

The next table gives the births, deaths and marriages in Australasian colonies in 1898, together with the rate per 1,000 of mean population :

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, 1898.

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.....	13,933	28	6,243	13	2,972	6
New South Wales	36,222	27	16,661	12	8,888	7
Victoria.....	30,172	26	18,695	16	7,620	7
South Australia	8,945	25	4,675	13	2,214	6
Western Australia.....	4,968	29	2,716	16	1,674	10
Tasmania.....	4,580	26	2,359	14	1,097	6
New Zealand.....	18,955	26	7,244	10	5,091	7
Total.....	117,775	26	58,593	13	29,556	7

PROPORTION OF ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS IN EVERY 100 BIRTHS, 1892-97.

—	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Queensland.....	5·05	4·97	4·52	4·93	5·22	6·02
New South Wales	5·71	6·16	6·14	6·51	5·71	6·58
Victoria.....	5·59	5·46	5·50	5·33	5·63	5·42
South Australia	2·93	2·84	3·05	3·13	3·45	3·53
Western Australia.....	5·89	4·17	4·66	4·47	5·61	5·27
Tasmania.....	4·75	4·41	5·09	4·97	5·91	5·74
New Zealand	3·32	3·70	3·80	4·50	4·48	4·41

EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1892-98.

COUNTRIES.	EXCESS PER CENT OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS.							Mean for 7 Years.
	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	
New Zealand.....	177	169	168	170	189	184	161	174
South Australia	184	136	162	169	148	140	91	147
Queensland.....	183	153	164	188	148	164	123	160
New South Wales.....	178	151	156	160	130	161	118	151
Western Australia	99	123	96		38	52	83	82
Tasmania.....	140	152	150	164	142	141	94	140
Victoria.....	139	121	122	116	104	94	61	108