

TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF MAIN TOWNS

Town (including suburbs)	1969 Census*					Estimates as at 31st December, 1977				
	Africans	Europeans	Asians	Coloureds	Total	Africans	Europeans	Asians	Coloureds	Total
Bindura	9 000	1 000	10	10	10 000	15 000	1 100	†	†	16 000
Bulawayo	187 000	49 700	2 410	5 650	245 000	270 000	57 400	2 800	8 600	339 000
Fort Victoria	8 000	2 500	150	190	11 000	18 000	2 600	200	300	21 000
Gatooma	22 000	2 300	140	190	25 000	28 000	2 500	200	300	31 000
Gwelo	37 000	8 300	320	670	46 000	55 000	8 800	400	1 000	65 000
Hartley	8 000	600	20	10	9 000	12 000	700	†	†	13 000
Marandellas	9 000	2 100	30	10	11 000	18 000	2 200	†	†	20 000
Que Que	29 000	3 200	290	200	33 000	47 000	4 100	300	300	52 000
Redcliff	7 000	1 500	†	†	8 000	15 000	1 800	†	†	17 000
Salisbury	280 000	96 800	4 060	5 140	386 000	430 000	118 900	4 700	7 800	561 000
Shabani	14 000	1 600	40	60	16 000	15 000	1 900	†	100	17 000
Sinoia	12 000	1 600	210	30	14 000	20 000	1 800	200	100	22 000
Umtali	36 000	8 400	520	420	46 000	48 000	9 100	600	600	58 000
Wankie	18 000	2 200	†	40	20 000	25 000	2 700	†	100	28 000
Total	676 000	181 800	8 200	12 620	880 000	1 016 000	215 600	9 400	19 200	1 260 000
Population of main towns as a percentage of National Total	13,9	79,6	91,5	83,3	17,3	15,5	82,0	91,3	83,5	18,4

* 20th March, 1969, for Europeans, Asians and Coloureds, and 29th April, 1969, for Africans.
† Nil or less than 50.

TABLE 3.—BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Period	Numbers						European Rates*					
	Europeans				Asians		Births per 1 000 Population	Infant Mortality per 1 000 Births	Deaths per 1 000 Population	Natural Increase %		
	Births	Deaths		Natural Increase	Births	Deaths						
	Infants	Others	Total									
1964	4 017	65	1 241	1 306	2 711	277	71	206	19	16	6,2	1,3
1965	3 863	89	1 280	1 369	2 494	261	41	200	18	23	6,5	1,1
1966	3 782	81	1 379	1 460	2 322	215	49	166	18	21	6,9	1,2
1967	4 031	78	1 434	1 512	2 519	202	62	140	19	19	7,0	1,2
1968	4 004	70	1 576	1 646	2 358	191	45	146	18	17	7,4	1,1
1969	4 089	74	1 559	1 633	2 456	192	45	147	18	18	7,1	1,1
1970	4 370	82	1 563	1 645	2 725	212	49	163	18	19	6,9	1,1
1971	4 495	89	1 668	1 757	2 738	206	46	160	18	20	7,1	1,1
1972	4 733	99	1 948	2 047	2 686	199	49	150	18	21	7,8	1,0
1973	4 401	93	1 949	2 042	2 359	203	54	149	16	21	7,6	0,9
1974	4 528	78	2 044	2 122	2 406	210	49	161	17	17	7,8	0,9
1975	4 347	80	1 936	2 016	2 331	207	60	147	16	18	7,3	0,8
1976	4 079	66	2 019	2 085	1 994	209	68	141	15	16	7,5	0,7

* (1) Comparable annual rates are not given for Asians since for such a small population these would be subject to wide fortuitous fluctuations. The average annual rates for Asians for 1972-76 are as follows:

Births: 21 per 1 000 population
 Infant Mortality: 31 per 1 000 births
 Deaths: 6 per 1 000 population
 Natural Increase: 15 per 1 000 population

(2) Because of gross omissions, registration particulars do not provide details of the vital rates of the African population. However, estimates are available from the 1962 and 1969 censuses and earlier demographic inquiries. These indicate that the rate of natural increase rose from 2,8 per cent. in 1948 to 3,6 per cent. in 1969. From the 1969 census it is estimated that the birth and death rates were then 52 and 16 per thousand persons.

(3) Insufficient data preclude the calculation of a meaningful birth rate for Coloureds. However, the intercensal average annual growth rate was 5,1 per cent. per annum for 1956-61 and 4,9 per cent. per annum for 1961-69.