

Number of births, deaths and marriages in the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand in the year 1903.

BIRTHS, 1903.

STATE.	BIRTHS.			Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
	No.	No.	No.	
New South Wales.....	18,377	17,589	35,966	25·28
Victoria.....	15,115	14,454	29,569	24·43
Queensland.....	6,427	6,194	12,621	24·62
South Australia.....	4,484	4,024	8,508	23·24
Western Australia.....	3,433	3,266	6,699	30·27
Tasmania.....	2,570	2,510	5,080	28·61
Commonwealth.....	50,406	48,037	98,443	25·13
New Zealand.....	11,217	10,612	21,829	26·61
Australasia.....	61,623	58,649	120,272	25·38

DEATHS, 1903.

STATE.	DEATHS.			Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
	No.	No.	No.	
New South Wales.....	9,428	7,069	16,497	11·59
Victoria.....	8,626	6,969	15,595	12·90
Queensland.....	3,951	2,395	6,346	12·38
South Australia.....	2,242	1,709	3,951	10·79
Western Australia.....	1,829	959	2,788	12·60
Tasmania.....	1,136	980	2,116	11·92
Commonwealth.....	27,212	20,081	47,293	12·10
New Zealand.....	4,947	3,581	8,528	10·40
Australasia.....	32,159	23,662	55,821	11·80

EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS AND NUMBER OF MARRIAGES.

STATE.	EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS.			Marriages
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
	No.	No.	No.	
New South Wales.....	8,949	10,520	19,469	9,759
Victoria.....	6,489	7,485	13,974	7,605
Queensland.....	2,476	3,799	6,275	2,933
South Australia.....	2,242	2,315	4,557	2,272
Western Australia.....	1,604	2,307	3,911	2,064
Tasmania.....	1,434	1,530	2,964	1,344
Commonwealth.....	23,194	27,956	51,150	25,977
New Zealand.....	6,270	7,031	13,301	6,748
Australasia.....	29,464	34,987	64,451	32,725

According to the census returns of 1891 the birth rate was 28·95 per thousand and the death rate was 14·10 for Canada. The birth rate in British Columbia was 23·16 per thousand of the population, and the death