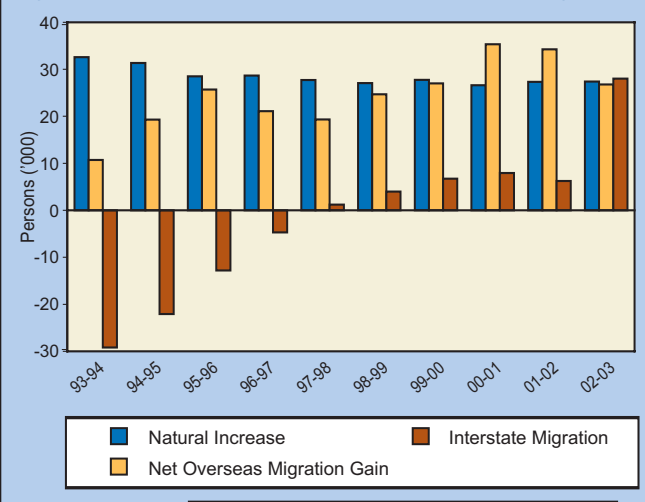


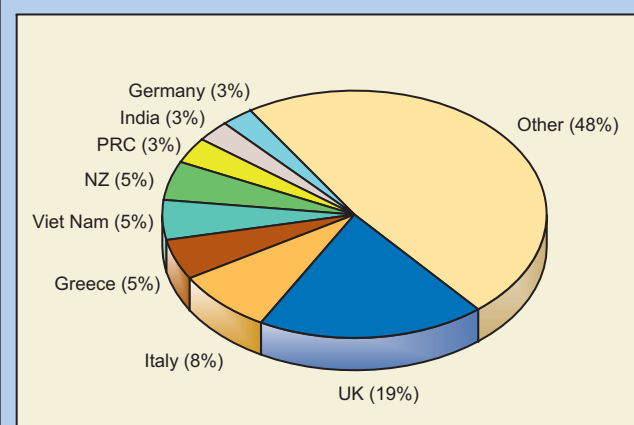
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**Fig. 8-19: Components of Population Change, VIC**



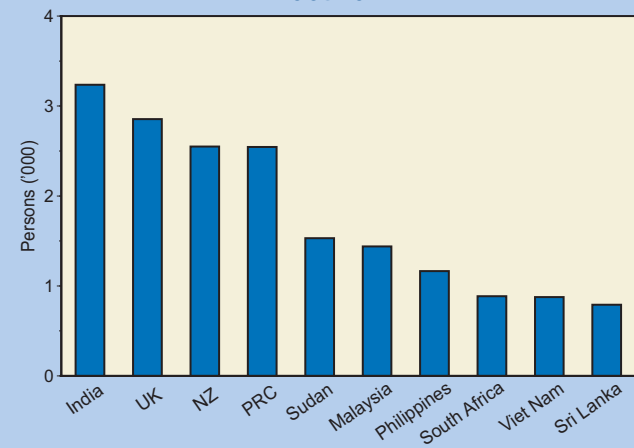
Source Data: ABS Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

**Fig. 8-20: Overseas-born Population by Major Countries of Birth, VIC 2001 Census**



Source Data: ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing

**Fig. 8-21: Top Ten Source Countries, VIC 2003-04**



Source Data: OAD Statistics, DIMIA

## Population Size and Change

As at the 2001 Census, 24.8 per cent of Australia's population and 26.5 per cent of the overseas-born lived in Victoria. At that time the overseas-born represented 23.1 per cent of Australia's total population and approximately 24.6 per cent of the population of Victoria.

In 2002-03, the population of Victoria increased by 54,197 people, giving Victoria a 1.12 per cent growth rate in those 12 months. The rate of population growth in Victoria has increased steadily over the last six years and is above the national average. Victoria gained 27,392 people through natural increase, 26,777 people through net overseas migration and 28 people through net interstate migration, a large decrease from the previous year (4,368 persons).

Most Victorian residents departing interstate went to New South Wales (32.6 per cent of departures in 2002-03) and Queensland (34.1 per cent). Interstate arrivals are largely from New South Wales (37.2 per cent), Queensland (26.5 per cent) and South Australia (12.2 per cent).

## Country of Birth of Settler Arrivals

At the 2001 Census, persons from the United Kingdom accounted for 19.2 per cent of the overseas-born population of the State. Italy, Greece, Viet Nam and New Zealand were the next largest birthplace groups.

There has been some change in the relative importance of source countries in recent years with the proportion of settlers from the United Kingdom falling by more than 50 per cent from 14.4 per cent in 1986-87 to 6.3 per cent in 1998-99. While still low, in 2001-02, the proportion of settlers from the United Kingdom had risen slightly to 6.8 per cent. In 2003-04 the proportion of settler from the United Kingdom has risen to 10.2 per cent.

The proportion of settler arrivals from Asia increased from 38.1 per cent in 1986-87 to 58.7 per cent in 1990-91. The proportion has since declined to 48.5 per cent in 2003-04.

Settler arrivals to Victoria in 2003-04 totalled 28,028. The top five countries of origin of settler arrivals to Victoria were India (3,236 persons), the United Kingdom (2,854 persons), New Zealand (2,549 persons), the PRC (2,545 persons) and the Sudan (1,530 persons). This compares with the top source countries for Australia as a whole: the United Kingdom, New Zealand, the PRC, India and South Africa.

There were more female settler arrivals (51.7 per cent) than males (48.3 per cent). The distribution of females and males across most major source countries was similar, except Thailand (81.0 per cent female), the former USSR and Baltic States (nfd) (68.0 per cent) and Viet Nam (67.7 per cent). On the other hand, there were more male than female settler arrivals from the United Kingdom (44.6 per cent female).

## Settler Arrivals in Victoria by Migration Stream

The distribution of settlers arriving in Victoria by migration stream has changed over recent years. In particular, numbers in the Skill Stream have increased significantly since 1995–96.

Of the 28,028 arrivals in Victoria in 2003–04, the Skill Stream accounted for 47.0 per cent of the total. Family Stream arrivals represented 28.5 per cent of the State's intake, Humanitarian Program arrivals were 11.4 per cent, while 12.1 per cent were New Zealand citizens.

More than half of settler arrivals to Victoria in 2003–04 were female (51.7 per cent), compared with the Australian proportion of 51.8 per cent. Females were strongly represented in the Family Stream (60.5 per cent) but were less than half of the entrants in the Skill Stream (47.7 per cent). Females made up 48.3 per cent of Humanitarian settlers to Victoria.

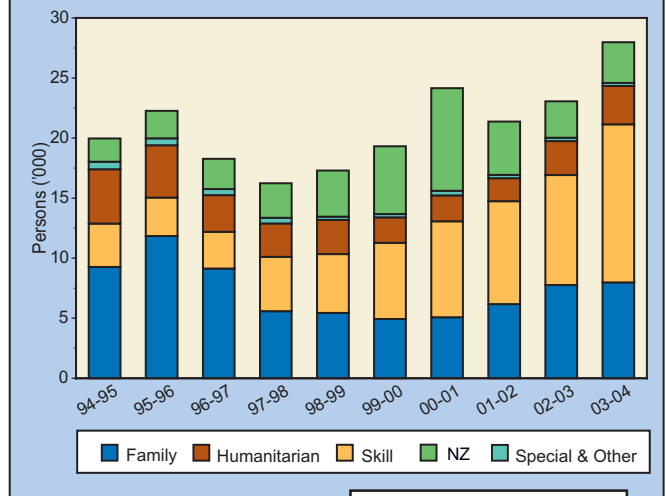
## Family Stream Settler Arrivals

In 2003–04, Victoria received 7,981 Family settler arrivals.

High proportions of Family settlers arriving in Victoria were born in the PRC (12.5 per cent), Viet Nam (9.8 per cent), the United Kingdom (9.4 per cent), India (7.1 per cent) and the Philippines (5.6 per cent).

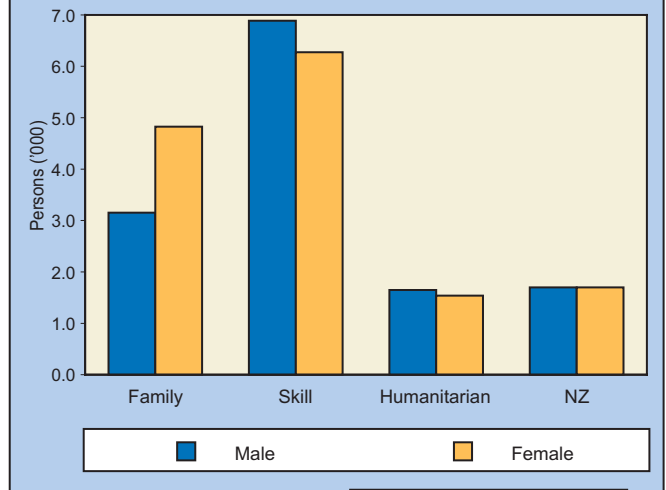
Nearly two-thirds of Family settlers who arrived in Victoria in 2003–04 entered under Spouse (828 persons) or Spouse Provisional (4,059 persons) visas. Fiances were the next largest category (1,456 persons) followed by Parents (641 persons) and Dependent Children (341 persons).

Fig. 8-22: Settler Arrivals by Stream, VIC



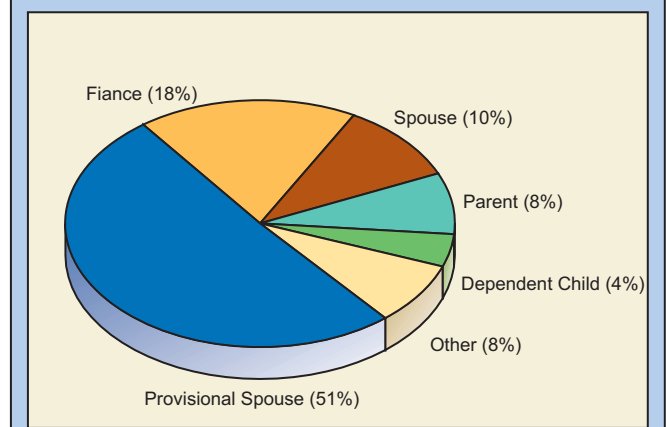
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Fig. 8-23: Settler Arrivals by Stream and Sex, VIC, 2003–04



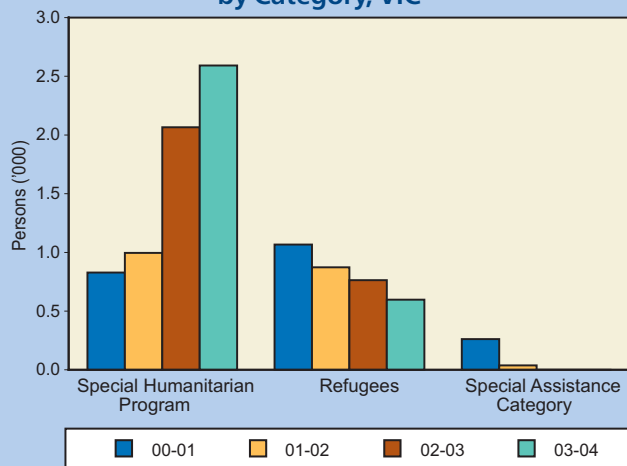
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Fig. 8-24: Family Stream Settler Arrivals by Category, VIC 2003–04



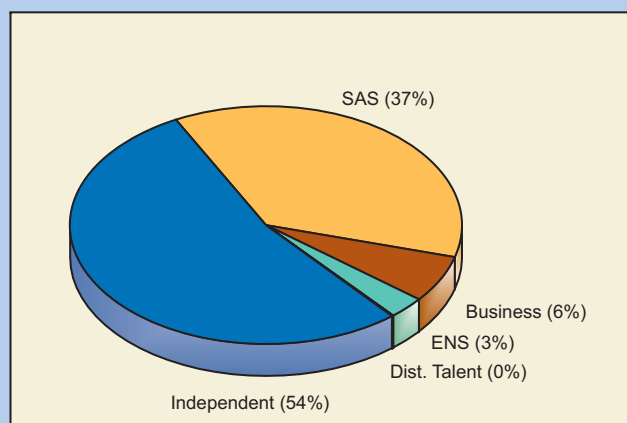
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**Fig. 8-25: Humanitarian Settler Arrivals by Category, VIC**



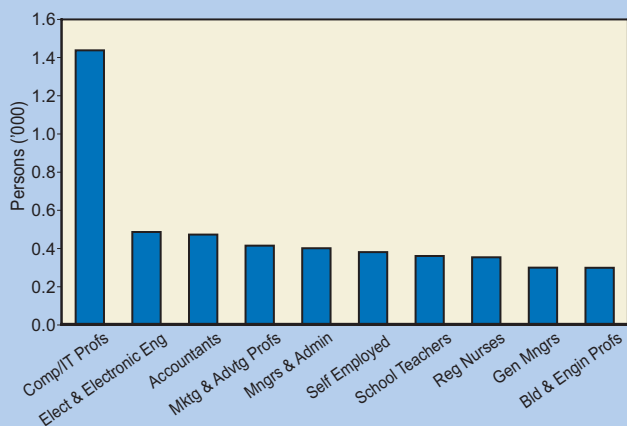
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**Fig. 8-26: Skill Stream Arrivals by Category, VIC 2003-04**



Source Data: OAD Statistics, DIMIA

**Fig. 8-27: Top Ten Occupations of Arrivals, VIC 2003-04**



Source Data: OAD Statistics, DIMIA

### Humanitarian Settler Arrivals

In 2003-04, Victoria received 3,189 Humanitarian Program settler arrivals. Of these, Humanitarian Program arrivals, 2,592 people (81.3 per cent) under the Special Humanitarian Program and 597 people (18.7) per cent as Refugees.

Of those settling in Victoria under the Humanitarian Program, 47.3 per cent were born in the Sudan, 13.6 per cent in Iraq, 9.2 per cent in Afghanistan, 6.4 per cent in Ethiopia and 4.2 per cent in Egypt.

### Skill Stream Settler Arrivals

Victoria received 13,162 Skill Stream settler arrivals in 2003-04. Independent settler arrivals accounted for 7,042 people, Skilled-Australian Sponsored for 4,863 people and Business entrants accounted for 844 people. There were also 396 Employer Nomination settlers and 17 Distinguished Talents settler arrivals.

Over half of Skill Stream settler arrivals to Victoria were born in five countries: India (19.8 per cent), the United Kingdom (14.5 per cent), the PRC (11.4 per cent), Malaysia (10.2 per cent) and South Africa (5.4 per cent).

### Occupation of Settler Arrivals

In 2003-04, the top five occupations represented among settler arrivals for Victoria were computer professionals (1,438 persons), electrical and electronics engineers (487 persons), accountants (473 persons), marketing and advertising professionals (415 persons) and managers and administrators (402 persons).

By comparison, the top five occupations represented among settler arrivals for Australia as a whole in 2003-04 were computer professionals (5,105 persons), accountants (1,867 persons), managers and administrators (1,840 persons), electrical and electronics engineers (1,679) and registered nurses (1,582).

## Labour Market Profile

Of total settler arrivals to Victoria in 2003–04, 41.6 per cent were not in the labour force prior to migration, but were retired, dependent children or had performed home duties.

Most persons who were in the labour force prior to migration were skilled (77.8 per cent). A further 11.4 per cent were semi-skilled, 4.5 per cent unskilled and 6.3 per cent were not in employment.

Persons born overseas make up 25.0 per cent of the Victorian labour force, which is just above the Australian proportion of 24.9 per cent.

## Unemployment Rates

In August 2004, migrants from main English speaking countries (MESC) accounted for 7.8 per cent of the State's employed persons and 4.1 per cent of the unemployed. Migrants from non-English speaking countries (NESC) accounted for 17.0 per cent of the State's employed persons and 23.9 per cent of the unemployed.

Victoria had an unemployment rate of 6.0 per cent, compared with the Australian rate of 5.4 per cent. In Victoria, Australia-born persons had an unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent, NESC migrants 8.2 per cent and MESC migrants 3.2 per cent.

## Overseas Visitor Arrivals

In 2003–04, Victoria attracted 552,926 visitors or 15.7 per cent of visitors who nominated a main State of stay. The number of overseas visitors to Victoria in 2003–04 was 7.4 per cent higher than in 2002-03. This makes Victoria the third most preferred destination of overseas visitors after New South Wales and Queensland.

Fig. 8-28: Unemployment Rates by Sex and Birthplace Group, VIC August 2004

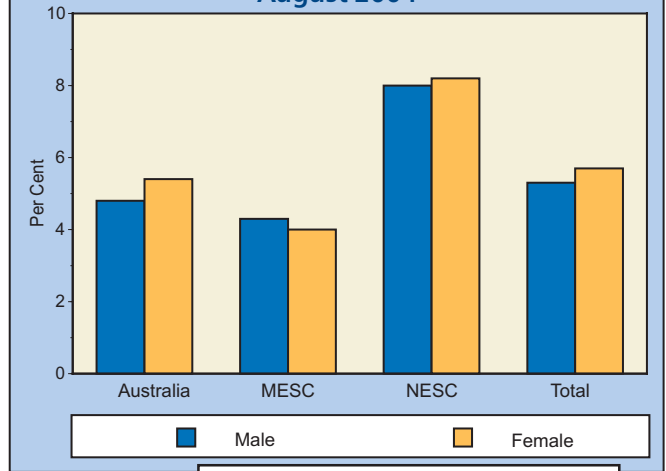


Fig. 8-29: Overseas Visitor Arrivals, VIC

