

## Group organisation

Use these facts and figures to help organise your class into groups for the Create a new federation classroom activity.

Colony	Percentage	If there are 30 students in your class
New South Wales	35% of the class	10
Victoria	30% of the class	9
Queensland	15% of the class	5
South Australia	10% of the class	3
Western Australia	5% of the class (or at least one student)	2
Tasmania	5% of the class (or at least one student)	1

If your class is too small, you can either ensure a majority of students are representing New South Wales and Victoria, or you may choose to put students into 6 roughly equal groups, but give each group a vote value according to the above numbers. For example, New South Wales would have 35 votes and Tasmania would have 5.

The above percentages are based on the population of each colony in 1901. You may wish to explain that these figures, from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, did not include Indigenous Australians or non-white immigrants, as they were not counted in the census at that time.

You can find more information about the population of Australia at federation in the Australian Bureau of Statistics' [A Snapshot of Australia, 1901](#).