

# **WATERSKIING AND POWERBOATING**

## **PROFILE**

There are just over 30,500 people over the age of 18 years participating in waterskiing or powerboating in Australia.

The typical participant is likely to be a male between the age of 25 years and 44 years. They are likely to reside in a non-capital city region of New South Wales or Victoria, and be Australian born. Most participants will be married.

Participants in this sport will usually only play this sport. Popular sports for those who so participate in other sports and physical activities will partake in fishing or aerobics and fitness.

## **AGE AND GENDER**

There are 30,500 Australians who participate in organised waterskiing or powerboating, a rate of 0.2%, or two persons in every one thousand people participate. More men than women participate in this activity - 69.7% (21,300 people) of those who take part are males and 30.3% (9,200 people) are females.

The greatest number of participants are in the 35-44 year age group – 9,700 persons representing 31.8% of participants and having a participation rate of 0.4%. There are 8,200 waterskiing or powerboating participants in the 18-24 year age group and 8,100 in the 25-34 year age group representing 26.8% and 26.5% of participants respectively. The participation rate is highest for the 18-24 year age group, with 0.5% of this age group participating.

## **RESIDENCE**

New South Wales has 10,000 waterskiers or powerboating participants, while Victoria has 8,500 participants. Together they comprise 60.4% of all participants nationally. This proportion is about the same as the proportion of all people aged 18 years or over living in these states (59.7%). Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory each have participation rates of 0.3%, which is higher than the Australian average of 0.2%.

For all organised sport and physical activity, participation rates are highest among those people living in non-capital city regions of Australia, a rate of 31% compared to 26.2% for capital-city residents. This is also true for waterskiing or powerboating for which the rate of 0.4% for non-capital city regions is higher than the rate of 0.2% for people living in capital cities.

## **BIRTHPLACE**

The proportion of Australian-born people who participate in waterskiing and powerboating (88.5%) is much higher than the percentage of Australian-born people in the population (72.6%). They also have a participation rate of 0.3%.

## **MARITAL STATUS**

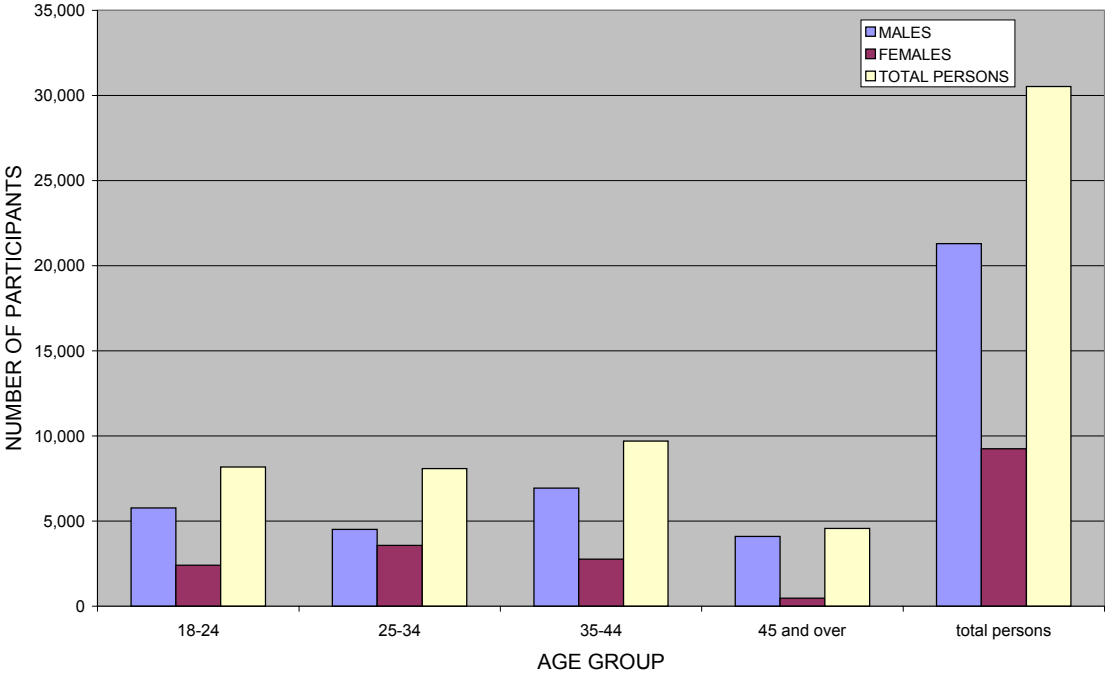
The proportion of married people participating in waterskiing or powerboating (56.2% or 17,200 people) is less than both the proportion of married people participating in organised sport and physical activity (61.1%) and the percentage of Australians who are married (64.5%). The situation is reversed for persons who have never been married – 38.2% of waterskiers and powerboating participants (11,700 people) have never been married, while for all 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.

## **OTHER ORGANISED SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

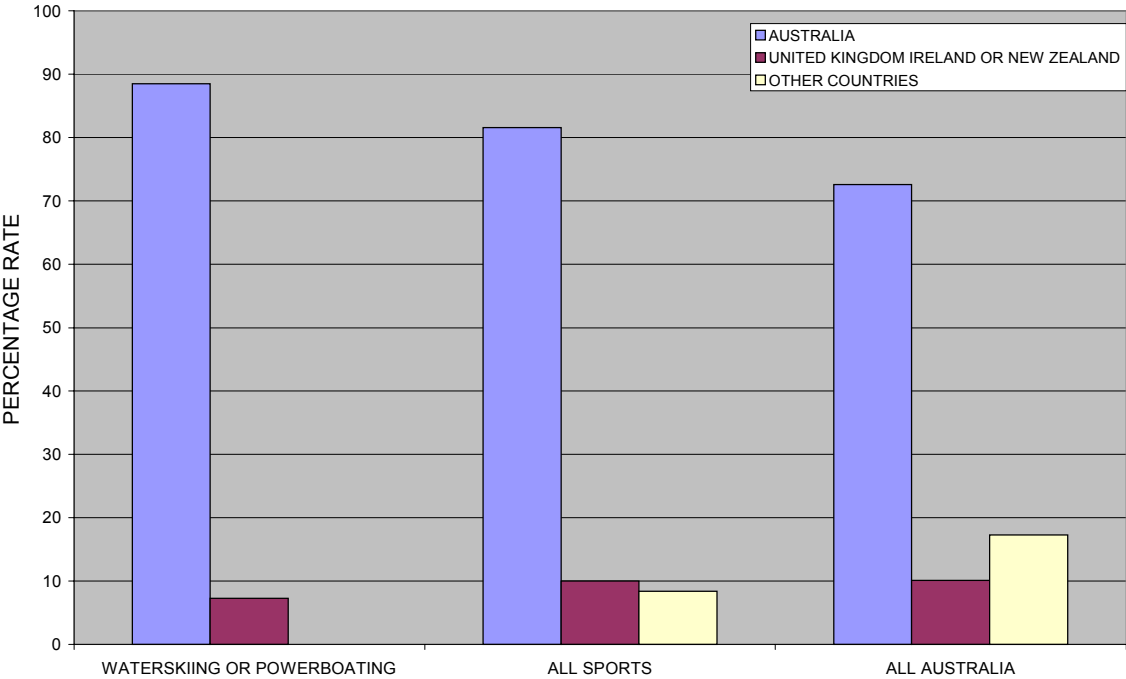
Nearly 40% of participants in waterskiing or powerboating (12,100 participants) do not take part in any other organised sport or physical activity. Of the rest of participants, 28.3% (8,700 people) participate in one additional sport or physical activity, 18.8% (5,700 people) take part in two others and 13.4% (4,100 people) play three or more other sports or physical activities.

The most popular other sport or physical activity undertaken is organised fishing, with 6,100 participants.

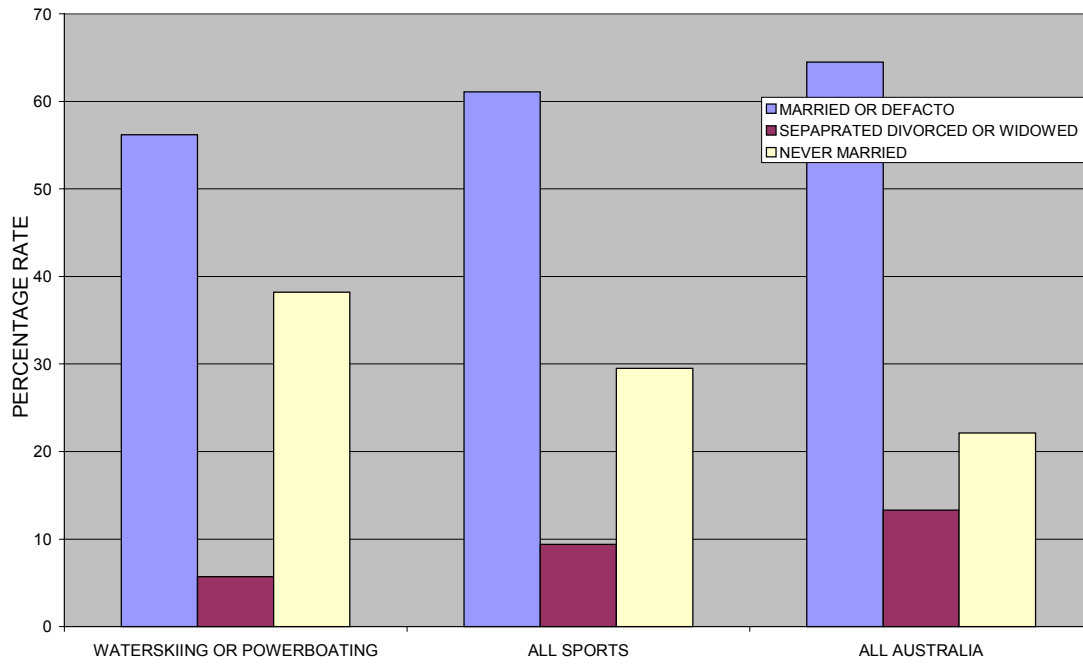
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE AND GENDER



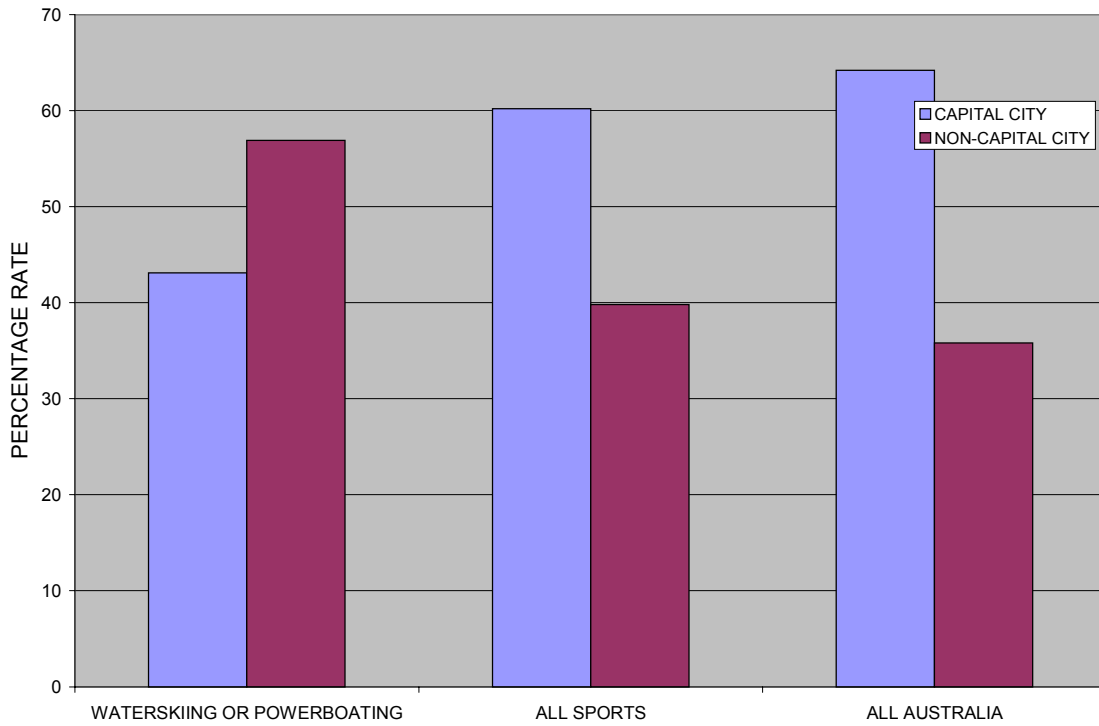
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH



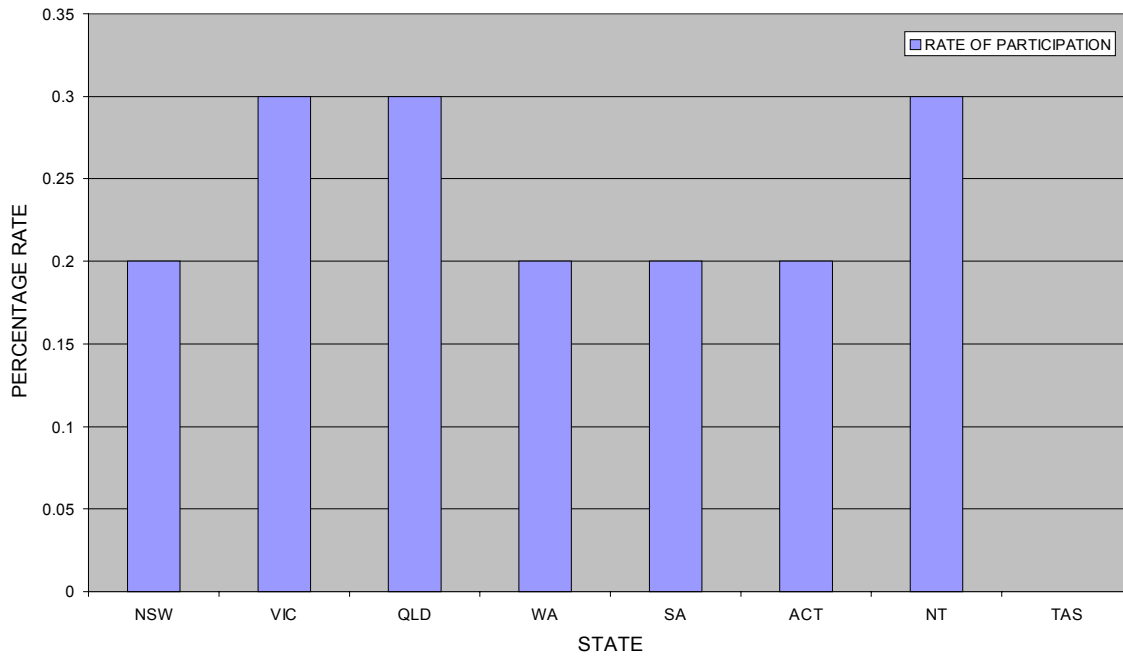
### RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY MARITAL STATUS



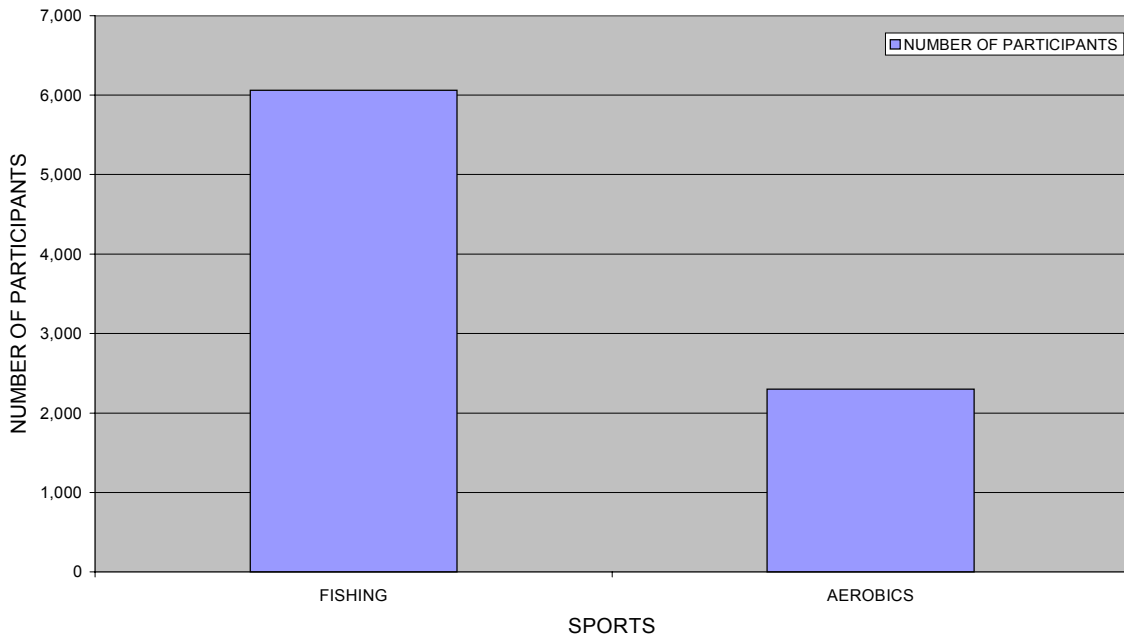
RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY CAPITAL CITY VS NON-CAPITAL CITY



RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY STATE



OTHER SPORTS PLAYED BY WATERSKIING OT POWERBOATING PARTICIPANTS



NUMBER OF SPORTS PLAYED BY WATERSKI AND POWERBOAT PARTICIPANTS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS

