Towns in Time 2016

Land Use and Population

Research

In 1981, the Department of Environment and Planning commenced the Towns in Time program. This program aimed to collect consistent data on the population of each town in Victoria from 1981 to 2006.

Data coverage

Two data sets were used to populate the database:

- 1981-2006: 5-yearly Mitchell Standardised postcensal estimates
- 2011-2016: Census data

Data quality

Land use and population data for individual towns is not available and the use of Mitchell Standardised postcensal estimates means that there may be some inconsistency between the 1981-2006 and 2011-2016 data sets.

The following data quality issues are known:

- Underestimation of population for rural areas
- Overestimation of population for urban areas

The Mitchell Standardised postcensal estimates were generated using the Mitchell Methodology, which is based on a series of assumptions and approximations. It is not possible to verify the accuracy of these estimates, and therefore it is important to consider the limitations of the data when interpreting the results.

The data is presented in the form of tables and graphs, which provide a summary of the population trends for each town over the past several decades. The data includes information on the size, age, and gender of the population, as well as the number of dwellings and households.

The map shows the changes in boundary of Wallan between 2006 and 2016. The map also includes the 2011 and 2016 Town boundaries.