

The next table gives the births, deaths and marriages in Australasian colonies in 1897, together with the rate per 1,000 of mean population :

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, 1897.

COLONIES.	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		MARRIAGES.	
	Number.	Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 of Mean-Population.	Number	Rate per 1,000 of Mean-Population.
Queensland.....	14,313	30	5,423	11	2,894	6
New South Wales.....	37,247	28	14,264	11	8,813	7
Victoria.....	31,310	27	16,184	13	7,568	6
South Australia.....	9,535	27	3,973	11	1,949	6
Western Australia.....	4,021	26	2,643	17	1,659	11
Tasmania.....	4,684	28	1,947	12	1,052	6
New Zealand.....	18,737	26	6,595	9	4,928	7
Total.....	119,847	27	51,029	12	28,863	7

PROPORTION OF ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS IN EVERY 100 BIRTHS, 1892-95

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
Queensland.....	5·05	4·97	4·52	4·93
New South Wales.....	5·71	6·16	6·14	6·51
Victoria.....	5·59	5·46	5·50	5·33
South Australia.....	2·93	2·84	3·05	3·13
Western Australia.....	5·89	4·17	4·66	4·47
Tasmania.....	4·75	4·41	5·09	4·97
New Zealand.....	3·32	3·70	3·80	4·50

PROPORTION OF MALE TO FEMALE BIRTHS IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES IN 1892 AND 1893.

	1892.	1893.
	No. of Boys to 100 Girls Born.	No. of Boys to 100 Girls Born.
Victoria.....	105·31	106·17
New South Wales.....	105·24	106·97
Queensland.....	108·03	104·52
South Australia.....	98·31	103·91
Western Australia.....	107·87	97·38
Tasmania.....	108·88	107·23
New Zealand.....	103·72	104·88