

ATHLETICS AND TRACK AND FIELD

PROFILE

There are just over 26,300 adults participating in athletics in Australia, a participation rate of 0.2%.

On average, athletics and track and field participants:

- Are an unmarried female
- Are aged between 18-24 years
- Will reside in the capital city region of Victoria
- Will have been born in Australia

Whilst most athletic participants will be involved in this sport only, those who do participate in other sports and physical activities will be involved in aerobics and fitness and swimming.

AGE AND GENDER

Unlike the majority of sports and physical activities, more females participate in track and field than males. Women comprise only 45% of people involved in all sports, but account for 60.1% (15,800 people) of participants in athletics and track and field.

Athletics and track and field tends to be dominated by younger people, more so than all other sports and physical activities. Indeed, 69.6% of people involved in this activity are younger than 35 years old. This compares to an average of 48.3% of participants in all other sports and physical activities falling into this age group.

As with the majority of other sports and physical activities, participation rates decline progressively with age. Participation drops off markedly from the 18-24 year age group where the participation rate is 1.7%, while for the older age groups participation declines to between 0.1% and 0.2%.

RESIDENCE

Almost 40% of all participants in athletics and track and field hail from Victoria. Victoria and Tasmania, both with participation rates of 0.3%, are the only states with participation rates higher than Australian average of 0.2%. New South Wales, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory have participation rates of 0.2%, which is equal to that of the Australian average.

For all organised sports and physical activities, people living in non-capital city regions have a higher participation rate than those people living in capital cities – 31.0% compared to 26.2%. However, athletics and track and field is equally as popular in the capital cities as it is in non-capital city areas, with both regions having participation rates of 0.2%.

BIRTHPLACE

Proportionally more Australian born people participate in athletics and track and field than people born overseas. Australian born people account for 85% of all adults who take part in this activity, although they comprise 72.6% of all Australian adults. In comparison, 8.9% of these participants were born in the United Kingdom, Ireland or New Zealand, countries from which 10.1% of the entire Australian adult population was born.

People born in “other countries” have only a 6% representation in athletics and track and field, compared with 8.4% of participants in all sports and physical activities and 17.3% of all Australian adults.

MARITAL STATUS

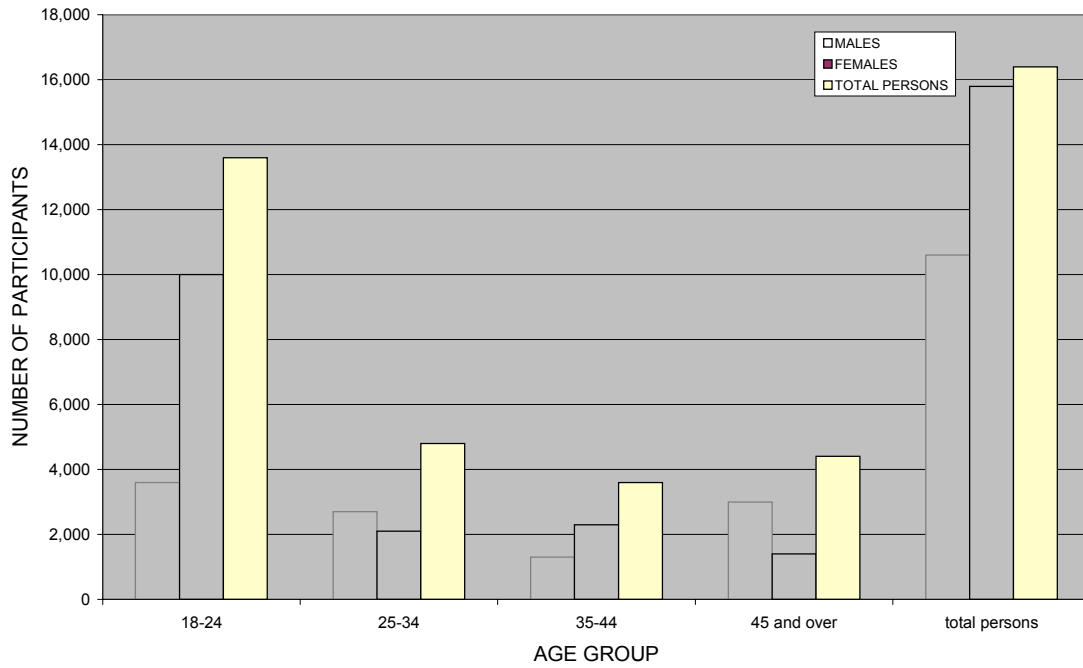
Athletics and track and field is most popular among people who have never been married, with 61.1% of all participants having never been married. The rate of persons aged 18 years or over in the Australian population who have never been married is 22.1% and the percentage of all sports participants who have never been married is 29.5%. The number of people in athletics and track and field who are married is 35.2%. This figure is less than the number of people aged 18 years or over in the Australian population, and the percentage of all people who participate in organised sport, at 64.5% and 61.1% respectively. Only 1.2% were separated, divorced or widowed.

OTHER ORGANISED SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

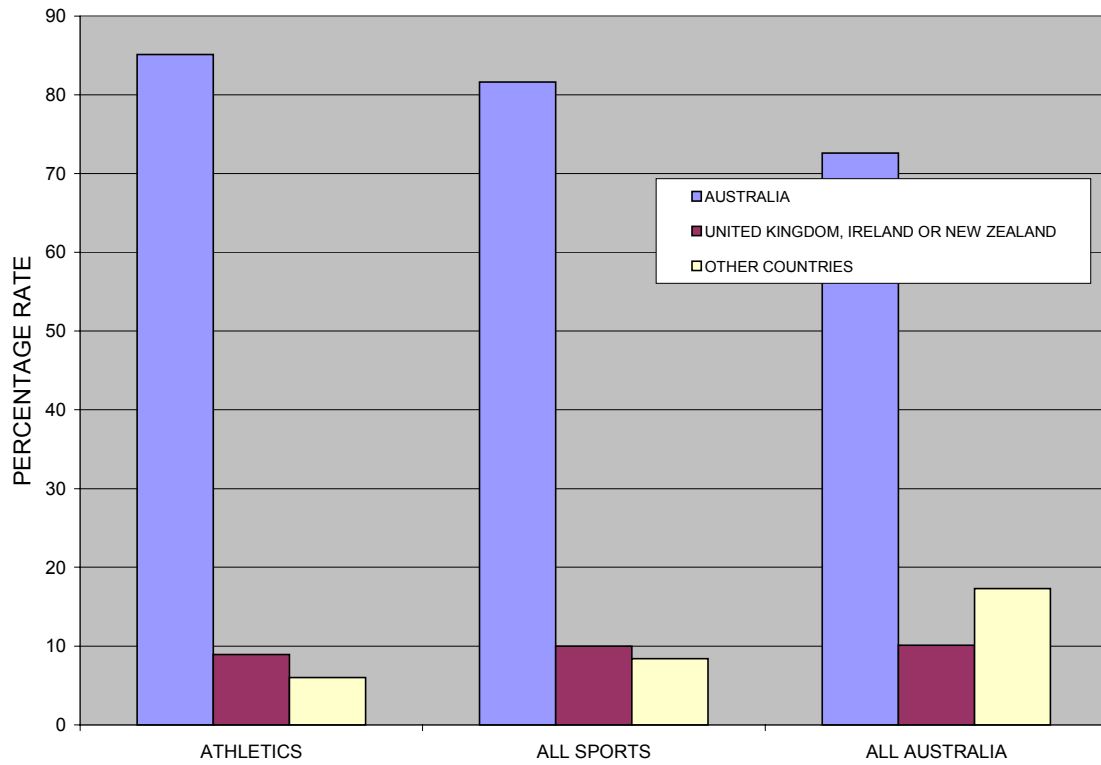
Athletics and track and field was the only organised sport or physical activity undertaken by 42% (11,100) of athletics participants. Approximately 25% of athletics athletes participate in three or more other organised sports.

The most popular other sports undertaken by athletics and track and field participants are aerobics and fitness and swimming, with 6,600 and 4,700 people taking part in these sports respectively.

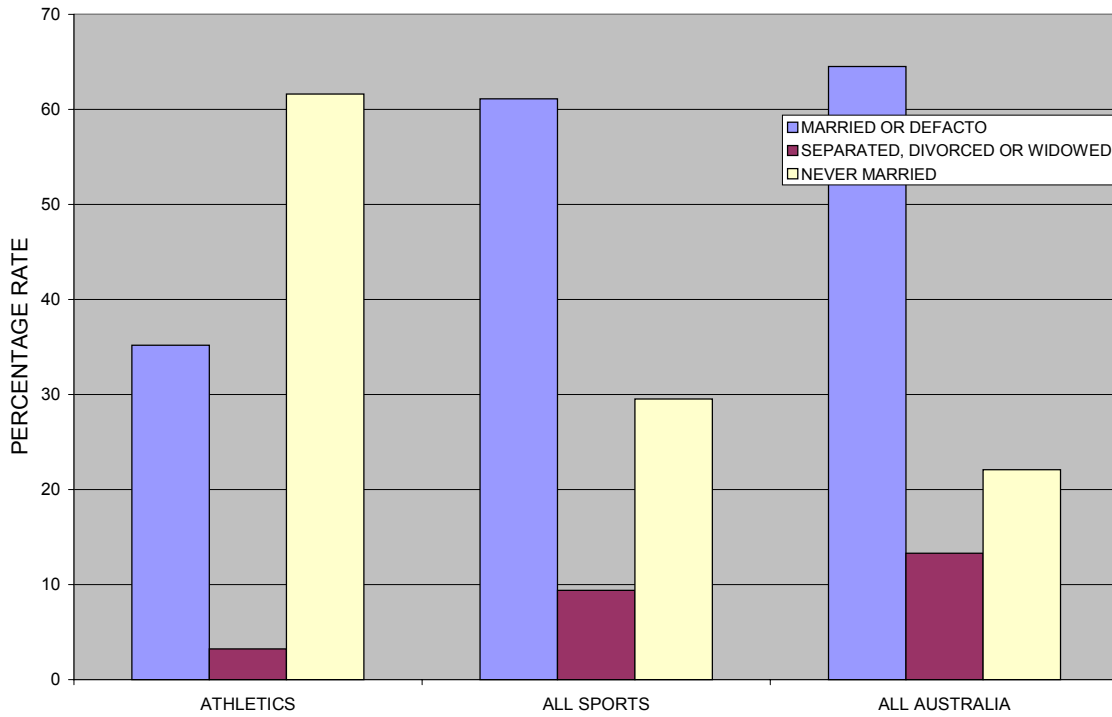
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE AND GENDER



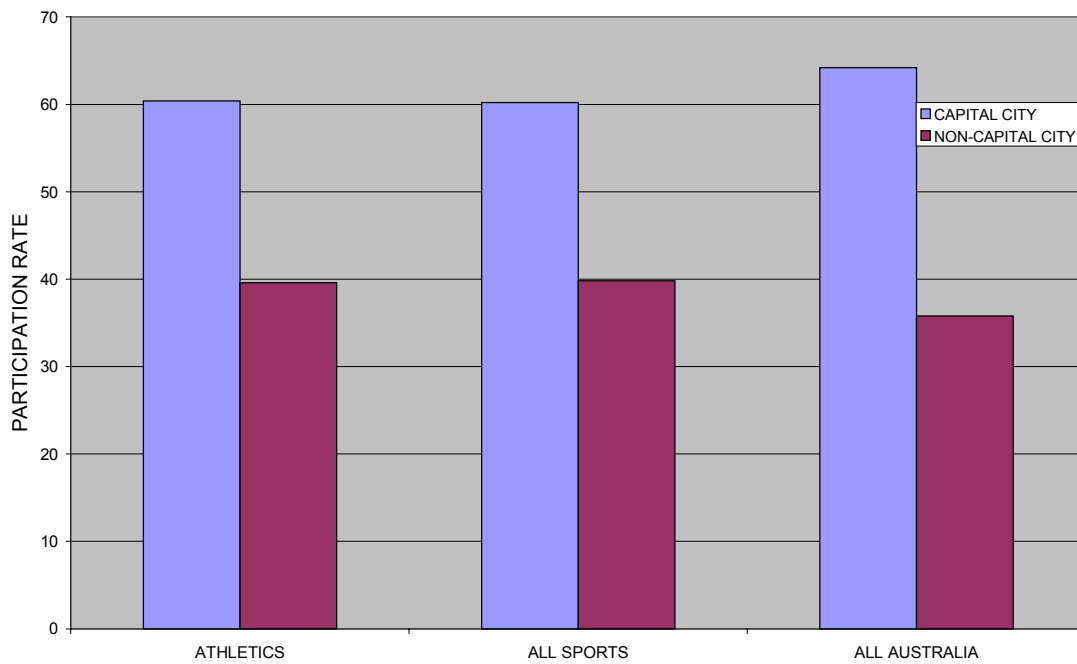
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH



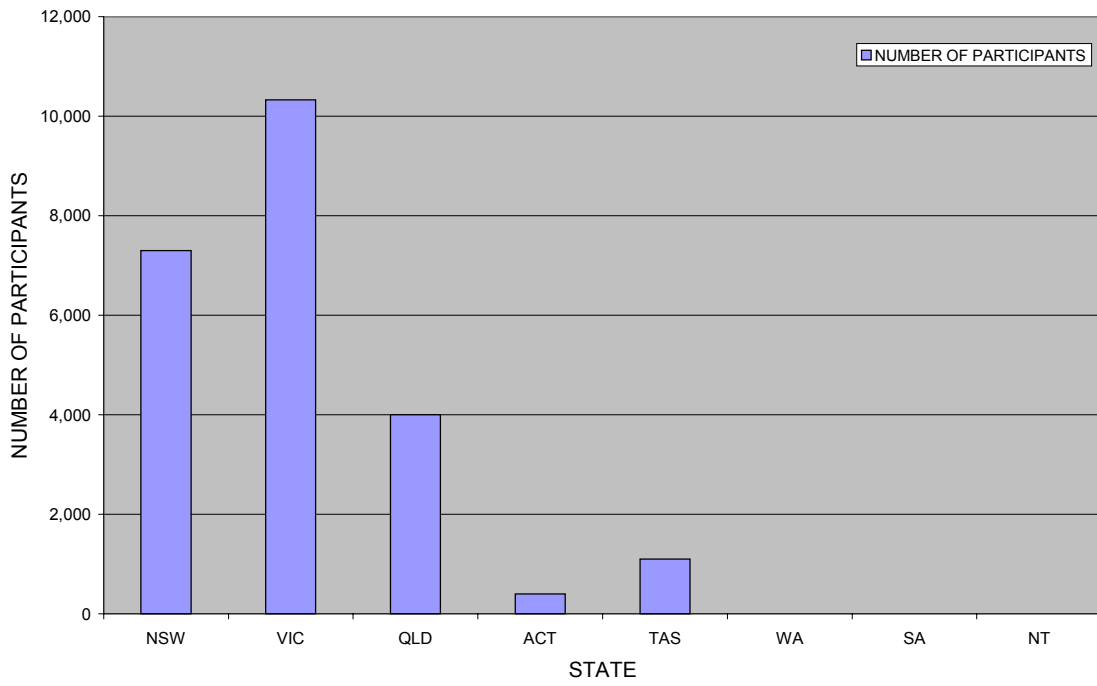
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY MARITAL STATUS



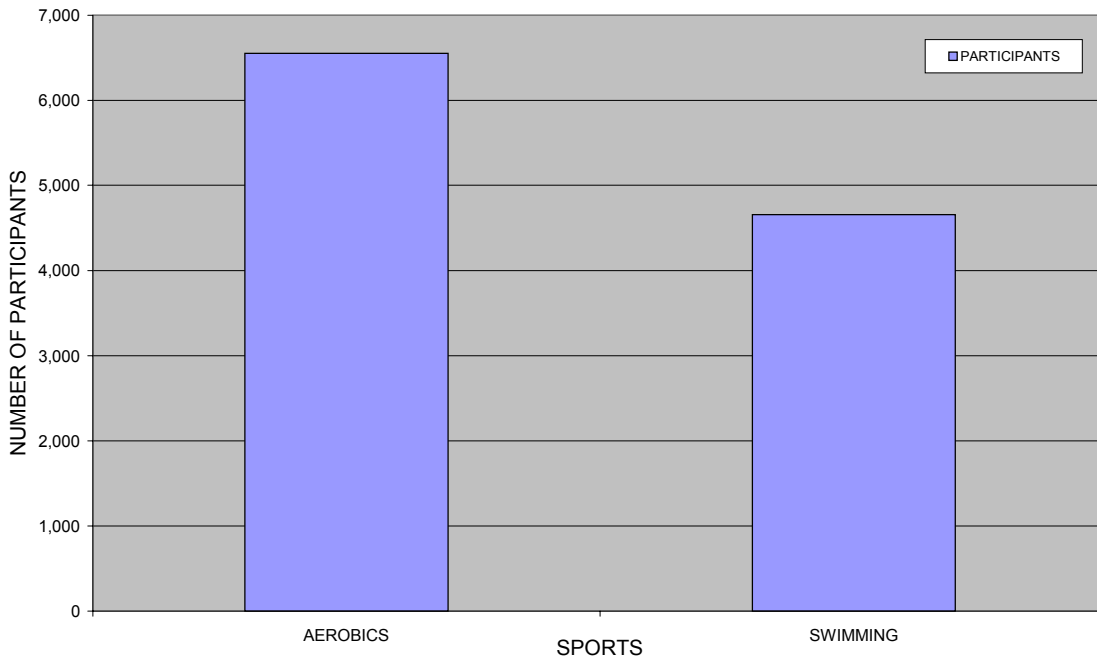
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY CAPITAL CITY VS NON-CAPITAL CITY



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY STATE



OTHER SPORTS PLAYED BY ATHLETICS PARTICIPANTS



NUMBER OF SPORTS PLAYED BY ATHLETICS PARTICIPANTS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS

