

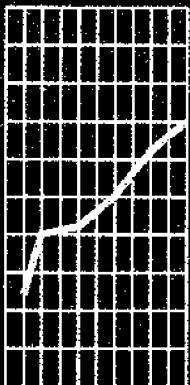


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Australian details for population, births and deaths include Other Territories (see paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes).

Most of the population estimates used throughout this publication are based on the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing; a small number of tables use estimates based on the results of the 1996 Census (see paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes for further details).

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
NT	Northern Territory
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographic Classification
ASCCSS	Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
p	preliminary
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
SD	Statistical division
SSD	Statistical subdivision
(CGC)	Community Government Council
(S)	Shire
(T)	Town
Bal	Balance
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

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SECTION 1

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

KEY FIGURES

	NORTHERN TERRITORY..			AUSTRALIA.....		
	1986	1996	Change	1986	1996	Change
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Estimated resident population	156.6	184.9	18.1	16 139.0	18 426.9	14.2
Net overseas migration	1.1	0.7	-37.4	110.7	111.2	0.4
Net interstate migration	-1.0	0.4	—
Births						
Registration basis	3.3	3.6	7.5	243.4	253.8	4.3
Occurrence basis	3.3	3.6	6.5	242.9	249.1	2.6
Deaths						
Registration basis	0.7	0.8	14.7	113.0	128.7	11.9
Occurrence basis	0.7	0.8	10.6	114.3	127.3	11.3
Marriages	0.8	0.8	3.7	114.9	106.1	-7.7
Divorces	0.4	0.5	27.6	39.4	52.5	33.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

- The estimated resident population of the Northern Territory at 31 December 1996 was 184,900. This was an increase of 18.1% over the last 10 years.
- The median age of people resident in the Northern Territory was 28.5 years. This was 5.5 years lower than the national median age of 34.0 years.

OVERSEAS MIGRATION

- In 1996 more people settled in the Northern Territory from an overseas country than chose to leave the Northern Territory for overseas, either permanently or long term. The net overseas migration figure for the Northern Territory was 662 persons.
- In the Northern Territory, 17.4% of growth was due to overseas migration compared with 47.1% nationally.

INTERSTATE MIGRATION

- In 1996 more people settled in the Northern Territory than left for other parts of Australia. The net interstate migration figure for the Northern Territory was 362 persons. The State which provided the highest net number of interstate migrants to the Northern Territory was Victoria (882) while the largest net loss was to Queensland (-1,004).

BIRTHS

Registration basis

- In 1996 there were 3,562 births registered in the Northern Territory. This was an increase of 7.5% over the number registered in 1986 (3,315). The number of births registered increased for Australia by 4.3% over the same period.
- The total fertility rate in the Northern Territory in 1996 was 2.3 children per female, well above the national rate of 1.8 children per female.
- The peak age group for mothers giving birth in the Northern Territory was 20–24 years with a birth rate of 118.7 per 1,000 population. This was younger than the peak age group for mothers giving birth nationally of 25–29 years with a birth rate of 116.7 per 1,000 population.
- Ex-nuptial births represented 57.8% (2,058) of all births registered in the Northern Territory in 1996 compared with 49.6% (1,644) in 1986, an increase of 25.2%. The proportion of ex-nuptial births in the Northern Territory in 1996 was more than double the national proportion of 27.4%.

Occurrence basis

- In 1996, 3,565 births occurred in the Northern Territory. This was a 6.5% increase over the number occurring in 1986.
- The highest number of births occurred in the month of March (344 or 9.6% of total births).

DEATHS

Registration basis

- In 1996 there were 758 deaths registered in the Northern Territory. This was an increase of 14.7% on the number registered in 1986 (661).
- The standardised death rate in the Northern Territory in 1996 was 8.8 per 1,000 standard population, compared with 10.2 in 1986. The standardised death rate in Australia in 1996 was 6.4.
- In 1996 the median age at death in the Northern Territory was 54.1 years for males and 60.8 years for females compared with 50.8 years and 56.3 years respectively in 1986. In 1996 the national median age at death was 74.0 years for males and 80.7 years for females.
- There were 41 infant deaths registered in the Northern Territory in 1996. This was a decrease of 22.6% over the number registered in 1986 (53). The infant mortality rate in 1996 was 11.5 per 1,000 live births compared with 16.0 in 1986. The rate for Australia in 1996 was 5.8 per 1,000 live births.

Occurrence basis

- In 1996, 769 deaths occurred in the Northern Territory. This was a 10.6% increase over the number occurring in 1986 (695).
- The highest number of deaths occurred in the month of March (80 or 10.4% of total deaths).

MARRIAGES

- There were 787 marriages registered in the Northern Territory in 1996. This was 3.7% more than the number registered in 1986 (759).
- In 1996 the crude marriage rate was 4.4 per 1,000 population. This was down from the 1986 rate of 4.9 and less than the 1996 national rate of 5.8.
- The median marriage age for males and females marrying in 1996 was 30.9 years for males and 28.2 years for females. This was 1.3 years and 1.6 years, respectively, higher than in 1986. When compared with Australia, the Northern Territory median age at marriage was higher by 1.3 years for males and 1.0 years for females.

DIVORCES

- In 1996 there were 486 divorces granted in the Northern Territory in 1996. This was an increase of 27.6% over the number granted in 1986 (381).
- Males and females divorcing in 1996 were older than those divorcing in 1986. In 1996 the median age at divorce was 39.9 years for males and 37.0 years for females. The comparative medians in 1986 were 37.2 years and 34.2 years respectively. The Australian median ages at divorce in 1996 were 40.2 years for males and 37.4 years for females.

1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1996

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
POPULATION									
Estimated resident population ('000)	6 240.9	4 581.6	3 374.3	1 476.8	1 782.7	474.2	184.9	308.5	18 426.9
Components of population change(c)									
Natural increase(d)	41 820	28 035	25 200	7 489	13 783	2 542	2 776	3 126	124 826
Net overseas migration(e)	49 957	26 714	14 701	4 112	13 963	589	662	459	111 157
Net interstate migration	-16 646	-13 822	33 817	-5 585	5 593	-3 268	362	-451	..
Total increase	75 130	40 927	73 718	6 016	33 339	-137	3 800	3 134	235 983
Growth rate (%)	1.3	0.9	2.2	0.4	1.9	0.0	2.2	1.0	1.3
BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS									
Live births									
Number	86 595	61 143	47 769	19 056	24 793	6 457	3 562	4 396	253 834
Total fertility rate	1.825	1.712	1.840	1.746	1.812	1.916	2.286	1.677	1.796
Crude birth rate	14.0	13.5	14.2	12.9	14.1	13.6	20.0	14.3	13.9
Female net reproduction rate	0.877	0.817	0.881	0.845	0.866	0.915	1.065	0.813	0.860
All confinements									
Number	85 496	60 294	47 118	18 753	24 434	6 356	3 522	4 327	250 363
Median age of mother (years)	29.3	29.9	28.5	29.4	28.9	28.3	27.1	29.6	29.2
Nuptial confinements									
Median age (years)									
Mother	30.2	30.5	29.9	30.5	30.1	29.6	30.0	30.4	30.2
Father	32.8	32.8	32.2	32.8	32.6	32.1	32.7	32.5	32.7
First nuptial confinements									
Number	26 125	19 561	12 572	5 332	6 605	1 795	614	1 257	73 873
Median age of mother	28.6	29.1	28.4	29.1	28.7	28.0	28.6	28.6	28.7
DEATHS									
Number	45 141	32 726	22 281	11 606	11 027	3 872	758	1 300	128 719
Standardised death rate	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	7.2	8.8	6.1	6.4
Crude death rate	7.3	7.2	6.6	7.8	6.3	8.2	4.3	4.2	7.0
Median age at death (years)									
Males	74.1	74.7	73.2	74.5	73.7	74.2	54.1	71.4	74.0
Females	80.6	81.3	80.1	81.1	80.8	79.8	60.8	77.5	80.7
Infant deaths									
Number	499	308	304	94	160	29	41	25	1 460
Rate	5.8	5.0	6.4	4.9	6.5	4.5	11.5	5.7	5.8
Perinatal deaths									
Number	832	450	406	143	210	56	38	35	2 170
Rate	9.6	7.3	8.5	7.5	8.4	8.6	10.6	7.9	8.5

For footnotes see end of table.

1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1996 *continued*

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
MARRIAGES									
Number registered	35 716	26 074	20 913	8 011	10 294	2 654	787	1 654	106 103
Crude marriage rate	5.8	5.7	6.2	5.4	5.8	5.6	4.4	5.4	5.8
Median age at marriage (years)									
Bridegroom	29.5	29.4	29.4	29.6	30.2	29.6	30.9	30.0	29.6
Bride	27.1	27.3	27.1	27.3	27.6	27.2	28.2	27.6	27.2
DIVORCES									
Number granted	15 984	12 491	10 996	4 358	4 959	1 582	486	1 610	52 466
Crude divorce rate	2.6	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.7	(f)	2.9
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.1	10.8	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.1	10.8	11.3	11.0
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.8	7.6	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.8	7.3	7.9	7.6

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Population, births and deaths include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Divorces include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and usual residence overseas and not stated.

(c) Components of population change from previous year.

(d) Final figures for births and deaths may differ slightly from those used to compile natural increase for population estimates because it is necessary to use preliminary births and deaths when finalising population estimates.

(e) Net overseas migration includes an estimate of those persons who changed category from short-term visitor to long-term visitor or resident of Australia.

(f) See paragraph 19 in Explanatory Notes.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a)

<i>Statistical division</i> <i>Statistical subdivision</i> <i>Statistical local area</i>	<i>Estimated</i> <i>mid-year resident</i> <i>population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility</i> <i>rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect</i> <i>standardised</i> <i>death rate(e)</i>
DARWIN SD					
Darwin City SSD					
Alawa	2 348	38	n.p.	7	n.p.
Anula	2 881	49	n.p.	8	n.p.
Brinkin	1 190	14	n.p.	0	n.p.
City – Inner	1 705	53	n.p.	30	n.p.
Coconut Grove	1 999	32	n.p.	21	n.p.
Fannie Bay	2 759	34	n.p.	20	n.p.
Jingili	2 093	35	n.p.	4	n.p.
Karama	5 359	109	n.p.	13	n.p.
Larrakeyah	2 787	23	n.p.	5	n.p.
Leanyer	5 215	98	n.p.	9	n.p.
Lee Point–Leanyer Swamp	128	2	n.p.	1	n.p.
Ludmilla	1 922	26	n.p.	6	n.p.
Malak	3 685	71	n.p.	10	n.p.
Marrara	1 821	25	n.p.	0	n.p.
Millner	2 741	42	n.p.	10	n.p.
Moil	2 306	42	n.p.	4	n.p.
Nakara	2 220	35	n.p.	6	n.p.
Narrows	539	6	n.p.	2	n.p.
Nightcliff	3 836	60	n.p.	20	n.p.
Parap	1 569	16	n.p.	15	n.p.
Rapid Creek	3 118	31	n.p.	8	n.p.
Stuart Park	2 756	40	n.p.	16	n.p.
The Gardens	620	5	n.p.	0	n.p.
Tiwi	2 706	49	n.p.	6	n.p.
Wagaman	2 442	40	n.p.	7	n.p.
Wanguri	2 082	24	n.p.	7	n.p.
Winnellie	563	30	n.p.	3	n.p.
Wulagi	2 812	50	n.p.	3	n.p.
City – Remainder	2 879	30	n.p.	3	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	69 081	1 109	1 854	244	8.0
Palmerston–East Arm SSD					
East Arm	228	1	n.p.	–	n.p.
Driver	2 685	71	n.p.	1	n.p.
Gray	3 327	94	n.p.	13	n.p.
Moulden	3 518	94	n.p.	11	n.p.
Woodroffe	2 964	86	n.p.	7	n.p.
Palmerston (T) Bal	605	10	n.p.	13	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	13 327	356	2 814	45	8.0
<i>Total Darwin SD</i>	82 408	1 465	2 001	289	8.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY BALANCE SD					
Darwin Rural Areas SSD					
Coomalie (CGC)	1 179	34	n.p.	10	n.p.
Cox–Finniss	665	11	n.p.	4	n.p.
Litchfield (S) – Part A	1 183	10	n.p.	2	n.p.
Litchfield (S) – Part B	12 412	233	n.p.	48	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	15 439	288	2 513	64	7.7
Bathurst–Melville SSD					
Bathurst–Melville	2 143	42	2 273	13	25.5

For footnotes see end of table.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a) *continued*

<i>Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area</i>	<i>Estimated mid-year resident population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect standardised death rate(e)</i>
NORTHERN TERRITORY BALANCE SD <i>continued</i>					
Alligator SSD					
Jabiru (T)	1 455	29	n.p.	3	n.p.
South Alligator	736	8	n.p.	3	n.p.
West Arnhem	4 064	143	n.p.	26	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	6 255	180	2.880	32	17.6
Daly SSD					
Daly	3 511	82	3.126	16	15.4
East Arnhem SSD					
East Arnhem – Bal	6 254	172	n.p.	27	n.p.
Groote Eylandt	2 692	67	n.p.	5	n.p.
Nhulunbuy	3 756	67	n.p.	10	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	12 702	306	2.461	42	14.3
Lower Top End NT SSD					
Elsley – Bal	2 098	56	n.p.	16	n.p.
Gulf	2 675	73	n.p.	23	n.p.
Katherine (T)	9 453	160	n.p.	32	n.p.
Victoria	2 420	42	n.p.	13	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	16 646	331	2.600	84	14.8
Barkly SSD					
Tableland	1 052	19	n.p.	4	n.p.
Tennant Creek (T)	3 674	84	n.p.	15	n.p.
Tennant Creek – Bal	1 808	36	n.p.	7	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	6 534	139	2.617	26	12.1
Central NT SSD					
Alice Springs (T) – Charles	5 042	106	n.p.	6	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Heavitree	2 164	44	n.p.	–	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Larapinta	8 889	185	n.p.	24	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Ross	7 016	148	n.p.	24	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Stuart	1 928	39	n.p.	42	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Total	25 039	522	n.p.	96	n.p.
Petermann	2 393	29	n.p.	7	n.p.
Sandover – Bal	2 341	68	n.p.	10	n.p.
Tanami	6 512	99	n.p.	53	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	36 285	718	2.238	166	12.2
<i>Total Northern Territory Balance SD</i>	99 515	2 086	2.467	443	12.7
Northern Territory(f)	181 923	3 562	2.258	758	10.4

(a) The statistical area boundaries used in the compilation of these statistics are those in existence at 1 July 1996.

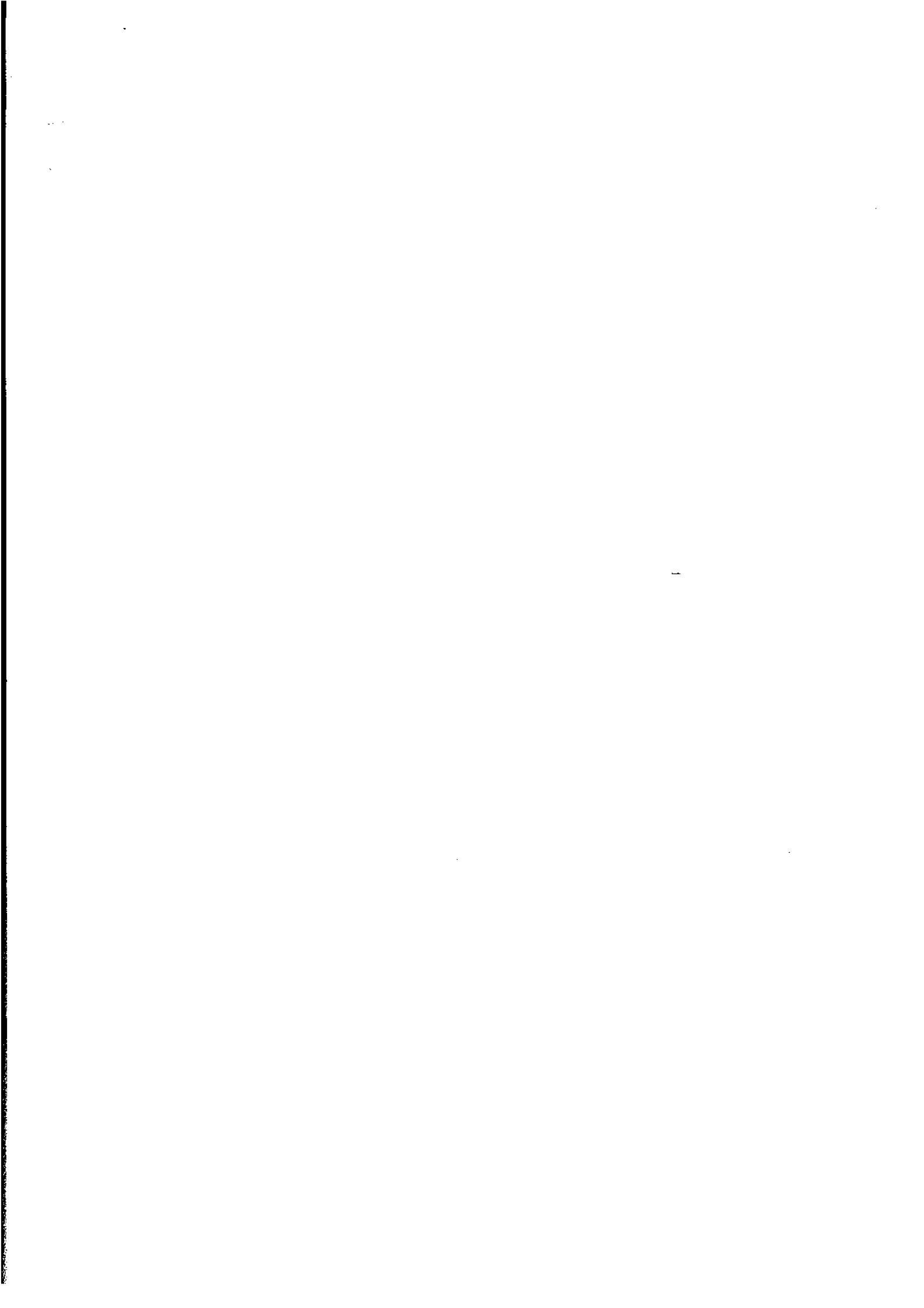
(b) As at 30 June 1996.

(c) Data refers to births and deaths registered in the calendar year 1996.

(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1994 to 1996.

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over the three years 1994 to 1996.

(f) Includes births and deaths where usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode and NT undefined.



SECTION 2

POPULATION

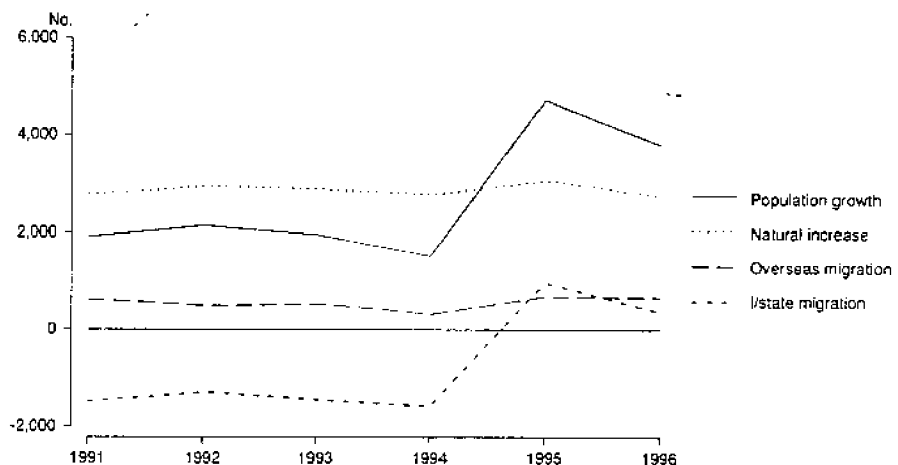
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population of the Northern Territory at 31 December 1996 was 184,900 comprising 97,100 males and 87,700 females.

POPULATION GROWTH

During 1996 the Northern Territory's population increased by 3,800 (2.1%). Natural increase was the greatest contributing factor, accounting for 2,776 persons or 73.1% of the increase. Net overseas migration accounted for 662 persons or 17.4% of the increase while net interstate migration accounted for 362 persons or 9.5% of the increase.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION GROWTH



OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Between 1995 and 1996 the number of permanent arrivals increased by 10.6% while the number of permanent departures, long term arrivals and long term departures decreased by 3.8%, 11.0% and 6.6% respectively.

The impact of tourism to and from Australia is reflected in statistics of short term movement (that is, overseas arrivals and departures for less than 12 months). In 1996 there were 46,600 short term overseas visitors to the Northern Territory, an increase of 3.1% (1,400) over 1995 and an increase of 380.4% (36,900) over 1986. The number of Northern Territory residents departing for overseas for less than 12 months declined slightly from 26,300 in 1995 to 25,000 in 1996 (-4.9%) but was 46.2% (7,900) more than in 1986.

AGE DISTRIBUTION

More than one quarter (26.8%) of the Northern Territory's population in 1996 was aged 0-14 years while more than half (54.2%) of the population was aged 29 years and under. Only 3.2% of the population was aged 65 years and over.

2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Estimated resident population							
at 31 December ('000)							
Males	82.8	87.5	89.1	90.8	92.2	95.1	97.1
Females	73.8	79.5	81.0	82.2	83.2	85.7	87.7
Persons	156.6	167.0	170.1	173.0	175.5	180.9	184.9
Components of population change(b)							
Net natural increase(c)							
Number	2 654	2 791	2 955	2 890	2 793	3 074	2 776
% of total annual growth	97.4	145.6	137.3	147.6	183.3	64.9	73.1
Net overseas migration(d)							
Number	1 057	613	495	529	315	685	662
% of total annual growth	38.8	32.0	23.0	27.0	20.7	14.5	17.4
Net interstate migration							
Number	-987	-1 487	-1 298	-1 461	-1 584	977	362
% of total annual growth	-36.2	-77.6	-60.3	-74.6	-103.9	20.6	9.5
Total population growth							
Number	2 724	1 917	2 152	1 958	1 524	4 736	3 800
Annual growth rate %(e)	1.7	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.9	2.6	2.2
Overseas arrivals and departures(f)							
Permanent movement							
Arrivals	910	690	520	340	450	470	520
Departures	200	250	260	210	260	260	250
Former settlers	100	130	100	80	110	100	100
Other Australian residents	100	130	160	120	150	150	150
Long-term movement							
Arrivals	1 180	1 000	920	980	1 370	1 640	1 460
Australian residents returning	520	360	430	410	650	700	650
Overseas visitors arriving	660	640	500	570	720	930	810
Departures	900	980	950	860	1 060	1 210	1 130
Australian residents departing	410	520	540	470	520	620	600
Overseas visitors departing	490	460	410	390	540	590	530
Short-term movement							
Arrivals	26 300	40 200	42 300	45 800	66 000	73 600	74 300
Australian residents returning	16 600	18 100	21 200	18 200	23 800	26 800	27 700
Overseas visitors arriving	9 700	22 100	21 000	27 600	42 200	45 200	46 600
Departures	28 200	40 400	43 800	46 600	60 500	67 600	67 300
Australian residents departing	17 100	19 600	23 800	19 300	25 600	26 300	25 000
Overseas visitors departing	11 100	20 800	19 900	27 300	34 900	41 200	42 300

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From previous year.

(c) Final figures for births and deaths may differ from those used to compile natural increase for population estimates, which are compiled at a preliminary stage.

(d) Includes an estimate of those persons who changed category from short-term visitor to long-term visitor or resident of Australia.

(e) Excludes intercensal discrepancy not accounted for by natural increase and net migration.

(f) Statistics have been rounded to the nearest 100 for short-term movement, and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movement.

2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—at 30 June 1996

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	1 673	1 592	3 265	50	1 141	929	2 070
1	1 763	1 692	3 455	51	1 009	823	1 832
2	1 747	1 642	3 389	52	993	759	1 752
3	1 851	1 702	3 553	53	914	671	1 585
4	1 822	1 708	3 530	54	868	627	1 495
0-4	8 856	8 336	17 192	50-54	4 925	3 809	8 734
5	1 885	1 691	3 576	55	870	578	1 448
6	1 747	1 641	3 388	56	745	502	1 247
7	1 703	1 527	3 230	57	580	405	985
8	1 620	1 536	3 156	58	591	445	1 036
9	1 534	1 475	3 009	59	496	380	876
5-9	8 489	7 870	16 359	55-59	3 282	2 310	5 592
10	1 690	1 549	3 239	60	529	428	957
11	1 536	1 441	2 977	61	404	298	702
12	1 589	1 515	3 104	62	332	312	644
13	1 543	1 446	2 989	63	353	253	606
14	1 472	1 439	2 911	64	363	253	616
10-14	7 830	7 390	15 220	60-64	1 981	1 544	3 525
15	1 415	1 330	2 745	65	349	290	639
16	1 420	1 309	2 729	66	288	218	506
17	1 378	1 197	2 575	67	275	204	479
18	1 436	1 272	2 708	68	260	204	464
19	1 578	1 423	3 001	69	255	188	443
15-19	7 227	6 531	13 758	65-69	1 427	1 104	2 531
20	1 626	1 496	3 122	70	216	213	429
21	1 665	1 493	3 158	71	161	139	300
22	1 721	1 658	3 379	72	151	136	287
23	1 919	1 743	3 662	73	139	137	276
24	2 105	1 822	3 927	74	121	128	249
20-24	9 036	8 212	17 248	70-74	788	753	1 541
25	2 115	1 946	4 061	75	130	125	255
26	1 931	1 956	3 887	76	105	109	214
27	1 860	1 821	3 681	77	70	83	153
28	1 900	1 744	3 644	78	72	83	155
29	1 804	1 671	3 475	79	53	85	138
25-29	9 610	9 138	18 748	75-79	430	485	915
30	1 838	1 755	3 593	80	62	86	148
31	1 733	1 674	3 407	81	53	50	103
32	1 900	1 672	3 572	82	47	55	102
33	1 809	1 638	3 447	83	32	46	78
34	1 748	1 647	3 395	84	26	35	61
30-34	9 028	8 386	17 414	80-84	220	272	492
35	1 837	1 675	3 512	85	23	39	62
36	1 798	1 573	3 371	86	33	40	73
37	1 743	1 463	3 206	87	15	24	39
38	1 535	1 470	3 005	88	11	26	37
39	1 574	1 452	3 026	89	18	17	35
35-39	8 487	7 633	16 120	85-89	100	146	246
40	1 601	1 432	3 033	90	16	25	41
41	1 408	1 355	2 763	91	7	13	20
42	1 524	1 381	2 905	92	6	9	15
43	1 447	1 242	2 689	93	3	9	12
44	1 331	1 213	2 544	94	6	9	15
40-44	7 311	6 623	13 934	90-94	38	65	103
45	1 453	1 213	2 666	95 and over	14	25	39
46	1 343	1 125	2 468				
47	1 266	1 092	2 358	Total	95 769	86 154	181 923
48	1 293	1 089	2 382				
49	1 335	1 003	2 338				
45-49	6 690	5 522	12 212				

SECTION 3

BIRTHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION

NUMBER OF BIRTHS

In 1996 there were 3,562 live births registered to mothers whose usual residence was in the Northern Territory, 5.4% less than the number of births registered in 1995. Of these, 37.7% were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births, up slightly from 36.0% in 1995.

MULTIPLE BIRTHS

Of the 3,562 births resulting from 3,522 confinements in 1996, there were 42 multiple births, all twins. Multiple births comprised 1.2% of all confinements in the Northern Territory compared with 1.4% nationally.

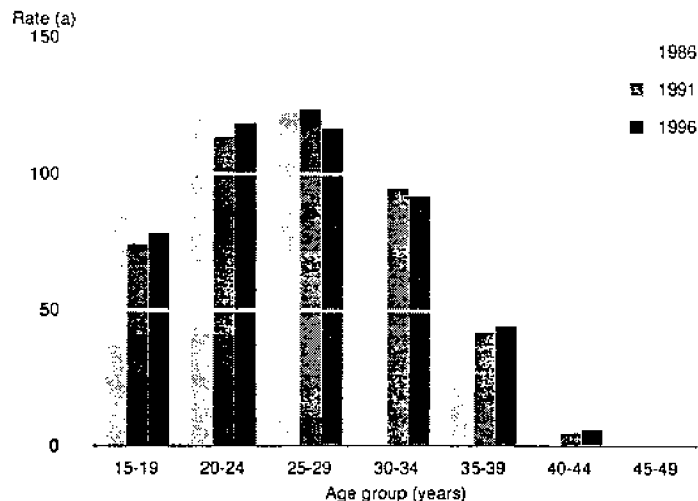
CRUDE BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate in 1996 was 20.0 per 1,000 population, down from 21.6 in 1995 and 21.5 in 1986. The sex ratio for 1996 was 109.4 males born for every 100 females.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES

Age-specific birth rates decreased between 1995 and 1996 for all age groups excluding the age group 35–39 years which saw a slight increase from 41.4 per 1,000 population to 44.4.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES



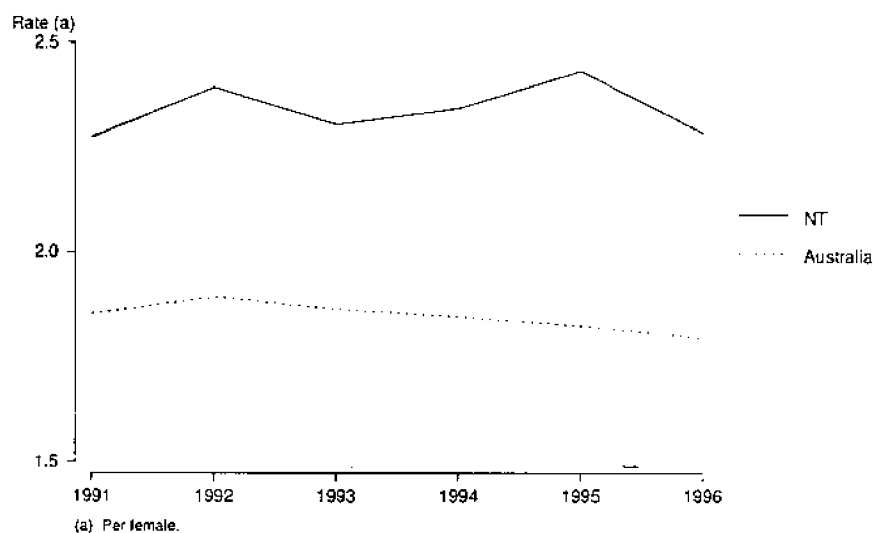
(a) Per 1,000 population.

The most significant differences between the age-specific birth rates for the Northern Territory and those nationally were in the 15–19 year age group (78.6 for the Northern Territory compared with 20.1 nationally) and the 20–24 year age group (118.7 compared with 64.6 respectively).

FERTILITY RATE

The total fertility rate for females in the Northern Territory declined slightly from 2.433 in 1995 to 2.286 in 1996. The Northern Territory's total fertility rate was higher than that in any other State or Territory and well above the national rate of 1.796.

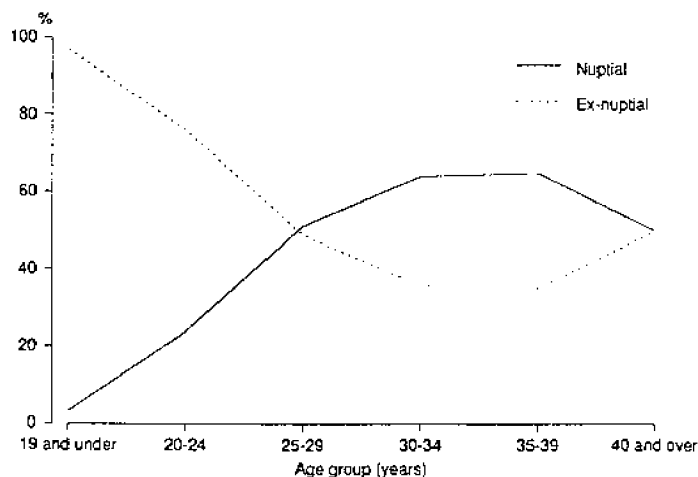
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE



NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

The number of births registered to unmarried mothers continued to increase in 1996. Ex-nuptial births comprised 57.8% of all live births registered in the Northern Territory in 1996, compared with 57.2% in 1995 and 49.6% in 1986. The proportion of nuptial to ex-nuptial births varied greatly according to the age of the mother. In 1996 ex-nuptial births accounted for 96.8% of total births registered to mothers aged 19 years and under while for mothers in the 30–34 year age group ex-nuptial births accounted for 35.8% of the total.

PROPORTION OF NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER



The proportion of ex-nuptial births where the father acknowledged paternity continued to decline, accounting for 62.8% of the total ex-nuptial births registered in 1996 compared with 64.3% in 1995 and 70.2% in 1986. The Northern Territory had the lowest proportion of paternity acknowledged births of any State or Territory and was 21.4 percentage points lower than the national proportion of 84.2%.

MEDIAN AGE OF PARENTS

The median ages of both parents in nuptial confinements have continued to increase. In 1996, the median age at birth of child was 30.0 years for married mothers and 32.7 years for married fathers, compared to 27.9 years and 30.9 years respectively in 1986. The median age for married mothers at first confinement increased from 26.4 years to 28.6 years over the same period.

BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS

Of the nuptial confinements resulting in live births, 59.5% were to parents who were both born in Australia, 25.1% were to parents where one parent was born in Australia and the other parent overseas and 10.1% were to parents who were born in the same overseas country. The remaining 5.3% of nuptial confinements resulting in live births were to parents who were born in different overseas countries.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
BIRTHS							
Total births	3 315	3 599	3 742	3 603	3 626	3 766	3 562
Males	1 711	1 799	1 913	1 884	1 818	1 960	1 861
Females	1 604	1 800	1 829	1 719	1 808	1 806	1 701
Sex ratio	106.7	99.9	104.6	109.6	100.6	108.5	109.4
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births	n.a.	1 257	1 354	1 359	1 338	1 354	1 343
Males	n.a.	613	697	718	686	681	718
Females	n.a.	644	657	641	652	673	625
Sex ratio	n.a.	95.2	106.1	112.0	105.2	101.2	114.9
Nuptial births	1 671	1 686	1 674	1 611	1 583	1 613	1 504
Ex-nuptial births							
Number	1 644	1 913	2 068	1 992	2 043	2 153	2 058
Percentage of total live births	49.6	53.2	55.3	55.3	56.3	57.2	57.8
Paternity acknowledged births							
Number	1 154	1 264	1 365	1 279	1 347	1 384	1 292
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	70.2	66.1	66.0	64.2	65.9	64.3	62.8
Crude birth rate	21.5	21.7	22.3	21.2	21.2	21.6	20.0
Age-specific birth rate							
Age group (years)							
15-19	87.3	74.5	90.7	81.1	84.0	88.0	78.6
20-24	120.3	114.0	123.2	116.1	121.4	129.5	118.7
25-29	122.7	123.9	121.0	127.5	122.3	124.1	116.9
30-34	79.0	95.1	95.0	90.7	93.0	95.9	92.4
35-39	27.0	42.2	41.3	38.0	41.2	41.4	44.4
40-44	4.8	5.0	7.5	7.0	6.6	7.7	6.2
45-49	0.7	—	—	0.6	0.2	—	—
Total fertility rate	2.209	2.274	2.394	2.305	2.344	2.433	2.286
Female net reproduction rate	1.032	1.094	1.131	1.063	1.138	1.134	1.065

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
CONFINEMENTS							
Total confinements	3 290	3 559	3 705	3 560	3 580	3 711	3 522
First nuptial	688	680	692	644	642	650	614
All nuptial	1 658	1 664	1 659	1 590	1 562	1 582	1 488
Paternity acknowledged	1 144	1 248	1 351	1 266	1 328	1 366	1 276
All ex-nuptial	1 632	1 895	2 046	1 970	2 018	2 129	2 034
Median age of mother (years)							
First nuptial	26.4	27.7	28.0	28.4	28.2	28.5	28.6
All nuptial	27.9	29.4	29.4	29.5	29.7	29.6	30.0
Paternity acknowledged	23.4	24.3	24.2	24.6	24.5	25.0	25.2
All ex-nuptial	22.7	23.3	23.1	23.6	23.7	23.9	24.3
Total	25.7	26.7	26.3	26.7	26.7	26.8	27.1
Median age of father (years)							
Nuptial	30.9	31.8	31.9	32.1	32.3	32.1	32.7
Paternity acknowledged	27.3	28.2	27.5	27.7	27.5	27.6	27.7
All fathers where age is known	29.7	30.6	30.2	30.6	30.7	30.4	30.9
Median duration of marriage (years)							
First nuptial	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2
Nuptial	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0
Nuptial confinements							
Previous births							
0	688	680	692	644	642	650	614
1	563	585	597	560	603	571	526
2	263	262	253	257	214	251	245
3	92	82	71	81	66	78	68
4	29	27	23	22	16	12	17
5 and over	23	28	23	26	21	20	18
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.2 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother

AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

Confinements	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Total
NUMBER								
Nuptial								
Single	15	200	523	494	219	21	—	1 472
Twins	—	2	8	4	2	—	—	16
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	15	202	531	498	221	21	—	1 488
Ex-nuptial								
Single	450	641	501	274	113	21	8	2 008
Twins	3	7	6	4	6	—	—	26
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	453	648	507	278	119	21	8	2 034
Total confinements	468	850	1 038	776	340	42	8	3 522
PROPORTION (%)								
Nuptial	3.2	23.8	51.2	64.2	65.0	50.0	—	42.2
Ex-nuptial	96.8	76.2	48.8	35.8	35.0	50.0	100.0	57.8

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents

		Age of mother (years).....													
		Age of father (years)													
		16 and under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
19 and under	17	17	17	21	4	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
20	5	3	9	17	12	3	3	4	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
21	1	6	5	7	10	10	4	3	3	2	1	2	—	2	—
22	4	5	5	16	9	24	16	3	7	2	2	—	2	—	—
23	2	5	3	3	12	15	10	14	7	8	4	3	4	4	—
24	1	4	2	11	11	13	18	21	12	6	9	5	2	1	—
25	—	1	4	6	7	11	9	12	21	17	14	15	5	4	—
26	1	—	1	3	7	5	10	11	20	17	15	12	4	6	—
27	—	1	2	2	2	10	9	18	13	25	20	24	10	3	—
28	—	—	1	—	6	2	5	9	16	21	19	23	14	9	—
29	—	—	—	—	—	5	11	1	12	9	20	24	25	15	—
30	1	2	—	4	2	2	7	7	9	14	12	24	14	20	—
31	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	2	9	8	15	17	11	20	—
32	—	—	1	—	4	3	1	3	6	7	8	13	19	14	—
33	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	2	4	11	4	12	11	13	—
34	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	2	4	5	3	9	9	7	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	2	6	5	6	8	10	—
36	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	1	5	4	11	—
37	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	3	2	1	6	5	—
38	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	3	3	1	—
39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	2	4	2	3	3	—
40-44	—	—	1	—	—	2	3	1	4	5	4	13	8	5	—
45-49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	3	2	1	—
50 and over	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	1	2	—	1	1	4	—
Not stated	2	1	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	3	4	2	—	1	—
Not applicable(a)	86	42	65	50	54	49	49	54	38	34	34	32	23	25	—
Nuptial	—	2	4	9	14	31	34	47	76	83	102	132	100	114	—
Ex-nuptial	121	86	113	133	135	128	134	133	118	127	106	120	88	66	—
Total	121	88	117	142	149	159	168	180	194	210	208	252	188	180	—

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents *continued*

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years).....								Total.....		Total
	30	31	32	33	34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Nuptial	Ex-nuptial	
19 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	81	81
20	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	55	60
21	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	48	57
22	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	18	78	96
23	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	20	72	92
24	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	42	79	121
25	2	2	1	4	—	—	—	1	50	86	136
26	8	2	4	1	1	2	—	—	58	72	130
27	6	2	—	2	—	4	—	—	78	75	153
28	13	6	4	5	2	3	1	—	90	69	159
29	11	7	3	1	—	—	—	—	87	57	144
30	17	11	6	4	1	5	—	—	101	61	162
31	23	15	7	4	9	10	2	—	100	57	157
32	16	18	21	11	7	13	1	—	123	43	166
33	10	21	15	18	11	19	—	—	109	47	156
34	11	17	15	14	11	16	4	—	102	29	131
35	10	9	17	11	9	28	2	—	90	39	129
36	9	5	13	6	14	26	1	—	72	28	100
37	4	4	13	12	16	27	1	—	68	30	98
38	3	3	7	4	12	26	2	—	50	22	72
39	1	2	4	5	6	23	3	—	40	22	62
40-44	3	9	15	12	14	71	14	—	117	67	184
45-49	5	3	5	2	3	24	5	—	37	20	57
50 and over	—	3	2	—	—	14	4	—	22	16	38
Not stated	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	23	23
Not applicable(a)	27	17	21	13	10	28	2	5	—	758	758
Nuptial	106	103	116	78	95	221	21	—	1 488
Ex-nuptial	78	57	58	51	34	119	21	8	..	2 034	..
Total	184	160	174	129	129	340	42	8	1 488	2 034	3 522

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	886	—	203	1 089	886	—	170	1 056
Fiji	—	1	—	1	4	1	1	6
New Zealand	35	13	15	63	26	13	3	42
Other	8	4	—	12	6	4	2	12
<i>Total</i>	<i>929</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>1 165</i>	<i>922</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>1 116</i>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former Yugoslav Republics	1	2	1	4	2	2	1	5
Germany	5	2	2	9	5	2	—	7
Greece	11	9	2	22	3	9	—	12
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	3	—	2	5	2	—	—	2
Italy	5	—	3	8	2	—	1	3
Malta	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Netherlands	1	—	1	2	1	—	2	3
Poland	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom	57	8	14	79	58	8	13	79
Other	4	3	9	16	6	3	5	14
<i>Total</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>127</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
Turkey	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other	1	2	3	6	—	2	2	4
<i>Total</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	2	36	6	44	25	36	17	78
Malaysia	1	7	1	9	9	7	1	17
Philippines	2	16	—	18	16	16	6	38
Singapore	1	1	1	3	4	1	3	8
Thailand	1	2	1	4	3	2	3	8
Viet Nam	—	10	4	14	1	10	1	12
Other	1	2	2	5	2	2	3	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>168</i>

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents *continued*

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	1	6	—	7	—	6	4	10
Hong Kong	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Other	—	1	—	1	1	1	3	5
<i>Total</i>	2	7	—	9	2	7	7	16
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	3	1	—	4	3	1	—	4
Sri Lanka	1	1	—	2	—	1	—	1
Other	—	5	—	5	1	5	—	6
<i>Total</i>	4	7	—	11	4	7	—	11
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	4	—	—	4	3	—	1	4
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
United States of America	10	17	3	30	6	17	2	25
Other	2	—	1	3	1	—	—	1
<i>Total</i>	16	17	4	37	10	17	4	31
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	3	—	1	4	3	—	—	3
Other	4	—	5	9	8	—	3	11
<i>Total</i>	7	—	6	13	11	—	3	14
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1 056	150	282	1 488	1 089	150	249	1 488

3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Previous and Average Issue

PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE CURRENT MARRIAGE.....

Age of mother (years)	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated	All mothers	Total issue	Average issue
16 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1.0
18	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	1.0
19	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	9	11	1.2
20	9	5	—	—	—	—	—	14	19	1.4
21	19	11	1	—	—	—	—	31	44	1.4
22	18	14	1	1	—	—	—	34	53	1.6
23	27	18	2	—	—	—	—	47	70	1.5
24	36	30	6	4	—	—	—	76	131	1.7
25	48	27	6	1	1	—	—	83	130	1.6
26	55	35	8	3	1	—	—	102	166	1.6
27	55	45	24	6	2	—	—	132	253	1.9
28	49	32	17	2	—	—	—	100	177	1.8
29	46	46	17	3	1	1	—	114	212	1.9
30	44	37	21	3	1	—	—	106	198	1.9
31	30	40	22	8	3	—	—	103	223	2.2
32	38	45	26	6	1	—	—	116	237	2.0
33	30	22	15	6	1	4	—	78	179	2.3
34	34	30	20	7	3	1	—	95	205	2.2
35-39	59	81	55	17	3	6	—	221	511	2.3
40 and over	4	6	4	1	—	6	—	21	75	3.6
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	614	526	245	68	17	18	—	1 488	2 900	1.9

3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS

AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

<i>Duration of marriage (years)</i>	<i>19 and under</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40 and over</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1	10	45	46	28	13	—	—	142
1	3	33	62	37	13	—	—	148
2	—	20	53	34	7	—	—	114
3	—	6	29	13	7	1	—	56
4	—	4	24	17	6	—	—	51
5	—	—	13	8	1	1	—	23
6	—	1	15	11	—	—	—	27
7	—	—	5	10	2	—	—	17
8 and over	—	—	6	18	10	2	—	36
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	13	109	253	176	59	4	—	614

SECTION **4**

**BIRTHS—YEAR OF OCCURRENCE
(PRELIMINARY)**

Birth trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of births that occur each calendar year, particularly those that occur towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or later. Based on data from previous years, the ABS estimates that about 10% of births that occurred in 1996 would not have been registered in 1996. However, only a small proportion of those would not have been registered at the time of publication.

NUMBER OF BIRTHS

There were 3,565 births to mothers resident in the Northern Territory that occurred in 1996 and were registered at the time of publication. This was 4.2% lower than the number of births that occurred in 1995 but 6.5% higher than 1986.

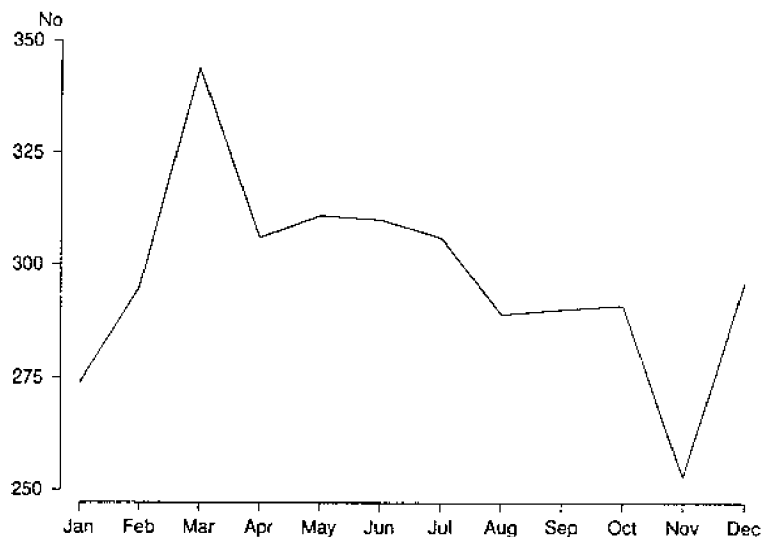
CRUDE BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate for 1996 was 20.1, compared with 21.4 for 1995 and 21.7 for 1986.

MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

During 1996 the greatest number of births occurred in March (344 or 9.6% of total births) and the lowest number occurred in November (253 or 7.1% of total births).

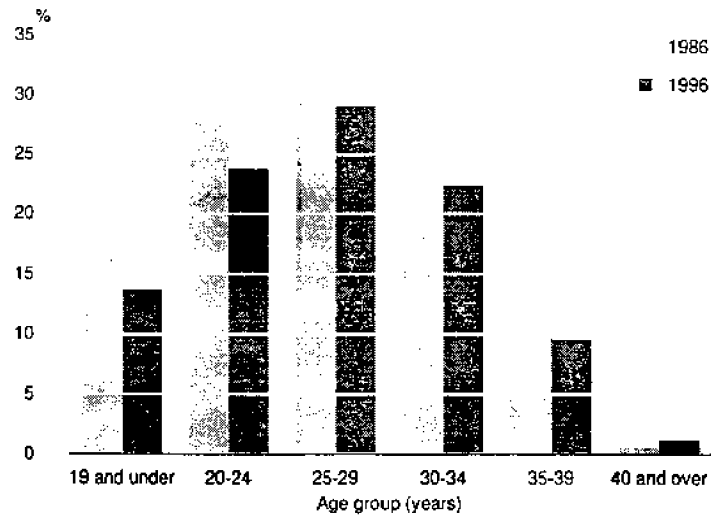
NUMBER OF BIRTHS BY MONTH OF OCCURRENCE



AGE OF MOTHER

In 1996 women aged 25–29 years continued to record the largest proportion of births, accounting for 29.1% of total births compared to 29.8% in 1995 and 31.0% in 1986. In contrast, the proportion of births to women aged 20–24 years declined from 27.6% in 1986 to 23.8% in 1996 while the proportion of births to women aged 30–34 years increased from 18.2% to 22.4% during the same period.

CONTRIBUTION TO BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER



FERTILITY

The total fertility rate based on births that occurred in 1996 was 2.3 compared with 2.4 in 1995 and 2.2 in 1986.

There was little difference between age-specific birth rates based on year of occurrence and those based on year of registration. The largest percentage difference was in the 40–44 year age group where the difference was 4.8% (6.5 based on year of occurrence compared with 6.2 based on year of registration) followed by the 15–19 age group where the difference was 3.2% (81.1 compared with 78.6).

4.2 BIRTHS, Age of Mother

AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

Selected years	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Total(a)
1986	571	922	1 036	610	180	18	3	3 346
1991	482	979	1 064	780	289	34	—	3 630
1992	546	1 000	1 051	779	302	47	—	3 726
1993	505	948	1 073	785	287	43	3	3 645
1994	490	961	1 002	787	303	44	1	3 592
1995	498	949	1 110	806	304	50	—	3 720
1996	487	848	1 038	799	343	44	—	3 565

(a) Includes not stated.

4.3 BIRTHS, Age-specific Birth Rates and Total Fertility Rate

Selected years	AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....							Total fertility rate
	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	
1986	88.2	118.7	123.5	82.4	27.3	4.1	1.0	2.226
1991	74.2	116.7	123.9	96.2	41.5	5.7	—	2.291
1992	87.5	121.2	123.0	94.4	42.4	7.7	—	2.380
1993	83.4	115.6	127.7	93.1	39.4	6.9	0.6	2.333
1994	83.6	121.4	118.9	92.3	40.9	6.9	0.2	2.321
1995	84.4	125.6	126.7	94.4	40.3	7.5	—	2.395
1996	81.1	117.2	115.1	93.9	43.7	6.5	—	2.287

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15.

(b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

SECTION 5

DEATHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION

NUMBER OF DEATHS

In 1996 there were 758 deaths of persons usually resident in the Northern Territory registered throughout Australia. This was a decrease of 6.7% from the number of deaths registered in 1995 but an increase of 14.7% from 1986. The 1996 total comprised 487 males and 271 females, a sex ratio of 179.7 males per 100 females.

INFANT DEATHS

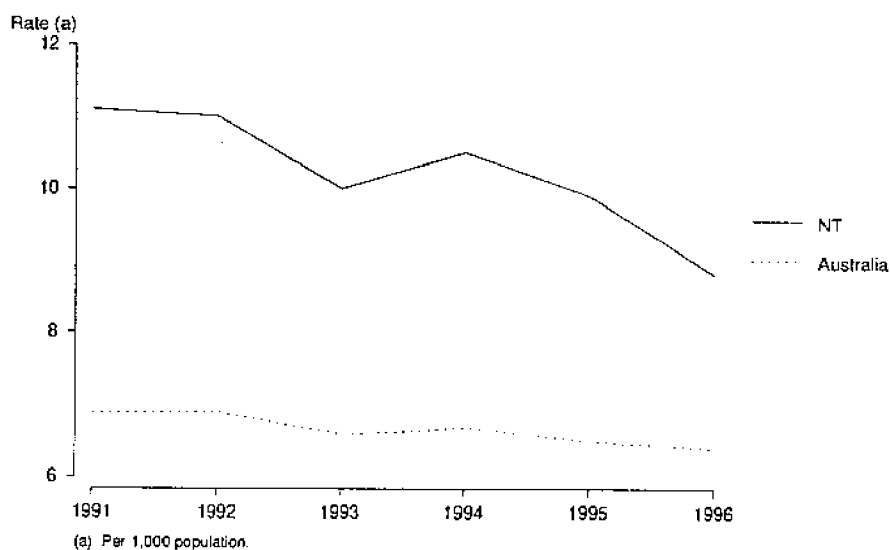
There were 41 infant deaths registered in the Northern Territory in 1996, a decrease of 18.0% from the number registered in 1995. The 1996 total comprised 22 males and 19 females, giving a sex ratio of 115.8 males for every 100 females. This compared with the sex ratio at birth of 109.4. Almost one-third (31.7%) of the total infant deaths registered in 1996 occurred in the first day of life and 61.0% occurred within the first month.

The infant mortality rate declined substantially from 16.0 per 1,000 live births in 1986 to 11.5 in 1996 but remained about twice the national rate of 5.8.

DEATH RATES

The crude death rate for 1996 was 4.3 per 1,000 of total population, down slightly from 4.7 per 1,000 of total population in 1995. After standardisation for age, the death rate increased to 8.8 per 1,000 of total population in 1996. Although this was a decrease from 9.9 in 1995, it was well above the national rate of 6.4. The standardised death rate for males in the Northern Territory was 10.5 per 1,000 population compared with 8.2 nationally while the rate for females in the Territory was 7.1 compared to 5.0 nationally.

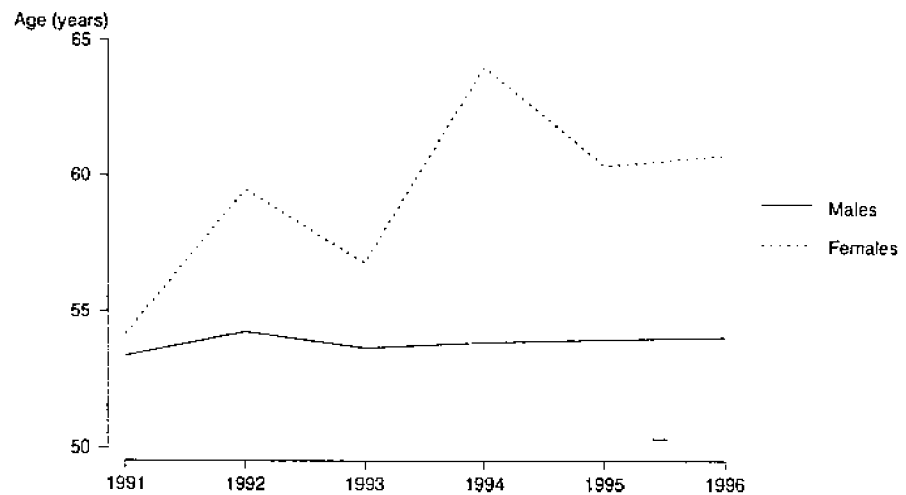
STANDARDISED DEATH RATE



AGE AT DEATH

In 1996 the median age at death for males was 54.1 years, a slight increase from the 54.0 years recorded for 1995. The median age at death for females was 60.8 years, up slightly from the 60.4 years recorded for 1995.

MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH



The median age at death for both males and females in the Northern Territory was significantly lower than the national median ages of 74.0 years for males and 80.7 years for females.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The life expectancy at birth in the Northern Territory in 1996 was 69.2 years for males and 75.0 years for females. These figures continued a general upwards trend in life expectancy — the corresponding figures in 1986 were 67.7 years for males and 73.4 years for females — but remained considerably lower than the national figures of 75.2 years for males and 81.1 years for females.

CAUSES OF DEATH

The leading cause of death in the Northern Territory in 1996 was malignant neoplasms (cancer) which accounted for 21.2% of total deaths. Other major causes of death included ischaemic heart disease (10.2% of total deaths) and motor vehicle traffic accidents (8.4%).

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994(b)	1995(b)	1996(b)
DEATHS							
Total deaths	661	802	776	765	776	813	758
Males	425	495	475	469	489	521	487
Females	236	307	301	296	287	292	271
Sex ratio	180.1	161.2	157.8	158.4	170.4	178.4	179.7
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths	309	412	397	376	380	387	<i>(c)</i> 328
Males	178	207	224	200	216	229	<i>(c)</i> 196
Females	131	205	173	176	164	158	<i>(c)</i> 132
Standardised death rate	10.2	11.1	11.0	10.0	10.5	9.9	8.8
Males	12.0	13.4	12.4	11.9	12.1	11.8	10.5
Females	8.2	8.8	9.5	8.2	8.9	8.0	7.1
Crude death rate	4.3	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.3
Males	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.3
Females	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.1
Median age at death							
Males	50.8	53.4	54.3	53.7	53.9	54.0	54.1
Females	56.3	54.2	59.5	56.8	64.0	60.4	60.8
Age-specific death rate							
Age group (years)							
Males							
0	16.4	15.0	14.1	15.9	8.3	12.8	11.8
1-4	0.5	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.4
5-14	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
15-24	2.2	2.5	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.5	1.6
25-34	4.0	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.3
35-44	3.2	3.2	4.0	3.4	4.4	4.3	4.2
45-54	8.2	9.0	7.6	6.8	6.7	7.2	6.7
55-64	20.0	23.1	19.6	19.7	18.1	20.7	16.2
65-74	43.6	42.1	46.0	32.6	39.7	36.8	32.3
75-84	87.4	117.6	102.2	104.1	97.7	82.4	79.1
85 and over	150.7	166.7	155.3	182.7	173.1	172.4	166.7
Females							
0	15.6	13.3	16.9	14.5	14.4	13.8	11.2
1-4	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
5-14	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
15-24	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.5
25-34	1.3	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9
35-44	1.9	2.2	1.7	3.0	2.3	1.9	1.6
45-54	4.7	6.1	5.7	5.0	3.0	3.9	4.2
55-64	14.4	17.3	14.2	13.6	10.8	13.3	10.2
65-74	28.3	32.9	41.5	31.8	35.7	30.1	25.8
75-84	72.4	63.8	66.9	58.6	77.0	66.9	44.5
85 and over	95.2	90.9	170.5	123.2	157.9	120.5	151.4
Expectation of life							
Males							
Age 0	67.7	67.1	68.4	69.2	68.5	69.2	n.y.a.
Age 1	67.8	67.2	68.3	69.3	68.3	69.0	n.y.a.
Age 25	45.3	45.0	45.6	47.0	45.8	46.4	n.y.a.
Age 45	27.9	27.1	28.0	29.3	28.4	29.0	n.y.a.
Age 65	13.4	12.8	13.5	14.7	13.1	14.1	n.y.a.
Females							
Age 0	73.4	72.3	72.6	73.8	74.0	75.0	n.y.a.
Age 1	73.6	72.3	72.8	73.9	73.9	75.0	n.y.a.
Age 25	50.5	49.6	49.6	50.8	56.6	51.6	n.y.a.
Age 45	31.8	31.3	30.6	32.2	31.8	32.9	n.y.a.
Age 65	16.1	16.2	15.0	16.7	15.7	16.7	n.y.a.

For footnotes see end of table.

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
DEATHS							
Principal causes of death (SDR per 100,000 population)							
Males							
Neoplasms	191	281	299	265	288	276	252
Diseases of the circulatory system	341	389	400	391	484	404	293
Diseases of the respiratory system	287	232	205	174	149	153	162
Diseases of the digestive system	35	67	23	64	22	43	19
All other diseases	219	243	215	216	147	189	167
External causes	126	124	104	130	122	120	136
Females							
Neoplasms	169	150	248	196	180	159	163
Diseases of the circulatory system	254	291	231	279	294	228	205
Diseases of the respiratory system	174	163	174	121	144	118	94
Diseases of the digestive system	12	38	23	25	33	15	14
All other diseases	167	169	218	165	197	244	148
External causes	44	70	54	36	43	47	54
INFANT DEATHS							
Total infant deaths	53	51	58	55	41	50	41
Males	28	27	27	30	15	25	22
Females	25	24	31	25	26	25	19
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants	26	31	38	40	25	25	(c)26
Males	10	15	17	22	10	13	(c)14
Females	16	16	21	18	15	12	(c)12
Infant mortality rate	16.0	14.2	15.5	15.3	11.3	13.3	11.5
Males	16.4	15.0	14.1	15.9	8.3	12.8	11.8
Females	15.6	13.3	16.9	14.5	14.4	13.8	11.2
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	16	11	7	12	8	7	7
1 day to under 1 week	3	3	3	5	3	5	6
1 week to under 4 weeks	2	6	4	6	1	2	2
4 weeks to under 1 year	7	7	13	7	3	11	7
Females							
Under 1 day	4	5	11	9	13	13	6
1 day to under 1 week	5	—	6	2	3	3	2
1 week to under 4 weeks	4	4	2	3	4	1	2
4 weeks to under 1 year	12	15	12	11	6	8	9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From 1994 onwards life expectation data will be calculated over three years surrounding the year in the table heading.

(c) The figures for 1996 should be treated with caution as they are subject to investigation.

5.2 DEATHS, Age at Death—Sex

Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	22	19	41	50	12	5	17
1	1	2	3	51	7	2	9
2	—	1	1	52	5	5	10
3	—	1	1	53	7	7	14
4	2	—	2	54	7	4	11
0-4	25	23	48	50-54	38	23	61
5	1	—	1	55	12	5	17
6	1	—	1	56	12	3	15
7	—	—	—	57	12	4	16
8	—	1	1	58	12	1	13
9	—	—	—	59	6	3	9
5-9	2	1	3	55-59	54	16	70
10	1	1	2	60	7	6	13
11	—	—	—	61	5	4	9
12	—	—	—	62	4	4	8
13	—	1	1	63	10	6	16
14	2	1	3	64	8	6	14
10-14	3	3	6	60-64	34	26	60
15	—	—	—	65	11	6	17
16	1	—	1	66	6	6	12
17	—	1	1	67	4	2	6
18	2	—	2	68	12	7	19
19	1	—	1	69	8	4	12
15-19	4	1	5	65-69	41	25	66
20	3	1	4	70	10	7	17
21	3	2	5	71	5	5	10
22	6	—	6	72	5	2	7
23	2	2	4	73	6	7	13
24	5	1	6	74	5	4	9
20-24	19	6	25	70-74	31	25	56
25	7	2	9	75	6	5	11
26	4	—	4	76	12	4	16
27	6	—	6	77	10	3	13
28	2	—	2	78	4	5	9
29	5	2	7	79	3	4	7
25-29	24	4	28	75-79	35	21	56
30	8	1	9	80	4	2	6
31	4	2	6	81	4	3	7
32	7	2	9	82	3	2	5
33	3	4	7	83	3	5	8
34	10	2	12	84	5	3	8
30-34	32	11	43	80-84	19	15	34
35	11	6	17	85	9	1	10
36	6	2	8	86	3	3	6
37	5	3	8	87	2	2	4
38	5	—	5	88	1	4	5
39	5	1	6	89	—	2	2
35-39	32	12	44	85-89	15	12	27
40	5	2	7	90	3	4	7
41	7	1	8	91	—	2	2
42	8	3	11	92	—	1	1
43	5	3	8	93	1	1	2
44	6	3	9	94	2	3	5
40-44	31	12	43	90-94	6	11	17
45	11	5	16	95-99	1	4	5
46	8	2	10	100 and over	1	1	2
47	3	4	7	Not stated	—	—	—
48	8	5	13				
49	10	3	13				
45-49	40	19	59	Total	487	271	758

5.3 DEATHS, Age at Death—Marital Status

Age at death (years)	MALES.....						FEMALES.....					
	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
Under 1	22	—	—	—	—	22	19	—	—	—	—	19
1-4	3	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	4
5-9	2	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1
10-14	3	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3
15-19	4	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	1
20-24	17	1	—	—	1	19	5	—	—	—	1	6
25-29	16	3	—	—	5	24	2	—	—	—	2	4
30-34	16	8	—	1	7	32	3	4	—	2	2	11
35-39	16	7	—	3	6	32	3	5	—	—	4	12
40-44	8	14	—	3	6	31	1	7	—	1	3	12
45-49	4	24	—	7	5	40	4	6	—	7	2	19
50-54	12	20	—	3	3	38	9	8	2	1	3	23
55-59	6	29	2	13	4	54	1	9	2	3	1	16
60-64	10	16	1	7	—	34	5	11	6	1	3	26
65-69	8	17	3	5	8	41	6	10	3	2	4	25
70-74	10	11	5	2	3	31	5	10	8	—	2	25
75-79	3	18	5	6	3	35	2	3	15	1	—	21
80-84	4	5	3	5	2	19	3	4	8	—	—	15
85-89	1	5	7	—	2	15	1	—	10	—	1	12
90-94	1	2	2	—	1	6	2	1	8	—	—	11
95-99	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	4
100 and over	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	167	181	28	55	56	487	81	78	66	18	28	271

5.4 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)

Age (years)	NT.....						AUST.....			
	1971.....		1981.....		1991.....		1994 TO 1996.....		1994 TO 1996.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	60.70	63.95	59.46	67.08	66.86	72.25	69.20	75.03	75.22	81.05
5	60.90	64.67	56.31	64.59	63.22	68.52	65.19	71.20	70.81	76.55
10	56.22	60.01	51.86	59.84	58.44	63.69	60.27	66.27	65.86	71.60
15	51.44	55.06	47.17	54.94	53.61	58.79	55.41	61.34	60.93	66.66
20	47.08	50.37	43.07	50.28	49.04	54.07	50.82	56.47	56.15	61.76
25	42.62	45.69	39.03	45.72	44.72	49.55	46.41	51.62	51.48	56.87
30	38.05	40.93	34.78	40.39	40.27	44.95	42.04	46.80	46.79	51.98
35	33.49	36.20	30.64	36.21	35.84	40.38	37.67	42.04	42.10	47.11
40	29.23	31.77	26.71	31.57	31.29	35.85	33.31	37.38	37.41	42.28
45	24.89	27.82	22.86	27.37	26.85	31.32	29.01	32.85	32.75	37.49
50	20.92	24.25	19.11	23.45	22.72	26.82	24.85	28.49	28.18	32.80
55	17.50	20.74	15.59	19.50	19.07	22.84	20.92	24.34	23.78	28.24
60	13.85	18.04	12.43	16.29	15.70	19.22	17.31	20.43	19.62	23.83
65	10.84	15.04	9.75	13.56	12.54	16.20	14.08	16.76	15.82	19.61
70	7.88	12.07	7.58	10.80	9.72	13.50	11.26	13.40	12.45	15.67
75	6.71	9.32	5.98	7.97	7.18	10.77	8.82	10.37	9.51	12.07
80	6.92	6.95	5.37	6.22	5.68	8.05	6.73	7.73	7.04	8.92
85	4.74	5.53	4.03	5.20	4.96	6.23	5.11	5.60	5.15	6.38
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.81	4.38	4.01	4.01	3.87	4.50
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	3.14	3.29	3.40	2.95	3.18	3.24

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. From 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

5.5 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)—1994 to 1996

NT.....		AUST.....		NT.....		AUST.....			
Age (years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Age (years)	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	69.20	75.03	75.22	81.05	50	24.85	28.49	28.18	32.80
1	68.95	75.03	74.70	80.46	51	24.05	27.64	27.29	31.88
2	68.05	74.13	73.74	79.50	52	23.25	26.80	26.40	30.96
3	67.11	73.16	72.77	78.52	53	22.46	25.97	25.52	30.05
4	66.16	72.18	71.79	77.54	54	21.69	25.15	24.64	29.14
5	65.19	71.20	70.81	76.55	55	20.92	24.34	23.78	28.24
6	64.21	70.21	69.82	75.57	56	20.17	23.54	22.92	27.34
7	63.23	69.23	68.83	74.58	57	19.43	22.75	22.08	26.45
8	62.24	68.24	67.84	73.58	58	18.71	21.96	21.24	25.57
9	61.25	67.25	66.85	72.59	59	18.00	21.19	20.42	24.70
10	60.27	66.27	65.86	71.60	60	17.31	20.43	19.62	23.83
11	59.29	65.28	64.88	70.61	61	16.63	19.67	18.83	22.97
12	58.31	64.29	63.89	69.62	62	15.97	18.93	18.05	22.12
13	57.33	63.31	62.90	68.63	63	15.32	18.20	17.29	21.27
14	56.37	62.32	61.91	67.64	64	14.69	17.47	16.55	20.44
15	55.41	61.34	60.93	66.66	65	14.08	16.76	15.82	19.61
16	54.46	60.36	59.95	65.67	66	13.48	16.07	15.11	18.80
17	53.53	59.38	58.98	64.69	67	12.90	15.38	14.42	18.00
18	52.61	58.41	58.03	63.71	68	12.34	14.71	13.75	17.21
19	51.71	57.44	57.08	62.73	69	11.80	14.05	13.09	16.43
20	50.82	56.47	56.15	61.76	70	11.26	13.40	12.45	15.67
21	49.93	55.50	55.21	60.78	71	10.75	12.77	11.83	14.92
22	49.05	54.53	54.28	59.80	72	10.25	12.15	11.23	14.19
23	48.17	53.56	53.35	58.83	73	9.76	11.54	10.64	13.47
24	47.29	52.59	52.41	57.85	74	9.28	10.95	10.07	12.76
25	46.41	51.62	51.48	56.87	75	8.82	10.37	9.51	12.07
26	45.54	50.65	50.54	55.89	76	8.37	9.81	8.98	11.40
27	44.66	49.69	49.60	54.91	77	7.93	9.26	8.46	10.75
28	43.79	48.72	48.66	53.94	78	7.52	8.73	7.96	10.12
29	42.91	47.76	47.73	52.96	79	7.11	8.22	7.49	9.51
30	42.04	46.80	46.79	51.98	80	6.73	7.73	7.04	8.92
31	41.16	45.84	45.85	51.01	81	6.37	7.26	6.61	8.36
32	40.29	44.89	44.91	50.03	82	6.03	6.81	6.21	7.83
33	39.42	43.94	43.98	49.06	83	5.70	6.39	5.83	7.32
34	38.54	42.99	43.04	48.09	84	5.40	5.98	5.48	6.84
35	37.67	42.04	42.10	47.11	85	5.11	5.60	5.15	6.38
36	36.80	41.10	41.16	46.14	86	4.85	5.23	4.85	5.95
37	35.92	40.17	40.22	45.17	87	4.61	4.90	4.57	5.55
38	35.05	39.23	39.29	44.21	88	4.38	4.58	4.31	5.18
39	34.18	38.31	38.35	43.24	89	4.18	4.28	4.08	4.83
40	33.31	37.38	37.41	42.28	90	4.01	4.01	3.87	4.50
41	32.45	36.47	36.48	41.32	91	3.85	3.75	3.69	4.20
42	31.58	35.55	35.54	40.36	92	3.72	3.52	3.54	3.92
43	30.72	34.65	34.61	39.40	93	3.60	3.31	3.40	3.67
44	29.86	33.74	33.68	38.45	94	3.50	3.12	3.29	3.44
45	29.01	32.85	32.75	37.49	95	3.40	2.95	3.18	3.24
46	28.17	31.96	31.83	36.55	96	3.29	2.81	3.07	3.06
47	27.33	31.08	30.91	35.60	97	3.17	2.70	2.97	2.90
48	26.49	30.21	30.00	34.67	98	3.04	2.61	2.87	2.76
49	25.67	29.35	29.09	33.73	99	2.88	2.53	2.78	2.63

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. From 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence

DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

	4 and under	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	Males	Females	Persons
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA											
Australia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	589	368	221	589
Fiji	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Zealand	1	1	1	3	2	—	1	—	8	1	9
Other	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
<i>Total</i>	1	1	1	4	2	—	1	589	376	223	599
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR											
Austria	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	3
Former USSR & Baltic States	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	4	1	5
Former Yugoslav Republics	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	5	—	5
Germany	7	—	3	1	4	4	—	—	13	6	19
Greece	—	—	—	2	3	6	—	—	6	5	11
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1
Ireland	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	3	4
Italy	1	—	1	—	—	7	—	—	7	2	9
Malta	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	1	3
Netherlands	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	2
Poland	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
United Kingdom	4	—	6	10	15	11	1	—	33	14	47
Other	1	—	3	3	2	3	1	—	12	1	13
<i>Total</i>	18	—	13	19	32	37	4	—	89	34	123
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA											
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SOUTHEAST ASIA											
Indonesia	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Malaysia	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Philippines	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Viet Nam	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
<i>Total</i>	3	4	3	1	1	—	—	—	7	5	12

5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence *continued*

DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

	4 and under	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	Males	Females	Persons
NORTHEAST ASIA											
China	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Hong Kong	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	3
Total	2	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	4	3	7
SOUTHERN ASIA											
India	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Sri Lanka	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	3	5
THE AMERICAS											
Canada	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	3
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	3
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	4	2	6
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)											
South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	5	—	5
Total	27	6	23	27	37	38	11	589	487	271	758

5.7 DEATHS, State or Territory of Usual Residence and Registration

State or Territory of registration.....

State or Territory of usual residence	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
NSW	44 318	203	336	50	14	11	7	202	45 141
Vic.	162	32 379	78	40	26	24	11	6	32 726
Qld	223	43	21 975	10	13	5	6	6	22 281
SA	26	46	12	11 501	8	3	10	—	11 606
WA	17	16	20	11	10 945	4	13	—	11 027
Tas.	5	22	12	1	1	3 831	—	—	3 872
NT	5	1	6	20	3	—	723	—	758
ACT	53	4	3	2	1	—	1	1 236	1 300
Other Territories	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	1	8
Aust.	44 809	32 714	22 442	11 635	11 019	3 878	771	1 451	128 719

5.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death and Sex

Cause of death(a)	NUMBER.....			Percentage of all deaths	Rate(b)
	Males	Females	Persons		
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001-139)	11	5	16	2.1	9.0
Neoplasms (140-239)	106	60	166	21.9	93.4
Malignant neoplasms (140-208)	102	59	161	21.2	90.6
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240-279)	18	16	34	4.5	19.1
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280-289)	2	2	4	0.5	2.3
Mental disorders (290-319)	11	6	17	2.2	9.6
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320-389)	11	2	13	1.7	7.3
Diseases of the circulatory system (390-459)	104	70	174	23.0	97.9
Ischaemic heart disease (410-414)	50	27	77	10.2	43.3
Cerebrovascular disease (430-438)	24	19	43	5.7	24.2
Diseases of the respiratory system (460-519)	47	32	79	10.4	44.5
Diseases of the digestive system (520-579)	16	7	23	3.0	12.9
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580-629)	4	9	13	1.7	7.3
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630-676)	—	1	1	0.1	0.6
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-709)	1	2	3	0.4	1.7
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710-739)	—	3	3	0.4	1.7
Congenital anomalies (740-759)	7	6	13	1.7	7.3
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779)	12	5	17	2.2	9.6
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780-799)	12	9	21	2.8	11.8
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800-E999)	125	36	161	21.2	90.6
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810-E819)	49	15	64	8.4	36.0
All causes of death	487	271	758	100.0	426.5

(a) Classified according to the ninth revision of the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases (ICD).

(b) Rates are calculated on the number of deaths per 100,000 population.

5.9 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death(a)—Summary

Particulars	Heart disease	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	Cerebro-vascular disease (incl. stroke)	Respiratory system diseases	Motor vehicle traffic accidents	Suicide	All causes
Numbers							
Males	72	102	24	47	49	28	487
Females	47	59	19	32	15	7	271
Persons	119	161	43	79	64	35	758
Proportions by sex (%)							
Males	60.5	63.4	55.8	59.5	76.6	80.0	64.2
Females	39.5	36.6	44.2	40.5	23.4	20.0	35.8
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Proportions by cause of death (%)							
Males	14.8	20.9	4.9	9.7	10.1	5.7	100.0
Females	17.3	21.8	7.0	11.8	5.5	2.6	100.0
Persons	15.7	21.2	5.7	10.4	8.4	4.6	100.0
Crude death rate(b)							
Males	78.9	111.8	26.3	51.5	53.7	30.7	533.8
Females	54.3	68.2	22.0	37.0	17.3	8.1	313.3
Persons	67.0	90.6	24.2	44.5	36.0	19.7	426.5
Standardised death rate(c)							
NT	170.2	199.8	74.9	124.5	37.0	19.2	879.3
Australia	183.0	176.9	61.4	50.7	10.7	13.0	641.0

(a) Comprising the following: heart disease (ICD codes 393–398, 402, 404, 410–416, 420–429; malignant neoplasms (cancer) (ICD codes 140–208); cerebrovascular diseases (ICD codes 430–438); respiratory system diseases (ICD codes 460–519); motor vehicle traffic accidents (ICD codes E810–E819); and suicide (ICD codes E950–E959).

(b) Number of deaths per 100,000 population.

(c) Number of deaths per 100,000 population, standardised for age and sex using the 1991 Australian population as the standard population.

5.10 PERINATAL DEATHS

Year	FETAL DEATHS.....			NEONATAL DEATHS.....			PERINATAL DEATHS.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER									
1986	20	16	36	19	11	30	39	27	66
1991	15	19	34	18	9	27	33	28	61
1992	18	20	38	11	15	26	29	35	64
1993	17	17	34	23	13	36	40	30	70
1994	18	10	28	10	16	26	28	26	54
1995	14	13	27	14	12	26	28	25	53
1996	10	8	18	11	9	20	21	17	38
RATE									
1986	11.6	9.9	10.8	11.1	6.9	9.1	22.6	16.7	19.7
1991	8.3	10.4	9.4	10.0	5.0	7.5	18.2	15.4	16.8
1992	9.3	10.8	10.1	5.8	8.2	6.9	15.0	18.9	16.9
1993	8.9	9.8	9.3	12.2	7.6	10.0	21.0	17.3	19.2
1994	9.8	5.5	7.7	5.5	8.8	7.4	15.3	14.3	14.8
1995	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.9	14.2	13.8	14.0
1996	5.4	4.7	5.1	5.9	5.3	5.6	11.2	10.0	10.6

5.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details

Particulars	1996 PERINATAL DEATHS.....					1986..
	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
AGE AT DEATH						
Less than 1 hour	—	1	—	1	1	5
1 hour to under 1 day	—	7	3	4	7	11
1 day to under 1 week	—	8	6	2	8	8
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	4	2	2	4	6
Total	—	20	11	9	20	30
WEIGHT AT DELIVERY (grams)						
500-999	3	2	4	1	5	26
1 000-1 999	5	6	4	7	11	22
2 000-2 999	4	3	4	3	7	4
3 000 or more	1	4	2	3	5	9
Not stated	5	5	7	3	10	5
Total	18	20	21	17	38	66
PERIOD OF GESTATION (weeks)						
Less than 28	4	2	4	2	6	22
28-36	9	7	8	8	16	32
37-41	4	7	5	6	11	9
42 or more	—	—	—	—	—	1
Not stated	1	4	4	1	5	2
Total	18	20	21	17	38	66
AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (years)						
Less than 20	2	—	2	—	2	19
20-24	5	4	5	4	9	13
25-29	4	6	5	5	10	12
30-34	4	5	4	5	9	4
35-39	2	1	1	2	3	4
40 or more	—	—	—	—	—	2
Not stated	1	4	4	1	5	12
Total	18	20	21	17	38	66



SECTION 6

DEATHS—YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

Death trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of deaths that occur in each calendar year, particularly those that occur towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or later.

NUMBER OF DEATHS

There were 769 deaths of Northern Territory residents which occurred in 1996 and have been registered. This was 4.1% lower than the number of deaths that occurred in 1995 but 10.6% higher than 1986.

CRUDE DEATH RATE

The crude death rate for 1996 was 4.2, down from 4.6 in 1995.

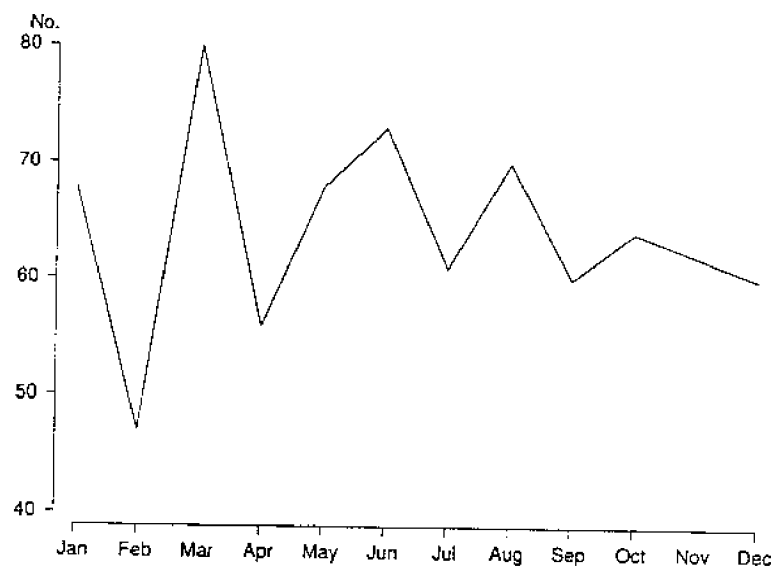
INFANT DEATHS

There were 37 infant deaths which occurred in 1996 and have been registered, a decrease of 15.9% from the number that occurred in 1995 and 36.2% less than that in 1986. The infant mortality rate declined substantially from 17.3 per 1,000 live births in 1986 to 10.4 in 1996.

MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

During 1996 the highest number of deaths occurred in March (80 or 10.4% of total deaths) and the lowest number occurred in February (47 or 6.1%). The highest proportion of infant deaths occurred in May (10 or 27.0%) and June (7 or 18.9%) with nil deaths recorded for September to December.

NUMBER OF DEATHS BY MONTH OF OCCURRENCE



6.1 DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	60	73	64	57	73	66	68
February	71	55	85	52	55	64	47
March	58	63	58	63	56	64	80
April	46	64	57	67	59	74	56
May	51	60	59	57	74	79	68
June	61	63	55	62	71	77	73
July	68	62	72	69	83	63	61
August	57	65	62	72	71	62	70
September	50	61	55	62	68	48	60
October	67	79	78	64	60	71	64
November	46	73	52	61	70	62	62
December	60	54	61	65	54	72	60
Total	695	772	758	751	794	802	769

RATE							
Crude death rate	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.2

DEATHS PER DAY							
January	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.8	2.4	2.1	2.2
February	2.5	2.0	2.9	1.9	2.0	2.3	1.6
March	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.6
April	1.5	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.5	1.9
May	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.5	2.2
June	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.4
July	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0
August	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.3
September	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.6	2.0
October	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.1
November	1.5	2.4	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.1
December	1.9	1.7	2.0	2.1	1.7	2.3	1.9

6.2 DEATHS, Age at Death

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	33	24	17	25	31	20
1-4	6	6	2	7	7	4
5-9	4	4	2	—	3	1
10-14	4	2	3	4	2	4
15-19	14	10	3	7	8	—
20-24	20	23	18	5	12	5
25-29	28	23	29	5	19	7
30-34	28	22	29	12	11	10
35-39	32	18	34	12	19	11
40-44	21	26	30	20	8	16
45-49	27	33	44	14	17	22
50-54	36	43	39	9	18	22
55-59	41	41	50	18	21	14
60-64	39	43	31	24	30	27
65-69	32	42	40	25	22	21
70-74	29	30	36	21	29	27
75-79	25	38	38	20	12	22
80-84	10	24	19	14	22	16
85 and over	11	16	24	12	13	28
Not stated	1	—	4	—	—	—
Total	441	468	492	254	304	277

6.3 DEATHS, Age-specific Death Rates

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	19.4	13.1	9.0	15.2	17.2	11.7
1-4	0.9	0.9	0.3	1.1	1.1	0.6
5-9	0.5	0.5	0.2	—	0.4	0.1
10-14	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5
15-19	2.0	1.4	0.4	1.1	1.2	—
20-24	2.4	2.8	2.4	0.6	1.4	0.6
25-29	3.2	2.6	3.6	0.6	2.2	0.8
30-34	3.5	2.5	3.4	1.6	1.3	1.2
35-39	4.1	2.4	4.3	1.8	2.7	1.4
40-44	3.7	3.6	4.2	4.6	1.3	2.4
45-49	6.6	6.4	6.6	4.6	4.1	4.0
50-54	12.7	11.5	7.9	4.3	6.7	5.8
55-59	17.5	17.0	14.6	11.3	11.8	6.1
60-64	26.1	24.5	15.3	18.9	22.6	17.5
65-69	35.8	40.0	29.3	29.6	25.2	19.0
70-74	53.0	52.8	41.7	42.0	47.1	35.8
75-79	83.0	119.9	81.9	67.8	35.5	45.4
80-84	91.1	150.9	86.8	86.9	112.8	58.8
85 and over	151.0	177.8	173.9	95.2	98.5	118.6

6.4 INFANT DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

<i>Month of occurrence</i>	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	3	6	3	1	2	4	5
February	11	3	4	4	6	8	4
March	4	3	1	4	3	5	4
April	6	7	8	6	4	4	3
May	5	8	2	4	5	5	10
June	—	4	5	7	4	3	7
July	2	2	7	6	2	3	2
August	5	2	5	4	3	4	2
September	5	4	1	6	7	1	—
October	9	4	6	2	2	4	—
November	3	7	7	1	5	2	—
December	5	5	6	5	1	1	—
Total	58	55	55	50	44	44	37
RATE							
Infant mortality rate	17.3	15.2	14.8	13.7	12.3	11.8	10.4

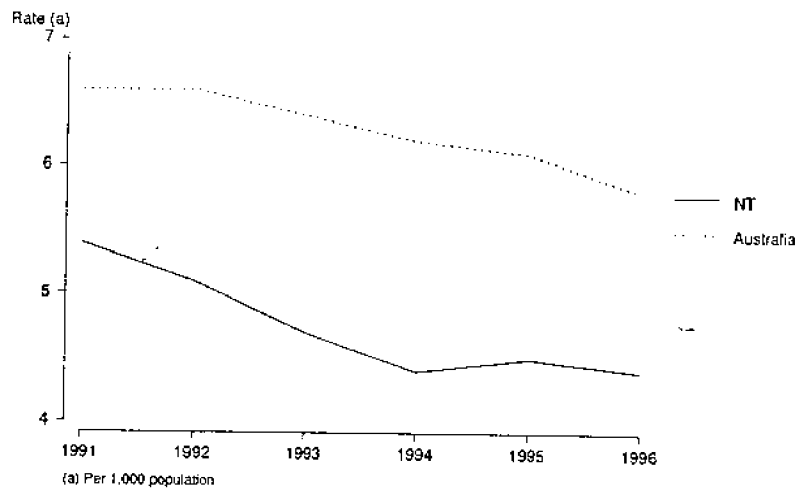


SECTION 7

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

There were 787 marriages registered in the Northern Territory in 1996, a decrease of 1.3% from 1995. The crude marriage rate declined from 5.1 per 1,000 population in 1986 to 4.4 in 1996 and remained well below the national rate of 5.8 in 1996.

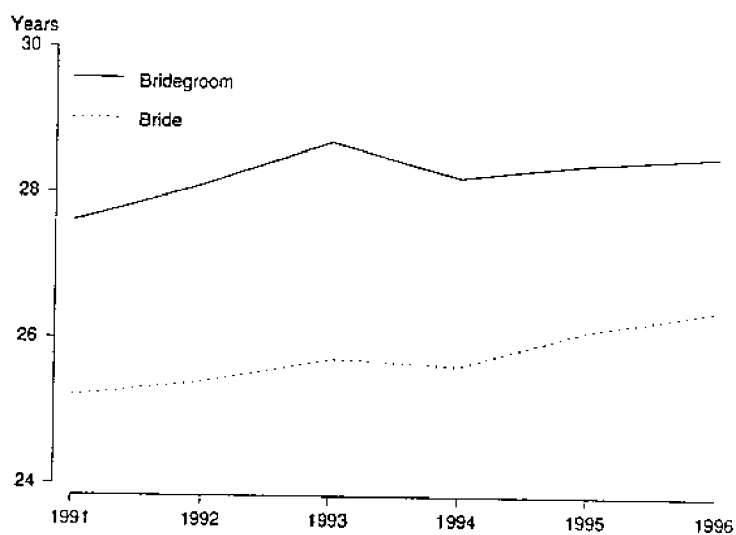
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE



AGE AT MARRIAGE

The median age for bridegrooms marrying for the first time increased from 27.0 years in 1986 to 28.5 years in 1996 while for brides it increased from 24.6 years to 26.4 years over the same period. These median ages at first marriage in 1996 were lower than the national ages of 29.6 years for bridegrooms and 27.2 years for brides.

MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE



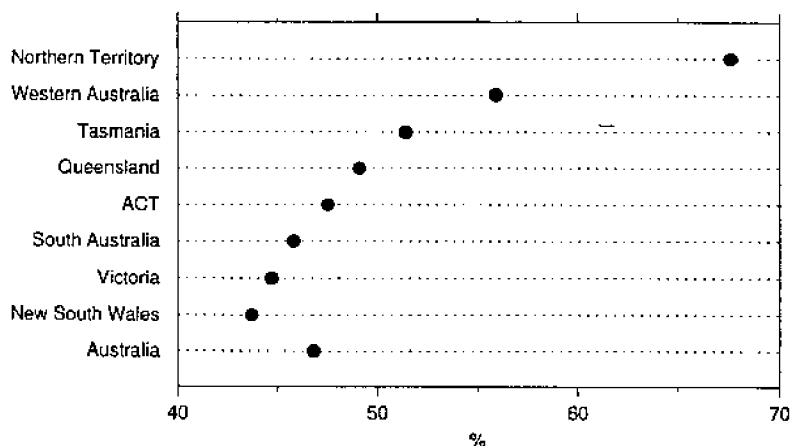
AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES

Between 1986 and 1996 age-specific marriage rates declined for some age groups but increased for others. The peak age group for both males and females remained 25-29 years, the rate increasing slightly from 26.5 per 1,000 population in 1986 to 27.2 in 1996 for males and from 25.5 to 26.5 for females over the same period.

rites USED IN CEREMONY

More than two-thirds (67.6%) of marriages in the Northern Territory in 1996 were performed by official registrars or other civil celebrants while 32.4% were performed by ministers of religion. The Northern Territory had the highest proportion of civil ceremonies of any State or Territory and was 20.8 percentage points higher than the national average of 46.8%.

PROPORTION OF MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY CIVIL CELEBRANTS



Of the marriages performed by ministers of religion, 86.7% of bridegrooms and 87.8% of brides had never been in a registered marriage compared with 67.9% and 69.9% respectively for marriages performed by official registrars or civil celebrants.

BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES

Of the marriages registered in the Northern Territory in 1996, 59.2% were between couples where both the bride and the bridegroom were born in Australia while 15.4% involved an Australian-born bridegroom and an overseas-born bride and 11.9% involved an Australian-born bride and an overseas-born bridegroom. In 6.6% of marriages both the bride and bridegroom were born in the same overseas country while in the remaining 6.9% of marriages both parties were born in different overseas countries.

7.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL MARRIAGES							
Marriages registered	759	890	860	806	765	797	787
Crude marriage rate	4.9	5.4	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.4
Previous marital status							
First marriage both partners	436	528	497	502	448	483	499
First marriage one partner	192	224	208	201	206	187	180
Remarriage both partners	131	138	155	103	111	127	108
Marriages performed by							
Ministers of religion							
Number	261	337	327	291	282	n.a.	255
Proportion (%)	34.4	37.9	38.0	36.1	36.9	n.a.	32.4
Civil celebrants							
Number	498	553	533	515	483	n.a.	532
Proportion (%)	65.6	62.1	62.0	63.9	63.1	n.a.	67.6
BRIDEGROOM							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.6	0.6	1.5	1.0
20-24	17.7	21.1	18.3	17.3	17.0	18.8	16.9
25-29	26.5	28.5	29.1	26.4	26.8	25.0	27.2
30-34	18.3	18.8	19.3	20.7	18.1	18.2	20.3
35-39	11.6	12.8	11.9	13.2	12.5	12.4	11.6
40-44	10.0	11.7	10.9	9.4	7.9	9.7	8.1
45-49	7.5	11.1	10.0	7.8	7.0	8.8	8.6
50 and over	4.4	5.2	5.4	3.6	4.8	4.9	3.7
Marital status of bridegroom							
Never married	517	634	582	602	540	569	582
Widowed	14	12	12	6	19	9	9
Divorced	228	244	266	198	206	219	196
Total	759	890	860	806	765	797	787
Median age of bridegroom (years)							
Never married	27.0	27.6	28.1	28.7	28.2	28.4	28.5
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	38.6	41.8	41.5	41.2	41.1	43.4	43.2
Total	29.6	30.2	30.4	30.7	30.8	31.1	30.9
BRIDE							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	9.7	8.3	6.2	7.6	3.9	4.6	5.8
20-24	30.0	31.3	30.2	27.8	29.9	27.0	26.9
25-29	25.5	27.6	27.4	26.4	24.4	27.4	26.5
30-34	15.3	17.1	16.4	17.7	13.7	17.3	15.5
35-39	9.9	12.8	12.2	9.6	9.5	9.3	10.8
40-44	8.2	8.9	9.5	8.2	8.5	8.0	6.7
45-49	5.9	8.0	7.4	5.7	6.7	6.2	4.9
50 and over	2.5	2.8	3.0	1.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
Marital status of bride							
Never married	547	646	620	603	562	584	596
Widowed	12	21	18	12	11	12	16
Divorced	200	223	222	191	192	201	175
Total	759	890	860	806	765	797	787
Median age of bride (years)							
Never married	24.6	25.2	25.4	25.7	25.6	26.1	26.4
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	35.4	36.6	37.4	36.2	38.7	38.4	38.4
Total	26.6	27.6	27.8	27.7	27.8	28.1	28.2

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Not statistically reliable due to small numbers involved.

7.2 MARRIAGES, Age-specific First Marriage and Remarriage Rates(a)—Census Years

Age at marriage (years)	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996
.....						
FIRST MARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	12.9	7.3	3.9	2.0	1.4	1.0
20-24	56.3	46.0	43.0	22.0	25.7	18.0
25-29	55.9	67.1	59.6	47.5	46.5	37.7
30-34	39.9	34.9	51.6	44.5	40.3	41.1
35-39	27.5	40.6	43.0	21.4	26.7	22.3
40-44	22.1	23.8	32.2	22.0	20.8	21.4
45 and over	7.7	8.7	7.7	18.8	7.0	6.0
Age of bride						
15-19	140.8	42.0	28.2	11.3	9.7	6.0
20-24	154.1	92.3	65.0	48.5	44.2	32.6
25-29	142.6	93.8	76.5	64.1	54.8	52.4
30-34	87.0	81.6	80.2	52.5	42.2	40.0
35-39	61.2	75.7	87.8	29.6	31.9	27.1
40-44	32.3	28.6	82.2	18.0	27.7	7.9
45 and over	24.4	6.8	12.1	4.8	7.4	8.5
.....						
REMARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24	117.6	37.0	279.4	44.4	42.3	—
25-29	203.1	179.5	126.0	101.8	65.2	42.3
30-34	126.2	156.9	88.2	88.4	91.2	68.7
35-39	117.6	125.0	54.8	73.0	72.0	56.8
40-44	27.8	120.3	46.3	52.4	42.1	32.7
45-49	22.2	103.4	44.0	30.6	37.0	42.7
50-54	7.4	56.9	8.6	24.3	11.8	24.1
55-59	30.3	25.1	2.9	4.1	11.9	24.9
60 and over	9.3	5.4	0.7	1.5	0.8	8.2
Age of bride						
15-19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24	529.4	750.0	22.7	—	—	57.1
25-29	454.6	263.6	90.2	86.6	51.1	53.6
30-34	193.0	194.8	120.2	100.0	61.6	59.3
35-39	111.1	124.3	95.0	87.9	67.2	58.8
40-44	171.4	79.1	81.2	65.9	66.7	34.9
45-49	14.1	70.6	75.8	55.0	67.2	21.3
50-54	33.3	50.6	41.8	52.2	39.3	14.3
55-59	18.2	21.6	43.7	29.3	26.6	7.8
60 and over	—	18.4	3.1	6.2	8.1	1.7
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(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

7.3 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties

Previous marital status of bride.....

<i>Previous marital status of bridegroom</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
.....				
NUMBER				
Never married	499	3	80	582
Widowed	2	2	5	9
Divorced	95	11	90	196
<i>Total</i>	596	16	175	787
.....				
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	63.4	0.4	10.2	74.0
Widowed	0.3	0.3	0.6	1.1
Divorced	12.1	1.4	11.4	24.9
<i>Total</i>	75.7	2.0	22.2	100.0
.....				

7.4 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties and Age

Age at marriage (years)	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.....				PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
17 and under	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
18	3	—	—	3	14	—	—	14
19	4	—	—	4	17	—	—	17
20	12	—	—	12	22	—	—	22
21	15	—	—	15	28	—	—	28
22	23	—	—	23	47	—	—	47
23	37	—	—	37	51	—	3	54
24	40	—	—	40	41	—	3	44
25	40	—	1	41	53	—	—	53
26	50	—	1	51	54	—	3	57
27	51	—	—	51	40	—	3	43
28	32	—	3	35	45	—	4	49
29	39	—	4	43	30	—	7	37
30-34	144	1	31	176	98	1	33	132
35-39	51	—	40	91	37	4	44	85
40-44	27	1	30	58	6	5	34	45
45-49	12	—	45	57	6	2	21	29
50-54	1	2	18	21	2	1	12	15
55-59	1	2	14	17	1	1	5	7
60 and over	—	3	9	12	—	2	3	5
Total	582	9	196	787	596	16	175	787

7.5 MARRIAGES, Age of Parties

Age group of bride (years).....

Age group of bridegroom (years)	17 and under	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Total
17 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
19	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
20-24	4	8	9	80	23	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	127
25-29	—	4	5	76	105	24	5	2	—	—	—	—	221
30-34	—	—	1	25	71	48	23	4	4	—	—	—	176
35-39	—	—	—	5	24	29	22	7	3	—	1	—	91
40-44	—	1	—	3	9	14	11	10	8	2	—	—	58
45-49	—	—	—	3	3	9	14	11	10	6	1	—	57
50-54	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	5	2	3	—	—	21
55-59	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	2	4	3	1	17
60 and over	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	—	—	2	4	12
Total	4	14	17	195	239	132	85	45	29	15	7	5	787

7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	466	—	121	587	466	—	94	560
Fiji	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
New Zealand	16	3	12	31	10	3	2	15
Other	7	—	1	8	5	—	2	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>491</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>629</i>	<i>481</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>582</i>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2
Former Yugoslav Republics	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	1
Germany	1	7	2	10	7	7	1	15
Greece	4	1	—	5	2	1	—	3
Hungary	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	2
Ireland	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Italy	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	3
Malta	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	1	2	1	4	—	2	2	4
Poland	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
United Kingdom	30	16	14	60	30	16	4	50
Other	5	1	1	7	6	1	5	12
<i>Total</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>94</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	7	12	1	20	10	12	8	30
Malaysia	3	1	2	6	3	1	1	5
Philippines	1	3	—	4	10	3	7	20
Singapore	2	—	2	4	1	—	2	3
Thailand	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	9
Viet Nam	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	2
Other	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>71</i>

7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4
Hong Kong	—	1	—	1	3	1	1	5
Other	—	1	—	1	2	1	1	4
<i>Total</i>	—	2	—	2	7	2	4	13
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	1	—	3	4	3	—	1	4
Sri Lanka	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	2	—	3	5	3	—	1	4
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	1	—	—	1	3	—	2	5
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	6	1	3	10	5	1	5	11
Other	1	—	1	2	1	—	—	1
<i>Total</i>	8	1	4	13	9	1	7	17
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	—	—	1	1	2	—	1	3
Other	2	—	1	3	2	—	—	2
<i>Total</i>	2	—	2	4	4	—	1	5
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	560	52	175	787	587	52	148	787

7.7 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties and Category of Rite

Category of rite	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.			PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE			All marriages no.	Proportion of all marriages %
	Never married no.	Widowed no.	Divorced no.	Never married no.	Widowed no.	Divorced no.		
RELIGIOUS (a)								
Anglican	23	—	9	27	1	4	32	4.1
Baptist	6	—	1	7	—	—	7	0.9
Catholic	85	—	2	86	—	1	87	11.1
Churches of Christ	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	0.1
Lutheran	6	—	2	5	—	3	8	1.0
Orthodox	22	—	—	22	—	—	22	2.8
Presbyterian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uniting Church	44	1	5	41	—	9	50	6.4
Other denominations	34	3	11	35	1	12	48	6.1
<i>All religious rites</i>	221	4	30	224	2	29	255	32.4
CIVIL								
Official registrars	102	3	66	115	4	52	171	21.7
Other civil celebrants	259	2	100	257	10	94	361	45.9
<i>All civil rites</i>	361	5	166	372	14	146	532	67.6
TOTAL								
Number	582	9	196	596	16	175	787	100.0
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Proportion	74.0	1.1	24.9	75.7	2.0	22.2	100.0	..

7.8 REMARRIAGES, Number of Previous Marriages and Number of Children Under 16

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 16.....

<i>Number of previous marriages</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Two</i>	<i>Three</i>	<i>Four or more</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
.....							
BRIDEGROOM							
One	111	41	18	6	—	1	177
Two	19	2	4	2	—	—	27
Three or more	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	131	43	22	8	—	1	205
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BRIDE							
One	103	33	12	11	1	4	164
Two	17	1	3	4	1	—	26
Three or more	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	121	34	15	15	2	4	191
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7.9 REMARRIAGES, Interval to Remarriage and Reason for Termination of Last Marriage

<i>Interval between termination of last marriage and remarriage (years)</i>	BRIDEGROOM'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY			BRIDE'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY.....		
	<i>Death of spouse</i>	<i>Divorce</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Death of spouse</i>	<i>Divorce</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1	—	29	29	—	20	20
1	1	36	37	—	35	35
2	1	25	26	—	14	14
3	1	16	17	2	16	18
4	2	13	15	2	15	17
0-4	5	119	124	4	100	104
5	1	15	16	—	10	10
6	1	9	10	—	8	8
7	—	8	8	2	6	8
8	—	5	5	2	3	5
9	—	7	7	1	9	10
5-9	2	44	46	5	36	41
10-14	1	14	15	4	20	24
15-19	—	9	9	2	13	15
20 and over	—	5	5	—	4	4
Not stated	1	5	6	1	2	3
All remarriages	9	196	205	16	175	191

SECTION 8

DIVORCES GRANTED

NUMBER OF DIVORCES

In 1996 there were 486 divorces granted in the Northern Territory, an increase of 12.5% from 1995 and an increase of 27.6% on the number of divorces granted in 1986.

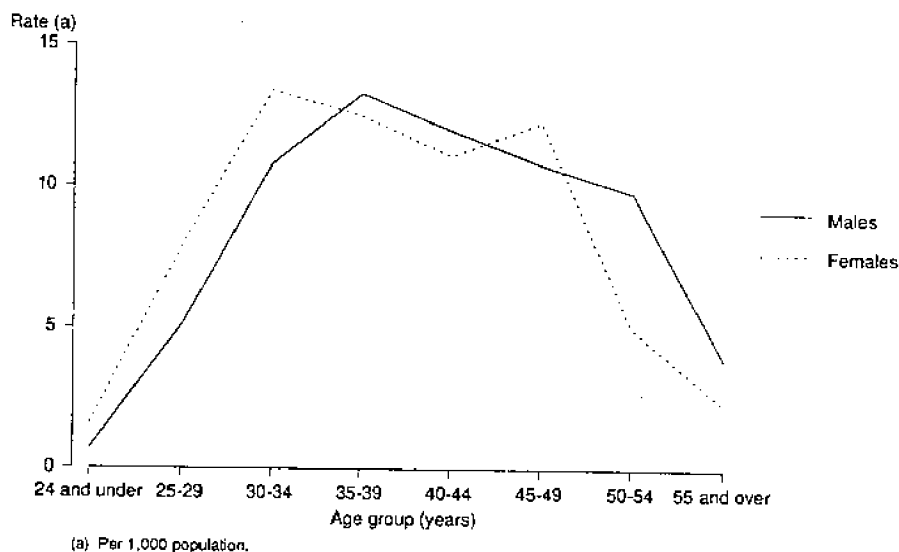
CRUDE DIVORCE RATE

The crude divorce rate for 1996 was 2.7 per 1,000 population, up from 2.5 in 1995. The rate has remained relatively stable since 1991, fluctuating between 2.3 and 2.7.

AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES

Between 1986 and 1996 the age group with the highest divorce rate for males changed from 40-44 years in 1986 (12.1 per 1,000 population) to 35-39 years in 1996 (13.3) while the peak age group for females changed from 35-39 years (12.9) to 30-34 years (13.4) over the same period.

AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES



AGE AT DIVORCE

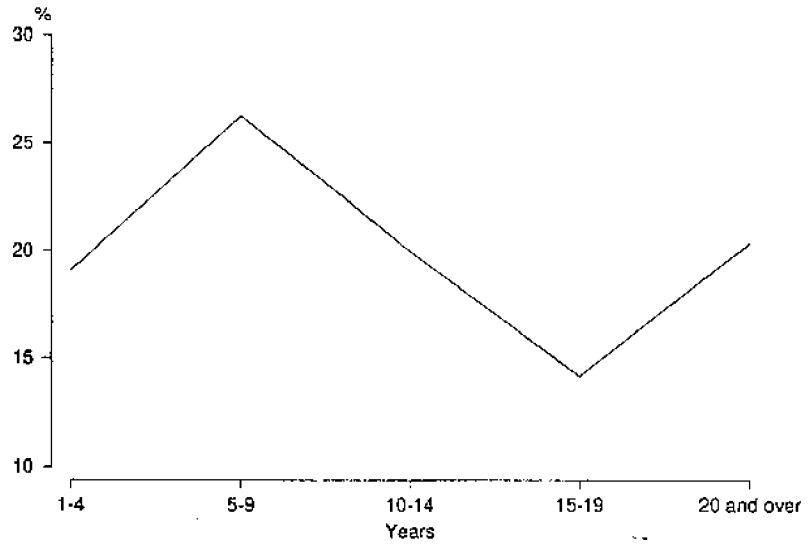
The median age at divorce in 1996 was 39.9 years for males and 37.0 years for females. This was an increase of 2.7 years for males and 2.8 years for females since 1986.

DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of the marriage and the date on which the divorce decree was made absolute. Between 1986 and 1996 the median interval between marriage and divorce increased from 9.7 years to 10.8 years while the interval between marriage and final separation increased from 6.5 years to 7.3 years.

In 1996 19.1% of divorces were granted to marriages of less than 5 years duration while 20.4% of divorces were granted to marriages of more than 20 years duration.

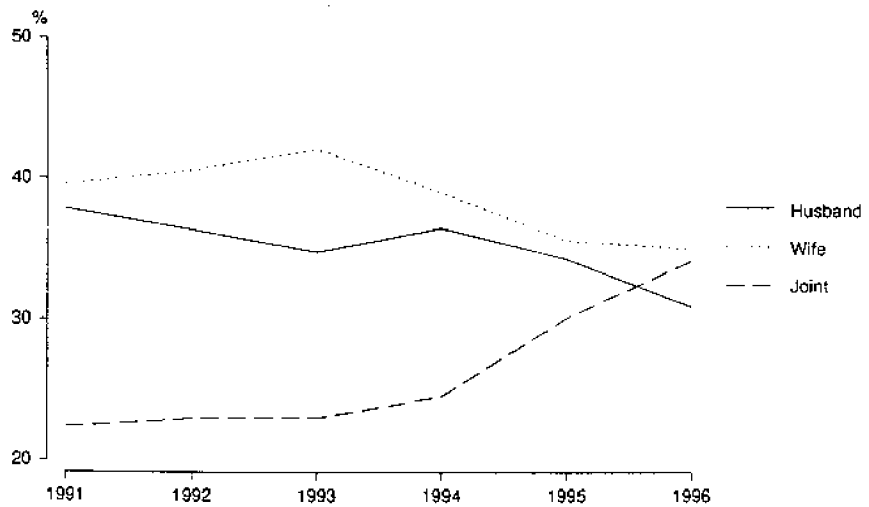
DURATION OF MARRIAGE



APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

In 1996 34.2% of divorces were the result of a joint application compared with 11.0% in 1986. The proportion of applications made by the wife alone has decreased from 50.1% in 1986 to 35.0% in 1996 while the proportion of applications made by the husband has decreased from 38.8% to 30.9% over the same period.

PROPORTION OF DIVORCES BY APPLICANT



8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL DIVORCES							
Divorces granted	381	419	409	382	400	432	486
Crude divorce rate	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	9.7	10.9	10.2	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.8
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.5	7.1	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.3
Divorces involving children							
Number	226	234	232	214	217	n.a.	246
Percentage of total divorces	59.3	55.8	56.7	56.0	54.3	n.a.	50.6
Average number of children	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	n.a.	1.9
Applicant							
Husband	148	159	149	133	146	148	150
Wife	191	166	166	161	156	154	170
Joint	42	94	94	88	98	130	166

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
HUSBAND							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.7
25-29	9.1	5.0	5.4	6.0	5.4	4.9	5.1
30-34	7.6	7.6	8.9	6.9	8.4	8.2	10.8
35-39	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.0	10.8	10.4	13.3
40-44	12.1	13.4	12.9	11.1	10.2	12.2	12.0
45-49	10.4	11.4	9.9	10.0	8.6	11.0	10.8
50-54	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.8	7.0	8.9	9.8
55 and over	2.6	4.4	3.0	3.7	4.5	4.5	3.9
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	307	317	325	317	323	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	1	5	2	2	1	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	73	97	81	63	76	n.a.	n.a.
Total	381	419	408	382	400	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	24.6	25.7	25.5	25.8	25.5	26.6	25.9
At final separation	33.8	36.7	35.8	37.4	36.6	37.1	36.5
At decree made absolute	37.2	40.1	39.4	40.5	39.7	41.1	39.9
WIFE							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	3.0	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.6
25-29	10.4	9.0	8.1	8.6	6.8	7.3	7.9
30-34	10.4	10.4	13.2	8.6	11.2	11.1	13.4
35-39	12.9	13.1	11.6	9.8	10.3	11.3	12.5
40-44	11.2	11.8	12.6	11.2	10.9	12.7	11.1
45-49	8.5	10.0	6.7	8.6	9.4	8.7	12.3
50-54	4.3	8.3	3.8	5.9	5.9	6.4	5.0
55 and over	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.1	1.3	2.2	2.3
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	330	332	331	317	326	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	6	5	4	4	2	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	45	82	74	61	72	n.a.	n.a.
Total	381	419	409	382	400	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	21.5	22.6	22.9	22.6	23.2	23.8	23.4
At final separation	31.0	32.9	31.8	32.8	33.2	33.4	33.3
At decree made absolute	34.2	36.0	35.6	36.5	37.0	37.0	37.0

8.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage and Duration of Marriage

AGE GROUP (YEARS).....

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not stated	Total
HUSBAND										
1	—	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	6
2	—	4	7	3	2	1	2	—	1	20
3	—	10	6	4	1	5	4	1	1	32
4	—	8	14	6	4	—	1	1	1	35
5	—	6	9	3	1	1	1	1	—	22
6	—	7	10	4	4	2	—	1	1	29
7	—	8	12	3	—	3	—	2	1	29
8	—	3	7	6	2	—	2	1	—	21
9	1	12	7	4	1	—	—	1	1	27
10-14	4	34	31	11	7	4	4	2	—	97
15-19	3	35	15	8	6	2	—	—	—	69
20-24	7	28	10	3	1	—	—	—	—	49
25-29	3	22	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	32
30 and over	2	8	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	18
Total	20	187	141	60	30	18	14	10	6	486

WIFE

1	—	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	6
2	3	4	11	—	—	2	—	—	—	20
3	4	11	6	2	2	1	4	2	—	32
4	3	9	10	6	3	3	—	—	1	35
5	—	8	7	4	1	1	—	—	1	22
6	2	15	8	3	—	—	—	—	1	29
7	6	11	3	3	4	2	—	—	—	29
8	1	8	5	3	2	1	—	1	—	21
9	4	15	3	4	1	—	—	—	—	27
10-14	22	37	14	15	4	4	1	—	—	97
15-19	23	22	14	7	1	1	—	—	1	69
20-24	19	23	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	49
25-29	14	14	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	32
30 and over	6	8	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	18
Total	107	187	91	52	20	15	5	3	6	486

8.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation and Duration of Marriage to Separation

AGE GROUP (YEARS)

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over	Not stated	Total
HUSBAND											
Under 1	—	9	7	6	3	4	1	1	—	2	33
1	—	6	11	11	1	2	3	—	3	—	37
2	—	7	17	11	4	4	—	1	1	2	47
3	—	—	11	14	5	3	1	3	2	—	39
4	—	—	7	11	2	3	—	—	1	1	25
5	—	—	9	7	4	2	3	1	1	—	27
6	—	—	4	9	6	3	3	2	—	1	28
7	—	—	7	11	3	3	1	—	—	—	25
8	—	—	5	8	6	5	1	1	2	—	28
9	—	—	—	5	2	3	—	—	1	—	11
10-14	—	—	1	12	33	14	9	5	1	—	75
15-19	—	—	—	1	27	19	5	—	1	—	53
20-24	—	—	—	—	—	17	14	4	—	—	35
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	9	3	—	18
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	5
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	22	79	106	96	82	48	28	19	6	486

WIFE

Under 1	3	8	12	4	2	3	1	—	—	—	33
1	2	11	14	2	1	1	2	—	3	1	37
2	—	14	17	7	4	3	1	—	—	1	47
3	—	5	17	7	4	4	2	—	—	—	39
4	—	4	10	6	2	1	1	—	—	1	25
5	—	2	9	7	2	6	1	—	—	—	27
6	—	—	13	8	4	1	1	—	—	1	28
7	—	3	10	6	3	2	1	—	—	—	25
8	—	—	9	5	11	2	1	—	—	—	28
9	—	—	2	5	—	3	—	—	1	—	11
10-14	—	—	4	41	11	11	5	3	—	—	75
15-19	—	—	—	7	29	11	3	2	—	1	53
20-24	—	—	—	—	4	22	7	2	—	—	35
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	5	1	1	18
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	5
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5	47	117	105	77	71	37	13	8	6	486

8.4 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Divorce

Age group of wife (years).....

Age group of husband (years)	24 and under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	Total
24 and under	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
25-29	8	22	8	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	41
30-34	5	34	45	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	92
35-39	—	9	43	41	6	4	—	—	—	—	103
40-44	—	1	9	36	29	9	—	—	—	1	85
45-49	1	—	3	7	29	27	3	—	—	1	71
50-54	—	—	2	3	3	25	7	7	—	1	48
55-59	—	—	1	2	2	4	7	3	—	2	21
60 and over	—	—	—	2	2	—	2	2	4	—	12
Not stated	—	3	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	6
Total	19	70	113	97	74	71	20	12	4	6	486

8.5 DIVORCES, Children of the Marriage(a)

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

<i>Duration of marriage (years)</i>	0	1	2	3	4 or more	<i>All divorces</i>	<i>All children</i>	<i>Average number of children(b)</i>
1	6	—	—	—	—	6	—	—
2	16	2	1	1	—	20	7	1.8
3	27	2	3	—	—	32	8	1.6
4	24	6	2	2	1	35	21	1.9
5	13	3	3	2	1	22	19	2.1
6	16	5	5	3	—	29	24	1.8
7	14	7	6	1	1	29	26	1.7
8	10	3	7	1	—	21	20	1.8
9	8	6	11	2	—	27	34	1.8
10-14	35	21	29	9	3	97	118	1.9
15-19	13	16	20	15	5	69	121	2.2
20-24	17	16	10	6	—	49	54	1.7
25-29	24	8	—	—	—	32	8	1.0
30 and over	17	—	1	—	—	18	2	2.0
Total	240	95	98	42	11	486	462	1.9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Included in divorces where there were one or more children under the age of 18.

8.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties

	HUSBAND BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND WIFE BORN IN.....				WIFE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND HUSBAND BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	285	—	76	361	285	—	59	344
Fiji	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
New Zealand	6	3	3	12	10	3	1	14
Other	2	—	—	2	4	—	1	5
<i>Total</i>	293	4	79	376	299	4	61	364
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former Yugoslav Republics	1	1	—	2	—	1	—	1
Germany	3	—	—	3	1	—	1	2
Greece	3	1	3	7	—	1	—	1
Hungary	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	1
Ireland	—	—	2	2	1	—	1	2
Italy	2	—	1	3	—	—	2	2
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	2	—	1	3	3	—	1	4
Poland	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
United Kingdom	27	10	7	44	30	10	3	43
Other	3	4	4	11	3	4	3	10
<i>Total</i>	42	18	20	80	38	18	11	67
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other	1	1	1	3	—	1	—	1
<i>Total</i>	1	1	1	3	—	1	1	2
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	1	2	2	5	5	2	4	11
Malaysia	2	—	1	3	—	—	1	1
Philippines	—	2	—	2	6	2	3	11
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Thailand	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
Viet Nam	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
Other	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
<i>Total</i>	3	4	4	11	16	4	12	32

8.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

	HUSBAND BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND WIFE BORN IN.....				WIFE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND HUSBAND BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	2
Hong Kong	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1
Other	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
<i>Total</i>	—	—	2	2	3	—	2	5
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	1	1	1	3	—	1	1	2
Sri Lanka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	1	1	1	3	—	1	1	2
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	2
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
<i>Total</i>	—	—	1	1	2	—	2	4
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	3	—	1	4	—	—	1	1
Other	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2
<i>Total</i>	3	—	2	5	—	—	3	3
Other and not stated	1	4	—	5	3	4	—	7
Total	344	32	110	486	361	32	93	486

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication brings together a number of closely related series of statistics on demography including births, deaths, marriages and divorces. It also includes information on the estimated resident population and migration. For details of publication of other data related to demography, see Related Publications at the end of these notes.

2 As a result of an amendment made in 1992 to the Acts Interpretation Act, the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands have been included as part of geographic Australia, hence another category of the State and Territory classification has been created. This category, known as Other Territories, includes Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay Territory. Australian details for population, births and deaths include Other Territories.

3 Details of persons who were usually resident, or were born or died while being usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory have been, where possible, excluded from this publication from 1990 onwards. These numbers are statistically insignificant.

POPULATION

Population estimates

4 This section consists of estimates of the resident population (ERP), with information on overseas arrivals and departures and net interstate migration.

5 The latest estimated resident population, based on results of the Census of Population and Housing held on 6 August 1996, is reported for 31 December in Table 1.1 and for 30 June in Tables 1.2, 2.1 and 2.2. The estimated resident populations used throughout the remainder of this publication, including those used in the calculation of various rates, are based on results of the Census of Population and Housing held on 6 August 1991 (see Appendix B).

MIGRATION

Overseas migration

6 Data on overseas arrivals and departures relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than to the number of travellers. However, the statistics exclude the movements of operational air crew and ships' crew, transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia.

Interstate migration

7 Data on interstate migration has been derived from aggregated statistical information on interstate changes of address advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) adjusts the Health Insurance Commission data to make allowance for the number of persons who do not inform the Commission of their change of residence. Further details are available in *Information Paper: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0).

BIRTHS

8 Birth statistics are presented on the basis of the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother, regardless of where in Australia the birth occurred or was registered.

9 Births to mothers usually resident in Australia which took place overseas are excluded. Births to mothers usually resident overseas which occurred in Australia are included in the State or Territory where the birth occurred.

10 Data presented in section 3 of this publication refer to births registered during the calendar year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later. However, most births are registered soon after they occur. More than 99% of births occurring in one year are registered by 30 June of the following year. Data presented in section 4 show the number of births occurring in a particular year.

11 Data on stillbirths (fetal deaths) may be found in summary form in section 5 of the publication.

12 The live birth statistics used to calculate the fetal and neonatal death rates have been adjusted (in accordance with the World Health Organisation definition of perinatal death) to exclude cases where the birthweight was known to be less than 500 grams. However, infant death rates are calculated using all live births registered because figures are not available for infants who weighed less than 500 grams at birth and who lived for 28 days, but died before they were one year old.

DEATHS

13 Death statistics are presented on the basis of the State or Territory of usual residence of the deceased, regardless of where in Australia the death occurred or was registered.

14 Data presented in section 5 of this publication refer to deaths registered during the year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a death and, as a result, some deaths are not registered in the year in which they occur. However, most deaths are registered within six months of occurrence. More than 99% of deaths occurring in one year have been registered by 30 June of the following year. Data presented in section 6 show the number of deaths occurring in a particular year.

15 Life tables are shown in tables 5.4 and 5.5 and summarise expectation of life. From 1995 these life tables are based on deaths occurring in the reference and previous two years. They are produced at the Australian and State and Territory level as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. These life tables are known as the Australian Actuary/Australian Bureau of Statistics Life Tables. Before 1995 life tables shown in this publication were prepared by the ABS. The Australian Government Actuary also constructed life tables based on deaths occurring during the three years around and including the census year. The latest life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary were based on deaths during 1990 and 1992. These were released in 1995 and copies are available from the Commonwealth Government Bookshops or the Mail Order Sales Service.

MARRIAGES

16 Marriage statistics refer to marriages registered by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the Northern Territory during the years shown. There is usually an interval between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration, some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year. Under the Australian *Marriage Act 1961*, marriages may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month, and within six calendar months, before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a District Registrar in the State in which the marriage took place.

17 In 1973, the minimum age at which a person may marry without parental consent was reduced from 21 to 18 years, although women were legally free to marry from 16 years with parental consent. Further amendment to the *Marriage Act* in 1991 designated the minimum age at which both sexes are legally free to marry to be 18 years. Persons between the ages of 16 and 18 years may marry with parental or guardian consent and an order from a judge or magistrate. Any two persons under the age of 18 years may not marry each other.

18 Due to budgetary considerations, the ABS processed only limited data on marriages registered in 1995. The ABS resumed full processing for 1996 marriage data.

DIVORCES

19 All divorce data in this publication, with the exception of data in Appendix D, are for State or Territory of registration, based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce was granted and registered. As there is no residential requirement under the *Family Law Act 1975*, applicants may be resident anywhere in Australia. The ACT Family Court grants a large number of divorces where usual residence is in south-eastern New South Wales or part of Victoria and so the rates for the ACT are not representative of the ACT population.

20 Divorce statistics shown in Appendix D are based on the State or Territory of usual residence at the time of separation. This takes account of some Family Courts having responsibility for hearing divorce cases relating to other States or Territories. State or Territory of usual residence data are only available for 1993 and 1994 due to a decision taken by the Family Court in 1995. See paragraph 25 for more information.

21 Under the *Family Law Act 1975*, the only ground on which a divorce may be granted is that of irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. This ground is established by the husband and wife having lived apart for 12 months or more and there being no reasonable likelihood of reconciliation. Application for nullity of marriage under family law legislation must be on the ground that there was a failure to meet a legal requirement, such as that neither party be already lawfully married to another person. There is no provision for judicial separation under family law legislation.

22 Successful applicants for a divorce are initially granted a decree *nisi*. This becomes absolute after one month, unless it is rescinded or appealed against or the Court is not satisfied that proper arrangements have been made for the welfare of any children involved.

DIVORCES (continued)

23 The statistics shown in this publication are compiled by the ABS from information supplied by the Family Court in respect of each application which resulted in the granting of a decree absolute.

24 In the interpretation of data, it is important to bear in mind that the availability of judges and the complexity of the cases brought before them can affect the number of decrees granted or made absolute in any one year. A rise in numbers may reflect only the clearing of a backlog of cases from an earlier period.

25 The Family Court of Australia introduced new divorce application forms in February 1995. With the introduction of these forms some data items that had been collected ceased to be available. The data items that are no longer available are:

- Characteristics of the divorce:
 - postcode and State or Territory of separation;
 - rite of marriage; and
 - number of children aged over 18 years.
- Characteristics of the husband and wife:
 - previous marital status at marriage;
 - number of previous marriages;
 - occupation at separation;
 - date of first arrival in Australia; and
 - duration of residence.

26 In light of the Family Court decision and ABS budgetary considerations, only limited data on divorces registered in 1995 were processed. The data items were: State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce; and sex of applicant. With the exception of those data items which the Family Court no longer collects, ABS resumed full processing for 1996 divorce data.

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

27 The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification, (ASGC), Edition 5* (Cat. no. 1216.0).

28 The boundaries used for births and deaths statistics are the Statistical Local Area boundaries at 1 July 1996.

29 The classification of countries in this publication is the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (ASCCSS) (Cat. no. 1269.0).

30 Political developments in Europe, the Former USSR and Africa have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCSS. These changes have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revisions 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the ASCSS.

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32 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

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- Regional Statistics, Northern Territory* (Cat. no. 1362.7)

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33 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. These publications are available from any ABS office.

34 In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix A lists characteristics processed by the ABS for births and deaths, marriages registered and divorces granted. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche; photocopy; data tape; floppy disk; computer printout; or clerically-extracted tabulation.

APPENDIX **A** CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE

Data items relating to vital statistics which are collected in the Northern Territory, but not published in this publication.

BIRTHS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin of mother, father (if paternity acknowledged)
Date of birth
Hospital/non-hospital birth
State of registration
Month/year of registration
Birth weight
Place of marriage

DEATHS

Age at marriage
Date of death
Month/year of registration
Number of issue
Occupation at time of death (or previous occupation, if retired)

MARRIAGES

Birthplace of parents of bridegroom (n.a. 1995)
Birthplace of parents of bride (n.a. 1995)
Date of marriage
Duration of residence in Australia, if born overseas (n.a. 1995)
Month/year of registration
Number of children of previous marriages (n.a. 1995)
Year of birth of youngest child (n.a. 1995)
Year of celebration of last marriage (n.a. 1995)
Year of first previous marriage (n.a. 1995)

DIVORCES

Age of youngest child of marriage (n.a. 1995)
Month of divorce
Occupation of husband (n.a. after 1994)
Occupation of wife (n.a. after 1994)

APPENDIX B HISTORICAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population(a)	Births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate(b)	Crude death rate(b)	Infant mortality rate(c)	Crude marriage rate(b)	Crude divorce rate(b)
1911	3.3	31	65	3	10	—	9.4	19.6	96.8	3.0	—
1916	4.6	74	122	3	19	—	15.6	25.7	40.5	4.0	—
1921	4.0	79	80	5	15	—	20.2	20.4	63.3	3.8	—
1926	3.9	73	64	5	14	—	18.5	16.2	68.5	3.6	—
1931	5.0	72	70	6	25	1	14.5	14.1	83.3	5.0	—
1936	5.2	113	60	3	41	2	21.3	11.3	26.6	7.7	n.p.
1941	9.5	216	122	18	179	8	21.0	11.9	83.3	17.4	n.p.
1946	10.5	132	55	4	63	4	12.5	5.2	30.3	6.0	n.p.
1951	14.8	407	117	18	143	13	26.8	7.7	44.2	9.4	n.p.
1956	18.4	556	107	24	160	25	29.0	5.6	43.2	8.4	n.p.
1961	25.7	878	128	21	207	23	33.4	4.9	23.9	7.9	n.p.
1966(d)	55.4	1 769	537	134	312	58	31.0	9.4	75.8	5.5	n.p.
1971(e)	83.0	2 832	637	170	485	57	32.8	7.4	60.0	5.6	n.p.
1976	98.3	2 688	571	63	541	(f)423	29.0	5.8	24.2	4.5	n.p.
1981	123.4	3 109	832	73	719	393	25.2	6.7	23.5	5.8	n.p.
1986	154.4	3 315	661	53	759	381	21.5	4.3	16.0	4.9	2.5
1991	165.8	3 599	802	51	890	419	21.7	4.8	14.2	5.4	2.5
1992	167.5	3 742	776	58	860	409	22.3	4.6	15.5	5.1	2.4
1993	169.6	3 603	765	55	806	382	21.2	4.5	15.3	4.8	2.3
1994	171.1	3 626	776	41	765	400	21.2	4.5	11.3	4.5	2.3
1995	174.1	3 766	813	50	797	432	21.7	4.7	13.3	4.6	2.5
1996	177.7	3 562	758	41	787	486	20.0	4.3	11.5	4.4	2.7

(a) For years prior to 1994, details relate to estimated mean resident population for year ended 31 December. For 1994 and later years details relate to the estimated resident population at 30 June.

(b) Crude rate per 1,000 population.

(c) Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births.

(d) Vital events of 'full-blood Aborigines', where identified in registrations, were excluded before 1966.

(e) From 1971 births, deaths and infant deaths are on a State of usual residence basis, while data for earlier years are on a State of registration basis.

(f) The *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), repealing State legislation, came into operation throughout Australia in 1976.

APPENDIX **C** CENSUS 1996

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996

<i>Characteristics of persons counted</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of total persons</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Total persons counted(a)(b)	101 370	93 731	195 101	..
Persons counted in private dwellings(b)	90 009	87 107	177 116	90.8
Persons counted in non-private dwellings(b)	10 970	6 503	17 473	9.0
Usual residence				
Persons counted at home	83 607	78 941	162 548	83.3
Visitors counted from				
Elsewhere in same Statistical Local Area	682	572	1 254	0.6
Elsewhere within Northern Territory	4 398	2 993	7 391	3.8
Interstate	9 831	8 340	18 171	9.3
Overseas	2 851	2 885	5 736	2.9
Total visitors	17 762	14 790	32 552	16.7
Usual residence 5 years ago(c)				
Same address	33 169	32 241	65 410	47.8
Different address				
Same Statistical Local Area	4 599	4 345	8 944	6.5
Elsewhere within Northern Territory	14 308	13 682	27 990	20.4
Interstate	15 072	13 962	29 034	21.2
Overseas	2 097	2 380	4 477	3.3
Not stated(d)	603	447	1 050	0.8
Age of persons counted (years)				
0-14	24 662	23 464	48 126	25.4
15-54	62 293	57 271	119 564	63.1
55-64	6 782	5 616	12 398	6.5
65 or more	4 782	4 495	9 277	4.9
Marital status of persons counted(e)				
Never married	28 735	21 470	50 205	35.5
Married	35 675	34 448	70 123	49.6
Separated but not divorced	3 046	2 841	5 887	4.2
Divorced	5 071	4 650	9 721	6.9
Widowed	1 328	3 973	5 301	3.8
Birthplace of persons counted				
Australia	77 009	71 942	148 951	78.7
Other Oceania and Antarctica	2 301	2 147	4 448	2.3
Europe and the former USSR	8 503	6 595	15 098	8.0
Middle East and North Africa	141	119	260	0.1
Southeast Asia	2 220	3 343	5 563	2.9
Northeast Asia	365	492	857	0.5
Southern Asia	471	477	948	0.5
Northern America	696	632	1 328	0.7
Southern and Central America and Caribbean	127	131	258	0.1
Africa (excl. North Africa)	309	293	602	0.3
Other(f)	32	41	73	-
Not stated	6 344	4 635	10 979	6

For footnotes see end of table.

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996 *continued*

<i>Characteristics of persons counted</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of total persons</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
Australian citizens				
Aged 18 years or more	60 931	56 338	117 269	60.1
Persons identifying themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	22 793	23 484	46 277	23.7
Labour force status(e)				
Employed persons	46 991	35 985	82 976	58.7
Full-time(g)	35 947	20 885	56 832	40.2
Part-time	9 827	14 113	23 940	16.9
Hours worked not stated	1 217	987	2 204	1.6
Unemployed persons	3 950	2 677	6 627	4.7
Looking for full-time work	3 402	1 833	5 235	3.7
Looking for part-time work	548	844	1 392	1.0
Total in the labour force	50 941	38 662	89 603	63.4
Total not in the labour force(h)	22 916	28 720	51 636	36.6

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes overseas visitors. All other categories exclude overseas visitors.

(c) Persons aged five years or more counted at home on census night.

(d) Comprises persons who stated they lived at a different address five years ago but did not state the actual address.

(e) Persons aged 15 years or more.

(f) Comprises inadequately described, at sea and not elsewhere classified.

(g) Defined as having worked 35 hours or more in the main job held in the week before the census.

(h) Includes persons who did not state their labour force status.

GLOSSARY

- Age-specific birth rates** Age-specific birth rates are the number of live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age at 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15–19 age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45–49 age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.
- Age-specific death rates** Age-specific death rates are the number of deaths at a specified age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population of that age at 30 June. The infant mortality rate is used for the age-specific rate for children under one year of age. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of deaths for which the age of deceased is not given.
- Age-specific divorce rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific divorce rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June — this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population.
 - Per 1,000 married population at 30 June — this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the married population in specific age groups. Those classified as permanently separated are included in the married population. Males and females under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Age-specific marriage rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific marriage rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June — this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
 - Per 1,000 not currently married population at 30 June — this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the not currently married population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Birth** The delivery of a child, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, who, after being born, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.
- Category of movement** Overseas arrivals and departures are classified according to length of stay (in Australia or overseas), recorded in months and days by travellers on passenger cards.
- There are three main categories of movement:
- permanent movements
 - long-term movements (one year or more)
 - short-term movements (less than one year).
- A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term.

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- Category of movement** *continued* Accordingly, in an attempt to maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one year exactly are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.
- Children (divorce collection)** Children in the divorce collection are unmarried children of the marriage who were aged under 18 years at the time of application for divorce. Under the *Family Law Act 1975*, these may include (in certain cases) adopted and ex-nuptial children and children from a former marriage. Children who are married or aged 18 years or more are not subject to custody and guardianship orders and are excluded.
- Children (marriage collection)** Children in the marriage collection refer to persons under 16 years of age born from previous marriages. The term children should not be confused with the term previous births used in births data (see Previous births).
- Confinement** A pregnancy which results in at least one live birth.
- Crude birth rate** The crude birth rate is the number of live births registered during the calendar year per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude birth rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.
- Crude death rate** The crude death rate is the number of deaths registered during the calendar year per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude death rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.
- Crude divorce rate** The crude divorce rate is the number of decrees absolute granted during the calendar year per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude divorce rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year. In the interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is unmarried or below the minimum age of marriage.
- Crude marriage rate** The crude marriage rate is the number of marriages registered during the calendar year per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude marriage rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year. In the interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is below the minimum age of marriage or is already married.
- Date of final separation** The date of final separation is that date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing grounds for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a single period of resumed cohabitation of less than three months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed cohabitation amount to a total of 12 months or more.
- Divorce** Decree absolute of dissolution of marriage.
- Duration of marriage** Duration of marriage is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of divorce.
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Duration of marriage until separation Duration of marriage until separation is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of separation.

Estimated resident population Estimated resident population data are quarterly estimates of the Australian population obtained by adding to the estimated population at the beginning of each period the components of natural increase (on a usual residence basis) and net overseas migration. For the States and Territories, account is also taken of estimated interstate movements involving a change of usual residence. After each census, estimates for the preceding intercensal period are revised by incorporating an additional quarterly adjustment (intercensal discrepancy) to ensure that the total intercensal increase agrees with the difference between the estimated resident populations at the two respective census dates.

Estimates of the resident population are based on adjusted (for underenumeration) census counts by place of usual residence, to which are added the number of Australian residents estimated to have been temporarily overseas at the time of the Census.

The concept of estimated resident population links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. Usual residence is that place where each person has lived or intends to live for six months or more in a reference year.

Rates shown in this publication for the years since 1974 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in *Information Paper: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0) (issued quarterly).

Female reproduction rate The female net reproduction rate makes allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. It represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table. It indicates the extent to which the population would reproduce itself. The net reproduction rate is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table and adding the products.

Fetal death The delivery of a child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight is unavailable) which did not, at any time after delivery, breathe or show any other evidence of life such as heartbeat.

Fetal death rate The fetal death rate is the number of fetal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.

First marriage rates First marriage rates are the number of men and women, in an age group, marrying for the first time per 1,000 (mid-year) population of never married men and women in the same age group.

Indigenous origin Persons who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

An Indigenous birth refers to the birth of a live-born child where either the mother or the father has identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

An Indigenous death refers to a death where the deceased was identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Infant death	An infant death is the death of a live-born child who died when less than one year old.
Infant mortality rate	The number of deaths of children under one year of age in a calendar year per 1,000 live births in the same calendar year.
Life expectancy	Life expectancy refers to the average number of additional years a person of a given age and sex might expect to live if the age-specific death rates of the given period continued throughout his or her lifetime.
Long-term arrivals	Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas.
Long-term departures	Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.
Marital status	Two separate concepts are measured by the ABS. These are registered marital status and social marital status. They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital status in this publication relates to registered marital status which refers to formally registered marriages or divorces for which the partners hold a certificate.
Marriage	Under the Australian <i>Marriage Act 1961</i> (Cwlth), a marriage may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month but within six calendar months before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State or Territory in which the marriage took place.
Median value	The median value (age, duration, interval) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below this value and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.
Multiple birth	A multiple birth is a confinement which results in two or more issue, at least one of which is live-born.
Neonatal death	A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of any child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) who, after delivery, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.
Neonatal death rate	The neonatal death rate is the number of neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable).
Nuptial first confinement	A nuptial first confinement is the first confinement in the current marriage and therefore does not necessarily represent the woman's first ever confinement resulting in a live birth.

Nuptiality	Nuptiality relates to the relative marital status of parents. Confinements and births are identified as being nuptial where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy.
Paternity-acknowledged birth	A paternity-acknowledged birth refers to an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.
Perinatal death	A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as elsewhere defined.
Perinatal death rate	The perinatal death rate is the number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.
Permanent arrivals (settlers)	Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise travellers who hold migrant visas (regardless of stated intended period of stay), New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas-born children of Australian citizens).
Permanent departures	Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they do not intend to return to Australia.
Previous births	<p>Previous births refer to children born alive (who may be still living or now dead) to a mother prior to the registration of the current birth. In some States and both Territories, legitimated and legally adopted children are included.</p> <p>Previous births of the current marriage relates to nuptial births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement.</p> <p>All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptiality and paternity.</p>
Previous issue	See Previous births.
Remarriage rates	Remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced men and women of the same age.
Sex ratio	The sex ratio relates to the number of male events (births and deaths) per 100 female events.
Short-term arrivals	Short-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors whose intended stay in Australia is less than 12 months and Australian residents returning after an absence of less than 12 months overseas.
Short-term departures	Short-term departures comprise Australian residents whose intended period of stay abroad is less than 12 months and overseas visitors departing who stayed less than 12 months in Australia.

Standardised death rates Standardised death rates enable the comparison of death rates between populations with different age structures by relating them to a standard population — in this case all persons in the 1991 Australian population. They are expressed per 1,000 persons. There are two methods of calculating standardised death rates:

- The *direct method* — this is used when the populations under study are large and the age-specific death rates are reliable. It is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in the standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population under study. The direct method is used for comparing State and Territory and Australia rates.
- The *indirect method* — this is used when the populations under study are small and the age-specific death rates are unreliable or not known. It is an adjustment to the crude death rate of the standard population to account for the variation between the actual number of deaths in the population under study and the number of deaths which would have occurred if the population under study had experienced the age-specific death rates of the standard population. The indirect method is used for comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates and Statistical Local Area rates.

State or Territory of registration State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the birth, death or marriage was registered or the State or Territory in which the divorce was granted. For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 19 to 20 of the Explanatory Notes.

State or Territory of usual residence State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of:

- the population (estimated resident population);
- the mother (birth collection);
- the deceased (death collection); and
- the parties at separation (divorce collection). For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 19 to 20 of the Explanatory Notes.

In the case of overseas movements State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory regarded by the traveller as the one in which he/she lives or has lived. State or Territory of intended residence is derived from the intended address given by settlers and by Australian residents returning after a journey abroad. Particularly in the case of the former, this information does not necessarily relate to the State or Territory in which the person will eventually establish a permanent residence.

Total fertility rate The total fertility rate represents the number of children one woman would bear if the age-specific birth rates of the year shown continued during her child-bearing lifetime. It is obtained by summing the five-year age-specific birth rates and multiplying by five.

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