 3235.0)

Latest data: 30 June 2016

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This release focuses on detailed age and sex distributions, providing data as at 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2006. Please note that the ABS *Regional Population Growth* publication (ABS Cat No 3218.0) provides information on annual regional population levels and growth.

## Median Age

The ABS estimated that Tasmania's median age was 42.0 years as at 30 June 2016, 4.8 years higher than the national average (Table 1).

The Tasmanian median age was the highest of all jurisdictions as at 30 June 2016 and recorded the largest increase in the ten years to 30 June 2016 (Table 1). Western Australia was the only jurisdiction to not record an increase in the median age over that period. Nationally the median age increased by 0.5 years.

The median age in the Hobart region was 39.7 years, 2.3 years lower than the Tasmanian median age as at 30 June 2016 (Table 2), but 2.5 years above the Australian median age. Only one Tasmanian LGA (Brighton at 33.8 years) had a lower median age than nationally. The highest Tasmanian median age was recorded in the Glamorgan/Spring Bay LGA with 55.5 years.

## Dependency Ratio

The dependency ratio is defined as those aged under 15 years and those aged 65 years and over as a proportion of the population aged between 15 and 64 years.

Tasmania's dependency ratio at 30 June 2016 was 58.2 per cent, which is higher than the national dependency ratio of 51.7 per cent (Table 1). The Tasmanian dependency ratio has increased by 6.0 percentage points over the ten years to 30 June 2016, which compares to 3.4 percentage points increase nationally over the period.

**Table 1: Demographic statistics by jurisdiction, 30 June 2016**

	Median age		Dependency
	Level (years)	10 yr change (years)	ratio (%)
NSW	37.6	0.8	52.7
Vic	36.9	0.1	50.4
Qld	37.0	0.9	52.4
SA	39.8	1.0	55.0
WA	36.3	0.0	49.0
<b>Tas</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>58.2</b>
NT	32.4	1.4	40.3
ACT	34.7	0.3	45.1
<b>Aus</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>51.7</b>

SOURCE: POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX, REGIONS OF AUSTRALIA, ABS CAT NO 3235.0

**Table 2: Demographic statistics by Tasmanian region, 30 June 2016**

	Median age		Dependency
	Level (years)	10 yr change (years)	ratio (%)
Hobart	39.7	1.7	55.4
South East	47.4	5.6	62.3
Launceston & NE	42.7	3.9	59.0
West & NW	43.7	4.1	61.7
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>58.2</b>

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On a Tasmanian regional basis, the dependency ratio is lowest in the Hobart LGA and highest in the Glamorgan/Spring Bay LGA (Table 3).

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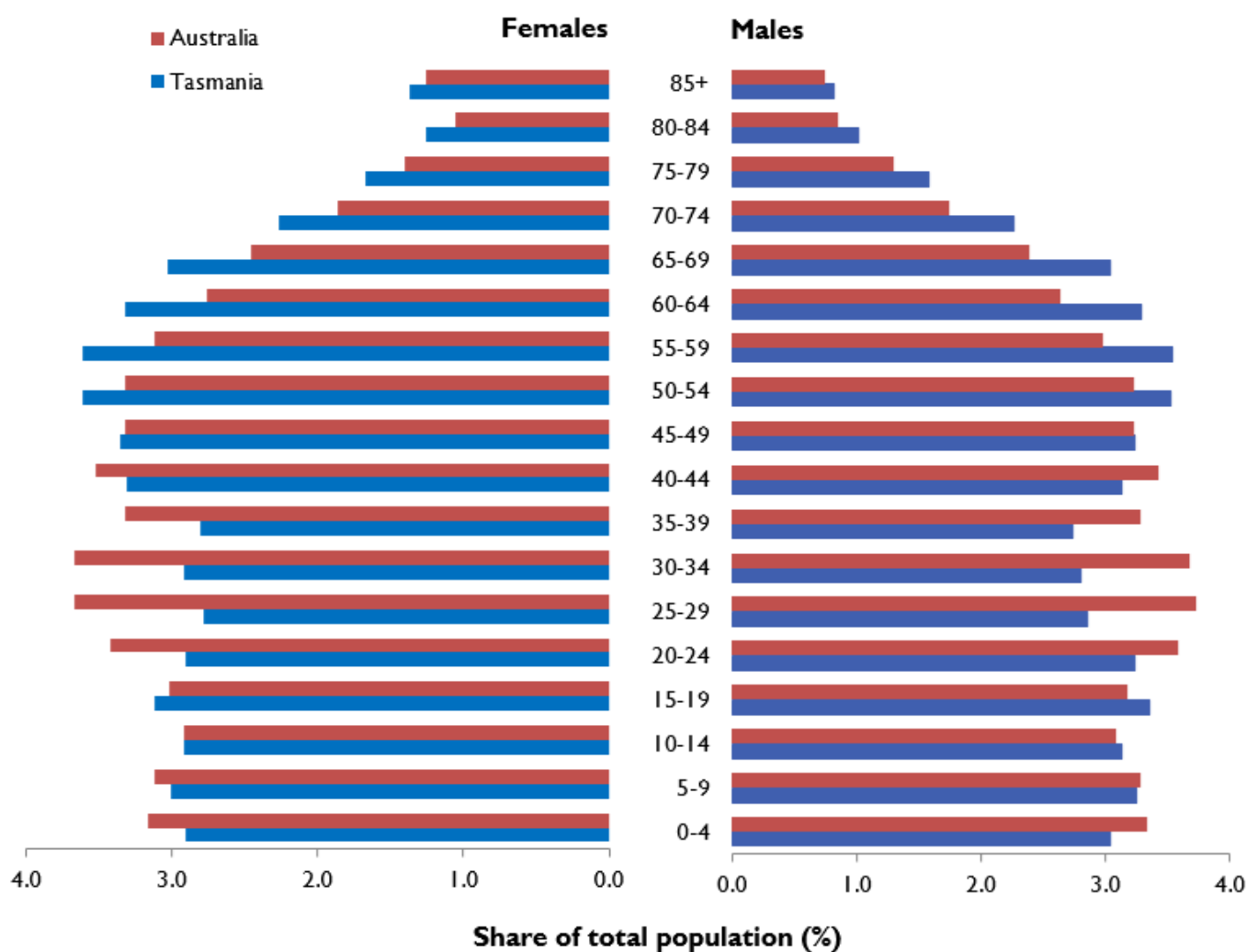
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## Age and Sex Distribution

The Tasmanian population has a lower proportion of persons aged between 20 and 44 years and a higher proportion of persons aged 50 years and over.

This reflects migration trends over time, with Tasmania receiving comparatively more older persons and losing comparatively more younger persons compared to other jurisdictions.

Chart 2: Age and Sex distribution, 30 June 2016



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**Table 3: Demographic statistics by Tasmanian LGA, 30 June 2016**

	Summary statistics				Population distribution			Dependency ratio
	Persons Number	Share % of total	Sex Ratio *	Median age Years	People aged 0-14 years %	People aged 15-64 years %	People aged 65 years+ %	
Break O'Day	6 193	1.2%	103.4	53.8	14.5	58.1	27.4	72.1
Brighton	16 610	3.2%	99.5	33.8	24.1	64.5	11.5	55.2
Burnie	19 304	3.7%	91.9	39.6	18.8	63.7	17.5	57.0
Central Coast	21 851	4.2%	94.9	45.9	17.3	61.1	21.6	63.7
Central Highlands	2 164	0.4%	114.9	49.7	16.8	60.4	22.8	65.6
Circular Head	8 173	1.6%	103.9	40.0	21.0	63.3	15.7	58.0
Clarence	55 085	10.6%	98.6	42.3	18.4	62.2	19.5	60.9
Derwent Valley	10 091	1.9%	103.0	42.6	19.2	62.6	18.2	59.7
Devonport	25 259	4.9%	89.9	42.2	18.7	60.9	20.5	64.4
Dorset	6 746	1.3%	100.2	46.9	17.5	59.6	22.9	67.8
Flinders	926	0.2%	122.6	53.7	14.5	60.3	25.3	66.0
George Town	6 817	1.3%	99.0	45.4	19.1	60.0	20.9	66.7
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	4 521	0.9%	103.4	55.5	12.4	56.5	31.0	76.8
Glenorchy	46 397	9.0%	98.3	38.8	18.6	64.4	17.1	55.4
Hobart	51 750	10.0%	99.5	38.5	14.4	68.8	16.7	45.2
Huon Valley	16 675	3.2%	99.7	44.9	18.4	62.4	19.2	60.3
Kentish	6 303	1.2%	104.7	46.3	17.0	63.9	19.2	56.7
King Island	1 617	0.3%	103.9	47.0	15.0	63.3	21.6	57.8
Kingborough	36 263	7.0%	97.6	41.6	20.3	61.7	18.0	62.1
Latrobe	10 940	2.1%	96.3	46.4	17.0	60.2	22.7	65.9
Launceston	66 864	12.9%	93.9	38.7	18.0	64.7	17.3	54.6
Meander Valley	19 596	3.8%	95.5	44.5	17.7	62.1	20.2	61.0
Northern Midlands	13 043	2.5%	98.9	45.1	17.5	61.9	20.6	61.6
Sorell	14 393	2.8%	101.8	41.6	19.2	63.8	17.1	56.9
Southern Midlands	6 140	1.2%	106.9	43.7	19.1	64.1	16.8	56.0
Tasman	2 396	0.5%	103.9	55.1	13.6	57.6	28.8	73.6
Waratah/Wynyard	13 883	2.7%	99.0	45.7	17.6	60.9	21.5	64.2
West Coast	4 236	0.8%	108.9	43.3	18.9	64.9	16.2	54.1
West Tamar	23 352	4.5%	95.7	44.8	17.8	61.9	20.2	61.4
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>517 588</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>58.2</b>

\* THE SEX RATIO IS THE NUMBER OF MALES PER 100 FEMALES

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