

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 2017 and 30 June 2012. 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 42.2 years as at 30 June 2017, 4.9 years higher than the national average (Table 1).

The Tasmanian median age continued to be the highest of all jurisdictions and recorded the largest increase in the five years to 30 June 2017 (Table 1). Both New South Wales and Victoria recorded decreases in median age over that period. Nationally the median age was unchanged.

The median age in the Hobart region was 39.8 years, 2.4 years lower than the Tasmanian median age as at 30 June 2017, but 2.5 years above the Australian median age (Table 2). Only one Tasmanian LGA (Brighton at 34.3 years) had a lower median age than nationally. The Tasmanian highest median age was recorded in the Glamorgan/Spring Bay LGA with 55.9 years, closely followed by Tasman with 55.7 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 2017 was 59.2 per cent, which compares with the national dependency ratio of 52.1 per cent (Table 1). The Tasmanian dependency ratio has increased by 4.7 percentage points over the five years to 30 June 2017, which compares to 2.7 percentage points increase nationally over the period.

Table 1: Demographic statistics by jurisdiction, 30 June 2017

	Median age		Dependency
	Level (years)	5 yr change (years)	ratio (%)
NSW	37.5	-0.2	52.9
Vic	36.8	-0.4	50.8
Qld	37.1	0.5	53.0
SA	40.0	0.4	55.9
WA	36.6	0.6	50.4
Tas	42.2	1.4	59.2
NT	32.6	1.1	40.8
ACT	35.0	0.6	46.0
Aus	37.3	0.0	52.1

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

Table 2: Demographic statistics by Tasmanian region, 30 June 2017

	Median age		Dependency
	Level (years)	5 yr change (years)	ratio (%)
Hobart	39.8	0.6	56.3
South East	47.9	3.0	63.9
Launceston & NE	43.0	1.8	60.0
West & NW	44.1	2.2	62.6
Tasmania	42.2	1.4	59.2

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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, Break O'Day and Tasman LGAs (Table 3).

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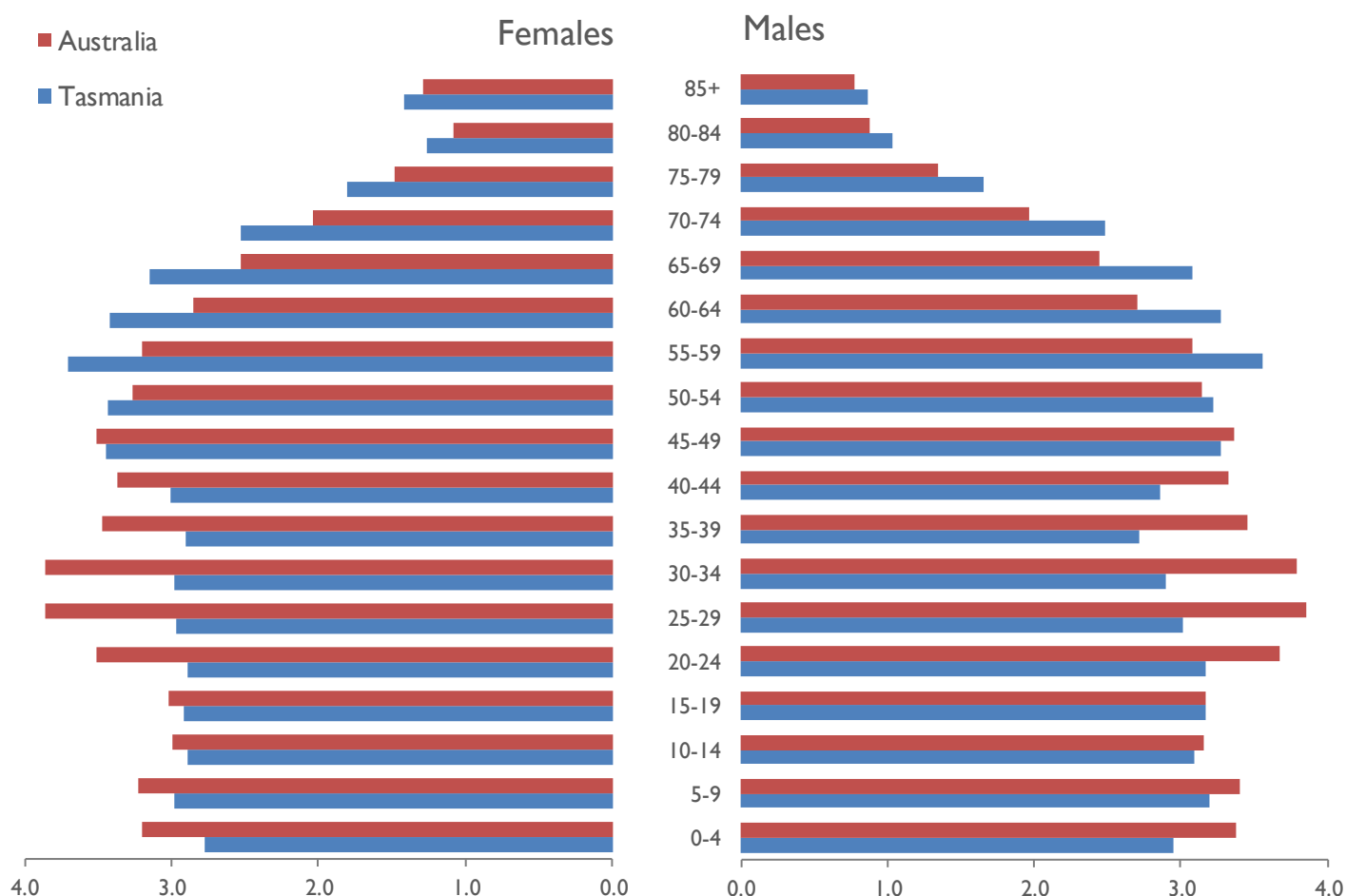
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Age and Sex Distribution

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 2017



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Table 3: Demographic statistics by Tasmanian LGA, 30 June 2017

	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	6 186	1.2%	104.2	54.8	14.4	56.2	29.4	77.9
Brighton	16 960	3.2%	100.8	34.3	24.0	63.9	12.1	56.5
Burnie	19 210	3.7%	93.4	40.0	18.5	63.6	18.0	57.4
Central Coast	21 835	4.2%	94.2	46.2	17.1	60.7	22.2	64.7
Central Highlands	2 148	0.4%	114.6	50.3	17.2	58.8	24.0	70.1
Circular Head	8 088	1.5%	104.4	40.1	20.7	63.2	16.1	58.2
Clarence	56 148	10.8%	98.8	42.2	18.3	61.8	19.8	61.7
Derwent Valley	10 170	1.9%	103.2	42.9	18.7	62.6	18.7	59.7
Devonport	25 212	4.8%	90.3	42.6	18.3	60.7	21.0	64.7
Dorset	6 704	1.3%	100.2	47.9	16.7	59.6	23.7	67.8
Flinders	957	0.2%	122.6	53.8	14.5	59.8	25.7	67.2
George Town	6 917	1.3%	100.0	46.3	18.4	59.4	22.2	68.4
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	4 499	0.9%	101.1	55.9	12.1	56.0	31.9	78.6
Glenorchy	47 214	9.0%	99.4	38.9	18.6	64.0	17.4	56.3
Hobart	52 785	10.1%	99.9	38.4	14.4	68.5	17.1	46.0
Huon Valley	16 870	3.2%	100.2	45.4	18.0	61.9	20.1	61.6
Kentish	6 296	1.2%	104.2	47.4	16.3	63.6	20.1	57.2
King Island	1 592	0.3%	101.5	47.1	15.1	61.8	23.1	61.8
Kingborough	37 133	7.1%	97.1	42.0	19.9	61.3	18.8	63.1
Latrobe	11 109	2.1%	97.0	46.7	17.1	59.3	23.7	68.8
Launceston	66 802	12.8%	94.5	38.8	17.8	64.6	17.6	54.8
Meander Valley	19 572	3.7%	94.5	45.0	17.6	61.3	21.2	63.3
Northern Midlands	13 084	2.5%	98.9	45.5	17.4	61.4	21.2	62.9
Sorell	14 771	2.8%	102.8	42.2	18.9	63.2	17.8	58.1
Southern Midlands	6 053	1.2%	108.2	44.4	18.9	63.7	17.5	57.1
Tasman	2 390	0.5%	103.8	55.7	13.5	56.7	29.8	76.4
Waratah/Wynyard	13 755	2.6%	99.0	46.0	17.8	60.1	22.1	66.4
West Coast	4 162	0.8%	109.5	43.7	18.7	64.3	17.0	55.5
West Tamar	23 530	4.5%	96.2	45.1	17.6	61.7	20.8	62.2
Tasmania	522 152	100.0%	98.0	42.2	17.9	62.8	19.3	59.2

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

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