

DARTS

PROFILE

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On average, darts participants:

- Will be male aged 35 years and over
- Reside in the non-capital city regions of new South Wales or Western Australia
- Have origins in the United Kingdom, Ireland or New Zealand
- Work in the trades and related workers industry

Most darts players will play only this sport, but of those who do play other sports, lawn bowls, golf, cricket and billiards are popular.

AGE AND GENDER

There are 51,300 adults participating in darts in Australia, 63.9% (32,800) of who are men and 36.1% (18,500) of who are women. Overall four in every one thousand Australian adults participate in darts, at a rate of 0.4%.

Unlike many sports and physical activities which show a clear decline in participation for older age groups, a higher proportion of 25-34 year olds and 35-44 year olds play darts than any other age group. The rates for the middle two age groups are both 0.5%, while the youngest and oldest age groups both have participation rates of 0.3%. While the rate drops for persons aged 45 years or older, people in this age group still comprise more than 35% of all adult darts players.

RESIDENCE

Western Australia has the highest participation rate in Australia, with 1% of the population playing darts. Other areas that have participation rates higher than the Australian average of 0.4% are the Northern Territory (0.9%), Tasmania (0.7%) and South Australia (0.5%). Victoria and the Australian Capital territory have the lowest participation rates in Australia, with only 0.2% of their respective adult populations participating in darts.

For all organised sport and physical activities, people living in non-capital-city regions have a participation rate of 31% which is higher than their capital-city counterparts, whose participation rate of 26.2%. This difference is also observed for darts players, with non-capital city regions doubling participation rates of the capital-cities, 0.6% and 0.3% respectively.

BIRTHPLACE

People whose birthplace was the United Kingdom, Ireland or New Zealand are more likely to play darts than people born elsewhere are. The participation rate

for those born in the United Kingdom, Ireland and New Zealand is 0.7%, (9,300 persons), while that for persons born in Australia is 0.4% (40,900 persons).

MARITAL STATUS

Over 67% of darts players are married, higher than both the proportion of married people participating in organised sport and physical activities and the percentage of Australians who are married, at 61.1% and 64.5% respectively. The situation is reversed for those participants who have never been married, with 18.4% of darts players have never been married. While for organised sport and physical activity participants and all people aged over 18 years, the proportions in this category are 29.5% and 22.1% respectively.

Participation in darts by separated, divorced or widowed persons is higher than the proportion of all sport and physical activity participants with this marital status, 14.3% compared to 9.4% respectively.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS

For darts, 41.3% of players work full time, slightly less than the 43.8% of all Australian adults employed full time, and much less than the percentage of participants in all sport and physical activity engaged in full time work, which is 53.53%.

There are a higher percentage of darts players who work part time (22.7%) than the corresponding proportions for all adults and participants in all sport and physical activities that work less than 35 hours per week (17.9% and 19.8% respectively). Almost 28% of darts players are not in the labour force, midway between the proportions of all adults and all sports participants with this category (33.8% and 22.8% respectively).

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

The highest educational qualification attained by more darts players than any other qualification is a secondary school certificate, held by 50.2% of people involved. This percentage is similar to the proportion of all persons with this qualification (51.6%) and slightly more than the percentage of all organised sport and physical activity participants with a secondary school certificate (45.2%).

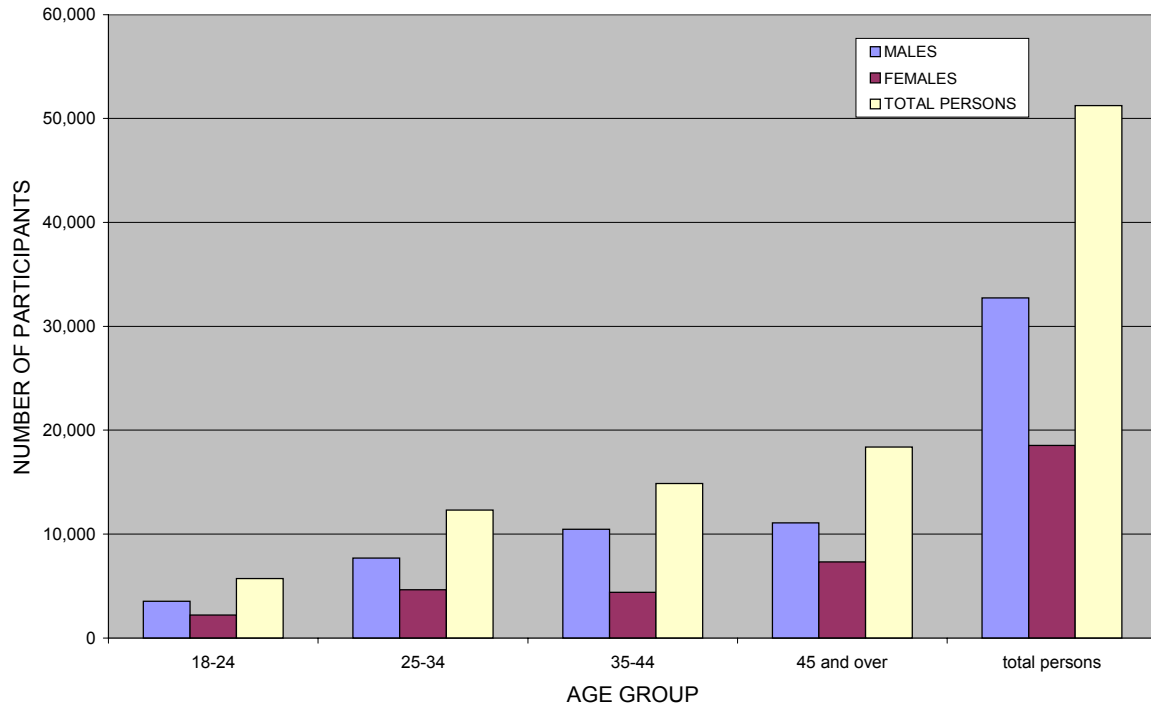
The proportion of darts players with a trade certificate (26.9%) is double the percentage of participants in all sports and physical activities with this qualification (13.1%).

OTHER ORGANISED SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

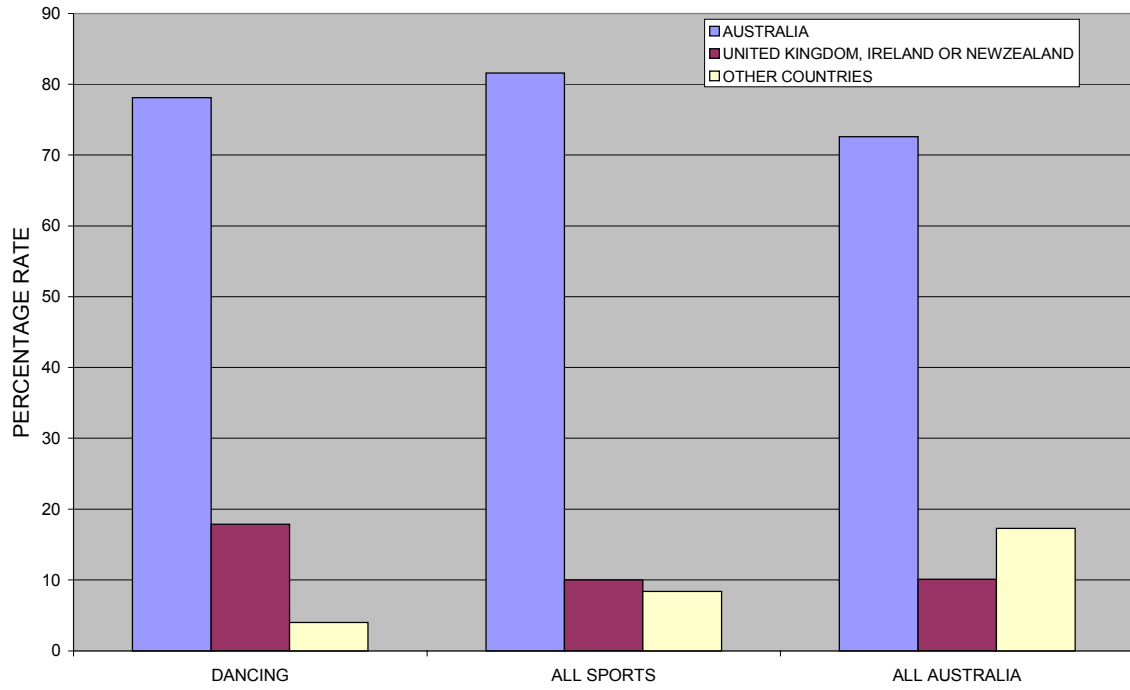
Darts is the only organised sport or physical activity undertaken by 61.4% (31,500 people) of all darts participants. A further 28.6% of darts players participate in one additional sport or physical activity, with only 4.2% of players (2,100 people) taking part in two others and 5.8% (3,000 people) playing three or more sports or physical activities.

The main other organised sport or physical activity in which darts players take part, are lawn bowls (4,200 participants) and golf (3,300).

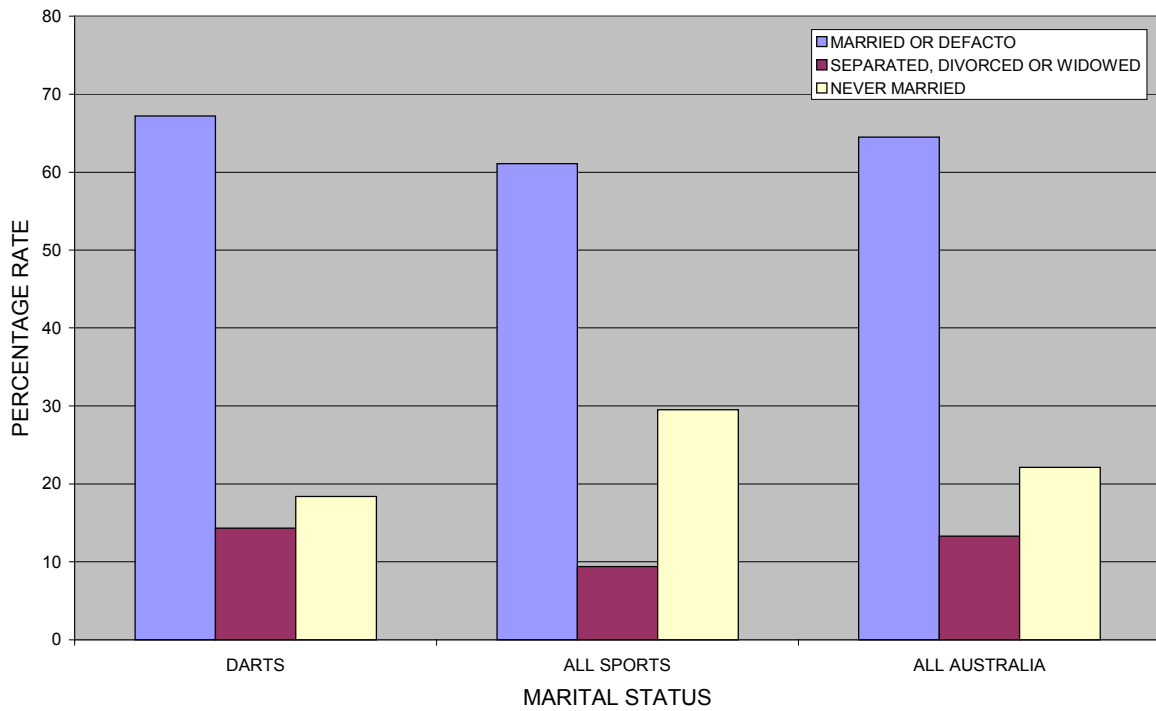
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE AND GENDER



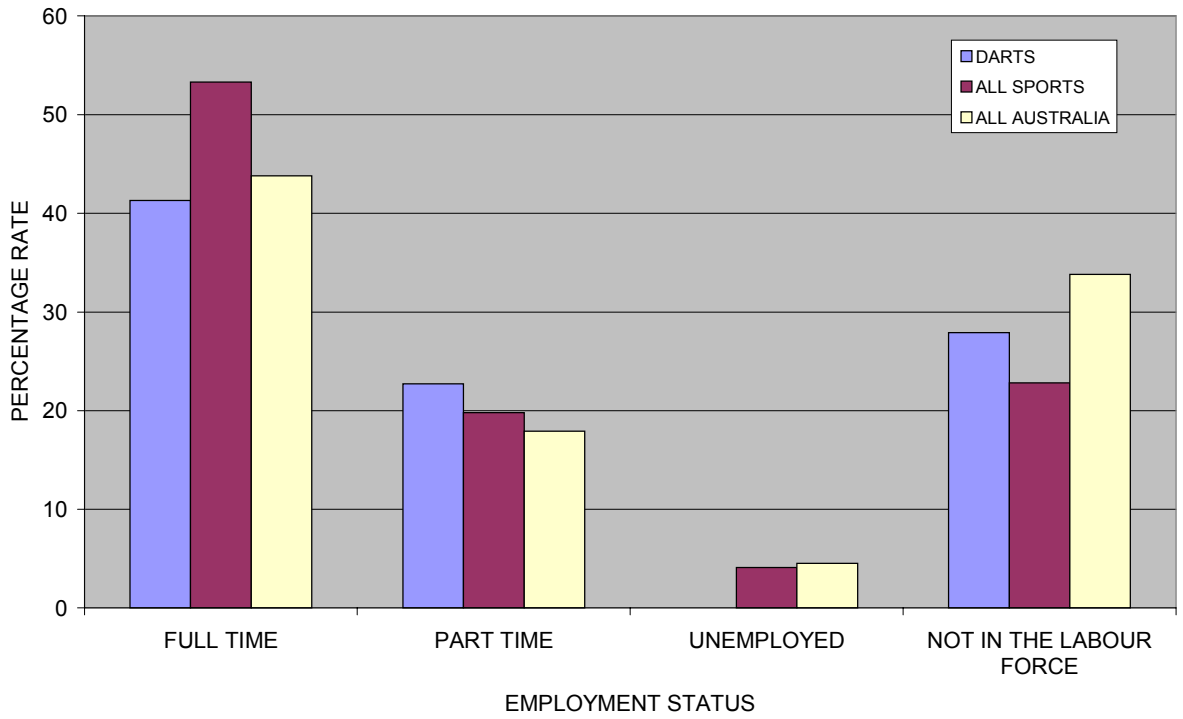
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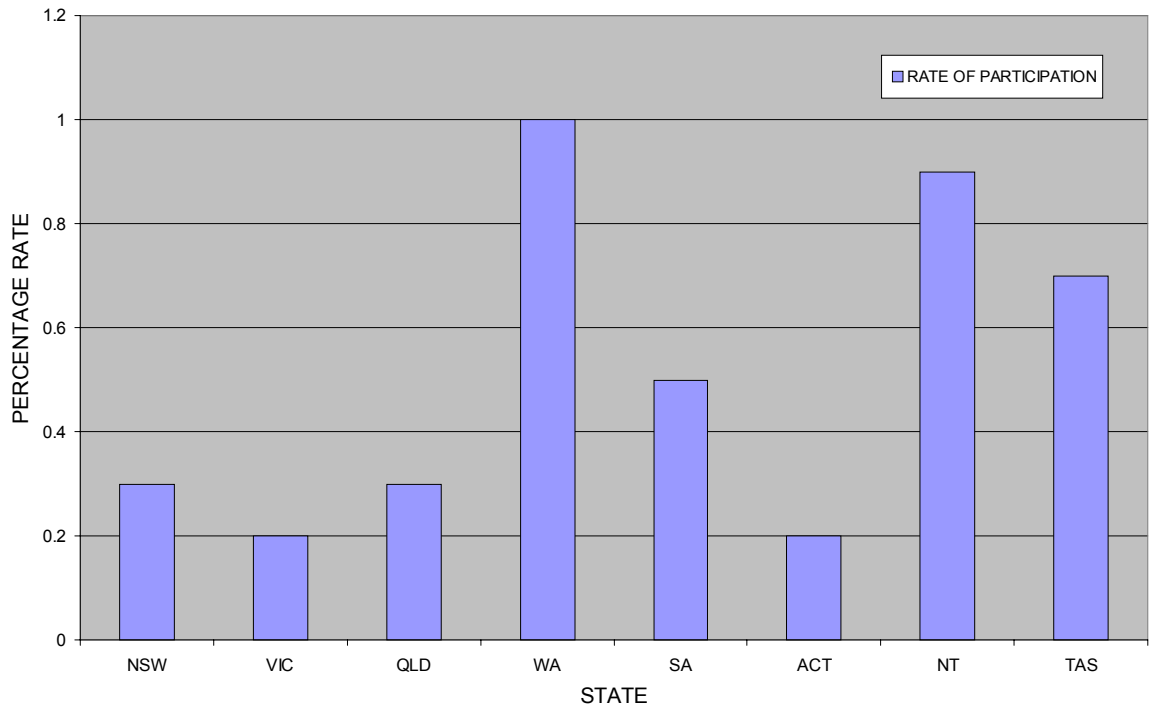
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY MARITAL STATUS



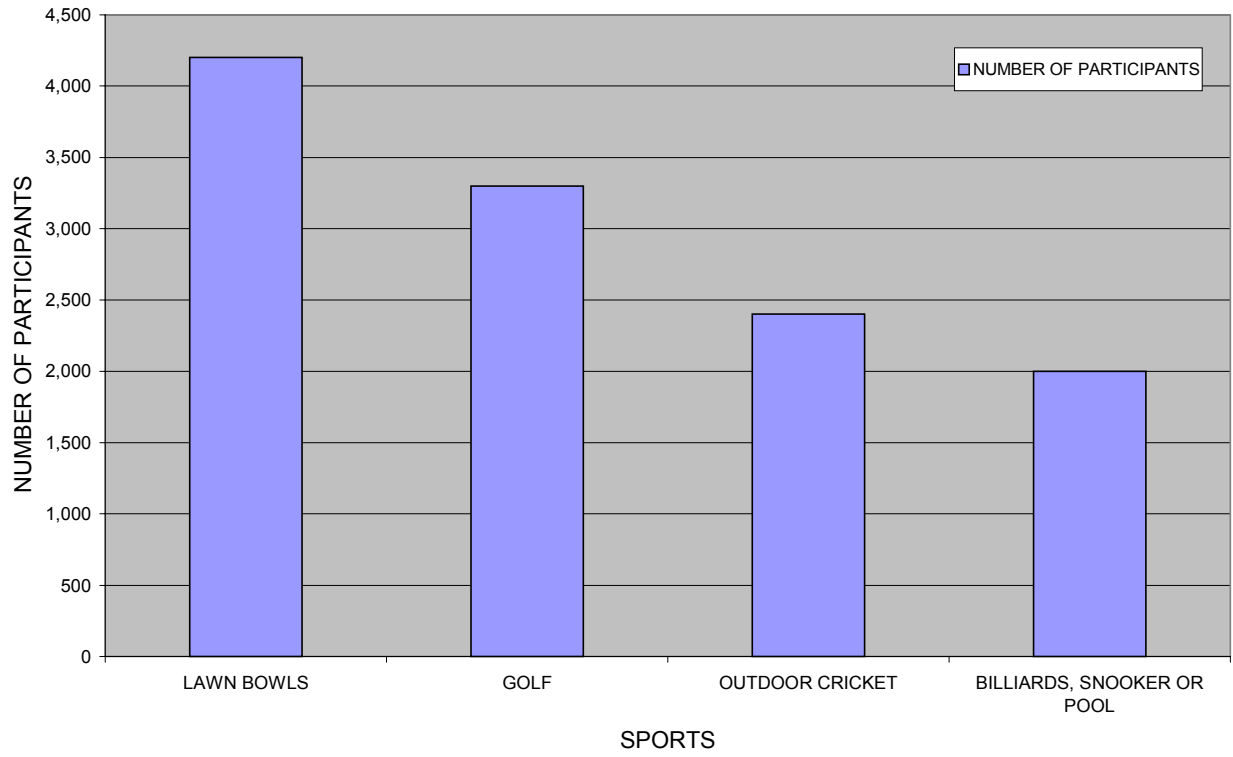
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS



RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY STATE



OTHER SPORTS PLAYED BY DARTS PARTICIPANTS



NUMBER OF OTHER SPORTS PLAYED BY DARTS PARTICIPANTS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS

