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## NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION This publication brings together statistics and indicators for marriages and divorces registered in Australia. It also provides details of the marital status of the estimated resident population (ERP) of Australia.

CHANGES IN THIS IS SUE Included are tables showing final ERP by marital status, age and sex, States and Territories, at 30 June 1996. These estimates are based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

All ERPs at 30 June for the years 1992 to 1996 have been finalised based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

All age-specific and crude rates for the years 1992 to 1996 have been recalculated using final ERPs.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER
ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
ERP Estimated Resident Population
FCS Family Characteristics Survey
p preliminary
.. not applicable

- nil, rounded to zero or less than three (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 28)

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MAIN FEATURES

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1987 | 1997 | \% change |
| Marriages registered | 114113 | 106735 | -6.5 |
| Divorces granted | 39725 | 51288 | 29.1 |
| Estimated resident population(a) |  |  |  |
| Never married | 3671553 | 4502880 | 22.6 |
| Currently married | 7484185 | 8196844 | 9.5 |
| Widowed | 809016 | 924376 | 14.3 |
| Divorced | 611776 | 987811 | 61.5 |
| Total | 12576530 | 14611911 | 16.2 |

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over at 30 June.

In 1997, 106,700 marriages were registered. This was $6 \%$ less than the number registered in $1987(114,100)$.

In 1997 the general marriage rate, per 1,000 unmarried men or women aged 15 years and over, was 34.4 for men and 32.2 for women, a fall of $25 \%$ and $27 \%$, respectively, when compared with 1987.

First marriage rates, per 1,000 never married men or women aged 15 years and over, declined in all but one female age group between 1987 and 1997. However, the peak age group at first marriage for both men an women remained the same at 25-29 years.

Remarriage rates, per 1,000 widowed or divorced men and women, declined in all age groups between 1987 and 1997.

In 1997 the crude marriage rate was 5.8 per 1,000 population compared to 7.0 per 1,000 in 1987. This was the same rate as 1996 and the lowest recorded this century.

Premarriage cohabitation
The fall in marriage rates since the early 1970s has been accompanied by a rise in the proportion of people cohabiting prior to marriage. In 1977 around $25 \%$ of all registered marriages were preceded by a period of cohabitation; this proportion reached $42 \%$ by 1987 and 65\% by 1997.

Age at marriage
The median age at marriage increased for both men and women between 1987 and 1997. In 1997 the median age at marriage was 29.7 years for men and 27.5 years for women, compared with 27.6 years and 25.2 years, respectively, in 1987.

The difference between the ages of men and women marrying decreased over the past 10 years, from 2.4 years in 1987 to 2.2 years in 1997.
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DIVORCES
There were 51,300 divorces granted in 1997 compared with 39,725 in 1987.
In 1997 there were 12.5 divorces per 1,000 married population, compared with 10.6 divorces in 1987. Divorce rates for men and women increased in all age groups. In 1997 the crude divorce rate was 2.8 per 1,000 population (2.4 per 1,000 in 1987).

Age at divorce
The median age at divorce for both men and women continued to rise in 1997. The median age at divorce was 40.3 years for men and 37.6 years for women. This was 2.8 years higher for men and 2.9 years higher for women than in 1987.

Children of divorcing partners
Between 1987 and 1997 the number of divorces granted where children were involved fell. In 1987, 59\% of divorces involved children under 18 years of age. By 1997 this proportion was 54\%.

Duration of marriages ending in divorce
Over the last 10 years the median duration of marriages ending in divorce (date of marriage to date decree made absolute) ranged between 10.2 and 11.1 years ( 11.1 years in 1997). The median duration of marriage to the time the parties separated was 7.7 years in 1997 compared with 7.4 years in 1987.

## MARITAL STATUS AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

The 1996 Census of Population and Housing showed that 7.6 million men and women were living as partners in couple relationships and that $10 \%$ of these were de facto relationships. For further information on the characteristics of these people refer to page 95.

Of the 14.6 million people aged 15 years and over in 1997, at least $5.3 \%$, or around 781,300 people, were likely to be de facto partners. For further information refer to page 85.

Of the 4.5 million people aged 15 years and over who were never married (a $23 \%$ increase since 1987), at least $11 \%$, or around 515,700 people, were likely to be de facto partners.

The currently married population numbered 8.2 million people in 1997 (a 10\% increase since 1987), while the widowed population, 924,400 people in 1997, increased by $14 \%$ since 1987.

Of the 987,800 people who were divorced (a $61 \%$ increase since 1987), at least $20 \%$, or around 196,200 people, were likely to be re-partnered and living in de facto relationships.
chapter 1

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION
At 30 June 1997 the estimated resident population of Australia, aged 15 years and over, numbered 14,611,900-7,208,300 males and 7,403,600 females. Over the last 10 years this population increased by $16 \%$ (from $12,576,500$ ).

Marital status

The population aged over 15 years comprised 4,502,900 never married, $8,196,800$ married, 924,400 widowed and 987,800 divorced persons. The proportion who were never married increased from $25 \%$ in 1976 to $31 \%$ in 1997, while the proportion divorced increased from $2 \%$ to $7 \%$. Over this period, percentage decreases were recorded for currently married (falling from $65 \%$ to $56 \%$ ) and widowed (falling from $7 \%$ to $6 \%$ ).

MARITAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION(a)

(a) Aged 15 years and over.

In 1997, 106,700 marriages were registered in Australia. This was a fall of 6\% on 1987 registrations $(114,100)$ and an increase of $2 \%$ on the number registered in 1977 $(104,900)$. Over the last 20 years the unmarried population, aged 15 years and over, grew from 35\% in 1976 to 44\% in 1997.

The crude marriage rate ( 5.8 per 1,000 population) was the same as 1996 and the lowest recorded in Australia this century.

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES(a)

(a) Per 1,000 population.

Age at marriage
The median age at marriage increased for first and subsequent marriages for both bridegrooms and brides between 1987 and 1997. The median age at marriage for all men marrying was 29.7 years and 27.5 years for all women. This was an increase of 2.1 years for bridegrooms and 2.3 years for brides.

## DIVORCES

The number of divorces granted in 1997 was 51,300 , a decrease of $2 \%$ on the number of divorces granted in 1996 ( 52,500 ), but an increase of $29 \%$ on the number granted in 1987 $(39,700)$. Between 1987 and 1997 the divorced population increased from 611,800 to 987,800 people.

The crude divorce rate was 2.8 per 1,000 population, a slight decline on the rate recorded in 1996 ( 2.9 per 1,000), but a higher rate than in 1987 when the rate was 2.4 per 1,000 population.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATES(a)

(a) Per 1,000 population.

Age at divorce
For both men and women the median age at divorce continued to increase between 1987 and 1997. For men the median age increased from 37.5 years to 40.3 years, while for women the median age increased from 34.7 years to 37.6 years.

Between 1987 and 1997 age-specific divorce rates increased for both men and women in all age groups from 30-34 years.

Median duration of marriage
The median duration of marriage varied little between 1987 and 1997. In 1997 the median duration of marriage was 11.1 years, compared with 10.2 years in 1987.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RATES
United Nations figures indicate that there is much variation in international marriage and divorce rates (see notes accompanying table 4).

Of the countries selected for comparison, France and Sweden had the lowest crude marriage rates (both 4.4 per 1,000 population), followed by Ireland (4.6). The highest crude marriage rate was recorded by the United States of America ( 9.1 per 1,000 population), followed by Fiji (8.7) and Singapore (8.4). The crude marriage rate for Australia was 5.8 per 1,000 population.

For crude divorce rates Chile, Italy and Turkey had the lowest rates ( 0.5 per 1,000 population). The crude divorce rate was highest in the United States of America ( 4.6 per 1,000 population), followed by the United Kingdom (3.1) and Australia (2.8).

1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

| 30 June | Marital status |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 1,508,196 | 3,344,351 | 134,254 | 104,651 | 5,091,452 |
| 1982 | 1,789,523 | 3,531,303 | 140,080 | 204,375 | 5,665,281 |
| 1987 | 2,069,913 | 3,735,755 | 148,108 | 273,985 | 6,227,761 |
| 1992 | 2,275,086 | 3,976,347 | 166,809 | 339,842 | 6,758,084 |
| 1993 | 2,300,401 | 4,004,610 | 168,248 | 356,257 | 6,829,516 |
| 1994 | 2,335,455 | 4,029,037 | 170,035 | 374,014 | 6,908,541 |
| 1995 | 2,376,361 | 4,059,136 | 171,626 | 393,097 | 7,000,220 |
| 1996 | 2,426,008 | 4,088,018 | 173,546 | 415,394 | 7,102,966 |
| 1997p | 2,488,109 | 4,105,579 | 175,097 | 439,479 | 7,208,264 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 1,094,753 | 3,354,906 | 576,117 | 128,760 | 5,154,536 |
| 1982 | 1,350,697 | 3,541,056 | 629,761 | 252,466 | 5,773,980 |
| 1987 | 1,601,640 | 3,748,430 | 660,908 | 337,791 | 6,348,769 |
| 1992 | 1,820,814 | 3,983,551 | 694,368 | 421,510 | 6,920,243 |
| 1993 | 1,843,489 | 4,005,575 | 707,415 | 443,572 | 7,000,051 |
| 1994 | 1,874,447 | 4,024,013 | 720,404 | 467,296 | 7,086,160 |
| 1995 | 1,910,194 | 4,048,275 | 732,725 | 492,226 | 7,183,420 |
| 1996 | 1,956,858 | 4,073,644 | 745,527 | 520,404 | 7,296,433 |
| 1997p | 2,014,771 | 4,091,265 | 749,279 | 548,332 | 7,403,647 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 2,602,949 | 6,699,257 | 710,371 | 233,411 | 10,245,988 |
| 1982 | 3,140,220 | 7,072,359 | 769,841 | 456,841 | 11,439,261 |
| 1987 | 3,671,553 | 7,484,185 | 809,016 | 611,776 | 12,576,530 |
| 1992 | 4,095,900 | 7,959,898 | 861,177 | 761,352 | 13,678,327 |
| 1993 | 4,143,890 | 8,010,185 | 875,663 | 799,829 | 13,829,567 |
| 1994 | 4,209,902 | 8,053,050 | 890,439 | 841,310 | 13,994,701 |
| 1995 | 4,286,555 | 8,107,411 | 904,351 | 885,323 | 14,183,640 |
| 1996 | 4,382,866 | 8,161,662 | 919,073 | 935,798 | 14,399,399 |
| 1997p | 4,502,880 | 8,196,844 | 924,376 | 987,811 | 14,611,911 |

MARRIAGES: SUMMARY(a)

|  | 1987 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marriages registered | 114,113 | 114,752 | 113,255 | 111,174 | 109,386 | 106,103 | 106,735 |
| Crude marriage rate | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Previous marital status- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First marriage both partners | 76,705 | 77,092 | 75,968 | 75,045 | 73,846 | 70,438 | 71,042 |
| First marriage one partner | 21,116 | 21,227 | 21,123 | 20,159 | 19,898 | 19,657 | 19,965 |
| Remarriage both partners | 16,292 | 16,433 | 16,164 | 15,970 | 15,642 | 16,008 | 15,728 |
| Marriages performed by- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ministers of religion- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 68,145 | 66,773 | 65,573 | 63,265 | n.a. | 56,462 | 55,866 |
| Per cent | 59.7 | 58.2 | 57.9 | 56.9 | n.a. | 53.2 | 52.3 |
| Civil celebrants- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 45,968 | 47,979 | 47,682 | 47,909 | n.a. | 49,641 | 50,869 |
| Per cent | 40.3 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 43.1 | n.a. | 46.8 | 47.7 |


| Age-specific marriage rates- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 20-24 | 50.3 | 38.3 | 36.3 | 33.6 | 31.7 | 28.0 | 26.7 |
| 25-29 | 52.5 | 53.8 | 53.2 | 52.8 | 51.8 | 49.2 | 48.9 |
| 30-34 | 26.6 | 28.8 | 28.9 | 29.1 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 29.5 |
| 35-39 | 14.2 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 14.8 | 15.0 | 15.3 | 15.7 |
| 40-44 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.4 |
| 45-49 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| 50 and over | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Marital status of bridegroom- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 86,590 | 87,119 | 85,942 | 84,510 | 83,280 | 79,621 | 80,483 |
| Widowed | 2,920 | 2,561 | 2,718 | 2,584 | 2,360 | 2,366 | 2,312 |
| Divorced | 24,602 | 25,072 | 24,595 | 24,080 | 23,746 | 24,116 | 23,940 |
| Total | 114,112 | 114,752 | 113,255 | 111,174 | 109,386 | 106,103 | 106,735 |
| Median age of bridegroom (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 25.9 | 26.9 | 27.0 | 27.2 | 27.3 | 27.6 | 27.8 |
| Widowed | 60.6 | 61.6 | 62.0 | 62.1 | 62.5 | 62.6 | 62.3 |
| Divorced | 38.6 | 40.1 | 40.4 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 41.6 | 41.8 |
| Total | 27.6 | 28.7 | 28.8 | 29.0 | 29.2 | 29.6 | 29.7 |

## BRIDE

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under | Age-specific marriage rates- <br> Age of bride (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20-24 | 71.5 | 60.0 | 57.8 | 54.3 | 51.2 | 46.3 | 44.7 |
| 25-29 | 41.9 | 46.5 | 46.4 | 47.4 | 47.9 | 46.6 | 47.7 |
| 30-34 | 19.0 | 21.1 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 21.4 | 22.1 | 23.1 |
| 35-39 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 11.5 |
| 40-44 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.3 |
| 45-49 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 50 and over | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Marital status of bride- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 87,936 | 88,292 | 87,117 | 85,739 | 84,310 | 80,912 | 81,566 |
| Widowed | 3,393 | 2,946 | 3,099 | 2,988 | 2,712 | 2,747 | 2,535 |
| Divorced | 22,783 | 23,514 | 23,039 | 22,447 | 22,364 | 22,444 | 22,634 |
| Total | 114,112 | 114,752 | 113,255 | 111,174 | 109,386 | 106,103 | 106,735 |
| Median age of bride (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 23.8 | 24.7 | 24.8 | 25.1 | 25.3 | 25.7 | 25.9 |
| Widowed | 52.4 | 53.2 | 52.8 | 53.9 | 53.5 | 53.7 | 54.1 |
| Divorced | 35.1 | 36.5 | 36.8 | 37.4 | 37.6 | 38.0 | 38.2 |
| Total | 25.2 | 26.3 | 26.4 | 26.6 | 26.8 | 27.2 | 27.5 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3 DIVORCES: SUMMARY(a)

|  | 1987 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Divorces granted | 39,725 | 45,729 | 48,363 | 48,312 | 49,712 | 52,466 | 51,288 |
| Crude divorce rate | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Median duration of marriage (years) | 10.2 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.1 |
| Median interval between marriage and final separation (years) | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.7 |
| Divorces involving children- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 23,293 | 24,215 | 25,461 | 25,316 | n.a. | 28,138 | 27,694 |
| Percentage of total divorces | 58.6 | 53.0 | 52.6 | 52.4 | n.a. | 53.6 | 54.0 |
| Average issue | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | n.a. | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Applicant- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband | 15,172 | 16,470 | 17,098 | 17,350 | 16,834 | 17,005 | 15,987 |
| Wife | 20,752 | 22,083 | 23,630 | 23,739 | 23,904 | 24,155 | 25,041 |
| Joint | 3,801 | 7,176 | 7,635 | 7,223 | 8,974 | 11,306 | 10,260 |


| Age-specific divorce rates- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 and under | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 25-29 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.4 |
| 30-34 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 12.9 |
| 35-39 | 12.0 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 13.2 |
| 40-44 | 10.9 | 11.8 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 13.0 | 12.6 |
| 45-49 | 9.1 | 10.2 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.1 |
| 50-54 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 8.9 |
| 55 and over | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Marital status at marriage (number)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 33,303 | 37,639 | 39,589 | 39,255 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Widowed | 457 | 446 | 483 | 510 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Divorced | 5,965 | 7,643 | 8,291 | 8,547 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a |
| Total | 39,725 | 45,728 | 48,363 | 48,312 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| at marriage | 24.3 | 25.0 | 25.2 | 25.4 | 25.6 | 25.8 | 25.8 |
| at final separation | 34.7 | 35.8 | 36.2 | 36.6 | 36.7 | 36.9 | 37.0 |
| at decree made absolute | 37.5 | 38.7 | 39.3 | 39.7 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 40.3 |

## WIFE

| Age-specific divorce rates- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 and under | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| 25-29 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.4 |
| 30-34 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 13.9 | 13.7 | 13.9 | 14.4 | 14.0 |
| 35-39 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 13.3 |
| 40-44 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 12.3 | 11.7 |
| 45-49 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.9 | 9.4 |
| 50-54 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 55 and over | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| Marital status at marriage (number)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 33,618 | 37,857 | 39,935 | 39,539 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Widowed | 551 | 584 | 658 | 625 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Divorced | 5,556 | 7,288 | 7,770 | 8,148 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Total | 39,725 | 45,729 | 48,363 | 48,312 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| at marriage | 21.7 | 22.4 | 22.6 | 22.8 | 23.0 | 23.2 | 23.3 |
| at final separation | 31.9 | 33.0 | 33.3 | 33.8 | 33.9 | 34.1 | 34.3 |
| at decree made absolute | 34.7 | 35.9 | 36.4 | 36.8 | 37.1 | 37.4 | 37.6 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Marriages and divorces are legal events and are defined in terms of the laws of individual countries or areas. This has implications for international comparability of statistics.

Marriage laws vary throughout the world. In addition, comparability is further limited because some countries or areas compile statistics only for civil marriages, although religious marriages may also be legally recognised; in others, the only available records are church registers and, therefore, the statistics do not include civil marriages.

Divorce laws also vary throughout the world, some countries having no legal provision for divorce at all. The propensity to divorce is affected by: the relative ease or difficulty of obtaining a divorce according to the laws of individual countries or areas; the ability of individuals to meet financial and other costs of court procedures; and the religious beliefs and social customs of individual countries or areas.

International comparisons of crude marriage rates and crude divorce rates are also affected by the age distributions of the populations. As well as these age distribution effects, marriages are also influenced by the proportions of people not currently married, while divorces are influenced by the proportions of people married.

## 4 MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES: NUMBER AND CRUDE RATES(a)

|  | Marriages |  |  | Divorces |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reference year | Number | Crude rate (a) | Reference year | Number | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Crude } \\ & \text { rate (a) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Australia | 1997 | 106,735 | 5.8 | 1997 | 51,288 | 2.8 |
| Canada | 1994 | 158,200 | 5.4 | 1993 | 78,226 | 2.7 |
| Chile | 1994 | 91,555 | 6.5 | 1993 | 6,405 | 0.5 |
| Fiji | 1995 | 6,903 | 8.7 | 1979 | 410 | 0.7 |
| France | 1995 | 254,000 | 4.4 | 1995 | 114,282 | 2.0 |
| Germany | 1995 | 428,650 | 5.4 | 1994 | 166,052 | 2.0 |
| Greece | 1995 | 62,000 | 5.9 | 1994 | 7,000 | 0.7 |
| Hong Kong | 1994 | 38,264 | 6.3 | 1990 | 5,551 | 1.0 |
| Indonesia | 1986 | 1,249,034 | 7.4 | 1986 | 131,886 | 0.8 |
| Ireland | 1994 | 16,297 | 4.6 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Italy | 1994 | 286,512 | 5.0 | 1994 | 27,510 | 0.5 |
| Japan | 1994 | 782,735 | 6.3 | 1994 | 195,106 | 1.6 |
| Korea, Republic of | 1993 | 308,492 | 7.0 | 1993 | 46,832 | 1.1 |
| Netherlands | 1995 | 80,559 | 5.2 | 1994 | 36,182 | 2.4 |
| New Zealand | 1994 | 21,858 | 6.3 | 1992 | 9,114 | 2.7 |
| Philippines | 1992 | 454,155 | 6.9 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Poland | 1995 | 209,000 | 5.4 | 1995 | 38,000 | 1.0 |
| Singapore | 1995 | 24,974 | 8.4 | 1995 | 4,110 | 1.4 |
| Sweden | 1995 | 39,138 | 4.4 | 1995 | 22,452 | 2.5 |
| Thailand | 1993 | 484,569 | 8.3 | 1986 | 36,602 | 0.7 |
| Turkey | 1994 | 460,002 | 7.7 | 1994 | 28,041 | 0.5 |
| United Kingdom | 1993 | 341,600 | 6.0 | 1992 | 174,717 | 3.1 |
| United States of America | 1994 | 2,362,000 | 9.1 | 1994 | 1,191,000 | 4.6 |
| Yugoslavia | 1995 | 60,302 | 5.7 | 1995 | 7,005 | 0.7 |

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REGISTERED MARRIAGES
In 1997 there were 106,700 marriages registered in Australia. While this was just slightly more than the number recorded in $1996(106,100)$, it was the second lowest number of marriages since 1979 when 104,400 marriages were registered. Over the last 20 years the number of marriages registered has fluctuated from a low 103,000 in 1978 to a high of 117,300 in 1982. Similar fluctuations were experienced by all States and Territories.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

## MARRIAGE RATES

MARRIAGES


In 1997 marriage rates for the unmarried population (per 1,000 not currently married males and females aged 15 years and over) again declined. These rates have been in long-term decline since the rates first became available in 1976. The marriage rate for men was 63 per 1,000 in 1976 while the rate for women was 61 . By 1997 these rates had fallen to 34 and 32 , respectively.

MARRIAGE RATES(a), Unmarried Population

| Male........................................................ | Females |
| :--- | ---: |


| 1976 | 62.9 | 61.1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1982 | 55.0 | 52.5 |
| 1987 | 45.8 | 43.9 |
| 1992 | 41.3 | 39.1 |
| 1997 | 34.4 | 32.2 |

(a) Per 1,000 not currently married males or females aged 15 years and over.

The crude marriage rate is the number of registered marriages per 1,000 population. In 1997 the rate was 5.8 per 1,000. This was the same as the rate for 1996 and the lowest rate recorded this century. The next lowest rate was 6.0 in 1931, during the Great Depression. The highest rate over the century was 12.0 per 1,000 population, recorded in 1942.

Over the last 20 years, the Northern Territory consistently recorded the lowest crude marriage rate in Australia. In 1997 the rate was 4.2 per 1,000 population ( $38 \%$ below the rate for Australia). Although in decline, Queensland had the highest rate for all States and Territories in 1997 ( 6.1 per 1,000 population, $5 \%$ above the national rate).

LIKELIHOOD TO MARRY
The proportions of people who will ever marry (the total first marriage rate) can be estimated from the proportions of men and women in each age group who marry for the first time in a given year.

The likelihood to ever marry is marginally higher for women than for men, with rates for both sexes declining almost consistently over the past 20 years. Based on age-specific first marriage rates for 1997 (calculated on the total population in each group from 15 years and above) it is estimated that $56 \%$ of males and $58 \%$ of females will marry. This represents a decline of $19 \%$ for males and $16 \%$ for females from comparable estimates prepared for 1977 ( $68.7 \%$ and $68.9 \%$, respectively).

TOTAL FIRST MARRIAGE RATES


The median age at marriage for men and women in Australia continued to increase in 1997. The median age at marriage is the age at which there are as many marrying above the age as there are marrying below it. Between 1977 and 1997 the median age increased by 4.5 years for men and 5.0 years for women. For men, the median age increased from 25.2 years in 1977 to 29.7 years in 1997. For women, the increase was from 22.5 years to 27.5 years. The difference between the ages of men and women at marriage was 2.7 years in 1977 compared with 2.2 years in 1997.

Age of bridegroom
The proportion of men choosing to marry after their thirtieth birthday continued to increase. In 1997 the bridegroom was aged 30 years or more in $49 \%$ of all marriages, compared with $27 \%$ in 1977. Over half of this group of men in 1997 had never previously been married ( $52 \%$ ) while $4 \%$ were widowed and $43 \%$ were divorced. Twenty years ago these proportions were $34 \%, 11 \%$ and $54 \%$, respectively.

MEDIAN AGE OF BRIDEGROOM

|  | 1977 | 1987 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Previous marital status | years | years | years |
| - . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  |  |
| Never married | 23.8 | 25.9 | 27.8 |
| Widowed | 58.3 | 60.6 | 62.3 |
| Divorced | 35.9 | 38.6 | 41.8 |
| Total | 25.2 | 27.6 | 29.7 |

Age of bride
Women, too, are choosing to marry later. The proportion of women who married at age 30 years or more in 1997 was $36 \%$, compared with $19 \%$ in 1977. Of this group of women who married in 1997, 44\% married for the first time, $6 \%$ had previously been widowed and $50 \%$ had previously been divorced. In 1977 these percentages were $23 \%, 18 \%$ and $58 \%$, respectively.

MEDIAN AGE OF BRIDE


In 1997 the number of men and women marrying for the first time continued to decline. First marriage rates are the number of males and females, in an age group, marrying for the first time per 1,000 population of never married men or women in that age group.

When 1997 and 1976 are compared (1977 data are not available) first marriage rates fell in all age groups. The peak age group for men marrying for the first time during this period remained the same, the age group 25-29 years, with the rate falling from 136 per 1,000 population in 1976 to 74 per 1,000 in 1997. However, the next highest group changed from the age group 20-24 years in 1976 to the age group $30-34$ years in 1997.

(a) The number of men marrying for the first time per 1,000 never married male population.

Consistent with a decline in first marriage rates for men, women also experienced a fall in first marriage rates over the past 20 years across all age groups. While the peak age group for men remained the same over this period, for women the peak age group moved from 20-24 years in 1976 ( 188 per 1,000 population) to $25-29$ years in 1997 (93 per 1,000). Over this period, the age group with the next highest first marriage rate also changed, from $25-29$ years to $30-34$ years.

(a) The number of women marrying for the first time per 1,000 never married female population.

Although first marriage rates have declined over the past twenty years the proportion of marriages where both parties of the marriage had not previously been married remained similar. In 1997, $67 \%$ of all marriages were couples who had never previously been married, while in 1976 the percentage was $69 \%$.

Remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, of a certain age, per 1,000 population of widowed and divorced men or women of the same age. Between 1976 ( 1977 data are not available) and 1997 remarriage rates for both men and women fell in all age groups. For most age groups the falls were in excess of $50 \%$.

The peak remarriage age group for men remarrying changed between 1976 and 1997. In 1997 the peak remarriage age group was 30-34 years ( 109 per 1,000 population). In 1976 the peak age group was $25-29$ years ( 342 per 1,000).

REMARRIAGE RATES(a), Men

(a) The number of men remarrying per 1,000 widowed and divorced male population.

Twenty years ago the peak age group for women remarrying was 20-24 years (296 per 1,000 population). In 1997 the peak age group had changed to $25-29$ years (118 per 1,000).

(a) The number of women remarrying per 1,000 widowed and divorced female population.

In 1997 the usual residence of parties at time of lodgement of the Notice of Intended Marriage was coded to indicate whether or not the parties had cohabited prior to the marriage taking place. While this is the first year that this indicator has been coded for registered marriages, comparison with cohabitation data from the 1992 Family Survey supports the results of the indicator.

The fall in marriage rates since the early 1970s has been accompanied by a rise in the proportion of people cohabiting before registered marriage. In 1997 about $65 \%(69,000)$ of all registered marriages were preceded by a period of cohabitation. The 1992 Family Survey requested data on periods of pre-marriage cohabitation with data relating to the most recent (or only) marriage of persons who were not in a de facto marriage at the time of the survey. The results of this survey showed that the proportion of people who cohabited prior to marriage increased from around $25 \%$ in 1977 to $56 \%$ in 1992.

COHABITATION PRIOR TO REGISTERED MARRIAGES


Source: ABS, Australia's Families-Selected Findings from the Survey of Families in Australia, 1992 (Cat. no. 4418.0); ABS, Unpublished data, 1997 Marriages.

Age and previous marital status
In 1997, 69,000 registered marriages were between people who had cohabited before their marriage. Of these men and women, $68 \%$ of men and $77 \%$ of women were aged between 16 and 34 years. Most men and women (around $73 \%$ ) who married and had cohabited prior to marriage had never previously been married.

However, it is not only young people or previously never married people who cohabit prior to entering into a registered marriage. Cohabitation prior to marriage also occurs among older and previously married people. For instance, in 1997, $15 \%$ of men and women who cohabited prior to marriage were aged between 40 and 59 years. Around $78 \%$ of these had previously been divorced. Less than $2 \%$ of people who cohabited prior to marriage had been previously widowed.

Age and previous marital status continued

|  | PREVIOUS GROOM... | M ARITA | L STATU |  | PREVIOUS BRIDE.... | MARITAL | STATUS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group (years) | Never married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 19 and under | r 355 | 0 | 0 | 356 | 1659 | 0 | 0 | 1660 |
| 20-24 | 10173 | 0 | 61 | 10235 | 16770 | 4 | 281 | 17055 |
| 25-29 | 20862 | 13 | 1072 | 21947 | 20236 | 51 | 2298 | 22585 |
| 30-34 | 11571 | 30 | 2967 | 14568 | 7965 | 106 | 3877 | 11948 |
| 35-39 | 4511 | 67 | 3830 | 8408 | 2566 | 126 | 3531 | 6223 |
| 40-44 | 1476 | 81 | 3253 | 4810 | 759 | 146 | 2844 | 3749 |
| 45-49 | 480 | 117 | 2902 | 3499 | 275 | 183 | 2274 | 2732 |
| 50-54 | 201 | 134 | 2077 | 2412 | 104 | 195 | 1339 | 1638 |
| 55-59 | 91 | 140 | 1043 | 1274 | 41 | 143 | 528 | 712 |
| 60 and over | 92 | 495 | 949 | 1536 | 34 | 369 | 340 | 743 |
| Total | 49812 | 1078 | 18155 | 69045 | 50409 | 1323 | 17313 | 69045 |

Most couples who preceded a registered marriage in 1997 with cohabitation had never previously been in a registered marriage (62\%), followed by those where both parties had previously been divorced (14\%). This pattern was also true for those couples who indicated that they had not cohabited, $75 \%$ and $7 \%$, respectively.

PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF COUPLES MARRYING

| Previous marital status of groom | PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
|  | \% | \% | \% | no. |
| COUPLE INDICATING COHABITATION |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 61.8 | 0.4 | 9.9 | 49812 |
| Widowed | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1078 |
| Divorced | 10.9 | 1.1 | 14.3 | 18155 |
| Total | 73.0 | 1.9 | 25.1 | 69045 |

COUPLE NOT INDICATING COHABITATION

| Never married | 75.3 | 0.5 | 5.7 | 30671 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Widowed | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1234 |
| Divorced | 6.9 | 1.2 | 7.2 | 5785 |
| Total | $\mathbf{8 2 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 7} 690$ |

States and Territories
All States and Territories recorded higher proportions for those indicating cohabitation than those indicating not having cohabited prior to marrying in 1997. The Northern Territory had the highest proportion (81\%) followed by Queensland and Tasmania (both 73\%).

COHABITATION FOR STATES AND TERRITORIES


The proportion of marriages performed by civil celebrants in 1997 continued the upward trend that has been evident throughout the century. During the first half of the century, under $10 \%$ of all marriages were performed by civil celebrants. By the mid 1970s the proportion had increased to around $30 \%$. In 1997 civil celebrants were performing nearly half of all marriages registered in Australia (48\%).

## MARRIAGES BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION AND CIVIL CELEBRANTS

|  | MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY.. |  |  | MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY.. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ministers of religion | Civil celebrants |  | Ministers of religion | celebrants |
| Selected years | \% | \% | Selected years | \% | \% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1908 | 97.4 | 2.6 | 1957 | 88.8 | 11.2 |
| 1917 | 96.0 | 4.0 | 1967 | 89.3 | 10.7 |
| 1927 | 93.4 | 6.6 | 1977 | 67.6 | 32.4 |
| 1937 | 91.8 | 8.2 | 1987 | 59.7 | 40.3 |
| 1947 | 90.8 | 9.2 | 1997 | 52.3 | 47.7 |

Of the 106,700 marriages performed in 1997, 18\% were performed by Catholic priests, $12 \%$ by Anglican ministers and $7 \%$ by Uniting Church ministers. Comparative proportions for 1977 were $22 \%, 18 \%$ and $11 \%$, respectively.

Of the marriages registered in Australia in 1997, 65\% were marriages where both parties were born in Australia, $8 \%$ were marriages of couples born in the same overseas country and $28 \%$ were marriages between men and women from different countries. Of this last group 38\% were Australian-born men marrying overseas-born women, while a further $44 \%$ were Australian-born women marrying overseas-born men. These proportions have changed little over the past twenty years.

BIRTHPLACE OF COUPLES MARRYING

|  | 1977 | 1987 | 1997 | 1977 | 1987 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country of birth of couple | no. | no. | no. | \% | \% | \% |
| Australian-born | 69192 | 72398 | 69000 | 65.9 | 63.4 | 64.6 |
| Same overseas country | 6929 | 7983 | 8108 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.6 |
| Different countries | 28797 | 33732 | 29627 | 27.4 | 29.6 | 27.8 |
| Australian-born men/overseas-born women | 10001 | 12930 | 11265 | 34.7 | 38.3 | 38.0 |
| Australian-born women/overseas-born men | 14397 | 14873 | 13050 | 50.0 | 44.1 | 44.0 |
| Couples from different overseas countries | 4399 | 5929 | 5312 | 15.3 | 17.6 | 17.9 |
| Total | 104918 | 114113 | 106735 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Marriage rates
Marriage rates varied between Australian-born and the overseas-born (see table 15). When comparing these rates it should be remembered that the total number of marriages in Australia for persons born in some selected countries is small and that the age structure of birthplace groups varies.

Of the major overseas-born communities selected for comparison in 1997, Australian residents who had been born in the United States of America ( 23.2 men per 1,000 population) and the Philippines ( 21.2 women per 1,000 population) had the highest rates. The lowest rates were recorded by Italian-born men and women residents, 4.4 and 2.7 per 1,000 population, respectively. For Australian-born, 11.4 men per 1,000 male population married, while for women the rate was 11.5 per 1,000.

5 SUMMARY(a)

|  | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T$ | ACT | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marriages registered | 36,679 | 25,456 | 20,868 | 7,945 | 10,456 | 2,672 | 786 | 1,873 | 106,735 |
| Crude marriage rate | 5.8 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Previous marital status- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First marriage both partners | 24,829 | 17,666 | 13,316 | 5,156 | 6,700 | 1,664 | 471 | 1,240 | 71,042 |
| First marriage one partner | 6,928 | 4,485 | 4,047 | 1,410 | 2,006 | 531 | 194 | 364 | 19,965 |
| Remarriage both partners | 4,922 | 3,305 | 3,505 | 1,379 | 1,750 | 477 | 121 | 269 | 15,728 |
| Marriages performed by- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ministers of religion- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 20,288 | 14,004 | 10,305 | 4,240 | 4,561 | 1,272 | 245 | 951 | 55,866 |
| Per cent | 55.3 | 55.0 | 49.4 | 53.4 | 43.6 | 47.6 | 31.2 | 50.8 | 52.3 |
| Civil celebrants- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 16,391 | 11,452 | 10,563 | 3,705 | 5,895 | 1,400 | 541 | 922 | 50,869 |
| Per cent | 44.7 | 45.0 | 50.6 | 46.6 | 56.4 | 52.4 | 68.8 | 49.2 | 47.7 |


| Age-specific marriage rates- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 20-24 | 29.0 | 23.3 | 29.9 | 26.3 | 23.6 | 31.1 | 11.7 | 25.6 | 26.7 |
| 25-29 | 50.5 | 50.5 | 48.9 | 47.0 | 45.0 | 53.5 | 21.8 | 44.2 | 48.9 |
| 30-34 | 30.1 | 29.3 | 30.0 | 27.5 | 30.4 | 29.4 | 17.7 | 27.6 | 29.5 |
| 35-39 | 15.7 | 15.2 | 16.3 | 14.9 | 16.4 | 15.5 | 13.1 | 16.2 | 15.7 |
| 40-44 | 9.5 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 7.1 | 10.5 | 9.4 |
| 45-49 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 8.8 | 7.3 |
| 50 and over | 3.3 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 3.4 |
| Marital status at marriage (number)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 28,084 | 19,813 | 15,252 | 5,808 | 7,649 | 1,913 | 564 | 1,400 | 80,483 |
| Widowed | 777 | 506 | 448 | 214 | 230 | 85 | 15 | 37 | 2,312 |
| Divorced | 7,818 | 5,137 | 5,168 | 1,923 | 2,577 | 674 | 207 | 436 | 23,940 |
| Total | 36,679 | 25,456 | 20,868 | 7,945 | 10,456 | 2,672 | 786 | 1,873 | 106,735 |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 27.8 | 28.0 | 27.5 | 27.7 | 28.1 | 27.5 | 28.8 | 27.4 | 27.8 |
| Widowed | 62.6 | 61.8 | 62.6 | 63.6 | 62.8 | (b) | (b) | (b) | 62.3 |
| Divorced | 41.6 | 41.5 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 42.5 | 41.3 | 42.8 | 42.3 | 41.8 |
| Total | 29.6 | 29.6 | 29.7 | 29.8 | 30.4 | 29.7 | 31.6 | 29.6 | 29.7 |


| BRIDE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age-specific marriage rates- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under | 5.9 | 3.7 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 5.0 |
| 20-24 | 47.7 | 40.5 | 47.4 | 45.9 | 41.7 | 50.3 | 21.7 | 39.1 | 44.7 |
| 25-29 | 47.9 | 48.8 | 47.7 | 46.9 | 47.4 | 52.4 | 24.4 | 44.4 | 47.7 |
| 30-34 | 23.8 | 22.4 | 24.5 | 21.0 | 23.2 | 21.0 | 15.6 | 23.1 | 23.1 |
| 35-39 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 11.2 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 11.5 |
| 40-44 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 7.3 |
| 45-49 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| 50 and over | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| Marital status at marriage (number)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 28,502 | 20,004 | 15,427 | 5,914 | 7,757 | 1,946 | 572 | 1,444 | 81,566 |
| Widowed | 867 | 545 | 559 | 210 | 233 | 77 | 11 | 33 | 2,535 |
| Divorced | 7,310 | 4,907 | 4,882 | 1,821 | 2,466 | 649 | 203 | 396 | 22,634 |
| Total | 36,679 | 25,456 | 20,868 | 7,945 | 10,456 | 2,672 | 786 | 1,873 | 106,735 |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 25.9 | 26.2 | 25.7 | 25.7 | 26.1 | 25.6 | 26.7 | 25.9 | 25.9 |
| Widowed | 53.4 | 54.4 | 54.7 | 55.1 | 54.4 | (b) | (b) | (b) | 54.1 |
| Divorced | 37.9 | 38.1 | 37.9 | 38.8 | 39.2 | 37.9 | 40.0 | 38.4 | 38.2 |
| Total | 27.3 | 27.5 | 27.5 | 27.4 | 27.9 | 27.3 | 28.8 | 27.3 | 27.5 |

[^1]6 MARRIAGES REGISTERED

| Selected years | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1977 | 36,159 | 27,558 | 15,737 | 10,126 | 10,063 | 3,166 | 618 | 1,491 |
| 1982 | 41,955 | 28,851 | 18,928 | 10,936 | 10,455 | 3,576 | 818 | 1,756 |
| 1987 | 40,650 | 29,682 | 18,265 | 9,695 | 10,150 | 3,141 | 768 | 1,762 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 114,275 |  |
| 1992 | 40,734 | 28,429 | 20,316 | 9,423 | 10,118 | 3,081 | 860 | 1,791 |
| 1993 | 39,993 | 27,418 | 20,704 | 9,114 | 10,382 | 3,055 | 806 | 1,783 |
| 1994 | 38,814 | 26,974 | 20,798 | 8,909 | 10,366 | 2,887 | 765 | 1,661 |
| 1995 | 37,828 | 26,607 | 20,610 | 8,547 | 10,404 | 2,840 | 797 | 1,753 |
| 1996 | 35,716 | 26,074 | 20,913 | 8,011 | 10,294 | 2,654 | 787 | 1,654 |
| 1997 | 36,679 | 25,456 | 20,868 | 7,945 | 10,456 | 2,672 | 786 | 1,873 |

7 CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES(a)

| Selected years | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1977 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 5.9 | 7.0 |
| 1982 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 7.6 |
| 1987 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 4.9 | 6.6 |
| 1992 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7.4 |
| 1993 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| 1994 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 6.0 |
| 1995 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 5.5 |
| 1996 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 5.8 |
| 1997 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 5.4 |

(a) Per 1,000 population.

## 8 PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE

| Marital status of - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never married | Never married | 24,829 | 17,666 | 13,316 | 5,156 | 6,700 | 1,664 | 471 | 1,240 | 71,042 |
|  | Widowed | 167 | 102 | 83 | 30 | 41 | 23 | - | 5 | 453 |
|  | Divorced | 3,088 | 2,045 | 1,853 | 622 | 908 | 226 | 91 | 155 | 8,988 |
|  | Total | 28,084 | 19,813 | 15,252 | 5,808 | 7,649 | 1,913 | 564 | 1,400 | 80,483 |
| Widowed | Never married | 132 | 84 | 69 | 24 | 34 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 365 |
|  | Widowed | 289 | 193 | 175 | 81 | 79 | 30 | 3 | 11 | 861 |
|  | Divorced | 356 | 229 | 204 | 109 | 117 | 44 | 8 | 19 | 1,086 |
|  | Total | 777 | 506 | 448 | 214 | 230 | 85 | 15 | 37 | 2,312 |
| Divorced | Never married | 3,541 | 2,254 | 2,042 | 734 | 1,023 | 271 | 97 | 197 | 10,159 |
|  | Widowed | 411 | 250 | 301 | 99 | 113 | 24 | 6 | 17 | 1,221 |
|  | Divorced | 3,866 | 2,633 | 2,825 | 1,090 | 1,441 | 379 | 104 | 222 | 12,560 |
|  | Total | 7,818 | 5,137 | 5,168 | 1,923 | 2,577 | 674 | 207 | 436 | 23,940 |
| Total | Never married | 28,502 | 20,004 | 15,427 | 5,914 | 7,757 | 1,946 | 572 | 1,444 | 81,566 |
|  | Widowed | 867 | 545 | 559 | 210 | 233 | 77 | 11 | 33 | 2,535 |
|  | Divorced | 7,310 | 4,907 | 4,882 | 1,821 | 2,466 | 649 | 203 | 396 | 22,634 |
|  | Total | 36,679 | 25,456 | 20,868 | 7,945 | 10,456 | 2,672 | 786 | 1,873 | 106,735 |


| Category of celebrant | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T$ | $A C T$ | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ministers of religion (a)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catholic Church | 7,155 | 5,405 | 3,101 | 1,197 | 1,622 | 288 | 82 | 370 | 19,220 |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 5,190 | 2,647 | 2,300 | 593 | 1,165 | 459 | 28 | 259 | 12,641 |
| Uniting Churches in Australia (b) | 2,277 | 1,883 | 1,584 | 1,010 | 511 | 166 | 47 | 58 | 7,536 |
| Orthodox Churches (b) | 1,100 | 1,305 | 138 | 216 | 94 | 10 | 19 | 41 | 2,923 |
| Baptist Union of Australia (b) | 566 | 373 | 477 | 177 | 169 | 72 | 4 | 23 | 1,861 |
| Presbyterian Church of Australia (b) | 779 | 248 | 258 | 23 | 25 | 46 | 4 | 50 | 1,433 |
| Lutheran Churches (b) | 67 | 158 | 332 | 374 | 61 | 4 | 8 | 27 | 1,031 |
| Churches of Christ in Australia (b) | 204 | 294 | 265 | 138 | 185 | 23 | - | 20 | 1,131 |
| Other | 2,950 | 1,691 | 1,850 | 512 | 729 | 204 | 51 | 103 | 8,090 |
| Total | 20,288 | 14,004 | 10,305 | 4,240 | 4,561 | 1,272 | 245 | 951 | 55,866 |
| Civil celebrants- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Official registrars | 3,118 | 2,050 | 1,279 | 591 | 808 | 170 | 165 | 231 | 8,412 |
| Other civil celebrants | 13,273 | 9,402 | 9,284 | 3,114 | 5,087 | 1,230 | 376 | 691 | 42,457 |
| Total | 16,391 | 11,452 | 10,563 | 3,705 | 5,895 | 1,400 | 541 | 922 | 50,869 |
| All celebrants | 36,679 | 25,456 | 20,868 | 7,945 | 10,456 | 2,672 | 786 | 1,873 | 106,735 |


| PROPORTION (Per cent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ministers of religion (a)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catholic Church | 19.5 | 21.2 | 14.9 | 15.1 | 15.5 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 19.8 | 18.0 |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 14.1 | 10.4 | 11.0 | 7.5 | 11.1 | 17.2 | 3.6 | 13.8 | 11.8 |
| Uniting Churches in Australia (b) | 6.2 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 12.7 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 3.1 | 7.1 |
| Orthodox Churches (b) | 3.0 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| Baptist Union of Australia (b) | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| Presbyterian Church of Australia (b) | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 1.3 |
| Lutheran Churches (b) | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 |
| Churches of Christ in Australia (b) | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.9 | - | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Other | 8.0 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 7.6 |
| Total | 55.3 | 55.0 | 49.4 | 53.4 | 43.6 | 47.6 | 31.2 | 50.8 | 52.3 |
| Civil celebrants- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Official registrars | 8.5 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 21.0 | 12.3 | 7.9 |
| Other civil celebrants | 36.2 | 36.9 | 44.5 | 39.2 | 48.7 | 46.0 | 47.8 | 36.9 | 39.8 |
| Total | 44.7 | 45.0 | 50.6 | 46.6 | 56.4 | 52.4 | 68.8 | 49.2 | 47.7 |
| All celebrants | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Under authority of the Australian Marriages Act 1961. (b) Includes churches grouped under this heading as proclaimed under the Australian Marriages Act 1961.

10 AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES(a)

|  | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19 and under(b) | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50 and |  |
| BRIDEGROOM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 9.9 | 123.3 | 150.2 | 118.5 | 91.5 | 70.1 | 54.5 | 23.7 | 62.9 |
| 1982 | 5.0 | 85.4 | 125.9 | 106.9 | 85.0 | 66.3 | 50.1 | 18.7 | 55.0 |
| 1987 | 2.2 | 58.8 | 105.5 | 91.8 | 69.8 | 57.5 | 47.1 | 17.9 | 45.8 |
| 1992 | 1.5 | 43.3 | 94.8 | 83.0 | 61.0 | 48.8 | 42.0 | 16.3 | 41.3 |
| 1993 | 1.4 | 40.7 | 91.7 | 81.2 | 59.1 | 46.9 | 39.7 | 16.0 | 40.1 |
| 1994 | 1.2 | 37.3 | 88.7 | 79.1 | 56.5 | 43.4 | 38.4 | 16.4 | 38.6 |
| 1995 | 1.2 | 34.9 | 84.6 | 75.7 | 55.2 | 41.8 | 37.2 | 15.7 | 37.2 |
| 1996 | 1.0 | 30.4 | 77.7 | 73.0 | 54.2 | 40.8 | 35.6 | 16.2 | 35.2 |
| 1997 | 1.0 | 28.7 | 74.9 | 72.7 | 53.4 | 39.0 | 34.3 | 15.8 | 34.4 |
| BRIDE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 49.1 | 190.7 | 166.3 | 130.0 | 93.4 | 66.4 | 46.5 | 6.4 | 61.1 |
| 1982 | 28.1 | 138.8 | 137.6 | 100.3 | 73.9 | 52.4 | 37.9 | 4.9 | 52.5 |
| 1987 | 13.5 | 105.2 | 123.5 | 88.2 | 63.5 | 45.5 | 34.3 | 4.6 | 43.9 |
| 1992 | 8.0 | 78.3 | 112.9 | 80.8 | 54.0 | 38.8 | 30.8 | 4.5 | 39.1 |
| 1993 | 7.4 | 74.2 | 108.9 | 79.8 | 51.9 | 36.9 | 28.4 | 4.7 | 37.8 |
| 1994 | 6.6 | 68.5 | 106.6 | 77.7 | 49.4 | 35.9 | 28.0 | 4.7 | 36.3 |
| 1995 | 6.2 | 63.6 | 103.7 | 74.4 | 48.8 | 33.8 | 27.6 | 4.5 | 34.9 |
| 1996 | 5.5 | 56.4 | 96.5 | 73.9 | 47.8 | 33.2 | 26.7 | 4.7 | 32.9 |
| 1997 | 5.0 | 53.1 | 94.5 | 74.2 | 46.5 | 31.8 | 26.1 | 4.7 | 32.2 |

(a) Per 1,000 unmarried male or female population aged 15 years and over. (b) Per 1,000 unmarried male or female population aged 15-19 years.

11 AGE-SPECIFIC FIRST MARRIAGE AND REMARRIAGE RATES

|  | 1976 | 1982 | 1987 | 1992 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First marriage rates(a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under(b) | 9.9 | 5.0 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 20-24 | 122.6 | 85.0 | 58.6 | 43.3 | 34.9 | 30.4 | 28.7 |
| 25-29 | 135.9 | 118.1 | 102.6 | 93.2 | 83.7 | 76.5 | 74.0 |
| 30-34 | 81.8 | 81.1 | 77.7 | 74.5 | 69.1 | 66.9 | 67.4 |
| 35-39 | 45.9 | 44.9 | 41.9 | 41.3 | 40.6 | 41.2 | 41.2 |
| 40-44 | 25.5 | 25.0 | 23.0 | 22.5 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.8 |
| 45-49 | 15.7 | 14.4 | 13.8 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 12.4 |
| 50 and over | 6.4 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Females- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under(b) | 49.0 | 28.1 | 13.5 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| 20-24 | 187.5 | 136.9 | 104.3 | 78.0 | 63.3 | 56.0 | 52.8 |
| 25-29 | 138.8 | 124.5 | 117.8 | 109.7 | 101.5 | 94.6 | 92.8 |
| 30-34 | 86.5 | 74.6 | 74.2 | 70.6 | 67.0 | 67.3 | 67.6 |
| 35-39 | 49.8 | 42.0 | 41.9 | 36.5 | 35.9 | 36.1 | 35.7 |
| 40-44 | 26.3 | 21.6 | 21.1 | 19.0 | 18.6 | 17.9 | 18.6 |
| 45-49 | 15.5 | 14.2 | 12.5 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 11.1 | 11.7 |
| 50 and over | 3.9 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Remarriage rates(c) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under(b) | - | 8.9 | - | 0.5 | - | - | 2.8 |
| 20-24 | 245.4 | 171.0 | 103.4 | 37.5 | 46.8 | 56.6 | 55.6 |
| 25-29 | 341.8 | 221.8 | 161.6 | 132.3 | 114.2 | 117.2 | 105.3 |
| 30-34 | 294.8 | 189.8 | 153.3 | 131.2 | 119.1 | 115.3 | 109.4 |
| 35-39 | 239.8 | 156.0 | 119.4 | 105.6 | 92.3 | 88.7 | 86.4 |
| 40-44 | 184.6 | 121.3 | 97.0 | 79.4 | 66.4 | 65.2 | 60.7 |
| 45-49 | 138.2 | 93.4 | 78.3 | 66.7 | 55.8 | 53.2 | 51.1 |
| 50-54 | 98.1 | 65.2 | 61.1 | 50.2 | 44.9 | 44.6 | 43.9 |
| 55-59 | 68.3 | 47.6 | 44.0 | 39.7 | 34.6 | 35.2 | 31.9 |
| 60 and over | 20.9 | 15.8 | 15.3 | 13.5 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 11.5 |
| Females- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 and under(b) | 113.7 | 65.1 | 22.9 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 4.9 |
| 20-24 | 295.8 | 217.6 | 161.2 | 103.3 | 100.4 | 105.0 | 97.0 |
| 25-29 | 278.0 | 189.9 | 161.3 | 141.7 | 128.9 | 121.7 | 117.8 |
| 30-34 | 201.0 | 132.8 | 112.8 | 106.8 | 95.7 | 93.9 | 95.0 |
| 35-39 | 136.2 | 95.4 | 79.8 | 72.6 | 64.4 | 62.4 | 60.5 |
| 40-44 | 94.0 | 67.1 | 56.8 | 49.5 | 42.8 | 42.6 | 40.3 |
| 45-49 | 62.7 | 46.8 | 42.1 | 38.0 | 33.5 | 32.1 | 31.2 |
| 50-54 | 31.5 | 25.6 | 23.8 | 23.3 | 21.6 | 22.3 | 21.9 |
| 55-59 | 16.1 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 12.1 |
| 60 and over | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 |

(a) Per 1,000 population of never married persons, of the appropriate ages, as at 30 June for each year shown. See Glossary. (b) For the purpose of calculating rates for this row, only persons in the population aged between 15 and 19 have been included in the calculation. (c) Per 1,000 population of divorced and widowed persons, of the appropriate ages, at 30 June for each year shown. See Glossary.
12 AGE OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE

| Age of bridegroom (years) | Age of bride (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| 17 and under | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 18 | 5 | 67 | 49 | 26 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 9 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 | 6 | 115 | 131 | 89 | 50 | 24 | 23 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 | 14 | 124 | 202 | 282 | 179 | 106 | 38 | 36 | 29 | 16 | 21 | 9 | - | 4 | 6 | 3 | - | 4 | - | - |
| 21 | 13 | 134 | 256 | 361 | 525 | 332 | 147 | 118 | 72 | 51 | 28 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 3 | - | - |
| 22 | 11 | 154 | 240 | 421 | 690 | 813 | 488 | 260 | 200 | 116 | 75 | 55 | 33 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| 23 | 8 | 119 | 204 | 411 | 666 | 967 | 1,069 | 637 | 384 | 245 | 142 | 101 | 51 | 46 | 26 | 24 | 17 | 8 | 11 | 7 |
| 24 | 11 | 91 | 166 | 359 | 605 | 933 | 1,225 | 1,246 | 763 | 421 | 263 | 177 | 109 | 82 | 51 | 38 | 36 | 14 | 10 | 8 |
| 25 | 5 | 88 | 163 | 291 | 514 | 817 | 1,129 | 1,373 | 1,411 | 770 | 414 | 269 | 167 | 121 | 75 | 45 | 46 | 32 | 19 | 20 |
| 26 | 6 | 65 | 98 | 208 | 376 | 640 | 930 | 1,196 | 1,293 | 1,143 | 692 | 382 | 245 | 181 | 132 | 102 | 48 | 39 | 41 | 23 |
| 27 | 4 | 59 | 78 | 161 | 266 | 465 | 609 | 846 | 1,050 | 1,128 | 893 | 563 | 312 | 256 | 163 | 128 | 102 | 61 | 50 | 29 |
| 28 | 5 | 39 | 67 | 120 | 201 | 340 | 503 | 686 | 881 | 850 | 820 | 719 | 496 | 303 | 222 | 142 | 92 | 80 | 66 | 45 |
| 29 | - | 29 | 33 | 78 | 154 | 232 | 352 | 472 | 571 | 712 | 664 | 675 | 615 | 378 | 230 | 156 | 95 | 123 | 58 | 49 |
| 30 | - | 20 | 37 | 55 | 113 | 183 | 258 | 376 | 487 | 534 | 554 | 588 | 500 | 428 | 321 | 215 | 140 | 111 | 82 | 58 |
| 31 | - | 16 | 27 | 42 | 76 | 140 | 182 | 269 | 369 | 429 | 481 | 472 | 448 | 427 | 363 | 276 | 185 | 129 | 104 | 72 |
| 32 | - | 13 | 20 | 35 | 47 | 88 | 160 | 193 | 294 | 344 | 346 | 380 | 392 | 345 | 301 | 264 | 199 | 152 | 106 | 96 |
| 33 | - | 15 | 18 | 19 | 40 | 84 | 102 | 153 | 205 | 310 | 294 | 283 | 290 | 320 | 302 | 288 | 239 | 187 | 135 | 88 |
| 34 | - | 6 | 9 | 13 | 37 | 60 | 107 | 127 | 183 | 195 | 245 | 275 | 263 | 291 | 264 | 232 | 229 | 233 | 142 | 98 |
| 35 | - | 7 | 13 | 22 | 26 | 47 | 63 | 96 | 133 | 191 | 206 | 191 | 222 | 217 | 232 | 216 | 202 | 225 | 157 | 127 |
| 36 | - | 7 | 3 | 15 | 16 | 25 | 43 | 83 | 116 | 138 | 160 | 166 | 165 | 168 | 168 | 184 | 162 | 182 | 173 | 127 |
| 37 | - | - | 6 | 6 | 13 | 33 | 26 | 47 | 70 | 102 | 113 | 125 | 147 | 122 | 163 | 146 | 152 | 184 | 123 | 135 |
| 38 | - | - | 4 | 8 | 17 | 20 | 27 | 33 | 50 | 78 | 87 | 88 | 109 | 119 | 130 | 115 | 114 | 148 | 129 | 122 |
| 39 | - | - | 4 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 30 | 48 | 51 | 69 | 78 | 87 | 92 | 100 | 109 | 113 | 106 | 122 | 132 |
| 40 | - | - | 4 | - | 9 | 17 | 14 | 30 | 34 | 43 | 36 | 50 | 66 | 82 | 71 | 81 | 91 | 79 | 89 | 96 |
| 41 | - | - | 4 | - | 5 | 8 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 31 | 48 | 45 | 61 | 58 | 75 | 57 | 78 | 76 | 79 | 95 |
| 42 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 8 | 17 | 7 | 20 | 29 | 20 | 46 | 48 | 51 | 49 | 55 | 52 | 70 | 72 | 64 |
| 43 | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | - | 8 | 10 | 21 | 25 | 24 | 29 | 32 | 53 | 37 | 39 | 59 | 59 | 71 | 56 |
| 44 | - | - | 3 | 5 | 7 | - | 8 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 16 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 47 | 37 | 54 | 48 | 61 | 54 |
| 45 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 30 | 23 | 29 | 28 | 42 | 45 | 39 | 37 | 42 |
| 46 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 8 | 8 | 12 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 36 | 28 | 20 | 40 | 39 |
| 47 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | 6 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 24 | 17 | 34 | 30 | 37 |
| 48 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 15 | 17 | 14 | 20 | 27 | 24 | 28 |
| 49 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 36 | 31 |
| 50 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | - | 4 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 19 | 24 | 31 | 24 |
| 51 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 21 |
| 52 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | - | 5 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 19 |
| 53 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
| 54 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 15 |
| 55-59 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 4 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 18 | 11 | 15 | 20 | 22 | 19 |
| 60 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 13 |
| Total brides | 94 | 1,185 | 1,850 | 3,051 | 4,670 | 6,432 | 7,597 | 8,414 | 8,789 | 8,050 | 6,811 | 5,944 | 5,036 | 4,337 | 3,712 | 3,176 | 2,717 | 2,586 | 2,181 | 1,905 |
| Proportion \% | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 |

12 AGE OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE-continued

| Age of bridegroom (years) | Age of bride (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total bridegrooms | Proportion \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | $\begin{array}{r} 50- \\ 54 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 55- \\ 59 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 60- \\ 64 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 65 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { over } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| 17 and under | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - |
| 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 193 | 0.2 |
| 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 477 | 0.4 |
| 20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,084 | 1.0 |
| 21 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,130 | 2.0 |
| 22 | 5 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,637 | 3.4 |
| 23 | 4 | 3 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,162 | 4.8 |
| 24 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 5 | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,646 | 6.2 |
| 25 | 18 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,817 | 7.3 |
| 26 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,900 | 7.4 |
| 27 | 24 | 18 | 14 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4 | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,319 | 6.9 |
| 28 | 29 | 19 | 17 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | 6,795 | 6.4 |
| 29 | 36 | 30 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,801 | 5.4 |
| 30 | 46 | 28 | 25 | 25 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 4 | - | 5 | - | 3 | - | - | - | 5,244 | 4.9 |
| 31 | 49 | 45 | 23 | 22 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 4 | - | 4 | 5 | - | 3 | - | - | - | 4,705 | 4.4 |
| 32 | 57 | 40 | 25 | 29 | 21 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 4 | - | 3 | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | 3,997 | 3.7 |
| 33 | 71 | 55 | 54 | 29 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 6 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3,659 | 3.4 |
| 34 | 97 | 68 | 47 | 32 | 30 | 18 | 14 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | - | 8 | - | - | - | 3,368 | 3.2 |
| 35 | 93 | 67 | 57 | 54 | 29 | 23 | 26 | 18 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 6 | - | 8 | - | - | - | 3,002 | 2.8 |
| 36 | 106 | 89 | 74 | 44 | 39 | 28 | 30 | 15 | 21 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 3 | - | - | 2,590 | 2.4 |
| 37 | 128 | 108 | 54 | 54 | 41 | 49 | 27 | 20 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 3 | - | - | 2,260 | 2.1 |
| 38 | 126 | 98 | 76 | 53 | 57 | 33 | 20 | 26 | 28 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 14 | - | - | - | 1,970 | 1.8 |
| 39 | 115 | 89 | 67 | 62 | 44 | 38 | 25 | 18 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 17 | - | - | - | 1,740 | 1.6 |
| 40 | 101 | 98 | 86 | 76 | 56 | 53 | 36 | 36 | 19 | 25 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 19 | - | 3 | - | 1,544 | 1.4 |
| 41 | 92 | 91 | 61 | 80 | 55 | 47 | 42 | 34 | 38 | 23 | 14 | 7 | 13 | 31 | 4 | - | - | 1,396 | 1.3 |
| 42 | 83 | 77 | 67 | 71 | 61 | 56 | 54 | 40 | 30 | 24 | 21 | 12 | 12 | 33 | 6 | - | - | 1,261 | 1.2 |
| 43 | 58 | 60 | 70 | 66 | 64 | 56 | 59 | 39 | 37 | 37 | 20 | 23 | 11 | 35 | 4 | - | - | 1,173 | 1.1 |
| 44 | 47 | 68 | 46 | 72 | 50 | 50 | 51 | 49 | 43 | 39 | 31 | 29 | 24 | 43 | 10 | - | - | 1,118 | 1.0 |
| 45 | 37 | 42 | 51 | 56 | 53 | 65 | 65 | 51 | 51 | 43 | 30 | 24 | 18 | 62 | 15 | - | - | 1,036 | 1.0 |
| 46 | 42 | 44 | 36 | 55 | 59 | 62 | 54 | 59 | 48 | 37 | 39 | 50 | 39 | 50 | 13 | 3 | - | 989 | 0.9 |
| 47 | 29 | 42 | 32 | 51 | 43 | 53 | 46 | 59 | 52 | 54 | 39 | 40 | 23 | 94 | 12 | 4 | - | 929 | 0.9 |
| 48 | 21 | 32 | 34 | 48 | 51 | 42 | 47 | 58 | 57 | 64 | 44 | 41 | 44 | 98 | 17 | 4 | - | 904 | 0.8 |
| 49 | 29 | 26 | 32 | 35 | 35 | 45 | 45 | 43 | 60 | 43 | 55 | 50 | 38 | 114 | 31 | 7 | - | 890 | 0.8 |
| 50 | 20 | 27 | 31 | 30 | 36 | 46 | 38 | 34 | 46 | 67 | 61 | 54 | 53 | 141 | 37 | 6 | 4 | 908 | 0.9 |
| 51 | 27 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 26 | 30 | 31 | 35 | 41 | 46 | 30 | 44 | 46 | 128 | 39 | 10 | 5 | 709 | 0.7 |
| 52 | 11 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 33 | 24 | 23 | 28 | 26 | 46 | 30 | 40 | 47 | 144 | 29 | 8 | 3 | 643 | 0.6 |
| 53 | 7 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 29 | 14 | 27 | 22 | 26 | 33 | 31 | 28 | 30 | 149 | 48 | 9 | - | 575 | 0.5 |
| 54 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 16 | 22 | 22 | 35 | 22 | 22 | 26 | 140 | 45 | 13 | 3 | 509 | 0.5 |
| 55-59 | 36 | 30 | 31 | 45 | 46 | 39 | 44 | 57 | 69 | 72 | 86 | 97 | 107 | 494 | 277 | 100 | 28 | 1,825 | 1.7 |
| 60 and over | 15 | 11 | 27 | 14 | 17 | 27 | 36 | 35 | 33 | 51 | 53 | 57 | 97 | 433 | 493 | 481 | 859 | 2,825 | 2.6 |
| Total brides | 1,692 | 1,504 | 1,242 | 1,217 | 1,079 | 995 | 917 | 862 | 837 | 824 | 702 | 691 | 679 | 2,293 | 1,096 | 656 | 912 | 106,735 | 100.0 |
| Proportion \% | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | . |


| Age (years) | Bridegroom |  |  |  | Bride |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 17 and under | 5 | - | - | 5 | 94 | - | - | 94 |
| 18 | 192 | - | - | 193 | 1,185 | - | - | 1,185 |
| 19 | 477 | - | - | 477 | 1,848 | - | - | 1,850 |
| 20 | 1,083 | - | - | 1,084 | 3,043 | - | 8 | 3,051 |
| 21 | 2,124 | - | 6 | 2,130 | 4,648 | - | 22 | 4,670 |
| 22 | 3,627 | - | 10 | 3,637 | 6,360 | - | 71 | 6,432 |
| 23 | 5,135 | - | 26 | 5,162 | 7,492 | - | 104 | 7,597 |
| 24 | 6,596 | - | 50 | 6,646 | 8,222 | 4 | 188 | 8,414 |
| 25 | 7,721 | 3 | 93 | 7,817 | 8,487 | 11 | 291 | 8,789 |
| 26 | 7,720 | 3 | 177 | 7,900 | 7,557 | 14 | 479 | 8,050 |
| 27 | 7,034 | - | 283 | 7,319 | 6,218 | 18 | 575 | 6,811 |
| 28 | 6,386 | 7 | 402 | 6,795 | 5,185 | 14 | 745 | 5,944 |
| 29 | 5,325 | 7 | 469 | 5,801 | 4,205 | 17 | 814 | 5,036 |
| 30 | 4,622 | 6 | 616 | 5,244 | 3,402 | 27 | 908 | 4,337 |
| 31 | 3,992 | 15 | 698 | 4,705 | 2,717 | 28 | 967 | 3,712 |
| 32 | 3,209 | 12 | 776 | 3,997 | 2,150 | 29 | 997 | 3,176 |
| 33 | 2,774 | 10 | 875 | 3,659 | 1,710 | 33 | 974 | 2,717 |
| 34 | 2,425 | 13 | 930 | 3,368 | 1,442 | 43 | 1,101 | 2,586 |
| 35 | 1,985 | 23 | 994 | 3,002 | 1,129 | 36 | 1,016 | 2,181 |
| 36 | 1,535 | 12 | 1,043 | 2,590 | 880 | 36 | 989 | 1,905 |
| 37 | 1,245 | 18 | 997 | 2,260 | 746 | 47 | 899 | 1,692 |
| 38 | 966 | 22 | 982 | 1,970 | 545 | 45 | 914 | 1,504 |
| 39 | 792 | 22 | 926 | 1,740 | 409 | 34 | 799 | 1,242 |
| 40 | 642 | 25 | 877 | 1,544 | 386 | 45 | 786 | 1,217 |
| 41 | 509 | 18 | 869 | 1,396 | 278 | 36 | 765 | 1,079 |
| 42 | 412 | 30 | 819 | 1,261 | 199 | 52 | 744 | 995 |
| 43 | 342 | 37 | 794 | 1,173 | 175 | 51 | 691 | 917 |
| 44 | 270 | 32 | 816 | 1,118 | 123 | 55 | 684 | 862 |
| 45 | 240 | 32 | 764 | 1,036 | 125 | 62 | 650 | 837 |
| 46 | 179 | 31 | 779 | 989 | 98 | 66 | 660 | 824 |
| 47 | 138 | 36 | 755 | 929 | 94 | 48 | 560 | 702 |
| 48 | 96 | 34 | 774 | 904 | 62 | 66 | 563 | 691 |
| 49 | 91 | 51 | 748 | 890 | 63 | 59 | 557 | 679 |
| 50 | 100 | 41 | 767 | 908 | 56 | 92 | 565 | 713 |
| 51 | 59 | 52 | 598 | 709 | 28 | 67 | 384 | 479 |
| 52 | 53 | 53 | 537 | 643 | 34 | 57 | 301 | 392 |
| 53 | 48 | 58 | 469 | 575 | 23 | 65 | 307 | 395 |
| 54 | 48 | 48 | 413 | 509 | 19 | 67 | 228 | 314 |
| 55 | 34 | 52 | 369 | 455 | 24 | 62 | 208 | 294 |
| 56 | 44 | 53 | 318 | 415 | 11 | 50 | 167 | 228 |
| 57 | 19 | 59 | 285 | 363 | 12 | 62 | 143 | 217 |
| 58 | 16 | 59 | 239 | 314 | 11 | 56 | 113 | 180 |
| 59 | 22 | 44 | 212 | 278 | - | 59 | 116 | 177 |
| 60 | 14 | 60 | 201 | 275 | 8 | 60 | 80 | 148 |
| 61 | 20 | 58 | 169 | 247 | 5 | 66 | 75 | 146 |
| 62 | 11 | 57 | 129 | 197 | 9 | 58 | 58 | 125 |
| 63 | 9 | 53 | 128 | 190 | - | 55 | 65 | 121 |
| 64 | 14 | 58 | 103 | 175 | 7 | 61 | 48 | 116 |
| 65 | 11 | 69 | 114 | 194 | 5 | 58 | 38 | 101 |
| 66 | 10 | 81 | 86 | 177 | 4 | 56 | 28 | 88 |
| 67 | 6 | 68 | 76 | 150 | - | 63 | 27 | 92 |
| 68 | 6 | 72 | 65 | 143 | 4 | 41 | 31 | 76 |
| 69 | 8 | 70 | 52 | 130 | 4 | 43 | 19 | 66 |
| 70 | 9 | 75 | 48 | 132 | 3 | 32 | 25 | 60 |
| 71 | 8 | 75 | 34 | 117 | - | 46 | 18 | 66 |
| 72 | 5 | 64 | 30 | 99 | 4 | 35 | 17 | 56 |
| 73 | - | 50 | 30 | 82 | 3 | 34 | 13 | 50 |
| 74 | - | 43 | 21 | 66 | - | 36 | 8 | 45 |
| 75 and over | 16 | 338 | 97 | 451 | 7 | 176 | 29 | 212 |
| Total | 80,483 | 2,312 | 23,940 | 106,735 | 81,566 | 2,535 | 22,634 | 106,735 |

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CHAPTER 2 - MARRIAGES
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| Country of birth | Bridegroom born in country shown and bride born in |  |  |  | Bride born in country shown and bridegroom born in |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Australia | Same overseas country | Different overseas country | Total | Australia | Same overseas country | Different overseas country | Total |
| Oceania and Antarctica |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australia | 69,000 | - | 11,265 | 80,265 | 69,000 | - | 13,050 | 82,050 |
| Fiji | 79 | 163 | 51 | 293 | 110 | 163 | 86 | 359 |
| New Zealand | 1,851 | 437 | 488 | 2,776 | 1,414 | 437 | 412 | 2,263 |
| Papua New Guinea | 191 | 11 | 43 | 245 | 226 | 11 | 53 | 290 |
| Other | 124 | 178 | 68 | 370 | 75 | 178 | 66 | 319 |
| Total | 71,245 | 789 | 11,915 | 83,949 | 70,825 | 789 | 13,667 | 85,281 |
| Europe and Former USSR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Austria | 70 | 16 | 36 | 122 | 57 | 16 | 34 | 107 |
| Former Czechoslovakia | 36 | 32 | 27 | 95 | 44 | 32 | 21 | 97 |
| Cyprus | 71 | 15 | 20 | 106 | 42 | 15 | 27 | 84 |
| Denmark | 49 | 14 | 26 | 89 | 40 | 14 | 14 | 68 |
| Former USSR and Baltic States | 26 | 152 | 32 | 210 | 120 | 152 | 104 | 376 |
| Former Yugoslav Republics | 386 | 298 | 130 | 814 | 237 | 298 | 86 | 621 |
| France | 98 | 14 | 49 | 161 | 77 | 14 | 32 | 123 |
| Germany | 359 | 154 | 177 | 690 | 278 | 154 | 159 | 591 |
| Greece | 197 | 62 | 70 | 329 | 107 | 62 | 39 | 208 |
| Hungary | 35 | 29 | 39 | 103 | 31 | 29 | 23 | 83 |
| Ireland | 182 | 23 | 80 | 285 | 112 | 23 | 61 | 196 |
| Italy | 350 | 94 | 152 | 596 | 159 | 94 | 74 | 327 |
| Malta | 113 | 14 | 60 | 187 | 59 | 14 | 28 | 101 |
| Netherlands | 267 | 49 | 114 | 430 | 217 | 49 | 77 | 343 |
| Poland | 80 | 129 | 51 | 260 | 99 | 129 | 69 | 297 |
| Portugal | 67 | 28 | 19 | 114 | 30 | 28 | 25 | 83 |
| Romania | 16 | 57 | 26 | 99 | 19 | 57 | 25 | 101 |
| Spain | 53 | 8 | 39 | 100 | 44 | 8 | 22 | 74 |
| Switzerland | 45 | 30 | 31 | 106 | 49 | 30 | 15 | 94 |
| United Kingdom | 4,973 | 1,451 | 1,046 | 7,470 | 3,719 | 1,451 | 642 | 5,812 |
| Other | 107 | 47 | 73 | 227 | 105 | 47 | 52 | 204 |
| Total | 7,580 | 2,716 | 2,297 | 12,593 | 5,645 | 2,716 | 1,629 | 9,990 |
| Middle East and North Africa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Egypt | 69 | 47 | 56 | 172 | 28 | 47 | 26 | 101 |
| Iran | 28 | 56 | 43 | 127 | 13 | 56 | 28 | 97 |
| Israel | 44 | 13 | 35 | 92 | 30 | 13 | 18 | 61 |
| Lebanon | 359 | 231 | 81 | 671 | 111 | 231 | 89 | 431 |
| Syria | 25 | 9 | 26 | 60 | 11 | 9 | 23 | 43 |
| Turkey | 117 | 88 | 35 | 240 | 36 | 88 | 24 | 148 |
| Other | 94 | 152 | 104 | 350 | 40 | 152 | 68 | 260 |
| Total | 736 | 596 | 380 | 1,712 | 269 | 596 | 276 | 1,141 |
| Southeast Asia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cambodia | 6 | 150 | 56 | 212 | 26 | 150 | 66 | 242 |
| Indonesia | 79 | 207 | 63 | 349 | 166 | 207 | 149 | 522 |
| Laos | 4 | 53 | 39 | 96 | 10 | 53 | 38 | 101 |
| Malaysia | 156 | 120 | 162 | 438 | 234 | 120 | 191 | 545 |
| Philippines | 101 | 436 | 41 | 578 | 623 | 436 | 375 | 1,434 |
| Singapore | 97 | 30 | 71 | 198 | 118 | 30 | 101 | 249 |
| Thailand | 12 | 54 | 17 | 83 | 194 | 54 | 135 | 383 |
| Viet Nam | 40 | 962 | 139 | 1,141 | 96 | 962 | 196 | 1,254 |
| Other | 27 | 32 | 20 | 79 | 31 | 32 | 37 | 100 |
| Total | 522 | 2,044 | 608 | 3,174 | 1,498 | 2,044 | 1,288 | 4,830 |
| Northeast Asia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| China | 33 | 676 | 201 | 910 | 186 | 676 | 284 | 1,146 |
| Hong Kong | 42 | 195 | 155 | 392 | 92 | 195 | 156 | 443 |
| Japan | 37 | 87 | 16 | 140 | 213 | 87 | 128 | 428 |
| Korea | 6 | 164 | 26 | 196 | 47 | 164 | 44 | 255 |
| Other | 4 | 35 | 40 | 79 | 33 | 35 | 56 | 124 |
| Total | 122 | 1,157 | 438 | 1,717 | 571 | 1,157 | 668 | 2,396 |


| Country of birth | Bridegroom born in country shown and bride born in |  |  |  | Bride born in country shown and bridegroom born in |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Australia | Same overseas country | Different overseas country | Total | Australia | Same overseas country | Different overseas country | Total |
| Southern Asia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| India | 173 | 136 | 108 | 417 | 99 | 136 | 89 | 324 |
| Pakistan | 31 | 20 | 56 | 107 | 6 | 20 | 13 | 39 |
| Sri Lanka | 93 | 123 | 58 | 274 | 79 | 123 | 48 | 250 |
| Other | 22 | 68 | 24 | 114 | 8 | 68 | 10 | 86 |
| Total | 319 | 347 | 246 | 912 | 192 | 347 | 160 | 699 |
| The Americas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Argentina | 43 | 18 | 32 | 93 | 47 | 18 | 38 | 103 |
| Canada | 244 | 26 | 68 | 338 | 184 | 26 | 64 | 274 |
| Caribbean | 19 | - | 14 | 35 | 20 | - | 10 | 32 |
| Central America | 28 | 40 | 32 | 100 | 32 | 40 | 32 | 104 |
| Chile | 74 | 62 | 62 | 198 | 69 | 62 | 75 | 206 |
| United States of America | 463 | 58 | 172 | 693 | 365 | 58 | 120 | 543 |
| Uruguay | 44 | 16 | 22 | 82 | 37 | 16 | 33 | 86 |
| Other | 65 | 51 | 67 | 183 | 76 | 51 | 85 | 212 |
| Total | 980 | 273 | 469 | 1,722 | 830 | 273 | 457 | 1,560 |
| Africa (excluding North Africa) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kenya | 31 | 3 | 13 | 47 | 30 | 3 | 13 | 46 |
| Mauritius | 44 | 26 | 25 | 95 | 48 | 26 | 30 | 104 |
| South Africa | 299 | 61 | 96 | 456 | 217 | 61 | 99 | 377 |
| Zimbabwe | 56 | 4 | 25 | 85 | 76 | 4 | 21 | 101 |
| Other | 115 | 92 | 65 | 272 | 63 | 92 | 53 | 208 |
| Total | 545 | 186 | 224 | 955 | 434 | 186 | 216 | 836 |
| Other and not stated | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 82,050 | 8,108 | 16,577 | 106,735 | 80,265 | 8,108 | 18,362 | 106,735 |

15 SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE

|  | Country of birth of bridegroom |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Australia | China | Germany | Greece | Hong Kong | Italy | India | Lebanon | Malaysia | New <br> Zealand | Philippines | South Africa | UK and Ireland | USA | Viet Nam |
| Marriages registered | 80,265 | 910 | 690 | 329 | 392 | 596 | 417 | 671 | 438 | 2,776 | 578 | 456 | 7,755 | 693 | 1,141 |
| Population '000(b) | 7046.7 | 63.2 | 59.3 | 72.3 | 38.8 | 136.9 | 46.8 | 40.7 | 43.2 | 166.6 | 37.1 | 31.7 | 613.9 | 29.9 | 83.0 |
| Marriage rate(c) | 11.4 | 14.4 | 11.6 | 4.5 | 10.1 | 4.4 | 8.9 | 16.5 | 10.1 | 16.7 | 15.6 | 14.4 | 12.6 | 23.2 | 13.7 |
| Marriages performed by- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 45,011 | 76 | 190 | 205 | 102 | 299 | 170 | 551 | 178 | 1,093 | 211 | 270 | 2,853 | 312 | 383 |
| Per cent | 56.1 | 8.4 | 27.5 | 62.3 | 26.0 | 50.2 | 40.8 | 82.1 | 40.6 | 39.4 | 36.5 | 59.2 | 36.8 | 45.0 | 33.6 |
| Civil celebrants- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 35,254 | 834 | 500 | 124 | 290 | 297 | 247 | 120 | 260 | 1,683 | 367 | 186 | 4,902 | 381 | 758 |
| Per cent | 43.9 | 91.6 | 72.5 | 37.7 | 74.0 | 49.8 | 59.2 | 17.9 | 59.4 | 60.6 | 63.5 | 40.8 | 63.2 | 55.0 | 66.4 |
| Bridegrooms born in country shown marrying brides born in-Australia- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 69,000 | 33 | 359 | 197 | 42 | 350 | 173 | 359 | 156 | 1,851 | 101 | 299 | 5,155 | 463 | 40 |
| Per cent | 86.0 | 3.6 | 52.0 | 59.9 | 10.7 | 58.7 | 41.5 | 53.5 | 35.6 | 66.7 | 17.5 | 65.6 | 66.5 | 66.8 | 3.5 |
| Same overseas country- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | . | 676 | 154 | 62 | 195 | 94 | 136 | 231 | 120 | 437 | 436 | 61 | 1,540 | 58 | 962 |
| Per cent | . | 74.3 | 22.3 | 18.8 | 49.7 | 15.8 | 32.6 | 34.4 | 27.4 | 15.7 | 75.4 | 13.4 | 19.9 | 8.4 | 84.3 |
| Other overseas countries- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 11,265 | 201 | 177 | 70 | 155 | 152 | 108 | 81 | 162 | 488 | 41 | 96 | 1,060 | 172 | 139 |
| Per cent | 14.0 | 22.1 | 25.7 | 21.3 | 39.5 | 25.5 | 25.9 | 12.1 | 37.0 | 17.6 | 7.1 | 21.1 | 13.7 | 24.8 | 12.2 |
| Marital status at marriage (number)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 62,545 | 593 | 389 | 179 | 323 | 304 | 299 | 520 | 354 | 1,998 | 475 | 356 | 4,559 | 463 | 980 |
| Widowed | 1,479 | 27 | 27 | 20 | 3 | 56 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 42 | 13 | 9 | 328 | 14 | 9 |
| Divorced | 16,241 | 290 | 274 | 130 | 66 | 236 | 109 | 147 | 78 | 736 | 90 | 91 | 2,868 | 216 | 152 |
| Total | 80,265 | 910 | 690 | 329 | 392 | 596 | 417 | 671 | 438 | 2,776 | 578 | 456 | 7,755 | 693 | 1,141 |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 27.4 | 32.3 | 31.5 | 30.2 | 29.9 | 31.2 | 28.6 | 26.9 | 28.4 | 29.2 | 27.8 | 27.3 | 30.4 | 29.3 | 28.6 |
| Widowed | 62.6 | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | 62.4 | (d) | (d) |
| Divorced | 41.4 | 39.3 | 48.4 | 44.1 | (d) | 47.4 | 41.8 | 36.0 | (d) | 41.9 | (d) | (d) | 44.0 | 41.9 | 36.6 |
| Total | 29.0 | 34.3 | 36.1 | 36.8 | 31.3 | 38.1 | 31.2 | 28.2 | 29.7 | 31.5 | 28.9 | 28.5 | 34.3 | 32.2 | 29.4 |
| Median duration of residence (years) | . | 7.4 | 16.6 | 27.1 | 8.4 | 28.8 | 9.0 | 10.1 | 15.1 | 10.8 | 6.0 | 13.2 | 21.5 | 1.1 | 12.0 |

15 SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE-continued

|  | Country of birth of bride |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Australia | China | Germany | Greece | Hong <br> Kong | Italy | India | Lebanon | Malaysia | New Zealand | Philippines | South Africa | UK and Ireland | U.S.A. | Viet Nam |
| Marriages registered | 82,050 | 1,146 | 591 | 208 | 443 | 327 | 324 | 431 | 545 | 2,263 | 1,434 | 377 | 6,008 | 543 | 1,254 |
| Population '000(b) | 7162.9 | 67.0 | 62.2 | 69.4 | 40.0 | 119.8 | 43.2 | 37.0 | 47.5 | 158.9 | 67.6 | 32.6 | 600.2 | 26.7 | 82.4 |
| Marriage rate(c) | 11.5 | 17.1 | 9.5 | 3.0 | 11.1 | 2.7 | 7.5 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 14.2 | 21.2 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 20.3 | 15.2 |
| Marriages performed by- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 46,631 | 100 | 136 | 137 | 108 | 171 | 148 | 344 | 227 | 933 | 429 | 214 | 2,030 | 190 | 415 |
| Per cent | 56.8 | 8.7 | 23.0 | 65.9 | 24.4 | 52.3 | 45.7 | 79.8 | 41.7 | 41.2 | 29.9 | 56.8 | 33.8 | 35.0 | 33.1 |
| Civil celebrants- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 35,419 | 1,046 | 455 | 71 | 335 | 156 | 176 | 87 | 318 | 1,330 | 1,005 | 163 | 3,978 | 353 | 839 |
| Per cent | 43.2 | 91.3 | 77.0 | 34.1 | 75.6 | 47.7 | 54.3 | 20.2 | 58.3 | 58.8 | 70.1 | 43.2 | 66.2 | 65.0 | 66.9 |
| Brides born in country shown marrying bridegrooms born in-Australia- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 69,000 | 186 | 278 | 107 | 92 | 159 | 99 | 111 | 234 | 1,414 | 623 | 217 | 3,831 | 365 | 96 |
| Per cent | 84.1 | 16.2 | 47.0 | 51.4 | 20.8 | 48.6 | 30.6 | 25.8 | 42.9 | 62.5 | 43.4 | 57.6 | 63.8 | 67.2 | 7.7 |
| Same overseas country- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | . | 676 | 154 | 62 | 195 | 94 | 136 | 231 | 120 | 437 | 436 | 61 | 1,540 | 58 | 962 |
| Per cent | . | 59.0 | 26.1 | 29.8 | 44.0 | 28.7 | 42.0 | 53.6 | 22.0 | 19.3 | 30.4 | 16.2 | 25.6 | 10.7 | 76.7 |
| Other overseas countries- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 13,050 | 284 | 159 | 39 | 156 | 74 | 89 | 89 | 191 | 412 | 375 | 99 | 637 | 120 | 196 |
| Per cent | 15.9 | 24.8 | 26.9 | 18.8 | 35.2 | 22.6 | 27.5 | 20.6 | 35.0 | 18.2 | 26.2 | 26.3 | 10.6 | 22.1 | 15.6 |
| Marital status at marriage (number)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 64,929 | 685 | 364 | 111 | 370 | 176 | 206 | 312 | 435 | 1,648 | 1,003 | 270 | 3,317 | 340 | 1,108 |
| Widowed | 1,592 | 29 | 29 | 14 | - | 32 | 16 | 13 | 9 | 34 | 105 | 12 | 273 | 7 | 17 |
| Divorced | 15,529 | 432 | 198 | 83 | 71 | 119 | 102 | 106 | 101 | 581 | 326 | 95 | 2,418 | 196 | 129 |
| Total | 82,050 | 1,146 | 591 | 208 | 443 | 327 | 324 | 431 | 545 | 2,263 | 1,434 | 377 | 6,008 | 543 | 1,254 |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 25.7 | 28.9 | 29.4 | 28.4 | 27.9 | 29.9 | 27.4 | 23.2 | 27.3 | 27.0 | 28.9 | 25.9 | 28.6 | 27.7 | 26.2 |
| Widowed | 54.7 | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | 49.0 | (d) | 58.9 | (d) | (d) |
| Divorced | 37.9 | 36.1 | 42.8 | (d) | (d) | 43.3 | 39.1 | 32.1 | 38.2 | 38.6 | 38.9 | (d) | 40.2 | 38.8 | 33.0 |
| Total | 26.9 | 32.2 | 32.1 | 33.2 | 29.0 | 35.7 | 30.0 | 25.7 | 28.5 | 29.3 | 31.7 | 27.5 | 32.6 | 30.6 | 26.6 |
| Median duration of residence (years) | . | 2.3 | 10.6 | 26.1 | 6.5 | 27.5 | 8.9 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 2.7 | 11.9 | 21.3 | 1.4 | 7.7 |

[^2]There were 51,300 divorces granted in Australia in 1997. The 1997 figure was a decrease of $2 \%$ on the number of divorces granted in 1996, but an increase of $29 \%$ on the number granted in 1987. This compares with a 10\% increase between 1987 and 1997 in the married population (i.e. the population at risk of divorce).

DIVORCES GRANTED


The divorce rate for the currently married population continued in an upward trend. In 1997, 12.5 men and women per 1,000 currently married men and women divorced compared to 10.6 men and women in 1987.

DIVORCE RATES(a), Married Population

(a) Per 1,000 currently married men or women.
(b) Family Law Act introduced 1976.

The crude divorce rate (the number of divorces per 1,000 population) in 1997 was 2.8 per 1,000 . This is a slight decrease on the rate recorded in 1996 ( 2.9 per 1,000 ), but a higher rate than in 1987 when the crude divorce rate was 2.4 per 1,000 population.

The median age at divorce (the age at which there are as many divorcing above the age as there are divorcing below it) for both men and women continued to rise in 1997. The median age at divorce for men was 40.3 years and for women 37.6 years. This was a rise of 2.8 years for men and 2.9 years for women, from 37.5 years and 34.7 years respectively, in 1987. The rise in the median age at divorce is probably associated with the increase in the age of marriage (shown in chapter 2).

MEDIAN AGE AT DIVORCE


Age-specific divorce rates of married people increased in all age groups for both men and women between 1987 and 1997.

During this period the age-specific divorce rates for men divorcing, for the peak age groups 25-29 and 30-34 years, increased from 18.7 per 1,000 to 21.3 per 1,000, and 17.8 per 1,000 to 21.6 per 1,000 , respectively.

AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES(a), Married Population - Men

(a) Per 1,000 married men.

For women the pattern was similar with the peak age group, 25-29 years, increasing from 18.9 per 1,000 married women to 23 per 1,000.

AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES(a), Married Population-Women

(a) Per 1,000 married women.

Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of marriage and the date the divorce was made absolute. Of the divorces occurring in 1997, the median duration of marriage was 11.1 years. Between 1987 and 1997 the median duration of marriage fluctuated between 10.2 and 11.1 years. Similarly, the median duration of marriage to the time the parties separated also fluctuated over this ten-year period, ranging from 7.4 years in 1987 to 7.7 years in 1997. On the other hand, the interval between final separation and the date the divorce was made absolute increased from 2.8 years in 1987 to 3.3 years in 1997.

Of the couples who divorced in 1997, $37 \%$ separated within the first five years of marriage and a further $22 \%$ separated in the next five years. The most common single interval between marriage and separation was between two and three years (8.5\%).

INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FINAL SEPARATION


Since 1984, when joint applications became available, the number of joint applications for divorce has been increasing. In 1997, 20\% of divorces were the result of a joint application by both husband and wife, compared with $10 \%$ ten years ago. However, most applications are still lodged singly, with $49 \%$ being lodged by wives and $31 \%$ by husbands in 1997.

APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE


CHILDREN OF DIVORCING PARTNERS
Over the past 10 years the number of divorces granted where children have been involved has fallen. In 1987, 59\% of divorces involved children under 18 years. By 1997 this percentage was $54 \%$. This is consistent with the decline in fertility and the increase in the number of ex-nuptial births.

Of the divorces granted in 1997, where children under 18 years were involved, the duration of marriage of $15-19$ years had the highest number of children at 2.2 children per divorce. The average number of children for all divorces was 1.9 children.

Wives are more likely to apply for divorce than husbands. This difference was most marked when children were present. In $58 \%$ of divorces where children were involved in 1997, the wife was the applicant, compared with only $29 \%$ for husbands. In divorces where children were involved the proportions where the wife was the applicant remained similar between 1987 and 1997. However, the proportions where the husband was the applicant declined while the proportions of joint applications increased.
$\qquad$

| APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE, Children Involved |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1987.............................. |  |  |  | 1997. |  |  |  |
|  | With children........ |  | Without children.... |  | With children....... |  | Without children... |  |
| Applicant | no. | \% | no. | \% | no. | \% | no. | \% |
| Husband | 8658 | 37.2 | 6513 | 39.6 | 8163 | 29.5 | 7824 | 33.2 |
| Wife | 12999 | 55.8 | 7750 | 47.2 | 15945 | 57.6 | 9096 | 38.6 |
| Joint | 1632 | 7.0 | 2169 | 13.2 | 3586 | 12.9 | 6674 | 28.3 |
| Total(a) | 23289 | 100.0 | 16432 | 100.0 | 27694 | 100.0 | 23594 | 100.0 |

(a) Excludes not stated in 1987.

## BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES DIVORCING

Of the divorces granted in Australia in 1997, 57\% were divorces where both parties were born in Australia ( $59 \%$ in 1987), $13 \%$ were divorces of couples born in the same overseas country ( $12 \%$ in 1987) and $30 \%$ were divorces between men and women who had chosen partners from a different country ( $29 \%$ in 1987). Of this last group, $44 \%$ were overseas-born men divorcing Australian-born women while a further $36 \%$ were overseas-born women divorcing Australian-born men. The 1987 comparisons were $46 \%$ and $34 \%$, respectively.

## Divorce rates

Divorce rates for Australian-born and overseas-born varied in 1997. When comparing these rates, it should be remembered that the total number of divorces granted for persons born in some selected countries is small, and that the age structure of birthplace groups is varied.

Of the overseas-born communities selected for comparison, Chinese-born had the highest divorce rates in the Australian population (13.8 and 14.5 per 1,000 Chinese-born men and women, respectively). Men born in Hong Kong had the lowest rate at 3.7 per 1,000, while Italian-born women had the lowest rate for women at 2.6 per 1,000. Comparative divorce rates for Australian-born men and women were 4.9 and 5.0 per 1,000, respectively.

Birthplace relationship
Vietnamese-born men and women had the highest percentage of divorces where both partners were born in the same country. Of Vietnamese-born men who divorced in 1997, 87\% divorced Vietnamese-born women, while of Vietnamese-born women who divorced in 1997, $90 \%$ divorced Vietnamese-born men. The lowest percentages for the countries selected for comparison were for men and women born in the United States of America ( $12 \%$ for men and $13 \%$ for women). The percentage of Australian-born men who divorced Australian-born women was $84 \%$, while $81 \%$ of all Australian-born women divorcing, divorced Australian-born men.

MEN AND WOMEN DIVORCING PARTNERS FROM THE SAME BIRTHPLACE


16 SUMMARY(a)

|  | $N S W(b)$ | Vic. | Qld(b) | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T$ | $A C T(b)$ | Australia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Divorces granted | 14,655 | 12,463 | 11,744 | 4,115 | 5,046 | 1,321 | 416 | 1,528 | 51,288 |
| Crude divorce rate | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.2 | (b) | 2.8 |
| Median duration of marriage (years) | 10.0 | 11.0 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.1 |
| Median interval between marriage and final separation (years) | 6.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.7 |
| Divorces involving children- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 7,520 | 6,661 | 6,539 | 2,327 | 2,717 | 831 | 233 | 866 | 27,694 |
| Percentage of total divorces | 51.3 | 53.4 | 55.7 | 56.5 | 53.8 | 62.9 | 56.0 | 56.7 | 54.0 |
| Average issue | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Applicant- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband | 4,654 | 3,980 | 3,708 | 1,267 | 1,379 | 405 | 130 | 464 | 15,987 |
| Wife | 7,045 | 6,001 | 6,014 | 2,178 | 2,177 | 753 | 167 | 706 | 25,041 |
| Joint | 2,956 | 2,482 | 2,022 | 670 | 1,490 | 163 | 119 | 358 | 10,260 |
| HUSBAND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age-specific divorce rates- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 and under | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.7 | (b) | 0.7 |
| 25-29 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 8.4 | 3.4 | (b) | 7.4 |
| 30-34 | 11.6 | 13.1 | 15.3 | 12.9 | 11.6 | 13.5 | 8.2 | (b) | 12.9 |
| 35-39 | 11.2 | 13.0 | 16.1 | 14.0 | 13.1 | 15.0 | 7.9 | (b) | 13.2 |
| 40-44 | 10.0 | 12.7 | 15.7 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 10.6 | (b) | 12.6 |
| 45-49 | 9.0 | 10.7 | 14.5 | 10.6 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 10.9 | (b) | 11.1 |
| 50-54 | 7.2 | 8.5 | 11.5 | 9.1 | 9.8 | 8.9 | 9.0 | (b) | 8.9 |
| 55 and over | 2.4 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 3.4 | (b) | 3.1 |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| at marriage | 26.2 | 25.7 | 25.7 | 25.5 | 25.9 | 25.4 | 26.5 | 25.7 | 25.8 |
| at final separation | $36.4$ | 36.9 | 37.5 | 37.4 | 37.6 | 37.0 | 37.6 | 37.2 | 37.0 |
| at decree made absolute | 39.6 | 40.1 | 41.0 | 40.5 | 41.3 | 40.3 | 41.4 | 40.3 | 40.3 |
| WIFE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age-specific divorce rates- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 and under | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | (b) | 1.8 |
| $25-29$ | 10.5 | 10.8 | 13.6 | 12.2 | 10.7 | 12.7 | 7.3 | (b) | 11.4 |
| $30-34$ | 12.2 | 14.1 | 17.0 | 13.5 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 8.8 | (b) | 14.0 |
| 35-39 | 10.9 | 13.0 | 16.7 | 14.3 | 13.2 | 15.6 | 9.6 | (b) | 13.3 |
| 40-44 | 9.6 | 11.4 | 15.0 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 13.1 | (b) | 11.7 |
| $45-49$ | 7.7 | 8.9 | 12.2 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 9.3 | 9.4 | (b) | 9.4 |
| 50-54 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 5.9 | (b) | 6.9 |
| 55 and over | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | (b) | 1.5 |
| Median age (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| at marriage | 23.6 | 23.3 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.1 | 23.2 | 23.4 | 23.2 | 23.3 |
| at final separation | 33.8 | 34.1 | 34.6 | 34.7 | 34.9 | 34.7 | 34.2 | 34.3 | 34.3 |
| at decree made absolute | 36.8 | 37.4 | 38.1 | 37.9 | 38.4 | 38.0 | 38.6 | 37.4 | 37.6 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) See paragraph 16 of Explanatory Notes.

17 DIVORCES GRANTED

| Selected years | NSW $(a)$ | Vic. | Qld $(a)$ | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T$ | ACT $(a)$ | Aust. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1977 | 15,781 | 10,851 | 7,293 | 4,419 | 3,975 | 1,134 | 345 | 1,352 | 45,150 |
| 1982 | 14,378 | 11,266 | 6,770 | 4,526 | 3,842 | 1,391 | 369 | 1,546 | 44,088 |
| 1987 | 12,044 | 9,626 | 6,918 | 4,050 | 4,044 | 1,115 | 328 | 1,600 | 39,725 |
| 1992 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1993 | 13,949 | 10,533 | 8,984 | 4,074 | 4,540 | 1,365 | 409 | 1,875 | 45,729 |
| 1994 | 14,753 | 11,050 | 9,935 | 4,063 | 4,654 | 1,465 | 382 | 2,061 | 48,363 |
| 1995 | 13,999 | 11,320 | 9,762 | 4,192 | 5,024 | 1,544 | 400 | 2,071 | 48,312 |
| 1996 | 14,945 | 11,838 | 10,192 | 4,199 | 5,040 | 1,279 | 432 | 1,787 | 49,712 |
| 1997 | 15,984 | 12,491 | 10,996 | 4,358 | 4,959 | 1,582 | 486 | 1,610 | 52,466 |

(a) See paragraph 16 of Explanatory Notes.

18 CRUDE DIVORCE RATES(a)

| Selected years | NSW $(b)$ | Vic. | Qld $(b)$ | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1977 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.3 | (b) |
| 1982 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | (b) |
| 1987 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.1 | (b) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1992 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.4 | (b) |
| 1993 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.2 | (b) |
| 1994 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | (b) |
| 1995 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.4 | (b) |
| 1996 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.7 | (b) |
| 1997 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.2 | (b) |

(a) Per 1,000 population. (b) See paragraph 16 of Explanatory Notes.

19 AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES(a)

| Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Selected years | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \text { and } \\ \text { under }(b) \end{array}$ | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 and over |  |
| HUSBAND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 17.9 | 31.6 | 28.9 | 24.0 | 21.2 | 18.6 | 15.0 | 11.1 | 5.0 | 18.9 |
| 1982 | 13.5 | 22.9 | 20.6 | 17.2 | 14.9 | 11.6 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 2.3 | 12.5 |
| 1987 | 11.7 | 18.7 | 17.8 | 15.1 | 13.1 | 10.8 | 7.9 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 10.6 |
| 1992 | 10.7 | 19.7 | 19.4 | 17.3 | 14.7 | 12.4 | 9.3 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 11.5 |
| 1993 | 11.7 | 20.1 | 20.3 | 17.5 | 16.1 | 13.3 | 10.2 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 12.1 |
| 1994 | 10.9 | 19.8 | 20.0 | 17.7 | 15.9 | 13.5 | 10.4 | 6.7 | 2.4 | 12.0 |
| 1995 | 11.8 | 19.9 | 20.5 | 18.1 | 15.8 | 14.3 | 10.6 | 6.9 | 2.7 | 12.2 |
| 1996 | 13.4 | 21.6 | 21.2 | 19.1 | 16.7 | 14.5 | 11.3 | 7.5 | 2.8 | 12.8 |
| 1997 | 14.3 | 21.3 | 21.6 | 18.6 | 16.5 | 14.0 | 11.0 | 7.6 | 2.7 | 12.5 |
| WIFE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 22.7 | 31.5 | 26.9 | 22.1 | 19.3 | 16.0 | 12.6 | 8.8 | 4.0 | 18.8 |
| 1982 | 17.7 | 23.1 | 18.5 | 15.7 | 13.0 | 9.7 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 12.5 |
| 1987 | 16.3 | 18.9 | 16.1 | 13.9 | 11.9 | 9.2 | 5.7 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 10.6 |
| 1992 | 16.0 | 21.3 | 18.0 | 15.8 | 13.4 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 11.5 |
| 1993 | 16.5 | 21.7 | 19.0 | 16.8 | 14.4 | 11.7 | 7.4 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 12.1 |
| 1994 | 15.7 | 21.5 | 19.0 | 16.7 | 14.8 | 11.8 | 8.0 | 4.3 | 1.5 | 12.0 |
| 1995 | 16.4 | 21.8 | 19.4 | 16.9 | 14.9 | 12.1 | 8.3 | 4.9 | 1.7 | 12.3 |
| 1996 | 17.6 | 23.4 | 20.4 | 17.5 | 15.7 | 12.6 | 8.9 | 5.1 | 2.0 | 12.9 |
| 1997 | 19.0 | 23.0 | 20.2 | 17.5 | 15.2 | 12.1 | 8.8 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 12.5 |

(a) Per 1,000 married men or women respectively, at 30 June for each year shown. (b) For the purpose of calculating rates in this column, married persons aged between 15 and 24 have been included in the denominator.

| Age group of husband (years) | Age group of wife (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19 and under | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | $\begin{array}{r} 50 \text { and } \\ \text { over } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { stated } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 19 and under | 1,492 | 508 | 58 | 18 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 2,091 |
| 20-24 | 5,825 | 12,163 | 1,790 | 304 | 65 | 21 | 3 | - | 54 | 20,226 |
| 25-29 | 1,274 | 7,327 | 4,386 | 1,031 | 238 | 62 | 12 | 8 | 64 | 14,402 |
| 30-34 | 276 | 1,834 | 2,379 | 1,338 | 422 | 137 | 36 | 11 | 22 | 6,455 |
| 35-39 | 96 | 494 | 896 | 946 | 610 | 220 | 77 | 17 | 34 | 3,390 |
| 40-44 | 24 | 133 | 347 | 411 | 458 | 337 | 115 | 31 | 19 | 1,875 |
| 45-49 | 9 | 59 | 120 | 171 | 249 | 264 | 184 | 94 | 11 | 1,161 |
| 50 and over | 11 | 47 | 90 | 123 | 182 | 208 | 248 | 453 | 20 | 1,382 |
| Not stated | 44 | 65 | 41 | 33 | 22 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 78 | 306 |
| Total | 9,051 | 22,630 | 10,107 | 4,375 | 2,248 | 1,261 | 681 | 622 | 313 | 51,288 |

21 AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

| Age group of husband (years) | Age group of wife (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 24 and under | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | $\begin{array}{r} 60 \text { and } \\ \text { over } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { stated } \end{gathered}$ | Total |
| 24 and under | 472 | 203 | 24 | 10 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 714 |
| 25-29 | 1,103 | 3,380 | 698 | 136 | 34 | 7 | - | 4 | - | 25 | 5,387 |
| 30-34 | 384 | 3,347 | 4,097 | 950 | 220 | 55 | 15 | 7 | - | 39 | 9,115 |
| 35-39 | 103 | 883 | 3,554 | 4,029 | 824 | 182 | 51 | 13 | - | 30 | 9,671 |
| 40-44 | 42 | 232 | 1,015 | 3,186 | 3,310 | 609 | 144 | 10 | 10 | 38 | 8,596 |
| 45-49 | 13 | 88 | 328 | 948 | 2,606 | 2,553 | 492 | 89 | 18 | 34 | 7,169 |
| 50-54 | - | 37 | 109 | 310 | 721 | 1,874 | 1,562 | 230 | 53 | 29 | 4,927 |
| 55-59 | 3 | 14 | 45 | 101 | 205 | 477 | 979 | 692 | 126 | 15 | 2,657 |
| 60 and over | 3 | 17 | 36 | 78 | 127 | 229 | 394 | 648 | 1,190 | 24 | 2,746 |
| Not stated | 20 | 50 | 43 | 32 | 32 | 20 | 17 | 5 | 9 | 78 | 306 |
| Total | 2,145 | 8,251 | 9,949 | 9,780 | 8,082 | 6,007 | 3,654 | 1,698 | 1,409 | 313 | 51,288 |

22 AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE (BETWEEN DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION)

| Duration of marriage (years) | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19 and under | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 and over | Not stated |  |
| HUSBAND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 | 49 | 766 | 1,047 | 664 | 403 | 254 | 189 | 117 | 69 | 100 | 70 | 3,728 |
| 1 and under 2 | 19 | 788 | 1,391 | 813 | 439 | 226 | 175 | 101 | 52 | 74 | 40 | 4,118 |
| 2 and under 3 | - | 617 | 1,544 | 976 | 490 | 272 | 200 | 86 | 59 | 60 | 30 | 4,334 |
| 3 and under 4 | - | 288 | 1,306 | 967 | 454 | 244 | 180 | 82 | 48 | 61 | 34 | 3,664 |
| 4 and under 5 | - | 126 | 1,109 | 890 | 431 | 224 | 141 | 82 | 49 | 47 | 16 | 3,115 |
| 5 and under 6 | - | 32 | 769 | 876 | 442 | 219 | 144 | 82 | 36 | 53 | 17 | 2,670 |
| 6 and under 7 | - | 17 | 548 | 869 | 487 | 243 | 149 | 74 | 41 | 49 | 12 | 2,489 |
| 7 and under 8 | - | - | 365 | 862 | 464 | 245 | 143 | 69 | 38 | 43 | 8 | 2,239 |
| 8 and under 9 | - | - | 175 | 783 | 452 | 233 | 133 | 52 | 55 | 52 | 5 | 1,941 |
| 9 and under 10 | - | - | 84 | 756 | 558 | 223 | 131 | 71 | 39 | 49 | 6 | 1,917 |
| 10 and under 11 | - | - | 26 | 636 | 534 | 235 | 132 | 61 | 34 | 35 | 10 | 1,703 |
| 11 and under 12 | - | - | 8 | 521 | 587 | 271 | 135 | 56 | 24 | 42 | 6 | 1,650 |
| 12 and under 13 | - | - | - | 367 | 618 | 292 | 134 | 65 | 35 | 42 | 5 | 1,558 |
| 13 and under 14 | - | - | - | 216 | 668 | 324 | 113 | 44 | 27 | 23 | 6 | 1,421 |
| 14 and under 15 | - | - | - | 115 | 636 | 343 | 125 | 51 | 30 | 29 | 4 | 1,333 |
| 15 and under 16 | - | - | - | 41 | 556 | 355 | 157 | 56 | 37 | 29 | - | 1,231 |
| 16 and under 17 | - | - | - | 13 | 522 | 367 | 147 | 70 | 28 | 31 | 5 | 1,183 |
| 17 and under 18 | - | - | - | 5 | 392 | 428 | 182 | 55 | 23 | 33 | 3 | 1,121 |
| 18 and under 19 | - | - | - | - | 245 | 501 | 180 | 53 | 22 | 25 | 5 | 1,032 |
| 19 and under 20 | - | - | - | - | 100 | 515 | 228 | 53 | 31 | 26 | - | 955 |
| 20 and under 21 | - | - | - | - | 61 | 540 | 245 | 79 | 22 | 21 | - | 969 |
| 21 and under 22 | - | - | - | - | 18 | 460 | 316 | 86 | 28 | 17 | - | 927 |
| 22 and under 23 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 330 | 387 | 71 | 34 | 18 | 3 | 846 |
| 23 and under 24 | - | - | - | - | - | 167 | 442 | 99 | 28 | 19 | - | 756 |
| 24 and under 25 | - | - | - | - | - | 80 | 402 | 138 | 22 | 17 | - | 659 |
| 25 and under 30 | - | - | - | - | - | 51 | 996 | 863 | 240 | 82 | 5 | 2,237 |
| 30 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 | 401 | 495 | 533 | - | 1,451 |
| Not stated | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 41 | 41 |
| Total | 68 | 2,637 | 8,372 | 10,371 | 9,560 | 7,642 | 5,927 | 3,117 | 1,646 | 1,610 | 338 | 51,288 |
| WIFE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 | 250 | 1,204 | 897 | 487 | 328 | 216 | 148 | 68 | 33 | 46 | 51 | 3,728 |
| 1 and under 2 | 99 | 1,416 | 1,189 | 599 | 342 | 205 | 111 | 56 | 24 | 29 | 48 | 4,118 |
| 2 and under 3 | 30 | 1,312 | 1,464 | 694 | 367 | 195 | 129 | 51 | 36 | 24 | 32 | 4,334 |
| 3 and under 4 | 3 | 793 | 1,449 | 685 | 299 | 203 | 100 | 63 | 34 | 16 | 19 | 3,664 |
| 4 and under 5 | - | 468 | 1,315 | 671 | 302 | 156 | 99 | 51 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 3,115 |
| 5 and under 6 | - | 197 | 1,136 | 707 | 316 | 141 | 81 | 30 | 24 | 22 | 16 | 2,670 |
| 6 and under 7 | - | 90 | 946 | 741 | 360 | 162 | 95 | 50 | 19 | 15 | 11 | 2,489 |
| 7 and under 8 | - | 34 | 744 | 785 | 346 | 161 | 82 | 48 | 21 | 13 | 5 | 2,239 |
| 8 and under 9 | - | 5 | 536 | 754 | 326 | 151 | 85 | 37 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 1,941 |
| 9 and under 10 | - | 3 | 340 | 847 | 405 | 164 | 73 | 37 | 15 | 20 | 13 | 1,917 |
| 10 and under 11 | - | - | 190 | 815 | 398 | 151 | 67 | 44 | 17 | 14 | 7 | 1,703 |
| 11 and under 12 | - | - | 82 | 790 | 446 | 171 | 83 | 37 | 15 | 16 | 10 | 1,650 |
| 12 and under 13 | - | - | 39 | 693 | 481 | 193 | 78 | 41 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 1,558 |
| 13 and under 14 | - | - | 15 | 595 | 497 | 189 | 70 | 19 | 19 | 10 | 7 | 1,421 |
| 14 and under 15 | - | - | - | 413 | 572 | 200 | 80 | 26 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 1,333 |
| 15 and under 16 | - | - | - | 243 | 627 | 205 | 89 | 25 | 24 | 12 | 5 | 1,231 |
| 16 and under 17 | - | - | - | 141 | 640 | 247 | 93 | 37 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1,183 |
| 17 and under 18 | - | - | - | 49 | 651 | 251 | 98 | 40 | 14 | 12 | 6 | 1,121 |
| 18 and under 19 | - | - | - | 13 | 547 | 322 | 94 | 35 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 1,032 |
| 19 and under 20 | - | - | - | - | 400 | 376 | 125 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 955 |
| 20 and under 21 | - | - | - | - | 261 | 527 | 130 | 31 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 969 |
| 21 and under 22 | - | - | - | - | 137 | 569 | 166 | 39 | 6 | 8 | - | 927 |
| 22 and under 23 | - | - | - | - | 43 | 554 | 189 | 38 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 846 |
| 23 and under 24 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 431 | 249 | 49 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 756 |
| 24 and under 25 | - | - | - | - | - | 265 | 304 | 65 | 12 | 11 | - | 659 |
| 25 and under 30 | - | - | - | - | - | 262 | 1,367 | 490 | 72 | 35 | 10 | 2,237 |
| 30 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | 133 | 581 | 431 | 302 | 4 | 1,451 |
| Not stated | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 41 | 41 |
| Total | 382 | 5,522 | 10,345 | 10,723 | 9,099 | 6,667 | 4,418 | 2,118 | 949 | 722 | 343 | 51,288 |


| Duration of marriage (years) | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 24 and under | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \text { and } \\ & \text { over } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { stated } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| HUSBAND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 and under 2 | 67 | 158 | 127 | 84 | 52 | 31 | 25 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 22 | 607 |
| 2 and under 3 | 262 | 883 | 597 | 340 | 191 | 142 | 84 | 60 | 37 | 53 | 30 | 2,679 |
| 3 and under 4 | 235 | 1,111 | 842 | 439 | 234 | 173 | 112 | 55 | 38 | 41 | 25 | 3,305 |
| 4 and under 5 | 99 | 1,063 | 992 | 463 | 269 | 150 | 107 | 46 | 33 | 36 | 26 | 3,284 |
| 5 and under 6 | 38 | 849 | 1,005 | 538 | 262 | 162 | 118 | 51 | 32 | 40 | 26 | 3,121 |
| 6 and under 7 | 11 | 591 | 1,065 | 539 | 283 | 172 | 90 | 55 | 38 | 27 | 18 | 2,889 |
| 7 and under 8 | - | 406 | 990 | 609 | 282 | 164 | 120 | 47 | 35 | 33 | 18 | 2,706 |
| 8 and under 9 | - | 201 | 887 | 652 | 308 | 201 | 114 | 70 | 35 | 35 | 13 | 2,516 |
| 9 and under 10 | - | 87 | 830 | 661 | 289 | 175 | 76 | 68 | 29 | 41 | 12 | 2,268 |
| 10 and under 11 | - | 26 | 630 | 687 | 309 | 204 | 107 | 65 | 37 | 42 | 8 | 2,115 |
| 11 and under 12 | - | 10 | 457 | 706 | 321 | 184 | 104 | 65 | 41 | 35 | 12 | 1,935 |
| 12 and under 13 | - | - | 324 | 715 | 397 | 189 | 98 | 47 | 23 | 21 | 16 | 1,832 |
| 13 and under 14 | - | - | 209 | 712 | 404 | 180 | 119 | 57 | 29 | 37 | 5 | 1,752 |
| 14 and under 15 | - | - | 104 | 674 | 470 | 215 | 97 | 55 | 27 | 31 | 9 | 1,682 |
| 15 and under 16 | - | - | 42 | 619 | 547 | 207 | 98 | 55 | 16 | 29 | 5 | 1,618 |
| 16 and under 17 | - | - | 14 | 500 | 516 | 243 | 112 | 44 | 32 | 24 | 10 | 1,495 |
| 17 and under 18 | - | - | - | 344 | 519 | 236 | 121 | 48 | 25 | 27 | 3 | 1,323 |
| 18 and under 19 | - | - | - | 226 | 573 | 259 | 84 | 45 | 29 | 25 | 5 | 1,246 |
| 19 and under 20 | - | - | - | 105 | 546 | 247 | 114 | 55 | 19 | 27 | 5 | 1,118 |
| 20 and under 21 | - | - | - | 36 | 502 | 308 | 118 | 54 | 23 | 26 | 6 | 1,073 |
| 21 and under 22 | - | - | - | 21 | 484 | 347 | 119 | 47 | 16 | 19 | 3 | 1,056 |
| 22 and under 23 | - | - | - | - | 406 | 384 | 122 | 35 | 20 | 20 | - | 988 |
| 23 and under 24 | - | - | - | - | 253 | 494 | 145 | 45 | 25 | 20 | 5 | 987 |
| 24 and under 25 | - | - | - | - | 108 | 559 | 189 | 44 | 14 | 20 | - | 935 |
| 25 and under 30 | - | - | - | - | 71 | 1,495 | 1,590 | 393 | 91 | 72 | 10 | 3,722 |
| 30 and over | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | 744 | 1,037 | 605 | 589 | 13 | 3,036 |
| Total | 714 | 5,387 | 9,115 | 9,671 | 8,596 | 7,169 | 4,927 | 2,657 | 1,362 | 1,384 | 306 | 51,288 |
| WIFE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 and under 2 | 157 | 171 | 101 | 62 | 50 | 25 | 15 | 8 | 7 | - | 9 | 607 |
| 2 and under 3 | 649 | 877 | 453 | 262 | 150 | 120 | 70 | 38 | 21 | 17 | 22 | 2,679 |
| 3 and under 4 | 619 | 1,270 | 625 | 316 | 196 | 128 | 54 | 33 | 19 | 20 | 25 | 3,305 |
| 4 and under 5 | 396 | 1,431 | 655 | 318 | 219 | 94 | 69 | 40 | 17 | 12 | 33 | 3,284 |
| 5 and under 6 | 197 | 1,309 | 815 | 352 | 177 | 116 | 78 | 38 | 11 | 12 | 16 | 3,121 |
| 6 and under 7 | 90 | 1,091 | 866 | 421 | 179 | 122 | 55 | 31 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 2,889 |
| 7 and under 8 | 27 | 893 | 887 | 443 | 184 | 122 | 76 | 28 | 15 | 7 | 24 | 2,706 |
| 8 and under 9 | 9 | 534 | 986 | 463 | 227 | 155 | 66 | 30 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 2,516 |
| 9 and under 10 | - | 370 | 945 | 465 | 226 | 120 | 64 | 39 | 15 | 8 | 15 | 2,268 |
| 10 and under 11 | - | 176 | 868 | 548 | 259 | 131 | 62 | 28 | 12 | 18 | 13 | 2,115 |
| 11 and under 12 | - | 83 | 786 | 538 | 265 | 122 | 61 | 34 | 19 | 17 | 10 | 1,935 |
| 12 and under 13 | - | 36 | 668 | 632 | 265 | 126 | 50 | 24 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 1,832 |
| 13 and under 14 | - | 8 | 519 | 686 | 291 | 121 | 74 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 8 | 1,752 |
| 14 and under 15 | - | - | 380 | 744 | 306 | 126 | 64 | 24 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 1,682 |
| 15 and under 16 | - | - | 234 | 786 | 346 | 130 | 63 | 31 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 1,618 |
| 16 and under 17 | - | - | 102 | 760 | 369 | 140 | 68 | 25 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 1,495 |
| 17 and under 18 | - | - | 47 | 604 | 395 | 147 | 73 | 27 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 1,323 |
| 18 and under 19 | - | - | 11 | 544 | 420 | 158 | 63 | 15 | 20 | 7 | 8 | 1,246 |
| 19 and under 20 | - | - | - | 374 | 450 | 175 | 62 | 25 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 1,118 |
| 20 and under 21 | - | - | - | 233 | 537 | 178 | 66 | 38 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 1,073 |
| 21 and under 22 | - | - | - | 147 | 589 | 207 | 72 | 19 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 1,056 |
| 22 and under 23 | - | - | - | 57 | 609 | 227 | 52 | 27 | 8 | 7 | - | 988 |
| 23 and under 24 | - | - | - | 21 | 553 | 292 | 76 | 17 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 987 |
| 24 and under 25 | - | - | - | 3 | 386 | 401 | 95 | 28 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 935 |
| 25 and under 30 | - | - | - | - | 434 | 2,119 | 922 | 161 | 33 | 34 | 18 | 3,722 |
| 30 and over | - | - | - | - | - | 205 | 1,184 | 872 | 414 | 349 | 12 | 3,036 |
| Total | 2,145 | 8,251 | 9,949 | 9,780 | 8,082 | 6,007 | 3,654 | 1,698 | 770 | 639 | 313 | 51,288 |

24 NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE(a) AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF PARTIES

| Selected years | Number of children |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total children | Average number of children(b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more | Total divorces |  |  |
|  |  |  | -\%- |  |  |  |  | -no.- |  |
| 1977 | 36.3 | 23.2 | 24.4 | 10.8 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 45,150 | 57,878 | 2.0 |
| 1982 | 38.4 | 21.6 | 26.2 | 10.3 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 44,088 | 53,010 | 2.0 |
| 1987 | 41.4 | 21.7 | 25.1 | 9.0 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 39,725 | 44,050 | 1.9 |
| 1992 | 47.1 | 19.9 | 22.2 | 8.2 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 45,729 | 45,701 | 1.9 |
| 1993 | 47.4 | 20.0 | 21.8 | 8.2 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 48,363 | 48,055 | 1.9 |
| 1994 | 47.6 | 20.2 | 21.7 | 8.0 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 48,312 | 47,537 | 1.9 |
| 1995 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 49,712 | n.a. | n.a. |
| 1996 | 46.4 | 20.8 | 22.5 | 7.7 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 52,466 | 52,455 | 1.9 |
| 1997 | 46.0 | 20.8 | 22.5 | 8.2 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 51,288 | 51,742 | 1.9 |

(a) See Glossary. (b) Divorces involving one or more children.

25 NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE, AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE

| Duration of marriage (years) | Number of children |  |  |  |  |  |  | Average <br> Total number of children children( () |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more | Total divorces |  |  |
| 1 and under 2 | 495 | 71 | 28 | 8 | 3 | - | 607 | 173 | 1.5 |
| 2 and under 3 | 1,978 | 430 | 203 | 55 | 12 | - | 2,679 | 1,054 | 1.5 |
| 3 and under 4 | 2,283 | 635 | 292 | 71 | 19 | 5 | 3,305 | 1,536 | 1.5 |
| 4 and under 5 | 2,024 | 753 | 379 | 94 | 24 | 10 | 3,284 | 1,944 | 1.5 |
| 5 and under 6 | 1,646 | 754 | 553 | 132 | 30 | 6 | 3,121 | 2,408 | 1.6 |
| 6 and under 7 | 1,341 | 796 | 561 | 154 | 32 | 5 | 2,889 | 2,534 | 1.6 |
| 7 and under 8 | 1,117 | 681 | 676 | 176 | 45 | 11 | 2,706 | 2,804 | 1.8 |
| 8 and under 9 | 959 | 612 | 719 | 193 | 23 | 10 | 2,516 | 2,774 | 1.8 |
| 9 and under 10 | 743 | 522 | 729 | 219 | 52 | 3 | 2,268 | 2,861 | 1.9 |
| 10 and under 15 | 2,422 | 1,850 | 3,311 | 1,346 | 326 | 61 | 9,316 | 14,134 | 2.1 |
| 15 and under 20 | 1,197 | 1,181 | 2,652 | 1,323 | 360 | 87 | 6,800 | 12,350 | 2.2 |
| 20 and under 25 | 1,772 | 1,524 | 1,232 | 396 | 89 | 26 | 5,039 | 5,670 | 1.7 |
| 25 and under 30 | 2,719 | 739 | 209 | 45 | 10 | - | 3,722 | 1,332 | 1.3 |
| 30 and over | 2,898 | 113 | 21 | 3 | - | - | 3,036 | 168 | 1.2 |
| Total | 23,594 | 10,661 | 11,565 | 4,215 | 1,026 | 227 | 51,288 | 51,742 | 1.9 |

(a) Divorces involving one or more children.

| Country of birth | 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 | 29,019 | - | 5,472 | 34,491 | 29,019 | - | 6,718 | 35,737 |
| Fiji | 80 | 109 | 38 | 227 | 82 | 109 | 68 | 259 |
| New Zealand | 658 | 452 | 238 | 1,348 | 583 | 452 | 273 | 1,308 |
| Other | 106 | 49 | 43 | 198 | 94 | 49 | 55 | 198 |
| Total | 29,863 | 610 | 5,791 | 36,264 | 29,778 | 610 | 7,114 | 37,502 |
| EUROPE AND FORMER USSR- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Austria | 46 | 10 | 25 | 81 | 20 | 10 | 19 | 49 |
| Former USSR \& Baltic States | 22 | 112 | 25 | 159 | 37 | 112 | 40 | 189 |
| Former Yugoslav Republics | 188 | 332 | 121 | 641 | 79 | 332 | 66 | 477 |
| Germany | 296 | 92 | 159 | 547 | 210 | 92 | 138 | 440 |
| Greece | 130 | 143 | 55 | 328 | 40 | 143 | 48 | 231 |
| Hungary | 37 | 51 | 28 | 116 | 23 | 51 | 31 | 105 |
| Ireland | 88 | 52 | 69 | 209 | 68 | 52 | 53 | 173 |
| Italy | 313 | 170 | 101 | 584 | 92 | 170 | 50 | 312 |
| Malta | 86 | 59 | 31 | 176 | 56 | 59 | 24 | 139 |
| Netherlands | 228 | 54 | 70 | 352 | 134 | 54 | 72 | 260 |
| Poland | 33 | 181 | 40 | 254 | 32 | 181 | 40 | 253 |
| United Kingdom | 2,772 | 1,457 | 634 | 4,863 | 2,265 | 1,457 | 526 | 4,248 |
| Other | 241 | 249 | 209 | 699 | 177 | 249 | 167 | 593 |
| Total | 4,480 | 2,962 | 1,567 | 9,009 | 3,233 | 2,962 | 1,274 | 7,469 |
| MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Egypt | 50 | 40 | 45 | 135 | 14 | 40 | 39 | 93 |
| Lebanon | 130 | 217 | 78 | 425 | 20 | 217 | 44 | 281 |
| Turkey | 39 | 122 | 26 | 187 | 12 | 122 | 16 | 150 |
| Other | 105 | 103 | 118 | 326 | 33 | 103 | 77 | 213 |
| Total | 324 | 482 | 267 | 1,073 | 79 | 482 | 176 | 737 |
| SOUTHEAST ASIA- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indonesia | 54 | 39 | 40 | 133 | 46 | 39 | 43 | 128 |
| Malaysia | 68 | 55 | 76 | 199 | 90 | 55 | 79 | 224 |
| Philippines | 28 | 190 | 12 | 230 | 315 | 190 | 202 | 707 |
| Singapore | 30 | 17 | 31 | 78 | 46 | 17 | 31 | 94 |
| Thailand | 7 | 22 | 18 | 47 | 80 | 22 | 53 | 155 |
| Viet Nam | 11 | 773 | 109 | 893 | 12 | 773 | 79 | 864 |
| Other | 16 | 143 | 49 | 208 | 16 | 143 | 47 | 206 |
| Total | 214 | 1,239 | 335 | 1,788 | 605 | 1,239 | 534 | 2,378 |
| NORTHEAST ASIA- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| China | 44 | 709 | 118 | 871 | 95 | 709 | 165 | 969 |
| Hong Kong | 23 | 62 | 57 | 142 | 28 | 62 | 56 | 146 |
| Other | 27 | 72 | 27 | 126 | 46 | 72 | 50 | 168 |
| Total | 94 | 843 | 202 | 1,139 | 169 | 843 | 271 | 1,283 |
| SOUTHERN ASIA- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| India | 82 | 87 | 77 | 246 | 49 | 87 | 66 | 202 |
| Sri Lanka | 36 | 83 | 19 | 138 | 28 | 83 | 23 | 134 |
| Other | 38 | 27 | 47 | 112 | 4 | 27 | 12 | 43 |
| Total | 156 | 197 | 143 | 496 | 81 | 197 | 101 | 379 |
| THE AMERICAS- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 74 | 10 | 20 | 104 | 77 | 10 | 37 | 124 |
| Chile | 24 | 76 | 23 | 123 | 24 | 76 | 31 | 131 |
| United States of America | 191 | 35 | 70 | 296 | 158 | 35 | 70 | 263 |
| Other | 67 | 123 | 90 | 280 | 60 | 123 | 97 | 280 |
| Total | 356 | 244 | 203 | 803 | 319 | 244 | 235 | 798 |
| AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Africa | 77 | 53 | 47 | 177 | 78 | 53 | 75 | 206 |
| Other | 92 | 155 | 79 | 326 | 64 | 155 | 95 | 314 |
| Total | 169 | 208 | 126 | 503 | 142 | 208 | 170 | 520 |
| Other and not stated | 81 | 99 | 33 | 213 | 85 | 99 | 38 | 222 |
| Total | 35,737 | 6,884 | 8,667 | 51,288 | 34,491 | 6,884 | 9,913 | 51,288 |

27 SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

27 SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND AND WIFE-continued


## CHAPTER 4 <br> ESTIMATEDRESIDENTPOPULATIONMARITALSTATUS

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION
At 30 June 1997 the estimated resident population (ERP) of Australia was 18.5 million.

## MARITAL STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER)

The population aged 15 years and over (that is, the population used in compiling marital status estimates) at 30 June 1997 was 14,611,900 people, which was comprised of 4,502,900 never married, 8,196,800 currently married, 924,400 widowed and 987,800 divorced people.

MARITAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION(a)-at 30 J une

|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 29.6 | 65.7 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 100.0 |
| 1987 | 33.2 | 60.0 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 100.0 |
| 1997 | 34.5 | 57.0 | 2.4 | 6.1 | 100.0 |
| Females |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 21.2 | 65.1 | 11.2 | 2.5 | 100.0 |
| 1987 | 25.2 | 59.0 | 10.4 | 5.3 | 100.0 |
| 1997 | 27.2 | 55.3 | 10.1 | 7.4 | 100.0 |
| Persons |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 25.4 | 65.4 | 6.9 | 2.3 | 100.0 |
| 1987 | 29.2 | 59.5 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 100.0 |
| 1997 | 30.8 | 56.1 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 100.0 |

(a) Aged 15 years and over

Never married

Currently married
The proportion of the population aged 15 years and over who were never married increased from $25 \%(2,602,900)$ in 1976 to $31 \%(4,502,900)$ in 1997. Part of this increase can be attributed to the increasing incidence of de facto relationships (see the Special Articles). For men, the increase was most evident in the 25-29 years age group, which rose from $27 \%$ to $63 \%$ between 1976 and 1997. For women, the rise was most evident in the 20-24 years age group, where an increase from $40 \%$ to $84 \%$ was recorded over this period.

Between 1976 and 1997 the proportion of the population aged 15 years and over who were currently married declined from $65 \%$ to $56 \%$. This decline, which accompanied the increase in the never married population, was most apparent in the 25-29 years age group for men, falling from $72 \%$ to $35 \%$, while for women the age group most affected was 20-24 years, falling from $59 \%$ to $16 \%$.

## Widowed

At 30 June 1997 the proportion of men and women aged 15 years and over who were widowed was slightly less than 30 June 1976 ( $6.9 \%$ to $6.3 \%$ ). The most significant change occurred in the older age groups, where improvements in life expectancy over the past two decades have led to reductions in the proportions widowed and corresponding increases in the proportions married. The proportion of widowed men decreased slightly from $2.6 \%$ in 1976 to $2.4 \%$ in 1997, while for women the decrease was larger, falling from $11.2 \%$ to $10.1 \%$ over the same period.

Divorced
Between 1976 and 1997 the number of divorced men increased fourfold, from 104,700 to 439,500. This represented an increase from 2.1\% of men aged 15 years and over to 6.1\%. In 1997 the age groups with the highest proportions of divorced men were the 45-49 and $50-54$ years age groups, both with $11.3 \%$ of their population being divorced.

DIVORCED MEN


A similar pattern was observed for divorced women, with the number rising from 128,800 to 548,300 between 1976 and 1997, representing an increase from $2.5 \%$ of women aged 15 years and over to $7.4 \%$. The age groups with the largest proportions of divorced women in 1997 were 45-49 and 50-54 years, with $14.0 \%$ and $13.7 \%$ respectively.

DIVORCED WOMEN


Between 1976 and 1997 the proportions of divorced people increased in all age groups, except the 20-24 years age group for both men and women and the $25-29$ years age group for men. For these younger age groups, this corresponds to the increase in the proportion who were never married and the decline in the proportion married.

## MARITAL STATUS BY STATE-30 JUNE 1996

The proportions of people in each State and Territory aged 15 years and over who were never married, currently married and widowed at 30 June 1996 largely reflect the age structures of State and Territory populations. The States with the oldest age structures, Tasmania and South Australia, had the lowest proportions of their populations aged 15 years and over who were never married ( $28 \%$ and $29 \%$, respectively) and the highest proportions who were widowed (both 7.1\%). Conversely, the Northern Territory, which has a relatively young age structure, had the highest proportion who were never married (38\%) and the lowest proportion of widowed people (3.4\%).

The proportion of the population aged 15 years and over who were divorced varied slightly between the States and Territories, from $5.8 \%$ in Victoria to $7.0 \%$ in Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

MARITAL STATUS(a), PROPORTION OF STATE OR TERRITORY— 30 June 1996

(a) Aged 15 years and over.
(b) Including Other Territories.

CHAPTER 4 • ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION - MARITAL STATUS

## 28 TOTAL POPULATION

| Selected years $(a)$ | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T$ | ACT(b) | Aust. $(c)$ |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1977 | $5,002,656$ | $3,837,834$ | $2,130,182$ | $1,286,024$ | $1,204,454$ | 415,071 | 103,962 | 213,604 | $14,193,787$ |  |
| 1982 | $5,300,845$ | $3,991,755$ | $2,424,222$ | $1,331,351$ | $1,338,681$ | 429,830 | 130,464 | 232,470 | $15,179,618$ |  |
| 1987 | $5,618,197$ | $4,210,290$ | $2,675,470$ | $1,393,127$ | $1,496,004$ | 449,032 | 158,308 | 265,637 | $16,266,065$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1992 | $5,962,569$ | $4,455,002$ | $3,029,950$ | $1,456,512$ | $1,658,045$ | 469,826 | 168,086 | 294,674 | $17,494,664$ |  |
| 1993 | $6,004,880$ | $4,472,387$ | $3,109,788$ | $1,460,674$ | $1,677,669$ | 471,659 | 170,734 | 299,302 | $17,667,093$ |  |
| 1994 | $6,060,190$ | $4,487,570$ | $3,187,113$ | $1,466,138$ | $1,703,009$ | 472,939 | 173,375 | 301,486 | $17,854,738$ |  |
| 1995 | $6,126,981$ | $4,517,387$ | $3,265,109$ | $1,469,429$ | $1,733,787$ | 473,673 | 177,552 | 304,805 | $18,071,758$ |  |
| 1996 | $6,204,728$ | $4,560,155$ | $3,338,690$ | $1,474,253$ | $1,765,256$ | 474,443 | 181,843 | 308,251 | $18,310,714$ |  |
| $1997 p$ | $6,274,370$ | $4,605,148$ | $3,401,232$ | $1,479,806$ | $1,798,129$ | 473,501 | 187,132 | 309,794 | $18,532,247$ |  |

(a) For years prior to 1992 details relate to estimated mean resident population for year ended 31 December. For 1992 and later years details relate to the estimated resident population at 30 June. (b) Excludes Jervis Bay Territory from 1 July 1993. (c) Includes Other Territories from 1 July 1993. See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory Notes.


29 MARITAL STATUS, NEW SOUTH WALES, 30 JUNE 1996

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 671,959 | . | $\ldots$ | . | 671,959 | 639,929 | . | $\ldots$ | . | 639,929 |
| 15 | 44,101 | 82 | 8 | 20 | 44,211 | 41,850 | 74 | 19 | 10 | 41,953 |
| 16 | 43,363 | 70 | 14 | 18 | 43,465 | 41,067 | 62 | 14 | 8 | 41,151 |
| 17 | 43,023 | 76 | 12 | 14 | 43,125 | 40,853 | 136 | 16 | 8 | 41,013 |
| 18 | 42,459 | 123 | 10 | 11 | 42,603 | 40,376 | 554 | 14 | 13 | 40,957 |
| 19 | 42,590 | 317 | 15 | 33 | 42,955 | 39,829 | 1,412 | 30 | 24 | 41,295 |
| 20 | 43,097 | 736 | 18 | 35 | 43,886 | 39,526 | 2,641 | 24 | 55 | 42,246 |
| 21 | 44,143 | 1,430 | 28 | 27 | 45,628 | 39,087 | 4,848 | 26 | 102 | 44,063 |
| 22 | 43,477 | 2,946 | 18 | 70 | 46,511 | 37,330 | 7,639 | 39 | 198 | 45,206 |
| 23 | 42,622 | 5,419 | 21 | 120 | 48,182 | 35,186 | 11,718 | 50 | 365 | 47,319 |
| 24 | 41,513 | 8,573 | 20 | 265 | 50,371 | 32,915 | 16,305 | 67 | 593 | 49,880 |
| 25 | 38,341 | 12,205 | 30 | 366 | 50,942 | 29,288 | 20,631 | 63 | 937 | 50,919 |
| 26 | 31,848 | 14,533 | 37 | 594 | 47,012 | 23,557 | 22,460 | 79 | 1,230 | 47,326 |
| 27 | 28,188 | 17,536 | 29 | 822 | 46,575 | 19,873 | 25,253 | 92 | 1,519 | 46,737 |
| 28 | 24,505 | 20,152 | 33 | 1,067 | 45,757 | 17,156 | 26,876 | 91 | 1,844 | 45,967 |
| 29 | 21,852 | 22,455 | 38 | 1,284 | 45,629 | 15,086 | 28,343 | 161 | 2,125 | 45,715 |
| 30 | 20,042 | 24,926 | 52 | 1,543 | 46,563 | 13,334 | 30,500 | 168 | 2,549 | 46,551 |
| 31 | 18,333 | 27,279 | 52 | 1,735 | 47,399 | 11,956 | 32,320 | 177 | 2,851 | 47,304 |
| 32 | 17,384 | 30,431 | 75 | 2,284 | 50,174 | 11,202 | 35,019 | 211 | 3,239 | 49,671 |
| 33 | 15,994 | 32,379 | 81 | 2,641 | 51,095 | 10,226 | 36,652 | 280 | 3,761 | 50,919 |
| 34 | 14,211 | 34,180 | 101 | 2,870 | 51,362 | 9,342 | 36,950 | 280 | 4,066 | 50,638 |
| 35 | 13,221 | 34,939 | 102 | 3,226 | 51,488 | 8,598 | 38,218 | 345 | 4,293 | 51,454 |
| 36 | 11,724 | 35,026 | 99 | 3,335 | 50,184 | 7,425 | 38,073 | 362 | 4,483 | 50,343 |
| 37 | 10,369 | 34,798 | 105 | 3,471 | 48,743 | 6,661 | 36,709 | 390 | 4,764 | 48,524 |
| 38 | 9,276 | 35,358 | 140 | 3,690 | 48,464 | 6,130 | 37,438 | 452 | 4,902 | 48,922 |
| 39 | 8,435 | 35,254 | 150 | 3,791 | 47,630 | 5,550 | 36,228 | 529 | 5,062 | 47,369 |
| 40 | 7,688 | 34,916 | 193 | 4,004 | 46,801 | 5,071 | 35,763 | 575 | 5,262 | 46,671 |
| 41 | 6,826 | 34,589 | 165 | 4,208 | 45,788 | 4,514 | 35,456 | 611 | 5,380 | 45,961 |
| 42 | 6,300 | 35,133 | 201 | 4,411 | 46,045 | 4,133 | 35,639 | 694 | 5,588 | 46,054 |
| 43 | 5,719 | 34,676 | 212 | 4,501 | 45,108 | 3,688 | 35,251 | 756 | 5,707 | 45,402 |
| 44 | 5,031 | 33,306 | 257 | 4,415 | 43,009 | 3,338 | 33,227 | 800 | 5,700 | 43,065 |
| 45 | 4,945 | 34,234 | 264 | 4,628 | 44,071 | 3,140 | 33,822 | 874 | 5,833 | 43,669 |
| 46 | 4,453 | 34,447 | 287 | 4,655 | 43,842 | 2,735 | 33,257 | 952 | 5,878 | 42,822 |
| 47 | 3,993 | 33,525 | 322 | 4,656 | 42,496 | 2,560 | 32,079 | 1,056 | 5,860 | 41,555 |
| 48 | 3,953 | 35,030 | 306 | 4,830 | 44,119 | 2,480 | 32,953 | 1,242 | 5,796 | 42,471 |
| 49 | 3,895 | 35,930 | 394 | 4,907 | 45,126 | 2,386 | 33,440 | 1,391 | 5,868 | 43,085 |
| 50 | 3,172 | 30,372 | 419 | 4,124 | 38,087 | 1,964 | 28,327 | 1,337 | 5,092 | 36,720 |
| 51 | 3,059 | 29,964 | 384 | 4,044 | 37,451 | 1,802 | 27,777 | 1,464 | 4,877 | 35,920 |
| 52 | 2,822 | 29,144 | 442 | 3,935 | 36,343 | 1,696 | 26,758 | 1,685 | 4,640 | 34,779 |
| 53 | 2,466 | 26,219 | 441 | 3,534 | 32,660 | 1,506 | 24,182 | 1,770 | 4,157 | 31,615 |
| 54 | 2,355 | 25,553 | 499 | 3,336 | 31,743 | 1,403 | 23,447 | 1,860 | 3,880 | 30,590 |
| 55 | 2,244 | 24,767 | 504 | 3,122 | 30,637 | 1,412 | 22,775 | 2,146 | 3,617 | 29,950 |
| 56 | 2,132 | 24,237 | 541 | 2,994 | 29,904 | 1,264 | 21,643 | 2,367 | 3,278 | 28,552 |
| 57 | 1,974 | 23,115 | 593 | 2,751 | 28,433 | 1,243 | 20,811 | 2,519 | 3,136 | 27,709 |
| 58 | 2,086 | 22,523 | 676 | 2,597 | 27,882 | 1,140 | 20,638 | 2,831 | 3,034 | 27,643 |
| 59 | 1,982 | 22,222 | 824 | 2,573 | 27,601 | 1,132 | 19,861 | 3,178 | 2,797 | 26,968 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 1,916 | 20,889 | 782 | 2,316 | 25,903 | 1,073 | 18,810 | 3,542 | 2,633 | 26,058 |
| 61 | 1,746 | 19,864 | 810 | 2,089 | 24,509 | 1,025 | 17,977 | 3,745 | 2,485 | 25,232 |
| 62 | 1,655 | 19,845 | 905 | 2,154 | 24,559 | 1,005 | 17,460 | 3,936 | 2,242 | 24,643 |
| 63 | 1,781 | 19,523 | 954 | 1,967 | 24,225 | 992 | 17,135 | 4,471 | 2,153 | 24,751 |
| 64 | 1,794 | 19,518 | 1,089 | 1,911 | 24,312 | 1,034 | 16,611 | 4,899 | 2,170 | 24,714 |
| 65 | 1,867 | 20,036 | 1,399 | 1,935 | 25,237 | 1,089 | 17,186 | 5,767 | 2,142 | 26,184 |
| 66 | 1,808 | 19,117 | 1,423 | 1,778 | 24,126 | 1,085 | 16,218 | 5,984 | 1,959 | 25,246 |
| 67 | 1,688 | 19,053 | 1,530 | 1,661 | 23,932 | 1,062 | 15,530 | 6,822 | 1,801 | 25,215 |
| 68 | 1,703 | 18,329 | 1,655 | 1,591 | 23,278 | 1,089 | 15,176 | 7,165 | 1,761 | 25,191 |
| 69 | 1,546 | 17,629 | 1,866 | 1,415 | 22,456 | 1,092 | 14,184 | 7,638 | 1,683 | 24,597 |
| 70 | 1,514 | 17,068 | 1,942 | 1,377 | 21,901 | 1,135 | 13,522 | 8,532 | 1,587 | 24,776 |
| 71 | 1,310 | 15,751 | 2,001 | 1,148 | 20,210 | 1,028 | 12,383 | 8,690 | 1,362 | 23,463 |
| 72 | 1,222 | 15,192 | 2,175 | 1,036 | 19,625 | 1,071 | 12,024 | 9,461 | 1,368 | 23,924 |
| 73 | 1,113 | 14,238 | 2,220 | 968 | 18,539 | 1,081 | 10,864 | 9,631 | 1,250 | 22,826 |
| 74 | 1,081 | 13,450 | 2,381 | 905 | 17,817 | 1,079 | 10,014 | 10,030 | 1,122 | 22,245 |
| 75 | 995 | 12,369 | 2,462 | 770 | 16,596 | 952 | 8,901 | 10,341 | 1,026 | 21,220 |
| 76 | 842 | 10,625 | 2,392 | 625 | 14,484 | 914 | 7,526 | 10,002 | 796 | 19,238 |
| 77 | 691 | 8,483 | 2,037 | 516 | 11,727 | 829 | 5,734 | 8,817 | 626 | 16,006 |
| 78 | 615 | 7,775 | 2,130 | 438 | 10,958 | 835 | 5,182 | 9,244 | 588 | 15,849 |
| 79 | 553 | 7,219 | 2,135 | 389 | 10,296 | 787 | 4,663 | 9,291 | 507 | 15,248 |
| 80 | 528 | 6,265 | 2,163 | 332 | 9,288 | 821 | 3,880 | 9,272 | 500 | 14,473 |
| 81 | 437 | 5,562 | 2,098 | 285 | 8,382 | 786 | 3,198 | 9,033 | 416 | 13,433 |
| 82 | 401 | 4,813 | 2,021 | 240 | 7,475 | 759 | 2,820 | 9,003 | 397 | 12,979 |
| 83 | 360 | 4,001 | 1,875 | 204 | 6,440 | 664 | 2,227 | 8,237 | 283 | 11,411 |
| 84 | 323 | 3,266 | 1,749 | 145 | 5,483 | 704 | 1,730 | 7,704 | 246 | 10,384 |
| 85 and over | 1,193 | 9,893 | 8,667 | 474 | 20,227 | 3,878 | 4,514 | 40,531 | 883 | 49,806 |
| 14 and under | 671,959 | . |  | . | 671,959 | 639,929 | . | . | . | 639,929 |
| 15-19 | 215,536 | 668 | 59 | 96 | 216,359 | 203,975 | 2,238 | 93 | 63 | 206,369 |
| 20-24 | 214,852 | 19,104 | 105 | 517 | 234,578 | 184,044 | 43,151 | 206 | 1,313 | 228,714 |
| 25-29 | 144,734 | 86,881 | 167 | 4,133 | 235,915 | 104,960 | 123,563 | 486 | 7,655 | 236,664 |
| 30-34 | 85,964 | 149,195 | 361 | 11,073 | 246,593 | 56,060 | 171,441 | 1,116 | 16,466 | 245,083 |
| 35-39 | 53,025 | 175,375 | 596 | 17,513 | 246,509 | 34,364 | 186,666 | 2,078 | 23,504 | 246,612 |
| 40-44 | 31,564 | 172,620 | 1,028 | 21,539 | 226,751 | 20,744 | 175,336 | 3,436 | 27,637 | 227,153 |
| 45-49 | 21,239 | 173,166 | 1,573 | 23,676 | 219,654 | 13,301 | 165,551 | 5,515 | 29,235 | 213,602 |
| 50-54 | 13,874 | 141,252 | 2,185 | 18,973 | 176,284 | 8,371 | 130,491 | 8,116 | 22,646 | 169,624 |
| 55-59 | 10,418 | 116,864 | 3,138 | 14,037 | 144,457 | 6,191 | 105,728 | 13,041 | 15,862 | 140,822 |
| 60-64 | 8,892 | 99,639 | 4,540 | 10,437 | 123,508 | 5,129 | 87,993 | 20,593 | 11,683 | 125,398 |
| 65-69 | 8,612 | 94,164 | 7,873 | 8,380 | 119,029 | 5,417 | 78,294 | 33,376 | 9,346 | 126,433 |
| 70-74 | 6,240 | 75,699 | 10,719 | 5,434 | 98,092 | 5,394 | 58,807 | 46,344 | 6,689 | 117,234 |
| 75-79 | 3,696 | 46,471 | 11,156 | 2,738 | 64,061 | 4,317 | 32,006 | 47,695 | 3,543 | 87,561 |
| 80-84 | 2,049 | 23,907 | 9,906 | 1,206 | 37,068 | 3,734 | 13,855 | 43,249 | 1,842 | 62,680 |
| 85 and over | 1,193 | 9,893 | 8,667 | 474 | 20,227 | 3,878 | 4,514 | 40,531 | 883 | 49,806 |
| Total | 1,493,847 | 1,384,898 | 62,073 | 140,226 | 3,081,044 | 1,299,808 | 1,379,634 | 265,875 | 178,367 | 3,123,684 |
| Median age | 16.7 | 47.6 | 74.5 | 48.3 | 33.7 | 15.2 | 44.6 | 74.9 | 47.1 | 35.1 |



30 MARITAL STATUS, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1996

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 485,038 | . | . |  | 485,038 | 462,320 | $\ldots$ | . | . | 462,320 |
| 15 | 31,926 | 50 | 10 | 6 | 31,992 | 30,642 | 41 | 16 | 8 | 30,707 |
| 16 | 31,717 | 34 | 9 | 9 | 31,769 | 30,089 | 61 | 7 | 5 | 30,162 |
| 17 | 31,990 | 56 | 11 | 9 | 32,066 | 30,274 | 76 | 12 | 5 | 30,367 |
| 18 | 32,608 | 79 | 7 | 11 | 32,705 | 30,266 | 296 | 12 | 13 | 30,587 |
| 19 | 32,658 | 184 | 11 | 15 | 32,868 | 30,533 | 721 | 19 | 19 | 31,292 |
| 20 | 32,990 | 387 | 11 | 21 | 33,409 | 30,584 | 1,443 | 15 | 32 | 32,074 |
| 21 | 33,592 | 826 | 9 | 34 | 34,461 | 30,901 | 2,713 | 26 | 76 | 33,716 |
| 22 | 33,116 | 1,779 | 14 | 44 | 34,953 | 29,610 | 4,580 | 25 | 118 | 34,333 |
| 23 | 32,447 | 3,188 | 19 | 73 | 35,727 | 27,587 | 7,235 | 22 | 242 | 35,086 |
| 24 | 31,320 | 5,587 | 18 | 144 | 37,069 | 26,014 | 10,575 | 45 | 404 | 37,038 |
| 25 | 29,064 | 8,341 | 18 | 273 | 37,696 | 23,432 | 14,286 | 55 | 576 | 38,349 |
| 26 | 24,903 | 10,840 | 18 | 380 | 36,141 | 18,676 | 16,792 | 48 | 842 | 36,358 |
| 27 | 21,944 | 13,620 | 24 | 562 | 36,150 | 16,366 | 19,035 | 66 | 1,074 | 36,541 |
| 28 | 18,770 | 15,488 | 25 | 749 | 35,032 | 13,636 | 20,590 | 77 | 1,292 | 35,595 |
| 29 | 16,008 | 17,153 | 39 | 894 | 34,094 | 11,455 | 21,560 | 88 | 1,599 | 34,702 |
| 30 | 14,227 | 18,867 | 35 | 1,167 | 34,296 | 9,967 | 23,539 | 98 | 1,830 | 35,434 |
| 31 | 12,599 | 21,067 | 43 | 1,370 | 35,079 | 9,015 | 24,563 | 125 | 2,066 | 35,769 |
| 32 | 11,773 | 22,928 | 35 | 1,564 | 36,300 | 8,157 | 26,069 | 163 | 2,441 | 36,830 |
| 33 | 10,424 | 24,314 | 59 | 1,784 | 36,581 | 7,232 | 27,150 | 171 | 2,619 | 37,172 |
| 34 | 9,603 | 25,042 | 64 | 1,992 | 36,701 | 6,590 | 27,626 | 219 | 2,822 | 37,257 |
| 35 | 8,831 | 26,390 | 70 | 2,145 | 37,436 | 5,932 | 28,357 | 244 | 3,032 | 37,565 |
| 36 | 7,688 | 26,176 | 90 | 2,283 | 36,237 | 5,388 | 28,416 | 238 | 3,117 | 37,159 |
| 37 | 6,731 | 26,649 | 87 | 2,471 | 35,938 | 4,855 | 27,615 | 294 | 3,191 | 35,955 |
| 38 | 6,173 | 26,625 | 79 | 2,499 | 35,376 | 4,247 | 27,875 | 309 | 3,362 | 35,793 |
| 39 | 5,623 | 26,278 | 107 | 2,538 | 34,546 | 3,939 | 27,302 | 345 | 3,536 | 35,122 |
| 40 | 5,210 | 26,740 | 113 | 2,636 | 34,699 | 3,703 | 27,038 | 395 | 3,681 | 34,817 |
| 41 | 4,487 | 26,082 | 127 | 2,714 | 33,410 | 3,225 | 26,955 | 420 | 3,797 | 34,397 |
| 42 | 4,182 | 26,350 | 141 | 2,861 | 33,534 | 2,934 | 26,941 | 456 | 3,922 | 34,253 |
| 43 | 3,814 | 26,179 | 169 | 2,978 | 33,140 | 2,629 | 26,602 | 503 | 4,078 | 33,812 |
| 44 | 3,326 | 25,376 | 152 | 2,852 | 31,706 | 2,233 | 25,319 | 596 | 3,864 | 32,012 |
| 45 | 3,235 | 25,657 | 162 | 2,932 | 31,986 | 2,166 | 25,828 | 617 | 4,170 | 32,781 |
| 46 | 2,857 | 25,600 | 177 | 3,061 | 31,695 | 1,963 | 25,338 | 695 | 4,047 | 32,043 |
| 47 | 2,630 | 24,910 | 199 | 2,938 | 30,677 | 1,769 | 24,382 | 739 | 3,926 | 30,816 |
| 48 | 2,533 | 25,824 | 268 | 3,025 | 31,650 | 1,589 | 25,448 | 889 | 4,020 | 31,946 |
| 49 | 2,443 | 27,042 | 264 | 3,131 | 32,880 | 1,543 | 25,726 | 1,006 | 4,109 | 32,384 |
| 50 | 2,065 | 22,710 | 250 | 2,712 | 27,737 | 1,245 | 21,367 | 1,026 | 3,396 | 27,034 |
| 51 | 1,897 | 21,943 | 284 | 2,463 | 26,587 | 1,175 | 20,726 | 1,087 | 3,194 | 26,182 |
| 52 | 1,734 | 21,246 | 299 | 2,368 | 25,647 | 1,157 | 20,118 | 1,153 | 2,977 | 25,405 |
| 53 | 1,498 | 19,605 | 275 | 2,260 | 23,638 | 998 | 18,165 | 1,188 | 2,729 | 23,080 |
| 54 | 1,464 | 19,300 | 317 | 2,174 | 23,255 | 932 | 17,730 | 1,422 | 2,512 | 22,596 |
| 55 | 1,439 | 18,771 | 336 | 1,934 | 22,480 | 904 | 16,986 | 1,507 | 2,391 | 21,788 |
| 56 | 1,426 | 18,068 | 361 | 1,892 | 21,747 | 858 | 16,530 | 1,744 | 2,135 | 21,267 |
| 57 | 1,277 | 17,487 | 381 | 1,782 | 20,927 | 816 | 15,964 | 1,826 | 2,031 | 20,637 |
| 58 | 1,269 | 16,935 | 413 | 1,632 | 20,249 | 773 | 15,644 | 2,086 | 1,956 | 20,459 |
| 59 | 1,182 | 16,501 | 490 | 1,523 | 19,696 | 700 | 14,892 | 2,283 | 1,724 | 19,599 |

30 MARITAL STATUS, VICTORIA, 30 JUNE 1996-continued

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 1,228 | 15,792 | 499 | 1,394 | 18,913 | 687 | 14,385 | 2,558 | 1,673 | 19,303 |
| 61 | 1,091 | 15,025 | 512 | 1,307 | 17,935 | 686 | 13,503 | 2,707 | 1,607 | 18,503 |
| 62 | 1,102 | 15,246 | 641 | 1,273 | 18,262 | 699 | 13,504 | 2,970 | 1,493 | 18,666 |
| 63 | 1,079 | 14,732 | 664 | 1,177 | 17,652 | 658 | 13,075 | 3,323 | 1,386 | 18,442 |
| 64 | 1,133 | 14,588 | 755 | 1,133 | 17,609 | 674 | 12,406 | 3,374 | 1,359 | 17,813 |
| 65 | 1,243 | 15,142 | 866 | 1,139 | 18,390 | 767 | 12,808 | 4,242 | 1,303 | 19,120 |
| 66 | 1,146 | 14,401 | 972 | 1,077 | 17,596 | 719 | 11,898 | 4,602 | 1,263 | 18,482 |
| 67 | 1,116 | 14,113 | 1,067 | 997 | 17,293 | 729 | 11,509 | 4,738 | 1,155 | 18,131 |
| 68 | 1,156 | 13,614 | 1,142 | 897 | 16,809 | 734 | 11,145 | 5,245 | 1,055 | 18,179 |
| 69 | 1,024 | 13,186 | 1,267 | 799 | 16,276 | 714 | 10,606 | 5,671 | 1,005 | 17,996 |
| 70 | 994 | 12,795 | 1,365 | 729 | 15,883 | 793 | 10,430 | 6,149 | 994 | 18,366 |
| 71 | 843 | 11,563 | 1,380 | 667 | 14,453 | 774 | 9,134 | 6,298 | 864 | 17,070 |
| 72 | 862 | 11,288 | 1,492 | 640 | 14,282 | 795 | 8,934 | 6,823 | 776 | 17,328 |
| 73 | 741 | 10,337 | 1,487 | 544 | 13,109 | 750 | 8,148 | 7,043 | 706 | 16,647 |
| 74 | 690 | 9,728 | 1,630 | 449 | 12,497 | 718 | 7,229 | 7,356 | 633 | 15,936 |
| 75 | 694 | 9,094 | 1,645 | 443 | 11,876 | 774 | 6,559 | 7,595 | 615 | 15,543 |
| 76 | 584 | 7,803 | 1,667 | 362 | 10,416 | 645 | 5,650 | 7,268 | 505 | 14,068 |
| 77 | 454 | 5,965 | 1,378 | 240 | 8,037 | 629 | 4,168 | 6,177 | 344 | 11,318 |
| 78 | 430 | 5,514 | 1,399 | 222 | 7,565 | 619 | 3,589 | 6,439 | 347 | 10,994 |
| 79 | 400 | 5,166 | 1,532 | 217 | 7,315 | 587 | 3,304 | 6,537 | 290 | 10,718 |
| 80 | 365 | 4,680 | 1,497 | 189 | 6,731 | 659 | 2,921 | 6,663 | 255 | 10,498 |
| 81 | 322 | 4,053 | 1,510 | 144 | 6,029 | 603 | 2,450 | 6,617 | 232 | 9,902 |
| 82 | 312 | 3,734 | 1,499 | 147 | 5,692 | 601 | 2,100 | 6,777 | 213 | 9,691 |
| 83 | 233 | 3,071 | 1,469 | 117 | 4,890 | 536 | 1,712 | 6,099 | 181 | 8,528 |
| 84 | 237 | 2,526 | 1,276 | 68 | 4,107 | 554 | 1,351 | 5,644 | 137 | 7,686 |
| 85 and over | 963 | 7,785 | 7,046 | 238 | 16,032 | 3,264 | 3,679 | 30,528 | 516 | 37,987 |
| 14 and under | 485,038 | . | . | . | 485,038 | 462,320 |  |  |  | 462,320 |
| 15-19 | 160,899 | 403 | 48 | 50 | 161,400 | 151,804 | 1,195 | 66 | 50 | 153,115 |
| 20-24 | 163,465 | 11,767 | 71 | 316 | 175,619 | 144,696 | 26,546 | 133 | 872 | 172,247 |
| 25-29 | 110,689 | 65,442 | 124 | 2,858 | 179,113 | 83,565 | 92,263 | 334 | 5,383 | 181,545 |
| 30-34 | 58,626 | 112,218 | 236 | 7,877 | 178,957 | 40,961 | 128,947 | 776 | 11,778 | 182,462 |
| 35-39 | 35,046 | 132,118 | 433 | 11,936 | 179,533 | 24,361 | 139,565 | 1,430 | 16,238 | 181,594 |
| 40-44 | 21,019 | 130,727 | 702 | 14,041 | 166,489 | 14,724 | 132,855 | 2,370 | 19,342 | 169,291 |
| 45-49 | 13,698 | 129,033 | 1,070 | 15,087 | 158,888 | 9,030 | 126,722 | 3,946 | 20,272 | 159,970 |
| 50-54 | 8,658 | 104,804 | 1,425 | 11,977 | 126,864 | 5,507 | 98,106 | 5,876 | 14,808 | 124,297 |
| 55-59 | 6,593 | 87,762 | 1,981 | 8,763 | 105,099 | 4,051 | 80,016 | 9,446 | 10,237 | 103,750 |
| 60-64 | 5,633 | 75,383 | 3,071 | 6,284 | 90,371 | 3,404 | 66,873 | 14,932 | 7,518 | 92,727 |
| 65-69 | 5,685 | 70,456 | 5,314 | 4,909 | 86,364 | 3,663 | 57,966 | 24,498 | 5,781 | 91,908 |
| 70-74 | 4,130 | 55,711 | 7,354 | 3,029 | 70,224 | 3,830 | 43,875 | 33,669 | 3,973 | 85,347 |
| 75-79 | 2,562 | 33,542 | 7,621 | 1,484 | 45,209 | 3,254 | 23,270 | 34,016 | 2,101 | 62,641 |
| 80-84 | 1,469 | 18,064 | 7,251 | 665 | 27,449 | 2,953 | 10,534 | 31,800 | 1,018 | 46,305 |
| 85 and over | 963 | 7,785 | 7,046 | 238 | 16,032 | 3,264 | 3,679 | 30,528 | 516 | 37,987 |
| Total | 1,084,173 | 1,035,215 | 43,747 | 89,514 | 2,252,649 | 961,387 | 1,032,412 | 193,820 | 119,887 | 2,307,506 |
| Median age | 16.8 | 47.5 | 75.0 | 47.6 | 33.5 | 15.6 | 44.8 | 74.9 | 46.5 | 35.1 |

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31 MARITAL STATUS, QUEENSLAND, 30 JUNE 1996

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 377,920 | . | . |  | 377,920 | 357,771 | . | . | . | 357,771 |
| 15 | 25,264 | 38 | 5 | 7 | 25,314 | 23,732 | 28 | 12 | 18 | 23,790 |
| 16 | 24,693 | 39 | 3 | 9 | 24,744 | 23,455 | 33 | 5 | 11 | 23,504 |
| 17 | 24,483 | 59 | 2 | 13 | 24,557 | 23,108 | 82 | 11 | 8 | 23,209 |
| 18 | 24,512 | 74 | 11 | 15 | 24,612 | 23,327 | 285 | 12 | 9 | 23,633 |
| 19 | 24,859 | 169 | 8 | 16 | 25,052 | 23,647 | 715 | 14 | 17 | 24,393 |
| 20 | 24,717 | 424 | 7 | 14 | 25,162 | 23,018 | 1,526 | 12 | 17 | 24,573 |
| 21 | 25,091 | 991 | 16 | 30 | 26,128 | 22,694 | 2,788 | 20 | 55 | 25,557 |
| 22 | 24,873 | 2,002 | 12 | 42 | 26,929 | 21,216 | 4,497 | 19 | 117 | 25,849 |
| 23 | 24,198 | 3,536 | 17 | 95 | 27,846 | 19,948 | 6,770 | 29 | 198 | 26,945 |
| 24 | 22,996 | 5,337 | 18 | 137 | 28,488 | 18,065 | 9,196 | 26 | 361 | 27,648 |
| 25 | 21,181 | 7,350 | 18 | 260 | 28,809 | 15,970 | 11,421 | 42 | 557 | 27,990 |
| 26 | 17,692 | 8,677 | 20 | 383 | 26,772 | 12,915 | 12,407 | 51 | 703 | 26,076 |
| 27 | 15,332 | 9,986 | 14 | 525 | 25,857 | 10,905 | 13,705 | 61 | 948 | 25,619 |
| 28 | 13,048 | 11,225 | 19 | 684 | 24,976 | 9,166 | 14,492 | 63 | 1,083 | 24,804 |
| 29 | 11,660 | 12,174 | 17 | 799 | 24,650 | 7,874 | 15,256 | 75 | 1,292 | 24,497 |
| 30 | 10,469 | 13,352 | 25 | 984 | 24,830 | 6,886 | 16,039 | 88 | 1,543 | 24,556 |
| 31 | 9,383 | 14,356 | 30 | 1,199 | 24,968 | 6,093 | 17,244 | 96 | 1,752 | 25,185 |
| 32 | 8,911 | 15,712 | 44 | 1,391 | 26,058 | 5,559 | 18,659 | 116 | 2,095 | 26,429 |
| 33 | 7,957 | 16,788 | 47 | 1,590 | 26,382 | 5,033 | 19,444 | 132 | 2,288 | 26,897 |
| 34 | 7,220 | 17,796 | 48 | 1,775 | 26,839 | 4,553 | 20,087 | 160 | 2,303 | 27,103 |
| 35 | 6,668 | 18,644 | 63 | 2,010 | 27,385 | 4,094 | 20,617 | 195 | 2,577 | 27,483 |
| 36 | 5,671 | 18,511 | 67 | 2,127 | 26,376 | 3,536 | 20,274 | 199 | 2,575 | 26,584 |
| 37 | 5,127 | 18,635 | 53 | 2,123 | 25,938 | 3,222 | 19,937 | 232 | 2,764 | 26,155 |
| 38 | 4,751 | 18,548 | 83 | 2,275 | 25,657 | 2,826 | 19,965 | 242 | 2,867 | 25,900 |
| 39 | 4,286 | 18,597 | 71 | 2,421 | 25,375 | 2,488 | 19,562 | 270 | 2,890 | 25,210 |
| 40 | 3,802 | 18,828 | 100 | 2,454 | 25,184 | 2,262 | 19,319 | 319 | 3,053 | 24,953 |
| 41 | 3,403 | 18,626 | 103 | 2,497 | 24,629 | 2,090 | 19,296 | 298 | 3,083 | 24,767 |
| 42 | 3,058 | 18,845 | 117 | 2,638 | 24,658 | 1,867 | 19,406 | 403 | 3,340 | 25,016 |
| 43 | 2,839 | 19,039 | 138 | 2,764 | 24,780 | 1,677 | 18,942 | 411 | 3,273 | 24,303 |
| 44 | 2,463 | 18,806 | 126 | 2,769 | 24,164 | 1,463 | 18,266 | 421 | 3,184 | 23,334 |
| 45 | 2,375 | 19,099 | 134 | 2,954 | 24,562 | 1,403 | 18,594 | 498 | 3,280 | 23,775 |
| 46 | 2,120 | 18,848 | 165 | 2,901 | 24,034 | 1,248 | 18,533 | 517 | 3,279 | 23,577 |
| 47 | 1,969 | 18,617 | 191 | 2,936 | 23,713 | 1,094 | 17,853 | 549 | 3,333 | 22,829 |
| 48 | 1,904 | 19,038 | 211 | 3,001 | 24,154 | 1,048 | 18,075 | 656 | 3,218 | 22,997 |
| 49 | 1,893 | 19,787 | 205 | 2,967 | 24,852 | 985 | 18,385 | 738 | 3,339 | 23,447 |
| 50 | 1,541 | 16,602 | 212 | 2,551 | 20,906 | 768 | 15,537 | 736 | 2,722 | 19,763 |
| 51 | 1,435 | 16,691 | 255 | 2,511 | 20,892 | 802 | 15,520 | 847 | 2,722 | 19,891 |
| 52 | 1,384 | 15,608 | 241 | 2,327 | 19,560 | 724 | 14,208 | 888 | 2,583 | 18,403 |
| 53 | 1,205 | 14,032 | 231 | 2,064 | 17,532 | 629 | 12,916 | 944 | 2,198 | 16,687 |
| 54 | 1,174 | 13,899 | 258 | 2,029 | 17,360 | 609 | 12,607 | 946 | 2,071 | 16,233 |
| 55 | 1,105 | 13,209 | 306 | 1,970 | 16,590 | 592 | 11,769 | 1,058 | 2,008 | 15,427 |
| 56 | 1,055 | 12,677 | 321 | 1,827 | 15,880 | 560 | 11,427 | 1,138 | 1,790 | 14,915 |
| 57 | 984 | 12,073 | 303 | 1,652 | 15,012 | 529 | 10,978 | 1,269 | 1,616 | 14,392 |
| 58 | 1,025 | 11,669 | 308 | 1,551 | 14,553 | 488 | 10,314 | 1,319 | 1,518 | 13,639 |
| 59 | 923 | 11,339 | 373 | 1,529 | 14,164 | 513 | 10,006 | 1,435 | 1,420 | 13,374 |

31 MARITAL STATUS, QUEENSLAND, 30 JUNE 1996-continued

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 918 | 10,561 | 402 | 1,358 | 13,239 | 423 | 9,163 | 1,622 | 1,216 | 12,424 |
| 61 | 831 | 10,013 | 383 | 1,193 | 12,420 | 455 | 9,026 | 1,707 | 1,218 | 12,406 |
| 62 | 858 | 9,801 | 474 | 1,126 | 12,259 | 408 | 8,394 | 1,913 | 1,041 | 11,756 |
| 63 | 834 | 9,473 | 515 | 1,099 | 11,921 | 462 | 8,227 | 2,184 | 1,082 | 11,955 |
| 64 | 899 | 9,598 | 596 | 1,001 | 12,094 | 445 | 7,971 | 2,251 | 963 | 11,630 |
| 65 | 846 | 9,730 | 636 | 1,096 | 12,308 | 496 | 8,422 | 2,682 | 1,060 | 12,660 |
| 66 | 855 | 9,297 | 656 | 948 | 11,756 | 414 | 7,731 | 2,790 | 959 | 11,894 |
| 67 | 829 | 9,198 | 736 | 953 | 11,716 | 469 | 7,326 | 3,107 | 897 | 11,799 |
| 68 | 788 | 8,940 | 762 | 845 | 11,335 | 427 | 7,426 | 3,326 | 787 | 11,966 |
| 69 | 787 | 8,527 | 864 | 750 | 10,928 | 437 | 6,730 | 3,440 | 712 | 11,319 |
| 70 | 761 | 8,381 | 882 | 698 | 10,722 | 491 | 6,537 | 3,820 | 657 | 11,505 |
| 71 | 668 | 7,640 | 937 | 625 | 9,870 | 448 | 5,994 | 3,940 | 637 | 11,019 |
| 72 | 634 | 7,221 | 1,058 | 551 | 9,464 | 406 | 5,593 | 4,161 | 571 | 10,731 |
| 73 | 634 | 6,788 | 1,119 | 484 | 9,025 | 445 | 4,996 | 4,506 | 519 | 10,466 |
| 74 | 601 | 6,466 | 1,101 | 476 | 8,644 | 406 | 4,762 | 4,620 | 457 | 10,245 |
| 75 | 493 | 5,991 | 1,190 | 384 | 8,058 | 427 | 4,389 | 4,746 | 434 | 9,996 |
| 76 | 458 | 5,320 | 1,089 | 350 | 7,217 | 345 | 3,523 | 4,700 | 324 | 8,892 |
| 77 | 390 | 4,168 | 1,027 | 237 | 5,822 | 339 | 2,892 | 4,100 | 277 | 7,608 |
| 78 | 336 | 3,919 | 1,040 | 253 | 5,548 | 369 | 2,545 | 4,338 | 238 | 7,490 |
| 79 | 328 | 3,531 | 1,052 | 158 | 5,069 | 342 | 2,248 | 4,305 | 221 | 7,116 |
| 80 | 279 | 3,104 | 999 | 140 | 4,522 | 337 | 1,865 | 4,165 | 180 | 6,547 |
| 81 | 256 | 2,725 | 1,053 | 120 | 4,154 | 298 | 1,594 | 4,187 | 171 | 6,250 |
| 82 | 219 | 2,299 | 1,029 | 127 | 3,674 | 298 | 1,409 | 4,235 | 134 | 6,076 |
| 83 | 223 | 1,925 | 932 | 103 | 3,183 | 286 | 1,060 | 3,879 | 124 | 5,349 |
| 84 | 181 | 1,578 | 796 | 73 | 2,628 | 261 | 850 | 3,440 | 89 | 4,640 |
| 85 and over | 708 | 5,243 | 4,471 | 239 | 10,661 | 1,561 | 2,386 | 18,531 | 351 | 22,829 |
| 14 and under | 377,920 | . |  |  | 377,920 | 357,771 | . | . | . | 357,771 |
| 15-19 | 123,811 | 379 | 29 | 60 | 124,279 | 117,269 | 1,143 | 54 | 63 | 118,529 |
| 20-24 | 121,875 | 12,290 | 70 | 318 | 134,553 | 104,941 | 24,777 | 106 | 748 | 130,572 |
| 25-29 | 78,913 | 49,412 | 88 | 2,651 | 131,064 | 56,830 | 67,281 | 292 | 4,583 | 128,986 |
| 30-34 | 43,940 | 78,004 | 194 | 6,939 | 129,077 | 28,124 | 91,473 | 592 | 9,981 | 130,170 |
| 35-39 | 26,503 | 92,935 | 337 | 10,956 | 130,731 | 16,166 | 100,355 | 1,138 | 13,673 | 131,332 |
| 40-44 | 15,565 | 94,144 | 584 | 13,122 | 123,415 | 9,359 | 95,229 | 1,852 | 15,933 | 122,373 |
| 45-49 | 10,261 | 95,389 | 906 | 14,759 | 121,315 | 5,778 | 91,440 | 2,958 | 16,449 | 116,625 |
| 50-54 | 6,739 | 76,832 | 1,197 | 11,482 | 96,250 | 3,532 | 70,788 | 4,361 | 12,296 | 90,977 |
| 55-59 | 5,092 | 60,967 | 1,611 | 8,529 | 76,199 | 2,682 | 54,494 | 6,219 | 8,352 | 71,747 |
| 60-64 | 4,340 | 49,446 | 2,370 | 5,777 | 61,933 | 2,193 | 42,781 | 9,677 | 5,520 | 60,171 |
| 65-69 | 4,105 | 45,692 | 3,654 | 4,592 | 58,043 | 2,243 | 37,635 | 15,345 | 4,415 | 59,638 |
| 70-74 | 3,298 | 36,496 | 5,097 | 2,834 | 47,725 | 2,196 | 27,882 | 21,047 | 2,841 | 53,966 |
| 75-79 | 2,005 | 22,929 | 5,398 | 1,382 | 31,714 | 1,822 | 15,597 | 22,189 | 1,494 | 41,102 |
| 80-84 | 1,158 | 11,631 | 4,809 | 563 | 18,161 | 1,480 | 6,778 | 19,906 | 698 | 28,862 |
| 85 and over | 708 | 5,243 | 4,471 | 239 | 10,661 | 1,561 | 2,386 | 18,531 | 351 | 22,829 |
| Total | 826,233 | 731,789 | 30,815 | 84,203 | 1,673,040 | 713,947 | 730,039 | 124,267 | 97,397 | 1,665,650 |
| Median age | 16.4 | 47.0 | 74.3 | 47.7 | 32.7 | 15.0 | 44.2 | 74.7 | 46.1 | 33.8 |

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32 MARITAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 30 JUNE 1996

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 153,734 | $\ldots$ | . . | .. | 153,734 | 145,781 | . | . | . | 145,781 |
| 15 | 9,978 | 21 | 1 | 7 | 10,007 | 9,744 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 9,765 |
| 16 | 9,889 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 9,916 | 9,405 | 24 | - | 5 | 9,434 |
| 17 | 10,011 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 10,034 | 9,289 | 35 | 3 | 8 | 9,335 |
| 18 | 9,842 | 20 | 7 | 4 | 9,873 | 9,422 | 96 | 6 | 8 | 9,532 |
| 19 | 10,177 | 59 | 3 | 8 | 10,247 | 9,631 | 202 | 7 | 4 | 9,844 |
| 20 | 10,308 | 139 | 6 | 9 | 10,462 | 9,376 | 478 | 7 | 13 | 9,874 |
| 21 | 10,409 | 318 | 6 | 16 | 10,749 | 9,171 | 907 | 8 | 21 | 10,107 |
| 22 | 9,977 | 590 | 3 | 13 | 10,583 | 8,411 | 1,579 | 7 | 34 | 10,031 |
| 23 | 9,762 | 1,119 | 4 | 16 | 10,901 | 7,935 | 2,567 | 12 | 71 | 10,585 |
| 24 | 9,315 | 1,904 | 2 | 49 | 11,270 | 7,108 | 3,515 | 17 | 133 | 10,773 |
| 25 | 8,621 | 2,826 | 10 | 76 | 11,533 | 6,418 | 4,536 | 13 | 209 | 11,176 |
| 26 | 7,574 | 3,429 | 6 | 130 | 11,139 | 5,357 | 5,081 | 19 | 323 | 10,780 |
| 27 | 6,598 | 4,161 | 7 | 206 | 10,972 | 4,522 | 5,753 | 20 | 364 | 10,659 |
| 28 | 5,893 | 4,718 | 9 | 258 | 10,878 | 3,809 | 6,122 | 25 | 457 | 10,413 |
| 29 | 4,956 | 5,179 | 14 | 338 | 10,487 | 3,296 | 6,450 | 23 | 550 | 10,319 |
| 30 | 4,698 | 5,688 | 11 | 419 | 10,816 | 2,976 | 6,994 | 30 | 645 | 10,645 |
| 31 | 4,240 | 6,317 | 14 | 489 | 11,060 | 2,853 | 7,401 | 42 | 791 | 11,087 |
| 32 | 3,817 | 6,812 | 27 | 649 | 11,305 | 2,595 | 7,801 | 46 | 920 | 11,362 |
| 33 | 3,671 | 7,266 | 21 | 700 | 11,658 | 2,306 | 8,186 | 53 | 989 | 11,534 |
| 34 | 3,185 | 7,432 | 19 | 795 | 11,431 | 2,025 | 8,578 | 52 | 1,093 | 11,748 |
| 35 | 3,055 | 8,178 | 25 | 923 | 12,181 | 1,854 | 8,818 | 78 | 1,176 | 11,926 |
| 36 | 2,603 | 8,265 | 31 | 935 | 11,834 | 1,762 | 8,794 | 97 | 1,297 | 11,950 |
| 37 | 2,255 | 8,222 | 37 | 986 | 11,500 | 1,561 | 8,790 | 88 | 1,301 | 11,740 |
| 38 | 2,105 | 8,357 | 32 | 1,038 | 11,532 | 1,321 | 8,632 | 106 | 1,334 | 11,393 |
| 39 | 1,835 | 8,102 | 54 | 1,106 | 11,097 | 1,228 | 8,629 | 105 | 1,346 | 11,308 |
| 40 | 1,662 | 8,285 | 26 | 1,107 | 11,080 | 1,072 | 8,575 | 116 | 1,422 | 11,185 |
| 41 | 1,505 | 8,255 | 43 | 1,159 | 10,962 | 956 | 8,224 | 139 | 1,548 | 10,867 |
| 42 | 1,408 | 8,253 | 45 | 1,180 | 10,886 | 893 | 8,507 | 166 | 1,589 | 11,155 |
| 43 | 1,216 | 8,379 | 55 | 1,145 | 10,795 | 773 | 8,616 | 171 | 1,514 | 11,074 |
| 44 | 1,057 | 8,120 | 60 | 1,148 | 10,385 | 733 | 8,117 | 156 | 1,564 | 10,570 |
| 45 | 977 | 8,194 | 60 | 1,243 | 10,474 | 642 | 8,497 | 204 | 1,537 | 10,880 |
| 46 | 912 | 8,401 | 55 | 1,330 | 10,698 | 548 | 8,198 | 251 | 1,503 | 10,500 |
| 47 | 790 | 8,212 | 59 | 1,252 | 10,313 | 528 | 8,022 | 265 | 1,530 | 10,345 |
| 48 | 761 | 8,334 | 79 | 1,208 | 10,382 | 457 | 8,152 | 318 | 1,477 | 10,404 |
| 49 | 743 | 8,992 | 83 | 1,258 | 11,076 | 465 | 8,500 | 319 | 1,555 | 10,839 |
| 50 | 576 | 7,160 | 91 | 1,056 | 8,883 | 347 | 6,991 | 339 | 1,243 | 8,920 |
| 51 | 610 | 7,224 | 82 | 984 | 8,900 | 366 | 6,935 | 342 | 1,225 | 8,868 |
| 52 | 502 | 6,812 | 103 | 927 | 8,344 | 336 | 6,642 | 378 | 1,109 | 8,465 |
| 53 | 473 | 6,453 | 118 | 848 | 7,892 | 276 | 6,023 | 414 | 967 | 7,680 |
| 54 | 370 | 6,214 | 101 | 779 | 7,464 | 248 | 5,834 | 439 | 936 | 7,457 |
| 55 | 396 | 5,925 | 91 | 747 | 7,159 | 212 | 5,581 | 443 | 788 | 7,024 |
| 56 | 383 | 5,757 | 110 | 679 | 6,929 | 220 | 5,383 | 534 | 807 | 6,944 |
| 57 | 333 | 5,705 | 126 | 712 | 6,876 | 203 | 5,399 | 644 | 738 | 6,984 |
| 58 | 357 | 5,396 | 140 | 651 | 6,544 | 180 | 5,327 | 583 | 668 | 6,758 |
| 59 | 316 | 5,525 | 160 | 538 | 6,539 | 166 | 5,158 | 714 | 646 | 6,684 |

32 MARITAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 30 JUNE 1996-continued

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 288 | 5,164 | 159 | 553 | 6,164 | 190 | 4,713 | 787 | 624 | 6,314 |
| 61 | 284 | 5,062 | 147 | 499 | 5,992 | 162 | 4,553 | 864 | 591 | 6,170 |
| 62 | 282 | 5,186 | 181 | 473 | 6,122 | 170 | 4,544 | 963 | 585 | 6,262 |
| 63 | 318 | 5,057 | 220 | 451 | 6,046 | 158 | 4,423 | 1,037 | 542 | 6,160 |
| 64 | 290 | 4,831 | 272 | 449 | 5,842 | 145 | 4,304 | 1,106 | 505 | 6,060 |
| 65 | 326 | 5,029 | 288 | 451 | 6,094 | 192 | 4,471 | 1,360 | 570 | 6,593 |
| 66 | 360 | 5,114 | 349 | 421 | 6,244 | 196 | 4,263 | 1,475 | 429 | 6,363 |
| 67 | 320 | 5,051 | 344 | 415 | 6,130 | 194 | 4,123 | 1,576 | 453 | 6,346 |
| 68 | 356 | 4,915 | 385 | 367 | 6,023 | 197 | 4,099 | 1,711 | 437 | 6,444 |
| 69 | 317 | 4,990 | 372 | 326 | 6,005 | 210 | 3,901 | 1,947 | 406 | 6,464 |
| 70 | 311 | 4,588 | 483 | 331 | 5,713 | 209 | 3,748 | 2,205 | 390 | 6,552 |
| 71 | 291 | 4,350 | 477 | 284 | 5,402 | 240 | 3,484 | 2,197 | 339 | 6,260 |
| 72 | 273 | 4,150 | 502 | 276 | 5,201 | 220 | 3,264 | 2,393 | 311 | 6,188 |
| 73 | 251 | 3,896 | 534 | 223 | 4,904 | 216 | 3,130 | 2,464 | 335 | 6,145 |
| 74 | 220 | 3,623 | 563 | 197 | 4,603 | 207 | 2,760 | 2,660 | 258 | 5,885 |
| 75 | 203 | 3,411 | 602 | 208 | 4,424 | 216 | 2,597 | 2,759 | 241 | 5,813 |
| 76 | 168 | 2,968 | 603 | 164 | 3,903 | 190 | 2,130 | 2,606 | 202 | 5,128 |
| 77 | 131 | 2,294 | 535 | 118 | 3,078 | 201 | 1,576 | 2,288 | 172 | 4,237 |
| 78 | 126 | 2,109 | 572 | 111 | 2,918 | 193 | 1,501 | 2,444 | 124 | 4,262 |
| 79 | 115 | 1,987 | 561 | 85 | 2,748 | 193 | 1,268 | 2,389 | 140 | 3,990 |
| 80 | 119 | 1,710 | 546 | 75 | 2,450 | 174 | 1,110 | 2,391 | 110 | 3,785 |
| 81 | 104 | 1,627 | 531 | 60 | 2,322 | 176 | 929 | 2,402 | 91 | 3,598 |
| 82 | 105 | 1,378 | 571 | 63 | 2,117 | 185 | 866 | 2,463 | 76 | 3,590 |
| 83 | 92 | 1,162 | 509 | 37 | 1,800 | 196 | 647 | 2,276 | 67 | 3,186 |
| 84 | 71 | 921 | 460 | 36 | 1,488 | 143 | 514 | 2,130 | 50 | 2,837 |
| 85 and over | 293 | 2,833 | 2,395 | 115 | 5,636 | 914 | 1,368 | 11,267 | 219 | 13,768 |
| 14 and under | 153,734 | . | . |  | 153,734 | 145,781 |  | . |  | 145,781 |
| 15-19 | 49,897 | 140 | 14 | 26 | 50,077 | 47,491 | 370 | 19 | 30 | 47,910 |
| 20-24 | 49,771 | 4,070 | 21 | 103 | 53,965 | 42,001 | 9,046 | 51 | 272 | 51,370 |
| 25-29 | 33,642 | 20,313 | 46 | 1,008 | 55,009 | 23,402 | 27,942 | 100 | 1,903 | 53,347 |
| 30-34 | 19,611 | 33,515 | 92 | 3,052 | 56,270 | 12,755 | 38,960 | 223 | 4,438 | 56,376 |
| 35-39 | 11,853 | 41,124 | 179 | 4,988 | 58,144 | 7,726 | 43,663 | 474 | 6,454 | 58,317 |
| 40-44 | 6,848 | 41,292 | 229 | 5,739 | 54,108 | 4,427 | 42,039 | 748 | 7,637 | 54,851 |
| 45-49 | 4,183 | 42,133 | 336 | 6,291 | 52,943 | 2,640 | 41,369 | 1,357 | 7,602 | 52,968 |
| 50-54 | 2,531 | 33,863 | 495 | 4,594 | 41,483 | 1,573 | 32,425 | 1,912 | 5,480 | 41,390 |
| 55-59 | 1,785 | 28,308 | 627 | 3,327 | 34,047 | 981 | 26,848 | 2,918 | 3,647 | 34,394 |
| 60-64 | 1,462 | 25,300 | 979 | 2,425 | 30,166 | 825 | 22,537 | 4,757 | 2,847 | 30,966 |
| 65-69 | 1,679 | 25,099 | 1,738 | 1,980 | 30,496 | 989 | 20,857 | 8,069 | 2,295 | 32,210 |
| 70-74 | 1,346 | 20,607 | 2,559 | 1,311 | 25,823 | 1,092 | 16,386 | 11,919 | 1,633 | 31,030 |
| 75-79 | 743 | 12,769 | 2,873 | 686 | 17,071 | 993 | 9,072 | 12,486 | 879 | 23,430 |
| 80-84 | 491 | 6,798 | 2,617 | 271 | 10,177 | 874 | 4,066 | 11,662 | 394 | 16,996 |
| 85 and over | 293 | 2,833 | 2,395 | 115 | 5,636 | 914 | 1,368 | 11,267 | 219 | 13,768 |
| Total | 339,869 | 338,164 | 15,200 | 35,916 | 729,149 | 294,464 | 336,948 | 67,962 | 45,730 | 745,104 |
| Median age | 16.6 | 48.5 | 75.5 | 47.4 | 34.6 | 15.1 | 45.8 | 75.5 | 46.4 | 36.5 |

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| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 201,774 | . | . | . | 201,774 | 191,084 | . | . | . | 191,084 |
| 15 | 13,193 | 24 | 3 | 6 | 13,226 | 12,555 | 31 | 4 | 7 | 12,597 |
| 16 | 13,050 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 13,077 | 12,344 | 36 | 5 | 6 | 12,391 |
| 17 | 12,995 | 26 | 6 | 10 | 13,037 | 12,374 | 87 | 6 | 1 | 12,468 |
| 18 | 13,275 | 56 | 2 | 8 | 13,341 | 12,187 | 176 | 3 | 5 | 12,371 |
| 19 | 13,188 | 109 | 7 | 5 | 13,309 | 12,213 | 354 | 8 | 12 | 12,587 |
| 20 | 13,379 | 247 | 7 | 9 | 13,642 | 12,109 | 743 | 5 | 14 | 12,871 |
| 21 | 13,163 | 466 | 7 | 15 | 13,651 | 11,776 | 1,238 | 8 | 20 | 13,042 |
| 22 | 12,891 | 819 | 9 | 18 | 13,737 | 10,926 | 1,927 | 10 | 41 | 12,904 |
| 23 | 12,862 | 1,430 | 8 | 45 | 14,345 | 10,217 | 3,109 | 19 | 82 | 13,427 |
| 24 | 12,441 | 2,422 | 5 | 60 | 14,928 | 9,724 | 4,288 | 18 | 145 | 14,175 |
| 25 | 11,714 | 3,315 | 10 | 134 | 15,173 | 8,668 | 5,545 | 20 | 243 | 14,476 |
| 26 | 9,809 | 4,121 | 4 | 172 | 14,106 | 6,992 | 6,215 | 22 | 326 | 13,555 |
| 27 | 8,831 | 5,020 | 9 | 211 | 14,071 | 5,974 | 7,114 | 27 | 448 | 13,563 |
| 28 | 7,516 | 5,727 | 7 | 320 | 13,570 | 4,887 | 7,717 | 38 | 530 | 13,172 |
| 29 | 6,655 | 6,326 | 9 | 428 | 13,418 | 4,430 | 8,153 | 38 | 669 | 13,290 |
| 30 | 5,915 | 6,988 | 15 | 484 | 13,402 | 3,791 | 8,837 | 47 | 749 | 13,424 |
| 31 | 5,378 | 7,735 | 14 | 587 | 13,714 | 3,290 | 9,339 | 55 | 858 | 13,542 |
| 32 | 4,907 | 8,726 | 26 | 735 | 14,394 | 3,000 | 10,153 | 65 | 1,045 | 14,263 |
| 33 | 4,472 | 9,539 | 18 | 849 | 14,878 | 2,773 | 10,566 | 84 | 1,095 | 14,518 |
| 34 | 3,982 | 9,611 | 28 | 886 | 14,507 | 2,372 | 10,902 | 77 | 1,217 | 14,568 |
| 35 | 3,660 | 10,162 | 25 | 1,037 | 14,884 | 2,215 | 11,109 | 108 | 1,302 | 14,734 |
| 36 | 3,211 | 10,274 | 36 | 1,124 | 14,645 | 1,856 | 11,246 | 100 | 1,363 | 14,565 |
| 37 | 2,729 | 10,396 | 31 | 1,102 | 14,258 | 1,709 | 11,041 | 109 | 1,412 | 14,271 |
| 38 | 2,474 | 10,465 | 38 | 1,213 | 14,190 | 1,511 | 11,086 | 131 | 1,430 | 14,158 |
| 39 | 2,266 | 10,624 | 42 | 1,251 | 14,183 | 1,297 | 10,854 | 141 | 1,536 | 13,828 |
| 40 | 2,126 | 10,678 | 41 | 1,296 | 14,141 | 1,238 | 11,112 | 182 | 1,642 | 14,174 |
| 41 | 1,783 | 10,470 | 52 | 1,346 | 13,651 | 1,070 | 11,026 | 158 | 1,683 | 13,937 |
| 42 | 1,705 | 10,705 | 52 | 1,346 | 13,808 | 1,003 | 10,893 | 170 | 1,704 | 13,770 |
| 43 | 1,465 | 10,583 | 66 | 1,515 | 13,629 | 883 | 10,754 | 165 | 1,787 | 13,589 |
| 44 | 1,268 | 10,433 | 55 | 1,494 | 13,250 | 770 | 10,293 | 177 | 1,599 | 12,839 |
| 45 | 1,204 | 10,637 | 73 | 1,499 | 13,413 | 673 | 10,238 | 246 | 1,747 | 12,904 |
| 46 | 1,133 | 10,288 | 83 | 1,493 | 12,997 | 630 | 9,901 | 242 | 1,756 | 12,529 |
| 47 | 948 | 10,265 | 94 | 1,470 | 12,777 | 572 | 9,690 | 264 | 1,650 | 12,176 |
| 48 | 992 | 10,560 | 80 | 1,536 | 13,168 | 530 | 9,633 | 286 | 1,650 | 12,099 |
| 49 | 871 | 10,847 | 103 | 1,510 | 13,331 | 521 | 9,971 | 355 | 1,609 | 12,456 |
| 50 | 757 | 8,572 | 104 | 1,277 | 10,710 | 393 | 7,659 | 364 | 1,342 | 9,758 |
| 51 | 680 | 8,527 | 93 | 1,132 | 10,432 | 380 | 7,626 | 379 | 1,323 | 9,708 |
| 52 | 663 | 8,309 | 108 | 1,132 | 10,212 | 337 | 7,451 | 420 | 1,264 | 9,472 |
| 53 | 585 | 7,499 | 113 | 1,057 | 9,254 | 299 | 6,639 | 401 | 1,110 | 8,449 |
| 54 | 598 | 7,291 | 115 | 1,013 | 9,017 | 283 | 6,636 | 478 | 1,089 | 8,486 |
| 55 | 545 | 6,857 | 131 | 958 | 8,491 | 266 | 6,224 | 513 | 1,054 | 8,057 |
| 56 | 484 | 6,772 | 116 | 839 | 8,211 | 272 | 5,928 | 571 | 927 | 7,698 |
| 57 | 447 | 6,440 | 148 | 847 | 7,882 | 233 | 5,784 | 594 | 889 | 7,500 |
| 58 | 419 | 6,308 | 163 | 800 | 7,690 | 233 | 5,572 | 680 | 868 | 7,353 |
| 59 | 417 | 5,886 | 143 | 702 | 7,148 | 219 | 5,229 | 715 | 718 | 6,881 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 402 | 5,594 | 181 | 606 | 6,783 | 196 | 4,972 | 779 | 712 | 6,659 |
| 61 | 342 | 5,388 | 201 | 623 | 6,554 | 190 | 4,838 | 867 | 653 | 6,548 |
| 62 | 335 | 5,107 | 169 | 584 | 6,195 | 199 | 4,541 | 891 | 590 | 6,221 |
| 63 | 322 | 5,065 | 238 | 554 | 6,179 | 190 | 4,435 | 1,086 | 529 | 6,240 |
| 64 | 324 | 5,091 | 238 | 511 | 6,164 | 181 | 4,231 | 1,081 | 519 | 6,012 |
| 65 | 389 | 5,281 | 299 | 521 | 6,490 | 170 | 4,297 | 1,332 | 581 | 6,380 |
| 66 | 359 | 4,857 | 332 | 434 | 5,982 | 205 | 4,056 | 1,345 | 530 | 6,136 |
| 67 | 315 | 4,665 | 333 | 451 | 5,764 | 162 | 3,766 | 1,504 | 451 | 5,883 |
| 68 | 326 | 4,586 | 319 | 386 | 5,617 | 153 | 3,695 | 1,617 | 404 | 5,869 |
| 69 | 304 | 4,355 | 387 | 381 | 5,427 | 147 | 3,542 | 1,704 | 391 | 5,784 |
| 70 | 317 | 4,188 | 399 | 343 | 5,247 | 167 | 3,224 | 1,852 | 370 | 5,613 |
| 71 | 240 | 3,817 | 410 | 308 | 4,775 | 163 | 2,926 | 1,762 | 354 | 5,205 |
| 72 | 232 | 3,645 | 464 | 272 | 4,613 | 171 | 2,718 | 2,029 | 322 | 5,240 |
| 73 | 229 | 3,405 | 472 | 262 | 4,368 | 177 | 2,491 | 2,120 | 286 | 5,074 |
| 74 | 209 | 3,108 | 471 | 228 | 4,016 | 166 | 2,298 | 2,300 | 262 | 5,026 |
| 75 | 200 | 2,901 | 491 | 181 | 3,773 | 161 | 2,105 | 2,249 | 208 | 4,723 |
| 76 | 169 | 2,635 | 495 | 152 | 3,451 | 174 | 1,852 | 2,346 | 223 | 4,595 |
| 77 | 134 | 1,896 | 383 | 104 | 2,517 | 128 | 1,268 | 1,802 | 152 | 3,350 |
| 78 | 111 | 1,725 | 428 | 93 | 2,357 | 123 | 1,157 | 1,900 | 119 | 3,299 |
| 79 | 111 | 1,644 | 441 | 86 | 2,282 | 129 | 1,005 | 2,021 | 108 | 3,263 |
| 80 | 112 | 1,500 | 438 | 77 | 2,127 | 168 | 951 | 2,190 | 107 | 3,416 |
| 81 | 83 | 1,411 | 445 | 78 | 2,017 | 146 | 859 | 2,110 | 87 | 3,202 |
| 82 | 75 | 1,242 | 449 | 46 | 1,812 | 104 | 724 | 2,140 | 90 | 3,058 |
| 83 | 77 | 1,013 | 431 | 62 | 1,583 | 112 | 533 | 1,978 | 57 | 2,680 |
| 84 | 78 | 797 | 420 | 40 | 1,335 | 105 | 443 | 1,855 | 56 | 2,459 |
| 85 and over | 317 | 2,831 | 2,203 | 126 | 5,477 | 750 | 1,295 | 9,821 | 199 | 12,065 |
| 14 and under | 201,774 | . |  |  | 201,774 | 191,084 | . |  |  | 191,084 |
| 15-19 | 65,701 | 238 | 20 | 31 | 65,990 | 61,673 | 684 | 26 | 31 | 62,414 |
| 20-24 | 64,736 | 5,384 | 36 | 147 | 70,303 | 54,752 | 11,305 | 60 | 302 | 66,419 |
| 25-29 | 44,525 | 24,509 | 39 | 1,265 | 70,338 | 30,951 | 34,744 | 145 | 2,216 | 68,056 |
| 30-34 | 24,654 | 42,599 | 101 | 3,541 | 70,895 | 15,226 | 49,797 | 328 | 4,964 | 70,315 |
| 35-39 | 14,340 | 51,921 | 172 | 5,727 | 72,160 | 8,588 | 55,336 | 589 | 7,043 | 71,556 |
| 40-44 | 8,347 | 52,869 | 266 | 6,997 | 68,479 | 4,964 | 54,078 | 852 | 8,415 | 68,309 |
| 45-49 | 5,148 | 52,597 | 433 | 7,508 | 65,686 | 2,926 | 49,433 | 1,393 | 8,412 | 62,164 |
| 50-54 | 3,283 | 40,198 | 533 | 5,611 | 49,625 | 1,692 | 36,011 | 2,042 | 6,128 | 45,873 |
| 55-59 | 2,312 | 32,263 | 701 | 4,146 | 39,422 | 1,223 | 28,737 | 3,073 | 4,456 | 37,489 |
| 60-64 | 1,725 | 26,245 | 1,027 | 2,878 | 31,875 | 956 | 23,017 | 4,704 | 3,003 | 31,680 |
| 65-69 | 1,693 | 23,744 | 1,670 | 2,173 | 29,280 | 837 | 19,356 | 7,502 | 2,357 | 30,052 |
| 70-74 | 1,227 | 18,163 | 2,216 | 1,413 | 23,019 | 844 | 13,657 | 10,063 | 1,594 | 26,158 |
| 75-79 | 725 | 10,801 | 2,238 | 616 | 14,380 | 715 | 7,387 | 10,318 | 810 | 19,230 |
| 80-84 | 425 | 5,963 | 2,183 | 303 | 8,874 | 635 | 3,510 | 10,273 | 397 | 14,815 |
| 85 and over | 317 | 2,831 | 2,203 | 126 | 5,477 | 750 | 1,295 | 9,821 | 199 | 12,065 |
| Total | 440,932 | 390,325 | 13,838 | 42,482 | 887,577 | 377,816 | 388,347 | 61,189 | 50,327 | 877,679 |
| Median age | 16.4 | 46.7 | 74.4 | 47.4 | 32.6 | 15.0 | 43.9 | 74.9 | 46.3 | 33.7 |

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| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 54,160 | . | . | . | 54,160 | 51,754 | . | . | . | 51,754 |
| 15 | 3,609 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3,619 | 3,546 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3,553 |
| 16 | 3,537 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3,547 | 3,333 | 7 | - | 3 | 3,343 |
| 17 | 3,464 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 3,478 | 3,352 | 9 | - | 1 | 3,362 |
| 18 | 3,314 | 8 | - | 5 | 3,327 | 3,187 | 24 | 3 | 2 | 3,216 |
| 19 | 3,207 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 3,226 | 3,011 | 83 | 5 | 1 | 3,100 |
| 20 | 3,320 | 58 | 2 | 5 | 3,385 | 2,942 | 187 | 2 | 2 | 3,133 |
| 21 | 3,170 | 102 | 2 | 2 | 3,276 | 2,854 | 316 | 2 | 5 | 3,177 |
| 22 | 3,017 | 254 | 1 | 5 | 3,277 | 2,616 | 538 | - | 14 | 3,168 |
| 23 | 2,809 | 394 | 1 | 8 | 3,212 | 2,420 | 879 | 2 | 26 | 3,327 |
| 24 | 2,716 | 598 | - | 21 | 3,335 | 2,164 | 1,221 | 3 | 51 | 3,439 |
| 25 | 2,463 | 948 | 5 | 30 | 3,446 | 1,891 | 1,525 | 5 | 71 | 3,492 |
| 26 | 2,171 | 1,115 | - | 46 | 3,332 | 1,595 | 1,598 | 3 | 101 | 3,297 |
| 27 | 1,879 | 1,376 | 4 | 71 | 3,330 | 1,400 | 1,785 | 9 | 150 | 3,344 |
| 28 | 1,561 | 1,518 | 4 | 69 | 3,152 | 1,096 | 1,970 | 12 | 173 | 3,251 |
| 29 | 1,332 | 1,555 | 1 | 118 | 3,006 | 961 | 2,036 | 13 | 217 | 3,227 |
| 30 | 1,195 | 1,730 | 8 | 135 | 3,068 | 799 | 2,246 | 14 | 246 | 3,305 |
| 31 | 1,102 | 2,017 | 5 | 176 | 3,300 | 758 | 2,408 | 12 | 233 | 3,411 |
| 32 | 1,086 | 2,221 | 8 | 218 | 3,533 | 710 | 2,602 | 24 | 333 | 3,669 |
| 33 | 981 | 2,364 | 10 | 210 | 3,565 | 624 | 2,701 | 24 | 376 | 3,725 |
| 34 | 897 | 2,547 | 10 | 265 | 3,719 | 563 | 2,790 | 37 | 401 | 3,791 |
| 35 | 824 | 2,662 | 5 | 330 | 3,821 | 537 | 3,012 | 34 | 418 | 4,001 |
| 36 | 705 | 2,693 | 8 | 283 | 3,689 | 468 | 2,982 | 22 | 429 | 3,901 |
| 37 | 640 | 2,693 | 13 | 335 | 3,681 | 464 | 2,889 | 31 | 440 | 3,824 |
| 38 | 614 | 2,820 | 13 | 331 | 3,778 | 355 | 2,856 | 38 | 456 | 3,705 |
| 39 | 506 | 2,651 | 8 | 370 | 3,535 | 349 | 2,852 | 38 | 452 | 3,691 |
| 40 | 497 | 2,792 | 12 | 378 | 3,679 | 306 | 2,823 | 52 | 437 | 3,618 |
| 41 | 387 | 2,667 | 23 | 374 | 3,451 | 269 | 2,770 | 49 | 459 | 3,547 |
| 42 | 434 | 2,632 | 20 | 381 | 3,467 | 256 | 2,813 | 53 | 495 | 3,617 |
| 43 | 376 | 2,839 | 18 | 375 | 3,608 | 169 | 2,790 | 53 | 460 | 3,472 |
| 44 | 363 | 2,643 | 21 | 378 | 3,405 | 158 | 2,615 | 66 | 492 | 3,331 |
| 45 | 288 | 2,687 | 15 | 349 | 3,339 | 202 | 2,607 | 66 | 487 | 3,362 |
| 46 | 294 | 2,614 | 33 | 391 | 3,332 | 145 | 2,582 | 74 | 483 | 3,284 |
| 47 | 232 | 2,579 | 22 | 368 | 3,201 | 138 | 2,591 | 82 | 412 | 3,223 |
| 48 | 244 | 2,764 | 19 | 361 | 3,388 | 133 | 2,558 | 89 | 459 | 3,239 |
| 49 | 244 | 2,856 | 37 | 419 | 3,556 | 149 | 2,632 | 115 | 453 | 3,349 |
| 50 | 182 | 2,246 | 29 | 320 | 2,777 | 117 | 2,195 | 106 | 382 | 2,800 |
| 51 | 170 | 2,228 | 31 | 321 | 2,750 | 94 | 2,118 | 137 | 377 | 2,726 |
| 52 | 161 | 2,237 | 37 | 303 | 2,738 | 80 | 2,069 | 137 | 346 | 2,632 |
| 53 | 140 | 2,049 | 42 | 273 | 2,504 | 72 | 1,888 | 144 | 302 | 2,406 |
| 54 | 140 | 1,967 | 39 | 291 | 2,437 | 101 | 1,825 | 169 | 283 | 2,378 |
| 55 | 133 | 1,950 | 57 | 252 | 2,392 | 82 | 1,788 | 161 | 284 | 2,315 |
| 56 | 139 | 1,861 | 45 | 224 | 2,269 | 73 | 1,718 | 204 | 295 | 2,290 |
| 57 | 131 | 1,877 | 52 | 217 | 2,277 | 73 | 1,638 | 219 | 239 | 2,169 |
| 58 | 145 | 1,736 | 60 | 203 | 2,144 | 71 | 1,705 | 198 | 215 | 2,189 |
| 59 | 114 | 1,760 | 56 | 169 | 2,099 | 78 | 1,543 | 277 | 189 | 2,087 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 116 | 1,533 | 56 | 173 | 1,878 | 70 | 1,470 | 253 | 185 | 1,978 |
| 61 | 123 | 1,524 | 69 | 161 | 1,877 | 56 | 1,367 | 319 | 175 | 1,917 |
| 62 | 136 | 1,582 | 70 | 164 | 1,952 | 59 | 1,418 | 322 | 172 | 1,971 |
| 63 | 104 | 1,537 | 98 | 143 | 1,882 | 65 | 1,353 | 364 | 170 | 1,952 |
| 64 | 117 | 1,498 | 90 | 149 | 1,854 | 76 | 1,283 | 379 | 168 | 1,906 |
| 65 | 116 | 1,578 | 117 | 125 | 1,936 | 76 | 1,306 | 445 | 152 | 1,979 |
| 66 | 121 | 1,512 | 104 | 111 | 1,848 | 82 | 1,182 | 496 | 139 | 1,899 |
| 67 | 108 | 1,476 | 113 | 105 | 1,802 | 62 | 1,208 | 528 | 130 | 1,928 |
| 68 | 119 | 1,438 | 128 | 110 | 1,795 | 70 | 1,186 | 519 | 109 | 1,884 |
| 69 | 98 | 1,381 | 151 | 110 | 1,740 | 68 | 1,044 | 590 | 92 | 1,794 |
| 70 | 92 | 1,355 | 153 | 80 | 1,680 | 69 | 1,051 | 645 | 98 | 1,863 |
| 71 | 82 | 1,213 | 162 | 81 | 1,538 | 62 | 922 | 723 | 81 | 1,788 |
| 72 | 98 | 1,157 | 186 | 79 | 1,520 | 79 | 934 | 741 | 75 | 1,829 |
| 73 | 77 | 1,090 | 188 | 62 | 1,417 | 66 | 863 | 758 | 74 | 1,761 |
| 74 | 71 | 1,004 | 206 | 64 | 1,345 | 76 | 832 | 767 | 49 | 1,724 |
| 75 | 63 | 925 | 194 | 56 | 1,238 | 74 | 701 | 809 | 78 | 1,662 |
| 76 | 60 | 832 | 202 | 42 | 1,136 | 72 | 615 | 807 | 47 | 1,541 |
| 77 | 42 | 657 | 174 | 36 | 909 | 54 | 416 | 705 | 41 | 1,216 |
| 78 | 47 | 621 | 175 | 26 | 869 | 67 | 414 | 760 | 32 | 1,273 |
| 79 | 40 | 586 | 187 | 32 | 845 | 49 | 365 | 775 | 34 | 1,223 |
| 80 | 31 | 501 | 180 | 29 | 741 | 67 | 354 | 730 | 31 | 1,182 |
| 81 | 28 | 449 | 175 | 20 | 672 | 63 | 284 | 736 | 35 | 1,118 |
| 82 | 32 | 404 | 174 | 14 | 624 | 61 | 229 | 721 | 11 | 1,022 |
| 83 | 39 | 323 | 135 | 13 | 510 | 54 | 170 | 655 | 13 | 892 |
| 84 | 23 | 278 | 130 | 12 | 443 | 37 | 144 | 633 | 18 | 832 |
| 85 and over | 90 | 784 | 737 | 30 | 1,641 | 285 | 355 | 3,071 | 56 | 3,767 |
| 14 and under | 54,160 | . | . | $\cdots$ | 54,160 | 51,754 | . | $\cdots$ | . | 51,754 |
| 15-19 | 17,131 | 42 | 7 | 17 | 17,197 | 16,429 | 127 | 10 | 8 | 16,574 |
| 20-24 | 15,032 | 1,406 | 6 | 41 | 16,485 | 12,996 | 3,141 | 9 | 98 | 16,244 |
| 25-29 | 9,406 | 6,512 | 14 | 334 | 16,266 | 6,943 | 8,914 | 42 | 712 | 16,611 |
| 30-34 | 5,261 | 10,879 | 41 | 1,004 | 17,185 | 3,454 | 12,747 | 111 | 1,589 | 17,901 |
| 35-39 | 3,289 | 13,519 | 47 | 1,649 | 18,504 | 2,173 | 14,591 | 163 | 2,195 | 19,122 |
| 40-44 | 2,057 | 13,573 | 94 | 1,886 | 17,610 | 1,158 | 13,811 | 273 | 2,343 | 17,585 |
| 45-49 | 1,302 | 13,500 | 126 | 1,888 | 16,816 | 767 | 12,970 | 426 | 2,294 | 16,457 |
| 50-54 | 793 | 10,727 | 178 | 1,508 | 13,206 | 464 | 10,095 | 693 | 1,690 | 12,942 |
| 55-59 | 662 | 9,184 | 270 | 1,065 | 11,181 | 377 | 8,392 | 1,059 | 1,222 | 11,050 |
| 60-64 | 596 | 7,674 | 383 | 790 | 9,443 | 326 | 6,891 | 1,637 | 870 | 9,724 |
| 65-69 | 562 | 7,385 | 613 | 561 | 9,121 | 358 | 5,926 | 2,578 | 622 | 9,484 |
| 70-74 | 420 | 5,819 | 895 | 366 | 7,500 | 352 | 4,602 | 3,634 | 377 | 8,965 |
| 75-79 | 252 | 3,621 | 932 | 192 | 4,997 | 316 | 2,511 | 3,856 | 232 | 6,915 |
| 80-84 | 153 | 1,955 | 794 | 88 | 2,990 | 282 | 1,181 | 3,475 | 108 | 5,046 |
| 85 and over | 90 | 784 | 737 | 30 | 1,641 | 285 | 355 | 3,071 | 56 | 3,767 |
| Total | 111,166 | 106,580 | 5,137 | 11,419 | 234,302 | 98,434 | 106,254 | 21,037 | 14,416 | 240,141 |
| Median age | 15.4 | 47.8 | 74.5 | 47.1 | 33.9 | 15.0 | 44.9 | 74.8 | 45.5 | 35.2 |



| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 25,450 | . | . | . | 25,450 | 23,880 | . | . | . | 23,880 |
| 15 | 1,399 | 7 | - | 3 | 1,409 | 1,283 | 36 | 2 | - | 1,321 |
| 16 | 1,389 | 19 | - | 1 | 1,409 | 1,220 | 71 | 2 | 5 | 1,298 |
| 17 | 1,326 | 42 | - | - | 1,368 | 1,052 | 132 | 3 | 6 | 1,193 |
| 18 | 1,314 | 111 | 1 | 1 | 1,427 | 1,049 | 208 | 6 | 3 | 1,266 |
| 19 | 1,414 | 146 | 2 | - | 1,562 | 1,154 | 248 | 3 | 8 | 1,413 |
| 20 | 1,372 | 231 | 3 | 8 | 1,614 | 1,110 | 354 | 8 | 5 | 1,477 |
| 21 | 1,387 | 250 | 4 | 1 | 1,642 | 1,093 | 358 | 13 | 15 | 1,479 |
| 22 | 1,364 | 323 | 2 | 7 | 1,696 | 1,166 | 468 | 9 | 5 | 1,648 |
| 23 | 1,497 | 382 | 2 | 10 | 1,891 | 1,122 | 583 | 10 | 14 | 1,729 |
| 24 | 1,516 | 547 | 7 | 14 | 2,084 | 1,092 | 685 | 11 | 21 | 1,809 |
| 25 | 1,500 | 566 | 5 | 25 | 2,096 | 1,045 | 858 | 11 | 25 | 1,939 |
| 26 | 1,258 | 634 | 2 | 26 | 1,920 | 969 | 932 | 10 | 46 | 1,957 |
| 27 | 1,087 | 735 | 2 | 28 | 1,852 | 830 | 927 | 9 | 52 | 1,818 |
| 28 | 1,044 | 796 | 9 | 46 | 1,895 | 692 | 973 | 11 | 59 | 1,735 |
| 29 | 876 | 882 | 1 | 43 | 1,802 | 565 | 1,004 | 15 | 82 | 1,666 |
| 30 | 849 | 927 | 4 | 52 | 1,832 | 598 | 1,052 | 21 | 72 | 1,743 |
| 31 | 756 | 908 | 1 | 59 | 1,724 | 496 | 1,074 | 20 | 74 | 1,664 |
| 32 | 736 | 1,047 | 4 | 100 | 1,887 | 486 | 1,065 | 24 | 91 | 1,666 |
| 33 | 649 | 1,052 | 6 | 92 | 1,799 | 417 | 1,096 | 15 | 105 | 1,633 |
| 34 | 601 | 1,024 | 5 | 116 | 1,746 | 384 | 1,116 | 26 | 113 | 1,639 |
| 35 | 554 | 1,162 | 6 | 102 | 1,824 | 332 | 1,189 | 17 | 129 | 1,667 |
| 36 | 498 | 1,132 | 4 | 151 | 1,785 | 280 | 1,123 | 23 | 145 | 1,571 |
| 37 | 498 | 1,089 | 9 | 138 | 1,734 | 248 | 1,057 | 23 | 134 | 1,462 |
| 38 | 411 | 988 | 4 | 127 | 1,530 | 245 | 1,052 | 32 | 138 | 1,467 |
| 39 | 383 | 1,031 | 6 | 151 | 1,571 | 220 | 1,041 | 38 | 148 | 1,447 |
| 40 | 330 | 1,086 | 9 | 170 | 1,595 | 187 | 1,037 | 40 | 163 | 1,427 |
| 41 | 290 | 930 | 8 | 174 | 1,402 | 187 | 938 | 56 | 166 | 1,347 |
| 42 | 253 | 1,071 | 11 | 182 | 1,517 | 132 | 986 | 42 | 216 | 1,376 |
| 43 | 228 | 1,018 | 19 | 174 | 1,439 | 124 | 894 | 41 | 180 | 1,239 |
| 44 | 187 | 958 | 11 | 167 | 1,323 | 104 | 890 | 49 | 164 | 1,207 |
| 45 | 189 | 1,010 | 15 | 234 | 1,448 | 102 | 893 | 47 | 168 | 1,210 |
| 46 | 192 | 955 | 13 | 178 | 1,338 | 99 | 811 | 43 | 168 | 1,121 |
| 47 | 135 | 939 | 11 | 175 | 1,260 | 74 | 811 | 48 | 155 | 1,088 |
| 48 | 148 | 930 | 19 | 192 | 1,289 | 71 | 784 | 53 | 177 | 1,085 |
| 49 | 156 | 983 | 12 | 179 | 1,330 | 61 | 748 | 50 | 143 | 1,002 |
| 50 | 141 | 816 | 22 | 157 | 1,136 | 40 | 676 | 81 | 131 | 928 |
| 51 | 102 | 731 | 16 | 161 | 1,010 | 48 | 574 | 57 | 138 | 817 |
| 52 | 97 | 731 | 24 | 138 | 990 | 42 | 557 | 56 | 104 | 759 |
| 53 | 86 | 675 | 26 | 125 | 912 | 31 | 481 | 67 | 92 | 671 |
| 54 | 86 | 649 | 14 | 116 | 865 | 45 | 446 | 46 | 87 | 624 |
| 55 | 79 | 658 | 17 | 114 | 868 | 26 | 375 | 89 | 87 | 577 |
| 56 | 78 | 531 | 23 | 111 | 743 | 19 | 328 | 85 | 67 | 499 |
| 57 | 44 | 425 | 19 | 91 | 579 | 25 | 259 | 69 | 52 | 405 |
| 58 | 46 | 411 | 28 | 106 | 591 | 17 | 282 | 85 | 62 | 446 |
| 59 | 48 | 350 | 27 | 71 | 496 | 14 | 238 | 77 | 50 | 379 |

35 MARITAL STATUS, NORTHERN TERRITORY, 30 JUNE 1996—continued

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 70 | 365 | 34 | 61 | 530 | 19 | 254 | 114 | 40 | 427 |
| 61 | 39 | 296 | 27 | 43 | 405 | 20 | 181 | 69 | 28 | 298 |
| 62 | 33 | 230 | 21 | 46 | 330 | 11 | 186 | 84 | 31 | 312 |
| 63 | 41 | 250 | 15 | 46 | 352 | 11 | 153 | 59 | 29 | 252 |
| 64 | 45 | 245 | 29 | 42 | 361 | 10 | 140 | 87 | 20 | 257 |
| 65 | 56 | 235 | 21 | 37 | 349 | 14 | 152 | 96 | 30 | 292 |
| 66 | 45 | 187 | 22 | 33 | 287 | 11 | 102 | 85 | 18 | 216 |
| 67 | 35 | 191 | 23 | 26 | 275 | 4 | 108 | 64 | 27 | 203 |
| 68 | 32 | 165 | 18 | 42 | 257 | 8 | 103 | 73 | 18 | 202 |
| 69 | 35 | 164 | 29 | 25 | 253 | 17 | 75 | 75 | 19 | 186 |
| 70 | 31 | 131 | 35 | 20 | 217 | 13 | 76 | 103 | 18 | 210 |
| 71 | 19 | 106 | 23 | 11 | 159 | 2 | 52 | 74 | 9 | 137 |
| 72 | 23 | 90 | 24 | 14 | 151 | 5 | 56 | 67 | 9 | 137 |
| 73 | 15 | 81 | 27 | 17 | 140 | 5 | 49 | 73 | 12 | 139 |
| 74 | 18 | 59 | 28 | 14 | 119 | 4 | 41 | 75 | 8 | 128 |
| 75 | 12 | 82 | 28 | 9 | 131 | 7 | 50 | 63 | 4 | 124 |
| 76 | 14 | 55 | 22 | 14 | 105 | 2 | 28 | 68 | 10 | 108 |
| 77 | 9 | 34 | 18 | 9 | 70 | 4 | 23 | 53 | 3 | 83 |
| 78 | 10 | 34 | 20 | 7 | 71 | 1 | 20 | 61 | 2 | 84 |
| 79 | 11 | 24 | 14 | 4 | 53 | 4 | 21 | 56 | 4 | 85 |
| 80 | 5 | 41 | 16 | 1 | 63 | 3 | 11 | 72 | 1 | 87 |
| 81 | 3 | 38 | 12 | - | 53 | 2 | 11 | 36 | 2 | 51 |
| 82 | 9 | 25 | 12 | 1 | 47 | 4 | 9 | 38 | 4 | 55 |
| 83 | 5 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 30 | 2 | 8 | 34 | 2 | 46 |
| 84 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 26 | 1 | 3 | 28 | 2 | 34 |
| 85 and over | 29 | 56 | 65 | 4 | 154 | 7 | 20 | 195 | 6 | 228 |
| 14 and under | 25,450 | . | . | . | 25,450 | 23,880 | . | . | . | 23,880 |
| 15-19 | 6,842 | 325 | 3 | 5 | 7,175 | 5,758 | 695 | 16 | 22 | 6,491 |
| 20-24 | 7,136 | 1,733 | 18 | 40 | 8,927 | 5,583 | 2,448 | 51 | 60 | 8,142 |
| 25-29 | 5,765 | 3,613 | 19 | 168 | 9,565 | 4,101 | 4,694 | 56 | 264 | 9,115 |
| 30-34 | 3,591 | 4,958 | 20 | 419 | 8,988 | 2,381 | 5,403 | 106 | 455 | 8,345 |
| 35-39 | 2,344 | 5,402 | 29 | 669 | 8,444 | 1,325 | 5,462 | 133 | 694 | 7,614 |
| 40-44 | 1,288 | 5,063 | 58 | 867 | 7,276 | 734 | 4,745 | 228 | 889 | 6,596 |
| 45-49 | 820 | 4,817 | 70 | 958 | 6,665 | 407 | 4,047 | 241 | 811 | 5,506 |
| 50-54 | 512 | 3,602 | 102 | 697 | 4,913 | 206 | 2,734 | 307 | 552 | 3,799 |
| 55-59 | 295 | 2,375 | 114 | 493 | 3,277 | 101 | 1,482 | 405 | 318 | 2,306 |
| 60-64 | 228 | 1,386 | 126 | 238 | 1,978 | 71 | 914 | 413 | 148 | 1,546 |
| 65-69 | 203 | 942 | 113 | 163 | 1,421 | 54 | 540 | 393 | 112 | 1,099 |
| 70-74 | 106 | 467 | 137 | 76 | 786 | 29 | 274 | 392 | 56 | 751 |
| 75-79 | 56 | 229 | 102 | 43 | 430 | 18 | 142 | 301 | 23 | 484 |
| 80-84 | 26 | 135 | 50 | 8 | 219 | 12 | 42 | 208 | 11 | 273 |
| 85 and over | 29 | 56 | 65 | 4 | 154 | 7 | 20 | 195 | 6 | 228 |
| Total | 54,691 | 35,103 | 1,026 | 4,848 | 95,668 | 44,667 | 33,642 | 3,445 | 4,421 | 86,175 |
| Median age | 16.4 | 41.5 | 62.9 | 46.1 | 28.2 | 14.9 | 38.2 | 61.9 | 43.9 | 27.4 |

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36 MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 30 JUNE 1996

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 34,575 | . | . | . | 34,575 | 33,231 | . | . | . | 33,231 |
| 15 | 2,324 | 3 | - | - | 2,327 | 2,233 | 3 | - | - | 2,236 |
| 16 | 2,445 | 2 | - | - | 2,447 | 2,333 | - | - | 1 | 2,334 |
| 17 | 2,435 | 1 | - | 1 | 2,437 | 2,345 | 8 | 1 | - | 2,354 |
| 18 | 2,699 | 3 | - | 1 | 2,703 | 2,547 | 15 | - | 1 | 2,563 |
| 19 | 2,858 | 13 | 1 | - | 2,872 | 2,788 | 39 | - | - | 2,827 |
| 20 | 2,802 | 31 | - | 2 | 2,835 | 2,652 | 79 | 1 | 2 | 2,734 |
| 21 | 2,899 | 62 | 1 | 2 | 2,964 | 2,675 | 189 | 1 | 3 | 2,868 |
| 22 | 2,685 | 128 | 1 | - | 2,814 | 2,443 | 325 | 1 | 2 | 2,771 |
| 23 | 2,559 | 283 | 2 | 5 | 2,849 | 2,325 | 548 | 2 | 18 | 2,893 |
| 24 | 2,403 | 452 | 1 | 13 | 2,869 | 2,066 | 796 | 2 | 30 | 2,894 |
| 25 | 2,287 | 613 | 2 | 22 | 2,924 | 1,763 | 1,033 | 6 | 45 | 2,847 |
| 26 | 1,851 | 807 | - | 45 | 2,703 | 1,393 | 1,216 | 2 | 53 | 2,664 |
| 27 | 1,581 | 893 | 2 | 39 | 2,515 | 1,179 | 1,336 | 2 | 98 | 2,615 |
| 28 | 1,321 | 1,041 | 1 | 52 | 2,415 | 982 | 1,395 | 2 | 138 | 2,517 |
| 29 | 1,223 | 1,160 | 4 | 73 | 2,460 | 878 | 1,446 | 3 | 126 | 2,453 |
| 30 | 1,106 | 1,259 | 2 | 82 | 2,449 | 787 | 1,619 | 3 | 145 | 2,554 |
| 31 | 897 | 1,487 | 3 | 121 | 2,508 | 717 | 1,664 | 7 | 165 | 2,553 |
| 32 | 839 | 1,517 | 3 | 138 | 2,497 | 577 | 1,838 | 9 | 216 | 2,640 |
| 33 | 734 | 1,621 | 4 | 156 | 2,515 | 585 | 1,787 | 14 | 189 | 2,575 |
| 34 | 681 | 1,777 | 1 | 167 | 2,626 | 501 | 1,887 | 9 | 247 | 2,644 |
| 35 | 622 | 1,790 | 5 | 175 | 2,592 | 478 | 1,931 | 13 | 227 | 2,649 |
| 36 | 549 | 1,863 | 2 | 174 | 2,588 | 425 | 1,967 | 14 | 277 | 2,683 |
| 37 | 467 | 1,738 | 6 | 210 | 2,421 | 419 | 1,891 | 18 | 270 | 2,598 |
| 38 | 471 | 1,775 | 3 | 195 | 2,444 | 324 | 1,967 | 12 | 288 | 2,591 |
| 39 | 376 | 1,854 | 7 | 200 | 2,437 | 284 | 1,922 | 22 | 293 | 2,521 |
| 40 | 342 | 1,836 | 8 | 203 | 2,389 | 273 | 1,926 | 30 | 284 | 2,513 |
| 41 | 314 | 1,747 | 6 | 221 | 2,288 | 235 | 1,901 | 21 | 344 | 2,501 |
| 42 | 276 | 1,893 | 10 | 237 | 2,416 | 199 | 1,957 | 20 | 358 | 2,534 |
| 43 | 270 | 1,921 | 4 | 243 | 2,438 | 198 | 1,950 | 44 | 359 | 2,551 |
| 44 | 251 | 1,816 | 7 | 263 | 2,337 | 168 | 1,967 | 50 | 373 | 2,558 |
| 45 | 193 | 1,958 | 14 | 235 | 2,400 | 161 | 1,973 | 45 | 340 | 2,519 |
| 46 | 220 | 1,950 | 12 | 282 | 2,464 | 163 | 1,878 | 45 | 368 | 2,454 |
| 47 | 172 | 1,927 | 13 | 236 | 2,348 | 133 | 1,908 | 54 | 340 | 2,435 |
| 48 | 143 | 1,946 | 20 | 248 | 2,357 | 108 | 1,890 | 59 | 404 | 2,461 |
| 49 | 139 | 2,097 | 14 | 288 | 2,538 | 102 | 1,881 | 66 | 423 | 2,472 |
| 50 | 134 | 1,710 | 9 | 229 | 2,082 | 71 | 1,516 | 59 | 255 | 1,901 |
| 51 | 99 | 1,553 | 22 | 199 | 1,873 | 100 | 1,430 | 57 | 283 | 1,870 |
| 52 | 90 | 1,478 | 11 | 181 | 1,760 | 68 | 1,307 | 66 | 275 | 1,716 |
| 53 | 95 | 1,306 | 17 | 162 | 1,580 | 63 | 1,150 | 81 | 244 | 1,538 |
| 54 | 65 | 1,294 | 27 | 146 | 1,532 | 69 | 1,086 | 94 | 175 | 1,424 |
| 55 | 58 | 1,134 | 26 | 148 | 1,366 | 53 | 1,039 | 86 | 172 | 1,350 |
| 56 | 56 | 1,100 | 21 | 148 | 1,325 | 47 | 905 | 94 | 187 | 1,233 |
| 57 | 44 | 1,073 | 23 | 113 | 1,253 | 34 | 879 | 96 | 163 | 1,172 |
| 58 | 46 | 990 | 23 | 104 | 1,163 | 36 | 840 | 106 | 147 | 1,129 |
| 59 | 38 | 866 | 14 | 96 | 1,014 | 41 | 768 | 110 | 149 | 1,068 |

36 MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 30 JUNE 1996—continued

| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 44 | 833 | 24 | 86 | 987 | 38 | 672 | 115 | 117 | 942 |
| 61 | 40 | 870 | 29 | 89 | 1,028 | 35 | 645 | 103 | 117 | 900 |
| 62 | 35 | 745 | 41 | 59 | 880 | 37 | 662 | 120 | 95 | 914 |
| 63 | 46 | 688 | 28 | 68 | 830 | 29 | 580 | 137 | 93 | 839 |
| 64 | 35 | 663 | 33 | 72 | 803 | 27 | 556 | 140 | 110 | 833 |
| 65 | 47 | 707 | 41 | 60 | 855 | 22 | 528 | 191 | 57 | 798 |
| 66 | 29 | 599 | 39 | 49 | 716 | 35 | 477 | 176 | 76 | 764 |
| 67 | 28 | 618 | 39 | 54 | 739 | 42 | 502 | 180 | 75 | 799 |
| 68 | 25 | 604 | 40 | 48 | 717 | 21 | 461 | 242 | 72 | 796 |
| 69 | 24 | 513 | 57 | 57 | 651 | 23 | 422 | 230 | 69 | 744 |
| 70 | 25 | 548 | 47 | 32 | 652 | 14 | 418 | 275 | 48 | 755 |
| 71 | 25 | 509 | 47 | 35 | 616 | 25 | 382 | 245 | 64 | 716 |
| 72 | 17 | 476 | 42 | 37 | 572 | 27 | 384 | 273 | 51 | 735 |
| 73 | 20 | 477 | 58 | 19 | 574 | 17 | 329 | 311 | 56 | 713 |
| 74 | 18 | 416 | 61 | 23 | 518 | 26 | 292 | 287 | 39 | 644 |
| 75 | 20 | 402 | 48 | 19 | 489 | 21 | 266 | 320 | 34 | 641 |
| 76 | 12 | 314 | 67 | 16 | 409 | 20 | 229 | 266 | 32 | 547 |
| 77 | 18 | 206 | 62 | 13 | 299 | 20 | 154 | 228 | 24 | 426 |
| 78 | 10 | 215 | 46 | 12 | 283 | 10 | 139 | 249 | 16 | 414 |
| 79 | 6 | 183 | 48 | 4 | 241 | 17 | 112 | 258 | 17 | 404 |
| 80 | 7 | 187 | 60 | 4 | 258 | 14 | 102 | 259 | 21 | 396 |
| 81 | 4 | 138 | 49 | 6 | 197 | 9 | 80 | 248 | 9 | 346 |
| 82 | 3 | 125 | 46 | 5 | 179 | 11 | 64 | 248 | 10 | 333 |
| 83 | 10 | 94 | 43 | 5 | 152 | 8 | 71 | 203 | 9 | 291 |
| 84 | 5 | 88 | 30 | 3 | 126 | 14 | 42 | 191 | 7 | 254 |
| 85 and over | 15 | 235 | 218 | 5 | 473 | 40 | 100 | 985 | 21 | 1,146 |
| 14 and under | 34,575 | . | $\cdots$ | . | 34,575 | 33,231 | . | . | . | 33,231 |
| 15-19 | 12,761 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 12,786 | 12,246 | 65 | 1 | 2 | 12,314 |
| 20-24 | 13,348 | 956 | 5 | 22 | 14,331 | 12,161 | 1,937 | 7 | 55 | 14,160 |
| 25-29 | 8,263 | 4,514 | 9 | 231 | 13,017 | 6,195 | 6,426 | 15 | 460 | 13,096 |
| 30-34 | 4,257 | 7,661 | 13 | 664 | 12,595 | 3,167 | 8,795 | 42 | 962 | 12,966 |
| 35-39 | 2,485 | 9,020 | 23 | 954 | 12,482 | 1,930 | 9,678 | 79 | 1,355 | 13,042 |
| 40-44 | 1,453 | 9,213 | 35 | 1,167 | 11,868 | 1,073 | 9,701 | 165 | 1,718 | 12,657 |
| 45-49 | 867 | 9,878 | 73 | 1,289 | 12,107 | 667 | 9,530 | 269 | 1,875 | 12,341 |
| 50-54 | 483 | 7,341 | 86 | 917 | 8,827 | 371 | 6,489 | 357 | 1,232 | 8,449 |
| 55-59 | 242 | 5,163 | 107 | 609 | 6,121 | 211 | 4,431 | 492 | 818 | 5,952 |
| 60-64 | 200 | 3,799 | 155 | 374 | 4,528 | 166 | 3,115 | 615 | 532 | 4,428 |
| 65-69 | 153 | 3,041 | 216 | 268 | 3,678 | 143 | 2,390 | 1,019 | 349 | 3,901 |
| 70-74 | 105 | 2,426 | 255 | 146 | 2,932 | 109 | 1,805 | 1,391 | 258 | 3,563 |
| 75-79 | 66 | 1,320 | 271 | 64 | 1,721 | 88 | 900 | 1,321 | 123 | 2,432 |
| 80-84 | 29 | 632 | 228 | 23 | 912 | 56 | 359 | 1,149 | 56 | 1,620 |
| 85 and over | 15 | 235 | 218 | 5 | 473 | 40 | 100 | 985 | 21 | 1,146 |
| Total | 79,302 | 65,221 | 1,695 | 6,735 | 152,953 | 71,854 | 65,721 | 7,907 | 9,816 | 155,298 |
| Median age | 17.1 | 45.6 | 72.7 | 46.3 | 30.7 | 16.2 | 43.1 | 73.3 | 46.0 | 31.9 |



37 MARITAL STATUS, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 1,958,063 | . | . | . | 1,958,063 | 1,858,274 | . | $\ldots$ | . | 1,858,274 |
| 15 | 128,648 | 124 | 9 | 12 | 128,793 | 121,525 | 192 | 12 | 12 | 121,741 |
| 16 | 128,564 | 1,852 | 201 | 166 | 130,783 | 122,073 | 1,814 | 190 | 158 | 124,235 |
| 17 | 132,379 | 2,316 | 234 | 216 | 135,145 | 125,635 | 2,649 | 247 | 182 | 128,713 |
| 18 | 136,140 | 2,464 | 228 | 225 | 139,057 | 127,914 | 3,891 | 233 | 215 | 132,253 |
| 19 | 139,937 | 3,647 | 277 | 266 | 144,127 | 129,772 | 7,580 | 306 | 266 | 137,924 |
| 20 | 145,383 | 5,695 | 301 | 309 | 151,688 | 131,721 | 13,556 | 334 | 345 | 145,956 |
| 21 | 143,267 | 9,350 | 334 | 349 | 153,300 | 125,678 | 22,590 | 362 | 561 | 149,191 |
| 22 | 128,161 | 15,186 | 388 | 542 | 144,277 | 106,862 | 32,433 | 432 | 883 | 140,610 |
| 23 | 115,818 | 22,622 | 324 | 610 | 139,374 | 92,024 | 43,113 | 443 | 1,409 | 136,989 |
| 24 | 103,212 | 31,494 | 365 | 963 | 136,034 | 76,940 | 53,471 | 510 | 2,056 | 132,977 |
| 25 | 91,678 | 40,668 | 341 | 1,285 | 133,972 | 65,788 | 62,769 | 530 | 2,935 | 132,022 |
| 26 | 82,496 | 50,128 | 397 | 1,887 | 134,908 | 56,949 | 72,566 | 575 | 3,967 | 134,057 |
| 27 | 73,544 | 59,637 | 394 | 2,730 | 136,305 | 49,624 | 81,233 | 604 | 4,995 | 136,456 |
| 28 | 68,459 | 70,769 | 408 | 3,714 | 143,350 | 44,019 | 91,221 | 702 | 6,245 | 142,187 |
| 29 | 60,700 | 79,068 | 393 | 4,719 | 144,880 | 38,914 | 97,501 | 797 | 7,432 | 144,644 |
| 30 | 54,149 | 86,599 | 429 | 5,618 | 146,795 | 34,623 | 102,373 | 864 | 8,316 | 146,176 |
| 31 | 49,322 | 94,723 | 497 | 6,709 | 151,251 | 31,156 | 109,431 | 1,014 | 9,344 | 150,945 |
| 32 | 42,043 | 96,857 | 446 | 7,260 | 146,606 | 26,460 | 108,351 | 960 | 9,849 | 145,620 |
| 33 | 36,016 | 96,800 | 541 | 7,738 | 141,095 | 23,383 | 107,015 | 1,080 | 10,085 | 141,563 |
| 34 | 32,102 | 99,535 | 524 | 8,212 | 140,373 | 20,376 | 108,414 | 1,190 | 10,774 | 140,754 |
| 35 | 28,619 | 100,419 | 534 | 8,603 | 138,175 | 18,174 | 107,082 | 1,263 | 11,442 | 137,961 |
| 36 | 25,830 | 103,426 | 510 | 9,316 | 139,082 | 16,370 | 108,796 | 1,354 | 12,086 | 138,606 |
| 37 | 22,235 | 101,554 | 516 | 9,647 | 133,952 | 14,442 | 106,656 | 1,360 | 12,459 | 134,917 |
| 38 | 20,187 | 101,828 | 582 | 10,161 | 132,758 | 12,930 | 106,395 | 1,531 | 12,971 | 133,827 |
| 39 | 18,279 | 102,411 | 595 | 10,440 | 131,725 | 11,534 | 105,556 | 1,641 | 13,351 | 132,082 |
| 40 | 16,260 | 102,444 | 676 | 10,691 | 130,071 | 10,279 | 103,341 | 1,807 | 13,425 | 128,852 |
| 41 | 15,570 | 105,846 | 712 | 11,406 | 133,534 | 9,669 | 107,178 | 1,973 | 14,401 | 133,221 |
| 42 | 13,947 | 103,668 | 751 | 11,195 | 129,561 | 8,646 | 101,908 | 2,148 | 14,179 | 126,881 |
| 43 | 12,698 | 104,403 | 859 | 11,541 | 129,501 | 8,093 | 101,829 | 2,353 | 14,277 | 126,552 |
| 44 | 12,073 | 106,092 | 892 | 11,706 | 130,763 | 7,504 | 101,672 | 2,656 | 14,366 | 126,198 |
| 45 | 11,595 | 107,936 | 915 | 11,878 | 132,324 | 7,048 | 102,805 | 2,915 | 14,331 | 127,099 |
| 46 | 9,993 | 95,178 | 994 | 10,797 | 116,962 | 5,918 | 90,705 | 3,061 | 12,817 | 112,501 |
| 47 | 9,113 | 90,687 | 976 | 10,033 | 110,809 | 5,457 | 86,063 | 3,129 | 12,145 | 106,794 |
| 48 | 8,510 | 87,185 | 1,033 | 9,596 | 106,324 | 5,200 | 81,333 | 3,409 | 11,468 | 101,410 |
| 49 | 7,652 | 77,949 | 1,070 | 8,783 | 95,454 | 4,556 | 72,792 | 3,525 | 9,894 | 90,767 |
| 50 | 7,215 | 78,587 | 1,068 | 8,646 | 95,516 | 4,208 | 72,397 | 3,830 | 9,838 | 90,273 |
| 51 | 7,148 | 76,149 | 1,215 | 8,345 | 92,857 | 4,132 | 70,821 | 4,320 | 9,502 | 88,775 |
| 52 | 6,572 | 72,639 | 1,173 | 7,715 | 88,099 | 3,816 | 65,823 | 4,668 | 8,414 | 82,721 |
| 53 | 6,392 | 71,289 | 1,334 | 7,471 | 86,486 | 3,926 | 65,103 | 5,180 | 8,170 | 82,379 |
| 54 | 6,088 | 68,561 | 1,454 | 7,081 | 83,184 | 3,416 | 63,181 | 5,697 | 7,789 | 80,083 |
| 55 | 5,968 | 66,229 | 1,589 | 6,625 | 80,411 | 3,465 | 61,055 | 6,358 | 7,111 | 77,989 |
| 56 | 5,733 | 64,047 | 1,593 | 6,127 | 77,500 | 3,229 | 59,050 | 6,926 | 6,702 | 75,907 |
| 57 | 5,409 | 60,362 | 1,615 | 5,578 | 72,964 | 3,124 | 55,373 | 7,348 | 6,291 | 72,136 |
| 58 | 5,520 | 59,611 | 1,891 | 5,466 | 72,488 | 3,222 | 53,876 | 7,882 | 5,750 | 70,730 |
| 59 | 5,364 | 58,185 | 2,051 | 5,189 | 70,789 | 3,028 | 52,209 | 8,820 | 5,575 | 69,632 |

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| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \end{array}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 5,508 | 58,257 | 2,308 | 5,090 | 71,163 | 3,127 | 51,723 | 9,659 | 5,458 | 69,967 |
| 61 | 5,988 | 60,515 | 2,723 | 5,120 | 74,346 | 3,596 | 54,693 | 12,106 | 5,688 | 76,083 |
| 62 | 5,736 | 59,436 | 2,927 | 4,838 | 72,937 | 3,350 | 50,832 | 12,780 | 5,301 | 72,263 |
| 63 | 5,571 | 59,055 | 3,190 | 4,842 | 72,658 | 3,359 | 50,796 | 14,128 | 4,921 | 73,204 |
| 64 | 5,551 | 57,934 | 3,570 | 4,549 | 71,604 | 3,236 | 50,130 | 15,558 | 4,829 | 73,753 |
| 65 | 5,310 | 56,514 | 3,913 | 4,174 | 69,911 | 3,323 | 47,620 | 16,685 | 4,484 | 72,112 |
| 66 | 5,218 | 55,815 | 4,237 | 3,998 | 69,268 | 3,586 | 47,487 | 18,717 | 4,473 | 74,263 |
| 67 | 4,689 | 51,499 | 4,400 | 3,566 | 64,154 | 3,486 | 43,497 | 19,177 | 3,915 | 70,075 |
| 68 | 4,435 | 50,430 | 4,876 | 3,259 | 63,000 | 3,415 | 41,672 | 20,887 | 3,654 | 69,628 |
| 69 | 4,065 | 46,652 | 4,977 | 2,941 | 58,635 | 3,347 | 38,647 | 21,470 | 3,413 | 66,877 |
| 70 | 3,938 | 44,961 | 5,356 | 2,727 | 56,982 | 3,347 | 36,496 | 23,138 | 3,192 | 66,173 |
| 71 | 3,811 | 42,596 | 5,519 | 2,535 | 54,461 | 3,534 | 34,987 | 24,707 | 3,084 | 66,312 |
| 72 | 3,297 | 38,190 | 5,372 | 2,073 | 48,932 | 3,059 | 29,472 | 23,749 | 2,493 | 58,773 |
| 73 | 2,870 | 31,275 | 4,890 | 1,668 | 40,703 | 3,002 | 24,505 | 21,881 | 2,026 | 51,414 |
| 74 | 2,588 | 28,999 | 5,038 | 1,530 | 38,155 | 2,988 | 22,242 | 22,791 | 1,859 | 49,880 |
| 75 | 2,559 | 27,659 | 5,374 | 1,370 | 36,962 | 3,063 | 20,672 | 23,669 | 1,677 | 49,081 |
| 76 | 2,397 | 26,020 | 5,565 | 1,209 | 35,191 | 3,113 | 19,080 | 24,711 | 1,617 | 48,521 |
| 77 | 2,168 | 24,176 | 5,687 | 1,125 | 33,156 | 3,093 | 17,056 | 25,146 | 1,448 | 46,743 |
| 78 | 2,003 | 21,562 | 5,694 | 984 | 30,243 | 2,933 | 14,998 | 25,380 | 1,371 | 44,682 |
| 79 | 1,734 | 18,510 | 5,410 | 859 | 26,513 | 2,729 | 12,429 | 23,774 | 1,121 | 40,053 |
| 80 | 1,628 | 15,668 | 5,123 | 711 | 23,130 | 2,640 | 10,460 | 22,532 | 1,003 | 36,635 |
| 81 | 1,478 | 13,301 | 4,947 | 591 | 20,317 | 2,681 | 8,642 | 21,814 | 886 | 34,023 |
| 82 | 1,208 | 11,329 | 4,667 | 451 | 17,655 | 2,407 | 6,873 | 20,356 | 769 | 30,405 |
| 83 | 965 | 9,235 | 4,212 | 400 | 14,812 | 2,089 | 5,589 | 18,211 | 625 | 26,514 |
| 84 | 847 | 7,419 | 3,846 | 336 | 12,448 | 1,993 | 4,403 | 16,898 | 574 | 23,868 |
| 85 and over | 3,536 | 23,121 | 19,359 | 1,330 | 47,346 | 11,496 | 13,388 | 87,905 | 2,846 | 115,635 |
| 14 and under | 1,958,063 | . |  |  | 1,958,063 | 1,858,274 |  |  |  | 1,858,274 |
| 15-19 | 665,668 | 10,403 | 949 | 885 | 677,905 | 626,919 | 16,126 | 988 | 833 | 644,866 |
| 20-24 | 635,841 | 84,347 | 1,712 | 2,773 | 724,673 | 533,225 | 165,163 | 2,081 | 5,254 | 705,723 |
| 25-29 | 376,877 | 300,270 | 1,933 | 14,335 | 693,415 | 255,294 | 405,290 | 3,208 | 25,574 | 689,366 |
| 30-34 | 213,632 | 474,514 | 2,437 | 35,537 | 726,120 | 135,998 | 535,584 | 5,108 | 48,368 | 725,058 |
| 35-39 | 115,150 | 509,638 | 2,737 | 48,167 | 675,692 | 73,450 | 534,485 | 7,149 | 62,309 | 677,393 |
| 40-44 | 70,548 | 522,453 | 3,890 | 56,539 | 653,430 | 44,191 | 515,928 | 10,937 | 70,648 | 641,704 |
| 45-49 | 46,863 | 458,935 | 4,988 | 51,087 | 561,873 | 28,179 | 433,698 | 16,039 | 60,655 | 538,571 |
| 50-54 | 33,415 | 367,225 | 6,244 | 39,258 | 446,142 | 19,498 | 337,325 | 23,695 | 43,713 | 424,231 |
| 55-59 | 27,994 | 308,434 | 8,739 | 28,985 | 374,152 | 16,068 | 281,563 | 37,334 | 31,429 | 366,394 |
| 60-64 | 28,354 | 295,197 | 14,718 | 24,439 | 362,708 | 16,668 | 258,174 | 64,231 | 26,197 | 365,270 |
| 65-69 | 23,717 | 260,910 | 22,403 | 17,938 | 324,968 | 17,157 | 218,923 | 96,936 | 19,939 | 352,955 |
| 70-74 | 16,504 | 186,021 | 26,175 | 10,533 | 239,233 | 15,930 | 147,702 | 116,266 | 12,654 | 292,552 |
| 75-79 | 10,861 | 117,927 | 27,730 | 5,547 | 162,065 | 14,931 | 84,235 | 122,680 | 7,234 | 229,080 |
| 80-84 | 6,126 | 56,952 | 22,795 | 2,489 | 88,362 | 11,810 | 35,967 | 99,811 | 3,857 | 151,445 |
| 85 and over | 3,536 | 23,121 | 19,359 | 1,330 | 47,346 | 11,496 | 13,388 | 87,905 | 2,846 | 115,635 |
| Total | 4,233,149 | 3,976,347 | 166,809 | 339,842 | 8,716,147 | 3,679,088 | 3,983,551 | 694,368 | 421,510 | 8,778,517 |
| Median age | 16.2 | 45.8 | 72.3 | 46.0 | 32.0 | 15.0 | 43.2 | 73.4 | 44.8 | 33.3 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 1,968,399 | . |  | . | 1,968,399 | 1,869,127 | . | $\ldots$ |  | 1,869,127 |
| 15 | 127,831 | 101 | 8 | 14 | 127,954 | 121,161 | 153 | 12 | 12 | 121,338 |
| 16 | 128,878 | 235 | 16 | 24 | 129,153 | 121,923 | 364 | 24 | 26 | 122,337 |
| 17 | 129,206 | 1,633 | 165 | 147 | 131,151 | 122,574 | 1,740 | 153 | 143 | 124,610 |
| 18 | 133,028 | 2,123 | 190 | 184 | 135,525 | 125,429 | 3,430 | 206 | 169 | 129,234 |
| 19 | 136,163 | 2,757 | 181 | 200 | 139,301 | 126,565 | 6,073 | 191 | 213 | 133,042 |
| 20 | 139,076 | 4,684 | 225 | 244 | 144,229 | 126,323 | 11,882 | 253 | 307 | 138,765 |
| 21 | 142,370 | 8,329 | 235 | 305 | 151,239 | 125,133 | 20,431 | 286 | 447 | 146,297 |
| 22 | 137,934 | 14,318 | 279 | 399 | 152,930 | 116,560 | 31,404 | 319 | 857 | 149,140 |
| 23 | 121,015 | 21,564 | 304 | 654 | 143,537 | 96,970 | 41,575 | 371 | 1,285 | 140,201 |
| 24 | 107,903 | 30,290 | 249 | 854 | 139,296 | 82,442 | 52,358 | 387 | 1,980 | 137,167 |
| 25 | 94,704 | 39,611 | 284 | 1,295 | 135,894 | 68,519 | 61,757 | 446 | 2,758 | 133,480 |
| 26 | 83,252 | 48,387 | 283 | 1,791 | 133,713 | 58,603 | 69,595 | 483 | 3,723 | 132,404 |
| 27 | 74,881 | 57,188 | 323 | 2,464 | 134,856 | 50,891 | 78,277 | 530 | 4,915 | 134,613 |
| 28 | 66,893 | 66,134 | 321 | 3,371 | 136,719 | 44,692 | 85,899 | 555 | 5,973 | 137,119 |
| 29 | 62,186 | 76,573 | 356 | 4,476 | 143,591 | 40,005 | 95,089 | 666 | 7,174 | 142,934 |
| 30 | 55,389 | 84,106 | 346 | 5,515 | 145,356 | 35,401 | 100,880 | 767 | 8,330 | 145,378 |
| 31 | 49,514 | 90,777 | 385 | 6,320 | 146,996 | 31,662 | 104,929 | 851 | 9,244 | 146,686 |
| 32 | 45,278 | 97,689 | 434 | 7,448 | 150,849 | 28,691 | 110,794 | 995 | 10,218 | 150,698 |
| 33 | 38,785 | 99,080 | 410 | 8,056 | 146,331 | 24,634 | 109,719 | 960 | 10,689 | 146,002 |
| 34 | 33,515 | 99,045 | 486 | 8,468 | 141,514 | 21,927 | 107,971 | 1,077 | 11,019 | 141,994 |
| 35 | 30,102 | 101,255 | 486 | 8,918 | 140,761 | 19,103 | 109,324 | 1,204 | 11,695 | 141,326 |
| 36 | 26,917 | 101,726 | 509 | 9,275 | 138,427 | 17,145 | 107,632 | 1,292 | 12,255 | 138,324 |
| 37 | 24,343 | 104,081 | 499 | 9,945 | 138,868 | 15,589 | 108,609 | 1,393 | 12,985 | 138,576 |
| 38 | 21,115 | 102,099 | 503 | 10,333 | 134,050 | 13,790 | 106,691 | 1,430 | 13,352 | 135,263 |
| 39 | 19,267 | 102,687 | 576 | 10,880 | 133,410 | 12,420 | 106,565 | 1,615 | 14,015 | 134,615 |
| 40 | 17,443 | 103,029 | 604 | 11,208 | 132,284 | 11,036 | 105,740 | 1,745 | 14,193 | 132,714 |
| 41 | 15,464 | 102,213 | 670 | 11,419 | 129,766 | 9,841 | 102,797 | 1,879 | 14,284 | 128,801 |
| 42 | 14,872 | 105,348 | 702 | 12,011 | 132,933 | 9,225 | 106,059 | 2,091 | 15,151 | 132,526 |
| 43 | 13,393 | 103,579 | 756 | 11,866 | 129,594 | 8,308 | 101,612 | 2,287 | 14,976 | 127,183 |
| 44 | 12,130 | 103,696 | 868 | 12,082 | 128,776 | 7,712 | 100,797 | 2,512 | 14,923 | 125,944 |
| 45 | 11,586 | 105,697 | 905 | 12,388 | 130,576 | 7,156 | 101,145 | 2,870 | 15,114 | 126,285 |
| 46 | 11,204 | 108,204 | 951 | 12,513 | 132,872 | 6,733 | 102,415 | 3,176 | 15,154 | 127,478 |
| 47 | 9,522 | 94,041 | 1,018 | 11,139 | 115,720 | 5,641 | 89,055 | 3,298 | 13,273 | 111,267 |
| 48 | 8,768 | 90,190 | 996 | 10,525 | 110,479 | 5,237 | 85,257 | 3,389 | 12,660 | 106,543 |
| 49 | 8,195 | 86,805 | 1,080 | 10,008 | 106,088 | 4,965 | 80,756 | 3,709 | 11,940 | 101,370 |
| 50 | 7,286 | 77,914 | 1,097 | 9,208 | 95,505 | 4,327 | 72,457 | 3,866 | 10,361 | 91,011 |
| 51 | 6,910 | 78,011 | 1,122 | 8,949 | 94,992 | 4,044 | 71,714 | 4,176 | 10,139 | 90,073 |
| 52 | 6,803 | 75,329 | 1,256 | 8,608 | 91,996 | 3,929 | 69,782 | 4,692 | 9,738 | 88,141 |
| 53 | 6,283 | 72,247 | 1,254 | 7,968 | 87,752 | 3,657 | 65,283 | 5,132 | 8,713 | 82,785 |
| 54 | 6,064 | 70,515 | 1,407 | 7,674 | 85,660 | 3,717 | 64,226 | 5,660 | 8,371 | 81,974 |
| 55 | 5,855 | 67,889 | 1,530 | 7,232 | 82,506 | 3,262 | 62,472 | 6,219 | 7,961 | 79,914 |
| 56 | 5,680 | 65,810 | 1,691 | 6,750 | 79,931 | 3,280 | 60,259 | 6,906 | 7,237 | 77,682 |
| 57 | 5,518 | 63,239 | 1,706 | 6,256 | 76,719 | 3,074 | 57,936 | 7,562 | 6,841 | 75,413 |
| 58 | 5,139 | 59,841 | 1,725 | 5,678 | 72,383 | 2,986 | 54,571 | 8,019 | 6,469 | 72,045 |
| 59 | 5,229 | 59,211 | 2,011 | 5,564 | 72,015 | 3,062 | 53,172 | 8,601 | 5,855 | 70,690 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 5,139 | 57,736 | 2,195 | 5,296 | 70,366 | 2,890 | 51,539 | 9,729 | 5,667 | 69,825 |
| 61 | 5,250 | 57,764 | 2,470 | 5,129 | 70,613 | 2,978 | 50,755 | 10,496 | 5,563 | 69,792 |
| 62 | 5,677 | 59,932 | 2,932 | 5,172 | 73,713 | 3,398 | 53,371 | 13,003 | 5,779 | 75,551 |
| 63 | 5,472 | 58,342 | 3,164 | 4,876 | 71,854 | 3,170 | 49,657 | 13,775 | 5,322 | 71,924 |
| 64 | 5,292 | 57,952 | 3,425 | 4,812 | 71,481 | 3,179 | 49,227 | 15,156 | 4,949 | 72,511 |
| 65 | 5,282 | 56,746 | 3,779 | 4,457 | 70,264 | 3,081 | 48,486 | 16,598 | 4,779 | 72,944 |
| 66 | 4,997 | 55,114 | 4,166 | 4,104 | 68,381 | 3,150 | 45,960 | 17,760 | 4,466 | 71,336 |
| 67 | 4,922 | 54,247 | 4,500 | 3,903 | 67,572 | 3,400 | 45,517 | 19,916 | 4,402 | 73,235 |
| 68 | 4,355 | 49,976 | 4,654 | 3,462 | 62,447 | 3,287 | 41,547 | 20,342 | 3,882 | 69,058 |
| 69 | 4,159 | 48,688 | 5,158 | 3,192 | 61,197 | 3,238 | 39,713 | 22,211 | 3,620 | 68,782 |
| 70 | 3,828 | 45,154 | 5,287 | 2,844 | 57,113 | 3,187 | 36,560 | 23,036 | 3,388 | 66,171 |
| 71 | 3,668 | 43,183 | 5,663 | 2,646 | 55,160 | 3,174 | 34,360 | 24,537 | 3,101 | 65,172 |
| 72 | 3,498 | 40,839 | 5,776 | 2,419 | 52,532 | 3,304 | 32,693 | 25,781 | 2,959 | 64,737 |
| 73 | 3,042 | 36,376 | 5,652 | 2,003 | 47,073 | 2,904 | 27,561 | 24,854 | 2,395 | 57,714 |
| 74 | 2,613 | 29,451 | 5,059 | 1,578 | 38,701 | 2,807 | 22,482 | 22,522 | 1,935 | 49,746 |
| 75 | 2,363 | 27,257 | 5,256 | 1,434 | 36,310 | 2,800 | 20,336 | 23,556 | 1,780 | 48,472 |
| 76 | 2,307 | 25,847 | 5,600 | 1,273 | 35,027 | 2,830 | 18,657 | 24,366 | 1,599 | 47,452 |
| 77 | 2,167 | 24,003 | 5,733 | 1,114 | 33,017 | 2,909 | 16,970 | 25,211 | 1,505 | 46,595 |
| 78 | 1,922 | 22,121 | 5,807 | 1,026 | 30,876 | 2,833 | 15,028 | 25,449 | 1,353 | 44,663 |
| 79 | 1,766 | 19,610 | 5,788 | 910 | 28,074 | 2,700 | 13,181 | 25,707 | 1,260 | 42,848 |
| 80 | 1,545 | 16,712 | 5,467 | 776 | 24,500 | 2,503 | 10,779 | 23,979 | 1,020 | 38,281 |
| 81 | 1,445 | 14,044 | 5,134 | 627 | 21,250 | 2,435 | 8,977 | 22,593 | 898 | 34,903 |
| 82 | 1,288 | 11,735 | 4,876 | 520 | 18,419 | 2,432 | 7,289 | 21,566 | 796 | 32,083 |
| 83 | 1,051 | 9,883 | 4,594 | 387 | 15,915 | 2,186 | 5,757 | 19,989 | 679 | 28,611 |
| 84 | 834 | 7,912 | 4,031 | 338 | 13,115 | 1,876 | 4,577 | 17,427 | 537 | 24,417 |
| 85 and over | 3,630 | 24,706 | 20,680 | 1,333 | 50,349 | 11,494 | 13,950 | 93,601 | 2,801 | 121,846 |
| 14 and under | 1,968,399 | . |  | . | 1,968,399 | 1,869,127 |  | . |  | 1,869,127 |
| 15-19 | 655,106 | 6,849 | 560 | 569 | 663,084 | 617,652 | 11,760 | 586 | 563 | 630,561 |
| 20-24 | 648,298 | 79,185 | 1,292 | 2,456 | 731,231 | 547,428 | 157,650 | 1,616 | 4,876 | 711,570 |
| 25-29 | 381,916 | 287,893 | 1,567 | 13,397 | 684,773 | 262,710 | 390,617 | 2,680 | 24,543 | 680,550 |
| 30-34 | 222,481 | 470,697 | 2,061 | 35,807 | 731,046 | 142,315 | 534,293 | 4,650 | 49,500 | 730,758 |
| 35-39 | 121,744 | 511,848 | 2,573 | 49,351 | 685,516 | 78,047 | 538,821 | 6,934 | 64,302 | 688,104 |
| 40-44 | 73,302 | 517,865 | 3,600 | 58,586 | 653,353 | 46,122 | 517,005 | 10,514 | 73,527 | 647,168 |
| 45-49 | 49,275 | 484,937 | 4,950 | 56,573 | 595,735 | 29,732 | 458,628 | 16,442 | 68,141 | 572,943 |
| 50-54 | 33,346 | 374,016 | 6,136 | 42,407 | 455,905 | 19,674 | 343,462 | 23,526 | 47,322 | 433,984 |
| 55-59 | 27,421 | 315,990 | 8,663 | 31,480 | 383,554 | 15,664 | 288,410 | 37,307 | 34,363 | 375,744 |
| 60-64 | 26,830 | 291,726 | 14,186 | 25,285 | 358,027 | 15,615 | 254,549 | 62,159 | 27,280 | 359,603 |
| 65-69 | 23,715 | 264,771 | 22,257 | 19,118 | 329,861 | 16,156 | 221,223 | 96,827 | 21,149 | 355,355 |
| 70-74 | 16,649 | 195,003 | 27,437 | 11,490 | 250,579 | 15,376 | 153,656 | 120,730 | 13,778 | 303,540 |
| 75-79 | 10,525 | 118,838 | 28,184 | 5,757 | 163,304 | 14,072 | 84,172 | 124,289 | 7,497 | 230,030 |
| 80-84 | 6,163 | 60,286 | 24,102 | 2,648 | 93,199 | 11,432 | 37,379 | 105,554 | 3,930 | 158,295 |
| 85 and over | 3,630 | 24,706 | 20,680 | 1,333 | 50,349 | 11,494 | 13,950 | 93,601 | 2,801 | 121,846 |
| Total | 4,268,800 | 4,004,610 | 168,248 | 356,257 | 8,797,915 | 3,712,616 | 4,005,575 | 707,415 | 443,572 | 8,869,178 |
| Median age | 16.3 | 46.2 | 72.9 | 46.4 | 32.4 | 15.0 | 43.5 | 73.7 | 45.3 | 33.7 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 1,979,525 | $\ldots$ | . | . | 1,979,525 | 1,880,512 | . | $\ldots$ | . | 1,880,512 |
| 15 | 128,192 | 93 | 12 | 16 | 128,313 | 121,241 | 156 | 18 | 12 | 121,427 |
| 16 | 128,245 | 205 | 16 | 29 | 128,495 | 121,451 | 346 | 26 | 24 | 121,847 |
| 17 | 129,265 | 349 | 24 | 37 | 129,675 | 122,411 | 575 | 42 | 40 | 123,068 |
| 18 | 129,972 | 1,491 | 131 | 128 | 131,722 | 122,403 | 2,557 | 128 | 129 | 125,217 |
| 19 | 133,823 | 2,210 | 155 | 152 | 136,340 | 124,775 | 5,466 | 171 | 170 | 130,582 |
| 20 | 135,688 | 3,667 | 137 | 182 | 139,674 | 123,921 | 9,706 | 158 | 240 | 134,025 |
| 21 | 136,843 | 6,942 | 168 | 247 | 144,200 | 121,101 | 17,783 | 208 | 421 | 139,513 |
| 22 | 137,699 | 12,533 | 168 | 350 | 150,750 | 116,909 | 28,549 | 244 | 675 | 146,377 |
| 23 | 131,148 | 20,732 | 210 | 514 | 152,604 | 106,498 | 41,113 | 280 | 1,315 | 149,206 |
| 24 | 113,026 | 29,028 | 229 | 858 | 143,141 | 87,663 | 50,476 | 311 | 1,845 | 140,295 |
| 25 | 100,034 | 38,266 | 179 | 1,245 | 139,724 | 74,241 | 60,764 | 338 | 2,735 | 138,078 |
| 26 | 86,981 | 47,187 | 207 | 1,808 | 136,183 | 61,795 | 68,722 | 393 | 3,497 | 134,407 |
| 27 | 76,036 | 55,283 | 221 | 2,376 | 133,916 | 52,999 | 75,215 | 442 | 4,638 | 133,294 |
| 28 | 68,538 | 63,479 | 248 | 3,143 | 135,408 | 46,223 | 82,832 | 498 | 5,891 | 135,444 |
| 29 | 61,344 | 71,644 | 256 | 4,112 | 137,356 | 40,874 | 89,793 | 514 | 6,863 | 138,044 |
| 30 | 57,116 | 81,532 | 305 | 5,305 | 144,258 | 36,798 | 98,171 | 651 | 8,135 | 143,755 |
| 31 | 51,253 | 88,426 | 306 | 6,224 | 146,209 | 32,829 | 103,406 | 757 | 9,339 | 146,331 |
| 32 | 45,896 | 93,948 | 341 | 7,076 | 147,261 | 29,452 | 106,773 | 833 | 10,136 | 147,194 |
| 33 | 42,127 | 100,113 | 379 | 8,161 | 150,780 | 26,783 | 111,729 | 988 | 11,163 | 150,663 |
| 34 | 36,349 | 100,794 | 366 | 8,835 | 146,344 | 23,242 | 110,823 | 975 | 11,593 | 146,633 |
| 35 | 31,631 | 100,913 | 433 | 9,227 | 142,204 | 20,848 | 108,708 | 1,111 | 11,998 | 142,665 |
| 36 | 28,565 | 102,531 | 447 | 9,687 | 141,230 | 18,312 | 109,765 | 1,220 | 12,709 | 142,006 |
| 37 | 25,675 | 102,590 | 477 | 10,065 | 138,807 | 16,413 | 107,862 | 1,340 | 13,182 | 138,797 |
| 38 | 23,280 | 104,407 | 487 | 10,689 | 138,863 | 14,981 | 108,116 | 1,486 | 14,055 | 138,638 |
| 39 | 20,266 | 102,416 | 500 | 11,083 | 134,265 | 13,332 | 106,567 | 1,506 | 14,352 | 135,757 |
| 40 | 18,566 | 103,481 | 576 | 11,585 | 134,208 | 11,981 | 106,756 | 1,729 | 14,992 | 135,458 |
| 41 | 16,862 | 103,436 | 614 | 12,080 | 132,992 | 10,705 | 105,704 | 1,861 | 15,252 | 133,522 |
| 42 | 14,913 | 101,934 | 675 | 12,016 | 129,538 | 9,510 | 102,068 | 1,992 | 15,137 | 128,707 |
| 43 | 14,350 | 104,698 | 702 | 12,665 | 132,415 | 8,942 | 104,869 | 2,218 | 15,893 | 131,922 |
| 44 | 12,935 | 103,358 | 782 | 12,698 | 129,773 | 8,041 | 101,172 | 2,449 | 15,803 | 127,465 |
| 45 | 11,675 | 102,736 | 881 | 12,743 | 128,035 | 7,405 | 99,663 | 2,704 | 15,603 | 125,375 |
| 46 | 11,238 | 105,243 | 934 | 13,003 | 130,418 | 6,884 | 100,456 | 3,121 | 15,857 | 126,318 |
| 47 | 10,874 | 108,258 | 1,004 | 13,241 | 133,377 | 6,554 | 101,883 | 3,475 | 16,006 | 127,918 |
| 48 | 9,181 | 92,715 | 1,045 | 11,581 | 114,522 | 5,413 | 87,436 | 3,523 | 13,703 | 110,075 |
| 49 | 8,537 | 89,739 | 1,043 | 10,941 | 110,260 | 5,066 | 84,343 | 3,663 | 13,173 | 106,245 |
| 50 | 7,920 | 86,439 | 1,134 | 10,389 | 105,882 | 4,787 | 80,216 | 4,060 | 12,361 | 101,424 |
| 51 | 7,059 | 77,857 | 1,147 | 9,597 | 95,660 | 4,165 | 72,051 | 4,206 | 10,865 | 91,287 |
| 52 | 6,670 | 77,371 | 1,181 | 9,275 | 94,497 | 3,914 | 70,971 | 4,567 | 10,471 | 89,923 |
| 53 | 6,532 | 74,618 | 1,327 | 8,815 | 91,292 | 3,776 | 68,712 | 5,088 | 9,937 | 87,513 |
| 54 | 6,114 | 71,740 | 1,347 | 8,260 | 87,461 | 3,546 | 64,770 | 5,628 | 8,964 | 82,908 |
| 55 | 5,792 | 69,695 | 1,462 | 7,856 | 84,805 | 3,523 | 63,425 | 6,149 | 8,502 | 81,599 |
| 56 | 5,704 | 67,206 | 1,595 | 7,385 | 81,890 | 3,139 | 61,763 | 6,746 | 8,119 | 79,767 |
| 57 | 5,455 | 65,392 | 1,809 | 6,871 | 79,527 | 3,155 | 59,364 | 7,478 | 7,402 | 77,399 |
| 58 | 5,325 | 62,379 | 1,841 | 6,346 | 75,891 | 2,936 | 56,761 | 8,213 | 6,968 | 74,878 |
| 59 | 4,934 | 59,224 | 1,854 | 5,761 | 71,773 | 2,879 | 53,800 | 8,740 | 6,593 | 72,012 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 4,963 | 58,653 | 2,157 | 5,690 | 71,463 | 2,937 | 52,332 | 9,431 | 5,986 | 70,686 |
| 61 | 4,913 | 57,281 | 2,373 | 5,361 | 69,928 | 2,779 | 50,831 | 10,618 | 5,791 | 70,019 |
| 62 | 5,032 | 57,164 | 2,664 | 5,194 | 70,054 | 2,849 | 49,707 | 11,386 | 5,638 | 69,580 |
| 63 | 5,422 | 59,175 | 3,171 | 5,244 | 73,012 | 3,203 | 52,016 | 13,981 | 5,820 | 75,020 |
| 64 | 5,223 | 57,283 | 3,413 | 4,874 | 70,793 | 3,030 | 48,506 | 14,762 | 5,332 | 71,630 |
| 65 | 5,026 | 56,819 | 3,687 | 4,770 | 70,302 | 3,021 | 47,546 | 16,226 | 4,969 | 71,762 |
| 66 | 5,024 | 55,400 | 3,983 | 4,412 | 68,819 | 2,964 | 46,818 | 17,643 | 4,750 | 72,175 |
| 67 | 4,695 | 53,713 | 4,436 | 4,021 | 66,865 | 3,004 | 44,189 | 18,903 | 4,430 | 70,526 |
| 68 | 4,613 | 52,555 | 4,753 | 3,808 | 65,729 | 3,241 | 43,447 | 21,062 | 4,325 | 72,075 |
| 69 | 4,069 | 48,345 | 4,942 | 3,370 | 60,726 | 3,089 | 39,484 | 21,536 | 3,824 | 67,933 |
| 70 | 3,885 | 46,916 | 5,461 | 3,074 | 59,336 | 3,100 | 37,669 | 23,623 | 3,571 | 67,963 |
| 71 | 3,591 | 43,558 | 5,604 | 2,740 | 55,493 | 3,051 | 34,589 | 24,476 | 3,328 | 65,444 |
| 72 | 3,412 | 41,477 | 5,919 | 2,545 | 53,353 | 3,018 | 32,344 | 25,791 | 3,018 | 64,171 |
| 73 | 3,221 | 38,976 | 6,064 | 2,293 | 50,554 | 3,093 | 30,362 | 26,845 | 2,852 | 63,152 |
| 74 | 2,780 | 34,442 | 5,929 | 1,923 | 45,074 | 2,731 | 25,572 | 25,953 | 2,316 | 56,572 |
| 75 | 2,360 | 27,584 | 5,241 | 1,474 | 36,659 | 2,604 | 20,357 | 23,117 | 1,833 | 47,911 |
| 76 | 2,128 | 25,461 | 5,479 | 1,349 | 34,417 | 2,617 | 18,322 | 24,305 | 1,681 | 46,925 |
| 77 | 2,053 | 23,972 | 5,768 | 1,158 | 32,951 | 2,605 | 16,650 | 24,990 | 1,528 | 45,773 |
| 78 | 1,911 | 21,940 | 5,867 | 1,022 | 30,740 | 2,695 | 14,957 | 25,593 | 1,418 | 44,663 |
| 79 | 1,673 | 20,058 | 5,869 | 912 | 28,512 | 2,596 | 13,051 | 25,619 | 1,261 | 42,527 |
| 80 | 1,540 | 17,693 | 5,841 | 804 | 25,878 | 2,488 | 11,412 | 25,906 | 1,163 | 40,969 |
| 81 | 1,363 | 14,928 | 5,519 | 694 | 22,504 | 2,289 | 9,222 | 23,982 | 931 | 36,424 |
| 82 | 1,266 | 12,413 | 5,103 | 541 | 19,323 | 2,237 | 7,544 | 22,456 | 807 | 33,044 |
| 83 | 1,095 | 10,227 | 4,822 | 454 | 16,598 | 2,182 | 6,050 | 21,055 | 710 | 29,997 |
| 84 | 902 | 8,530 | 4,474 | 333 | 14,239 | 1,964 | 4,725 | 19,450 | 596 | 26,735 |
| 85 and over | 3,667 | 26,176 | 22,141 | 1,297 | 53,281 | 11,244 | 14,155 | 99,447 | 2,660 | 127,506 |
| 14 and under | 1,979,525 |  |  | . | 1,979,525 | 1,880,512 |  |  |  | 1,880,512 |
| 15-19 | 649,497 | 4,348 | 338 | 362 | 654,545 | 612,281 | 9,100 | 385 | 375 | 622,141 |
| 20-24 | 654,404 | 72,902 | 912 | 2,151 | 730,369 | 556,092 | 147,627 | 1,201 | 4,496 | 709,416 |
| 25-29 | 392,933 | 275,859 | 1,111 | 12,684 | 682,587 | 276,132 | 377,326 | 2,185 | 23,624 | 679,267 |
| 30-34 | 232,741 | 464,813 | 1,697 | 35,601 | 734,852 | 149,104 | 530,902 | 4,204 | 50,366 | 734,576 |
| 35-39 | 129,417 | 512,857 | 2,344 | 50,751 | 695,369 | 83,886 | 541,018 | 6,663 | 66,296 | 697,863 |
| 40-44 | 77,626 | 516,907 | 3,349 | 61,044 | 658,926 | 49,179 | 520,569 | 10,249 | 77,077 | 657,074 |
| 45-49 | 51,505 | 498,691 | 4,907 | 61,509 | 616,612 | 31,322 | 473,781 | 16,486 | 74,342 | 595,931 |
| 50-54 | 34,295 | 388,025 | 6,136 | 46,336 | 474,792 | 20,188 | 356,720 | 23,549 | 52,598 | 453,055 |
| 55-59 | 27,210 | 323,896 | 8,561 | 34,219 | 393,886 | 15,632 | 295,113 | 37,326 | 37,584 | 385,655 |
| 60-64 | 25,553 | 289,556 | 13,778 | 26,363 | 355,250 | 14,798 | 253,392 | 60,178 | 28,567 | 356,935 |
| 65-69 | 23,427 | 266,832 | 21,801 | 20,381 | 332,441 | 15,319 | 221,484 | 95,370 | 22,298 | 354,471 |
| 70-74 | 16,889 | 205,369 | 28,977 | 12,575 | 263,810 | 14,993 | 160,536 | 126,688 | 15,085 | 317,302 |
| 75-79 | 10,125 | 119,015 | 28,224 | 5,915 | 163,279 | 13,117 | 83,337 | 123,624 | 7,721 | 227,799 |
| 80-84 | 6,166 | 63,791 | 25,759 | 2,826 | 98,542 | 11,160 | 38,953 | 112,849 | 4,207 | 167,169 |
| 85 and over | 3,667 | 26,176 | 22,141 | 1,297 | 53,281 | 11,244 | 14,155 | 99,447 | 2,660 | 127,506 |
| Total | 4,314,980 | 4,029,037 | 170,035 | 374,014 | 8,888,066 | 3,754,959 | 4,024,013 | 720,404 | 467,296 | 8,966,672 |
| Median age | 16.4 | 46.6 | 73.5 | 46.9 | 32.7 | 15.0 | 43.9 | 74.1 | 45.7 | 34.0 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 1,993,384 | . | . | . | 1,993,384 | 1,894,734 | . | $\ldots$ | . | 1,894,734 |
| 15 | 128,970 | 108 | 17 | 22 | 129,117 | 122,142 | 141 | 17 | 20 | 122,320 |
| 16 | 128,784 | 189 | 23 | 35 | 129,031 | 121,806 | 319 | 32 | 24 | 122,181 |
| 17 | 128,960 | 304 | 27 | 41 | 129,332 | 122,052 | 579 | 40 | 39 | 122,710 |
| 18 | 129,747 | 548 | 37 | 54 | 130,386 | 122,455 | 1,675 | 61 | 64 | 124,255 |
| 19 | 131,191 | 1,611 | 97 | 112 | 133,011 | 122,209 | 4,468 | 100 | 120 | 126,897 |
| 20 | 134,276 | 2,874 | 113 | 128 | 137,391 | 123,134 | 8,766 | 139 | 190 | 132,229 |
| 21 | 134,204 | 5,562 | 94 | 176 | 140,036 | 119,607 | 15,060 | 131 | 321 | 135,119 |
| 22 | 133,493 | 10,638 | 120 | 274 | 144,525 | 114,233 | 25,299 | 174 | 613 | 140,319 |
| 23 | 131,395 | 18,626 | 111 | 457 | 150,589 | 107,831 | 37,687 | 220 | 1,068 | 146,806 |
| 24 | 123,295 | 28,350 | 154 | 767 | 152,566 | 96,870 | 50,876 | 246 | 1,949 | 149,941 |
| 25 | 104,765 | 36,917 | 155 | 1,223 | 143,060 | 78,870 | 59,157 | 266 | 2,630 | 140,923 |
| 26 | 92,385 | 46,249 | 132 | 1,754 | 140,520 | 67,022 | 68,401 | 287 | 3,626 | 139,336 |
| 27 | 79,851 | 54,402 | 153 | 2,446 | 136,852 | 56,020 | 74,793 | 347 | 4,562 | 135,722 |
| 28 | 69,819 | 61,599 | 168 | 3,105 | 134,691 | 48,311 | 80,176 | 423 | 5,633 | 134,543 |
| 29 | 63,012 | 69,123 | 190 | 3,980 | 136,305 | 42,403 | 87,165 | 479 | 6,764 | 136,811 |
| 30 | 56,656 | 76,891 | 207 | 4,844 | 138,598 | 37,735 | 93,353 | 504 | 7,725 | 139,317 |
| 31 | 53,060 | 85,865 | 272 | 6,170 | 145,367 | 34,286 | 100,884 | 647 | 9,244 | 145,061 |
| 32 | 47,786 | 92,149 | 261 | 7,044 | 147,240 | 30,811 | 105,638 | 759 | 10,349 | 147,557 |
| 33 | 42,882 | 96,970 | 313 | 7,910 | 148,075 | 27,704 | 108,497 | 845 | 11,135 | 148,181 |
| 34 | 39,599 | 102,277 | 341 | 9,026 | 151,243 | 25,347 | 112,488 | 1,006 | 12,126 | 150,967 |
| 35 | 34,283 | 102,475 | 349 | 9,618 | 146,725 | 22,079 | 111,951 | 1,017 | 12,544 | 147,591 |
| 36 | 30,122 | 102,737 | 380 | 10,024 | 143,263 | 19,870 | 109,501 | 1,138 | 13,008 | 143,517 |
| 37 | 27,326 | 103,876 | 422 | 10,470 | 142,094 | 17,562 | 110,322 | 1,264 | 13,752 | 142,900 |
| 38 | 24,622 | 103,654 | 458 | 10,860 | 139,594 | 15,847 | 108,031 | 1,408 | 14,180 | 139,466 |
| 39 | 22,450 | 104,775 | 492 | 11,450 | 139,167 | 14,514 | 107,808 | 1,588 | 15,010 | 138,920 |
| 40 | 19,584 | 102,930 | 515 | 11,834 | 134,863 | 12,905 | 106,649 | 1,629 | 15,326 | 136,509 |
| 41 | 18,096 | 104,196 | 579 | 12,376 | 135,247 | 11,664 | 106,912 | 1,853 | 16,099 | 136,528 |
| 42 | 16,367 | 104,088 | 648 | 12,854 | 133,957 | 10,420 | 105,798 | 1,993 | 16,206 | 134,417 |
| 43 | 14,391 | 101,766 | 678 | 12,707 | 129,542 | 9,268 | 101,429 | 2,126 | 15,944 | 128,767 |
| 44 | 13,845 | 104,064 | 718 | 13,361 | 131,988 | 8,703 | 103,624 | 2,398 | 16,718 | 131,443 |
| 45 | 12,538 | 103,234 | 805 | 13,452 | 130,029 | 7,774 | 100,817 | 2,613 | 16,641 | 127,845 |
| 46 | 11,255 | 101,861 | 876 | 13,362 | 127,354 | 7,146 | 98,510 | 2,858 | 16,422 | 124,936 |
| 47 | 10,957 | 104,840 | 970 | 13,675 | 130,442 | 6,645 | 99,936 | 3,367 | 16,510 | 126,458 |
| 48 | 10,612 | 108,455 | 1,045 | 13,911 | 134,023 | 6,383 | 101,533 | 3,734 | 16,743 | 128,393 |
| 49 | 8,881 | 91,415 | 1,078 | 12,041 | 113,415 | 5,179 | 85,822 | 3,767 | 14,166 | 108,934 |
| 50 | 8,294 | 89,334 | 1,097 | 11,305 | 110,030 | 4,922 | 83,576 | 4,015 | 13,590 | 106,103 |
| 51 | 7,664 | 85,980 | 1,187 | 10,847 | 105,678 | 4,609 | 79,655 | 4,399 | 12,808 | 101,471 |
| 52 | 6,810 | 77,881 | 1,191 | 9,968 | 95,850 | 4,010 | 71,761 | 4,573 | 11,304 | 91,648 |
| 53 | 6,463 | 76,752 | 1,249 | 9,598 | 94,062 | 3,794 | 70,298 | 4,974 | 10,709 | 89,775 |
| 54 | 6,262 | 73,984 | 1,392 | 8,996 | 90,634 | 3,658 | 67,600 | 5,535 | 10,197 | 86,990 |
| 55 | 5,945 | 71,346 | 1,447 | 8,485 | 87,223 | 3,433 | 64,245 | 6,154 | 9,208 | 83,040 |
| 56 | 5,509 | 68,960 | 1,549 | 7,987 | 84,005 | 3,332 | 62,551 | 6,671 | 8,667 | 81,221 |
| 57 | 5,551 | 66,571 | 1,696 | 7,510 | 81,328 | 3,031 | 61,042 | 7,276 | 8,298 | 79,647 |
| 58 | 5,245 | 64,837 | 1,935 | 7,040 | 79,057 | 3,008 | 58,518 | 8,095 | 7,542 | 77,163 |
| 59 | 5,144 | 61,584 | 1,962 | 6,421 | 75,111 | 2,813 | 55,621 | 8,940 | 7,069 | 74,443 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 4,712 | 58,632 | 2,012 | 5,873 | 71,229 | 2,752 | 52,940 | 9,549 | 6,714 | 71,955 |
| 61 | 4,702 | 58,184 | 2,303 | 5,801 | 70,990 | 2,764 | 51,531 | 10,250 | 6,119 | 70,664 |
| 62 | 4,724 | 56,799 | 2,536 | 5,416 | 69,475 | 2,666 | 50,092 | 11,613 | 5,888 | 70,259 |
| 63 | 4,839 | 56,633 | 2,865 | 5,198 | 69,535 | 2,725 | 48,595 | 12,339 | 5,725 | 69,384 |
| 64 | 5,163 | 58,406 | 3,414 | 5,293 | 72,276 | 3,017 | 50,636 | 15,010 | 5,861 | 74,524 |
| 65 | 4,984 | 56,207 | 3,642 | 4,838 | 69,671 | 2,894 | 47,179 | 15,857 | 5,352 | 71,282 |
| 66 | 4,744 | 55,565 | 3,917 | 4,721 | 68,947 | 2,876 | 45,831 | 17,336 | 4,963 | 71,006 |
| 67 | 4,774 | 54,014 | 4,210 | 4,357 | 67,355 | 2,840 | 45,034 | 18,765 | 4,701 | 71,340 |
| 68 | 4,432 | 52,217 | 4,713 | 3,953 | 65,315 | 2,864 | 42,347 | 20,086 | 4,404 | 69,701 |
| 69 | 4,336 | 50,792 | 5,048 | 3,723 | 63,899 | 3,064 | 41,243 | 22,314 | 4,238 | 70,859 |
| 70 | 3,779 | 46,647 | 5,219 | 3,270 | 58,915 | 2,909 | 37,277 | 22,796 | 3,772 | 66,754 |
| 71 | 3,616 | 45,076 | 5,729 | 2,980 | 57,401 | 2,936 | 35,691 | 24,894 | 3,531 | 67,052 |
| 72 | 3,330 | 41,913 | 5,874 | 2,680 | 53,797 | 2,909 | 32,709 | 25,736 | 3,278 | 64,632 |
| 73 | 3,160 | 39,634 | 6,169 | 2,437 | 51,400 | 2,846 | 30,282 | 26,973 | 2,936 | 63,037 |
| 74 | 2,955 | 37,022 | 6,354 | 2,187 | 48,518 | 2,861 | 28,015 | 27,862 | 2,751 | 61,489 |
| 75 | 2,541 | 32,504 | 6,228 | 1,826 | 43,099 | 2,554 | 23,560 | 27,049 | 2,224 | 55,387 |
| 76 | 2,107 | 25,648 | 5,449 | 1,372 | 34,576 | 2,414 | 18,258 | 23,723 | 1,738 | 46,133 |
| 77 | 1,902 | 23,657 | 5,661 | 1,256 | 32,476 | 2,427 | 16,379 | 24,983 | 1,578 | 45,367 |
| 78 | 1,807 | 22,101 | 5,905 | 1,052 | 30,865 | 2,354 | 14,757 | 25,397 | 1,428 | 43,936 |
| 79 | 1,692 | 19,944 | 5,924 | 930 | 28,490 | 2,460 | 13,024 | 25,788 | 1,305 | 42,577 |
| 80 | 1,450 | 17,983 | 5,895 | 806 | 26,134 | 2,332 | 11,157 | 25,580 | 1,154 | 40,223 |
| 81 | 1,364 | 15,834 | 5,817 | 712 | 23,727 | 2,246 | 9,767 | 25,802 | 1,054 | 38,869 |
| 82 | 1,214 | 13,196 | 5,500 | 620 | 20,530 | 2,077 | 7,763 | 23,721 | 834 | 34,395 |
| 83 | 1,089 | 10,891 | 4,998 | 460 | 17,438 | 2,024 | 6,262 | 22,131 | 704 | 31,121 |
| 84 | 932 | 8,818 | 4,646 | 381 | 14,777 | 1,907 | 4,886 | 20,411 | 618 | 27,822 |
| 85 and over | 3,667 | 27,972 | 23,895 | 1,235 | 56,769 | 11,059 | 14,128 | 106,652 | 2,493 | 134,332 |
| 14 and under | 1,993,384 |  | . |  | 1,993,384 | 1,894,734 |  |  |  | 1,894,734 |
| 15-19 | 647,652 | 2,760 | 201 | 264 | 650,877 | 610,664 | 7,182 | 250 | 267 | 618,363 |
| 20-24 | 656,663 | 66,050 | 592 | 1,802 | 725,107 | 561,675 | 137,688 | 910 | 4,141 | 704,414 |
| 25-29 | 409,832 | 268,290 | 798 | 12,508 | 691,428 | 292,626 | 369,692 | 1,802 | 23,215 | 687,335 |
| 30-34 | 239,983 | 454,152 | 1,394 | 34,994 | 730,523 | 155,883 | 520,860 | 3,761 | 50,579 | 731,083 |
| 35-39 | 138,803 | 517,517 | 2,101 | 52,422 | 710,843 | 89,872 | 547,613 | 6,415 | 68,494 | 712,394 |
| 40-44 | 82,283 | 517,044 | 3,138 | 63,132 | 665,597 | 52,960 | 524,412 | 9,999 | 80,293 | 667,664 |
| 45-49 | 54,243 | 509,805 | 4,774 | 66,441 | 635,263 | 33,127 | 486,618 | 16,339 | 80,482 | 616,566 |
| 50-54 | 35,493 | 403,931 | 6,116 | 50,714 | 496,254 | 20,993 | 372,890 | 23,496 | 58,608 | 475,987 |
| 55-59 | 27,394 | 333,298 | 8,589 | 37,443 | 406,724 | 15,617 | 301,977 | 37,136 | 40,784 | 395,514 |
| 60-64 | 24,140 | 288,654 | 13,130 | 27,581 | 353,505 | 13,924 | 253,794 | 58,761 | 30,307 | 356,786 |
| 65-69 | 23,270 | 268,795 | 21,530 | 21,592 | 335,187 | 14,538 | 221,634 | 94,358 | 23,658 | 354,188 |
| 70-74 | 16,840 | 210,292 | 29,345 | 13,554 | 270,031 | 14,461 | 163,974 | 128,261 | 16,268 | 322,964 |
| 75-79 | 10,049 | 123,854 | 29,167 | 6,436 | 169,506 | 12,209 | 85,978 | 126,940 | 8,273 | 233,400 |
| 80-84 | 6,049 | 66,722 | 26,856 | 2,979 | 102,606 | 10,586 | 39,835 | 117,645 | 4,364 | 172,430 |
| 85 and over | 3,667 | 27,972 | 23,895 | 1,235 | 56,769 | 11,059 | 14,128 | 106,652 | 2,493 | 134,332 |
| Total | 4,369,745 | 4,059,136 | 171,626 | 393,097 | 8,993,604 | 3,804,928 | 4,048,275 | 732,725 | 492,226 | 9,078,154 |
| Median age | 16.5 | 47.0 | 74.1 | 47.3 | 33.0 | 15.1 | 44.2 | 74.5 | 46.2 | 34.4 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 2,005,089 | $\ldots$ | . | . | 2,005,089 | 1,906,226 | $\ldots$ | . | . | 1,906,226 |
| 15 | 131,824 | 229 | 29 | 54 | 132,136 | 125,604 | 230 | 58 | 49 | 125,941 |
| 16 | 130,095 | 214 | 33 | 45 | 130,387 | 123,253 | 294 | 33 | 44 | 123,624 |
| 17 | 129,736 | 287 | 34 | 54 | 130,111 | 122,654 | 565 | 52 | 37 | 123,308 |
| 18 | 130,038 | 474 | 38 | 56 | 130,606 | 122,369 | 1,656 | 56 | 54 | 124,135 |
| 19 | 130,964 | 1,014 | 48 | 79 | 132,105 | 122,820 | 3,775 | 86 | 85 | 126,766 |
| 20 | 132,011 | 2,253 | 54 | 103 | 134,421 | 121,326 | 7,454 | 74 | 140 | 128,994 |
| 21 | 133,878 | 4,445 | 73 | 127 | 138,523 | 120,259 | 13,359 | 104 | 297 | 134,019 |
| 22 | 131,424 | 8,845 | 60 | 199 | 140,528 | 113,734 | 21,561 | 110 | 529 | 135,934 |
| 23 | 128,783 | 15,755 | 74 | 372 | 144,984 | 106,758 | 33,415 | 146 | 1,016 | 141,335 |
| 24 | 124,248 | 25,428 | 71 | 703 | 150,450 | 99,158 | 46,593 | 189 | 1,738 | 147,678 |
| 25 | 115,195 | 36,173 | 98 | 1,187 | 152,653 | 88,488 | 59,845 | 215 | 2,664 | 151,212 |
| 26 | 97,123 | 44,173 | 87 | 1,778 | 143,161 | 71,466 | 66,714 | 234 | 3,625 | 142,039 |
| 27 | 85,462 | 53,338 | 91 | 2,465 | 141,356 | 61,061 | 74,927 | 286 | 4,653 | 140,927 |
| 28 | 73,672 | 60,679 | 107 | 3,246 | 137,704 | 51,430 | 80,160 | 319 | 5,578 | 137,487 |
| 29 | 64,577 | 66,902 | 123 | 3,978 | 135,580 | 44,550 | 84,269 | 416 | 6,661 | 135,896 |
| 30 | 58,514 | 73,752 | 152 | 4,867 | 137,285 | 39,144 | 90,853 | 469 | 7,780 | 138,246 |
| 31 | 52,699 | 81,193 | 162 | 5,736 | 139,790 | 35,187 | 96,042 | 534 | 8,792 | 140,555 |
| 32 | 49,460 | 89,420 | 222 | 7,079 | 146,181 | 32,290 | 103,227 | 658 | 10,381 | 146,556 |
| 33 | 44,885 | 95,349 | 246 | 8,023 | 148,503 | 29,207 | 107,615 | 773 | 11,424 | 149,019 |
| 34 | 40,387 | 99,433 | 276 | 8,870 | 148,966 | 26,339 | 109,958 | 860 | 12,263 | 149,420 |
| 35 | 37,441 | 103,953 | 301 | 9,948 | 151,643 | 24,047 | 113,278 | 1,034 | 13,154 | 151,513 |
| 36 | 32,654 | 103,964 | 337 | 10,414 | 147,369 | 21,143 | 112,894 | 1,056 | 13,686 | 148,779 |
| 37 | 28,824 | 104,240 | 341 | 10,839 | 144,244 | 19,141 | 109,951 | 1,185 | 14,277 | 144,554 |
| 38 | 26,284 | 104,956 | 392 | 11,370 | 143,002 | 16,961 | 110,896 | 1,322 | 14,779 | 143,958 |
| 39 | 23,712 | 104,415 | 445 | 11,830 | 140,402 | 15,357 | 108,415 | 1,488 | 15,263 | 140,523 |
| 40 | 21,660 | 105,182 | 502 | 12,249 | 139,593 | 14,113 | 107,622 | 1,710 | 15,949 | 139,394 |
| 41 | 18,999 | 103,379 | 527 | 12,693 | 135,598 | 12,547 | 106,589 | 1,752 | 16,460 | 137,348 |
| 42 | 17,617 | 104,916 | 597 | 13,239 | 136,369 | 11,417 | 107,163 | 2,004 | 17,215 | 137,799 |
| 43 | 15,928 | 104,658 | 681 | 13,697 | 134,964 | 10,143 | 105,821 | 2,145 | 17,358 | 135,467 |
| 44 | 13,946 | 101,490 | 689 | 13,488 | 129,613 | 8,968 | 100,713 | 2,316 | 16,941 | 128,938 |
| 45 | 13,410 | 103,505 | 737 | 14,078 | 131,730 | 8,489 | 102,471 | 2,597 | 17,562 | 131,119 |
| 46 | 12,182 | 103,141 | 825 | 14,294 | 130,442 | 7,532 | 100,510 | 2,819 | 17,483 | 128,344 |
| 47 | 10,871 | 101,002 | 911 | 14,032 | 126,816 | 6,870 | 97,345 | 3,059 | 17,208 | 124,482 |
| 48 | 10,679 | 104,448 | 1,004 | 14,402 | 130,533 | 6,416 | 99,499 | 3,592 | 17,202 | 126,709 |
| 49 | 10,386 | 108,556 | 1,112 | 14,659 | 134,713 | 6,212 | 101,295 | 4,043 | 17,500 | 129,050 |
| 50 | 8,569 | 90,199 | 1,136 | 12,430 | 112,334 | 4,945 | 84,282 | 4,049 | 14,566 | 107,842 |
| 51 | 8,053 | 88,865 | 1,167 | 11,816 | 109,901 | 4,767 | 82,714 | 4,370 | 14,141 | 105,992 |
| 52 | 7,453 | 85,576 | 1,265 | 11,313 | 105,607 | 4,440 | 79,116 | 4,784 | 13,300 | 101,640 |
| 53 | 6,548 | 77,853 | 1,263 | 10,324 | 95,988 | 3,874 | 71,452 | 5,009 | 11,801 | 92,136 |
| 54 | 6,252 | 76,183 | 1,370 | 9,885 | 93,690 | 3,690 | 69,624 | 5,455 | 11,033 | 89,802 |
| 55 | 6,001 | 73,279 | 1,469 | 9,245 | 89,994 | 3,547 | 66,546 | 6,003 | 10,402 | 86,498 |
| 56 | 5,754 | 71,022 | 1,538 | 8,714 | 87,028 | 3,314 | 63,870 | 6,737 | 9,487 | 83,408 |
| 57 | 5,236 | 68,202 | 1,646 | 8,165 | 83,249 | 3,156 | 61,715 | 7,236 | 8,865 | 80,972 |
| 58 | 5,393 | 65,976 | 1,812 | 7,644 | 80,825 | 2,938 | 60,324 | 7,888 | 8,468 | 79,618 |
| 59 | 5,020 | 64,455 | 2,087 | 7,201 | 78,763 | 2,863 | 57,699 | 8,789 | 7,693 | 77,044 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 4,984 | 60,735 | 2,138 | 6,547 | 74,404 | 2,696 | 54,445 | 9,771 | 7,200 | 74,112 |
| 61 | 4,496 | 58,048 | 2,178 | 6,004 | 70,726 | 2,629 | 52,093 | 10,381 | 6,874 | 71,977 |
| 62 | 4,436 | 57,744 | 2,502 | 5,879 | 70,561 | 2,588 | 50,710 | 11,199 | 6,249 | 70,746 |
| 63 | 4,527 | 56,329 | 2,732 | 5,505 | 69,093 | 2,565 | 49,383 | 12,662 | 5,984 | 70,594 |
| 64 | 4,637 | 56,035 | 3,103 | 5,268 | 69,043 | 2,592 | 47,502 | 13,319 | 5,814 | 69,227 |
| 65 | 4,890 | 57,743 | 3,667 | 5,364 | 71,664 | 2,826 | 49,172 | 16,115 | 5,895 | 74,008 |
| 66 | 4,723 | 55,088 | 3,897 | 4,851 | 68,559 | 2,748 | 45,931 | 16,955 | 5,373 | 71,007 |
| 67 | 4,440 | 54,365 | 4,185 | 4,662 | 67,652 | 2,725 | 44,073 | 18,521 | 4,989 | 70,308 |
| 68 | 4,505 | 52,591 | 4,450 | 4,286 | 65,832 | 2,699 | 43,291 | 19,898 | 4,644 | 70,532 |
| 69 | 4,135 | 50,747 | 4,993 | 3,863 | 63,738 | 2,708 | 40,505 | 21,295 | 4,377 | 68,885 |
| 70 | 4,045 | 49,054 | 5,307 | 3,610 | 62,016 | 2,891 | 39,007 | 23,581 | 4,162 | 69,641 |
| 71 | 3,478 | 44,950 | 5,437 | 3,159 | 57,024 | 2,743 | 35,277 | 23,929 | 3,710 | 65,659 |
| 72 | 3,362 | 43,220 | 5,943 | 2,905 | 55,430 | 2,774 | 33,907 | 25,949 | 3,483 | 66,113 |
| 73 | 3,080 | 40,312 | 6,105 | 2,579 | 52,076 | 2,757 | 30,870 | 26,906 | 3,238 | 63,771 |
| 74 | 2,908 | 37,854 | 6,441 | 2,356 | 49,559 | 2,682 | 28,228 | 28,095 | 2,828 | 61,833 |
| 75 | 2,680 | 35,175 | 6,661 | 2,073 | 46,589 | 2,632 | 25,568 | 28,882 | 2,640 | 59,722 |
| 76 | 2,308 | 30,552 | 6,538 | 1,725 | 41,123 | 2,362 | 21,553 | 28,064 | 2,139 | 54,118 |
| 77 | 1,869 | 23,705 | 5,615 | 1,273 | 32,462 | 2,204 | 16,231 | 24,170 | 1,639 | 44,244 |
| 78 | 1,686 | 21,912 | 5,810 | 1,162 | 30,570 | 2,217 | 14,548 | 25,435 | 1,466 | 43,666 |
| 79 | 1,564 | 20,340 | 5,970 | 975 | 28,849 | 2,108 | 12,987 | 25,633 | 1,321 | 42,049 |
| 80 | 1,446 | 17,990 | 5,899 | 847 | 26,182 | 2,243 | 11,196 | 25,742 | 1,205 | 40,386 |
| 81 | 1,237 | 16,003 | 5,874 | 713 | 23,827 | 2,083 | 9,406 | 25,370 | 1,043 | 37,902 |
| 82 | 1,156 | 14,020 | 5,802 | 643 | 21,621 | 2,023 | 8,221 | 25,625 | 935 | 36,804 |
| 83 | 1,039 | 11,606 | 5,400 | 544 | 18,589 | 1,858 | 6,430 | 23,361 | 736 | 32,385 |
| 84 | 922 | 9,469 | 4,865 | 380 | 15,636 | 1,819 | 5,077 | 21,625 | 605 | 29,126 |
| 85 and over | 3,608 | 29,660 | 25,802 | 1,231 | 60,301 | 10,699 | 13,717 | 114,930 | 2,252 | 141,598 |
| 14 and under | 2,005,089 | . | . |  | 2,005,089 | 1,906,226 |  |  |  | 1,906,226 |
| 15-19 | 652,657 | 2,218 | 182 | 288 | 655,345 | 616,700 | 6,520 | 285 | 269 | 623,774 |
| 20-24 | 650,344 | 56,726 | 332 | 1,504 | 708,906 | 561,235 | 122,382 | 623 | 3,720 | 687,960 |
| 25-29 | 436,029 | 261,265 | 506 | 12,654 | 710,454 | 316,995 | 365,915 | 1,470 | 23,181 | 707,561 |
| 30-34 | 245,945 | 439,147 | 1,058 | 34,575 | 720,725 | 162,167 | 507,695 | 3,294 | 50,640 | 723,796 |
| 35-39 | 148,915 | 521,528 | 1,816 | 54,401 | 726,660 | 96,649 | 555,434 | 6,085 | 71,159 | 729,327 |
| 40-44 | 88,150 | 519,625 | 2,996 | 65,366 | 676,137 | 57,188 | 527,908 | 9,927 | 83,923 | 678,946 |
| 45-49 | 57,528 | 520,652 | 4,589 | 71,465 | 654,234 | 35,519 | 501,120 | 16,110 | 86,955 | 639,704 |
| 50-54 | 36,875 | 418,676 | 6,201 | 55,768 | 517,520 | 21,716 | 387,188 | 23,667 | 64,841 | 497,412 |
| 55-59 | 27,404 | 342,934 | 8,552 | 40,969 | 419,859 | 15,818 | 310,154 | 36,653 | 44,915 | 407,540 |
| 60-64 | 23,080 | 288,891 | 12,653 | 29,203 | 353,827 | 13,070 | 254,133 | 57,332 | 32,121 | 356,656 |
| 65-69 | 22,693 | 270,534 | 21,192 | 23,026 | 337,445 | 13,706 | 222,972 | 92,784 | 25,278 | 354,740 |
| 70-74 | 16,873 | 215,390 | 29,233 | 14,609 | 276,105 | 13,847 | 167,289 | 128,460 | 17,421 | 327,017 |
| 75-79 | 10,107 | 131,684 | 30,594 | 7,208 | 179,593 | 11,523 | 90,887 | 132,184 | 9,205 | 243,799 |
| 80-84 | 5,800 | 69,088 | 27,840 | 3,127 | 105,855 | 10,026 | 40,330 | 121,723 | 4,524 | 176,603 |
| 85 and over | 3,608 | 29,660 | 25,802 | 1,231 | 60,301 | 10,699 | 13,717 | 114,930 | 2,252 | 141,598 |
| Total | 4,431,097 | 4,088,018 | 173,546 | 415,394 | 9,108,055 | 3,863,084 | 4,073,644 | 745,527 | 520,404 | 9,202,659 |
| Median age | 16.6 | 47.4 | 74.6 | 47.8 | 33.3 | 15.2 | 44.5 | 74.9 | 46.6 | 34.7 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | Currently married | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 14 and under | 2,009,752 | . | . | . | 2,009,752 | 1,910,584 | . | . | . | 1,910,584 |
| 15 | 134,601 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 134,610 | 127,293 | 17 | 2 | - | 127,312 |
| 16 | 132,942 | 233 | 31 | 52 | 133,258 | 126,675 | 246 | 59 | 50 | 127,030 |
| 17 | 131,270 | 232 | 33 | 43 | 131,578 | 124,384 | 368 | 32 | 47 | 124,831 |
| 18 | 131,278 | 374 | 35 | 60 | 131,747 | 123,379 | 1,389 | 53 | 41 | 124,862 |
| 19 | 131,897 | 821 | 44 | 59 | 132,821 | 122,967 | 3,409 | 66 | 60 | 126,502 |
| 20 | 132,274 | 1,808 | 48 | 83 | 134,213 | 122,568 | 6,473 | 97 | 122 | 129,260 |
| 21 | 131,809 | 3,902 | 63 | 126 | 135,900 | 119,063 | 11,611 | 90 | 268 | 131,032 |
| 22 | 132,124 | 7,407 | 78 | 181 | 139,790 | 115,412 | 19,313 | 125 | 508 | 135,358 |
| 23 | 127,952 | 13,380 | 64 | 349 | 141,745 | 107,272 | 28,696 | 131 | 924 | 137,023 |
| 24 | 123,360 | 21,834 | 78 | 622 | 145,894 | 99,232 | 41,403 | 167 | 1,682 | 142,484 |
| 25 | 117,038 | 32,778 | 88 | 1,134 | 151,038 | 91,328 | 55,021 | 246 | 2,647 | 149,242 |
| 26 | 107,584 | 43,784 | 106 | 1,877 | 153,351 | 81,130 | 67,435 | 244 | 3,751 | 152,560 |
| 27 | 89,975 | 50,889 | 105 | 2,568 | 143,537 | 65,241 | 72,859 | 276 | 4,766 | 143,142 |
| 28 | 79,001 | 59,533 | 106 | 3,414 | 142,054 | 55,966 | 79,982 | 330 | 5,883 | 142,161 |
| 29 | 68,380 | 65,756 | 144 | 4,191 | 138,471 | 47,330 | 84,107 | 368 | 6,776 | 138,581 |
| 30 | 59,915 | 71,177 | 175 | 5,036 | 136,303 | 41,370 | 87,375 | 473 | 7,772 | 136,990 |
| 31 | 54,550 | 77,613 | 201 | 5,817 | 138,181 | 36,423 | 93,313 | 544 | 8,862 | 139,142 |
| 32 | 49,292 | 84,324 | 192 | 6,853 | 140,661 | 33,076 | 97,852 | 622 | 9,931 | 141,481 |
| 33 | 46,513 | 91,754 | 248 | 8,224 | 146,739 | 30,496 | 104,663 | 740 | 11,491 | 147,390 |
| 34 | 42,203 | 97,525 | 281 | 9,078 | 149,087 | 27,656 | 108,736 | 860 | 12,487 | 149,739 |
| 35 | 38,230 | 101,121 | 310 | 9,863 | 149,524 | 25,191 | 110,543 | 950 | 13,449 | 150,133 |
| 36 | 35,647 | 105,208 | 332 | 11,000 | 152,187 | 23,081 | 113,653 | 1,146 | 14,252 | 152,132 |
| 37 | 31,238 | 104,856 | 377 | 11,431 | 147,902 | 20,390 | 113,086 | 1,160 | 14,694 | 149,330 |
| 38 | 27,701 | 104,892 | 383 | 11,746 | 144,722 | 18,545 | 109,920 | 1,319 | 15,323 | 145,107 |
| 39 | 25,343 | 105,247 | 434 | 12,418 | 143,442 | 16,551 | 110,672 | 1,449 | 15,899 | 144,571 |
| 40 | 22,954 | 104,702 | 494 | 12,765 | 140,915 | 14,978 | 108,166 | 1,633 | 16,308 | 141,085 |
| 41 | 21,040 | 105,235 | 545 | 13,155 | 139,975 | 13,818 | 107,171 | 1,846 | 16,978 | 139,813 |
| 42 | 18,491 | 103,349 | 579 | 13,558 | 135,977 | 12,348 | 106,066 | 1,918 | 17,405 | 137,737 |
| 43 | 17,169 | 104,800 | 646 | 14,070 | 136,685 | 11,230 | 106,610 | 2,183 | 18,053 | 138,076 |
| 44 | 15,592 | 104,308 | 736 | 14,565 | 135,201 | 9,974 | 105,178 | 2,349 | 18,231 | 135,732 |
| 45 | 13,638 | 101,146 | 765 | 14,308 | 129,857 | 8,816 | 99,970 | 2,536 | 17,835 | 129,157 |
| 46 | 13,169 | 103,135 | 818 | 14,776 | 131,898 | 8,396 | 101,779 | 2,817 | 18,315 | 131,307 |
| 47 | 11,946 | 102,644 | 904 | 14,990 | 130,484 | 7,417 | 99,835 | 3,090 | 18,134 | 128,476 |
| 48 | 10,681 | 100,661 | 1,000 | 14,627 | 126,969 | 6,766 | 96,670 | 3,339 | 17,781 | 124,556 |
| 49 | 10,494 | 103,870 | 1,107 | 15,040 | 130,511 | 6,355 | 98,679 | 3,917 | 17,781 | 126,732 |
| 50 | 10,224 | 107,989 | 1,195 | 15,307 | 134,715 | 6,136 | 100,552 | 4,365 | 18,003 | 129,056 |
| 51 | 8,434 | 89,522 | 1,230 | 12,962 | 112,148 | 4,887 | 83,561 | 4,374 | 15,005 | 107,827 |
| 52 | 7,915 | 88,327 | 1,264 | 12,253 | 109,759 | 4,720 | 81,904 | 4,766 | 14,582 | 105,972 |
| 53 | 7,331 | 85,025 | 1,348 | 11,647 | 105,351 | 4,385 | 78,386 | 5,186 | 13,616 | 101,573 |
| 54 | 6,414 | 77,291 | 1,367 | 10,652 | 95,724 | 3,844 | 70,730 | 5,459 | 12,070 | 92,103 |
| 55 | 6,146 | 75,537 | 1,474 | 10,217 | 93,374 | 3,650 | 68,896 | 5,939 | 11,244 | 89,729 |
| 56 | 5,886 | 72,740 | 1,576 | 9,449 | 89,651 | 3,512 | 65,788 | 6,524 | 10,623 | 86,447 |
| 57 | 5,646 | 70,484 | 1,659 | 8,873 | 86,662 | 3,258 | 63,058 | 7,321 | 9,650 | 83,287 |
| 58 | 5,109 | 67,622 | 1,764 | 8,303 | 82,798 | 3,123 | 60,917 | 7,854 | 8,989 | 80,883 |
| 59 | 5,265 | 65,302 | 1,964 | 7,757 | 80,288 | 2,898 | 59,442 | 8,555 | 8,590 | 79,485 |


| Age (years) | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total | Never married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Currently } \\ \text { married } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Widowed | Divorced | Total |
| 60 | 4,884 | 63,913 | 2,241 | 7,258 | 78,296 | 2,818 | 56,784 | 9,507 | 7,761 | 76,870 |
| 61 | 4,864 | 60,049 | 2,277 | 6,609 | 73,799 | 2,660 | 53,446 | 10,451 | 7,310 | 73,867 |
| 62 | 4,395 | 57,281 | 2,341 | 6,015 | 70,032 | 2,613 | 50,973 | 11,143 | 6,923 | 71,652 |
| 63 | 4,306 | 56,867 | 2,677 | 5,854 | 69,704 | 2,552 | 49,491 | 11,976 | 6,283 | 70,302 |
| 64 | 4,354 | 55,307 | 2,933 | 5,514 | 68,108 | 2,524 | 48,058 | 13,490 | 6,016 | 70,088 |
| 65 | 4,488 | 54,917 | 3,328 | 5,251 | 67,984 | 2,543 | 46,024 | 14,251 | 5,835 | 68,653 |
| 66 | 4,710 | 56,413 | 3,904 | 5,322 | 70,349 | 2,782 | 47,653 | 17,050 | 5,860 | 73,345 |
| 67 | 4,526 | 53,703 | 4,120 | 4,794 | 67,143 | 2,712 | 44,305 | 17,922 | 5,360 | 70,299 |
| 68 | 4,235 | 52,902 | 4,431 | 4,543 | 66,111 | 2,666 | 42,306 | 19,519 | 4,946 | 69,437 |
| 69 | 4,316 | 50,996 | 4,686 | 4,192 | 64,190 | 2,648 | 41,488 | 20,829 | 4,600 | 69,565 |
| 70 | 3,930 | 49,098 | 5,225 | 3,758 | 62,011 | 2,654 | 38,639 | 22,257 | 4,330 | 67,880 |
| 71 | 3,816 | 47,307 | 5,531 | 3,549 | 60,203 | 2,832 | 37,175 | 24,448 | 4,102 | 68,557 |
| 72 | 3,291 | 43,090 | 5,688 | 3,066 | 55,135 | 2,665 | 33,281 | 24,826 | 3,655 | 64,427 |
| 73 | 3,142 | 41,286 | 6,143 | 2,825 | 53,396 | 2,700 | 31,928 | 26,719 | 3,434 | 64,781 |
| 74 | 2,890 | 38,337 | 6,306 | 2,472 | 50,005 | 2,672 | 28,913 | 27,596 | 3,171 | 62,352 |
| 75 | 2,750 | 35,962 | 6,641 | 2,274 | 47,627 | 2,607 | 26,243 | 28,780 | 2,763 | 60,393 |
| 76 | 2,539 | 33,318 | 6,817 | 1,979 | 44,653 | 2,552 | 23,683 | 29,434 | 2,587 | 58,256 |
| 77 | 2,142 | 28,759 | 6,558 | 1,620 | 39,079 | 2,282 | 19,958 | 28,243 | 2,073 | 52,556 |
| 78 | 1,694 | 21,821 | 5,620 | 1,180 | 30,315 | 2,108 | 14,625 | 24,210 | 1,572 | 42,515 |
| 79 | 1,521 | 19,973 | 5,787 | 1,064 | 28,345 | 2,101 | 12,966 | 25,305 | 1,405 | 41,777 |
| 80 | 1,408 | 18,376 | 5,909 | 906 | 26,599 | 1,981 | 11,479 | 25,281 | 1,265 | 40,006 |
| 81 | 1,302 | 16,158 | 5,793 | 793 | 24,046 | 2,097 | 9,855 | 25,151 | 1,143 | 38,246 |
| 82 | 1,111 | 14,271 | 5,728 | 646 | 21,756 | 1,941 | 8,166 | 24,645 | 982 | 35,734 |
| 83 | 1,031 | 12,445 | 5,600 | 588 | 19,664 | 1,884 | 7,160 | 24,711 | 876 | 34,631 |
| 84 | 918 | 10,194 | 5,150 | 494 | 16,756 | 1,726 | 5,525 | 22,273 | 684 | 30,208 |
| 85 and over | 3,885 | 32,694 | 27,271 | 1,411 | 65,261 | 10,921 | 15,641 | 121,742 | 2,518 | 150,822 |
| 14 and under | 2,009,752 |  |  |  | 2,009,752 | 1,910,584 |  |  |  | 1,910,584 |
| 15-19 | 661,988 | 1,665 | 144 | 217 | 664,014 | 624,698 | 5,429 | 212 | 198 | 630,537 |
| 20-24 | 647,519 | 48,331 | 331 | 1,361 | 697,542 | 563,547 | 107,496 | 610 | 3,504 | 675,157 |
| 25-29 | 461,978 | 252,740 | 549 | 13,184 | 728,451 | 340,995 | 359,404 | 1,464 | 23,823 | 725,686 |
| 30-34 | 252,473 | 422,393 | 1,097 | 35,008 | 710,971 | 169,021 | 491,939 | 3,239 | 50,543 | 714,742 |
| 35-39 | 158,159 | 521,324 | 1,836 | 56,458 | 737,777 | 103,758 | 557,874 | 6,024 | 73,617 | 741,273 |
| 40-44 | 95,246 | 522,394 | 3,000 | 68,113 | 688,753 | 62,348 | 533,191 | 9,929 | 86,975 | 692,443 |
| 45-49 | 59,928 | 511,456 | 4,594 | 73,741 | 649,719 | 37,750 | 496,933 | 15,699 | 89,846 | 640,228 |
| 50-54 | 40,318 | 448,154 | 6,404 | 62,821 | 557,697 | 23,972 | 415,133 | 24,150 | 73,276 | 536,531 |
| 55-59 | 28,052 | 351,685 | 8,437 | 44,599 | 432,773 | 16,441 | 318,101 | 36,193 | 49,096 | 419,831 |
| 60-64 | 22,803 | 293,417 | 12,469 | 31,250 | 359,939 | 13,167 | 258,752 | 56,567 | 34,293 | 362,779 |
| 65-69 | 22,275 | 268,931 | 20,469 | 24,102 | 335,777 | 13,351 | 221,776 | 89,571 | 26,601 | 351,299 |
| 70-74 | 17,069 | 219,118 | 28,893 | 15,670 | 280,750 | 13,523 | 169,936 | 125,846 | 18,692 | 327,997 |
| 75-79 | 10,646 | 139,833 | 31,423 | 8,117 | 190,019 | 11,650 | 97,475 | 135,972 | 10,400 | 255,497 |
| 80-84 | 5,770 | 71,444 | 28,180 | 3,427 | 108,821 | 9,629 | 42,185 | 122,061 | 4,950 | 178,825 |
| 85 and over | 3,885 | 32,694 | 27,271 | 1,411 | 65,261 | 10,921 | 15,641 | 121,742 | 2,518 | 150,822 |
| Total | 4,497,861 | 4,105,579 | 175,097 | 439,479 | 9,218,016 | 3,925,355 | 4,091,265 | 749,279 | 548,332 | 9,314,231 |
| Median age | 16.8 | 47.8 | 74.9 | 48.1 | 33.6 | 15.4 | 44.9 | 75.2 | 47.0 | 35.0 |

# special article 1 registered marital status and LIVING ARRANGEMENTS 

## INTRODUCTION

Registered marital status was used in the past to infer characteristics of people's living arrangements. Generally, only people who were 'married' were considered to live in couple relationships, while those who were 'never married', 'separated', 'divorced' or 'widowed' were assumed not to do so. The rise of de facto partnering in the 1970s and 1980s meant that registered marital status became increasingly inadequate for describing living arrangements. Some people who had never married or were previously married, together with those who were currently married, were living in couple relationships.

A more complete picture of both registered marital status and living arrangements, particularly couple relationships, is obtained when these two types of information are combined. Despite changes in partnering, registered marital status retains an important function of enhancing living arrangement data by introducing life-course characteristics (such as being widowed). Further, the relationship between registered marital status and de facto partnering observed in the Census can be used in intercensal years to provide indicative estimates of the likely number of people in de facto relationships.

In the first part of the article, the marital status of people in de facto relationships, lone parents and people who live alone is examined. The second part of the article examines the living arrangements of people in different marital status categories. The proportion of people in de facto relationships observed in the 1996 Census is used to interpret the 1997 population estimates by registered marital status.

## MARITAL STATUS OF PEOPLE IN SELECTED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

The Census of Population and Housing provides a valuable opportunity to monitor the relationship between registered marital status - measured in the 1996 Census variable Registered Marital Status (MSTP), and living arrangements - measured in the 1996 Census variable Relationship in Household (RLHP).

De facto relationships
De facto partnering has arisen as a precursor or alternative to first marriage. Some people whose registered marital status is 'never married' actually live in a couple relationship and some people who are 'separated', 'divorced' or 'widowed' live in a couple relationship.

As a result, there are two reasons why registered marital status data should be used with caution when analysing living arrangements. First, there is an important distinction between 'never married', that is, never registered as married and holding a valid marriage certificate, and 'never partnered', that is, never having lived in a couple relationship, either a registered marriage or de facto relationship.

Secondly, current registered marital status does not fully disclose marriage history. A person who was 'divorced' returns to the category of 'married' after a subsequent (registered) marriage but remains 'divorced' while living in a subsequent de facto relationship.

Therefore, the category of 'divorced' does not include all people who have ever been divorced, since some of these have returned to the 'married' category, nor does it exclude all people who have re-partnered, since some of these are living in de facto relationships.

Between 1991 and 1996 the census count of people in de facto relationships rose by $27 \%$, from 584,100 to 744,100 people. In 1996, de facto partners represented $9.8 \%$ of all persons living as couples (up from $8.1 \%$ in 1991) and $5.3 \%$ of all persons aged 15 years and over (up from $4.5 \%$ in 1991). This rise may be due to both increases in the number of de facto partners and in the willingness of people to identify themselves as living in de facto relationships.

Of all people in de facto relationships in 1996, $65 \%$ were 'never married' and $30 \%$ were either 'separated' or 'divorced'. The likelihood of being 'never married' was higher among those aged under 35 , counter-balanced by higher proportions of 'separated' and 'divorced' de facto partners aged 35 and over.

REGISTERED MARITAL STATUS OF PEOPLE IN DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS

|  | 1996(a). |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1991.. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over | Total | Total |
| Registered marital status | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 59785 | 127583 | 42370 | 9255 | 2096 | 1089 | 242178 | 175923 |  |  |
| Married(b) | 555 | 3015 | 3161 | 1795 | 734 | 493 | 9753 | 15962 |  |  |
| Separated | 245 | 4976 | 8983 | 7207 | 2281 | 984 | 24676 | 24362 |  |  |
| Divorced | 231 | 12917 | 31446 | 28953 | 10383 | 3236 | 87166 | 67222 |  |  |
| Widowed | 19 | 199 | 623 | 1120 | 1181 | 1802 | 4944 | 6559 |  |  |
| Total | 60835 | 148690 | 86583 | 48330 | 16675 | 7604 | 368717 | 290028 |  |  |


| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never married | 94387 | 112958 | 29858 | 5431 | 1002 | 405 | 244041 | 173015 |
| Married(b) | 921 | 3283 | 2798 | 1228 | 454 | 272 | 8956 | 21203 |
| Separated | 833 | 7177 | 8561 | 4643 | 969 | 341 | 22524 | 22443 |
| Divorced | 807 | 20874 | 35172 | 25898 | 6126 | 1509 | 90386 | 68379 |
| Widowed | 56 | 619 | 1792 | 2846 | 2071 | 2070 | 9454 | 9051 |
| Total | 97004 | 144911 | 78181 | 40046 | 10622 | 4597 | 375361 | 294091 |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 154172 | 240541 | 72228 | 14686 | 3098 | 1494 | 486219 | 348938 |
| Never married | 1476 | 6298 | 5959 | 3023 | 1188 | 765 | 18709 | 37165 |
| Married(b) | 1078 | 12153 | 17544 | 11850 | 3250 | 1325 | 47200 | 46805 |
| Separated | 1038 | 33791 | 66618 | 54851 | 16509 | 4745 | 177552 | 135601 |
| Divorced | 75 | 818 | 2415 | 3966 | 3252 | 3872 | 14398 | 15610 |
| Widowed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 157839 | 293601 | 164764 | 88376 | 27297 | 12201 | 744078 | 584119 |

[^3]
## PERSONS IN DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS, 1996



Lone parents
Between 1991 and 1996 the number of lone parents rose by $22 \%$, from 552,300 to 672,900 . The vast majority of lone parents, particularly among young age groups, were female. In 1996, 84\% of all lone parents and $95 \%$ of those aged 15-24 were lone mothers.

As noted above, some people whose registered marital status was 'never married' may have been currently living, or may have previously lived, in a de facto relationship. In the absence of relationship history information, there is no data to distinguish lone parents who have never lived with a partner from those who have become lone parents following separation from a de facto relationship.

Of all lone parents, $21 \%$ stated a registered marital status of 'never married'. The proportion of lone mothers who were 'never married' was slightly higher ( $22 \%$ ), while the corresponding proportion of lone fathers was much lower (13\%). For lone mothers, the likelihood of being 'never married' was very high among the younger age groups, representing $86 \%$ of lone mothers aged $15-24$ and $44 \%$ of those aged 25-34.

Overall, $55 \%$ of lone parents were either 'separated' or 'divorced'. In the peak age groups of $35-44$ and $45-54$, around $75 \%$ of lone parents were in these marital status categories.

Despite the possible inference that with a lone parent the direction of care is from the parent to the child, a number of older lone parents are living with adult children and the direction of care is likely to be reversed. The different nature of lone parenthood at older ages is reflected in their registered marital status. Of lone parents aged 65 and over, $83 \%$ were 'widowed'.

## REGISTERED MARITAL STATUS OF LONE PARENTS

|  | 1996. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1991.. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \text { and } \\ & \text { over } \end{aligned}$ | Total | Total |
| Registered marital status | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 2328 | 4854 | 3848 | 1354 | 428 | 363 | 13175 | 13996 |
| Married(a) | 106 | 694 | 1454 | 1966 | 1051 | 984 | 6255 | 9975 |
| Separated | 126 | 2763 | 9931 | 9129 | 2863 | 1194 | 26006 | 21452 |
| Divorced | 52 | 2032 | 12252 | 14850 | 5254 | 2201 | 36641 | 28498 |
| Widowed | 13 | 320 | 2037 | 4130 | 4371 | 11555 | 22426 | 21111 |
| Total | 2625 | 10663 | 29522 | 31429 | 13967 | 16297 | 104503 | 95032 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 39037 | 56889 | 24236 | 5043 | 834 | 639 | 126678 | 80134 |
| Married(a) | 657 | 3751 | 6716 | 5442 | 1651 | 1567 | 19784 | 28965 |
| Separated | 4278 | 37271 | 54654 | 26205 | 5519 | 2183 | 130110 | 101949 |
| Divorced | 1125 | 28075 | 75425 | 53446 | 13798 | 5722 | 177591 | 141840 |
| Widowed | 207 | 2548 | 10024 | 18403 | 22537 | 60484 | 114203 | 104392 |
| Total | 45304 | 128534 | 171055 | 108539 | 44339 | 70595 | 568366 | 457280 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 41365 | 61743 | 28084 | 6397 | 1262 | 1002 | 139853 | 94130 |
| Married(a) | 763 | 4445 | 8170 | 7408 | 2702 | 2551 | 26039 | 38940 |
| Separated | 4404 | 40034 | 64585 | 35334 | 8382 | 3377 | 156116 | 123401 |
| Divorced | 1177 | 30107 | 87677 | 68296 | 19052 | 7923 | 214232 | 170338 |
| Widowed | 220 | 2868 | 12061 | 22533 | 26908 | 72039 | 136629 | 125503 |
| Total | 47929 | 139197 | 200577 | 139968 | 58306 | 86892 | 672869 | 552312 |

(a) A small minority of people report themselves both as living without a spouse or partner and as married.

LONE PARENTS, 1996


Between 1991 and 1996 the number of people who lived alone rose by $27 \%$, from 1.1 million to 1.4 million. While the majority ( $55 \%$ ) of lone persons were female, males outnumbered females in all age groups to age 55-64.

As was the case for lone parents, analysis of the registered marital status of people who live alone is subject to the uncertainty that those who were 'never married' may have previously lived in de facto relationships. Therefore, there is no access to the number and characteristics of people who have been single throughout their life-time.

REGISTERED MARITAL STATUS OF LONE PERSONS
$\qquad$

|  |  |  | 65 and |  |  |  | over | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | Total


| M ALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never married | 48890 | 109032 | 70952 | 37095 | 24215 | 30167 | 320351 | 237420 |
| Married(a) | 282 | 2593 | 3740 | 4089 | 3179 | 6380 | 20263 | 29229 |
| Separated | 644 | 11246 | 21053 | 19967 | 12662 | 11843 | 77415 | 55455 |
| Divorced | 408 | 8989 | 30677 | 41126 | 31081 | 26665 | 138946 | 97751 |
| Widowed | 226 | 438 | 912 | 2766 | 9337 | 71620 | 85299 | 72366 |
| Total | 50450 | 132298 | 127334 | 105043 | 80474 | 146675 | 642274 | 492221 |

FEMALES

| Never married | 42257 | 64846 | 40399 | 21418 | 13094 | 28561 | 210575 | 156149 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Married(a) | 320 | 1459 | 1741 | 2675 | 2445 | 7605 | 16245 | 33989 |
| Separated | 710 | 5498 | 7038 | 12601 | 10215 | 9479 | 45541 | 31698 |
| Divorced | 469 | 6548 | 17500 | 39110 | 36791 | 35623 | 136041 | 90938 |
| Widowed | 937 | 1281 | 2414 | 10519 | 43645 | 323344 | 382140 | 325390 |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 91147 | 173878 | 111351 | 58513 | 37309 | 58728 | 530926 | 393569 |
| Married(a) | 602 | 4052 | 5481 | 6764 | 5624 | 13985 | 36508 | 63218 |
| Separated | 1354 | 16744 | 28091 | 32568 | 22877 | 21322 | 122956 | 87153 |
| Divorced | 877 | 15537 | 48177 | 80236 | 67872 | 62288 | 274987 | 188689 |
| Widowed | 1163 | 1719 | 3326 | 13285 | 52982 | 394964 | 467439 | 397756 |
| Total |  |  |  | 143 | 211930 | 196426 | 191366 | 186664 |
|  | 551287 | 1432816 | 1130385 |  |  |  |  |  |

(a) A small minority of people report themselves both as living without a spouse or partner and as married.

Nevertheless, the data shows that the largest group of lone persons were those who were 'never married' (37\%). In addition, $33 \%$ of people who lived alone were 'widowed' and $26 \%$ were 'separated' or 'divorced'. As expected, the proportion 'never married' declined with age (from $96 \%$ of those aged $15-24$ to $11 \%$ of those aged 65 and over), while the corresponding proportion who were 'widowed' rose with age, from very low levels in the younger age groups, to $72 \%$ of people living alone and aged 65 and over.

Older women were much more likely than older men to be 'widowed'. For those aged 65 and over, there was a much higher representation of females than males, both for the number of people who live alone (404,600 females compared with 146,700 males) and the proportion who were 'widowed' ( $80 \%$ of females compared with $49 \%$ of males).

## LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT MARITAL STATUS CATEGORIES

To accommodate differences between registered marital status and living arrangements, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has adopted two independent concepts of marital status. The first, registered marital status, as discussed above, is a person's relationship status in terms of whether he or she has, or has had, a registered marriage with another person with whom he or she holds, or held, a valid marriage certificate. Accordingly, people are classified as either 'never married', 'married', 'separated', 'divorced' or 'widowed'.

The second concept of social marital status, a measure of living arrangements, is a person's relationship status in terms of whether he or she forms a couple relationship with another person. A couple relationship is based on a consensual union, and is defined as two people usually residing in the same household who share a social, economic and emotional bond usually associated with marriage, and who consider their relationship to be a marriage or marriage-like union. Under social marital status, a person is classified as either 'married' or 'not married', with further disaggregation of 'married' to distinguish 'registered married' from 'de facto married' persons. At finer levels again, social marital status classifies opposite-sex and same-sex couples as subcategories of the de facto married group.

Usually these independent concepts of marital status are reported separately. Population estimates by registered marital status (reported in this publication) are obtained from administrative and population data, while social marital status is generally output from household surveys. The Census and designated family surveys, the 1992 Survey of Families in Australia and the 1997 Family Characteristics Survey (FCS), provide the cross classification of registered marital status with social marital status.

In the following tables, Census data are used to identify the social marital status of people in different registered marital status categories. The data are similar to those presented in the first part of the article, only here the columns and rows are transposed.

## Social marital status

The likelihood of being in a de facto relationship varied with registered marital status. The highest proportion of de facto partners was $20 \%$ among people who were 'divorced', followed by $11 \%$ among those who were 'never married', $10 \%$ among those who were 'separated' and less than $2 \%$ among those who were 'widowed'. In the five-year period between 1991 and 1996, the proportion of de facto partners among people who were 'divorced' remained steady at $20 \%$. Among people who were 'never married' it rose from $9 \%$ to $11 \%$ and among people who were 'separated' it fell from $13 \%$ to $10 \%$.

There were minor inconsistencies between responses to the living arrangements question (Question 5 on the census form) and the marital status question (Question 6). A small fraction ( $0.3 \%$ ) of people described their living arrangements as 'de facto partner' and then reported their registered marital status as 'married'. In 1996, but not 1991, people were coded as both registered married, from the living arrangement question, and not currently married, from the marital status question.

The number of people who reported themselves as 'separated' in the 1996 Census $(469,200)$ was comparable with 1997 FCS estimates $(444,500)$. However, in addition, 110,200 people ( $1.5 \%$ of those reported themselves as 'married' in the marital status question) were not living with a partner. While some may have been people who were in fact 'separated', the circumstances of these people remain unclear. The results show that a sizeable group of people who stated they were 'married' in the Census were not actually living in couple relationships.

SOCIAL MARITAL STATUS, By Registered Marital Status(a)(b)

REGISTERED MARITAL STATUS


|  | $' 000$ | $' 000$ | $' 000$ | $' 000$ | $' 000$ | $' 000$ | $' 000$ | $' 000$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total | 3817.2 | 7312.9 | 7686.8 | 374.0 | 688.7 | 1062.6 | 825.0 | 13 |
|  | 3817.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1996

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over.
(b) Excludes overseas visitors.
(c) Opposite-sex couples.

Of all people aged 15 and over, $5.3 \%$ or 744,100 were living in de facto relationships. Of people in each age group, those aged $25-29$ were most likely to be de facto partners ( $13 \%$ ), with high proportions also in the adjacent age groups 20-24 years (10\%) and 30-34 years (9\%). Less than $2 \%$ of people aged $15-19$ were de facto partners, reflecting the small minority of this age group who were living in couple relationships. With increasing age the proportion of de facto partners continued to decline after age 30-34 to less than $1 \%$ of people aged 65 and over.

The proportion who were 'never married' and living in de facto relationships reached its highest levels of greater than $20 \%$ in the three age groups $25-29,30-34$ and $35-39$. Similarly, the proportion of people who were 'divorced' and living in de facto relationships peaked at around $30 \%$ for those aged 25-29 and 30-34 and remained high in adjacent age groups. Among those who were 'widowed' and in de facto relationships, the age profile was slightly older, with the highest proportions of over $10 \%$ observed in age groups 30-34, 35-39 and 40-44.

PROPORTION DE FACTO(a)(b)(c)

| 1996(d) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1991Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | Never married | Married | Married or separated | Separated | Divorced | Separated or divorced | Widowed | Total |  |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 20-24 | 9.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 7.4 | 15.8 | 9.8 | 4.9 | 8.5 | 7.3 |
| 25-29 | 18.8 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 10.7 | 28.4 | 18.2 | 10.2 | 12.5 | 9.8 |
| 30-34 | 21.8 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 12.8 | 31.1 | 22.8 | 14.6 | 9.7 | 7.5 |
| 35-39 | 19.9 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 13.6 | 29.8 | 23.5 | 14.7 | 7.2 | 5.8 |
| 40-44 | 16.5 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 14.1 | 27.4 | 22.7 | 13.6 | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| 45-49 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 13.9 | 25.8 | 22.0 | 11.6 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| 50-54 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 12.8 | 22.9 | 19.9 | 11.0 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| 55-59 | 4.9 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 9.9 | 18.0 | 15.7 | 7.4 | 2.7 | 2.1 |
| 60-64 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 7.1 | 12.9 | 11.2 | 5.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| 65 and over | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 4.6 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| All ages | 10.4 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 11.5 | 22.2 | 18.4 | 2.9 | 5.4 | 4.5 |

## Females

| $15-19$ | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $20-24$ | 14.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 9.2 | 23.7 | 13.1 | 6.6 | 12.5 | 10.4 |
| $25-29$ | 24.1 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 11.6 | 31.6 | 20.5 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 9.6 |
| $30-34$ | 25.1 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 11.1 | 29.9 | 21.7 | 14.3 | 8.6 | 6.7 |
| $35-39$ | 21.7 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 10.8 | 25.7 | 19.9 | 12.8 | 6.3 | 5.1 |
| $40-44$ | 16.7 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 10.0 | 22.5 | 18.3 | 11.2 | 5.1 | 4.1 |
| $45-49$ | 11.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 9.1 | 19.7 | 16.6 | 9.5 | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| $50-54$ | 7.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 7.4 | 15.6 | 13.5 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 2.3 |
| $55-59$ | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 10.4 | 9.0 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| $60-64$ | 2.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 65 and over | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 12.8 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 8.9 | 18.0 | 15.0 | 1.3 | 5.3 | 4.4 |


| Persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15-19 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 20-24 | 11.7 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 8.7 | 21.5 | 12.2 | 6.0 | 10.5 | 8.8 |
| 25-29 | 21.0 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 11.3 | 30.5 | 19.7 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 9.7 |
| 30-34 | 23.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 11.8 | 30.4 | 22.1 | 14.4 | 9.1 | 7.1 |
| 35-39 | 20.6 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 12.0 | 27.4 | 21.4 | 13.2 | 6.7 | 5.4 |
| 40-44 | 16.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 11.9 | 24.6 | 20.3 | 11.7 | 5.4 | 4.4 |
| 45-49 | 11.4 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 11.4 | 22.4 | 19.1 | 9.9 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| 50-54 | 7.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 10.1 | 18.9 | 16.5 | 7.3 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| 55-59 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 7.5 | 14.0 | 12.3 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| 60-64 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 9.1 | 8.0 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 65 and over | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| All ages | 11.5 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 10.1 | 19.9 | 16.5 | 1.6 | 5.3 | 4.5 |

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over.
(b) Excludes overseas visitors.
(c) Opposite-sex couples.
(d) Data by age exclude imputed age and marital status.

DE FACTO PARTNERS IN THE POPULATION


Interpreting population estimates by marital status
In each Census year, population estimates by registered marital status are based on census counts adjusted to include Australian residents temporarily overseas and people missed in the Census. Where registered marital status is not reported it is imputed. In each postcensal year, the population estimates are updated to incorporate ongoing marriage, divorce and death registrations and net overseas migration (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 20). These estimates combine the categories 'married' and 'separated' into the single category 'married' to reflect the lack of data on separations which are only available retrospectively at the time of divorce.

Trends observed between 1991 and 1996 indicate that the proportion of people in de facto relationships is increasing. Therefore the proportion of de facto partners in 1997 is likely to be at least equal to that observed in 1996. Under this assumption, it could be expected that of the 14.6 million people aged 15 years and over in 1997, at least $5.3 \%$, or around 781,300 people, were likely to be de facto partners. When analysed according to marital status categories, the following indicative estimates of de facto partners are obtained:

- Of the 4.5 million people who were 'never married' in 1997, at least $11 \%$, or around 515,700 people, were likely to be de facto partners.
- Of the 987,800 people who were 'divorced' in 1997, at least $20 \%$, or around 196,200 people, were likely to be re-partnered and living in de facto relationships.


# SPECIAL ARTICLE 2 COUPLERELATIONSHIPS ATHE1996 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING 

The 1996 Census showed that 7,618,200 men and women lived in couple relationships couple relationships being defined for this article as men and women living as a couple in a registered marriage, and men and women living as a couple in a de facto relationship. Registered married couples are those who live together and are registered as married to each other. De facto couples are those who live together but are not registered as married and who identify themselves as de facto in a relationship question. Due to various reasons (e.g. self-reporting, contradictory responses, absence of one party, etc.) the total numbers of males and females in married couples or de facto couples does not agree. Overseas visitors are excluded from these statistics.

While the number of de facto couples is increasing, it only represents 10\% of couple relationships. Just over $65 \%$ of those living in de facto couples have never been previously married.

COUPLES IN RELATIONSHIPS

|  | 1991........... |  | 1996........... |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '000 | \% | '000 | \% |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |
| Married couples | 3292.4 | 91.9 | 3412.4 | 90.2 |
| De facto couples |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 175.9 | 4.9 | 242.2 | 6.4 |
| Ever married | 114.1 | 3.2 | 126.5 | 3.3 |
| Total | 3582.4 | 100.0 | 3781.1 | 100.0 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |
| Married couples | 3328.3 | 91.9 | 3461.8 | 90.2 |
| De facto couples |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 173.0 | 4.8 | 244.0 | 6.4 |
| Ever married | 121.1 | 3.3 | 131.3 | 3.4 |
| Total | 3622.4 | 100.0 | 3837.1 | 100.0 |

AGES OF MEN AND WOMEN
The median ages of men and women who lived in de facto relationships was much younger than for married couples. In both couple relationships median ages were lower for women than for men. For those in de facto relationships the median age was 33.0 years for men and 30.4 years for women, compared with 47.6 years and 44.6 years, respectively, for men and women in registered marriages.

AGES OF MEN AND WOMEN

REGISTERED MARRIED COUPLES.. DE FACTO COUPLES $\qquad$

| Age groups (years) | Males.................. Females................... |  |  |  | Males................. Females.. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '000 | \% | '000 | \% | '000 | \% | '000 | \% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 16.1 | 4.3 |
| 20-24 | 41.2 | 1.2 | 94.7 | 2.7 | 55.7 | 15.1 | 80.9 | 21.6 |
| 25-29 | 207.0 | 6.1 | 301.3 | 8.7 | 82.9 | 22.5 | 85.0 | 22.6 |
| 30-34 | 359.9 | 10.5 | 430.5 | 12.4 | 65.8 | 17.8 | 60.0 | 16.0 |
| 35-39 | 435.4 | 12.8 | 480.4 | 13.9 | 49.5 | 13.4 | 44.8 | 11.9 |
| 40-44 | 437.1 | 12.8 | 455.6 | 13.2 | 37.1 | 10.1 | 33.3 | 8.9 |
| 45-49 | 440.5 | 12.9 | 434.3 | 12.5 | 29.5 | 8.0 | 25.5 | 6.8 |
| 50-54 | 355.5 | 10.4 | 332.8 | 9.6 | 18.8 | 5.1 | 14.6 | 3.9 |
| 55-59 | 291.9 | 8.6 | 264.5 | 7.6 | 10.7 | 2.9 | 7.2 | 1.9 |
| 60-64 | 242.8 | 7.1 | 212.6 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 1.6 | 3.4 | 0.9 |
| 65-69 | 226.4 | 6.6 | 188.5 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 0.6 |
| 70-74 | 182.5 | 5.3 | 142.6 | 4.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.4 |
| 75-79 | 111.9 | 3.3 | 77.4 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| 80 and over | 79.1 | 2.3 | 41.7 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Total | 3412.4 | 100.0 | 3461.8 | 100.0 | 368.7 | 100.0 | 375.4 | 100.0 |
| Median age | 47.6 |  | 44.6 | . | 33.0 | . | 30.4 |  |

For de facto couples, nearly $57 \%$ of men and $65 \%$ of women were aged under 35 years of age. The comparative proportions of men and women in registered marriages were 18\% and $24 \%$, respectively. The peak age for men and women in de facto relationships was 25 years for men ( $4.9 \%$ ) and the ages 24 and 25 years (both $5.4 \%$ ) for women. The peak ages for people in registered marriages were higher but less obvious, being spread between 35-49 years for men and 32-49 years for women (both around 2.6\%).

AGE STRUCTURE, Registered Married Couples and De Facto Couples


Around $65 \%$ of men and women living in de facto couple relationships had never previously been married. They were also much younger than the remaining $35 \%$ of men and women who at some stage had previously been married (i.e. their current registered marital status being stated as 'married', 'widowed', 'divorced' or 'separated'). The median age of men and women who had never previously been married was 28.8 years and 26.5 years, respectively. By comparison, the median age for ever married men and women was 44.3 years and 41.4 years, respectively.

The age 25 years had the highest proportion of never previously married men (7.2\%). For never previously married women the highest proportion was one year younger, at 24 years, ( $7.9 \%$ ). For men and women who had previously been married (ever married) and were now living in de facto relationships, the highest proportions were spread between the ages 39-49 years for men (around 3.6\%) and 34-44 years for women (around 3.7\%).

AGE STRUCTURE, De Facto Couples


The difference in the median ages of men and women was only marginally greater for married couples than for de facto couples; a difference of 3 years for husbands and wives compared with 2.6 years for men and women in de facto relationships. Despite this, married couples were more likely to be close in age, with $73 \%$ of married couples being within 5 years of each other, compared with $66 \%$ of de facto couples. In $16 \%$ of married couples the woman was older than her partner, compared with $26 \%$ of de facto couples.


Indigenous couple relationships are relationships where at least one of the partners is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

A higher proportion of Indigenous people (32\%) were living in de facto relationships compared with people in the total Australian population (10\%). There were 80,400 Indigenous people living in couple relationships at the 1996 Census. Of these people, $68 \%$ were in a registered marriage while $32 \%$ were in de facto relationships. Of the Indigenous people living as de facto couples, $75 \%$ had never previously been married.

The Indigenous population has a much younger age profile than the total Australian population, and so it is to be expected that the median age of Indigenous men and women living in couple relationships is younger than that for the total population. The median age of Indigenous people living as registered married was 40.8 years for men and 38.3 years for women, compared with 47.6 years and 44.6 years, respectively, for all married couples.

For Indigenous people living in de facto relationships the median ages were 31.6 years for men and 29.8 years for women, compared to 33.0 years and 30.4 years, respectively, for all people living in de facto relationships. While the median age of Indigenous people in de facto relationships is also lower than for all people in de facto relationships the difference was not so great, 1.4 years for men and less than one year for women. This again reflects the tendency of younger people to form de facto relationships.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS


The 1996 Census showed that Indigenous people in couple relationships were spread fairly evenly across geographic regions, with around one-third being located in each region - major urban, other urban and rural areas. This spread was not the case for all couples where $63 \%$ lived in major urban areas, $22 \%$ in other urban and $15 \%$ in rural areas. These proportions closely reflect the regional distribution of the total Indigenous and Australian populations aged 15 years and over.

Indigenous couples in rural areas had the highest proportion of people living in a registered marriage ( $75 \%$ ), while other urban areas had the highest proportion of Indigenous people living in de facto couples (40\%). Comparative figures for all Australian people were $91 \%$ and $11 \%$, respectively. Overall, there was a higher proportion of Indigenous people living as de facto couples (32\%) than for all Australian people where de facto couples represented $10 \%$ of all couple relationships.

| WHERE COUPLES LIVE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PEOPLE IN INDIGENOUS COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS.. |  |  | ALL PEOPLE IN COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS |  |  |
|  | Registered married | De facto | Total | Registered married | De facto | Total |
|  | \% | \% | '000 | \% | \% | '000 |
| Major urban(a) | 69.3 | 30.7 | 26.3 | 90.7 | 9.3 | 4789.0 |
| Other urban(b) | 59.7 | 40.3 | 29.2 | 88.6 | 11.4 | 1683.9 |
| Rural(c) | 75.2 | 24.8 | 24.9 | 90.7 | 9.3 | 1145.3 |
| Total | 67.6 | 32.4 | 80.4 | 90.2 | 9.8 | 7618.2 |

(a) Urban centres with a population of 100,000 and over.
(b) Urban centres with a population of 1,000 to 99,999.
(c) Population clusters of 200 to 999 people and rural remainder of States and Territories.

## BIRTHPLACE

It is reasonable to assume that people who are born in overseas countries bring with them to Australia at least some of the characteristics of their birthplace, such as family values and cultural beliefs and experiences. For example, in Italy where there is a strong emphasis on marriage and family, divorce has been very difficult to obtain. United Nations data showed that the marriage rate in Italy in 1994 was 5.0 per 1,000 while the divorce rate was 0.5 per 1,000. In Australia, 1997 data had the marriage rate at 5.8 per 1,000 while the divorce rate was much higher than the Italian rate at 2.8 per 1,000 .

People born in New Zealand were more likely to form de facto relationships than any other birthplace group. Around 20\% of all New Zealand-born who were partnered were in de facto relationships. While the highest proportion of these relationships was between New Zealand-born and Australian-born, high proportions were also formed with New Zealand-born and other birthplace groups. The prevalence of these partnerships was similar for both men and women.

Australian-born men and women who were partnered were the next highest birthplace group to form de facto relationships, with $11 \%$ of all Australian-born couple relationships being de facto.

The birthplace groups that were least likely to form de facto relationships were Greece-born, Italian-born and Lebanon-born. For these birthplace groups, less than 2\% of men and women were in de facto relationships. This means that more than $98 \%$ of couples from these birthplaces were in registered marriages.

Although the numbers involved were low, around $27 \%$ of Philippines-born men partnered Australian-born women in de facto relationships. This was not the case for Philippines-born women, where only 8\% partnered Australian-born men, the other 92\% who formed partnerships with Australian-born men having registered marriages.

| Birthplace | MALE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FEMALE BORN IN. |  |  |  | FEMALE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MALE BORN IN. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Australia | Same overseas country | Different overseas country | Total(a) | Australia | Same overseas country | Different overseas country | Total(a) |
| ALL COUPLES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Australia | 2196.1 |  | 283.2 | 2497.0 | 2196.1 |  | 355.2 | 2556.6 |
| China | 1.4 | 25.6 | 6.5 | 33.6 | 2.1 | 25.6 | 5.8 | 33.5 |
| Germany | 15.6 | 10.9 | 8.7 | 35.5 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.5 | 32.7 |
| Greece | 8.8 | 39.6 | 3.5 | 52.1 | 3.0 | 39.6 | 3.0 | 45.7 |
| Italy | 26.5 | 65.9 | 8.8 | 101.9 | 8.3 | 65.9 | 4.4 | 78.7 |
| Lebanon | 3.9 | 19.2 | 2.0 | 25.2 | 1.5 | 19.2 | 1.9 | 22.6 |
| Malaysia | 2.9 | 9.5 | 3.7 | 16.2 | 4.5 | 9.5 | 4.9 | 19.0 |
| New Zealand | 31.8 | 27.9 | 10.4 | 71.6 | 29.0 | 27.9 | 11.9 | 69.5 |
| Philippines | 0.9 | 13.4 | 0.4 | 14.8 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 8.5 | 35.3 |
| UK \& Ireland | 162.8 | 142.9 | 59.9 | 370.3 | 130.8 | 142.9 | 54.0 | 329.8 |
| USA | 6.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 12.7 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 12.1 |
| Viet Nam | 0.4 | 33.0 | 2.5 | 36.0 | 0.7 | 33.0 | 3.0 | 36.8 |
| Other countries | 93.0 | 247.8 | 80.5 | 424.0 | 72.4 | 248.3 | 79.6 | 401.1 |
| Total(a) | 2632.1 | 639.4 | 508.7 | 3837.1 | 2530.5 | 639.4 | 573.4 | 3781.1 |

DE FACTO COUPLES AS A PROPORTION OF ALL COUPLES

|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Australia | 11.0 |  | 13.2 | 11.2 | 11.0 |  | 12.1 | 11.2 |
| China | 5.7 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 11.7 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 4.1 |
| Germany | 9.4 | 3.0 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 11.6 | 3.0 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Greece | 4.3 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 1.3 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| Italy | 4.3 | 0.4 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 1.2 |
| Lebanon | 4.7 | 0.5 | 5.1 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 0.8 |
| Malaysia | 13.9 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 11.0 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 5.0 |
| New Zealand | 23.5 | 15.7 | 18.9 | 19.8 | 24.1 | 15.7 | 17.8 | 19.7 |
| Philippines | 26.8 | 2.9 | 16.3 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 6.7 | 5.6 |
| UK \& Ireland | 12.5 | 3.7 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 12.7 | 3.7 | 8.8 | 8.2 |
| USA | 11.9 | 3.4 | 11.0 | 9.7 | 13.4 | 3.4 | 12.8 | 10.7 |
| Viet Nam | 24.6 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 16.1 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 3.5 |
| Other countries | 11.0 | 1.8 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 12.7 | 1.8 | 7.1 | 4.8 |
| Total(a) | 11.2 | 2.7 | 11.0 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 2.7 | 10.6 | 9.8 |

(a) Includes not stated, not able to be classified, at sea and partner temporarily absent.

## RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

The question on religion included in the Census is voluntary. While the religion with which people identify is recorded, the Census does not measure the extent of involvement or commitment.

Religion may be a factor in determining a person's decision about their living arrangements. Of the 7.6 million partnered people counted in the 1996 Census, $79 \%$ reported a religious affiliation. Of these, $92 \%$ were married and only $8 \%$ were in a de facto relationship. Of the 1.1 million partnered people who stated no religion, $20 \%$ were in a de facto relationship.
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The high prevalence of de facto relationships among people in couple relationships with no religion was partly a reflection of their beliefs, but it also reflected the age structure of the population. Young people were much more likely than older people both to have no religion ( $35 \%$ of partnered people with no religion were under 35 , compared with $23 \%$ of partnered people with a religion) and to form de facto relationships ( $61 \%$ of people in de facto relationships were under 35 compared with $21 \%$ of married people).

There were very large differences in the proportions of couples who were de facto depending on the religion of the parties. Less than 3\% of partners with stated religions of Jehovah's Witnesses, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Hinduism and Islam were in de facto relationships. The two largest religious denominations in Australia, Catholics and Anglicans, had the highest proportion of de factos among their partnered members.

While $10 \%$ of all partnered people were in de facto relationships, where both parties had the same religion this proportion fell to $5 \%$. Conversely, $14 \%$ of all relationships between people of different religions were de facto relationships.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OF COUPLES

|  | COUPLE STATUS |  | DE FACTO AS A PROPORTION OF ALL COUPLES. |  |  |  | All people <br> in couple relationship |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Registered married | De facto | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Same } \\ \text { religion } \end{array}$ | Male only | Female only | Total |  |
| Religion | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | '000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Christian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anglican | 90.2 | 9.8 | 7.2 | 13.2 | 14.4 | 9.8 | 1858.7 |
| Baptist | 94.6 | 5.4 | 1.3 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 5.4 | 133.0 |
| Catholic | 91.6 | 8.4 | 4.9 | 15.4 | 13.7 | 8.4 | 2048.5 |
| Jehovah's Witnesses | 98.8 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 11.5 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 37.8 |
| Lutheran | 91.6 | 8.4 | 2.8 | 13.7 | 15.6 | 8.4 | 118.1 |
| Orthodox | 97.5 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 12.2 | 10.7 | 2.5 | 247.7 |
| Pentecostal | 97.5 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 17.2 | 10.8 | 2.5 | 72.6 |
| Presbyterian and Reformed | 91.8 | 8.2 | 3.4 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 8.2 | 349.9 |
| Uniting Church | 93.8 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 6.4 | 630.3 |
| Other Christian | 94.7 | 5.3 | 1.8 | 15.6 | 14.0 | 5.3 | 244.1 |
| Total Christian | 92.0 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 13.6 | 13.5 | 8.0 | 5740.7 |
| Buddhism | 94.1 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 16.8 | 14.7 | 5.9 | 80.4 |
| Hinduism | 97.6 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 11.4 | 12.2 | 2.4 | 32.0 |
| Islam | 97.7 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 16.7 | 13.4 | 2.3 | 80.1 |
| Judaism | 94.5 | 5.5 | 2.6 | 17.9 | 21.8 | 5.5 | 37.1 |
| Other religions | 86.0 | 14.0 | 6.3 | 26.4 | 24.5 | 14.0 | 41.2 |
| All religions | 92.1 | 7.9 | 4.6 | 13.7 | 13.6 | 7.9 | 6011.6 |
| No religion | 80.4 | 19.6 | 18.6 | 18.8 | 27.4 | 19.6 | 1086.7 |
| Not stated | 89.4 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 19.9 | 19.0 | 10.6 | 520.0 |
| Total | 90.2 | 9.8 | 7.1 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 9.8 | 7618.2 |

A lower proportion of married people left school aged 17 years or older, than did those in de facto relationships, $36 \%$ compared to $43 \%$. However, this was largely due to the different age structures between the two groups. As high school retention rates have increased over recent decades, younger people who finished school more recently are more likely to have left school at an older age.

However, married people had higher levels of schooling than people of the same age in de facto relationships. If the populations of people in registered marriages and de facto relationships were age standardised, that is if both populations had the age structure of all partnered people, then $37 \%$ of married people and $32 \%$ of people in de facto relationships would have left school aged 17 or older. However, within this de facto population are two quite different groups: people who have never been married, and those who have been previously married. When standardised for age, only $28 \%$ of separated, widowed and divorced people in de facto relationships left school aged 17 or more, compared with $37 \%$ for never married people in de facto relationships.

So, in terms of school attendance, there was very little difference between married people and people in de facto relationships who had never been previously married. However, previously married people in de facto relationships left school earlier, or at younger ages.

PROPORTION OF PEOPLE WHO LEFT SCHOOL AGED 17 YEARS OR MORE


Whether a couple owned, rented or was purchasing the dwelling is often related to their life cycle stage, which is closely associated with their age.

Partners in registered marriages had more than three times (49\%) the rate of home ownership than those in de facto relationships (15\%). Conversely, these proportions were reversed for those who were renting, with $15 \%$ of registered married renting, compared with $48 \%$ of de facto couples. The proportions who were purchasing homes were the same at $33 \%$ for both couple groups.

## NATURE OF OCCUPANCY

Registered married
couples................ De facto couples
'000 \% '000 \%

| Fully owned | 3335.2 | 48.5 | 113.2 | 15.2 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Being purchased(a) | 2266.7 | 33.0 | 247.6 | 33.3 |
| Rented | 1035.8 | 15.1 | 357.9 | 48.1 |
| Other | 133.4 | 1.9 | 15.6 | 2.1 |
| Not stated | 103.1 | 1.5 | 9.8 | 1.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 8 7 4 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 4 4 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |

(a) Includes homes being purchased under rent/buy schemes.

Home ownership was higher at all ages for partners who were registered married, compared with de facto partners. By age 34 years, over three-quarters of all those in registered married couples lived in homes that had been purchased or were in the process of being purchased. For de facto partners this level of home ownership/purchasing was rarely reached.

PROPORTION OWNING OR PURCHASING HOMES


The labour force is defined as those people aged 15 years or more, who are either employed or unemployed but who are looking for work, available for work and willing to work. The labour force represents the total supply of people available to work in the labour force market at a given time.

The proportion of men and women living in de facto relationships who were employed was higher than for those living in registered marriages, $72 \%$ and $60 \%$, respectively. There are two main reasons for this. Firstly, many of those in registered marriages are over retirement age and no longer employed in the labour force. Around $30 \%$ of registered married people were aged over 55 years, compared to $5 \%$ of people in de facto relationships. Nearly three-quarters of partnered people over 55 were not in the labour force. Secondly, married couples are more likely to have children than de facto couples, and so among women aged 25-34 only $64 \%$ of married women were in the labour force, compared with $73 \%$ of women in de facto relationships.

People in de facto relationships had much higher unemployment rates (per 100 employed and unemployed) than those in registered married relationships. This may reflect not only their lower educational levels but also the possibility that because of their relatively younger age structure and their lower fertility more people in de facto relationships may be looking for work and hence participating in the labour force.

## LABOUR FORCE

|  | MALES .......... |  | FEMALES....... |  | PERSONS...... |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Married | De facto | Married | De facto | Married | De facto |
| Age group (years) | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| PARTICIPATION RATE(a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 91.8 | 93.6 | 65.1 | 73.7 | 73.2 | 81.4 |
| 25-34 | 95.3 | 94.1 | 63.9 | 73.2 | 77.6 | 83.8 |
| 35-44 | 94.5 | 91.5 | 71.4 | 74.1 | 82.6 | 83.3 |
| 45-54 | 90.4 | 87.7 | 68.5 | 74.6 | 79.7 | 81.8 |
| 55+ | 35.7 | 50.5 | 18.8 | 31.0 | 28.1 | 43.0 |
| Total | 74.1 | 89.7 | 54.8 | 72.0 | 64.4 | 80.8 |
| UNEM PLOYMENT RATE(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 9.2 | 15.0 | 10.1 | 12.2 | 9.8 | 13.5 |
| 25-34 | 5.5 | 10.9 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 5.6 | 9.3 |
| 35-44 | 5.0 | 10.5 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 9.0 |
| 45-54 | 5.2 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 7.5 |
| 55+ | 8.1 | 10.8 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 9.8 |
| Total | 5.7 | 11.2 | 4.9 | 8.4 | 5.4 | 9.9 |

(a) For any age group, the couple labour force (persons who were employed or unemployed) expressed as a percentage of the couple population.
(b) For any age group, the number of unemployed persons in couples expressed as a percentage of the couple labour force (persons who were employed or unemployed) in the same group.

The hours of employment of one member of a couple is often related to the hours of employment of the other. For example, many women who work part-time are partnered to men working full-time.

The proportion of couples where neither member was employed was much higher for married couples, than for de facto couples, largely because fewer de facto couples were in retirement ages. There was a higher proportion of de facto couples than married couples where both members work full-time, again reflecting the younger age structure, but also reflecting that de facto couples are less likely to have children, and therefore have less need for one member to work part-time or to leave the workforce.

HOURS WORKED BY COUPLE PARTNERS
hours worked by males $\qquad$

|  | Not <br> employed | $1-24$ | $25-40$ | Over 40 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hours worked by females | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |

MARRIED

| Not employed | 28.1 | 1.9 | 9.9 | 10.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-24 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 6.4 | 7.6 |
| 25-40 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| Over 40 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 7.0 |
| DE FACTO |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 16.5 | 2.1 | 9.5 | 7.7 |
| 1-24 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
| 25-40 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 19.3 | 13.0 |
| Over 40 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 3.5 | 9.8 |

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION
1 This publication brings together statistics and indicators for marriages and divorces registered in Australia. It also provides details of the marital status of the estimated resident population (ERP) of Australia.

2 A glossary is provided at the end of the publication detailing definitions of terminology used.
3 In this publication detailed statistics are provided for Australia and summary figures are given for States and Territories.

## MARRIAGES

Statistics
7 Marriage statistics in this publication refer to marriages registered by the registrar in each State and Territory during the year 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.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE SAME YEAR AS THEY OCCURRED

| Year | \% | Year | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1986 | 93.5 | 1992 | 94.7 |
| 1987 | 96.3 | 1993 | 96.1 |
| 1988 | 97.7 | 1994 | 97.5 |
| 1989 | 96.0 | 1995 | 96.9 |
| 1990 | 94.7 | 1996 | 96.4 |
| 1991 | 93.9 | 1997 | 94.4 |

8 The Family Law Act 1975 came into operation throughout Australia on 5 January 1976, repealing the Matrimonial Causes legislation which had been operative since 1961. Under Family Law legislation the irretrievable breakdown of marriage is the only ground on which a divorce is granted. 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. Applications for nullity of marriage under Family Law legislation must be on the ground that the marriage is void because of 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.

9 Successful applicants for a divorce under Family Law legislation are initially granted a decree nisi. This becomes absolute after one month unless it is rescinded, appealed against, or the Court has not declared its satisfaction as to proper arrangements having been made for the welfare of children involved.

10 At the time of the introduction of the Family Law Act there were applications pending for divorce which had been previously filed under the Matrimonial Causes legislation. Family Law legislation provided that these cases could be continued under the superseded legislation or transferred and heard under the Family Law legislation. The ABS publication Divorces, Australia, 1976 (Cat. no. 3307.0) differentiated between those cases in which a divorce was granted under Matrimonial Causes legislation and those cases in which a divorce was granted under Family Law legislation. Such differentiation is not made for subsequent years.

11 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 of separation
- rite of marriage
- number of children aged over 18 years
- characteristics of the husband and wife
- previous marital status
- number of previous marriages
- occupation at separation
- date of first arrival in Australia
- duration of residence

12 The divorce statistics shown in this publication relate to calendar years and are compiled by the ABS from information supplied by Family Court Registries in respect of each application which resulted in a decree absolute being granted. Data for finalised divorces are provided, on monthly tapes, to the ABS by the Family Court.

13 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 made absolute or granted in any one year. A rise in numbers in one year may be due wholly or in part to the clearing of a backlog of cases from an earlier period. In addition, legislative changes and the expectation of new legislation, rules and practices may affect the number of applications.


State or Territory of usual residence
14 Details of divorce on a State or Territory of usual residence at separation basis are considered to be a more accurate reflection of divorce for States and Territories in Australia than are those provided on a State or Territory of registration basis. These details are, however, only available for 1993 and 1994. State or Territory of usual residence takes into account that some Family Courts have responsibility for hearing divorce cases relating to other States or Territories. The Family Courts most affected are Brisbane and the Australian Capital Territory. The Brisbane Family Court hears divorce cases from areas surrounding Lismore and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales, while the Australian Capital Territory Family Court hears cases from much of south-eastern New South Wales and part of Victoria. Another factor influencing the difference between State or Territory of usual residence and State or Territory of registration is that many applications are lodged at the nearest Family Court rather than the court in their State or Territory of usual residence at separation.

15 Divorces of persons usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory cannot be identified separately from those divorces of persons usually resident in the area covered by the Jervis Bay postcode. Hence divorces of persons usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory have been included in New South Wales.

State or Territory of registration
16 The State classification used in tables 16,17 and 18 of this publication relates to State of registration which is based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce is granted and registered. These figures can give a biased view of divorces in States and Territories, as explained in the preceding paragraphs. Due to the large number of divorces granted in the Australian Capital Territory to usual residents of another State, the rates for the Australian Capital Territory are not representative of the Australian Capital Territory population.

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION (ERP)

17 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the resident population of Australia by marital status, age and sex at 30 June 1997, based on the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. These estimates are preliminary and will be revised when more accurate data for deaths, marriages, divorces and category jumping by marital status become available. This issue also contains final ERP for Australia by marital status, age and sex at 30 June for the years 1992-96 and final ERP for States and Territories by marital status, age and sex at 30 June for the year 1996. These final estimates have been based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

18 The ERP is the official population estimates series compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population.
19 Australia's population estimates for the period since 1971 are compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population. An explanation of the place of usual residence conceptual basis for population estimates is given in Information Paper: Demographic Estimates - Concepts, Sources and Methods (Cat. no. 3228.0).

Method of estimation

Reliability of estimates

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Reliability of estimates

States and Territories

Country of birth

20 The estimates at 30 June 1997 were obtained by advancing 30 June 1996 estimates to the next age and adjusting for natural increase and estimated net overseas migration by marital status, age and sex, which were recorded in the financial year 1996-97. Adjustments are also made to account for changes in marital status during the financial year due to marriages, divorces and deaths of spouses.

21 Persons aged 14 years and under are automatically classified as never married.

22 Single year age estimates are not shown for persons aged 85 years or older. Estimates for each age up to 99 have, however, been calculated and are available on request.
23 Some of the estimates have been rounded and the sums of components may not add to totals.

24 Statistics are shown in units without being rounded. However, accuracy down to the last unit is not claimed and should not be assumed. This is particularly the case for single year of age data.

25 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.

26 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).

27 Political developments in Europe and the former USSR and Africa have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCCSS. 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 ASCCSS.

28 For Marriage and Divorce data, cell values less than 3 have been suppressed to assist in the preservation of confidentiality of information.
Related publications
29 Other ABS publications which may be of interest are:

- Australia's Families-Selected Findings from the Survey of Families in Australia, 1992 (Cat. no. 4418.0) - issued 1993
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- Estimated Resident Population by Marital Status, Age and Sex, Australia (Cat. no. 3220.0) - issued annually to 1993
- Family Cbaracteristics, Australia (Cat. no. 4442.0) - issued 1997
- Information Paper: Demographic Estimates - Concepts, Sources and Methods (Cat. no. 3228.0) - irregular
- Marriages, Australia (Cat. no. 3306.0) - issued annually to 1993
- Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories
(Cat. no. 3201.0) - issued annually
- Population Projections, 1997 to 2051 (Cat. no. 3222.0)

30 A compendium of demographic data for each State and Territory is released annually in State and Territory specific publications, Demography (Cat. nos 3311.1-8). Should users require detailed State and Territory data on marriages, divorces or ERP prior to the release of these compendia please contact Information Services (see back cover for details).

31 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. Both are available from any ABS office.

32 For more information about related unpublished statistics or data concepts, contact Anne Ward on Canberra 0262526296.

33 In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix 1 lists characteristics processed by the ABS for marriages registered, divorces granted and ERP. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: photocopy, data tape, floppy disk, computer printout, or clerically-extracted tabulation. A list of marriages and divorces tables produced annually and additional ERP data available is attached in Appendix 2. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information.

## APPENDIX 1

CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE

MARRIAGES
Characteristics of the marriage
Month and year of registration
Date of marriage
State or Territory of registration
Category of celebrant (rites used)
Characteristics of the bridegroom and bride
Previous marital status
Birthplace
Date of birth
Age at marriage
Birthplace of father
Birthplace of mother
Period of residence in Australia if born overseas
Number of previous marriages
Year of celebration of last marriage
Year of termination of last marriage
Year of first previous marriage
Number of children of previous marriage
Year of birth of youngest child
Number of children under 16 years

## DIVORCES

Characteristics of the divorce
Month and year of divorce
Registry
State or Territory of registration
Date of filing of application
Postcode and State or Territory of separation (available 1993 and 1994 only)
Sex of applicant
Marriage place
Date of marriage
Date of final separation
Duration of marriage until separation
Duration of marriage until decree absolute
Number of children of the marriage under 18 years
Date of birth of children of the marriage under 18 years
Age of children of the marriage under 18 years

Characteristics of the husband and wife
Place of birth
Date of birth
Age at marriage
Age at separation
Age at divorce

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population
Age
Country of birth
Marital status
Sex
State or Territory of usual residence
Statistical Local Area of usual residence

## APPENDIX 2

Table number
Description

## MARRIAGES

MARR0001
MARR0002
MARR0003

MARR0004
MARR0005
MARR006A
MARR006B
MARR0007
MARR0008
MARR0009
MARR0010
MARR0011 registration

STANDARDTABULATIONSAVAILABLE

Month and year of marriage and month of registration
Category of celebrant by State or Territory of registration
Relative previous marital status of bridegroom and bride by State or Territory of

Relative birthplaces of bridegroom and bride
Relative ages of bridegroom and bride at date of marriage
Age of bridegroom at date of marriage and previous marital status
Age of bride at date of marriage and previous marital status
Number of previous marriages and number of children under 16
Interval to remarriage by how last marriage terminated for both parties
Age of bridegroom by birthplace of bridegroom
Age of bride by birthplace of bride
Previous marital status by category of celebrant by number of previous marriages

## DIVORCES

DIVR0001
DIVR0002
DIVR0003
DIVR0004
DIVR0005
DIVR0006
DIVR0009
DIVR0010
DIVR0011
DIVR0012
DIVR0013
DIVR0014
DIVR0015
DIVR0016
DIVR0017
DIVR0018
DIVR0019
DIVR0020
DIVR0021

State or Territory of registry by sex of applicant
Month of outcome by State or Territory
Ages of husband and wife at date of marriage
Ages of husband and wife at date of divorce
Ages of husband and wife at date of final separation
Birthplace of husband by birthplace of wife
Age of husband at marriage by duration of marriage
Age of wife at marriage by duration of marriage
Age of husband at date of divorce by duration of marriage
Age of wife at date of divorce by duration of marriage
Duration of marriage by sex of applicant
Duration of marriage by number of children under 18
Age of youngest child by duration of marriage
Age of youngest child by number of children under 18
Age of husband at final separation by duration of cohabitation(a)
Age of wife at final separation by duration of cohabitation(a)
Month and year of application by month of outcome
Interval between final separation and filing of application by State and Territory
Interval between final separation and filing of application by duration of marriage

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## GLOSSARY

Age-specific divorce rates

Age-specific first marriage rates

Age-specific marriage rates

Age-specific remarriage rates

Children (divorce collection)

Cohabiting couples

Because of the different purposes to which they are put, two different populations may be 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 (ERP) 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.
Wherever used, the definition adopted is indicated.
Because of the different purposes to which they are put, two different populations may be used in the calculation of age-specific first marriage rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June - this relates the number of men and women marrying for the first time, by age at marriage, to the ERP in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Per 1,000 never married population at 30 June - this relates the number of men and women marrying for the first time, by age at marriage, to the never married population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
Wherever used, the definition adopted is indicated.
Because of the different purposes to which they are put, two different populations may be 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 ERP 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.
Wherever used, the definition adopted is indicated.
Age-specific remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, by age at marriage, per 1,000 widowed and divorced ERP at 30 June in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 years are excluded from the population.

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.

Cohabiting couples refer to males and females, both aged at least 15 years, who are in a registered or de facto marriage and who are usually resident in the same household. In this publication, same-sex couples are not included as cohabiting couples.
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\begin{array}{ll}\text { Crude divorce rate } & \begin{array}{l}\text { The crude divorce rate is the number of decrees absolute granted during the } \\
\text { calendar year per 1,000 ERP at } 30 \text { June of that year. For years prior to 1992, the }\end{array}
$$ <br>
crude divorce rate is based on the mean ERP for the calendar year. In the <br>
interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying <br>
proportion of the population used in the denominator is unmarried or below the <br>

minimum age of marriage.\end{array}\right\}\)| The crude marriage rate is the number of marriages registered during the |
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| Crude marriage rate |
| calendar year per 1,000 ERP at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1992, the |
| crude marriage rate is based on the mean ERP for the calendar year. In the |
| interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying |

## State or Territory of registration

State or Territory of usual residence

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 Marriage Act 1961 (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 values The median value (age, duration, interval) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below the value, and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.

State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the marriage was registered or the divorce was granted. (For further information about how this affects divorce statistics see paragraphs 14 to 16 of the Explanatory Notes.)

State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of the population for ERP.

Total first marriage rate

Year of occurrence

Year of registration

The total first marriage rate is obtained by summing age-specific first marriage rates and indicates the number of males and females who will ever marry per 1,000 males or females in the population. The population aged under 15 years is excluded from this calculation.

Data presented on year of occurrence basis relate to the date the event occurred. Divorce data are presented on occurrence basis, i.e. the date the divorce was granted.

Data presented on year of registration basis relate to the date the event was registered. Marriage data are presented on year of registration basis.

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[^0]:    (a) Per 1,000 population.

    Source: United Nations Demographic Yearbook, 1995.

[^1]:    (a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) Not statistically reliable due to the small numbers involved.

[^2]:    (a) See Glossary for definition of terms used. (b) Estimated resident population by country of birth, 1997 preliminary. (c) Per 1,000 male or female estimated resident population by country of birth, 1997 preliminary. (d) Not
    statistically reliable due to the small numbers involved.

[^3]:    (a) Excludes same-sex couples because Australia does not make provision for same-sex couples to be registered as married.
    (b) A small number of people were reported both as living with a de facto partner and as married.

[^4]:    (a) For the purpose of these tables, duration of cohabitation is the interval between date of marriage and date of final separation.

