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SOCIAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA

NO. 8 : DIVORCE, QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1962

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This bulletin contains statistics of divorce for the three months ended June, 1962, and for previous periods. For further details in respect of past periods, see previous bulletins in this series and the annual issues of the "Demography Bulletin".

2. In 1959, the Commonwealth Parliament passed the Matrimonial Causes Act 1959, which came into operation on 1st February, 1961. This Act provided a uniform law throughout Australia with respect to divorce and other matrimonial causes, and supersedes the matrimonial causes laws of the States and Territories except in so far as the transitional provisions of the Act keep them in force for the purpose of completing pending proceedings. Therefore statistics of petitions filed since February, 1961 are on a uniform basis for all States and Territories, but statistics of decrees of dissolution, nullity and judicial separation granted since that date include decrees made on petitions under the superseded laws, and are to that extent not uniformly based. Of the 1,365 decrees absolute for dissolution granted during the three months ended June, 1962, 1,009 were from petitions under the new legislation.

3. The matrimonial relief available under the superseded legislation differed extensively from State to State. For instance, some important variations in the grounds for dissolution of marriage were as follows: -

- (i) Insanity was a ground for dissolution in all States exept in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory;
- (ii) in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory a suit for dissolution of marriage could forthwith be instituted against a respondent who failed to comply with an order for restitution of conjugal rights;
- (iii) separation for over five years was a ground only in Western Australia;
- (iv) separation for over five years under a decree of judicial separation or an order granting relief from co-habitation was a ground only in South Australia; and
 - (v) impotence was a ground for dissolution of marriage in Western Australia, but a ground for nullity of marriage in each other State and Territory.

In addition, some dissolutions granted under previous Commonwealth legislation in a particular State could be on grounds not provided for in that State's legislation.

4. The forms of relief granted under the new legislation are dissolution of marriage (commonly known as divorce), judicial separation, nullity of marriage, jactitation of marriage and decrees for restitution of conjugal rights. Orders may be made for the custody of children, the provision of maintenance, damages and the settlement of marriage property. The statistics in this bulletin refer only to petitions filed and final decrees granted for dissolution, nullity and judicial separation.

5. Tables 1 to 4 relate to petitions filed. A cross-petition contained in an "answer" by the respondent is not taken as a separate petition. Tables 5 to 8 relate to final decrees granted. The grounds on which dissolutions and nullities of marriage and judicial separations were granted are shown in table 8. Tables 9 to 12 show the ages of the parties to marriages dissolved, at the time of marriage and at the time of the final decree. The duration of dissolved marriages and details of children of dissolved marriages are shown in tables 13 to 16.

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3. I. PETITIONS FILED

TABLE 1. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1962

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Petition for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'1d.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A. C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of Marriage - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	430 582	285 301	118 149	96 137	91 • 96	34 37	10 5	4 8	1,068 1,315
Total	1,012	586	267	233	187	71	15	12	2,383
<u>Nullity of Marriage</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	· 2 2	1	• • 1	2	1	• 1	••	• •	3 10
Total	4	4	1	2	1	1	••	••	13
<u>Dissolution or Nullity</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	••	1 2	00 i	• •	••	••	• • • •	••	1 2
Total	••	3	• •	• •	•••		••	• •	3
<u>Judicial Separation</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	••	• 0 • 5	1	n • 0 0			••	.	1 6
Total	5	¢ 0	-, 1	• •		1		••	7
<u>Total Petitions -</u> Husband Petitioner No. Per cent. Wife Petitioner No. Per cent.	432 42 589 58	287 48 306 52	119 44 150 56	96 41 139 59	91 48 97 52	34 47 39 53	10 67 5 33	4 33 8 67	1,073 45 1,333 55
Total	1,021	593	269	235	188	73	15	12	2,406

TABLE 2. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : AUSTRALIA

	1.						Quart	ter En	ded -	ويعد الإدا الذكر الدري
Petition for -	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	June 1961	Sep. 1961		March	June 1962
Dissolution of Marriage - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner									1,003 1,180	
Total	7,899	8,403	8,308	8,094	9,504	2,436	2,518	2,330	2,183	2,383
<u>Nullity of Marriage</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	40 56	40 35	22 43	23 32	13 44	1 10	6 15		3 6	3 10
Total	96	75	65	55	57	11	21	9	9	13
<u>Dissolution or Nullity</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner Total	• •	a . 	• •	0 0 0 0	3 4 7	2	1 3	** 1	2 1 3	1 2 3
Judicial Separation - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner <u>Total</u>	6 26 32	13 36 49	7 24 31	7 31 38	2 9 11	3	2	2	1 6 7	1 6 7
<u>Total Petitions</u> - Husband Petitioner No. Per cent. Wife Petitioner No. Per cent.	46	3,886 46 4,641	, 3,872 46 4,532	46 4, 449	46 5,167	48 1,273	45	44	1,193	45
Total	8,027	8,527	8,404	and the second se		2,452	2,545	2,342	2,202	2,406

TABLE 3. -- GROUNDS ON WHICH PETITIONS WERE FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION :

QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1962

Grounds	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'1d.	S.A.	W.A.	Tes.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.						
Pe	titions	for Dis	<u>solutio</u>	n of Ma	uriage		()	1) C 10 TH 1 10 C 10 TH	an an china an a						
Single Grounds -					T										
Desertion	416	233	125	72	51	29	7	1	934						
Adultery	218	118	41	58	66	16	4	7	528						
Separation	144	86	40	52	54	12			388						
Cruelty	51	7	6	23	2	2		3	94						
Drunkenness	17	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	28						
Failure to comply with							1								
restitution decree	8	0 0	• •	1		• •			9						
Failure to pay	ļ		1		Į				•						
maintenence	0.0	ůo	00	1	2				3						
Frequent convictions	4	0 0	00	0 0	1		• 0		3 5						
Insanity	8	1	00	1	0 0	0.0		00	10						
Other single grounds	2	1		1	0 0	2		0 0	6						
Dual Grounds -															
Desertion and adultery	16	25	А	4	4	2	1		ĒΟ						
Desertion and additory Desertion and separation	1 1	25 85	4	1		.2	1	• 0	50 213						
Desertion and separation Desertion and cruelty	73		34	15 1	4		• •	• •	213 21						
Desertion and drunkenness	9 2	7 2	4	•	0 O	* *	00	• •							
	2	С,	2	• 0	1	• •	00	• •	7						
Desertion and failure to		4													
pay maintenance	5	-)	· 1	00	no	00		• •	7						
Desertion and refusal to		لم							-						
consummate	3	า	0 O	1	00	00	00	• •	5						
Adultery and separation	• •	Ą	• •	• •	00	••.	0 0	• •	4						
Adultery and cruelty	2	1	00	1	00	• •	• •		4						
Cruelty and drinkenness	19	1	2	2	1	1	1		27						
Other dual grounds	2	1	1	1	5		1		8						
<u>Multiple Grounds</u> (a)	13	10	5	1	1	2	υÐ	• •	32						
Total	1,012	586	267	233	187	71	15	12	2,383						
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Incapacity to consummate	3	3	1	2		• •	• 0	0 0	9						
Invalid Marriage	••	· • •	00	s 0	1	• •		• •	1						
Unsound mind	0.0	1	• •	• •	0 0			• •	1						
Total	4	4	1	2	4	1			13						
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Refusal or incapacity to															
consummate	• •	1		00		00		• •	1						
Desertion or bigamy		1	• •	00	0 0	• • •	00		1						
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	1 1	3	• •	00		00	00	00	3						
<u>Total</u>	• •	Petitions for Judicial Separation													
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Adultery	Petitions	NUMBER OF THE OWNER VIEW OF	<u>udicial</u> î	Separa		1	••	• 0	6						
	l l Petitions	s for Ju				1	0 • 0 0	• •	6 1						

(a) Three grounds or more.

TABLE 4	PETITIONS	FILED	FOR	DISSOLUTION	OF	MARRIAGE

	Period	<u></u>	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'14.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
4	Year - 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961		3,824 4,102 3,884 3,746 4,215	1,654 1,579 1,650 1,798 2,289	672 952 976 863 1,084	767 791 789 781 865	623 644 671 560 620	291 267 283 274 321	19 31 12 26 40	49 37 43 46 70	7,899 8,403 8,308 8,094 9,504
4	Quarter ended - June, September, December, March, June,	1961 1961 1961 1962 1962	1,046 1,098 1,011 1,032 1,012	649 610 563 455 586	305 298 254 255 267	182 226 241 197 233	146 179 156 160 187	89 78 71 63 71	5 16 11 8 15	14 13 23 13 12	2,436 2,518 2,330 2,183 2,383

NOTE: Table 4 excludes petitions filed for nullity of marriage and judicial separation.

II. DISSOLUTIONS, ETC. GRANTED : NUMBER

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

QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1962

Decree for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'1d.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<u>Dissolution of Marriage</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	262 402	134 158	67 84	50 51	42 42	31 30	1 6	3 2	590 775
Total	664	292	151	101	84	61	7	5	1,365
Nullity of Marriage - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	2 5	2	2	.1	Q 0 9 Q	* 8 0 0	0 0 0 0	00	5 8
Total	7	3	2	1	0 0	00	• 0	• •	13
<u>Judicial Separation</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner <u>Total</u>	•••	0 0 0 0 9 0	••1	• o 0 •	0 0 0 6	0 0 0 0	с 0 Ф 0 Ф Ф	0 0 0 0	•• 1
<u>Total Decrees -</u> Husband Petitioner No. Per cent. Wife Petitioner No. Per cent.	264 39 407 61	136 46 159 54	67 44 87 56	51 50 51 50	42 50 42 50	31 51 30 49	1 14 6 86	3 60 2 40	595 43 784 57
<u>Total</u>	671	295	154	102	84	61	7	5	1,379

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 6. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a), NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE

AND JUDICIAL	SEPARATIONS	GRANTED :	AUSTRALIA

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De anna de a	4057	4059	4050	1000	10(1		Quar	ter En	ded -	
Decree for -	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	June 1961	Sep. 1961	Dec. 1961	March 1962	June 1962
<u>Dissolution of Marriage</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner		3,225 3,695				622 777	913 1,069	733 838		590 775
Total	6,298	6,920	7,315	6 , 633	6,673 <u>(</u> b)	1,399	1,982	1,571	1,766	1,365
<u>Nullity of Marriage</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	24 40	25 36	21 32	26 37	14 22	2 4	4	4	2 8	5 8
Total	64	61	53	63	36	6	10	11	10	13
<u>Judicial Separation</u> - Husband Petitioner Wife Petitioner	2 10	2 11	••	2 11	2	ě 0 ě 0	••	••	••	••
Total	12	13	2	13	2	• •	• •	1	1	1
<u>Total Decrees</u> - Husband Petitioner No. Per cent. Wife Petitioner No. Per cent.	46	3,252 46 3,742 54	45	46 3,603	46 3,647	624 44 781 56	917 46 1,075 54	737 47 846 53	46	595 43 784 57
Total	6,374	6,994	7,370	6,709	6,711(b)	1,405	1,992	1,583	1,777	1,379

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) Includes one dissolution granted on petitions by both parties.

Period		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year - 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961		2,975 3,217 3,363 3,243 3,156	1,345 1,698 1,861 1,296 1,248	682 759 739 696 779	529 483 503 610 679	541 536 584 540 466	179 176 222 210 286	18 15 14 5 23	29 36 29 33 36	6,298 6,920 7,315 6,633 6,673
Quarter ended - June, September, December, March, June,	1961 1961 1961 1962 1962	740 1,031 659 639 664	178 329 338 442 292	165 200 213 289 151	126 240 125 146 101	98 103 133 163 84	80 61 84 65 61	3 11 7 9 7	9 7 12 13 5	1,399 1,982 1,571 1,766 1,365

TABLE 7. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

(a) Decrees absolute.

NOTE: Table 7 excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

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TABLE 8 GROUNI	S ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS	OF MARRIAGE (a), NULLI	TIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICI	AL SEPARATIONS WERE GRA	NTED : QUARTER ENDED JU	NE, 1962

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Grounds	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A .	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
	Disso	lution	of Ma	rriage) -		<u> </u>	- <u> </u>	
Single Grounds									
Desertion Adultery Separation Cruelty Drunkenness	323 131 93 29 8	138 36 64	85 29 26 4 1	39 31 18 9 2	23 26 23 1	29 19 9 2 2	2112	1 2 1 	640 275 235 47 15
Failure to comply with restitution decree Failure to pay maintenance Frequent convictions Imprisonment Insanity Intoxication Refusal to consummate	20 3 1 3 1	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 10 13 20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	n n n n o o o o e e o e	3 •• •• 1 ••	0 n 0 e 0 e 0 e	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		20 3 4 1 3 1 3
Dual Grounds Desertion and adultery Desertion and separation Desertion and cruelty Desertion and drunkenness Cruelty and drunkenness Other dual grounds	11 10 3 5 18	5 31 2 2 7	2 1 1 1	00 00 00 00 1	1 3 1 •• 1	0 • • 0 • 0 • 0	n • 1 • • • • • •	· · · · · · · · · · ·	19 46 7 8 18 10
Multiple Grounds (b)	5	5	0 0	• •			0.0	0 0	10
Total	664	292	151	101	84	61	7	5	1,365
	Nul	lity o	of Mari	iage					
Bigamy Incapacity to consummate	3 4	1 2	1	1		• •	0 e 7 u	• •	5
Total	7	3	2	1	••		• •	• •	13
	Jud	icial	Separa	tion					
Adultery	••		1				0.0	0 0	1

(a) Decrees absolute.

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(b) Three grounds or more.

III.	DISSOLUTIONS	GRANTED -	AGES	\mathbf{OF}	PARTIES
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TABLE 9 DISSOLUTIONS	OF MARRIAG	E : AGES OF	PARTIES AT	TIME OF	MARRIAGE (a),
A	USTRALIA, Q	UARTER ENDEL	D JUNE, 1962	2	

Age of Husband			· ·	Age	e of Wi	fe (Ye	ars)				Total Husbands		
(Years)	Under 20	2024	2529	3034	3539	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over	Not Stated	No.	Per cent.	
Under 20	66	16	3	1	1	90	00	• 0		• •	87	6	
20–24	237	314	41	6	• 0	••		••			598	44	
25-29	72	161	92	26	9	1					361	27	
30-34	24	56	40	27	5	3			• •		155	11	
3539	6	13	11	22	16	.6		• •			74	5	
40-44	1	2	8	10	8	6 5	3		6 0		37	3	
45-49	• •	••	1	1	6	5	4	2		••	19	1	
5054	. 0	• •		3	2	1	4	1	1		12	1	
55 and													
over		• •	1	0.0		1	2	2	6		12	1	
Not Stated	• •	0.4	••	0 0	••		• •	0.5	e 0	10.	10	1	
Total (No.	406	562	197	96	47	22	13	5	7	10	1,365	• •	
Wives (%	30	41	14	7	3	2	1	• •	1	1	9 O	100	

(a) Marriages for which decrees absolute for dissolution were granted.

TABLE 10. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTIONOF MARRIAGE (a), AUSTRALIA, QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1962

Age of		· · · ·	;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;	Age	of Wi	fe (Ye	ars)	an ta an	a ger f dynas sylvan star an Albert fran dilland		Total Husbands	
Husband (Years)	Under 20	20-24	2529	30-34	35-39	40-44	4549	5054	55 end over	Not Stated	Nc.	Per cent.
Under 20 20-24	2	•• 18	°.2	°. 2	6 e 9 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	n 0 0 n	0 Q 0 Q	a e 4 e	 24	2
25-29 30-34	1	46 14	77 94	7 111	2 21	1	2	90 89		• •	134 244	10 18
35-39 40-44	• •	5	26 6	93 27	11·1 77	22 67	6 22	1	• •	0 C	264 201	19 15
45-49	• • • •	0 0 0 0	1	9	40	74	56	13	1	00	194	14
50 — 54 55 and	0 0	• 0	• •	• •	10	21	51	32	8	0 •	122	9
over Not Stated	0 . 0 e	• •	• •	1	3	9	25 ••	35	99	10	172 10	12 1
Total (No. Wives (%	3	83 6	206 15	250 19	264 19	196 14	162 12	83 6	108 8	10 1	1,365	100

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 11. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : AGE (a) OF HUSBAND, AUSTRALIA

Per	iod	Under 25 Years	25 - 29 Years	30-34 Years	35 -39 Years	40-44 Years	45-49 Years	50-54 Years	55 Years and over	Not Stated	Total
Year -	1957 1958 1959 1960 1961	119 110 131 143 135	866 940 929 931 812	1,334 1,528 1,626 1,377 1,356	1,171 1,372 1,494 1,324 1,294	988 1,026 1,075 989 977	737 775 852 822 814	495 545 586 473 568	477 495 550 503 637	111 129 72 71 80	6,298 6,920 7,315 6,633 6,673
Quarter e June, September December March, June,	1961 ,1961	25 45 27 26 24	175 230 196 193 134	276 387 312 317 244	256 405 296 351 264	203 277 240 292 201	201 241 175 221 194	109 184 136 150 122	129 188 177 202 172	25 25 12 14 10	1,399 1,982 1,571 1,766 1,365

(a) At time of decree absolute.

TABLE 12. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : AGE (a) OF WIFE, AUSTRALIA

Period	1	Under 25 Years	25-29 Years	30-34 Years	35-39 Years	40-44 Years	45-49 Years		55 Years and over	Not Stated	Total
Year -	1957	475	1,263	1,371	1,082	874	601	290	234	108	6,298
	1958	492	1,401	1,556	1,239	875	634	318	279	126	6,920
	1959	539	1,425	1,679	1,322	986	678	369	245	72	7,315
	1960	582	1,261	1,439	1,210	865	652	300	253	71	6,633
	1961	524	1,228	1,337	1,156	910	684	365	386	83	6,673
Quarter ende	əd -										
June,	1961	106	254	281	273	161	144	84	70	26	1,399
September,	1961	160	359	393	327	273	205	104	132	29	1,982
December,	1961	126	289	301	255	224	175	79	112	10	1,571
March,	1962	122	273	332	358	246	177	115	127	16	1,766
June,	1962	86	206	250	264	196	162	83	108	10	1,36

IV. DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN

TABLE 13 DISSOLUTIONS	5 OF	MARRIAGE ((a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE	
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b).	AUSTRALIA.	QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1962	

Durati			Disso	lutions	of Mar	riage w	ith		Marr	tal iages olved	Total Number of
of Marr (Year		No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 Child- ren & over	No.	Per cent.	Child- ren (b)
Under	5	. 42	18	2		1	•. 0	0 8	63	5	26
5 -	9	160	120	54	14.	4	. 1	• •	353	26	291
10 -	14	141	81	92	36	18	2	3	373	27	473
15 –		49	55	61	39	15	5	5	229	17	414
20 -		42	37	37	22	6	3	2	149	11	231
	29	47	15	16	11	1	1	••	91	6	89
30 a	nd									_	
070	والمراجع والمراجع والمتكرة التحديقات التكر	77	12	4	7	3	3	1	107	8	75
Total	(No.	558	338	266	129	48	15	11	1,365		
Marriages Dissolved	(%	41	25	19	9	4	1	1	۵ U	100	• 0
Total Numb Children (••	338	532	387	192	75	75	00	••	1,599

(a) Decrees absolute. (b) At time of petition. The term "children" used in the Commonwealth legislation refers to living "children of the marriage" under 21 years. However, as many dissolutions in this period were granted to petitions filed under old legislation, it has not been possible to make the data in the table above conform exactly to this definition. For instance, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia included children whether living or dead; only Queensland included adopted children.

TABLE 14. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

		[Numb	er of M	larriage	s Disso	lved wh	lose Dur	ation was	-	Total
Perio	1 ,	Under	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 Years	Not	Marrieges
		5 Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	and over	Stated	Dissolved
Year -	1957	452	2,098	1,503	1,044	589	328	279	5	6,298
	1958	475	2,207	1,830	1,125	621	357	303	2	6,920
	1959	489	2,275	1,978	1,236	667	384	283	3	7,315
	1960	533	2,016	1,804	991	682	354	252	1	6,633
	1961	481	1,928	1,693	1,032	783	371	384	1	6,673
Quarter end	ed -						·			
June,	1961	85	405	360	236	154	81	78		1,399
September,	1961	150	566	504	312	222	115	113	• •	1,982
December,	1961	123	459	379	216	192	84	117	1	1,571
March,	1962	89	453	451	333	207	100	133	• •	1,766
June,	1962	63	353	373	229	149	91	107	۰.	1,365

(a) Decrees absolute.

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			D	issolut	ions of	Marria	ge with			Total	Total
Period Year - 1957		No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 Child- ren and over	Not Stated	Marri- ages Dis- solved	Number of Child- ren
Year -	1957 1958 1959 1960 1961	2,195 2,387 2,510 2,213 2,589	1,737 1,882 1,927 1,733 1,717	1,391 1,477 1,627 1,452 1,398	584 687 741 719 641	232 291 330 291 204	77 107 92 120 79	78 88 88 105 45	4 1 • •	6,298 6,920 7,315 6,633 6,673	8,127 9,197 9,797 9,302 7,945
Quarter end June, September, December, March, June,	1961	512 743 667 700 558	358 517 375 454 338	318 429 302 358 266	127 203 150 172 129	51 55 47 50 48	20 20 22 20 15	13 15 8 12 11	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1,399 1,982 1,571 1,766 1,365	1,767 2,405 1,775 2,061 1,599

TABLE 15. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a) : NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA

(a) Decrees absolute. (b) At time of petition. The figures shown for periods until 1960 inclusive are based on the definition of children set down in the legislation of the various States. Since 1961 a uniform definition of children has been attempted, but see note (b) to Table 13.

TABLE 16. - CHILDREN OF DISSOLVED MARRIAGES (a) : AUSTRALIA,

QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1952

	•	• •				•		•			·							Name and Street		
	[بنجيب مدهي	A	ge c	f Ch	ildr	en a	t Ti	me o	f Pe	tit:	0n ~					Total	
Peti- tioner	Under 12 mths.	7	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 утв.	12 yre.	13 yrs	14 yrs.		1620 yrs.	Sta	Number of Child- ren	•
Husband	0	11	12	27	36	42	42	29	40	43	36	39	30	29	38	22	84	139	699	
Wife	5	13	14	38	35	38	59	50	53	53	48	43	35	43	30	39	116	188	900	
Total	5	24	26	65	71	80	101	79	93	96	84	82	65	72	68	61	200	327	1,599	×

(a) This table refers to children under 21 years, of marriages for which decrees absolute for dissolution were granted in this period. (b) Includes mainly children in respect of petitions for dissolution of marriage filed under the superseded matrimonial causes laws of the States, which did not all require this information to be supplied. Most of the not stated cases refer to dissolutions in New South Wales.

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