

CYCLING

Cycling includes BMX and mountain biking.

PROFILE

There are 61,600 adults participating in cycling in Australia, a participation rate of 0.5%.

On average, cycling participants:

- Will be married males
- Will be of no particular age
- Are likely to reside in New South Wales or Victoria.

The majority of participants in cycling will only participate in this sport. Among the other sports undertaken by cyclists are swimming, aerobics and fitness, canoeing and kayaking and martial arts.

AGE AND GENDER

There are 61,600 adults who take part in organised cycling, and as with the majority of sports most participants are male. Indeed, men comprise 71.6% (44,000) of participants while women make up only 28.4% (17,500).

Unlike many sports and physical activities, which show a clear decline in participation for older age groups, the participation rate in cycling remains steady up to the 35-44 year age group. The participation rate for 18-24 year olds is 0.6%, that for 25-34 year olds is 0.5% and for 35-44 year olds the rate is 0.7%. While the rate drops for persons aged 45 years or older, people in this age group still comprise more than 25.5% of participants in this sport. Overall, about five in every thousand Australians participate in cycling

For males, there is little difference between the number of cyclists in each age group. For females however, more participants are in the 35-44 year age group than any other.

RESIDENCE

The Australian Capital Territory has the greatest participation rate in all Australia, with 1.1% of the population participating in cycling. Victoria and the Northern Territory both have participation rates of 0.6% which is the second highest in Australia. Queensland has the lowest participation rate, with only 0.2% of the population participating in cycling.

Cycling is equally popular in capital-city and non-capital city regions. For all organised sport and physical activity, participation rates are higher in non-capital city regions, with 31% of the population participating in organised sport, compared to 26.2% of capital city people. For cycling however there is no

difference in the participation rates between the regions, both have participation rates of 0.5%.

BIRTHPLACE

The participation rate for Australian adults born in Australia is the same as the rate for Australian adults born in the United Kingdom, Ireland or New Zealand, at 0.5%. Only 0.2% of adults born in “other countries” take part in organised cycling.

The proportion of Australian-born people who take part in cycling is slightly higher than the percentage of Australian-born people in the population – 79.8% compared to 72.6%. There is little difference in these proportions for persons born in the United Kingdom, Ireland and New Zealand - 11.1% of cyclists come from these countries, which are the birthplace of 10.1% of the Australian population. People born in other countries comprise 9% of participants in this sport, and 17.3% of all Australian adults.

MARITAL STATUS

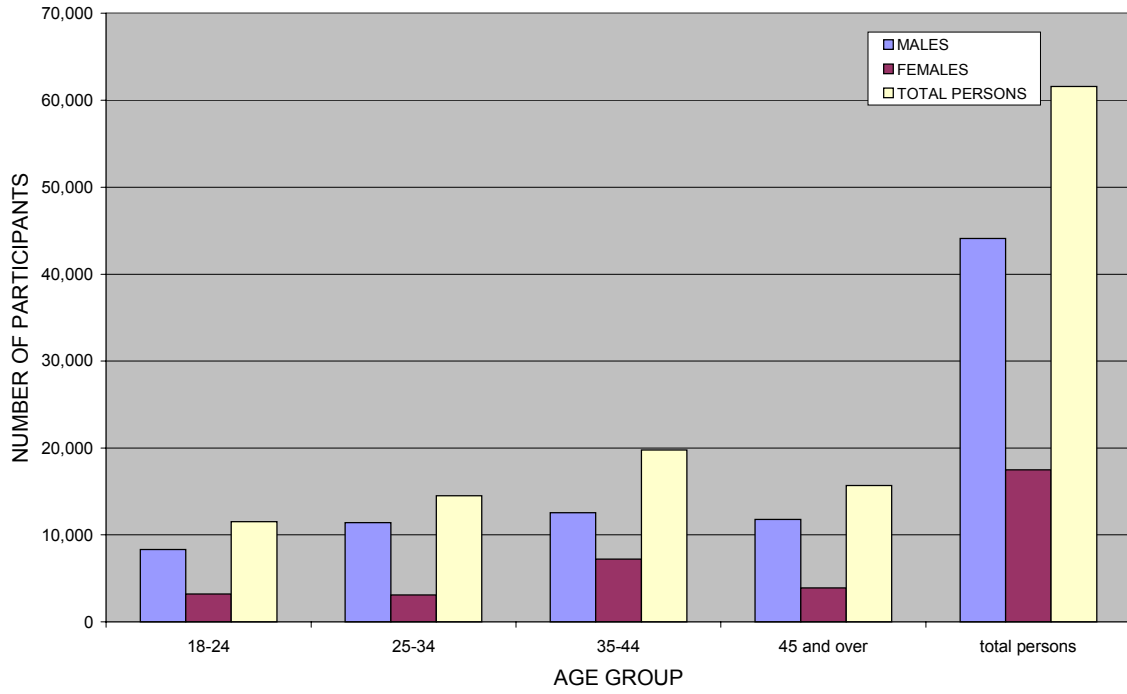
The proportion of married people participating in cycling - 58.6% (36,100 people) – was slightly less than the proportion of married people participating in all organised sport and physical activity (61.1%) and the percentage of Australians who are married (64.5%). The situation was reversed for persons who have never been married. Indeed, 33.2% of cyclists have never been married while, for organised sport and physical activity participants and all Australians aged 18 years or more, the proportions in these categories were 29.5% and 22.1% respectively.

OTHER ORGANISED SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

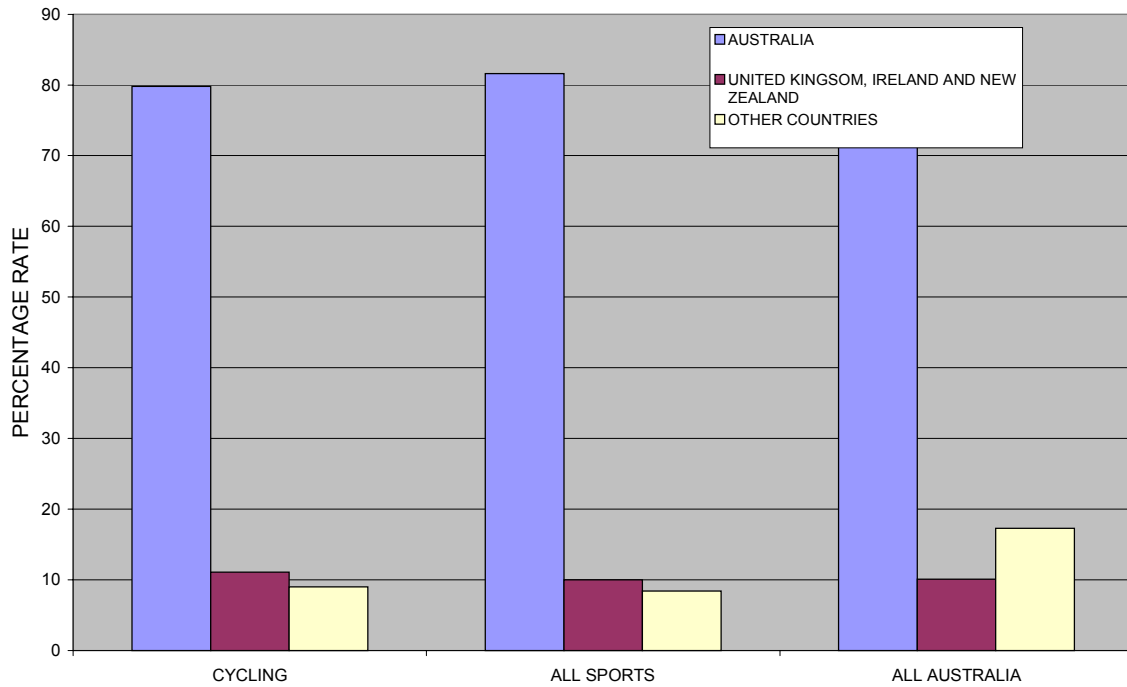
Cycling is the only organised sport and physical activity undertaken by 41% (25,200 people), of all participants in this sport. Over 29% of participants take part in one other organised sport or physical activity, with 14.1% (8,700) taking part in two others and 15.4% (9,500) playing in three or more organised sports or physical activities.

Other organised sports or physical activities undertaken by cycling participants include swimming (11,300 participants), aerobics and fitness (8,900), canoeing and kayaking (4,600), ice and snow sports and martial arts (both with 3,300 participants).

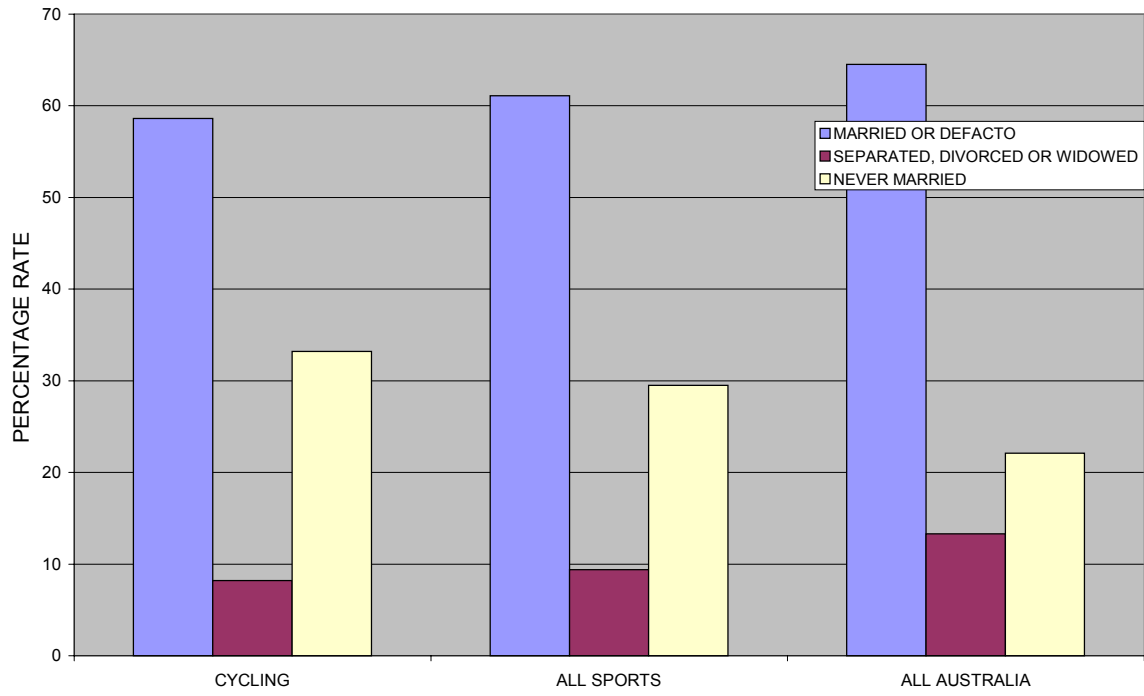
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE AND GENDER



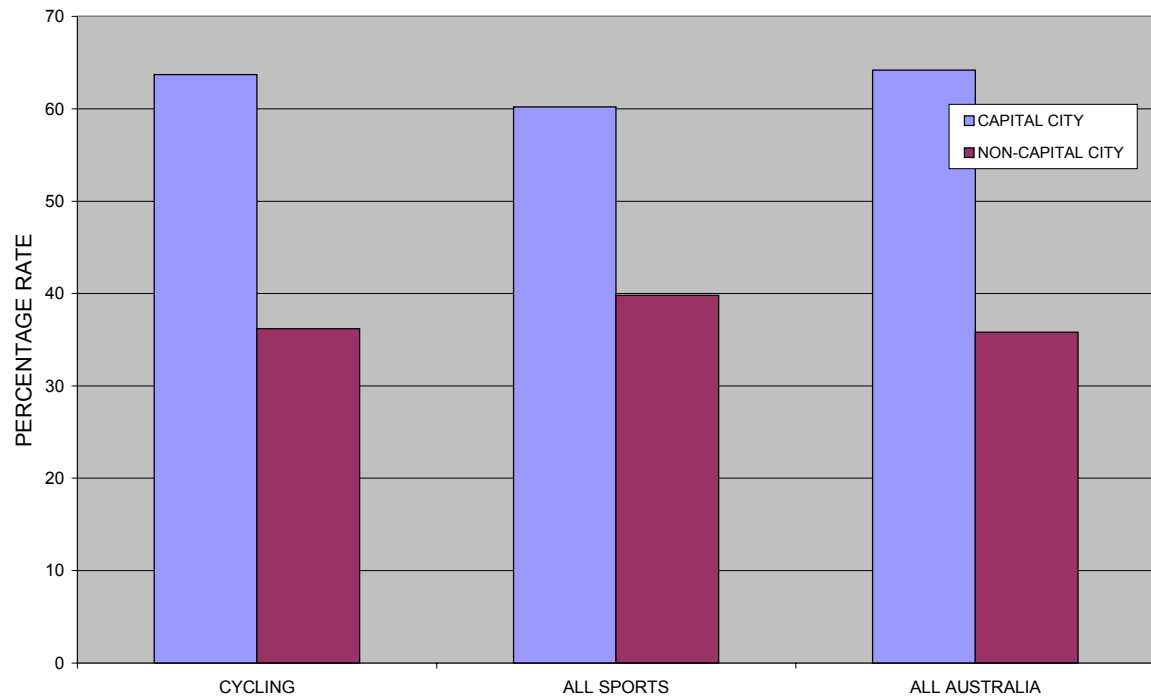
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH



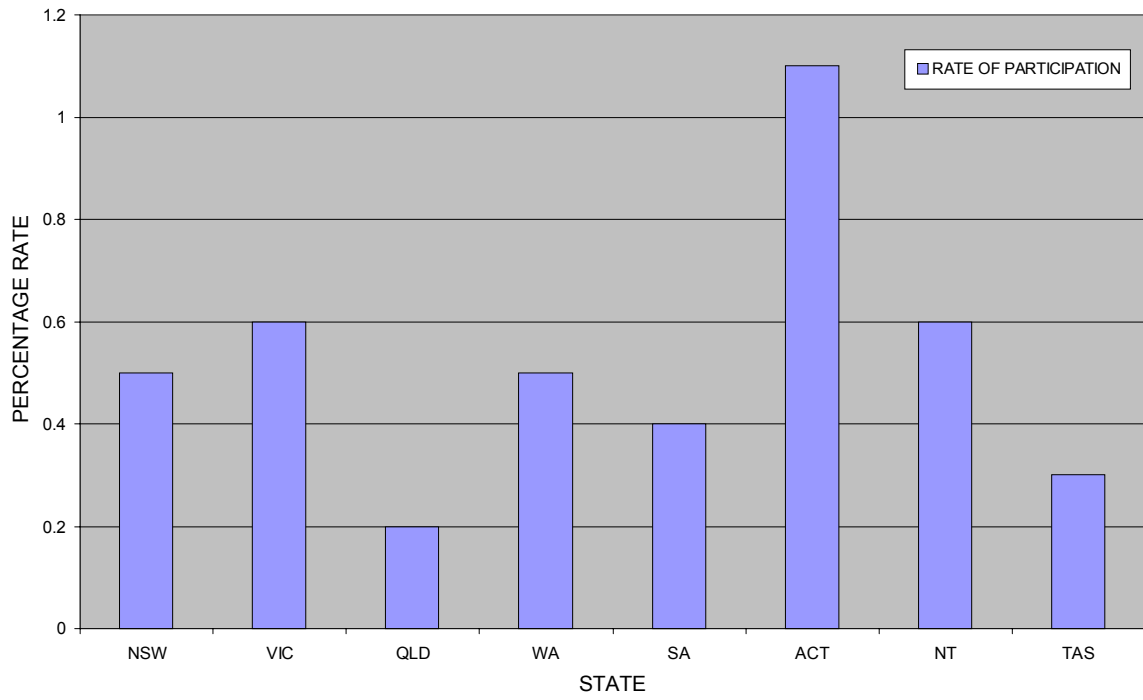
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY MARITAL STATUS



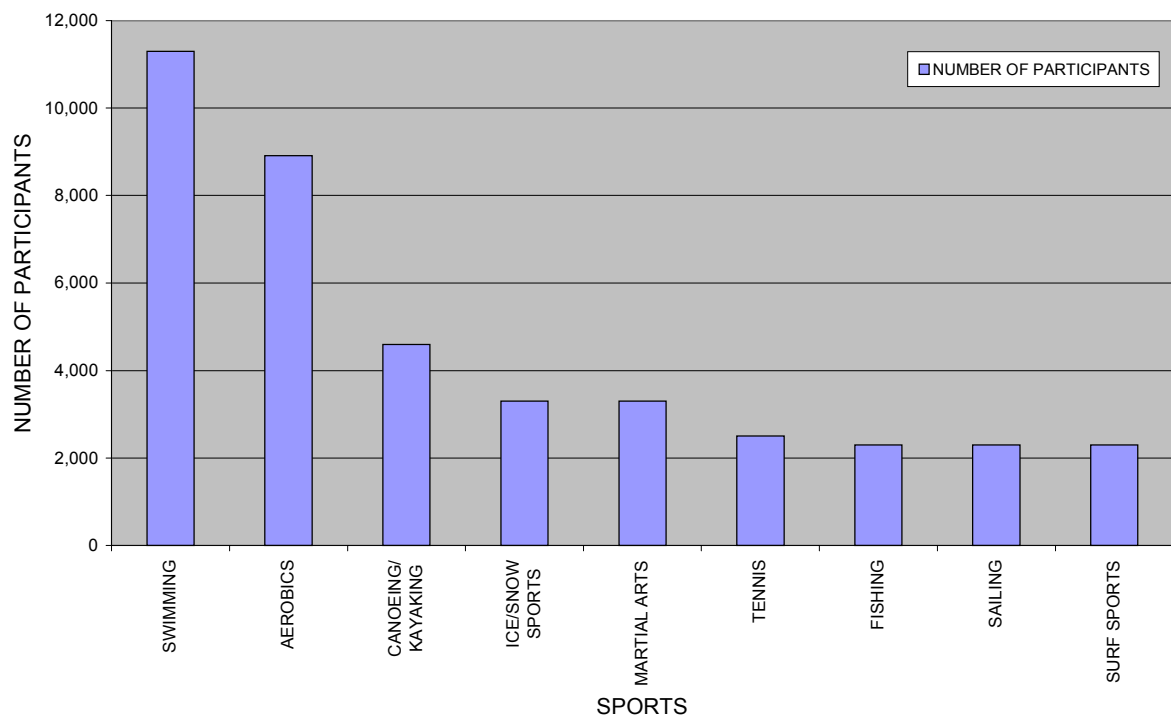
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY CAPITAL CITY VS NON-CAPITAL CITY



RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY STATE



OTHER SPORTS PLAYED BY CYCLING PARTICIPANTS



NUMBER OF OTHER SPORTS PLAYED BY CYCLING PARTICIPANTS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS

