

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

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This release focuses on detailed age and sex distributions, providing data as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2013. 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 42.3 years as at 30 June 2018, 5.0 years higher than the national average (Table 1).

The Tasmanian median age continued to be the highest of all jurisdictions and recorded the second largest increase in the five years to 30 June 2018 (behind the Northern Territory) (Table 1). Both Victoria and New South Wales recorded decreases in median age over that period. Nationally the median age increased slightly.

The median age in the Hobart region was 39.7 years, 2.6 years lower than the Tasmanian median age as at 30 June 2018, but 2.4 years above the Australian median age (Table 2). Only one Tasmanian LGA (Brighton at 34.6 years) had a lower median age than nationally. The highest median age in Tasmania was recorded in the Tasman LGA with 56.4 years, closely followed by Glamorgan/Spring Bay with 56.2 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 2018 was 59.7 per cent, which compares with the national dependency ratio of 52.7 per cent (Table 1). The Tasmanian dependency ratio has increased by 4.1 percentage points over the five years to 30 June 2018, which compares to 2.7 percentage points increase nationally over the period.

Table 1: Demographic statistics by jurisdiction, 30 June 2018

| | Median age | | Dependency ratio (%) |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Level (years) | 5 yr change (years) | |
| NSW | 37.5 | -0.3 | 53.4 |
| Vic | 36.7 | -0.5 | 50.8 |
| Qld | 37.3 | 0.6 | 53.8 |
| SA | 40.0 | 0.3 | 56.5 |
| WA | 36.9 | 1.0 | 51.4 |
| Tas | 42.3 | 1.1 | 59.7 |
| NT | 32.9 | 1.3 | 41.2 |
| ACT | 35.1 | 0.6 | 46.6 |
| Aus | 37.3 | 0.1 | 52.7 |

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Table 2: Demographic statistics by Tasmanian region, 30 June 2018

| | Median age | | Dependency ratio (%) |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Level (years) | 5 yr change (years) | |
| Hobart | 39.7 | 0.4 | 56.5 |
| South East | 48.2 | 2.6 | 65.1 |
| Launceston & NE | 43.1 | 1.4 | 60.8 |
| West & NW | 44.4 | 2.0 | 64.1 |
| Tasmania | 42.3 | 1.1 | 59.7 |

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On a Tasmanian regional basis, the dependency ratio was lowest in the Hobart LGA and highest in the Glamorgan/Spring Bay and Break O'Day LGAs (Table 3).

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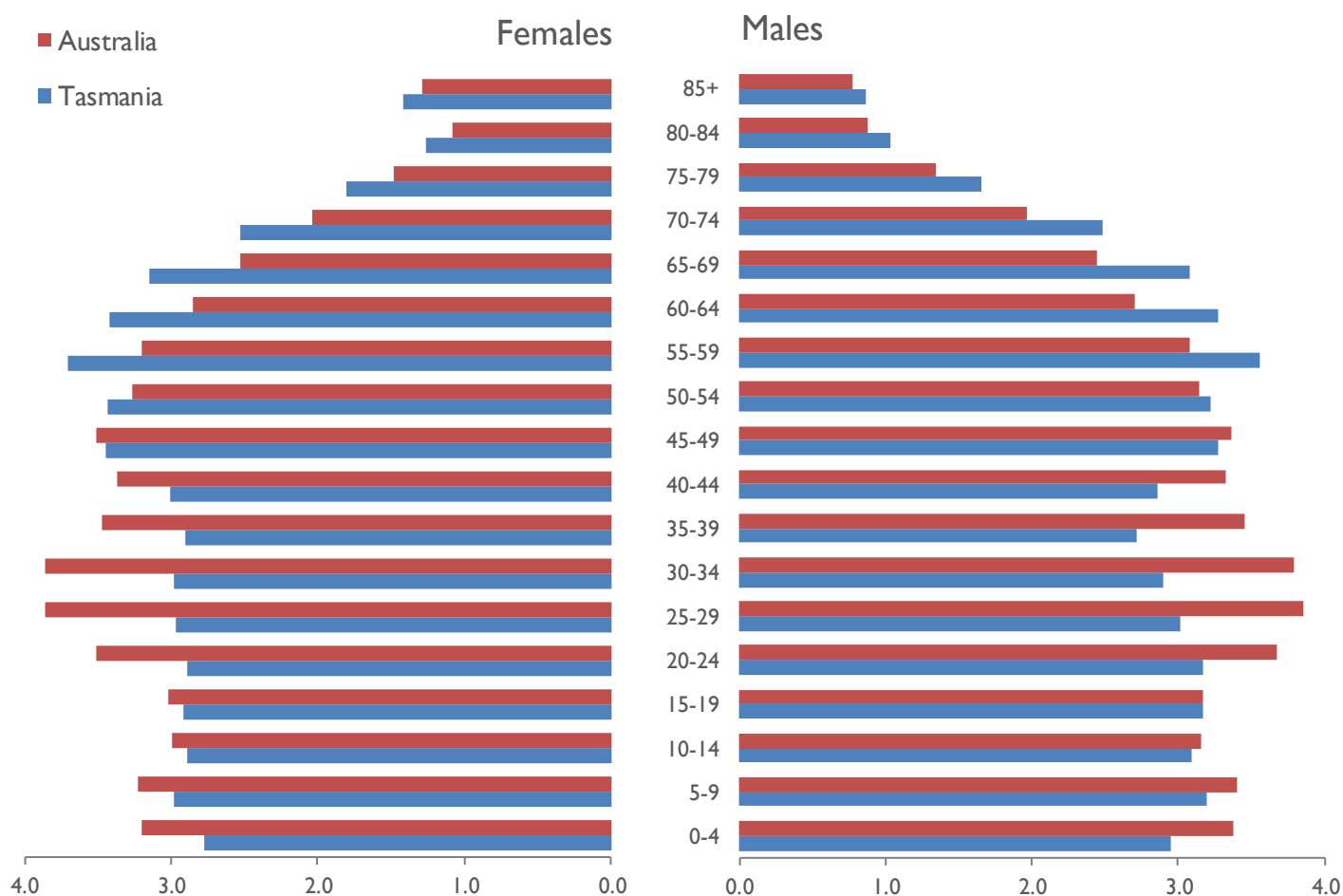
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Age and Sex Distribution

The Tasmanian population generally has a lower proportion of persons aged below 50 years and a higher proportion of persons aged 50 years and over compared to the national average.

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 2018



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Table 3: Demographic statistics by Tasmanian LGA, 30 June 2018

| | Summary statistics | | | | Population distribution | | | Dependency ratio % |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Persons Number | Share % of total | Sex Ratio * | Median age of Persons Years | People aged 0-14 years % | People aged 15-64 years % | People aged 65 years and over % | |
| Break O'Day | 6 232 | 1.2% | 103.5 | 55.4 | 14.1 | 55.8 | 30.1 | 79.2 |
| Brighton | 17 294 | 3.3% | 100.9 | 34.6 | 23.6 | 63.7 | 12.7 | 57.0 |
| Burnie | 19 348 | 3.7% | 93.9 | 40.0 | 18.6 | 63.3 | 18.1 | 58.0 |
| Central Coast | 21 904 | 4.1% | 94.4 | 46.9 | 16.8 | 60.2 | 23.0 | 66.1 |
| Central Highlands | 2 144 | 0.4% | 111.9 | 51.2 | 17.5 | 57.6 | 24.9 | 73.6 |
| Circular Head | 8 066 | 1.5% | 103.7 | 39.8 | 20.6 | 62.6 | 16.8 | 59.7 |
| Clarence | 56 945 | 10.8% | 99.0 | 42.3 | 18.1 | 61.7 | 20.2 | 62.1 |
| Derwent Valley | 10 290 | 1.9% | 103.2 | 43.2 | 19.0 | 62.1 | 18.9 | 61.0 |
| Devonport | 25 415 | 4.8% | 90.5 | 42.8 | 18.4 | 60.2 | 21.4 | 66.1 |
| Dorset | 6 652 | 1.3% | 100.7 | 48.4 | 16.8 | 58.9 | 24.4 | 69.9 |
| Flinders | 987 | 0.2% | 119.3 | 54.1 | 14.7 | 57.5 | 27.8 | 73.9 |
| George Town | 6 931 | 1.3% | 99.3 | 47.3 | 17.9 | 58.5 | 23.6 | 70.9 |
| Glamorgan/Spring Bay | 4 528 | 0.9% | 102.1 | 56.2 | 11.7 | 55.3 | 33.0 | 80.8 |
| Glenorchy | 47 636 | 9.0% | 99.8 | 38.7 | 18.4 | 64.0 | 17.5 | 56.1 |
| Hobart | 53 684 | 10.2% | 99.6 | 38.2 | 14.5 | 68.1 | 17.4 | 46.8 |
| Huon Valley | 17 219 | 3.3% | 99.3 | 45.5 | 18.1 | 61.4 | 20.4 | 62.7 |
| Kentish | 6 324 | 1.2% | 104.4 | 48.1 | 16.0 | 63.0 | 21.1 | 58.9 |
| King Island | 1 601 | 0.3% | 102.4 | 46.3 | 16.6 | 59.8 | 23.5 | 67.1 |
| Kingborough | 37 734 | 7.1% | 97.0 | 42.0 | 19.5 | 61.3 | 19.2 | 63.1 |
| Latrobe | 11 329 | 2.1% | 96.6 | 47.5 | 16.7 | 58.4 | 24.9 | 71.2 |
| Launceston | 67 449 | 12.8% | 94.6 | 38.6 | 17.8 | 64.5 | 17.7 | 55.0 |
| Meander Valley | 19 713 | 3.7% | 94.6 | 45.8 | 17.1 | 60.8 | 22.1 | 64.5 |
| Northern Midlands | 13 300 | 2.5% | 99.3 | 45.7 | 17.4 | 61.3 | 21.3 | 63.1 |
| Sorell | 15 218 | 2.9% | 101.7 | 42.1 | 18.5 | 63.3 | 18.2 | 58.0 |
| Southern Midlands | 6 118 | 1.2% | 106.6 | 44.5 | 18.2 | 63.8 | 18.0 | 56.7 |
| Tasman | 2 404 | 0.5% | 105.3 | 56.4 | 12.3 | 57.0 | 30.7 | 75.4 |
| Waratah/Wynyard | 13 800 | 2.6% | 98.0 | 46.5 | 17.5 | 59.7 | 22.8 | 67.5 |
| West Coast | 4 167 | 0.8% | 111.8 | 44.4 | 18.6 | 63.9 | 17.6 | 56.7 |
| West Tamar | 23 769 | 4.5% | 96.1 | 45.4 | 17.4 | 61.3 | 21.3 | 63.1 |
| Tasmania | 528 201 | 100.0% | 98.0 | 42.3 | 17.7 | 62.6 | 19.7 | 59.7 |

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

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