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SUMMARY OF VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Population estimates

1. The estimated population for Australia as a whole takes account of natural increase and net overseas migration since the latest Census. Natural increase represents the excess of live births registered over deaths registered. Net migration represents the excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures. A minus sign (–) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals.

2. The estimate of population for each State or Territory represents the population ascertained at the census plus recorded natural increase and net gain from recorded overseas migration. 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 Australian electoral procedures or are indicated in other ways such as the results of any special count. 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 population of each State is ascertained at the next census.

3. Holiday, business and other similar short-term movements between States and Territories are not taken into account in the quarterly calculations. However such movements do affect the estimates in so far as people who were on holiday or other short-term interstate travel at the time of the census are counted in the population of the State or Territory where they spent census night. On the other hand, changes in the populations of States and Territories due to visitors from overseas and Australians travelling overseas are reflected in all estimates.

4. Mean populations are calculated for twelve-month periods to provide a satisfactory average basis for calculations of annual rates requiring allowance for the continuous change in population figures during such periods. The mean population for any year has been calculated by the formula:

$$\text{Mean population} = \frac{a + 4b + 2c + 4d + e}{12}$$

where a, b, c, d and e, respectively, are the populations at the end of the quarter immediately preceding the year and at the end of each of the four succeeding quarters; e.g., in the case of a calendar year, 31 December of the preceding year, and 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December of the year under consideration. Rates for quarters are equivalent annual rates calculated by multiplying the number of registrations for the quarter by four 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).

### Seasonal and other effects on quarterly figures

5. Quarterly figures and rates for marriages, births and deaths reflect seasonal influences and may also be influenced by varying delays in registrations due to administrative and other factors which may affect the month of registration. A variation in rates based on small numbers of events may reflect transitory changes which can average out in variations in rates based on large numbers. Quarterly divorce figures, particularly the numbers of dissolutions granted, are affected by such administrative factors as the occurrence of law vacations and the availability of judges.

### Preliminary figures

6. Problems associated with the introduction of new systems of recording and compiling data of overseas arrivals and departures have caused some delay in the publication of this series of bulletins. Preliminary estimates, subject to revision, are published in advance in a separate bulletin, *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary)* (Reference No. 4.16). The figures in this Bulletin are based on final records of births, deaths and migration and replace such preliminary estimates.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

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

Period	Marriages registered	Live births registered	Deaths registered	Natural increase	Net recorded overseas migration gain	Population -	
						Increase (a) ('000)	At end of period ('000)
Year ended 31 Dec. -							
1970	116,066	257,516	113,048	144,468	122,874	256.3	12,663.5
1971	117,637	276,362	110,650	165,712	84,605	244.8	12,908.2
1972	114,029	264,969	109,760	155,209	27,847	183.1	13,091.3
1973	112,700	247,670	110,822	136,848	40,418	177.3	13,268.6
1974	110,673	245,177	115,833	129,344	87,121	216.4	13,485.0
Year ended 30 June -							
1970	115,051	252,305	109,441	142,864	112,564	244.3	12,507.3
1971	117,648	271,295	113,338	157,957	101,419	248.3	(b)12,755.6
1972	116,224	271,960	110,191	161,769	41,677	203.4	12,959.1
1973	111,992	255,848	111,336	144,512	28,003	172.5	13,131.6
1974	113,115	243,658	110,179	133,479	73,237	206.7	13,338.3
31 March 1970	30,210	61,043	23,631	37,412	38,833	73.5	12,480.7
30 June 1970	29,972	65,479	28,379	37,100	-7,665	26.7	12,507.3
30 September 1970	25,360	65,345	33,754	31,591	47,348	76.2	12,583.5
31 December 1970	30,524	65,649	27,284	38,365	44,358	80.0	12,663.5
31 March 1971	31,555	70,976	24,764	46,212	34,583	78.0	12,741.5
30 June 1971	30,209	69,325	27,536	41,789	-24,870	14.1	(b)12,755.6
30 September 1971	25,244	70,117	31,939	38,178	41,224	79.4	12,835.0
31 December 1971	30,629	65,944	26,411	39,533	33,668	73.2	12,908.2
31 March 1972	31,031	67,443	24,730	42,713	20,026	62.7	12,971.0
30 June 1972	29,320	68,456	27,111	41,345	-53,241	-11.9	12,959.1
30 September 1972	23,981	66,364	31,661	34,703	32,528	67.2	13,026.3
31 December 1972	29,697	62,706	26,258	36,448	28,533	65.0	13,091.3
31 March 1973	30,193	64,126	26,623	37,503	25,859	63.4	13,154.7
30 June 1973	28,121	62,652	26,794	35,858	-58,917	-23.1	13,131.6
30 September 1973	24,747	61,421	30,752	30,669	32,671	63.3	13,194.9
31 December 1973	29,639	59,471	26,653	32,818	40,805	73.6	13,268.6
31 March 1974	31,183	61,392	24,662	36,730	53,689	90.4	13,359.0
30 June 1974	27,546	61,374	28,112	33,262	-53,928	-20.7	13,338.3
30 September 1974	23,200	63,005	35,591	27,414	50,112	77.5	13,415.8
31 December 1974	28,744	59,406	27,468	31,938	37,248	69.2	13,485.0

(a) 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 successive censuses. The adjustment reflects the combined net error in the census and in the recording of births, deaths and migration during the intercensal period. Minus sign (-) denotes a net decrease. (b) Census result.

TABLE 2. - POPULATION : ANALYSIS OF INCREASE, AUSTRALIA, 1974

	Males ('000)	Females ('000)	Persons ('000)
Estimated population at 31 December 1973	6,655.7	6,612.9	13,268.6
Year ended December 1974 -			
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Live births registered	126,295	118,882	245,177
Deaths registered	64,299	51,534	115,833
Natural increase	61,996	67,348	129,344
Overseas arrivals	809,372	687,157	1,496,529
Overseas departures	762,293	647,115	1,409,408
Net recorded overseas migration gain	47,079	40,042	87,121
<i>Total increase (a)</i>	<i>109.0</i>	<i>107.4</i>	<i>216.4</i>
Estimated population at 31 December 1974	6,764.7	6,720.3	13,485.0

(a) Natural increase and net recorded overseas migration gain.

TABLE 3. — RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, NATURAL INCREASE AND NET MIGRATION (a) : AUSTRALIA, (per thousand)

Period	Crude birth rate	Crude death rate	Rate of natural increase (b)	Rate of net migration
Year ended 31 Dec. —				
1970	20.55	9.02	11.53	9.81
1972	21.62	8.66	12.96	6.62
1973	18.81	8.42	10.39	3.07
1974	18.33	8.66	9.67	6.51
Year ended 30 June —				
1970	20.34	8.82	11.52	9.07
1971	21.43	8.95	12.48	8.01
1972	21.09	8.54	12.54	3.23
1973	19.56	8.51	11.05	2.14
1974	18.36	8.30	10.06	5.52

(a) Births, deaths, net migration (excess of overseas arrivals over overseas departures) during each period per thousand of mean population for the period. (b) The rate of natural increase is the difference between the crude birth and crude death rates.

NOTE. Rates of natural increase and net migration may be calculated alternatively as the increase during the period expressed as a proportion (per cent) of the population at the beginning of the period. Figures prepared on this basis are shown in the next table.

TABLE 4. — RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH (a) : AUSTRALIA (Per cent)

Period	Components of growth			Rate of growth (d)
	Natural increase (b)	Net overseas migration gain (c)		
Year ended 31 Dec. —				
1970	1.16	0.99		2.07
1971	1.31	0.67		1.93
1972	1.20	0.22		1.42
1973	1.05	0.31		1.35
1974	0.97	0.66		1.63
Year ended 30 June —				
1970	1.16	0.92		1.99
1971	1.26	0.81		1.99
1972	1.27	0.33		1.59
1973	1.12	0.22		1.33
1974	1.02	0.56		1.57

(a) The rate represents the increase during the period expressed as a proportion (per cent) of the population at the beginning of the period. (b) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (c) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures. (d) 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 successive censuses.

TABLE 5. — RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH (a) (Per cent)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Year ended 31 Dec. —									
1970	1.85	1.78	1.86	1.81	3.83	0.84	9.22	8.52	2.07
1971	1.70	1.59	2.18	1.30	3.44	0.66	7.33	9.61	1.93
1972	0.98	1.23	2.50	0.93	1.61	0.69	5.02	8.23	1.42
1973	0.87	0.97	2.52	1.22	1.75	0.90	5.06	7.47	1.35
1974	1.37	1.48	2.43	2.31	3.13	1.48	(b)–28.64	6.21	1.63
Year ended 30 June —									
1970	1.83	1.77	1.68	1.64	3.82	0.73	8.02	8.06	1.99
1971	1.74	1.67	1.91	1.36	3.95	0.69	9.62	9.58	1.99
1972	1.31	1.29	2.31	1.09	2.20	0.45	6.11	9.23	1.59
1973	0.88	1.10	2.44	1.07	1.45	0.98	4.32	7.04	1.33
1974	0.87	1.26	2.77	1.58	2.46	1.12	5.85	7.17	1.57

(a) The rates represent the increase during the period expressed as a proportion (per cent) of the population at the beginning of the period. The increase consists of natural increase, net overseas migration gain, net interstate migration and an adjustment to make the series of increases agree with the total intercensal increase revealed by the latest census. (b) Decrease due to effects of cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population.

TABLE 6. - POPULATION

<i>At end of</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
MALES									
1973 -									
September	2,362.2	1,797.4	972.1	600.4	550.7	199.1	52.6	88.1	6,622.6
December	2,370.6	1,804.3	980.4	603.2	554.3	199.8	53.2	89.7	6,655.7
1974 -									
March	2,385.3	1,819.7	987.8	606.8	559.6	200.9	54.4	90.9	6,705.3
June	2,376.3	1,814.8	992.5	607.9	559.6	200.4	54.4	92.3	6,698.3
September	2,385.3	1,825.1	997.2	611.3	563.7	201.4	56.0	93.5	6,733.5
December	2,401.8	1,832.2	1,004.9	617.7	570.3	202.5	(b)40.4	95.1	6,764.7
FEMALES									
1973 -									
September	2,356.7	1,802.1	957.2	604.6	525.2	198.0	44.4	84.1	6,572.3
December	2,367.5	1,811.5	966.1	608.0	530.1	199.2	44.9	85.7	6,612.9
1974 -									
March	2,377.7	1,823.8	972.6	611.0	535.4	200.2	46.2	86.8	6,653.7
June	2,367.0	1,817.1	975.5	610.2	535.2	200.0	46.8	88.2	6,640.0
September	2,382.0	1,828.0	980.4	613.5	540.0	201.0	47.9	89.5	6,682.3
December	2,401.4	1,837.3	988.9	621.4	548.1	202.5	(b)29.6	91.3	6,720.3
PERSONS									
1970 -									
March	4,516.1	3,440.7	1,788.5	1,154.5	986.0	387.7	77.8	129.3	12,480.7
June	4,522.3	3,444.9	1,792.7	1,158.0	991.4	387.7	78.8	131.5	12,507.3
September	4,548.0	3,462.6	1,803.1	1,162.4	1,003.3	388.6	81.1	134.4	12,583.5
December	4,573.7	3,482.0	1,812.8	1,170.2	1,014.1	390.3	82.8	137.6	12,663.5
1971 -									
March	4,600.1	3,503.7	1,822.4	1,173.9	1,024.6	390.9	85.2	140.7	12,741.5
June (a)	4,601.2	3,502.4	1,827.1	1,173.7	1,030.5	390.4	86.4	144.1	12,755.6
September	4,628.2	3,521.3	1,839.2	1,179.8	1,039.3	391.8	88.0	147.6	12,835.0
December	4,651.5	3,537.5	1,852.3	1,185.5	1,048.9	392.8	88.9	150.8	12,908.2
1972 -									
March	4,670.8	3,554.9	1,863.5	1,188.5	1,055.3	393.3	90.7	154.0	12,971.0
June	4,661.6	3,547.4	1,869.3	1,186.5	1,053.2	392.2	91.7	157.4	12,959.1
September	4,681.3	3,564.8	1,884.1	1,190.9	1,059.0	393.1	92.8	160.5	13,026.3
December	4,697.2	3,581.0	1,898.6	1,196.5	1,065.8	395.6	93.4	163.2	13,091.3
1973 -									
March	4,716.5	3,598.4	1,910.2	1,201.4	1,070.3	396.9	95.0	165.9	13,154.7
June	4,702.5	3,586.6	1,914.9	1,199.1	1,068.5	396.0	95.6	168.4	13,131.6
September	4,719.0	3,599.5	1,929.3	1,204.9	1,075.9	397.1	97.0	172.2	13,194.9
December	4,738.1	3,615.8	1,946.5	1,211.1	1,084.4	399.1	98.1	175.4	13,268.6
1974 -									
March	4,763.0	3,643.4	1,960.5	1,217.7	1,095.0	401.1	100.6	177.7	13,359.0
June	4,743.5	3,631.9	1,967.9	1,218.1	1,094.8	400.4	101.2	180.5	13,338.3
September	4,767.4	3,653.1	1,977.6	1,224.8	1,103.7	402.4	103.9	183.0	13,415.8
December	4,803.2	3,669.4	1,993.8	1,239.1	1,118.3	405.0	(b)70.0	186.3	13,485.0

(a) Census result. (b) Decrease due to effect of cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population.

TABLE 7. — MEAN POPULATION, CALENDAR YEARS

('000 persons)

<i>Year ended 31 December</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1970	4,530.4	3,450.5	1,795.4	1,158.4	994.2	388.2	79.3	131.9	12,528.5
1971	4,611.7	3,510.4	1,830.5	1,176.5	1,031.6	391.2	86.4	144.1	12,782.4
1972	4,673.3	3,557.7	1,873.3	1,189.4	1,056.5	393.2	91.6	157.2	12,992.2
1973	4,715.2	3,596.8	1,919.4	1,202.6	1,072.7	396.9	95.9	169.0	13,168.5
1974 (a)									
Males	2,383.7	1,820.4	992.3	608.7	561.3	201.0	54.9	92.1	6,714.4
Females	2,378.1	1,824.0	976.2	612.0	537.4	200.6	46.8	88.1	6,663.1
Persons	4,761.8	3,644.4	1,968.5	1,220.7	1,098.7	401.6	101.7	180.2	1,377.5

TABLE 8. — MEAN POPULATION, FINANCIAL YEARS

('000 persons)

<i>Year ended 30 June</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1970	4,490.0	3,420.6	1,780.0	1,149.1	975.1	386.7	76.1	126.6	12,404.2
1971	4,571.9	3,481.4	1,812.3	1,168.1	1,013.5	389.7	83.0	137.6	12,657.5
1972	4,646.8	3,535.8	1,851.0	1,183.7	1,046.6	392.4	89.2	150.8	12,896.3
1973	4,695.8	3,579.1	1,896.6	1,195.6	1,064.2	394.9	93.7	163.2	13,083.1
1974 —									
Males	2,371.9	1,807.0	979.9	603.4	554.7	199.9	53.4	89.5	6,659.6
Females	2,365.6	1,811.5	964.7	607.5	630.0	199.1	45.2	85.4	6,608.9
Persons	4,737.5	3,618.5	1,944.6	1,210.8	1,084.7	399.0	98.6	174.9	13,268.6

(a) Because of the sudden decrease in the population of Darwin, following the devastation caused by cyclone "Tracy" it has been considered necessary to adjust the mean population of the Northern Territory for the calendar year 1974. As the evacuation of people from Darwin took place during the last week of the quarter a "representative" population was calculated for the December quarter 1974 by deducting 1/13 of the number of evacuees from the estimate of what the population of Northern Territory would have been had the cyclone not occurred. This "representative" population was then combined with the estimated population for the previous quarters of the calendar year, according to the formula shown in paragraph 4 of the explanatory notes. The difference between the "adjusted" mean population and the mean population derived by the usual calculations was then apportioned to the various States on the basis of first destination, for Darwin evacuees, as shown in "Population Estimates and the Effect of cyclone Tracy, Darwin, January 1975". Reference No. 4.28 issued on 7th March, 1975.

NOTE. See paragraph 4.

TABLE 9. - MARRIAGES

<i>Period</i>		<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<b>MARRIAGES - NUMBER REGISTERED</b>										
Year -										
1970		42,928	31,729	16,082	10,864	9,227	3,535	501	1,200	116,066
1971		43,038	32,386	16,538	10,833	9,382	3,578	485	1,397	117,637
1972		41,520	31,206	16,066	10,829	9,120	3,426	490	1,372	114,029
1973		40,722	30,203	16,490	10,806	9,102	3,395	513	1,469	112,700
1974		39,327	29,708	16,086	10,769	9,295	3,567	566	1,355	110,673
Quarter -										
September	1972	8,800	6,297	3,669	2,291	1,777	724	147	276	23,981
December	1972	10,835	8,437	4,060	2,640	2,472	769	119	365	29,697
March	1973	11,037	8,076	3,980	3,054	2,470	1,067	126	383	30,193
June	1973	10,132	7,708	4,265	2,536	2,156	876	119	329	28,121
September	1973	9,073	6,194	3,913	2,374	2,055	676	138	324	24,747
December	1973	10,480	8,225	4,332	2,842	2,421	776	130	433	29,639
March	1974	11,207	8,310	4,098	3,169	2,662	1,258	101	378	31,183
June	1974	9,621	7,506	4,148	2,724	2,279	833	138	297	27,546
September	1974	8,436	5,938	3,621	2,136	1,874	731	148	316	23,200
December	1974	10,063	7,954	4,219	2,740	2,480	745	179	364	28,744
<b>CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES - NUMBER PER THOUSAND OF MEAN POPULATION</b>										
Year -										
1970		9.48	9.20	8.96	9.38	9.28	9.11	6.32	9.10	9.26
1971		9.33	9.23	9.03	9.21	9.09	9.15	5.61	9.69	9.20
1972		8.88	8.77	8.58	9.10	8.63	8.71	5.35	8.73	8.78
1973		8.64	8.40	8.59	8.99	8.49	8.55	5.35	8.69	8.56
1974		8.26	8.15	8.17	8.82	8.46	8.88	5.56	7.52	8.27
Quarter -										
September	1972	7.54	7.08	7.82	7.71	6.73	7.38	6.38	6.95	7.38
December	1972	9.24	9.45	8.59	8.85	9.31	7.80	5.12	9.02	9.10
March	1973	9.38	9.00	8.36	10.19	9.25	10.77	5.35	9.31	9.20
June	1973	8.61	8.58	8.92	8.45	8.06	8.84	5.00	7.87	8.56
September	1973	7.70	6.90	8.14	7.90	7.67	6.82	5.73	7.61	7.52
December	1973	8.87	9.12	8.94	9.41	8.97	7.80	5.33	9.97	8.96
March	1974	9.44	9.16	8.39	10.44	9.77	12.58	4.07	8.56	9.37
June	1974	8.10	8.25	8.45	8.95	8.33	8.31	5.47	6.63	8.25
September	1974	7.10	6.52	7.34	6.99	6.82	7.28	5.77	6.95	6.94
December	1974	8.41	8.69	8.50	8.90	8.93	7.38	6.94	7.90	8.61

NOTE. See paragraphs 4 and 5 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 10. - DIVORCES

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION (a)									
Year -									
1970	6,510	3,661	1,853	1,365	1,204	500	67	219	15,379
1971	7,623	4,242	1,912	1,648	1,451	482	110	279	17,747
1972	7,844	4,503	2,053	1,977	1,628	524	130	311	18,970
1973	8,407	5,158	2,436	2,135	1,875	633	120	435	21,199
1974	10,762	6,556	3,486	2,260	2,227	748	139	574	26,752
Quarter -									
September 1972	2,072	1,163	554	497	457	125	39	76	4,983
December 1972	1,873	1,124	513	454	400	150	34	81	4,629
March 1973	1,964	845	524	552	495	141	20	90	4,631
June 1973	1,788	1,023	472	462	388	136	22	96	4,387
September 1973	2,494	1,612	709	601	481	188	39	129	6,253
December 1973	2,161	1,678	731	520	511	168	39	120	5,928
March 1974	2,321	1,312	702	484	531	173	31	123	5,677
June 1974	2,668	1,648	798	523	502	172	38	146	6,495
September 1974	2,967	1,798	1,046	601	666	207	32	132	7,449
December 1974	2,819	1,800	943	655	528	197	38	173	7,153
DECREES OF DISSOLUTION GRANTED (b)									
Year -									
1970	5,606	2,591	1,507	939	889	422	50	194	12,198
1971	5,467	3,072	1,404	1,264	1,064	429	55	192	12,947
1972	7,036	3,584	1,731	1,235	1,243	442	88	225	15,584
1973	7,396	3,200	1,694	1,582	1,424	443	86	270	16,095
1974	7,117	4,257	1,833	1,561	1,761	535	64	367	17,495
Quarter -									
September 1972	1,858	1,198	444	336	345	105	10	68	4,364
December 1972	1,921	1,179	455	247	318	123	30	67	4,340
March 1973	1,677	920	476	488	478	138	15	96	4,288
June 1973	1,859	638	394	340	223	79	38	46	3,617
September 1973	1,767	739	426	360	361	114	14	61	3,842
December 1973	2,093	903	398	394	362	112	19	67	4,348
March 1974	1,477	851	469	359	536	167	21	87	3,967
June 1974	1,408	656	379	413	291	133	20	67	3,367
September 1974	1,825	1,323	462	372	591	99	12	105	4,789
December 1974	2,422	1,430	528	418	343	136	11	108	5,396
CRUDE DIVORCE RATES - NUMBER PER TEN THOUSAND OF MEAN POPULATION (c)									
Year -									
1970	12.42	7.55	8.42	8.13	8.95	10.97	6.31	14.87	9.78
1971	11.90	8.77	7.71	10.84	10.35	11.04	6.60	13.39	10.17
1972	15.11	10.10	9.27	10.43	11.77	11.34	9.61	14.31	12.03
1973	15.69	8.90	8.83	13.15	13.28	11.16	8.97	15.98	12.28
1974	14.95	11.68	9.31	12.79	16.03	13.32	6.29	20.37	13.08

(a) Petitions for decrees other than dissolution during the December quarter 1974 were : nullity, 18; judicial separation, 1; dissolution or nullity, 1. (b) Decrees absolute. There were 18 decrees of nullity and 6 of judicial separation granted during the December quarter 1974. (c) Number of decrees of dissolution, nullity and judicial separation granted per ten thousand of mean population.

NOTE. See paragraphs 4 and 5 of the explanatory notes.



TABLE 11. - LIVE BIRTHS

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>	
<b>LIVE BIRTHS - NUMBER REGISTERED</b>										
<b>Year -</b>										
1970	88,448	73,019	37,530	22,617	21,618	8,185	2,624	3,475	257,516	
1971	98,466	75,498	39,970	22,996	24,239	8,321	2,832	4,040	276,362	
1972	95,278	71,807	39,251	21,844	22,177	7,824	2,722	4,066	264,969	
1973	87,332	67,123	38,067	20,407	20,510	7,326	2,809	4,096	247,670	
1974	86,162	66,201	37,852	20,181	20,207	7,398	2,808	4,368	245,177	
<b>Quarter -</b>										
September	1972	24,091	18,014	9,614	5,498	5,511	1,934	717	985	66,364
December	1972	21,926	16,916	9,088	5,462	5,759	1,902	704	949	62,706
March	1973	23,182	17,504	9,982	5,219	4,623	1,968	625	1,023	64,126
June	1973	22,042	16,769	9,900	5,076	5,223	1,824	835	983	62,652
September	1973	21,641	16,315	9,495	4,950	5,349	1,866	722	1,083	61,421
December	1973	20,467	16,536	8,690	5,162	5,315	1,668	627	1,007	59,471
March	1974	21,728	16,882	9,661	4,825	4,568	1,906	694	1,128	61,392
June	1974	21,197	16,644	9,705	5,193	5,105	1,826	681	1,023	61,374
September	1974	22,945	16,793	9,593	5,036	4,967	1,885	723	1,063	63,005
December	1974	20,292	15,882	8,893	5,127	5,567	1,781	710	1,154	59,406
<b>CRUDE BIRTH RATES - NUMBER PER THOUSAND OF MEAN POPULATION</b>										
<b>Year -</b>										
1970	19.52	21.16	20.90	19.52	21.74	21.09	33.09	26.36	20.55	
1971	21.35	21.51	21.84	19.55	23.50	21.27	32.77	28.03	21.62	
1972	20.39	20.18	20.95	18.37	20.99	19.90	29.71	25.86	20.39	
1973	18.52	18.66	19.83	16.97	19.12	18.46	29.29	24.24	18.81	
1974	18.09	18.17	19.23	16.53	18.39	18.42	27.60	24.25	18.33	
<b>Quarter -</b>										
September	1972	20.63	20.26	20.49	18.50	20.87	19.70	31.10	24.79	20.43
December	1972	18.70	18.94	19.22	18.30	21.68	19.29	30.26	23.45	19.21
March	1973	19.70	19.50	20.97	17.41	17.31	19.87	26.55	24.84	19.55
June	1973	18.72	18.67	20.71	16.92	19.54	18.40	35.01	23.52	19.07
September	1973	18.38	18.16	19.76	16.47	19.96	18.82	29.98	25.43	18.66
December	1973	17.31	18.33	17.94	17.09	19.68	16.75	25.71	23.18	17.98
March	1974	18.30	18.60	19.78	15.89	16.77	19.06	27.95	25.56	18.44
June	1974	17.84	18.30	19.76	17.06	18.65	18.23	27.00	22.85	18.39
September	1974	19.30	18.44	19.45	16.49	18.07	18.78	28.20	23.39	18.84
December	1974	16.96	17.35	17.91	16.65	20.04	17.65	27.53	25.06	17.67

NOTE. See paragraphs 4 and 5 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 12. - DEATHS

<i>Period</i>		<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<b>DEATHS - NUMBER REGISTERED</b>										
<b>Year -</b>										
1970		43,601	30,335	17,055	10,138	7,543	3,174	608	594	113,048
1971		41,691	30,598	16,339	9,686	7,806	3,295	637	598	110,650
1972		41,652	29,856	16,598	9,764	7,441	3,227	553	669	109,760
1973		41,122	30,696	16,732	9,835	7,845	3,347	580	665	110,822
1974		43,999	30,875	18,128	10,236	7,778	3,484	575	758	115,833
<b>Quarter -</b>										
September	1972	12,097	8,557	5,022	2,740	2,042	879	133	191	31,661
December	1972	9,480	7,310	3,771	2,550	2,076	754	155	162	26,258
March	1973	10,205	7,194	4,205	2,245	1,699	789	124	162	26,623
June	1973	10,010	7,426	4,028	2,424	1,771	841	134	160	26,794
September	1973	11,340	8,798	4,628	2,657	2,085	924	149	171	30,752
December	1973	9,567	7,278	3,871	2,509	2,290	793	173	172	26,653
March	1974	8,576	7,118	3,962	2,233	1,653	820	149	151	24,662
June	1974	10,636	7,486	4,368	2,516	1,919	878	135	174	28,112
September	1974	14,466	8,993	5,749	2,933	2,091	991	119	249	35,591
December	1974	10,321	7,278	4,049	2,554	2,115	795	172	184	27,468
<b>CRUDE DEATH RATES - NUMBER PER THOUSAND OF MEAN POPULATION</b>										
<b>Year -</b>										
1970		9.62	8.79	9.50	8.75	7.59	8.18	7.67	4.51	9.02
1971		9.04	8.72	8.93	8.23	7.57	8.42	7.37	4.15	8.66
1972		8.91	8.39	8.86	8.21	7.04	8.21	6.04	4.26	8.45
1973		8.72	8.53	8.72	8.18	7.31	8.44	6.05	3.93	8.42
1974		9.24	8.47	9.21	8.39	7.08	8.68	5.65	4.21	8.66
<b>Quarter -</b>										
September	1972	10.36	9.63	10.70	9.22	7.73	8.96	5.77	4.81	9.75
December	1972	8.09	8.18	7.98	8.54	7.82	7.65	6.66	4.00	8.04
March	1973	8.67	8.02	8.83	7.49	6.36	7.98	5.27	3.94	8.12
June	1973	8.50	8.27	8.42	8.08	6.62	8.49	5.62	3.83	8.15
September	1973	9.63	9.79	9.63	8.84	7.78	9.32	6.19	4.02	9.34
December	1973	8.09	8.07	7.99	8.31	8.48	7.97	7.09	3.96	8.06
March	1974	7.22	7.84	8.11	7.35	6.07	8.20	6.00	3.42	7.41
June	1974	8.95	8.23	8.90	8.26	7.01	8.76	5.35	3.89	8.42
September	1974	12.17	9.88	11.66	9.60	7.61	9.88	4.64	5.48	10.64
December	1974	8.63	7.95	8.16	8.29	7.61	7.88	6.67	3.99	8.17

NOTE. See paragraphs 4 and 5 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 13. - DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE - NUMBER REGISTERED (a)									
Year -									
1970	1,743	1,060	672	367	459	116	126	61	4,604
1971	1,710	1,107	766	366	464	114	170	80	4,777
1972	1,663	1,048	697	367	348	127	113	67	4,430
1973	1,491	958	666	276	394	137	100	63	4,085
1974	1,428	989	606	312	327	123	103	70	3,958
Quarter -									
September 1972	461	282	192	86	98	39	28	13	1,199
December 1972	387	297	145	91	96	34	31	9	1,090
March 1973	353	219	177	81	83	29	16	17	975
June 1973	366	224	179	68	90	32	21	15	995
September 1973	397	245	153	66	118	45	34	17	1,075
December 1973	375	270	157	61	103	31	29	14	1,040
March 1974	283	225	153	71	56	29	34	13	864
June 1974	398	233	170	71	97	25	26	23	1,043
September 1974	401	256	149	105	88	38	9	18	1,064
December 1974	346	275	134	65	86	31	34	16	987
INFANT MORTALITY RATES - NUMBER PER THOUSAND LIVE BIRTHS									
Year -									
1970	19.71	14.52	17.91	16.23	21.23	14.17	(b) 48.02	17.55	17.88
1971	17.37	14.66	19.16	15.92	19.14	13.70	60.03	19.80	17.29
1972	17.45	14.59	17.76	16.80	15.69	16.23	41.51	16.48	16.72
1973	17.07	14.27	17.50	13.52	19.21	18.70	35.61	15.38	16.49
1974	16.57	14.94	16.01	15.46	16.18	16.63	36.68	16.03	16.14
Quarter -									
September 1972	19.14	15.65	19.97	15.64	17.78	20.17	39.05	(c)	18.07
December 1972	17.65	17.56	15.96	16.66	16.67	17.88	44.03	(c)	17.38
March 1973	15.23	12.51	17.73	15.52	17.95	14.74	(c)	(c)	15.20
June 1973	16.60	13.36	18.08	13.40	17.23	17.54	25.15	(c)	15.88
September 1973	18.34	15.02	16.11	13.33	22.06	24.12	47.09	(c)	17.50
December 1973	18.32	16.33	18.07	11.82	19.38	18.59	46.25	(c)	17.49
March 1974	13.02	13.33	15.84	14.72	12.26	15.22	48.99	(c)	14.07
June 1974	18.78	14.00	17.52	13.67	19.00	13.69	38.18	22.48	16.99
September 1974	17.48	15.24	15.53	20.85	17.72	20.16	(c)	(c)	16.89
December 1974	17.05	17.32	15.07	12.68	15.45	17.41	47.89	(c)	16.61

(a) Included in total number of deaths registered; i.e. in Table 6. (b) Although comprehensive data are not available, it is known that the rate of Aboriginal infant deaths is substantially above that for other births in the Territory. (c) Less than twenty deaths, rate not reliable.

NOTE. See also paragraph 5 of the explanatory notes.

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