

BASKETBALL

PROFILE

There are 161,200 Australian adults participating in basketball. This is a participation rate of 1.2%.

On average, basketball participants:

- Are male aged between 18-24 years
- Are likely to be unmarried
- Reside in Victoria or South Australia
- Will be Australian born
- Have a degree or diploma
- Is employed full time and work in the retail trade or property and business services.

Their sporting interest will be broad, and probably involve a physically active sport involving hand-eye co-ordination.

AGE AND GENDER

There are 161,200 people who play basketball, the majority of whom are males; they account for 58.5% (94,300) of all basketballers. Male participation is higher than female participation in all age groups 1.5% for males compared to 1% for females.

Participants in basketball show a younger age profile than that of participants in all sports and activities- 74.6% of people involved in this activity are less than 35 years of age. While 48.2% of all sports participants fall into this group.

As with the majority of sports and activities, participation rates decline progressively with age, especially from the 18-24 year age group, which shows a rate of 4%, then declines to 1.8% for those participants in the 25-34 year age group.

RESIDENCE

There are more basketball players in Victoria than in any other State or Territory. There are 54,000 basketball players in Victoria with a participation rate of 1.6%. The highest participation rate occurs in South Australia where 22,000 people participate in basketball at a rate of 2%. Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory both have participation rates of 1.7%, though the number of participants varies from 21,600 to 3,200 respectively. Only New South Wales and Queensland, both with participation rates of 0.8% have lower participation rates than the average Australian rate of 1.2%.

For all organised sports and physical activities, people residing in non-capital city regions have a participation rate in sport of 31%, while people living in capital city areas have a participation rate of 26.2%. Basketballers living in non-capital cities

have a slightly higher participation rate than those living in capital cities, 1.4% compared to 1.1%.

BIRTHPLACE

Australian-born people, who make up 72.6% of the population, account for 86.7% (139,800) of basketball participants. The participation rate of this group is more than double that of persons born overseas. The rate of Australian born people who play basketball is 1.5%, compared to 0.6% of those people who are born overseas.

MARITAL STATUS

The proportion of married people participating in basketball is 48.8%, which is less than the proportion of married people participating in organised sport and physical activity and the percentage of Australians who are married, these figures stand at 61.1% and 64.5% respectively.

The situation is reversed for persons who have never been married, with 47.1% of basketballers have never been married. For organised sport and physical activity participants and all Australian adults, the proportions of these people are 29.5% and 22.1% respectively.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS

There is considerable variation in labour force status between basketball players and participants in all organised sport and physical activities. Basketballers have both higher employment and unemployment, but with fewer not in the labour force.

For basketball, 61% of players work full time, 16.2% work part time, 9.7% are unemployed and 13.1% are not in the labour force. In comparison, for participants in all organised sport and physical activities, the proportions are 53.3% for full time workers, 19.8% for part time workers, 4.1% for the unemployed and 22.8% for those not in the labour force. For all Australian, 33.8% of people are not in the work force.

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

The highest educational qualification attained by more basketballers than any other qualification was a secondary school certificate, held by 45.4% of people involved. This percentage was similar than the proportion of all organised sports and physical activity participants with a secondary school certificate and slightly less than that of all persons with this qualification, 45.2% and 51.6% respectively. Basketball players are well represented in higher educational achievements, with 16.3% having bachelor degrees, and 19.2% with diplomas.

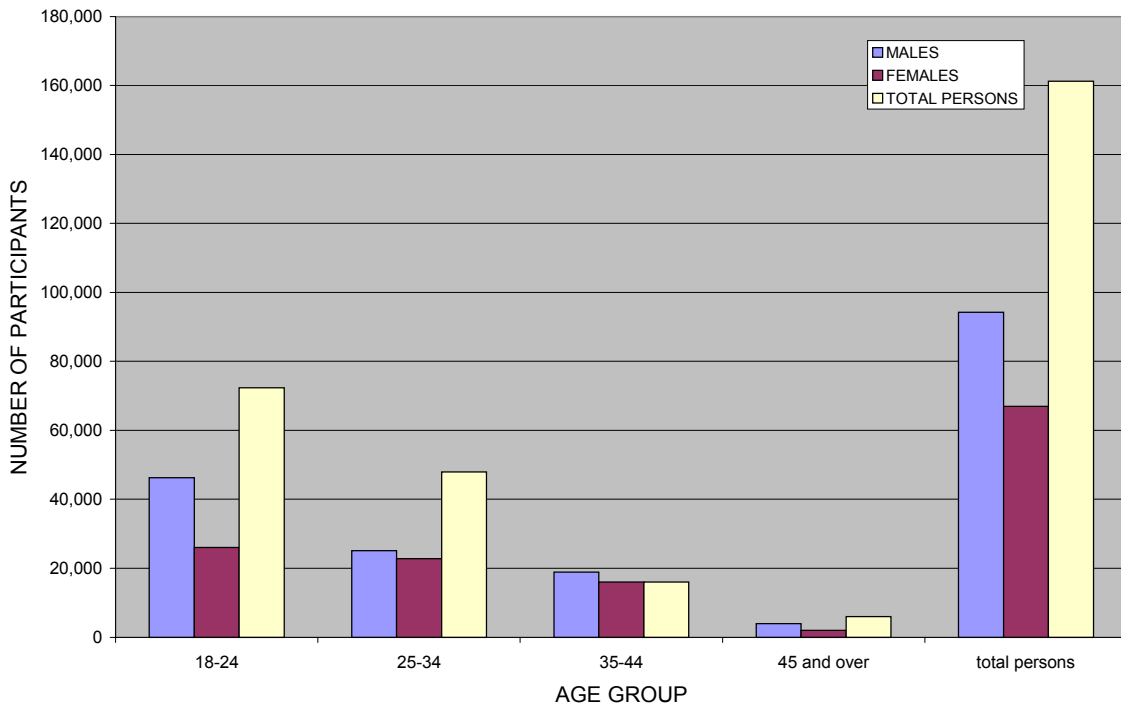
The proportion of basketballers with a trade certificate was 7.4% and much lower than the percentage of participants in all sports and physical activities with this qualification at 13.1%.

OTHER ORGANISED SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

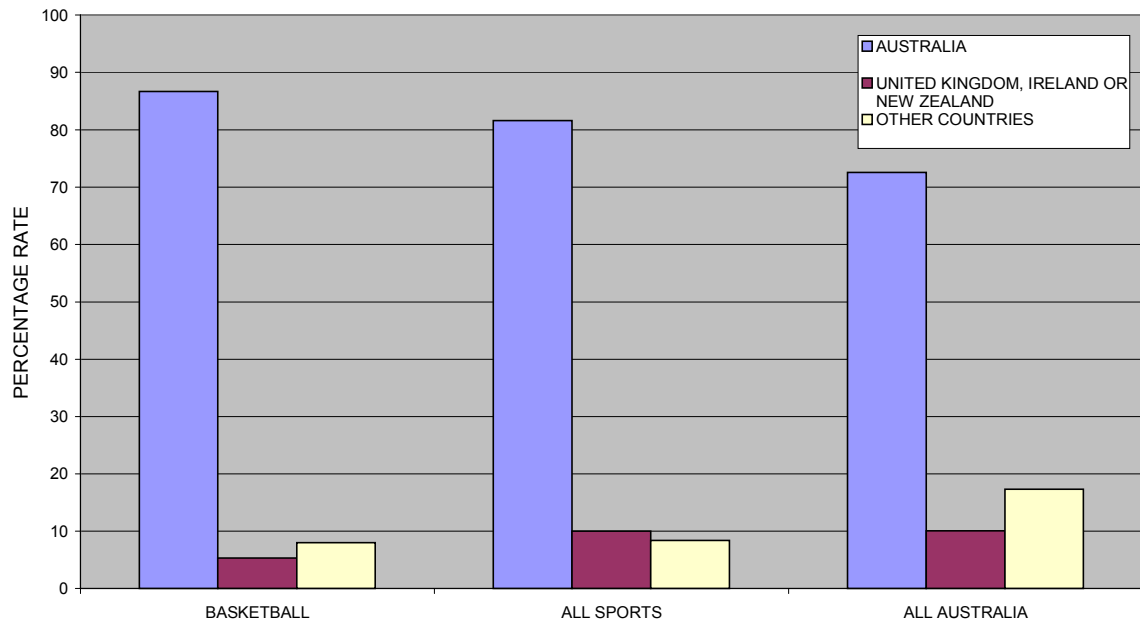
Basketball is the only sport or physical activity undertaken 44.8% (72,300 people) of all basketball players. Over 33% of basketballers participate in one additional sport or physical activity, 15.1% take part in two more sports and 6.7% play in three or more sports or physical activities.

Basketballers take part in a wide variety of other sports and physical activities, of which netball with 27,200 participants is by far the most popular. Also popular with basketballers are aerobics (12,900 participants), Australian Rules Football (11,000), tennis (10,100), volleyball (8,300) and outdoor cricket (8,300).

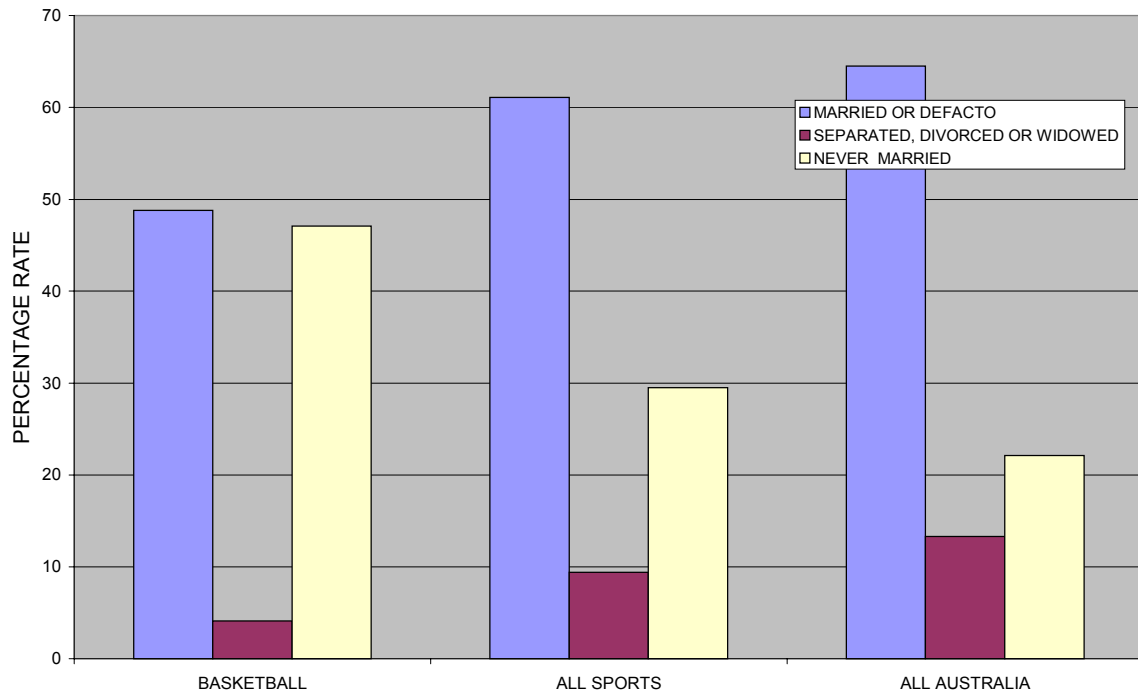
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE AND GENDER



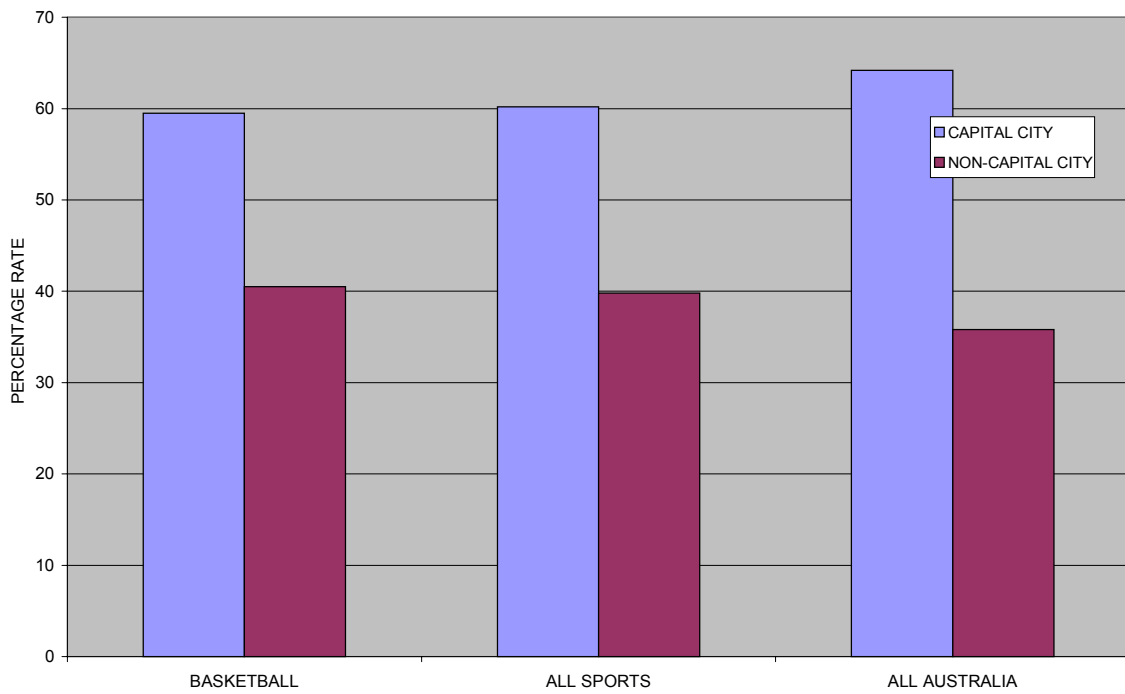
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH



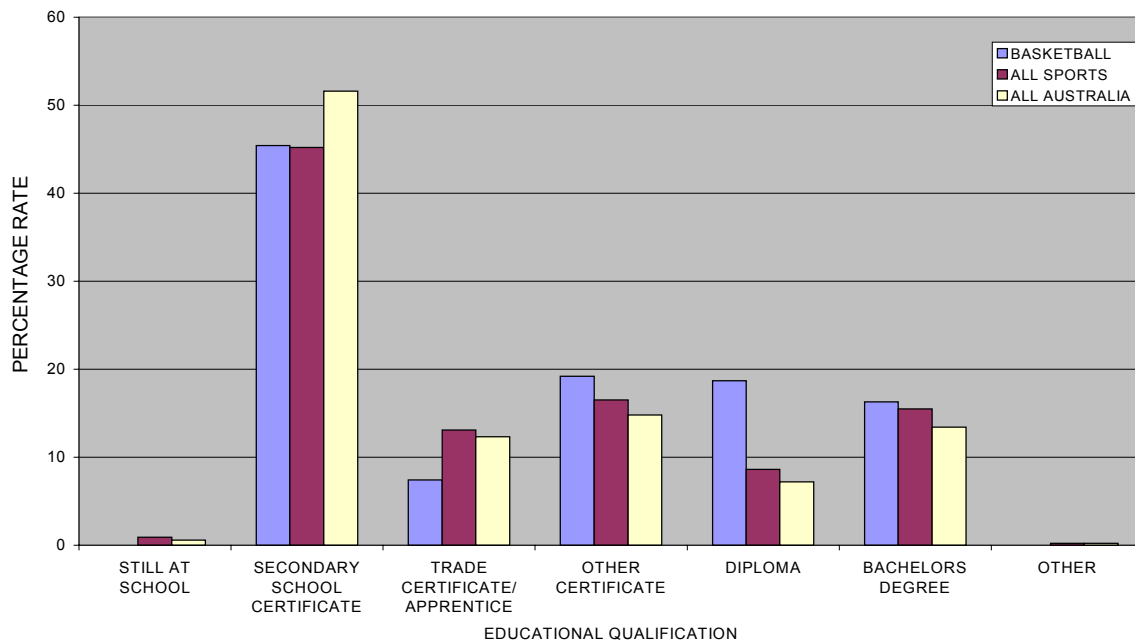
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY MARITAL STATUS



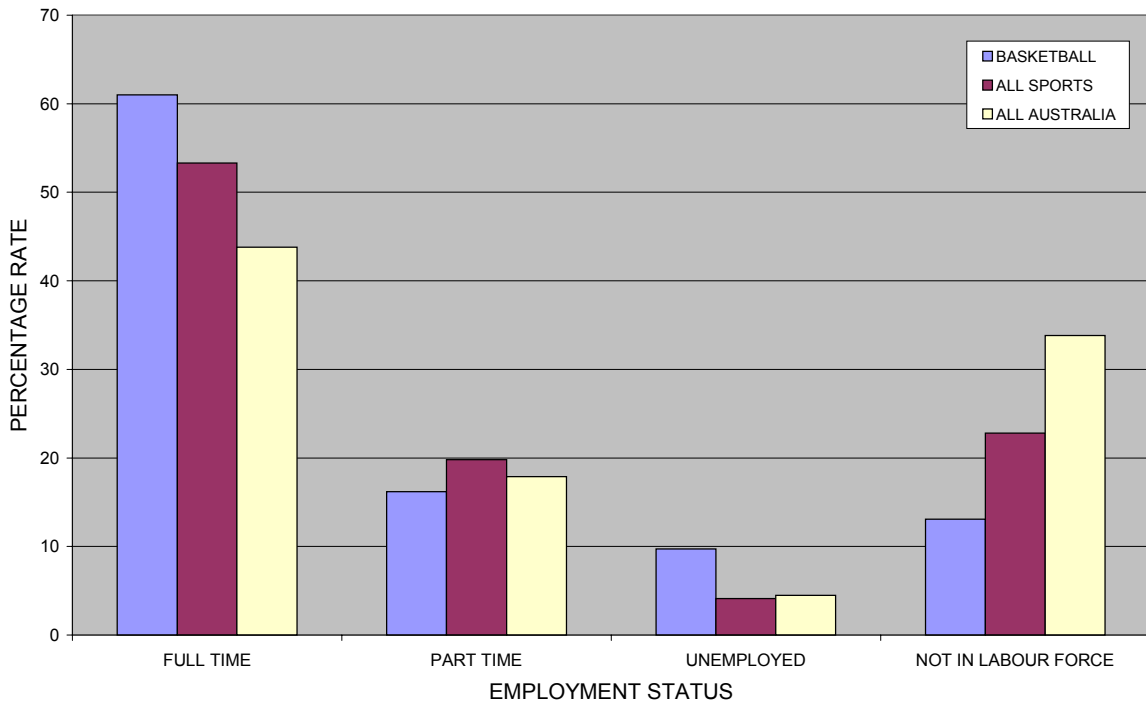
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY CAPITAL CITY VS NON-CAPITAL CITY



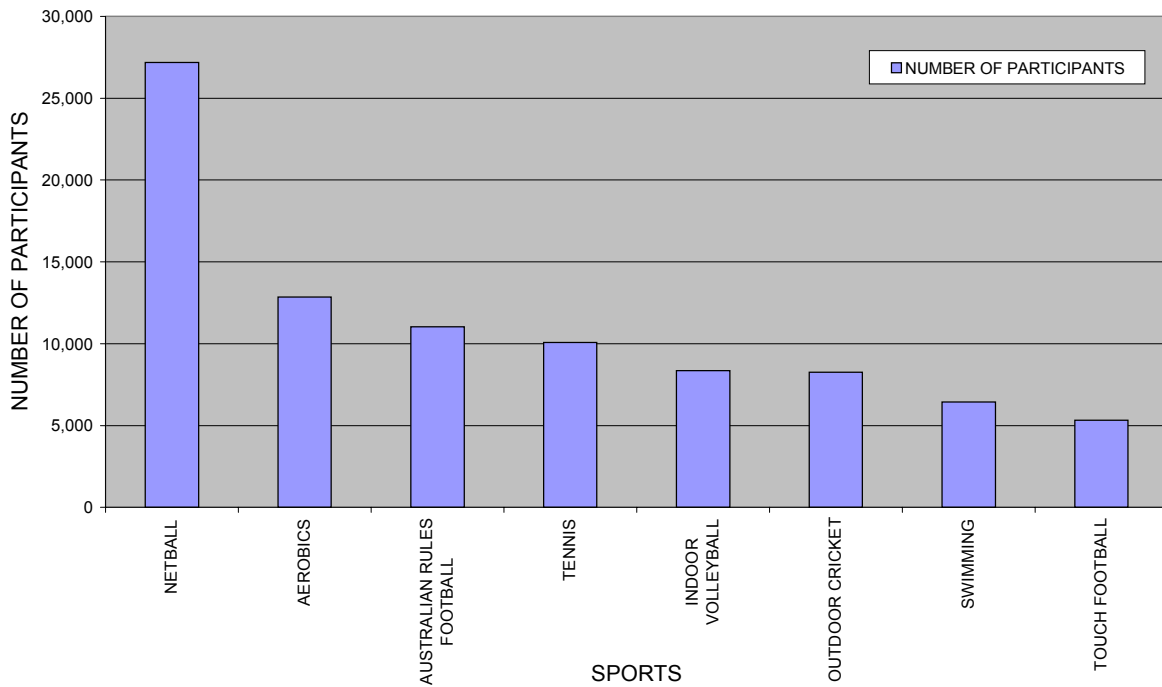
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION



RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS



OTHER SPORTS PLAYED BY BASKETBALL PARTICIPANTS



NUMBER OF SPORTS PLAYED BY BASKETBALL PARTICIPANTS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS

