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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of dissolutions of marriage, nullities of marriage and judicial separations for the year ended December 1966 and some comparative figures for previous years. For further details in respect of past years, see previous issues in this series and the annual bulletin "Demography". Summary figures of divorce are also published quarterly, the latest being Social Statistics, No. 52, Divorce - December quarter 1966, issued on 24 July 1967.

2. The Commonwealth Matrimonial Causes Act 1959 came into operation on 1 February 1961. This Act provided a uniform law throughout Australia with respect to divorce and other matrimonial causes, and superseded the Matrimonial Causes laws of the States and Territories except in so far as the transitional provisions of the Act kept them in force for the purpose of completing pending proceedings. Therefore statistics of decrees granted in 1961 and for some time thereafter include some decrees made on petitions under the superseded laws and are to that extent not uniformly based.

3. Under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1966, a court may grant decrees of dissolution of marriage (commonly known as divorce), judicial separation, nullity of marriage, restitution of conjugal rights and jactitation of marriage (i.e., that a person should refrain from making the false claim that a marriage has taken place between him and another person). Orders may be made for the custody and welfare of children, maintenance, the settlement of property and damages for adultery.

4. The statistics in this bulletin refer only to petitions filed and final decrees granted, for dissolution, nullity and judicial separation. Statistics of petitions filed relate only to the original petition in a suit, i.e., a cross-petition contained in an answer by the respondent is not counted as a separate petition, nor are the grounds cited in a cross-petition included in Table 2.

**I. PETITIONS FILED : DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION**

**TABLE 1. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION, 1962 TO 1966**

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
1962	4,093	2,148	1,083	910	651	276	39	48	9,248
1963	4,339	2,163	1,061	1,005	623	271	50	90	9,602
1964	4,484	2,357	1,121	1,034	653	322	53	124	10,148
1965	4,679	2,501	1,266	1,107	736	328	61	161	10,839
1966	4,892	2,621	1,173	1,133	787	357	46	123	11,132
1966 - Husband petitioner	1,821	1,143	517	419	375	156	23	56	4,510
Wife petitioner	3,071	1,478	656	714	412	201	23	67	6,622
<u>Total</u>	4,892	2,621	1,173	1,133	787	357	46	123	11,132
PETITIONS FOR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
1962	21	13	7	4	3	2	..	..	50
1963	18	7	3	5	4	1	..	1	39
1964	17	15	4	5	2	..	..	1	44
1965	20	12	1	13	2	3	..	..	51
1966	27	14	4	7	3	..	..	..	55
1966 - Husband petitioner	11	8	1	3	2	..	..	..	25
Wife petitioner	16	6	3	4	1	..	..	..	30
<u>Total</u>	27	14	4	7	3	..	..	..	55
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
1962	..	9	1	1	..	..	..	..	11
1963	5	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
1964	3	10	2	2	..	..	..	..	17
1965	3	15	5	2	..	..	..	..	25
1966	6	8	3	3	..	..	..	1	21
1966 - Husband petitioner	3	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	9
Wife petitioner	3	5	2	1	..	..	..	1	12
<u>Total</u>	6	8	3	3	..	..	..	1	21
PETITIONS FOR JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
1962	10	4	3	1	..	2	..	..	20
1963	8	7	4	3	2	1	..	4	29
1964	13	7	6	4	1	2	..	1	34
1965	4	4	6	5	..	..	..	2	21
1966	13	1	4	2	1	..	..	4	25
1966 - Husband petitioner	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Wife petitioner	13	1	4	2	..	..	..	4	24
<u>Total</u>	13	1	4	2	1	..	..	4	25
TOTAL PETITIONS									
1962	4,124	2,174	1,094	916	654	280	39	48	9,329
1963	4,370	(a) 2,186	1,069	1,014	629	273	50	95	(a) 9,686
1964	4,517	(a) 2,390	1,133	1,045	656	324	53	126	(a) 10,244
1965	4,706	2,532	1,278	1,127	738	331	61	163	10,936
1966	4,938	(a) 2,645	1,184	(b) 1,147	791	357	46	128	(c) 11,236
1966 - Husband petitioner	1,835	1,154	519	424	378	156	23	56	4,545
Per cent	37	44	44	37	48	44	50	44	40
- Wife petitioner	3,103	(a) 1,491	665	(b) 723	413	201	23	72	(c) 6,691
Per cent	63	56	56	63	52	56	50	56	60
<u>Total</u>	4,938	(a) 2,645	1,184	(b) 1,147	791	357	46	128	(c) 11,236

(a) Includes one petition for dissolution or judicial separation.

(b) Includes two petitions for dissolution or judicial separation.

(c) Includes three petitions for dissolution or judicial separation.

TABLE 2. - GROUNDS ON WHICH PETITIONS WERE FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : 1966

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	1,853	973	447	330	237	144	14	29	4,027
Adultery	942	582	214	314	291	69	7	32	2,451
Separation	683	373	178	163	164	79	9	11	1,660
Cruelty	424	56	50	190	19	12	5	23	779
Drunkenness	60	14	8	16	8	5	1	2	114
Failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	5
Refusal to consummate	15	2	5	4	4	..	..	..	30
Insanity	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Frequent convictions	4	2	..	2	3	..	..	..	11
Imprisonment	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	5
Sodomy	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	8
Other single grounds	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	93	125	35	11	6	11	2	5	288
Desertion and separation	352	338	154	42	24	20	2	2	934
Desertion and cruelty	100	24	17	12	3	5	3	5	169
Desertion and drunkenness	26	9	3	1	..	3	..	..	42
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	7	5	..	..	1	1	..	..	14
Desertion and refusal to consummate	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Desertion and frequent convictions	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Desertion and other	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4
Adultery and separation	13	7	2	5	7	..	1	..	35
Adultery and cruelty	39	15	3	12	2	1	..	2	74
Adultery and drunkenness	3	2	2	..	1	..	1	1	10
Adultery and imprisonment	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Separation and cruelty	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5
Separation and insanity	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Separation and other	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	7
Cruelty and drunkenness	166	31	34	23	5	6	1	9	275
Cruelty and other	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3
Other dual grounds	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Three grounds or more	73	53	15	2	2	1	..	2	148
<u>Total</u>	4,892	2,621	1,173	1,133	787	357	46	123	11,132
OTHER PETITIONS									
<u>For nullity of marriage -</u>									
Bigamy	12	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	18
Invalid marriage	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Consent under duress or by fraud	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Incapacity to consummate	12	8	1	3	..	..	..	..	24
Pregnancy	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	5
Other grounds	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	27	14	4	7	3	..	..	..	55
<u>For dissolution or nullity of marriage</u>	6	8	3	3	..	..	..	1	21
<u>For judicial separation -</u>									
Desertion	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
Adultery	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Cruelty	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	6
Desertion and adultery	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Adultery and cruelty	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty and drunkenness	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4
<u>Total</u>	13	1	4	2	1	..	..	4	25
<u>For dissolution or judicial separation</u>	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total petitions other than for dissolution of marriage-</u>	46	24	11	14	4	..	..	5	104

**TABLE 3. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : BY SEX OF PETITIONER
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (a), AUSTRALIA 1966**

Petition for -	Marriages with -							Total petitions	Total number of children (a)
	no children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children	6 or more children		
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	1,713	1,135	915	443	193	62	49	4,510	5,697
Wife petitioner	1,997	1,682	1,577	777	383	130	76	6,622	9,849
<u>Total</u>	3,710	2,817	2,492	1,220	576	192	125	11,132	15,546
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	19	2	3	1	..	..	..	25	11
Wife petitioner	23	7	..	..	..	..	..	30	7
<u>Total</u>	42	9	3	1	..	..	..	55	18
Dissolution or nullity -									
Husband petitioner	6	1	1	..	..	1	..	9	8
Wife petitioner	9	3	..	..	..	..	..	12	3
<u>Total</u>	15	4	1	..	..	1	..	21	11
Judicial separation -									
Husband petitioner	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	4
Wife petitioner	8	6	6	2	..	1	1	24	35
<u>Total</u>	8	6	6	2	1	1	1	25	39
Dissolution or judicial separation -									
Husband petitioner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife petitioner	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	8
<u>Total</u>	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	8
Total petitions -									
Husband petitioner	1,738	1,138	919	444	194	63	49	4,545	5,720
Wife petitioner	2,037	1,698	1,584	781	383	131	77	6,691	9,902
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,775	2,836	2,503	1,225	577	194	126	11,236	15,622

(a) Living children of the marriage under 21 at time of petition.

**TABLE 4. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY
OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : BY NUMBER OF
CHILDREN (a), AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966**

Year	Marriages with -							Total petitions	Total number of children (a)
	no children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children	6 or more children		
1962	3,503	2,358	1,981	945	360	112	70	9,329	11,584
1963	3,386	2,453	2,175	1,040	410	146	76	9,686	12,821
1964	3,528	2,586	2,238	1,186	457	150	99	10,244	13,851
1965	3,747	2,722	2,393	1,285	510	165	114	10,936	14,965
1966	3,775	2,836	2,503	1,225	577	194	126	11,236	15,622

(a) Living children of the marriage under 21 at time of petition.

II. DECREES GRANTED : DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND

JUDICIAL SEPARATION

TABLE 5. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a), 1962 TO 1966

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE									
1962	3,113	1,615	920	685	582	248	38	44	7,245
1963	3,293	1,616	910	765	553	260	38	41	7,476
1964	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
1965	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491
1966	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859
1966 - Husband petitioner	1,697	894	481	407	314	141	28	48	4,010
Wife petitioner	2,818	1,230	550	662	322	176	30	53	5,841
Granted on petition of both	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
<u>Total</u>	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859
NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE									
1962	18	8	5	6	2	1	..	..	40
1963	13	7	6	5	1	..	..	..	32
1964	14	19	5	3	2	1	..	..	44
1965	14	13	3	3	2	..	..	..	35
1966	19	11	7	9	3	1	..	..	50
1966 - Husband petitioner	6	2	4	5	..	1	..	..	18
Wife petitioner	13	9	3	4	3	..	..	..	32
<u>Total</u>	19	11	7	9	3	1	..	..	50
JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS									
1962	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	5
1963	..	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	7
1964	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
1965	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	1	8
1966	4	2	1	2	..	1	..	2	12
1966 - Husband petitioner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife petitioner	4	2	1	2	..	1	..	2	12
<u>Total</u>	4	2	1	2	..	1	..	2	12
TOTAL DECREES									
1962	3,131	1,623	928	692	585	249	38	44	7,290
1963	3,306	1,626	919	770	554	261	38	41	7,515
1964	3,041	2,151	986	890	545	230	31	93	7,967
1965	3,455	2,103	1,059	855	606	280	41	135	8,534
1966	4,538	2,144	1,039	1,080	640	319	58	103	9,921
1966 - Husband petitioner									
Number	1,703	896	485	412	314	142	28	48	4,028
Per cent	38	42	47	38	49	45	48	47	41
- Wife petitioner									
Number	2,835	1,241	554	668	325	177	30	55	5,885
Per cent	62	58	53	62	51	55	52	53	59
Granted on petition of both	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	4,538	2,144	1,039	1,080	640	319	58	103	9,921

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 6. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : 1966

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	2,259	1,007	512	361	199	141	27	26	4,532
Adultery	882	544	205	309	245	58	11	34	2,288
Separation	769	505	229	213	152	74	13	13	1,968
Cruelty	250	31	40	136	10	9	2	10	488
Drunkenness	71	13	14	32	3	3	2	4	142
Intoxication by drugs	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Failure to pay maintenance	2	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	6
Non-compliance with restitution decree	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
Refusal to consummate	14	2	2	2	2	1	..	..	23
Insanity	5	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	10
Frequent convictions	9	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	15
Imprisonment	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	6
Rape	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sodomy	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Presumption of death	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	56	9	12	3	4	5	..	4	93
Desertion and separation	38	1	6	2	6	11	..	3	67
Desertion and cruelty	27	..	..	..	1	3	2	1	34
Desertion and drunkenness	17	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	20
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	5
Desertion and refusal to consummate	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Desertion and frequent convictions	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Adultery and separation	4	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	7
Adultery and cruelty	4	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	8
Adultery and frequent convictions	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Separation and failure to pay maintenance	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
Separation and other	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	75	2	7	1	3	6	1	3	98
Cruelty and failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Cruelty and frequent convictions	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other dual grounds	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Three grounds or more	12	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	16
<u>Total</u>	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Bigamy	11	2	1	3	3	1	..	..	21
Invalid marriage	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Consent under duress or by fraud	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Incapacity to consummate	7	8	4	3	..	..	..	..	22
Pregnancy	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	19	11	7	9	3	1	..	..	50
JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
Desertion	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Adultery	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	4
Cruelty	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Drunkenness	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Desertion and cruelty	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Adultery and cruelty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
<u>Total</u>	4	2	1	2	..	1	..	2	12

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 7. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966

Ground (b)	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE					
Single grounds -					
Desertion	3,645	3,531	3,468	3,777	4,532
Adultery	1,548	1,676	1,833	2,035	2,288
Separation (c)	1,272	1,495	1,687	1,706	1,968
Cruelty	207	254	316	380	488
Drunkenness	74	75	81	103	142
Intoxication by drugs	1	..	4	1	3
Failure to pay maintenance	18	10	10	10	6
Non-compliance with restitution decree (d)	57	40	17	15	7
Refusal to consummate (d)	16	15	22	24	23
Insanity	36	23	16	13	10
Frequent convictions	19	14	12	23	15
Imprisonment	3	4	5	7	6
Rape	..	2	4	5	1
Sodomy	1	2	2	1	2
Presumption of death	3	..	2	2	2
Other single grounds	1	2	..	5	..
Dual grounds -					
Desertion and adultery	54	65	73	93	93
Desertion and separation	140	115	159	108	67
Desertion and cruelty	22	37	44	36	34
Desertion and drunkenness	19	14	13	26	20
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	8	5	5	4	5
Desertion and frequent convictions	8	1	4	1	4
Desertion and other	2	3	6	4	2
Adultery and separation	4	7	9	2	7
Adultery and cruelty	6	4	11	6	8
Adultery and other	1	..	6	2	2
Separation and failure to pay maintenance	2	6	..	..	2
Separation and other	3	2	8	6	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	60	59	69	76	98
Cruelty and other	..	3	6	6	3
Drunkenness and other	2	..	4	1	1
Other dual grounds	..	1	..	..	1
Three grounds or more	13	11	21	13	16
<u>Total</u>	7,245	7,476	7,917	8,491	9,859
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE					
Bigamy	14	10	16	13	21
Invalid marriage	2	1	3	2	2
Incapacity to consummate	24	21	23	20	22
Other grounds	..	..	2	..	5
<u>Total</u>	40	32	44	35	50
JUDICIAL SEPARATION					
Desertion	2	2	2	..	3
Adultery	2	2	1	5	4
Cruelty	..	2	2	1	2
Other grounds	1	1	1	2	3
<u>Total</u>	5	7	6	8	12

(a) Decrees absolute. (b) About one fifth of the decrees granted in 1962, and small numbers in subsequent years, were dealt with under superseded State laws and are therefore not on a uniform basis with the remainder of the figures. Therefore comparison of 1962 figures with those for other years should be made with caution. (c) Separation was a ground for dissolution in only two States under the old legislation. (d) This was a ground for dissolution in only one State under the old legislation.

III. DISSOLUTIONS GRANTED : AGES OF PARTIES

TABLE 8. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1966

Age of husband (years)	Age of wife (years)											Total husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	Number	Per cent
Under 20	604	156	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	770	8
20 - 24	2,052	2,312	271	43	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	4,685	48
25 - 29	524	1,314	536	113	31	3	3	..	..	..	1	2,525	26
30 - 34	110	332	262	155	60	14	4	..	..	..	..	937	9
35 - 39	24	91	94	82	79	30	8	..	1	..	..	409	4
40 - 44	4	23	45	55	52	44	19	5	..	1	..	248	3
45 - 49	2	11	19	25	26	31	22	6	..	..	..	142	1
50 - 54	1	2	4	4	12	10	13	13	5	2	..	66	1
55 - 59	..	..	3	2	4	5	7	7	10	1	..	39	..
60 and over	1	..	1	1	1	2	3	4	8	9	..	30	..
Not stated	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	8	..
Total (Number wives)	3,322	4,241	1,244	482	271	140	80	35	24	13	7	9,859	..
(Per cent)	34	43	13	5	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 9. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGE OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of husband (years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
1962	442	3,287	1,953	741	381	200	92	55	28	28	38	7,245
1963	453	3,461	2,043	733	340	192	110	63	25	28	28	7,476
1964	497	3,776	2,024	814	380	202	102	52	28	30	12	7,917
1965	636	4,069	2,162	799	386	192	120	62	33	26	6	8,491
1966	770	4,685	2,525	937	409	248	142	66	39	30	8	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 8.

TABLE 10. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of wife (years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
1962	2,151	3,105	1,066	448	208	126	52	30	10	10	39	7,245
1963	2,296	3,276	1,047	408	205	110	50	35	12	8	29	7,476
1964	2,465	3,473	1,041	437	247	119	67	24	21	10	13	7,917
1965	2,796	3,667	1,072	464	243	114	69	26	16	16	8	8,491
1966	3,322	4,241	1,244	482	271	140	80	35	24	13	7	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 8.

TABLE 11. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1966

Age of husband (years)	Age of wife (years)											Total husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	Number	Per cent
Under 20	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
20 - 24	15	228	33	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	277	3
25 - 29	4	501	757	66	7	2	1	..	..	..	..	1,338	14
30 - 34	1	97	736	628	87	21	6	..	..	..	1	1,577	16
35 - 39	..	21	212	705	610	124	19	3	1	..	..	1,695	17
40 - 44	..	7	45	181	623	632	114	24	4	1	..	1,631	16
45 - 49	..	1	9	42	157	431	435	97	13	6	..	1,191	12
50 - 54	..	..	7	15	57	177	359	277	77	11	..	980	10
55 - 59	..	1	..	5	17	57	101	198	159	49	..	587	6
60 and over	..	1	1	2	5	15	43	107	146	254	..	574	6
Not stated	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	7	..
Total (Number wives)	22	857	1,800	1,645	1,563	1,460	1,078	706	401	321	6	9,859	..
(Per cent)	..	9	18	17	16	15	11	7	4	3	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 12. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGE OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of husband (years)										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
1962	137	814	1,276	1,385	1,139	926	682	454	394	38	7,245
1963	156	845	1,369	1,426	1,205	900	697	445	405	28	7,476
1964	165	913	1,305	1,441	1,282	1,017	798	499	484	13	7,917
1965	194	1,082	1,369	1,582	1,461	1,038	824	467	468	6	8,491
1966	279	1,338	1,577	1,695	1,631	1,191	980	587	574	7	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 11.

TABLE 13. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of wife (years)										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
1962	540	1,153	1,366	1,341	1,027	801	478	240	260	39	7,245
1963	550	1,302	1,417	1,284	1,111	774	520	261	228	29	7,476
1964	584	1,292	1,365	1,364	1,207	900	568	340	283	14	7,917
1965	662	1,528	1,368	1,523	1,322	934	603	275	268	8	8,491
1966	879	1,800	1,645	1,563	1,460	1,078	706	401	321	6	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 11.

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TABLE 14. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA 1966

Duration of marriage (years)	Marriages with -							Total marriages dissolved		Total number of children (b)
	no children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children	6 or more children	Number	Per cent	
Under 5	472	237	56	9	6	..	..	780	8	400
5 - 9	991	826	558	131	35	9	..	2,550	26	2,520
10 - 14	532	477	520	309	118	32	16	2,004	20	3,178
15 - 19	346	351	478	321	135	64	48	1,743	18	3,444
20 - 24	266	280	391	189	97	38	26	1,287	13	2,379
25 - 29	345	229	116	67	19	7	3	786	8	795
30 and over	548	107	39	13	..	2	..	709	7	234
<u>Total</u> (Number marriages dissolved)	3,500	2,507	2,158	1,039	410	152	93	9,859	..	..
(Per cent)	36	25	22	10	4	2	1	..	100	..
<u>Total number of children (b)</u>	..	2,507	4,316	3,117	1,640	760	610	..	..	12,950

(a) Decreases absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

(b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years.

TABLE 15. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966

Year of dissolution of marriage	Duration of marriage (years) -								Total marriages dissolved
	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over	Not stated	
1962	450	1,894	1,800	1,232	890	459	520	..	7,245
1963	503	2,010	1,677	1,358	915	515	498	..	7,476
1964	501	1,980	1,741	1,474	984	633	602	2	7,917
1965	572	2,204	1,843	1,569	1,072	647	584	..	8,491
1966	780	2,550	2,004	1,743	1,287	786	709	..	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 14.

TABLE 16. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966

Year of dissolution of marriage	Marriages with -							Total marriages dissolved	Total number of children (b)
	no children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children	6 or more children		
1962	2,878	1,905	1,430	665	244	73	50	7,245	8,422
1963	2,908	1,887	1,611	673	286	70	41	7,476	8,893
1964	2,885	2,052	1,703	810	309	104	54	7,917	9,997
1965	2,891	2,180	1,905	967	352	116	80	8,491	11,426
1966	3,500	2,507	2,158	1,039	410	152	93	9,859	12,950

(a) See note (a) to table 14.

(b) See note (b) to table 14.

TABLE 17. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)
AGES OF CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE (b) : AUSTRALIA 1966

Granted on petition of -	Ages of children at time of petition (years)																		Total number of children
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 to 20	Not stated	
Husband	21	81	175	226	267	309	297	325	324	297	286	284	256	251	272	245	992	2	4,910
Wife	52	159	362	436	459	525	491	502	491	472	433	438	423	405	381	404	1,589	2	8,024
Both	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	3	..	2	1	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	16
Total	73	240	537	663	726	837	788	830	815	771	720	723	680	659	653	649	2,582	4	12,950

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted. (b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years.

TABLE 18. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
AUSTRALIA 1966

Duration of marriage (years)	Age at time of dissolution of marriage (years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
HUSBAND												
Under 5	2	171	314	139	53	41	20	16	11	12	1	780
5 - 9	..	106	966	761	337	145	88	65	35	47	..	2,550
10 - 14	..	..	58	647	733	287	133	63	44	35	4	2,004
15 - 19	..	..	..	30	543	685	241	135	62	47	..	1,743
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	29	464	465	207	76	44	2	1,287
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	9	240	358	119	60	..	786
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	136	240	329	..	709
Total (Number marriages dissolved)	2	277	1,338	1,577	1,695	1,631	1,191	980	587	574	7	9,859
(Per cent dissolved)	..	3	14	16	17	16	12	10	6	6	..	100
WIFE												
Under 5	22	378	230	60	28	26	13	10	8	4	1	780
5 - 9	..	479	1,236	416	162	104	58	41	27	26	1	2,550
10 - 14	..	..	333	929	409	146	93	56	19	17	2	2,004
15 - 19	..	..	1	240	804	443	144	41	48	22	..	1,743
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	160	639	342	96	30	18	2	1,287
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	102	375	229	63	17	..	786
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	233	206	217	..	709
Total (Number marriages dissolved)	22	857	1,800	1,645	1,563	1,460	1,078	706	401	321	6	9,859
(Per cent dissolved)	..	9	18	17	16	15	11	7	4	3	..	100

(a) See note (a) to table 17.

**TABLE 19. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1966**

Duration of marriage (years)	Marital status at time of marriage of -									
	Husband					Wife				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
Under 5	684	21	75	..	780	662	23	95	..	780
5 - 9	2,262	73	215	..	2,550	2,190	93	267	..	2,550
10 - 14	1,785	39	180	..	2,004	1,734	72	198	..	2,004
15 - 19	1,561	33	149	..	1,743	1,529	46	168	..	1,743
20 - 24	1,210	22	54	1	1,287	1,181	32	74	..	1,287
25 - 29	751	11	24	..	786	750	14	22	..	786
30 and over	690	7	12	..	709	689	10	10	..	709
TOTAL	8,943	206	709	1	9,859	8,735	290	834	..	9,859

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

**TABLE 20. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : MARITAL STATUS
OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1966**

Marital status of husband at time of marriage	Marital status of wife at time of marriage -			
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Total
Single	8,261	156	526	8,943
Widowed	79	61	66	206
Divorced	394	73	242	709
Not stated	1	..	..	1
TOTAL	8,735	290	834	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 19.

**TABLE 21. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : MARITAL STATUS
OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1962 TO 1966**

Year of dissolution of marriage	Marital status at time of marriage of -									
	Husband					Wife				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
1962	6,064	171	493	517	7,245	5,959	215	564	507	7,245
1963	6,709	190	559	18	7,476	6,660	208	599	9	7,476
1964	7,188	175	553	1	7,917	7,049	232	636	..	7,917
1965	7,694	189	605	3	8,491	7,557	220	712	2	8,491
1966	8,943	206	709	1	9,859	8,735	290	834	..	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 19.

**TABLE 22. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : NUMBER
OF TIMES THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN DIVORCED, AUSTRALIA 1966**

Husband	Wife					Total
	Now divorced for the first time	Now divorced for the second time	Now divorced for the third time	Now divorced for the fourth time	Not stated	
Now divorced for the first time	8,552	583	9	2	2	9,148
Now divorced for the second time	455	228	6	..	..	689
Now divorced for the third time	10	6	2	..	..	18
Now divorced for the fourth time	..	1	..	..	..	1
Not stated	3	..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	9,020	818	17	2	2	9,859

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

**TABLE 23. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGES GRANTED (a) :
MONTH IN WHICH GRANTED 1966**

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
January	287	191	85	125	79	19	6	6	798
February	315	159	96	107	81	36	3	8	805
March	412	158	105	75	39	5	8	15	817
April	75	28	4	23	12	5	1	1	149
May	290	173	63	103	61	33	..	11	734
June	311	239	103	97	37	30	4	3	824
July	291	162	88	106	52	30	11	5	745
August	350	256	109	75	40	14	2	17	863
September	389	203	97	106	68	32	7	15	917
October	534	66	73	37	60	43	3	1	817
November	427	234	103	116	46	20	5	7	958
December	834	262	105	99	62	50	8	12	1,432
TOTAL	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859

(a) See note (a) to table 22.

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