
SUMMARY OF VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The estimated population for Australia as a whole takes account of natural increase and net overseas migration since the latest Census.

2. The estimate for each State or Territory represents the population ascertained at the Census plus recorded natural increase and net gain from overseas migration for that State or Territory; gains and corresponding losses that result from movements between States and Territories are also taken into account in so far as they are recorded as transfers of State of residence under child endowment procedures or Commonwealth electoral procedures or are indicated by the results of any special count. Holiday, business and other similar short-term movements between States and Territories are not taken into account. As records of migration by State or Territory are not complete the estimated State and Territory populations so derived are approximate and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census.

3. As a consequence of the omission since June 1961 of holiday, business or other similar short-term movements between States and Territories from the calculations, interstate holiday movements do not affect the estimates. However, two aspects of seasonal movements are still reflected in the estimated populations of the States. These are :

- (i) People who were on holiday or other short-term travel interstate at the time of the Census are counted in the population of the State where they spent Census night.
- (ii) There are some seasonal features in the movement of the population of Australia due to movements of tourists and other visitors from overseas and of Australians travelling overseas for short periods.

4. Vital statistics for periods prior to 1967 exclude full-blood Aborigines. Differences between the statistics now published and those formerly published, which implied the exclusion of Aboriginal vital events, cannot be taken as reliable statistics of births, deaths or marriages among full-blood Aborigines, because in many areas no satisfactory administrative or other basis existed for distinguishing vital events among full-blood Aborigines from those among part-Aborigines or the rest of the population. Population estimates published in issues in this series prior to that for September Quarter 1967 also exclude full-blood Aborigines as required by Section 127 of the Constitution prior to its repeal in 1967.

- NOTE .
- (i) A line drawn across a column indicates a break in continuity in the series.
 - (ii) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in Tables 1-2 are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY : VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA 1966 TO 1971

Period	Marriages registered (a)	Births registered (a)	Deaths registered (a)	Natural increase (a) (b)	Net recorded overseas migration gain (c)	Population -	
						increase (d)	at end of period
						('000)	('000)
Year ended 31 Dec. - 1966	96,046	222,626	103,929	118,697	86,926	205.0	11,710.4
1967	100,000	229,296	102,703	126,593	91,909	218.5	11,928.9
1968	106,345	240,906	109,547	131,359	113,053	244.4	12,173.3
1969	112,470	250,176	106,496	143,680	129,046	272.7	12,446.0
1970	116,066	257,516	113,048	144,468	122,874	267.3	12,713.4
Year ended 30 June - 1966	95,126	222,553	100,702	121,851	92,389	211.8	(e) 11,599.5
1967	97,984	228,207	105,226	122,981	87,373	210.7	11,810.2
1968	102,509	231,960	104,668	127,292	93,358	220.7	12,030.8
1969	109,630	247,218	108,179	139,039	126,425	265.5	12,296.3
1970	115,051	252,305	109,441	142,864	112,564	255.4	12,551.7
Quarter ended -							
31 March 1967	27,058	57,405	23,010	34,395	28,145	62.5	11,772.9
30 June "	24,749	58,012	25,458	32,554	4,684	37.2	11,810.2
30 Sept. "	21,428	57,579	29,559	28,020	26,225	54.2	11,864.4
31 Dec. "	26,765	56,300	24,676	31,624	32,855	64.5	11,928.9
31 March 1968	27,303	58,117	24,253	33,864	28,034	61.9	11,990.8
30 June "	27,013	59,964	26,180	33,784	6,244	40.0	12,030.8
30 Sept. "	23,244	61,619	33,329	28,290	40,032	68.3	12,099.1
31 Dec. "	28,785	61,206	25,785	35,421	38,743	74.2	12,173.3
31 March 1969	28,946	61,072	23,406	37,666	36,538	74.2	12,247.5
30 June "	28,655	63,321	25,659	37,662	11,112	48.8	12,296.3
30 Sept. "	25,106	63,680	31,125	32,555	42,832	75.4	12,371.7
31 Dec. "	29,763	62,103	26,306	35,797	38,564	74.4	12,446.0
31 March 1970	30,210	61,043	23,631	37,412	38,833	76.2	12,522.3
30 June "	29,972	65,479	28,379	37,100	-7,665	29.4	12,551.7
30 Sept. "	25,360	65,345	33,754	31,591	47,348	78.9	12,630.6
31 Dec. "	30,524	65,649	27,284	38,365	44,358	82.7	12,713.4
31 March 1971	31,555	70,976	24,764	46,212	34,583	80.8	12,794.2

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to January 1967. (b) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (c) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures. (d) Increase consists of natural increase, net overseas migration gain, and an adjustment to make the series of increases agree with the total intercensal increase revealed by the latest census. (e) Population at Census date. The difference between the statistics as here published and those shown in Census publications, which exclude full-blood Aborigines, cannot be taken as reliable statistics of Aboriginal population.

NOTE. Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

TABLE 2. - POPULATION : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1971

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At end of	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MALES									
1969 -									
Dec.	2,273.6	1,716.1	904.0	580.7	491.7	197.3	37.6	65.8	6,266.9
1970 -									
March	2,288.6	1,726.9	909.1	583.9	496.2	197.9	38.3	67.3	6,308.3
June	2,293.7	1,729.5	911.5	585.8	498.7	198.1	38.5	68.7	6,324.6
Sept.	2,306.9	1,737.9	916.5	588.0	504.2	198.7	39.3	70.4	6,361.8
Dec.	2,320.6	1,747.0	921.2	592.0	509.0	199.6	39.8	72.3	6,401.5
1971 -									
March	2,335.9	1,758.4	926.4	594.3	514.0	200.1	40.7	74.2	6,444.0
FEMALES									
1969 -									
Dec.	2,256.4	1,704.0	881.4	574.6	475.0	193.9	32.0	61.9	6,179.2
1970 -									
March	2,269.4	1,712.7	885.6	577.0	479.2	194.2	32.7	63.3	6,214.0
June	2,273.3	1,714.3	887.8	578.9	481.3	194.3	32.9	64.4	6,227.1
Sept.	2,288.5	1,723.5	893.6	581.6	487.1	195.0	33.7	65.9	6,268.8
Dec.	2,303.3	1,733.8	898.9	585.8	492.3	196.0	34.3	67.4	6,311.8
1971 -									
March	2,317.1	1,744.1	903.7	587.6	497.1	196.5	35.1	69.0	6,350.2
PERSONS									
1966 -									
March	4,228.9	3,210.7	1,668.3	1,090.3	843.6	370.9	55.9	94.9	11,563.5
June(a)	4,237.9	3,220.2	1,674.3	1,095.0	848.1	371.4	56.5	96.0	11,599.5
Sept.	4,252.0	3,232.0	1,680.8	1,099.1	853.6	372.4	57.5	98.3	11,645.6
Dec.	4,273.3	3,249.9	1,687.9	1,104.6	862.7	373.9	58.1	100.0	11,710.4
1967 -									
March	4,293.2	3,269.2	1,695.5	1,109.0	870.3	375.5	58.8	101.5	11,772.9
June	4,306.9	3,274.4	1,701.6	1,111.5	876.4	376.4	59.3	(b) 103.6	11,810.2
Sept.	4,325.1	3,286.7	1,710.2	1,114.6	883.6	377.7	60.7	105.8	11,864.4
Dec.	4,346.8	3,303.3	1,718.3	1,118.5	892.8	379.6	61.5	108.2	11,928.9
1968 -									
March	4,369.6	3,318.2	1,725.7	1,121.7	901.1	381.0	62.9	110.5	11,990.8
June	4,381.4	3,323.4	1,732.3	1,125.2	909.4	382.0	64.3	112.8	12,030.8
Sept.	4,405.0	3,338.5	1,742.3	1,130.5	918.6	383.5	65.8	115.0	12,099.1
Dec.	4,428.8	3,355.8	1,751.8	1,136.4	930.8	386.0	66.6	117.2	12,173.3
1969 -									
March	4,457.1	3,374.2	1,761.1	1,140.8	938.9	387.9	67.5	119.9	12,247.5
June	4,474.8	3,384.1	1,768.0	1,144.4	946.4	388.5	68.0	(b) 122.0	12,296.3
Sept.	4,504.1	3,402.0	1,777.9	1,149.4	955.2	389.5	69.0	124.6	12,371.7
Dec.	4,529.9	3,420.1	1,785.4	1,155.3	966.7	391.2	69.7	127.7	12,446.0
1970 -									
March	4,558.0	3,439.7	1,794.6	1,160.9	975.4	392.2	71.0	130.6	12,522.3
June	4,567.0	3,443.8	1,799.2	1,164.7	980.0	392.5	71.4	133.1	12,551.7
Sept.	4,595.4	3,461.4	1,810.0	1,169.6	991.3	393.7	73.0	136.3	12,630.6
Dec.	4,623.9	3,480.8	1,820.0	1,177.8	1,001.3	395.6	74.1	139.8	12,713.4
1971 -									
March	4,653.0	3,502.5	1,830.1	1,181.9	1,011.2	396.5	75.9	143.2	12,794.2

(a) Population at Census date. The difference between the statistics as here published and those shown in Census publications, which exclude full-blood Aborigines, cannot be taken as reliable statistics of Aboriginal population. (b) Based on the results of a population count of Canberra.

TABLE 3. - MARRIAGES : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1971

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MARRIAGES - NUMBER REGISTERED (a)									
Year - 1966	35,575	27,089	13,325	9,051	7,001	2,946	312	747	96,046
1967	37,077	28,004	13,634	9,434	7,430	3,213	325	883	100,000
1968	39,213	29,724	14,860	9,652	8,086	3,426	419	965	106,345
1969	41,286	30,860	15,669	10,599	8,993	3,532	413	1,118	112,470
1970	42,928	31,729	16,082	10,864	9,227	3,535	r501	1,200	r116,066
1969 - March quarter	10,626	7,884	3,780	2,864	2,438	986	94	274	28,946
June "	10,439	7,921	4,181	2,650	2,155	919	113	277	28,655
Sept. "	9,341	6,732	3,626	2,309	1,975	742	114	267	25,106
Dec. "	10,880	8,323	4,082	2,776	2,425	885	92	300	29,763
1970 - March quarter	11,159	8,176	3,896	3,068	2,394	1,052	150	315	30,210
June "	10,697	8,575	4,235	2,731	2,384	913	117	320	29,972
Sept. "	9,650	6,627	3,754	2,366	1,836	740	102	285	25,360
Dec. "	11,422	8,351	4,197	2,699	2,613	830	r132	280	r30,524
1971 - March quarter	11,473	8,960	3,968	2,985	2,576	1,077	122	394	31,555
MARRIAGE RATES (a) - NUMBER PER THOUSAND OF MEAN POPULATION									
Year - 1966	8.40	8.41	8.01	8.29	8.36	7.93	8.3	7.7	8.31
1967	8.60	8.55	8.01	8.49	8.47	8.53	5.4	8.5	8.46
1968	8.94	8.93	8.57	8.57	8.89	8.96	6.5	8.6	8.83
1969	9.22	9.11	8.86	9.26	9.49	9.09	6.1	9.1	9.14
1970	9.38	9.20	8.93	9.32	9.39	9.00	7.0	9.0	9.23
1969 - March quarter	9.57	9.37	8.61	10.06	10.43	10.2	5.6	9.2	9.48
June "	9.35	9.38	9.48	9.28	9.14	9.5	6.7	9.2	9.34
Sept. "	8.32	7.94	8.18	8.05	8.31	7.6	6.7	8.7	8.14
Dec. "	9.63	9.76	9.16	9.64	10.09	9.1	5.3	9.5	9.59
1970 - March quarter	9.82	9.54	8.71	10.60	9.86	10.7	8.5	9.8	9.68
June "	9.38	9.97	9.43	9.39	9.75	9.3	6.6	9.7	9.56
Sept. "	8.43	7.68	8.32	8.11	7.45	7.5	5.7	8.5	8.06
Dec. "	9.91	9.62	9.25	9.20	10.49	8.4	r7.2	8.1	r9.64
1971 - March quarter	9.89	10.26	8.70	10.12	10.24	10.9	6.5	11.1	9.90

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to January 1967.

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NOTE. Rates for quarters are calculated by multiplying the number of registrations for the quarter by 4 and dividing by the average of estimated populations at the beginning and end of the quarter (expressed as a rate per 1,000 of the average population). Quarterly rates, especially in deaths and marriages, reflect seasonal influences and all rates may be influenced by varying delay in registration. Also, a variation in rates based on small numbers of events is of less significance than the same variation in rates based on larger numbers. In some instances rates are based on too few marriages to warrant calculation to the second decimal place.

TABLE 4. - BIRTHS : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1971

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
BIRTHS - NUMBER REGISTERED (a)									
Year - 1966	77,758	64,008	32,843	20,319	17,007	7,401	972	2,318	222,626
1967	78,841	65,485	34,692	20,386	18,023	7,547	1,921	2,401	229,296
1968	81,696	70,228	35,190	21,207	19,541	8,317	2,084	2,643	240,906
1969	86,036	71,035	36,576	21,977	20,754	8,445	2,274	3,079	250,176
1970	88,448	73,019	37,530	22,617	21,618	8,185	2,624	3,475	257,516
1969 - March quarter	20,815	17,627	9,157	5,053	4,891	2,275	535	719	61,072
June "	22,161	17,533	9,426	5,769	5,091	1,929	644	768	63,321
Sept. "	22,146	18,103	9,199	5,689	5,109	2,048	584	802	63,680
Dec. "	20,914	17,772	8,794	5,466	5,663	2,193	511	790	62,103
1970 - March quarter	21,151	16,733	9,502	5,368	4,949	1,866	634	840	61,043
June "	22,464	18,682	9,675	5,589	5,490	2,072	681	826	65,479
Sept. "	22,289	18,422	9,370	5,766	5,709	2,166	682	941	65,345
Dec. "	22,544	19,182	8,983	5,894	5,470	2,081	627	868	65,649
1971 - March quarter	25,555	19,308	10,567	5,697	5,898	2,226	627	1,098	70,976
BIRTH RATES (a) - NUMBER PER THOUSAND OF MEAN POPULATION									
Year - 1966	18.35	19.87	19.74	18.62	20.31	19.92	25.9	24.0	19.27
1967	18.30	19.98	20.38	18.34	20.55	20.04	32.2	23.1	19.40
1968	18.62	21.10	20.30	18.83	21.47	21.76	32.4	23.4	20.00
1969	19.21	20.97	20.67	19.19	21.91	21.73	33.3	25.2	20.33
1970	19.33	21.17	20.83	19.41	21.99	20.83	36.5	26.0	20.48
1969 - March quarter	18.74	20.95	20.85	17.75	20.93	23.5	31.9	24.3	20.01
June "	19.85	20.75	21.37	20.20	21.60	19.9	38.0	25.4	20.64
Sept. "	19.73	21.34	20.75	19.84	21.49	21.1	34.1	26.0	20.65
Dec. "	18.52	20.84	19.74	18.97	23.57	22.5	29.5	25.0	20.02
1970 - March quarter	18.62	19.51	21.23	18.54	20.39	19.1	36.1	26.0	19.56
June "	19.69	21.71	21.54	19.23	22.46	21.1	38.3	25.1	20.89
Sept. "	19.46	21.34	20.77	19.76	23.17	22.0	37.8	27.9	20.76
Dec. "	19.56	22.10	19.80	20.09	21.96	21.1	34.1	25.2	20.72
1971 - March quarter	22.04	22.12	23.16	19.31	23.45	22.5	33.4	31.0	22.26

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to January 1967.

NOTE. Rates for quarters are calculated by multiplying the number of registrations for the quarter by 4 and dividing by the average of estimated populations for the beginning and end of the quarter (expressed as a rate per 1,000 of the average population). Quarterly rates, especially in deaths and marriages, reflect seasonal influences and all rates may be influenced by varying delay in registration. Also, a variation in rates based on small numbers of events is of less significance than the same variation in rates based on larger numbers. In some instances rates are based on too few births to warrant calculation to the second decimal place.

TABLE 5. - DEATHS : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1971

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
DEATHS - NUMBER REGISTERED (a)									
Year - 1966	40,546	28,673	14,861	9,323	6,772	3,159	154	441	103,929
1967	39,613	28,373	14,736	9,071	6,779	3,228	527	376	102,703
1968	41,803	29,967	16,078	9,916	7,468	3,284	543	488	109,547
1969	40,665	28,976	15,786	9,337	7,350	3,309	485	588	106,496
1970	43,601	30,335	17,055	10,138	7,543	3,174	608	594	113,048
1969 - March quarter	9,013	6,290	3,523	1,968	1,544	832	115	121	23,406
June "	9,704	6,951	3,824	2,367	1,735	776	156	146	25,659
Sept. "	12,078	8,403	4,533	2,686	2,204	932	123	166	31,125
Dec. "	9,870	7,332	3,906	2,316	1,867	769	91	155	26,306
1970 - March quarter	9,073	6,186	3,562	2,193	1,654	707	136	120	23,631
June "	10,784	7,741	4,432	2,487	1,803	838	136	158	28,379
Sept. "	13,471	8,852	5,173	2,902	2,170	902	142	142	33,754
Dec. "	10,273	7,556	3,888	2,556	1,916	727	194	174	27,284
1971 - March quarter	9,413	6,772	3,721	2,018	1,809	792	109	130	24,764
DEATH RATES (a) - NUMBER PER THOUSAND OF MEAN POPULATION									
Year - 1966	9.57	8.90	8.93	8.54	8.09	8.50	4.1	4.6	8.99
1967	9.19	8.66	8.65	8.16	7.73	8.57	8.8	3.6	8.69
1968	9.53	9.01	9.27	8.81	8.21	8.59	8.4	4.3	9.10
1969	9.08	8.55	8.92	8.15	7.76	8.51	7.1	4.8	8.65
1970	9.53	8.79	9.47	8.70	7.67	8.08	8.5	4.5	8.99
1969 - March quarter	8.11	7.48	8.02	6.91	6.61	8.6	6.9	4.1	7.67
June "	8.69	8.23	8.67	8.29	7.36	8.0	9.2	4.8	8.36
Sept. "	10.76	9.91	10.23	9.37	9.27	9.6	7.2	5.4	10.09
Dec. "	8.74	8.60	8.77	8.04	7.77	7.9	5.2	4.9	8.48
1970 - March quarter	7.99	7.21	7.96	7.57	6.81	7.2	7.7	3.7	7.57
June "	9.45	9.00	9.87	8.56	7.38	8.5	7.6	4.8	9.05
Sept. "	11.76	10.26	11.47	9.95	8.81	9.2	7.9	4.2	10.72
Dec. "	8.91	8.71	8.57	8.71	7.69	7.4	10.5	5.0	8.61
1971 - March quarter	8.12	7.76	8.16	6.84	7.19	8.0	5.8	3.7	7.77

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to January 1967.

NOTE. Rates for quarters are calculated by multiplying the number of registrations for the quarter by 4 and dividing by the average of estimated populations for the beginning and end of the quarter (expressed as a rate per 1,000 of the average population). Quarterly rates, especially in deaths and marriages, reflect seasonal influences and all rates may be influenced by varying delay in registration. Also, a variation in rates based on small numbers of events is of less significance than the same variation in rates based on larger numbers. In some instances rates are based on too few deaths to warrant calculation to the second decimal place.

TABLE 6. - DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1971

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE - NUMBER REGISTERED (a)									
Year - 1966	1,490	1,116	581	356	329	108	19	46	4,045
1967	1,452	1,101	678	346	314	130	122	44	4,187
1968	1,525	1,010	716	345	397	143	101	45	4,282
1969	1,625	1,066	691	347	453	139	103	58	4,482
1970	1,743	1,060	672	367	459	r116	r126	61	r4,604
1969 - March quarter	359	239	181	87	94	33	21	11	1,025
June "	407	265	185	76	121	35	37	12	1,138
Sept. "	460	288	180	104	126	29	27	20	1,234
Dec. "	399	274	145	80	112	42	18	15	1,085
1970 - March quarter	405	231	150	83	94	23	31	10	1,027
June "	445	250	175	100	117	29	23	15	1,154
Sept. "	451	302	173	61	144	27	30	17	1,205
Dec. "	442	277	174	123	104	r37	r42	19	r1,218
1971 - March quarter	451	258	203	88	107	26	21	19	1,173
INFANT MORTALITY RATES (b) - NUMBER PER THOUSAND LIVE BIRTHS									
Year - 1966	19.2	17.4	17.7	17.5	19.3	14.6	(c)	19.8	18.17
1967	18.4	16.8	19.5	17.0	17.4	17.2	63.5	18.3	18.26
1968	18.7	14.4	20.3	16.3	20.3	17.2	48.5	17.0	17.77
1969	18.9	15.0	18.9	15.8	21.8	16.5	45.3	18.8	17.92
1970	19.7	14.5	17.9	16.2	21.2	14.3	48.4	17.6	17.89
1969 - March quarter	17.2	13.6	19.8	17.2	19.2	14.5	39.3	(c)	16.78
June "	18.4	15.1	19.6	13.2	23.8	18.1	57.5	(c)	17.97
Sept. "	20.8	15.9	19.6	18.3	24.7	14.2	46.2	24.9	19.38
Dec. "	19.1	15.4	16.5	14.6	19.8	19.2	(c)	(c)	17.47
1970 - March quarter	19.1	13.8	15.8	15.5	19.0	12.3	48.9	(c)	16.82
June "	19.8	13.4	18.1	17.9	21.3	14.0	33.8	(c)	17.62
Sept. "	20.2	16.4	18.5	10.6	25.2	12.5	44.0	(c)	18.44
Dec. "	19.6	14.4	19.4	20.9	19.0	r17.8	r67.0	(c)	r18.55
1971 - March quarter	17.6	13.4	19.2	15.4	18.1	11.7	33.4	(c)	16.53

(a) Included in total number of deaths registered; i.e. in Table 5. Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to January 1967. (b) Rates for the States and Territories are based on too few deaths to warrant calculation to the second decimal place. (c) Less than twenty deaths, rate not calculated.

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NOTE. Quarterly rates, especially in deaths and marriages, reflect seasonal influences and all rates may be influenced by varying delay in registration. Also, a variation in rates based on small numbers of events is of less significance than the same variation in rates based on larger numbers.

TABLE 7. - STILL-BIRTHS (a) : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1970

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
STILL-BIRTHS - NUMBERS (b)									
1966	964	762	405	237	168	111	11	31	2,689
1967	863	797	372	211	188	83	(a) 49	24	2,587
1968	806	734	365	217	183	79	(a) 39	26	2,449
1969	857	761	350	208	203	79	(a) 35	26	2,519
1970	888	782	312	200	211	80	(a) 30	29	2,532
STILL-BIRTHS - PROPORTION OF ALL BIRTHS (b) (d)									
1966	12.2	11.8	12.2	11.5	9.8	14.8	(e)	13.2	11.93
1967	10.8	12.0	10.6	10.2	10.3	10.9	24.9	9.9	11.16
1968	9.8	10.3	10.3	10.1	9.3	9.4	18.4	9.7	10.06
1969	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.4	9.7	9.3	15.2	8.4	9.97
1970	9.9	10.6	8.2	8.8	9.7	9.7	11.3	8.3	9.74

(a) Prior to 1969, infants not born alive, of at least seven months gestation in New South Wales and twenty-eight weeks in other States and Territories. From 1969, infants not born alive, of at least twenty-eight weeks gestation in all States and Territories.

(b) Excludes still-births of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1967. (c) Includes 25 foetal deaths in 1967, 13 foetal deaths in both 1968 and 1969 and 14 foetal deaths in 1970, occurring in remote localities for which the period of gestation was not stated. The Registration Ordinance requires registration of any foetal death of at least twenty weeks gestation. (d) Number of still-births per 1,000 of all births (live and still). (e) Less than twenty events; rate not calculated.

NOTE. Interstate comparisons of the numbers and rates in the above table are affected by differences in the definitions of still-births adopted by the various States and Territories. For various reasons, the registration of still-births is not as complete as the registration of livebirths; particulars for the smaller States and the Territories are most affected by this. Prior to March 1967, notification of still-births was voluntary in Tasmania.

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