

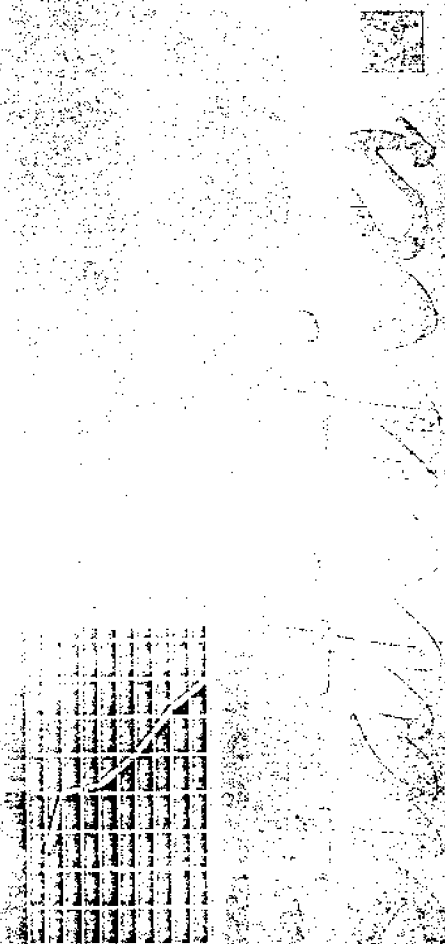


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Data on all previous children for South Australia and Tasmania are included in this publication for the first time.

Data on all previous births are now presented on a State of usual residence basis rather than on a State of registration basis.

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OVERVIEW

ANALYSIS

In 1995, 256,000 births, made up of 131,000 boys and 125,000 girls were registered in Australia.

The 256,000 births registered in 1995 represented a 10% increase over the number registered in 1975 (233,000) and a 4% increase over the number registered in 1985 (247,000). However, as the female population aged 15-49 years increased by 41% between 1975 and 1995 and by 17% between 1985 and 1995, birth rates have declined.

The total fertility rate in Australia in 1995 was 1.8 children per woman. It has been stable in recent years, fluctuating between 1.8 and 1.9 throughout the 1980s and 1990s. It was comparable to the total fertility rates of the United Kingdom and Canada (both 1.8), lower than those of many of Australia's regional neighbours such as New Zealand (2.6), Indonesia (3.1), Malaysia (3.7) and Papua New Guinea (4.9), but higher than that of Korea (1.7) and Japan (1.4). Australia's total fertility rate in 1995 was also higher than those of many of her past major immigration source countries in Europe such as Italy (1.3), Greece (1.4) and the Netherlands (1.6).

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES(A), AUSTRALIA(B) AND SELECTED COUNTRIES(C)

Selected countries	Total fertility rate	Selected countries	Total fertility rate
Australia	1.8	Malaysia	3.7
Canada	1.8	Netherlands	1.6
China	2.2	New Zealand	2.1
Greece	1.4	Papua New Guinea	4.9
Hong Kong	1.2	Philippines	4.0
Indonesia	3.1	Poland	2.1
Italy	1.3	Sri Lanka	2.5
India	3.9	United Kingdom	1.8
Japan	1.4	United States of America	2.1
Korea, Republic of	1.7	Former Yugoslavia	1.9
Lebanon	3.1	Viet Nam	3.9

(a) Per woman.

(b) Reference period 1995.

(c) Reference period 1993 and 1994.

Source for overseas countries: *The State of the World's Children, 1994*, United Nations Children's Fund.
United Nations Demographic Year Book, 1994, United Nations.

The structure of fertility in Australia, as measured by the age-specific birth rates, was similar to that of some of Australia's major trading partners such as New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan and other low-moderate fertility countries.

The age group of peak fertility in Australia and in these countries was 25-29 years, followed by 30-34 and 20-24 years. Teenage fertility was very low, with women aged less than 20 years contributing between 1% (Japan) and 8% (New Zealand) to the total fertility rate. Australian women aged less than 20 years contributed 6% to the total fertility rate.

For women born since 1930, fertility has been higher in Australia than in most European countries, except Iceland and Ireland. Australian women born between 1930 and 1935 had a completed fertility of three children on the average, compared to two and a half in most European countries. Women born in the 1930s had the highest fertility of women this century, and were the main contributors to the high fertility in the baby boom era after World War II.

Of the births registered in 1995, 68,000 (27%) were ex-nuptial, of which paternity was acknowledged in 83% of cases. The proportions of ex-nuptial births and of ex-nuptial births that are paternity-acknowledged, have both increased consistently since 1975.

Of the 256,000 births registered in 1995, 194,700 (76.0%) were to mothers born in Australia. About 14,300 births (5.6%) were to mothers born in the United Kingdom and Ireland, 6,400 (2.5%) to mothers born in New Zealand, and 4,600 (1.8%) to mothers born in Viet Nam. This distribution reflects the distribution of the female population of reproductive ages born in these countries. Overall, Australian-born women who gave birth in 1995 were younger than overseas-born women who gave birth. The median age at confinement for Australian-born women was 28.6 years compared to median ages of 30 years and over for almost all overseas countries of birth, except Lebanon (28.0 years), the former Yugoslavia (29.3 years) and Viet Nam (29.5 years). The age group contributing the largest share of confinements was 25–29 years (33%) for women born in Australia and 30–34 years (35%) for women born overseas.

CONFINEMENTS, BY Birthplace and Age of Mother—1995

Age group (years)	Australian-born mothers		Overseas-born mothers.....	
	no.	%	no.	%
19 and under	11 304	5.9	1 243	2.1
20–24	38 914	20.3	7 896	13.0
25–29	64 165	33.4	18 329	30.2
30–34	54 781	28.5	21 400	35.2
35–39	19 774	10.3	9 811	16.2
40 and over	2 986	1.6	1 896	3.1
Not stated	59	0.0	150	0.2
Total	191 983	100.0	60 725	100.0

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have higher fertility than women in the total Australian population. In 1995, the total fertility rate of Indigenous women ranged between 2.3 in South Australia and 2.9 in the Northern Territory. Indigenous women having a baby in 1995 were, on the average, younger than women in the total Australian population. The median age at childbearing among Indigenous women was between 23 and 24 years compared to 29 years among women in the total Australian population.

Between 1975 and 1995, the number of births registered in South Australia and Tasmania declined by 2.8% and 6.3%, respectively. There was very little change in Victoria while New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory experienced modest increases in the numbers of births registered. On the other hand, there were substantial increases in Queensland (28.0%), Western Australia (23.4%) and the Northern Territory (65.5%). These differences partly reflected changes in the population of women in the reproductive ages in the various States and Territories.

1 BIRTHS: SUMMARY(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1995

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
BIRTHS										
Total births	87,849	62,591	46,484	19,336	25,139	6,570	3,766	4,415	40	256,190
Males	44,884	32,108	23,863	9,977	12,942	3,390	1,960	2,291	17	131,432
Females	42,965	30,483	22,621	9,359	12,197	3,180	1,806	2,124	23	124,758
Sex ratio	104.5	105.3	105.5	106.6	106.1	106.6	108.5	107.9	73.9	105.3
<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births</i>	2,345	..	..	554	1,492	..	1,354	52	..	6,640
Males	1,226	..	..	281	744	..	681	33	..	3,392
Females	1,119	..	..	273	748	..	673	19	..	3,248
Sex ratio	109.6	..	..	102.9	99.5	..	101.2	173.7	..	104.4
Nuptial births	65,939	48,962	32,229	14,041	17,664	4,381	1,613	3,280	31	188,140
<i>Ex-nuptial births —</i>										
Number	21,910	13,629	14,255	5,295	7,475	2,189	2,153	1,135	9	68,050
Percentage of total live births	24.9	21.8	30.7	27.4	29.7	33.3	57.2	25.7	22.5	26.6
<i>Paternity acknowledged births —</i>										
Number	18,359	11,527	11,769	4,516	6,304	1,896	1,384	925	8	56,688
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	83.8	84.6	82.6	85.3	84.3	86.6	64.3	81.5	88.9	83.3
Crude birth rate	14.4	13.9	14.2	13.1	14.5	13.9	21.7	14.5	14.5	14.2
<i>Age-specific birth rates —</i>										
15-19	20.3	13.8	25.2	17.4	24.4	24.9	88.0	14.6	22.7	20.5
20-24	69.7	54.1	74.6	60.0	71.7	83.8	129.5	50.1	38.5	66.7
25-29	123.1	118.8	121.4	119.3	124.8	132.6	124.1	115.0	149.1	121.6
30-34	107.5	112.1	98.3	104.0	104.7	98.4	95.9	106.8	97.9	106.1
35-39	44.7	45.0	37.8	41.1	39.8	35.8	41.4	44.9	36.2	42.5
40-44	7.9	7.5	6.2	7.8	6.1	6.0	7.7	6.8	—	7.2
45-49	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	—	0.2	—	0.3
Total fertility rate	1.867	1.758	1.820	1.750	1.859	1.909	2.433	1.692	1.722	1.824
Net reproduction rate	0.901	0.845	0.871	0.836	0.891	0.916	1.134	0.803	—	0.876
CONFINEMENTS										
Total confinements	86,691	61,685	45,898	19,053	24,791	6,480	3,711	4,359	40	252,708
First nuptial	26,199	20,255	12,562	5,717	6,968	1,924	650	1,321	10	75,606
All nuptial	65,016	48,222	31,761	13,815	17,396	4,318	1,582	3,237	31	185,378
Paternity acknowledged	18,155	11,384	11,671	4,468	6,230	1,871	1,366	918	8	56,071
All ex-nuptial	21,675	13,463	14,137	5,238	7,395	2,162	2,129	1,122	9	67,330
<i>Median age of mother (years) —</i>										
First nuptial	28.5	28.9	28.1	29.1	28.5	28.3	28.5	28.6	31.3	28.6
All nuptial	30.1	30.3	29.7	30.4	30.0	29.7	29.6	30.2	30.8	30.1
Paternity acknowledged	25.2	25.9	24.6	25.5	24.9	24.8	25.0	25.0	26.3	25.2
All ex-nuptial	24.9	25.7	24.2	25.3	24.5	24.5	23.9	24.8	26.0	24.9
Total	29.2	29.7	28.4	29.4	28.8	28.5	26.8	29.4	29.9	29.1
<i>Median age of father (years) —</i>										
Nuptial	32.6	32.6	32.1	32.7	32.4	32.0	32.1	32.5	32.8	32.5
Paternity acknowledged	27.9	28.3	27.1	28.1	27.5	27.6	27.6	27.7	33.5	27.8
All fathers where age is known	31.9	32.0	31.1	31.9	31.5	31.1	30.4	31.8	32.8	31.7
<i>Median duration of marriage (years) —</i>										
First nuptial	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.5
Nuptial	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.6	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.6
<i>Nuptial confinements —</i>										
<i>Previous births —</i>										
0	26,199	20,255	12,562	5,717	6,968	1,924	650	1,321	10	75,606
1	23,089	17,095	11,442	5,060	6,335	1,371	571	1,200	12	66,175
2	10,671	7,705	5,415	2,150	2,878	673	251	503	6	30,252
3	3,495	2,165	1,626	632	841	215	78	146	2	9,200
4	945	587	441	164	229	79	12	46	1	2,504
5 and over	617	415	275	92	145	56	20	21	—	1,641
Average number of births	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0

(a) See Glossary for definitions of the terms used.

2 BIRTHS: SUMMARY(a), SELECTED YEARS

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
BIRTHS							
Total births	247,348	262,648	257,247	264,151	260,229	258,051	256,190
Males	126,813	135,194	131,965	135,601	133,572	132,625	131,432
Females	120,535	127,454	125,282	128,550	126,657	125,426	124,758
Sex ratio	105.2	106.1	105.3	105.5	105.5	105.7	105.3
Nuptial births	209,073	205,241	198,024	200,783	195,355	191,959	188,140
<i>Ex-nuptial births</i> —							
Number	38,275	57,407	59,223	63,368	64,874	66,092	68,050
Percentage of total live births	15.5	21.9	23.0	24.0	24.9	25.6	26.6
<i>Paternity acknowledged births</i> —							
Number	26,121	44,257	47,064	51,349	53,016	54,333	56,688
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	68.2	77.1	79.5	81.0	81.7	82.2	83.3
Crude birth rate	15.7	15.4	14.9	15.1	14.7	14.5	14.2
<i>Age-specific birth rates</i> —							
15-19	22.8	22.1	22.1	21.9	20.9	20.7	20.5
20-24	95.8	79.4	75.0	74.8	71.1	69.2	66.7
25-29	146.0	137.9	132.0	132.5	130.0	126.0	121.6
30-34	89.0	101.7	100.2	104.6	105.5	105.1	106.1
35-39	26.9	34.7	36.0	38.4	39.0	41.2	42.5
40-44	4.5	5.5	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.7	7.2
45-49	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total fertility rate	1.926	1.907	1.855	1.894	1.865	1.846	1.824
Net reproduction rate	0.905	0.911	0.890	0.909	0.896	0.882	0.876
CONFINEMENTS							
Total confinements	244,672	259,435	253,861	260,669	256,703	254,547	252,708
First nuptial	82,860	84,228	81,179	80,821	77,718	77,166	75,606
All nuptial	206,739	202,585	195,258	198,002	192,518	189,160	185,378
Paternity acknowledged	25,879	43,825	46,560	50,774	52,448	53,742	56,071
All exnuptial	37,933	56,850	58,603	62,667	64,185	65,387	67,330
<i>Median age of mother (years)</i> —							
First nuptial	26.3	27.6	27.8	28.0	28.3	28.5	28.6
All nuptial	27.8	29.0	29.3	29.5	29.7	29.9	30.1
Paternity acknowledged	23.6	24.5	24.5	24.6	24.8	24.9	25.2
All ex-nuptial	23.1	24.0	24.1	24.3	24.5	24.6	24.9
Total	27.3	28.3	28.5	28.7	28.9	29.0	29.1
<i>Median age of father (years)</i> —							
Nuptial	30.4	31.4	31.6	31.8	32.0	32.3	32.5
Paternity acknowledged	26.5	27.3	27.3	27.4	27.5	27.6	27.8
All fathers where age is known	30.1	30.9	31.0	31.2	31.4	31.6	31.7
<i>Median duration of marriage (years)</i> —							
First nuptial	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
Nuptial	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
<i>Nuptial confinements</i> —							
<i>Previous births</i> —							
0	82,860	84,228	81,179	80,821	77,718	77,166	75,606
1	73,114	68,301	67,055	69,467	68,389	67,123	66,175
2	34,774	34,026	32,231	32,644	31,801	31,118	30,252
3	11,246	11,179	10,300	10,522	10,145	9,598	9,200
4	2,867	3,089	2,811	2,843	2,731	2,500	2,504
5 and over	1,877	1,761	1,680	1,702	1,733	1,655	1,641
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

(a) See Glossary for definitions of the terms used.

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3 BIRTHS: NUMBERS BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES (PRELIMINARY)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA(a)</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT(b)</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1985	84,286	61,102	40,259	19,691	23,167	7,176	3,327	4,074	—	243,082
1990	89,341	66,538	44,830	19,679	25,638	7,000	3,494	4,518	—	261,038
1991	87,868	64,622	44,435	19,430	24,699	6,913	3,629	4,612	—	256,209
1992	89,867	65,495	46,178	19,729	24,999	6,986	3,721	4,430	—	261,406
1993	87,812	64,087	46,689	19,572	24,895	6,810	3,640	4,412	39	257,956
1994	87,422	64,025	46,725	19,375	24,852	6,861	3,588	4,481	42	257,371
1995	85,262	62,361	46,401	19,141	24,582	6,398	3,697	4,000	55	251,897

(a) Includes Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Island prior to 1993. (b) Includes Jervis Bay Territory prior to 1993.

4 CRUDE BIRTH RATES BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES (PRELIMINARY)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA(a)</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT(b)</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1985	15.4	14.8	15.7	14.4	16.3	16.2	22.4	16.2	—	15.4
1990	15.3	15.2	15.5	13.7	15.9	15.2	21.4	16.0	—	15.3
1991	14.9	14.6	15.0	13.4	15.1	14.8	21.9	16.0	—	14.8
1992	15.1	14.7	15.2	13.5	15.1	14.9	22.2	15.1	—	14.9
1993	14.6	14.4	15.0	13.4	14.8	14.4	21.5	14.8	n.a.	14.6
1994	14.4	14.3	14.6	13.2	14.6	14.5	21.0	14.9	n.a.	14.4
1995	14.1	13.9	14.5	13.0	14.5	13.5	21.6	13.3	n.a.	14.1

(a) Includes Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Island prior to 1993. (b) Includes Jervis Bay Territory prior to 1993.

5 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN AUSTRALIA: SUMMARY (a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF MOTHER AND FATHER, 1995

	Country of birth of mother											Viet Nam		
	Australia	Former Yugoslav Republics	Greece	Hong Kong	India	Italy	Lebanon	Malaysia	New Zealand	Philippines	South Africa		UK & Ireland	USA
Total births	194,699	2,798	2,033	1,149	1,343	1,066	2,942	1,280	6,431	2,730	745	14,299	946	4,649
Males	99,917	1,417	1,076	622	701	563	1,512	673	3,329	1,388	376	7,230	482	2,354
Females	94,782	1,381	957	527	642	503	1,430	607	3,102	1,342	369	7,069	464	2,295
Sex ratio	105.4	102.6	112.4	118.0	109.2	111.9	105.7	110.9	107.3	103.4	101.9	102.3	103.9	102.6
Mothers born in country shown and father born in —														
Australia	158,930	182	477	90	213	606	277	469	3,349	1,100	327	9,013	575	75
Number	81.6	6.5	23.5	7.8	15.9	56.8	9.4	36.6	52.1	40.3	43.9	63.0	60.8	1.6
Per cent														
Same overseas country —														
Number	—	1,965	1,346	796	936	271	2,419	486	1,747	1,023	232	3,526	166	3,846
Per cent	—	70.2	66.2	69.3	69.7	25.4	82.2	38.0	27.2	37.5	31.1	24.7	17.5	82.7
Other overseas countries —														
Number	26,268	617	179	256	185	179	240	319	953	554	167	1,418	195	307
Per cent	13.5	22.1	8.8	22.3	13.8	16.8	8.2	24.9	14.8	20.3	22.4	9.9	20.6	6.6
Ex-nuptial paternity not acknowledged —	9,429	34	31	7	9	10	5	6	381	52	19	342	10	421
Nuptial births	136,872	2,510	1,850	1,114	1,300	990	2,869	1,201	3,943	2,411	640	11,442	851	3,675
Ex-nuptial births —														
Number	57,827	288	183	35	43	76	73	79	2,488	319	105	2,857	95	974
Percentage of total live births	29.7	10.3	9.0	3.0	3.2	7.1	2.5	6.2	38.7	11.7	14.1	20.0	10.0	21.0
Paternity acknowledged births —														
Number	48,398	254	152	28	34	66	68	73	2,107	267	86	2,515	85	553
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	83.7	88.2	83.1	80.0	79.1	86.8	93.2	92.4	84.7	83.7	81.9	88.0	89.5	56.8
Population '000(b)	7,022.9	46.2	85.3	46.1	38.5	122.6	38.9	47.4	141.0	59.2	30.9	601.0	27.3	72.5
Total fertility rate	1,806	2,695	1,918	0,960	1,903	1,550	3,415	1,295	2,040	2,113	1,435	1,691	1,685	2,465
Birth rate(c)	27.7	60.6	23.8	8.7	24.9	8.7	75.7	27.0	45.6	46.1	24.1	23.8	34.7	64.1
CONFINEMENTS														
Total confinements	191,983	2,779	2,005	1,139	1,328	1,051	2,910	1,265	6,339	2,699	733	14,075	935	4,613
Nuptial	134,742	2,491	1,825	1,104	1,285	975	2,839	1,188	3,884	2,383	630	11,260	840	3,650
Ex-nuptial	57,241	288	180	35	43	76	71	77	2,455	316	103	2,815	95	963
Median age of mother (years) —														
Nuptial	29.8	32.4	29.3	33.2	30.3	32.2	28.0	32.4	30.6	31.8	31.1	31.4	32.2	29.8
Ex-nuptial	24.4	32.9	29.3	—	—	—	—	—	26.1	29.0	26.4	29.7	—	28.0
Total	28.6	32.4	29.3	33.2	30.3	32.2	28.0	32.3	29.3	31.6	30.7	31.1	31.9	29.5
Median age of father (years) —														
Nuptial	32.1	34.7	32.3	35.4	33.9	34.2	33.3	34.8	33.0	37.0	32.9	33.2	33.8	33.6
All fathers where age is known	31.2	34.7	32.3	35.3	33.9	34.2	33.2	34.7	32.0	36.7	32.6	32.9	33.7	33.5
Median duration of marriage (years)	4.6	4.0	5.3	5.5	5.0	6.4	5.5	5.5	4.3	3.7	5.5	4.9	4.5	3.4

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5 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN AUSTRALIA: SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF MOTHER AND FATHER, 1995... continued

	Country of birth of father(d)											Viet Nam				
	Australia	China Republics	Former Yugoslav Republics	Greece	Hong Kong	India	Italy	Lebanon	Malaysia	New Zealand	Philip- pines		South Africa	UK & Ireland	USA	
Total births	181,165	2,392	2,579	1,134	1,200	1,432	1,861	3,468	1,129	6,273	1,218	732	15,865	975	4,366	
Males	92,869	1,209	1,371	582	643	745	952	1,793	625	3,226	621	357	8,125	497	2,217	
Females	88,296	1,183	1,208	552	557	687	909	1,675	504	3,047	597	375	7,740	478	2,149	
Sex ratio	105.2	102.2	113.5	105.4	115.4	108.4	104.7	107.0	124.0	105.9	104.0	95.2	105.0	104.0	103.2	
<i>Fathers born in country shown and mother born in —</i>																
Australia —																
Number	158,930	67	976	757	91	296	1,321	776	329	3,624	145	345	10,576	621	90	
Per cent	87.7	2.8	37.8	66.8	7.6	20.7	71.0	22.4	29.1	57.8	11.9	47.1	66.7	63.7	2.1	
Same overseas country —																
Number	—	1,965	1,346	231	796	936	271	2,419	486	1,747	1,023	232	3,526	166	3,846	
Per cent	—	82.1	52.2	20.4	66.3	65.4	14.6	69.8	43.0	27.8	84.0	31.7	22.2	17.0	88.1	
Other overseas countries —																
Number	22,200	360	256	145	313	200	267	272	314	902	50	155	1,762	188	428	
Per cent	12.3	15.1	9.9	12.8	26.1	14.0	14.3	7.8	27.8	14.4	4.1	21.2	11.1	19.3	9.8	
Nuptial births	134,276	2,142	2,306	1,042	1,171	1,367	1,694	3,313	1,033	4,100	1,058	629	12,813	859	3,764	
<i>Paternity acknowledged births —</i>																
Number	46,889	250	273	92	29	65	167	155	96	2,173	160	103	3,052	116	602	
Percentage of total live births	25.9	10.5	10.6	8.1	2.4	4.5	9.0	4.5	8.5	34.6	13.1	14.1	19.2	11.9	13.8	
Population '000(b)	6,908.7	46.5	94.5	74.0	45.2	40.6	138.9	43.2	44.2	149.1	32.6	30.0	609.8	31.5	74.0	
Birth rate(c)	26.2	51.4	27.3	15.3	26.5	35.3	13.4	80.3	25.5	42.1	37.3	24.4	26.0	31.0	59.0	
CONFINEMENTS																
Total confinements	178,561	2,376	2,550	1,115	1,189	1,412	1,828	3,424	1,121	6,184	1,205	725	15,640	959	4,329	
First nuptial	53,330	1,175	827	410	586	621	591	990	435	1,624	470	257	5,048	387	1,991	
Nuptial	132,167	2,126	2,280	1,024	1,160	1,349	1,661	3,271	1,027	4,042	1,048	624	12,627	843	3,734	
Paternity acknowledged	46,394	250	270	91	29	63	167	153	94	2,142	157	101	3,013	116	595	
<i>Median age of mother (years) —</i>																
Nuptial	29.9	32.6	28.8	30.7	32.7	30.3	31.2	27.2	32.5	30.9	31.3	31.4	31.2	31.6	29.7	
Paternity acknowledged	24.7	32.5	28.0	—	—	—	29.4	23.9	—	26.6	24.0	26.3	28.2	28.2	28.3	
All where fathers age is known	28.9	32.6	28.8	30.7	32.7	30.2	31.1	27.0	32.2	29.8	30.9	31.0	30.8	31.4	29.5	
<i>Median age of father (years) —</i>																
Nuptial	32.0	34.3	32.3	34.5	35.3	34.0	34.7	32.4	34.6	33.1	33.0	33.7	33.5	33.9	33.5	
Paternity acknowledged	27.1	33.9	32.7	—	—	—	35.3	29.7	—	28.9	26.4	29.5	31.2	33.0	31.9	
All fathers where age is known	31.2	34.3	32.3	34.6	35.3	34.0	34.8	32.3	34.4	32.0	32.6	33.2	33.2	33.8	33.3	
Median duration of marriage (years)	4.5	4.1	4.9	5.6	5.3	4.9	6.2	5.1	5.7	4.2	3.8	5.2	5.0	4.7	3.6	

(a) See Glossary for definitions of the terms used. (b) Estimated male or female resident population by country of birth, 1995 preliminary. (c) Per 1,000 male or female estimated resident population by country of birth, 1995 preliminary.

(d) Excludes ex-nuptial, paternity not acknowledged births and confinements.

6 BIRTHS: NUMBER REGISTERED, AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES

Selected countries	Registered births			Age-specific birth rates							Total fertility rates	
	Reference period	Number '000	Reference Period	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	Reference period	Rate
Australia	1995	256.2	1995	20.5	66.7	121.6	106.1	42.5	7.2	0.3	1998	1.8
Canada	1994	384.2	1990	25.8	83.3	129.5	86.3	28.2	3.9	9.0	1992	1.8
China	1989	23,851.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	2.2
Fiji	1994	119.4	1987	60.5	214.7	178.9	100.2	52.4	14.6	1.2	1987	3.1
France	1993	712.0	1991	9.1	73.2	139.4	93.4	37.0	7.4	0.5	1992	1.8
Germany	1994	765.9	1989	11.1	54.2	107.3	78.1	26.7	4.9	0.2	1992	1.5
Greece	1993	102.0	1992	18.9	79.9	95.2	57.5	21.9	4.1	0.4	1992	1.4
Hong Kong	1993	70.5	1993	6.8	42.2	85.5	77.4	29.4	4.5	0.3	1993	1.2
India	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	3.9
Indonesia	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	3.1
Italy	1994	533.6	1991	8.0	49.7	90.7	71.8	29.3	5.2	0.2	1994	1.3
Japan	1994	1,258.2	1993	3.9	41.2	122.3	92.0	23.3	2.4	0.1	1993	1.4
Korea, Republic of	1993	702.5	1993	4.0	73.2	185.1	64.6	12.5	1.7	0.2	1993	1.7
Lebanon	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	3.1
Malaysia	1994	549.6	1990	18.5	123.9	203.3	170.5	105.8	39.3	4.4	1992	3.7
Netherlands	1993	195.3	1992	7.7	43.4	117.4	110.7	35.2	4.4	0.4	1992	1.6
New Zealand	1993	58.9	1992	33.8	95.3	142.0	108.5	39.9	6.5	0.3	1992	2.1
Papua New Guinea	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	4.9
Philippines	1991	1,643.3	1991	32.8	163.5	180.3	134.7	91.7	40.5	8.3	1992	4.0
Poland	1993	492.9	1991	32.2	164.0	122.2	59.8	25.2	6.2	0.3	1992	2.1
Singapore	1994	49.6	1994	7.6	48.8	136.2	116.0	45.4	7.1	0.1	1994	1.8
Sri Lanka	1992	350.4	1988	29.2	120.7	150.3	109.0	72.3	21.0	2.4	1992	2.5
Thailand	1993	957.8	1993	41.6	106.5	99.2	64.8	32.3	13.0	7.8	1993	1.8
United Kingdom	1993	761.7	1993	30.9	81.8	114.3	86.8	33.8	5.8	0.3	1993	1.8
United States of America	1993	4,039.0	1991	63.5	115.7	118.2	79.5	32.0	5.5	0.2	1992	2.1
Viet Nam	1990	1,980.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	3.9
Former Yugoslavia	1993	140.7	1990	37.3	141.3	117.5	55.3	19.5	4.5	0.6	1992	1.9

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15 years. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 years and over.

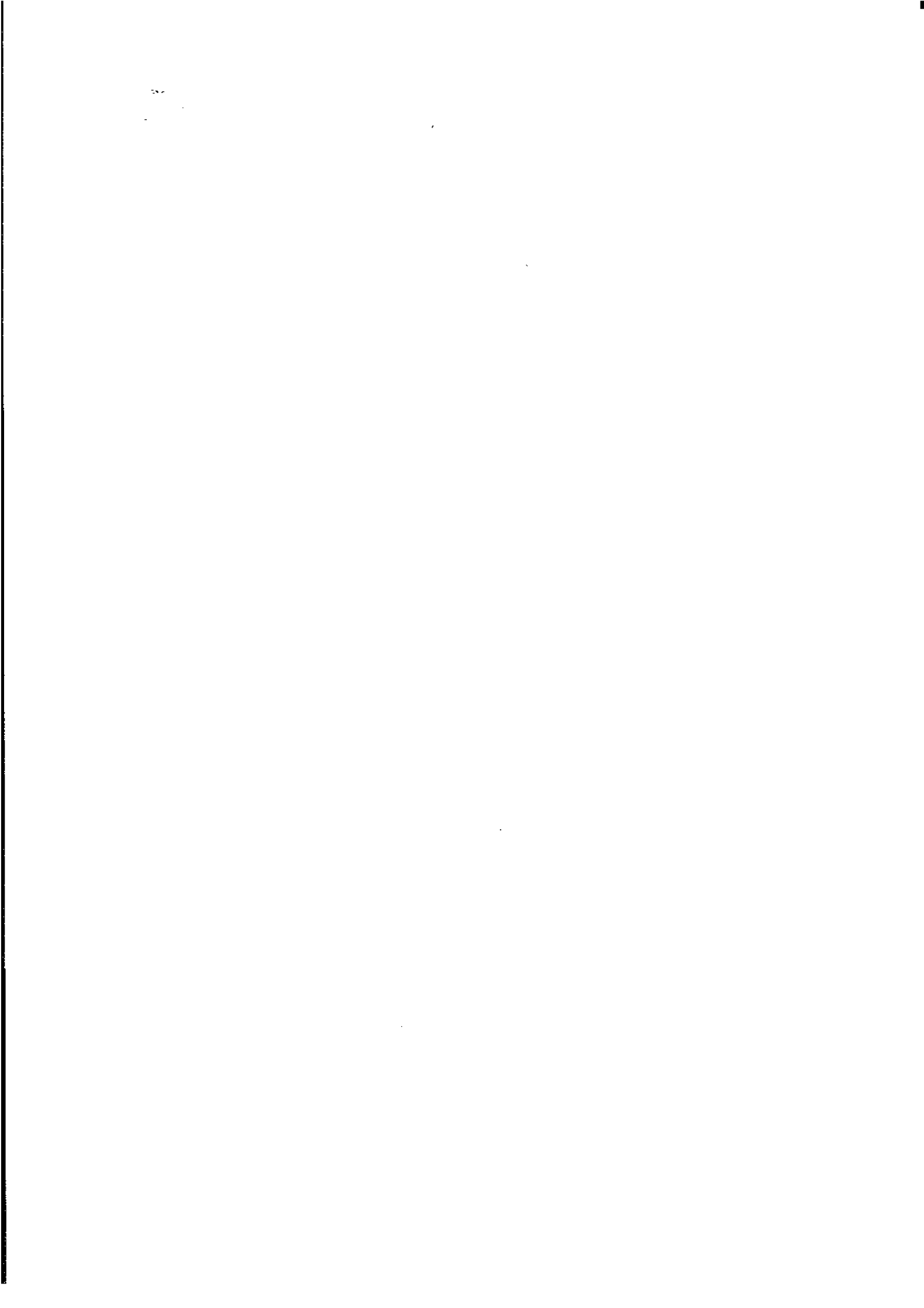
Source for overseas countries: 1994 United Nations Demographic Yearbook (registered births, age-specific birth rates and available total fertility rates). The State of the World's Children, 1994 (remainder total fertility rates).

7 COMPLETED FERTILITY BY YEAR OF BIRTH OF WOMEN(a)

Selected countries	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Australia	3.07	3.09	2.87	2.49	2.36	2.26	2.23	2.23	2.22	2.18	2.16
Austria	2.32	2.45	2.17	1.77	1.89	1.70	1.73	1.71	1.68	1.69	1.66
Belgium	2.30	2.27	2.17	1.94	1.84	1.83	1.83	1.84	1.84	1.83	1.85
Denmark	2.36	2.38	2.24	2.06	1.90	1.84	1.84	1.85	1.85	1.86	1.87
Finland	2.51	2.30	2.03	1.87	1.85	1.88	1.90	1.92	1.93	1.93	1.93
France	2.64	2.58	2.41	2.22	2.11	2.13	2.13	2.12	2.11	2.09	2.07
Germany	2.17	2.16	1.98	1.79	1.72	1.67	1.67	1.65	1.65	1.64	1.63
Greece	2.21	2.02	2.01	2.00	2.07	2.03	1.99	1.92	1.90	1.93	1.93
Iceland	3.50	..	..	..	2.70	2.50	2.43	2.49	2.48	2.46	2.49
Ireland	3.50	3.44	3.27	3.27	3.00	2.67	2.57	2.53	2.47	2.42	2.37
Italy	2.29	2.29	2.14	2.07	1.90	1.79	1.76	1.73	1.69	1.67	1.63
Luxembourg	1.97	2.00	..	1.82	1.72	1.68	1.69	1.68	1.66	1.70	1.71
Netherlands	2.65	2.50	2.21	1.99	1.90	1.87	1.87	1.86	1.86	1.83	1.84
Norway	2.49	2.57	2.45	2.21	2.09	2.05	2.05	2.06	2.06	2.06	2.06
Portugal	2.95	2.85	2.61	2.31	2.12	1.97	1.95	1.93	1.94	1.90	1.86
Spain	2.59	2.67	2.59	2.43	2.19	1.90	1.87	1.85	1.80	1.75	1.69
Sweden	2.11	2.14	2.05	1.96	2.00	2.03	2.04	2.05	2.06	2.05	2.06
United Kingdom	2.35	2.41	2.36	2.17	2.03	2.02	2.02	2.00	1.98	1.96	1.94

(a) For countries other than Australia, estimates for generations which have not yet completed their fertility are based on the assumption that future rates will be the same as in the most recent years. For Australia, estimates for generations which not yet completed their fertility are based on the medium term fertility projections in Projections of the Population of Australia, States and Territories 1995 - 2051, (3222.0).

Source for overseas countries: EUROSTAT (1996), Demographic Statistics, 1996.



YEAR OF REGISTRATION — NATIONAL DATA

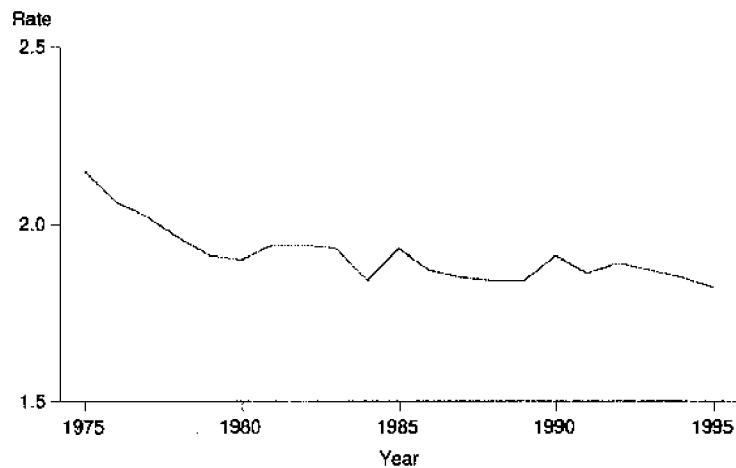
NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS

The total number of births registered in Australia in 1995 was 256,200, out of which 229,000 (89.4%) occurred in 1995. The remaining 27,200 births registered in 1995 had occurred in previous years. Some births that occurred in 1995 are yet to be registered.

FERTILITY

The fertility of women, as reflected in the total fertility rate based on registered births in 1995, was 1.8 children per woman. The total fertility rate is the number of children a woman would have by the end of her reproductive lifespan if she were to have children, at each age, according to the current fertility of women.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATE(a)



(a) Per woman.

The total fertility rate has remained fairly stable in recent years, fluctuating between 1.8 and 1.9 throughout the 1980s and 1990s, having declined from a level of 2.2 in 1975. The decline was accompanied by changes in the age pattern of fertility, with the median age of mothers increasing and higher proportions of births occurring to older women. Such changes continued even though the total fertility rate was stable.

Most of the decline in the fertility rate over the period 1975–95 occurred among younger women. The fertility of women aged less than 20 and 20–24 years declined by almost 50% between 1975 and 1995, while that for women aged 25–29 years declined by about 19%. The fertility of older women, aged 30–34 years and 35–39 years, increased during the period.

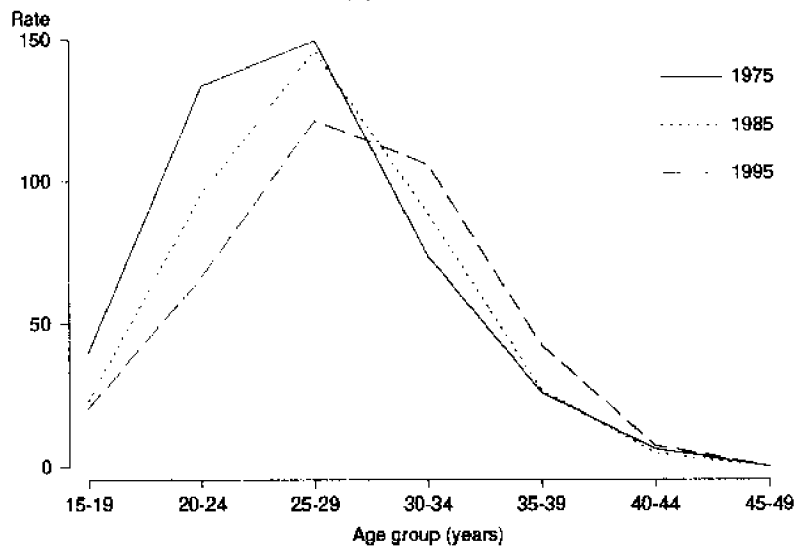
The decline in fertility among women aged less than 20 years and 20–24 years accounted for almost all of the decline in fertility in 1975–85. In 1985–95 the bulk of the decline was contributed by women aged 20–24 and 25–29 years.

Age

Between 1975 and 1995, age-specific birth rates changed more rapidly among women aged less than 30 years than among those aged 30 years or more. This is related to the social, economic and demographic factors that influence fertility and which tend to exert a more varied and powerful influence on women's fertility behaviour at younger ages than at older ages. Among these factors are marital status, level of education, labour force status, occupation and career aspirations.

The major aspect of the changes in the age pattern of fertility was a shift in fertility towards older ages.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES(A)

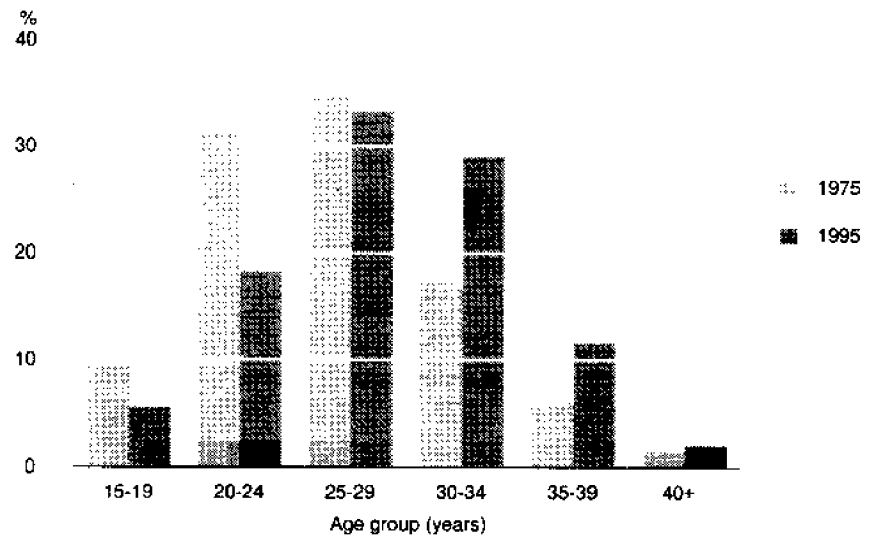


(a) Per 1,000 women.

The age group of peak fertility was 25–29 years. Although the age group of peak fertility did not change over the decade 1985–95, its proportional contribution to the total fertility rate declined from 38% in 1985 to 33% in 1995. At the same time, the proportional contribution of women aged 20–24 years declined from 25% to 18%, while that of women aged 30–34 years increased from 23% to 29%. This was a continuation of trends identified in the mid 1970s. Women aged 30–34 years became the second most fertile group in the mid 1980s, while women aged 20–24 years became the third most fertile group.

With fertility decline and a shifting of fertility to older ages, the total contribution of the three most fertile age groups (20–24, 25–29 and 30–34 years) to the total fertility rates declined from 86% in 1985 to 81% in 1995. Teenage contribution to fertility also declined from 9.3% of the total fertility rate in 1975 to 5.6% in 1995.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOTAL FERTILITY RATE



Replacement fertility

Replacement fertility occurs when the number of daughters a woman would expect to have by the end of her reproductive lifespan if she were subject, at each age, to the prevailing rates of fertility and mortality (the net reproduction rate) is one. It is an important indication of the capacity of a population to replace itself.

Australia's fertility was below the natural replacement level in 1995, and had been so for almost two decades. The net reproduction rate in 1995 was 0.88, a figure which has declined by 16% from its level of 1.05 in 1975 and 0.91 in 1985.

CONFINEMENTS

A total of 253,000 confinements were registered in 1995, down from 255,000 in 1994. This is the lowest number of confinements since 1990 when 259,000 were registered. The 253,000 confinements registered in 1995 however represent a 3.3% increase over the number registered in 1985 and a 10% increase over 1975.

Age of mothers

The average age of women having a baby has risen steadily over the years. Consistent with the shift in fertility to older ages, women who registered a birth in 1995 were almost two years older than comparable women in 1985. The median age of women who registered a birth in 1995 was 29.1 years compared to 27.3 years in 1985 and 25.8 years in 1975.

Women who registered a nuptial birth in 1995 were, on average, about five years older than women registering an ex-nuptial birth. The median age at first nuptial confinement was 28.6 years compared to a median age of 30.1 years for all nuptial confinements and a median age of 24.9 years for all ex-nuptial confinements.

For unmarried women the age at confinement is also related to whether or not the confinement is paternity-acknowledged. In 1995, women whose ex-nuptial births were paternity-acknowledged were slightly older (25.2 years) than all women having ex-nuptial births (24.9 years).

For both nuptial and ex-nuptial confinements, the age at confinement was higher in 1995 than in any previous year. The greatest increase occurred for married women giving birth to their first baby. Between 1975 and 1995 the median age at confinement for all mothers increased by 3.3 years and for all nuptial confinements by 4.0 years, while that for first nuptial confinements increased by 4.6 years. The median age at confinement for all unmarried women increased by 3.6 years, from 21.3 years in 1975 to 24.9 years in 1995, while for those whose births were paternity-acknowledged the increase was 1.5 years over the period.

Age of fathers

The age of fathers has also increased. The median age of all fathers whose partners had a baby in 1995 was 31.7 years. Much of the increase was contributed by married fathers. Between 1975 and 1995 the median age of married fathers increased by almost four years, from 28.6 to 32.5 years. In contrast, the median age of unmarried fathers who acknowledged ex-nuptial births increased by two years between 1979 (the first year for which reliable data are available) and 1995, from 25.8 years to 27.8 years. In 1995, married fathers were, on average, about four years older (32.5 years) than fathers who acknowledged ex-nuptial births (27.8 years).

Ex-nuptial confinements

An increasing number of births is occurring to women who are not in a registered marriage. In 1995, 27% of all births occurred to women who were not in a registered marriage, compared to 16% in 1985 and 10% in 1975. At the same time, an increasing proportion of births occurring outside a registered marriage are being paternity-acknowledged. In 1995, over 85% of all ex-nuptial births were paternity-acknowledged, up from 77% in 1990, 68% in 1985 and 57% in 1979.

TOTAL CONFINEMENTS, BY AGE AND NUPTILITY

Age group (years)	All confinements.....		Ex-nuptial confinements.....	
	no.	%	no.	%
19 and under	12 547	5.0	11 243	16.7
20-24	46 810	18.5	22 951	34.1
25-29	82 494	32.6	16 286	24.2
30-34	78 181	30.2	10 752	18.0
35-39	29 585	11.7	4 917	7.3
40 and over	4 882	1.9	1 031	1.5
Not stated	209	0.1	150	0.2
Total	252 708	100.0	67 330	100.0

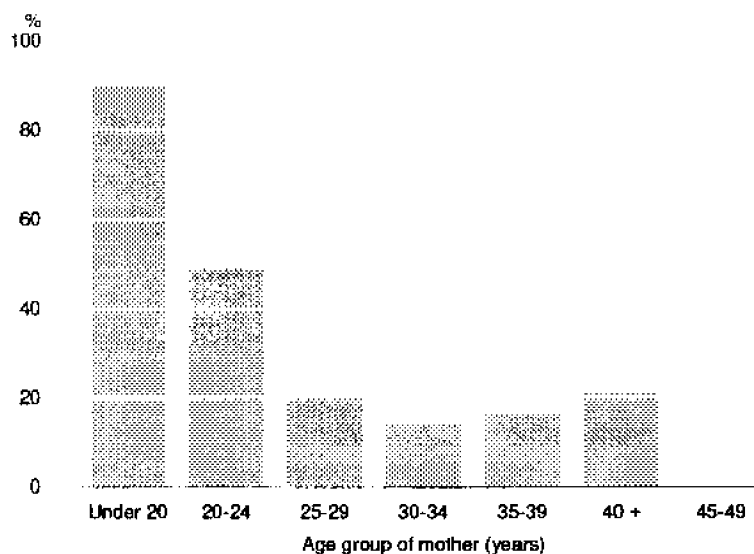
The bulk of ex-nuptial confinements occur to younger women, with about three-quarters of all ex-nuptial confinements occurring to women aged less than 30 years. In 1995, women aged 20-24 years accounted for 34% of all ex-nuptial confinements, while women aged 25-29 years contributed 24%. Teenage mothers accounted for 17% of all ex-nuptial confinements.

Women aged less than 25 years contributed over 50% to ex-nuptial confinements compared to 24% of all confinements.

The proportion of all confinements that are ex-nuptial is also related to age. The younger the age of mother, the higher the likelihood that her confinement will be ex-nuptial. In 1995, almost 90% of all confinements to teenage mothers were ex-nuptial, dropping to 49% for 20–24 year-old women and to 14% for women aged 30–34 years.

The proportion then increased to 21% for women aged 40 years and over. This pattern among older women is associated with the increasing incidence of de facto marriages, particularly among those who have previously been in a registered marriage.

PROPORTION OF CONFINEMENTS THAT ARE EX-NUPTIAL



Birthplace of mother

Reflecting the birthplace composition of women in the reproductive age groups, 76% of mothers were born in Australia. A further 9% were born in Europe, 5% in South-East Asia and 4% in countries in Oceania (other than Australia), mainly New Zealand.

Among mothers born overseas, the United Kingdom was the most common place of birth with 5.3% (13,400) of all women who registered a confinement in 1995 giving it as their birthplace. New Zealand was the second most common, accounting for 6,300 women or 2.5% of all confinements, followed by Viet Nam with 4,600 confinements or 1.8% of all confinements.

CONFINEMENTS, BY NUPTIALITY AND MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE

Birthplace of mother	All confinements....		Nuptial confinements.....	
	no.	%	no.	%
Australia	191 983	76.0	134742	72.7
Other Oceania	9 052	3.6	5 949	3.2
Europe and USSR	22 098	8.7	18 298	9.9
Mid-East and North Africa	5 505	2.2	5 365	2.9
South-East Asia	11 411	4.5	9 646	5.2
North-East Asia	5 035	2.0	4 687	2.5
Southern Asia	2 684	1.1	2 602	1.4
The Americas	2 863	1.1	2 461	1.3
Africa excl. North Africa	1 897	0.8	1 618	0.9
Total	252 708	100.0	185 378	100.0

The peak age group for confinements in 1995 was 25–29 years, followed by 30–34 years and 20–24 years. This pattern held for women born in Australia, other Oceania and the Middle-East and North Africa, but not for women born elsewhere.

Other overseas-born women who registered a confinement in 1995 were slightly older, with the peak age group being 30–34 years, followed by 25–29 years and 35–39 years. The older age of overseas-born women at confinement is related to their age structure. Compared to Australian-born women, there are higher proportions of overseas-born women at the older ages where most of the confinements took place.

CONFINEMENTS, BY BIRTHPLACE AND AGE OF MOTHER

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER

Age group (years)	Australia	Other Oceania	Europe and USSR	Mid-East and North Africa	South East Asia	North East Asia	Southern Asia	The Americas	Africa (excl. North Africa)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
19 and under	5.9	4.6	1.3	3.0	2.1	0.2	0.6	2.1	1.9
20–24	20.3	18.9	8.9	24.2	15.4	4.2	10.9	12.7	12.4
25–29	33.4	31.4	30.7	33.1	29.1	23.5	33.2	30.1	31.1
30–34	28.5	29.8	39.5	25.8	30.4	46.9	39.0	34.6	35.6
35–39	10.3	13.1	16.3	11.6	18.5	21.7	14.0	17.5	15.7
40 and over	1.6	2.1	3.3	2.3	4.1	3.6	2.2	3.0	3.2
Not stated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Country of birth

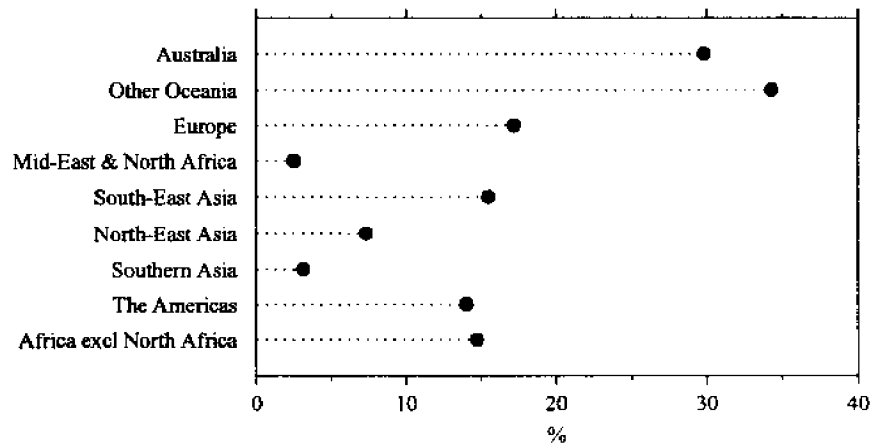
Overseas-born women who registered a confinement in Australia in 1995 had, in most cases, total fertility rates higher than the total fertility rate of women born in Australia, but lower than the total fertility rates of their countries of birth. Women born in the United Kingdom and New Zealand had total fertility rates marginally lower than women living in those two countries, while women born in Viet Nam, the Philippines, India or Malaysia had total fertility rates substantially lower than the rates for their countries of birth. The total fertility rate for women born in the former Yugoslavia was the same as the rate for women still living in Yugoslavia. The total fertility rates for women born in Lebanon or China were higher than the corresponding rates for women living in those two countries.

Since fertility is related to a complex set of socio-economic factors, the difference between overseas-born women living in Australia and women living in corresponding overseas countries in these characteristics will affect the fertility of the two groups.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES OF SELECTED COUNTRIES AND AUSTRALIA

Overseas women.....		Women in Australia	
Selected countries	Total fertility rate	Country of birth of women who registered a birth in Australia in 1995	Total fertility rate
Australia	1.8	Australia	1.8
United Kingdom	1.8	United Kingdom	1.7
New Zealand	2.1	New Zealand	2.0
Viet Nam	3.9	Viet Nam	2.5
Lebanon	3.1	Lebanon	3.4
Philippines	4.0	Philippines	2.1
China	2.2	China	2.7
Former Yugoslavia	1.9	Former Yugoslavia	1.9
India	3.9	India	1.9
Malaysia	3.7	Malaysia	1.3

CONFINEMENTS THAT ARE EX-NUPTIAL, BY Mother's Birthplace



Birthplace of parents

About 30% and 34%, respectively, of all confinements to Australian-born women and women born elsewhere in Oceania (mainly New Zealand) were ex-nuptial compared to 17% for women born in other overseas regions. The lowest proportions of ex-nuptial births occurred among women born in the Middle-East and North Africa, followed by women born in Southern Asia.

Among the parents of nuptial births in 1995, fathers born in Viet Nam, Lebanon, the Philippines, China or India were more likely than those born elsewhere to have a partner born in the same country. Mothers born in Viet Nam, Lebanon, China or India were also more likely than those born elsewhere to have a partner born in the same country. In most cases overseas-born fathers were more likely to have an Australian-born partner than were overseas-born mothers. A major exception is the Philippines where the proportion of mothers with Australian-born partners was five times the proportion of fathers with Australian-born partners. These proportions reflect the marriage patterns of women in Australia.

NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF PARENTS

COUNTRIES OF BIRTH.....

Parent characteristics	Australia	United Kingdom	New Zealand	Viet Nam	Lebanon	Philippines	China	Former Yugoslav Republics	India	Malaysia
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Father born in country shown and mother born in Australia	86.7	65.5	55.3	1.1	21.2	8.0	2.4	35.0	7.9	25.4
Father born in country shown and mother born in same overseas country	—	22.7	28.1	88.8	71.5	88.3	82.0	55.8	68.1	46.3
Father born in country shown and mother born in other overseas country	13.3	11.8	16.6	10.1	7.3	3.7	15.6	9.2	14.0	28.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mother born in country shown and father born in Australia	85.0	63.7	53.6	1.7	9.5	40.9	6.8	22.1	15.3	34.8
Mother born in country shown and father born in same overseas country	—	25.4	29.2	90.9	82.4	38.8	70.0	69.7	71.5	40.0
Mother born in country shown and father born in other overseas country	14.9	10.9	17.2	7.4	8.1	20.3	23.2	8.2	13.2	25.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

PREVIOUS BIRTHS

The number of previous births a woman has had provides an indication of past and current fertility. The distribution of women according to previous births shows that the pattern of fertility has changed very little over the past 20 years. About 40% of married women who registered a birth in 1995 were first-time mothers. This proportion had changed only marginally since 1975. Similarly, the proportion of women who had had one previous birth fluctuated between 34% and 36% throughout the period 1975-95, with 36% of women who registered a birth in 1995 having only had one previous birth. The proportion of women who had had two or more previous births also remained relatively unchanged at 23%-25% over the same period.

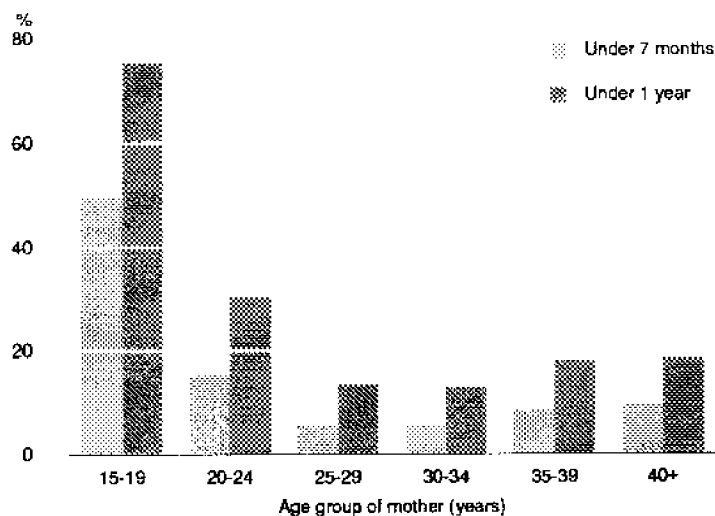
NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, MOTHERS WITH PREVIOUS BIRTHS(A)

	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995
Previous Issue	%	%	%	%	%
0	39.4	40.2	40.1	41.6	40.8
1	35.4	33.9	35.4	33.7	35.7
2	15.9	17.5	16.8	16.8	16.3
3 or more	9.3	8.4	7.7	7.9	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes all previous children of the mother in current marriage.

The proportion of women having their first nuptial confinement in the first year of marriage declines with age. About 50% and 75% of 15-19 year old mothers had a nuptial confinement within the first seven months and one year, respectively, of marriage, the proportion reducing to 5.6% and 12.8%, respectively, for 30-34 year old women and then increasing thereafter to 9.6% and 18.4%, respectively, for women aged 40 years and over. The higher proportion of young women having a birth within the first seven months to one year of marriage is consistent with the high proportion of young women having ex-nuptial confinements.

FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE



Multiple births

About 1.4% of all confinements result in a multiple birth. The proportion is higher for nuptial confinements (1.5%) than for ex-nuptial confinements (1.1%). The difference in the proportion of multiple births between nuptial and ex-nuptial confinements may be due, among other factors, to the higher incidence of *in vitro* fertilisation techniques among married than unmarried women. These techniques are known to produce a higher incidence of multiple births than natural fertilisation methods.

CONFINEMENTS ENDING IN MULTIPLE BIRTHS

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Confinement	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Nuptial	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.5
Ex-nuptial	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1
Total	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4

8 AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Age group (years)							Total fertility rate
	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	
1975	40.1	133.9	149.6	74.1	26.0	6.1	0.4	2.151
1980	27.6	107.0	141.0	75.1	23.7	4.4	0.3	1.895
1985	22.5	94.1	143.4	87.2	26.4	4.4	0.2	1.891
1990	22.1	79.4	137.9	101.7	34.7	5.5	0.2	1.907
1991	22.1	75.0	132.0	100.2	36.0	5.5	0.2	1.855
1992	21.9	74.8	132.5	104.6	38.4	6.1	0.3	1.894
1993	20.9	71.1	130.0	105.5	39.0	6.3	0.2	1.865
1994	20.7	69.2	126.0	105.1	41.2	6.7	0.3	1.846
1995	20.5	66.7	121.6	106.1	42.5	7.2	0.3	1.824

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

9 GROSS AND NET REPRODUCTION RATES, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Gross reproduction rate	Net reproduction rate(a)	
		Rate	Life table experience on which rate is based
1975	1.044	1.020	1975
1980	0.921	0.903	1980
1985	0.922	0.905	1985
1990	0.926	0.911	1990
1991	0.903	0.890	1991
1992	0.922	0.909	1992
1993	0.908	0.896	1993
1994	0.897	0.882	1994
1995	0.888	0.876	1993-1995

(a) Net reproduction rates are based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician.

10 CONFINEMENTS: MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Median age (years)					Total mothers
	Fathers of		Mothers of		Ex-nuptial children	
	nuptial children of current marriage	First nuptial children of current marriage	All nuptial children of current marriage			
1975	28.6	24.0	26.1	21.3	25.8	
1980	29.6	25.2	27.0	21.9	26.6	
1985	30.4	26.3	27.8	23.1	27.3	
1990	31.4	27.6	29.0	24.0	28.3	
1991	31.6	27.8	29.3	24.1	28.5	
1992	31.8	28.0	29.5	24.3	28.7	
1993	32.1	28.3	29.7	24.5	28.9	
1994	32.3	28.5	29.9	24.6	29.0	
1995	32.5	28.6	30.1	24.9	29.1	

11 CONFINEMENTS: AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)																			
	15 and under	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
17 and under	2	7	12	9	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18	3	8	30	57	25	20	11	4	4	3	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	1
19	2	6	40	78	110	64	35	22	22	14	9	8	7	8	13	6	5	5	3	3
20	1	8	42	106	174	190	117	72	72	49	41	11	27	29	29	27	22	22	13	16
21	1	7	35	118	186	312	330	217	217	121	70	50	58	58	168	100	82	53	27	28
22	1	6	36	109	225	376	537	611	852	353	213	121	73	73	320	185	158	102	63	41
23	1	3	24	98	184	365	611	852	902	857	506	280	194	114	70	65	53	34	15	18
24	1	1	18	74	144	306	533	611	902	1,140	1,119	634	383	255	168	100	82	53	27	28
25	1	1	14	66	120	247	439	792	902	1,073	1,411	1,365	793	471	320	185	158	102	63	41
26	1	1	10	32	93	164	330	515	667	1,045	1,358	1,741	1,593	924	527	336	216	148	105	75
27	1	1	7	25	79	123	224	422	661	1,032	1,370	1,849	1,754	1,045	662	591	384	244	164	99
28	1	1	4	23	73	88	152	352	549	840	1,252	1,566	2,063	1,806	1,101	566	399	257	174	174
29	1	1	5	20	49	80	146	272	392	672	951	1,278	2,024	2,190	2,001	1,080	628	380	252	252
30	1	2	2	10	32	64	122	207	349	499	764	1,004	1,343	1,702	2,030	2,141	1,934	1,058	613	350
31	1	1	1	13	23	53	80	165	251	347	549	808	1,045	1,391	1,725	1,902	1,987	1,035	587	587
32	1	1	1	9	23	26	74	118	195	277	388	578	810	1,065	1,276	1,584	1,809	1,640	1,280	814
33	1	1	1	5	15	41	46	78	132	211	305	428	539	782	961	1,179	1,350	1,458	1,434	1,434
34	1	1	1	2	4	24	44	55	97	132	202	284	395	504	695	892	986	1,148	1,191	1,191
35	1	1	1	4	9	17	27	46	77	93	148	211	313	384	481	645	784	899	893	893
36	1	1	1	6	11	11	12	35	34	73	111	141	213	286	350	417	577	622	715	715
37	1	1	1	5	12	15	15	35	47	59	90	92	139	213	254	373	420	503	558	558
38	1	1	1	4	3	10	12	17	18	48	59	98	111	152	205	227	298	345	408	408
39	1	1	1	3	1	5	7	15	31	30	47	58	78	101	129	154	220	237	253	253
40	1	1	1	2	3	4	11	7	20	20	41	54	50	98	119	135	174	180	215	215
41	1	1	1	1	3	2	7	11	16	26	21	29	47	72	77	77	111	143	160	160
42	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	8	9	10	23	32	32	43	43	57	66	90	92	123
43	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	8	8	14	15	22	28	40	40	36	53	70	86	76
44	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	4	4	14	14	23	23	27	27	31	33	72	58	74
45	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	4	4	7	8	14	15	19	19	29	34	36	50	65
46	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	4	6	8	7	15	15	19	19	20	22	41	41	49
47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	9	9	12	13	12	16	15	20	29	28
48	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	6	7	9	12	12	7	14	15	18	27	9
49	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	5	4	3	4	3	9	9	12	13	13	14	14
50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	7	6	6	9	12	8	14	12
51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	5	5	1	2	1	7	11	13	8	11	8
52	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	5	5	5	8	7	10	11
53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	7	5	11	11	7	13	21	14	16	18	28	26
54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	2	2	7	7	12	7	16	11	14	5
55-59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	5	3	1	1	2	3	3
60 and over	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Not stated	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nuptial confinements	2	17	65	300	920	1,702	2,822	4,354	6,543	8,438	10,422	12,298	13,647	14,653	15,188	15,182	14,682	13,639	11,861	10,065
Ex-nuptial confinements	440	1,128	2,238	3,200	4,237	4,619	4,634	4,703	4,665	4,330	3,822	3,572	3,182	2,915	2,795	2,598	2,394	2,229	1,878	1,653
Total confinements	442	1,145	2,303	3,500	5,157	6,321	7,456	9,057	11,208	12,768	14,244	15,870	16,829	17,568	17,983	17,780	17,076	15,868	13,739	11,718

11 CONFINEMENTS: AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1995—continued

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)																	Total confinements
	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50 and over	Not stated	
17 and under																		5
18		1																43
19																		167
20																		403
21		1						1									2	852
22	4	2	1														2	1,564
23	5	4	6	2	3	3	1	1									1	2,852
24	9	15	8	6	5	1		1									1	4,378
25	21	18	13	8	4	2	6										1	6,052
26	52	28	14	16	5	5		3									1	7,738
27	62	36	33	24	11	5	5	3									2	9,595
28	110	73	41	18	24	12	7	3	4								2	11,257
29	179	115	68	43	22	15	13	6	5	1							2	12,454
30	205	138	106	49	42	18	14	3	4	1							4	13,925
31	336	213	108	72	51	30	13	7	1	3	3	1	1				4	14,280
32	522	314	191	108	55	31	21	11	9	1							1	14,798
33	685	366	197	128	88	41	18	11	3	2							2	13,948
34	1,006	511	282	149	76	54	35	9	5	1							2	12,694
35	1,037	696	402	192	115	69	33	14	6	3	3	1	1				3	11,097
36	861	779	554	300	150	69	43	26	15	5							—	9,226
37	748	673	534	365	197	89	50	22	9	4	2	1					—	7,836
38	551	508	431	407	262	150	66	38	13	4	1	2					1	6,306
39	421	407	396	330	214	149	66	26	12	2	1	2					2	5,250
40	269	296	284	250	200	147	87	47	22	5	2						—	4,038
41	245	257	225	214	189	139	93	52	27	8	6	1					—	2,975
42	168	152	161	141	133	109	87	67	24	10	2	1					1	1,859
43	122	125	135	122	99	103	62	57	31	13	2	1					2	1,474
44	108	91	121	95	78	69	54	52	35	16	9	2					—	1,196
45	76	84	85	61	78	55	48	36	24	16	5	4	1				—	947
46	67	68	62	56	57	43	36	29	20	7	5	2					—	752
47	44	47	59	63	40	42	40	25	22	9	7	8	4				—	654
48	36	29	28	40	37	32	23	12	19	8	3	4					—	440
49	14	21	22	32	27	19	13	12	10	5	2	1	2				—	324
50	14	20	20	19	14	16	18	9	5	2							—	240
51	19	15	15	8	11	6	14	11	4	4	4	1					1	198
52	14	21	13	9	10	16	7	6	3	2	1						—	177
53	14	13	11	13	11	7	6	6	4	3							—	149
54	21	27	22	26	28	28	20	21	12	9	3	1					—	390
55-59	13	18	14	15	14	9	10	3	6	2	2						1	198
60 and over		2			1	1											25	58
Not stated																		
Nuptial confinements	8,086	6,186	4,663	3,382	2,351	1,585	1,010	628	362	146	65	37	9	3	3	3	59	185,378
Ex-nuptial confinements	1,412	1,176	971	781	577	384	296	160	95	55	26	7	4	2	2	—	150	67,330
Total confinements	9,498	7,362	5,634	4,163	2,928	1,969	1,306	788	457	201	91	44	13	5	5	3	209	252,708

12 CONFINEMENTS: NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, BY AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

Age of mother (years)	Nuptial (selected years)					Ex-nuptial (selected years)						
	1980	1985	1990	1993	1994	1995	1980	1985	1990	1993	1994	1995
15 and under	22	3	5	1	2	2	564	516	458	420	491	440
16	253	109	49	20	19	17	1,256	1,211	1,051	1,031	1,072	1,128
17	1,018	505	286	95	54	65	2,124	2,120	2,349	2,277	2,225	2,238
18	2,500	1,319	885	427	325	300	2,752	2,845	3,599	3,331	3,174	3,200
19	4,333	2,640	1,736	1,166	1,069	920	2,769	3,187	4,478	4,322	4,336	4,237
20	6,658	4,616	2,960	2,289	1,927	1,702	2,473	3,164	4,487	4,894	4,670	4,619
21	9,046	6,962	4,606	3,563	3,202	2,822	2,220	3,012	4,267	4,911	4,832	4,634
22	11,677	9,853	6,356	5,449	4,960	4,354	1,987	2,741	3,853	4,800	4,703	4,634
23	13,800	12,694	8,375	7,171	6,964	6,543	1,690	2,629	3,706	4,536	4,665	4,665
24	15,332	14,962	10,829	9,147	8,989	8,438	1,436	2,301	3,273	4,027	4,330	4,330
25	16,460	16,653	13,167	11,226	11,035	10,422	1,343	2,070	3,056	3,700	3,822	3,822
26	16,506	17,856	15,681	13,222	12,766	12,298	1,122	1,812	2,951	3,322	3,342	3,572
27	16,641	18,239	17,520	14,509	13,934	13,647	955	1,661	2,795	3,110	3,182	3,182
28	15,291	17,459	18,251	15,899	15,019	14,653	846	1,413	2,498	2,899	2,899	2,915
29	13,743	15,774	18,039	16,697	15,883	15,188	745	1,254	2,317	2,734	2,613	2,795
30	11,831	14,128	16,362	16,593	15,784	15,182	670	1,098	2,058	2,457	2,408	2,598
31	9,450	11,989	14,302	15,126	15,002	14,682	558	965	1,813	2,234	2,264	2,394
32	8,096	10,101	12,608	13,761	13,535	13,639	475	790	1,556	1,976	2,049	2,229
33	6,733	7,987	10,144	11,258	11,805	11,861	424	657	1,331	1,707	1,791	1,878
34	4,493	6,541	8,170	9,278	9,653	10,065	335	604	1,155	1,393	1,513	1,653
35	3,380	4,985	6,683	7,258	7,628	8,086	265	494	912	1,193	1,313	1,412
36	2,653	3,535	4,834	5,663	5,959	6,186	176	359	711	995	1,074	1,176
37	1,753	2,766	3,501	4,068	4,532	4,663	185	318	595	759	863	971
38	1,275	1,915	2,608	3,143	3,185	3,382	142	246	439	593	666	781
39	930	1,239	1,740	2,097	2,342	2,351	97	151	344	483	535	577
40	665	807	1,312	1,470	1,516	1,585	72	103	218	311	395	384
41	393	455	713	827	884	1,010	45	66	161	208	265	296
42	230	303	431	512	577	628	43	49	105	151	150	160
43	159	148	244	292	296	362	21	24	61	82	90	95
44	75	106	93	134	135	146	11	11	18	47	34	55
45	45	41	49	57	67	65	10	4	10	13	16	26
46	22	20	23	31	35	37	3	2	7	8	3	7
47	12	12	8	14	11	9	2	—	2	5	6	4
48	1	9	—	6	2	3	1	2	2	2	4	2
49	3	2	1	1	4	3	—	—	1	—	—	2
50 and over	2	—	1	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	11	6	13	48	56	59	9	54	81	121	150	150
Total	195,492	206,739	202,585	192,518	189,160	185,378	27,826	37,933	56,850	64,185	65,387	67,330

13 CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Birthplace of mother	Age group (years)							Total
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	11,304	38,914	64,165	54,781	19,774	2,986	59	191,983
Fiji	24	195	324	278	118	13	—	952
New Zealand	349	1,169	1,955	1,905	832	127	2	6,339
Papua New Guinea	26	169	205	189	66	7	—	662
Other	17	182	358	327	170	43	2	1,099
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,720</i>	<i>40,629</i>	<i>67,007</i>	<i>57,480</i>	<i>20,960</i>	<i>3,176</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>201,035</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	3	16	34	44	17	9	—	123
Former Czechoslovakia	4	25	41	26	17	1	—	114
Cyprus	3	40	85	83	29	8	—	248
Denmark	—	4	52	56	20	—	—	132
Former USSR & Baltic States	3	55	109	96	29	7	—	299
Former Yugoslav Republics	32	271	832	598	225	45	2	2,005
France	2	26	99	106	43	7	—	283
Germany	15	65	180	300	132	47	—	739
Greece	6	37	185	221	132	26	—	607
Hungary	5	8	31	25	20	5	1	95
Ireland	9	29	142	306	122	23	—	631
Italy	4	38	271	453	231	54	—	1,051
Malta	4	24	48	96	73	24	—	269
Netherlands	11	43	121	146	85	22	—	428
Poland	8	62	129	138	111	31	—	479
Portugal	7	31	66	83	32	4	—	223
Romania	6	45	68	30	27	1	1	178
Spain	11	18	55	63	27	5	—	179
Switzerland	1	8	49	81	27	5	—	171
United Kingdom	152	1,092	4,081	5,606	2,120	392	1	13,444
Other	5	25	117	163	75	15	—	400
<i>Total</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>1,962</i>	<i>6,795</i>	<i>8,720</i>	<i>3,594</i>	<i>731</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>22,098</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	3	43	130	159	81	17	1	434
Iran	4	30	92	91	47	11	—	275
Israel	1	13	37	36	14	5	—	106
Lebanon	105	801	938	678	318	67	3	2,910
Syria	11	70	83	80	26	1	—	271
Turkey	27	256	341	188	58	8	6	884
Other	13	117	200	186	93	16	—	625
<i>Total</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>1,330</i>	<i>1,821</i>	<i>1,418</i>	<i>637</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5,505</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	22	180	257	171	93	22	4	749
Indonesia	15	105	268	257	123	24	—	792
Laos	11	57	86	74	38	8	—	274
Malaysia	11	81	329	490	289	65	—	1,265
Philippines	63	294	709	907	592	132	2	2,699
Singapore	4	68	106	157	100	16	—	451
Thailand	8	51	110	138	76	11	—	394
Viet Nam	108	914	1,418	1,211	753	183	26	4,613
Other	1	8	43	69	51	2	—	174
<i>Total</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>1,758</i>	<i>3,326</i>	<i>3,474</i>	<i>2,115</i>	<i>463</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>11,411</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	3	119	620	1,308	617	112	—	2,779
Hong Kong	3	28	184	592	296	36	—	1,139
Japan	—	20	126	218	81	11	1	457
Korea	1	26	182	152	62	9	—	432
Other	1	18	70	89	39	11	—	228
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>1,182</i>	<i>2,359</i>	<i>1,095</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5,035</i>

13 CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1995 —continued

Birthplace of mother	Age group (years)							Total
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	
SOUTHERN ASIA—								
India	5	133	490	511	169	19	1	1,328
Pakistan	—	32	59	75	23	3	—	192
Sri Lanka	4	40	226	380	155	33	1	839
Other	6	87	117	80	30	5	—	325
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>292</i>	<i>892</i>	<i>1,046</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2,684</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	3	33	57	61	19	9	—	182
Canada	5	43	152	199	110	12	—	521
Caribbean	—	6	12	17	11	—	—	46
Central America	23	57	71	54	29	1	1	236
Chile	14	71	185	128	67	9	—	474
United States of America	9	81	238	365	196	46	—	935
Uruguay	3	34	74	45	12	3	—	171
Other	2	39	73	121	57	6	—	298
<i>Total</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>862</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>501</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2,863</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	—	6	32	49	21	5	—	113
Mauritius	6	25	95	114	50	12	—	302
South Africa	19	85	218	271	114	26	—	733
Zimbabwe	3	23	48	57	35	4	—	170
Other	8	96	197	184	78	14	2	579
<i>Total</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>590</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1,897</i>
Other and not stated	11	29	19	19	8	1	93	180
Total	12,547	46,810	82,494	76,181	29,585	4,882	209	252,708

14 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Previous births of the current marriage							Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated	
1975	81,543	73,457	33,036	11,652	3,979	3,572	28	207,267
1980	78,680	66,247	34,167	11,084	3,207	2,063	44	195,492
1985	82,860	73,114	34,774	11,246	2,867	1,877	—	206,739
1990	84,228	68,301	34,026	11,179	3,089	1,761	1	202,585
1991	81,179	67,055	32,231	10,300	2,811	1,680	2	195,258
1992	80,821	69,467	32,644	10,522	2,843	1,702	3	198,002
1993	77,718	68,389	31,801	10,145	2,731	1,733	1	192,518
1994	77,166	67,123	31,118	9,598	2,500	1,655	—	189,160
1995	75,606	66,175	30,252	9,200	2,504	1,641	—	185,378

15 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Country of birth	Father born in country shown and mother born in				Mother born in country shown and father born in			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	114,591	—	17,554	132,167	114,591	—	20,114	134,742
Fiji	146	513	78	737	157	513	139	809
New Zealand	2,234	1,136	672	4,042	2,081	1,136	667	3,884
Papua New Guinea	321	53	74	448	323	53	73	449
Other	138	588	151	877	105	588	114	807
<i>Total</i>	<i>117,430</i>	<i>2,290</i>	<i>18,529</i>	<i>138,271</i>	<i>117,257</i>	<i>2,290</i>	<i>21,107</i>	<i>140,691</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	76	14	30	120	58	14	24	97
Former Czechoslovakia	42	44	40	126	28	44	23	95
Cyprus	138	119	65	322	73	119	45	237
Denmark	62	15	35	112	66	15	20	101
Former USSR & Baltic States	33	185	24	242	37	185	56	278
Former Yugoslav Republics	799	1,272	209	2,280	403	1,272	150	1,825
France	139	27	71	237	112	27	75	214
Germany	438	80	187	705	335	80	165	580
Greece	673	223	128	1,024	284	223	69	576
Hungary	34	37	26	97	21	37	10	68
Ireland	289	204	162	655	238	204	107	549
Italy	1,174	252	234	1,661	564	252	159	975
Malta	262	78	63	403	116	78	48	242
Netherlands	382	36	116	534	227	36	70	333
Poland	59	299	51	409	90	299	44	433
Portugal	88	123	45	256	44	123	30	197
Romania	36	138	30	204	7	138	19	164
Spain	106	23	58	187	84	23	48	155
Switzerland	74	33	40	147	79	33	38	150
United Kingdom	7,842	2,717	1,413	11,972	6,827	2,717	1,167	10,711
Other	157	58	82	297	184	58	76	318
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,903</i>	<i>5,977</i>	<i>3,109</i>	<i>21,990</i>	<i>9,877</i>	<i>5,977</i>	<i>2,443</i>	<i>18,298</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	145	314	106	565	66	314	46	426
Iran	36	229	68	333	17	229	21	267
Israel	57	32	52	141	37	32	34	103
Lebanon	691	2,339	240	3,271	268	2,339	231	2,839
Syria	55	131	116	302	12	131	123	266
Turkey	139	748	66	953	61	748	49	858
Other	130	364	229	723	60	364	182	606
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,253</i>	<i>4,157</i>	<i>877</i>	<i>6,288</i>	<i>521</i>	<i>4,157</i>	<i>686</i>	<i>5,365</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	6	455	106	568	15	455	131	602
Indonesia	120	441	100	661	123	441	169	733
Laos	6	181	51	238	2	181	28	211
Malaysia	261	475	291	1,027	414	475	299	1,188
Philippines	84	925	39	1,048	973	925	484	2,383
Singapore	123	95	107	325	152	95	149	396
Thailand	16	49	21	86	154	49	122	325
Viet Nam	41	3,317	376	3,734	63	3,317	270	3,650
Other	33	63	46	142	39	63	56	158
<i>Total</i>	<i>690</i>	<i>6,001</i>	<i>1,137</i>	<i>7,829</i>	<i>1,935</i>	<i>6,001</i>	<i>1,708</i>	<i>9,646</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	50	1,744	332	2,126	169	1,744	578	2,491
Hong Kong	81	780	299	1,160	79	780	245	1,104
Japan	25	176	16	217	150	176	109	435
Korea	6	346	23	375	32	346	37	415
Other	5	122	52	179	28	122	72	222
<i>Total</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>3,168</i>	<i>722</i>	<i>4,057</i>	<i>458</i>	<i>3,168</i>	<i>1,041</i>	<i>4,667</i>

15 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1995—*continued*

Country of birth	Father born in country shown and mother born in			Mother born in country shown and father born in				
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)
SOUTHERN ASIA—								
India	242	918	189	1,349	197	918	170	1,285
Pakistan	44	143	63	250	20	143	25	188
Sri Lanka	131	662	87	880	102	662	52	816
Other	23	282	26	331	11	282	19	313
<i>Total</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>2,005</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>2,810</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>2,005</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>2,602</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	53	46	45	144	61	46	43	150
Canada	274	34	87	395	332	34	82	449
Caribbean	45	2	20	67	20	2	19	41
Central America	28	134	35	197	19	134	33	186
Chile	94	217	70	381	73	217	104	394
United States of America	514	160	169	843	510	160	170	840
Uruguay	57	43	48	148	48	43	45	136
Other	61	90	60	211	84	90	91	265
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,126</i>	<i>726</i>	<i>534</i>	<i>2,386</i>	<i>1,147</i>	<i>726</i>	<i>587</i>	<i>2,461</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	58	16	41	115	54	16	31	101
Mauritius	94	107	62	263	88	107	65	260
South Africa	270	226	128	624	273	226	131	630
Zimbabwe	91	22	44	157	64	22	56	142
Other	181	216	145	542	139	216	130	485
<i>Total</i>	<i>694</i>	<i>587</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>1,701</i>	<i>618</i>	<i>587</i>	<i>413</i>	<i>1,618</i>
Other and not stated	39	1	6	46	24	1	5	30
Total	134,742	24,912	25,699	185,378	132,167	24,912	28,256	185,378

(a) Includes not stated.

16 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Age (years)	Previous births of the current marriage							Total confinements	Total births (a)	Average births (a)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated			
15 and under	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1.5
16	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	17	1.0
17	55	9	1	—	—	—	—	65	76	1.2
18	251	45	4	—	—	—	—	300	354	1.2
19	715	195	9	—	1	—	—	920	1,145	1.2
20	1,174	474	50	4	—	—	—	1,702	2,299	1.4
21	1,743	892	167	20	—	—	—	2,822	4,133	1.5
22	2,587	1,379	330	52	5	1	—	4,354	6,614	1.5
23	3,675	2,176	577	105	7	3	—	6,543	10,303	1.6
24	4,755	2,632	848	176	19	8	—	8,438	13,509	1.6
25	5,740	3,320	1,091	233	31	7	—	10,422	16,906	1.6
26	6,359	4,122	1,413	325	55	24	—	12,298	20,710	1.7
27	6,735	4,696	1,699	411	76	30	—	13,647	23,608	1.7
28	6,561	5,418	2,002	498	116	58	—	14,653	26,542	1.8
29	6,294	5,743	2,350	581	157	63	—	15,188	28,573	1.9
30	5,731	5,879	2,652	698	159	63	—	15,182	29,681	2.0
31	5,094	5,649	2,832	841	192	74	—	14,682	29,931	2.0
32	4,342	5,274	2,818	863	241	101	—	13,639	28,902	2.1
33	3,357	4,573	2,693	851	242	145	—	11,861	26,321	2.2
34	2,772	3,743	2,424	770	229	127	—	10,065	22,764	2.3
35	2,180	2,927	1,931	703	207	138	—	8,086	18,734	2.3
36	1,609	2,209	1,452	592	189	135	—	6,186	14,740	2.4
37	1,235	1,658	1,028	455	156	131	—	4,663	11,216	2.4
38	868	1,147	739	366	126	136	—	3,382	8,492	2.5
39	647	783	450	260	85	126	—	2,351	5,951	2.5
40	438	534	306	153	78	76	—	1,585	3,996	2.5
41	279	332	183	93	54	69	—	1,010	2,640	2.6
42	178	186	101	65	40	58	—	628	1,724	2.7
43	114	93	59	43	17	36	—	362	1,001	2.8
44	35	44	23	22	10	12	—	146	419	2.9
45	30	5	8	9	5	8	—	65	185	2.8
46	10	10	2	5	2	8	—	37	125	3.4
47	1	2	1	2	1	2	—	9	35	3.9
48	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	6	2.0
49	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	11	3.7
50 and over	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	1.3
Not stated	19	24	8	3	4	1	—	59	129	2.2
Total	75,606	66,175	30,252	9,200	2,504	1,641	—	185,378	361,799	2.0

(a) Excludes previous births not stated.

17 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Duration of current marriage (years)												Not stated	Total
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-14	15 and over		
1975	20,980	23,327	26,657	28,089	25,725	20,990	16,326	11,835	8,762	6,389	13,519	4,312	446	207,267
1980	18,963	20,479	20,983	22,040	21,115	19,872	17,682	14,377	11,225	8,497	16,642	3,300	317	195,492
1985	19,096	23,097	23,908	24,581	22,314	19,030	15,522	13,085	10,990	9,071	21,725	4,148	172	206,739
1990	20,058	23,511	23,401	22,666	21,001	18,807	16,225	13,283	10,898	8,273	19,484	4,944	34	202,585
1991	19,180	22,724	22,573	22,111	19,952	18,113	15,786	12,917	10,378	8,125	18,633	4,738	28	195,258
1992	18,781	22,934	23,101	22,557	21,039	18,000	15,657	13,092	10,661	8,410	18,861	4,848	61	198,002
1993	17,946	22,126	21,949	22,410	20,630	18,166	14,793	12,819	10,350	7,983	18,647	4,612	1	192,518
1994	16,658	22,211	21,932	21,763	20,252	17,935	15,207	12,424	9,928	7,994	18,278	4,578	—	189,160
1995	16,112	21,772	21,765	21,226	19,459	17,623	15,109	12,463	9,775	7,658	18,118	4,298	—	185,378

18 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Duration of current marriage (years)	Previous births of the current marriage							Total confinements	Total births (a)	Average births (a)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated			
Under 1	13,342	2,209	437	90	23	11	—	16,112	19,796	1.2
1	17,405	3,647	564	130	18	8	—	21,772	27,316	1.3
2	13,113	7,518	943	143	33	15	—	21,765	32,104	1.5
3	9,556	9,902	1,539	193	26	10	—	21,226	35,237	1.7
4	6,740	9,788	2,547	338	35	11	—	19,459	35,880	1.8
5	5,100	8,685	3,259	499	58	22	—	17,623	34,965	2.0
6	3,437	6,948	3,818	763	119	24	—	15,109	32,817	2.2
7	2,268	5,263	3,764	975	153	40	—	12,463	29,192	2.3
8	1,502	3,879	3,198	931	207	58	—	9,775	24,114	2.5
9	994	2,706	2,686	929	244	99	—	7,658	20,166	2.6
10-14	1,853	4,970	6,367	3,283	1,031	614	—	18,118	53,496	3.0
15 and over	296	660	1,130	926	557	729	—	4,298	16,716	3.9
Total	75,606	66,175	30,252	9,200	2,504	1,641	—	185,378	361,799	2.0

(a) Excludes previous births not stated.

19 NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Duration of current marriage (years)									Median duration (years)
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10 and over	Not stated	Total	
1975	20,063	19,240	14,808	11,177	7,199	8,326	585	145	81,543	2.1
1980	17,634	16,779	12,440	10,049	7,515	13,208	983	72	78,680	2.4
1985	17,140	18,913	13,996	10,617	7,404	12,649	1,997	144	82,860	2.4
1990	18,085	19,232	13,904	10,097	7,296	13,375	2,229	10	84,228	2.3
1991	17,190	18,602	13,488	9,771	6,800	13,167	2,154	7	81,179	2.4
1992	16,175	18,406	13,459	9,959	7,261	13,314	2,205	42	80,821	2.4
1993	15,234	17,613	12,946	9,897	7,043	12,867	2,090	1	77,718	2.5
1994	13,740	17,794	13,402	9,753	7,127	13,108	2,242	—	77,166	2.5
1995	13,342	17,405	13,113	9,556	6,740	13,301	2,149	—	75,606	2.5

20 NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Age of mother (years)							Total	Median age
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated		
1975	11,730	36,730	25,424	5,932	1,444	279	4	81,543	24.0
1980	6,550	31,307	29,200	9,396	1,942	279	6	78,680	25.2
1985	3,628	27,747	34,457	13,204	3,372	447	5	82,860	26.3
1990	2,418	20,158	37,181	18,646	5,023	795	7	84,228	27.6
1991	2,097	19,005	34,827	19,076	5,334	834	6	81,179	27.8
1992	1,765	17,927	34,377	20,057	5,749	919	27	80,821	28.0
1993	1,343	16,207	32,850	20,574	5,772	956	1	77,718	28.3
1994	1,133	15,351	32,143	21,266	6,248	1,003	22	77,166	28.5
1995	1,039	13,934	31,689	21,296	6,539	1,090	—	75,606	28.6

21 NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF MOTHER AND DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1995

<i>Duration of current marriage</i>	<i>Age of mother (years)</i>						<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>19 and under</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40 and over</i>		
Under 7 months	517	2,115	1,716	1,188	549	105	1	6,191
7 months	61	344	365	223	129	18	—	1,140
8 months	36	304	354	220	78	18	—	1,010
9 months	60	450	554	365	146	20	—	1,595
10 months	54	486	617	383	136	15	—	1,691
11 months	54	536	600	357	143	25	—	1,715
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>782</i>	<i>4,235</i>	<i>4,206</i>	<i>2,736</i>	<i>1,181</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13,342</i>
1 year	231	4,840	6,771	4,072	1,288	199	4	17,405
2 years	19	2,780	6,073	3,191	893	153	4	13,113
3 years	4	1,300	5,024	2,506	609	112	1	9,556
4 years	1	513	3,729	1,967	453	75	2	6,740
5-9 years	2	265	5,823	5,726	1,291	192	2	13,301
10-14 years	—	1	63	1,074	634	78	3	1,853
15 years and over	—	—	—	24	190	80	2	296
Total	1,039	13,934	31,689	21,296	6,539	1,090	19	75,606

YEAR OF REGISTRATION — STATE AND TERRITORY DATA

Out of the total 256,000 births registered in 1995, 88,000, or 34% were registered in New South Wales, 24% were registered in Victoria and a little over 18% were registered in Queensland. The three biggest States therefore accounted for over three-quarters of births registered in 1995. These proportions broadly reflect the distribution of the female population in the reproductive ages.

At the national level, the number of births registered grew by 10% between 1975 (233,000) and 1995, but the States and Territories experienced different rates of growth. The number of births registered grew faster in the Northern Territory (65.5%), Queensland (28.0%) and Western Australia (23.4%) than in New South Wales (8.2%) and the Australian Capital Territory (5.7%). The number of births registered hardly grew at all in Victoria (61,778 in 1975 and 62,591 in 1995), and the number declined in South Australia (by 2.8%) and in Tasmania (by 6.3%).

In 1995, the crude birth rate was 21.7 for the Northern Territory and between 13.1 and 14.5 for the remaining States and the Australian Capital Territory. South Australia had the lowest crude birth rate (13.1) followed by Victoria and Tasmania (13.9), Queensland (14.2) and New South Wales (14.4). The high crude birth rate in the Northern Territory is attributable to its large proportion of Indigenous people who have high fertility, and to its young population age structure.

SEX RATIO AT BIRTH

The sex ratio at birth (the number of male births per 100 female births) was 105.3 at the national level. It varied between 104.5 in New South Wales and 108.5 in the Northern Territory. The sex ratio at birth for population groups does not change substantially, and over the 20 year period 1975-95, the sex ratio at birth for the States and Territories fluctuated around the same numbers. Small numbers of births can, however, lead to wide yearly fluctuations in the sex ratio as appears to be the case for Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

FERTILITY

The total fertility rate in 1995 varied substantially between the States and Territories, from 1.8 births per woman for Victoria and South Australia to 2.4 for the Northern Territory. Not only did the Northern Territory have the highest total fertility rate, but also that rate increased marginally between 1985 and 1995 when the rates for all States and the Australian Capital Territory declined. However, between 1975 and 1985, the total fertility rate declined in all States and Territories.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATE(a)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
1985	2.01	1.83	1.95	1.78	1.94	2.01	2.32	1.80	1.93
1995	1.87	1.76	1.82	1.75	1.86	1.91	2.43	1.69	1.82

(a) Per woman.

Age

For all States and Territories except the Northern Territory, the largest contribution to the total fertility rate in 1995 was made by women aged 25–29 years, followed by women aged 30–34 years and then by women aged 20–24 years. In the Northern Territory, the age group of peak fertility was 20–24 years, followed by 25–29 years.

The Northern Territory has a much younger fertility age structure, with women aged less than 25 years contributing almost 45% to the total fertility rate, compared to contributions of between 18% and 28% for the States and the Australian Capital Territory. The age-specific birth rate for 15–19 year old women was three to four times as high in the Northern Territory as it was in the States and the Australian Capital Territory, and the age-specific birth rate for women aged 20–24 years in the Northern Territory was one and a half to two times higher than rates for the States and the Australian Capital Territory.

CONTRIBUTION OF AGE GROUPS TO THE TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
19 and under	5.4	3.9	6.9	5.0	6.6	6.5	18.1	4.3
20–24	18.6	15.4	20.5	17.2	19.3	22.0	26.6	14.8
25–29	33.0	33.8	33.4	34.1	33.5	34.7	25.5	34.0
30–34	28.8	31.9	27.0	29.7	28.2	25.8	19.7	31.6
35–39	12.0	12.8	10.4	11.7	10.7	9.4	8.5	13.3
40 and over	2.2	2.2	1.8	2.3	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1

CONFINEMENTS

The peak age group for confinements in all States and Territories in 1995 was 25–29 years. This group accounted for between 29% (Northern Territory) and 33% (South Australia) of all confinements. The second most common age group, accounting for between 28% (Tasmania) and 33% (Queensland) of all confinements was 30–34 years. In the Northern Territory, 26% of confinements were to women aged 20–24 years and 22% to women aged 30–34 years.

CONTRIBUTION OF AGE GROUPS TO TOTAL CONFINEMENTS

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
19 and under	4.7	3.4	6.4	4.3	6.0	6.3	13.9	3.9
20–24	18.7	15.5	21.5	16.7	19.5	21.3	26.1	17.8
25–29	32.2	33.6	32.5	33.2	32.5	32.8	28.8	32.8
30–34	30.2	32.7	27.7	31.3	29.3	27.8	21.5	31.0
35–39	12.1	12.7	10.3	12.2	11.0	10.2	8.3	12.6
40 and over	2.1	2.1	1.6	2.3	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

About 27% of all births registered in Australia in 1995 were ex-nuptial. More than one half (57%) of the births registered in the Northern Territory were ex-nuptial, compared to proportions of between 22% for Victoria and 33% for Tasmania. New South Wales, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory recorded proportions below the national average while the remaining States recorded proportions above the national average.

The proportion of all births that are ex-nuptial has increased considerably since 1975 when the national average was 10%, the proportion for the Northern Territory was 22% and those for the States and the Australian Capital Territory ranged between 6% (for the Australian Capital Territory) and 14% (for Queensland). The increase in the proportion of ex-nuptial births is associated with the increase, over the same period, in the incidence of de facto marriages.

Most ex-nuptial births are paternity-acknowledged, with the proportion increasing consistently over the years. With the exception of the Northern Territory, the proportion of paternity-acknowledged ex-nuptial births increased in all States and Territories by between 10 and 20 percentage points between 1985 and 1995. In the Northern Territory, the proportion of ex-nuptial births that were paternity-acknowledged declined between 1985 and 1995.

NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL FERTILITY

The variation in the total fertility rates between the States and Territories is attributable, to a very large extent, to variations in the ex-nuptial fertility rates. The total nuptial birth rates varied by 0.410, while the total ex-nuptial fertility rates varied by 1.062. Even excluding the Northern Territory which has the highest total fertility rate and the highest ex-nuptial fertility rate, the total nuptial fertility rates varied by 0.135 compared to 0.256 for the total ex-nuptial fertility rates. Much of the variation in the ex-nuptial fertility rates between the States and Territories occurs at ages below 30 years.

COMPONENTS OF THE TOTAL FERTILITY RATE, By Nuptiality

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Nuptial birth rate</i>	<i>Ex-nuptial birth rate</i>	<i>Total fertility rate</i>
New South Wales	1.391	0.476	1.867
Victoria	1.367	0.391	1.758
Queensland	1.258	0.562	1.820
South Australia	1.256	0.493	1.750
Western Australia	1.298	0.561	1.859
Tasmania	1.262	0.647	1.909
Northern Territory	0.981	1.453	2.433
Australian Capital Territory	1.269	0.423	1.692
Australia	1.331	0.493	1.824

Data on fertility by birth order are available for South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory. These show that variations in the ex-nuptial first birth rates are strongly related to variations in the total fertility rates. The higher total fertility rate of Tasmania relative to the other States and the Australian Capital Territory is associated with the higher ex-nuptial birth rate of Tasmania, especially for first births among women aged less than 30 years.

22 BIRTHS: NUMBER REGISTERED, SEX, STATES AND TERRITORIES

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
MALES										
1975	41,769	31,865	18,615	10,148	10,477	3,624	1,196	2,147	..	119,850
1980	41,159	29,771	18,077	9,420	10,542	3,495	1,340	2,144	..	115,948
1985	45,058	31,497	20,843	10,147	11,775	3,661	1,688	2,144	..	126,813
1990	46,752	34,357	23,082	10,170	13,082	3,620	1,798	2,333	..	135,194
1991	44,942	33,636	22,564	10,175	12,959	3,454	1,799	2,436	..	131,965
1992	47,710	33,691	23,600	9,957	12,879	3,595	1,913	2,256	..	135,601
1993	45,906	32,793	24,055	10,232	12,925	3,523	1,884	2,234	20	133,572
1994	45,187	32,904	24,148	9,951	12,867	3,497	1,818	2,232	21	132,625
1995	44,884	32,108	23,863	9,977	12,942	3,390	1,960	2,291	17	131,432
FEMALES										
1975	39,403	29,913	17,713	9,735	9,888	3,390	1,079	2,031	..	113,162
1980	38,642	28,251	16,924	9,010	10,110	3,281	1,262	2,099	..	109,579
1985	42,728	30,058	19,594	9,643	11,334	3,588	1,627	1,963	..	120,535
1990	43,782	32,613	21,786	9,693	12,274	3,423	1,759	2,124	..	127,454
1991	42,425	31,802	21,596	9,465	12,458	3,416	1,800	2,320	..	125,282
1992	44,875	32,075	22,640	9,354	12,194	3,392	1,829	2,191	..	128,550
1993	43,448	31,256	22,723	9,846	12,156	3,312	1,719	2,180	17	126,657
1994	42,790	31,070	22,430	9,458	12,271	3,347	1,808	2,229	23	125,426
1995	42,965	30,483	22,621	9,359	12,197	3,180	1,806	2,124	23	124,758
PERSONS										
1975	81,172	61,778	36,328	19,883	20,365	7,014	2,275	4,178	..	233,012
1980	79,801	58,022	35,001	18,430	20,652	6,776	2,602	4,243	..	225,527
1985	87,786	61,555	40,437	19,790	23,109	7,249	3,315	4,107	..	247,348
1990	90,534	66,970	44,868	19,863	25,356	7,043	3,557	4,457	..	262,648
1991	87,367	65,438	44,160	19,640	25,417	6,870	3,599	4,756	..	257,247
1992	92,585	65,766	46,240	19,311	25,073	6,987	3,742	4,447	..	264,151
1993	89,354	64,049	46,778	20,078	25,081	6,835	3,603	4,414	37	260,229
1994	87,977	63,974	46,578	19,409	25,138	6,844	3,626	4,461	44	258,051
1995	87,849	62,591	46,484	19,336	25,139	6,570	3,766	4,415	40	256,190

23 CRUDE BIRTH RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1975	16.5	16.3	17.7	15.7	17.6	17.1	24.7	21.0	..	16.8
1980	15.4	14.8	15.4	14.1	16.3	16.0	21.9	18.9	..	15.3
1985	15.2	14.9	15.9	14.5	16.4	16.4	23.0	16.2	..	15.4
1990	15.5	15.3	15.5	13.9	15.7	15.3	21.8	15.8	..	15.4
1991	14.8	14.8	14.9	13.6	15.5	14.7	21.7	16.5	..	14.9
1992	15.5	14.8	15.2	13.3	15.1	14.9	22.4	15.1	..	15.1
1993	14.9	14.3	15.0	13.7	15.0	14.5	21.2	14.8	na	14.7
1994	14.5	14.3	14.6	13.2	14.8	14.5	21.2	14.8	na	14.5
1995	14.4	13.9	14.2	13.1	14.5	13.9	21.7	14.5	na	14.2

24 BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1995

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
MALES										
19 and under	2,097	1,063	1,556	435	776	205	283	91	1	6,507
20-24	8,319	4,945	5,070	1,675	2,602	731	508	391	1	24,242
25-29	14,496	10,774	7,697	3,261	4,200	1,102	564	711	6	42,811
30-34	13,657	10,467	6,705	3,148	3,748	930	413	737	7	39,812
35-39	5,379	4,146	2,445	1,231	1,401	372	157	284	2	15,417
40 and over	933	654	389	223	215	50	34	39	—	2,537
Not stated	3	59	1	4	—	—	1	38	—	106
Total	44,884	32,108	23,863	9,977	12,942	3,390	1,960	2,291	17	131,432
FEMALES										
19 and under	2,032	1,040	1,408	393	728	206	236	80	1	6,124
20-24	8,090	4,732	4,855	1,532	2,284	666	468	377	1	23,005
25-29	13,758	10,174	7,413	3,162	3,972	1,049	522	713	11	40,774
30-34	12,966	10,026	6,196	2,900	3,617	904	403	606	7	37,625
35-39	5,248	3,829	2,359	1,155	1,389	298	155	264	3	14,700
40 and over	870	630	385	214	207	57	17	44	—	2,424
Not stated	1	52	5	3	—	—	5	40	—	106
Total	42,965	30,483	22,621	9,359	12,197	3,180	1,806	2,124	23	124,758
PERSONS										
19 and under	4,129	2,103	2,964	828	1,504	411	519	171	2	12,631
20-24	16,409	9,677	9,925	3,207	4,886	1,397	976	768	2	47,247
25-29	28,254	20,948	15,110	6,423	8,172	2,151	1,086	1,424	17	83,585
30-34	26,623	20,493	12,901	6,048	7,365	1,834	816	1,343	14	77,437
35-39	10,627	7,975	4,804	2,386	2,790	670	312	548	5	30,117
40 and over	1,803	1,284	774	437	422	107	51	83	—	4,961
Not stated	4	111	6	7	—	—	6	78	—	212
Total births	87,849	62,591	46,484	19,336	25,139	6,570	3,766	4,415	40	256,190
CONFINEMENTS (a)										
19 and under	4,104	2,086	2,945	824	1,494	407	516	169	2	12,547
20-24	16,253	9,581	9,845	3,175	4,844	1,382	966	762	2	46,810
25-29	27,902	20,661	14,912	6,332	8,068	2,129	1,068	1,405	17	82,494
30-34	26,203	20,138	12,698	5,953	7,251	1,800	797	1,327	14	76,181
35-39	10,449	7,840	4,732	2,333	2,722	658	308	538	5	29,585
40 and over	1,776	1,268	760	429	412	104	51	82	—	4,882
Not stated	4	111	6	7	—	—	5	76	—	209
Total confinements	86,691	61,685	45,898	19,053	24,791	6,480	3,711	4,359	40	252,708

(a) Resulting in one or more births.

25 BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS(a): NUPTIALITY AND PLURALITY, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1995

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
BIRTHS										
<i>Nuptial —</i>										
Single	64,102	47,484	31,302	13,589	17,130	4,258	1,553	3,191	31	182,640
Twins	1,770	1,411	861	440	508	114	54	89	—	5,247
Triplets and higher order	67	67	66	12	26	9	6	—	—	253
<i>Total</i>	<i>65,939</i>	<i>48,962</i>	<i>32,229</i>	<i>14,041</i>	<i>17,664</i>	<i>4,381</i>	<i>1,613</i>	<i>3,280</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>188,140</i>
<i>Ex-nuptial —</i>										
Single	21,438	13,299	14,017	5,180	7,317	2,135	2,106	1,108	9	66,609
Twins	460	318	232	115	152	54	44	27	—	1,402
Triplets and higher order	12	12	6	—	6	—	3	—	—	39
<i>Total</i>	<i>21,910</i>	<i>13,629</i>	<i>14,255</i>	<i>5,295</i>	<i>7,475</i>	<i>2,189</i>	<i>2,153</i>	<i>1,135</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>68,050</i>
Total births	87,849	62,591	46,484	19,336	25,139	6,570	3,766	4,415	40	256,190
CONFINEMENTS (b)										
<i>Nuptial —</i>										
Single	64,102	47,484	31,302	13,589	17,130	4,258	1,553	3,191	31	182,640
Twins	890	715	437	222	257	57	27	46	—	2,651
Triplets and higher order	24	23	22	4	9	3	2	—	—	87
<i>Total</i>	<i>65,016</i>	<i>48,222</i>	<i>31,761</i>	<i>13,815</i>	<i>17,396</i>	<i>4,318</i>	<i>1,582</i>	<i>3,237</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>185,378</i>
<i>Ex-nuptial —</i>										
Single	21,438	13,299	14,017	5,180	7,317	2,135	2,106	1,108	9	66,609
Twins	233	160	118	58	76	27	22	14	—	708
Triplets and higher order	4	4	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	13
<i>Total</i>	<i>21,675</i>	<i>13,463</i>	<i>14,137</i>	<i>5,238</i>	<i>7,395</i>	<i>2,162</i>	<i>2,129</i>	<i>1,122</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>67,330</i>
Total confinements	86,691	61,685	45,898	19,053	24,791	6,480	3,711	4,359	40	252,708

(a) The apparent discrepancy between the number of births occurring in multiple confinements and the number of births which can be expected to arise from such confinements is due to the exclusion of fetal deaths. (b) Resulting in one or more births.

26 EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS: TOTAL NUMBER AND NUMBER WHERE PATERNITY WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, STATES AND TERRITORIES

Selected years	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS										
1975	8,319	4,398	5,013	1,933	2,530	768	502	240	..	23,705
1980	10,086	5,291	5,457	2,302	2,856	960	779	345	..	28,076
1985	13,712	7,098	7,536	2,865	3,886	1,176	1,518	484	..	38,275
1990	19,254	11,750	11,397	4,537	5,977	1,761	1,880	851	..	57,407
1991	19,427	12,221	11,662	4,763	6,422	1,893	1,913	922	..	59,223
1992	21,412	12,591	12,897	4,834	6,673	1,984	2,068	909	..	63,368
1993	21,351	12,629	13,644	5,096	6,991	2,155	1,992	1,010	6	64,874
1994	21,548	13,114	13,851	5,148	7,220	2,119	2,043	1,042	7	66,092
1995	21,910	13,629	14,255	5,295	7,475	2,189	2,153	1,135	9	68,050
PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGED EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS(a)										
1980	6,293	2,898	2,842	1,380	1,509	485	535	223	..	16,165
1985	10,008	4,587	4,843	2,015	2,478	784	1,056	350	..	26,121
1990	15,150	9,406	8,222	3,591	4,598	1,413	1,237	640	..	44,257
1991	15,709	10,043	8,894	3,845	5,094	1,531	1,264	684	..	47,064
1992	17,494	10,372	10,353	3,980	5,348	1,660	1,365	777	..	51,349
1993	17,504	10,514	11,036	4,227	5,713	1,854	1,279	886	3	53,016
1994	17,777	11,034	11,228	4,328	5,951	1,808	1,347	855	5	54,333
1995	18,359	11,527	11,769	4,516	6,304	1,896	1,384	925	8	56,688

(a) Ex-nuptial births where the fathers particulars have been legally recorded.

27 BIRTHS: STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, AUSTRALIA, 1995

<i>State or Territory of usual residence of mother</i>	<i>State or Territory of registration</i>								<i>Australia</i>
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	
New South Wales	86,312	571	355	46	25	2	4	534	87,849
Victoria	204	62,247	41	71	10	5	6	7	62,591
Queensland	598	57	45,794	12	10	6	4	3	46,484
South Australia	19	35	11	19,199	11	1	56	4	19,336
Western Australia	24	25	16	18	25,014	5	37	—	25,139
Tasmania	5	20	4	2	1	6,538	—	—	6,570
Northern Territory	18	5	39	46	34	1	3,622	1	3,766
Australian Capital Territory	93	6	7	—	1	—	—	4,308	4,415
Other Territories	19	—	2	1	16	—	—	2	40
Australia	87,292	62,966	46,269	19,395	25,122	6,558	3,729	4,859	256,190

28 BIRTHS: NUMBER REGISTERED, YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a), 1995

<i>Year of occurrence</i>	<i>State or Territory of registration</i>								<i>Australia</i>
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.(b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	
Before 1985	446	148	11	50	38	10	2	—	705
1985	36	2	4	4	5	1	—	—	52
1986	37	5	8	1	5	1	—	—	57
1987	54	4	9	4	5	—	—	—	76
1988	69	11	15	6	8	1	—	—	110
1989	163	13	27	5	17	3	—	—	228
1990	221	21	50	7	42	8	1	—	350
1991	229	22	48	11	27	7	1	—	345
1992	314	23	79	10	30	9	1	—	466
1993	476	28	150	21	91	22	2	—	790
1994	9,214	5,118	4,631	1,459	2,185	555	351	457	23,970
1995	76,033	57,571	41,237	17,817	22,669	5,941	3,371	4,402	229,041
Total	87,292	62,966	46,269	19,395	25,122	6,558	3,729	4,859	256,190

(a) See Paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) See Paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.



YEAR OF OCCURRENCE

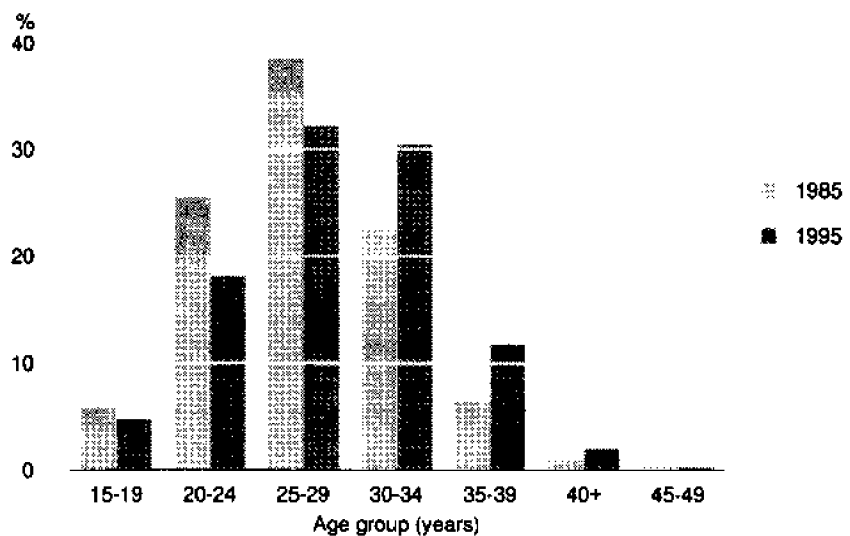
About 252,000 births occurred in Australia in 1995. This represents a 2.1% decline from the total number of births occurring in 1994 but a 3.6% increase over the number of births that occurred in 1985 (243,000). The number of births occurring each year has fluctuated, reaching a peak of 261,000 in 1992 and declining thereafter.

Because births occur throughout the year, a certain proportion of births that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered till the following year. Small numbers of births occurring in each calendar year are also not registered for several years. Based on data from previous years, it is estimated that about 11% of births that occurred in 1995 would not have been registered in 1995. Estimates based on births occurring in 1995 would therefore be lower than would be the case if all births had been registered. Caution should therefore be exercised in interpreting birth rates based on occurrence data.

Over 80% of all births in 1995 occurred to women in the 15-year age band from 20 years to 34 years. Women aged 25–29 years made the single largest contribution (32%) of any age group to the total number of births but the contribution of women aged 30–34 years was only marginally less. Older women, aged 35 years and over, accounted for about 14% of the total. In contrast, in 1985, younger women contributed more to the total number of births than older women. Women aged under 25 years contributed almost one-third of the total number of births in 1985 compared to just under a quarter in 1995. The contribution of women aged 35 years and over was just under 8% in 1985.

The distribution of births in 1995 points to a continuation of the shift in fertility from younger to older women.

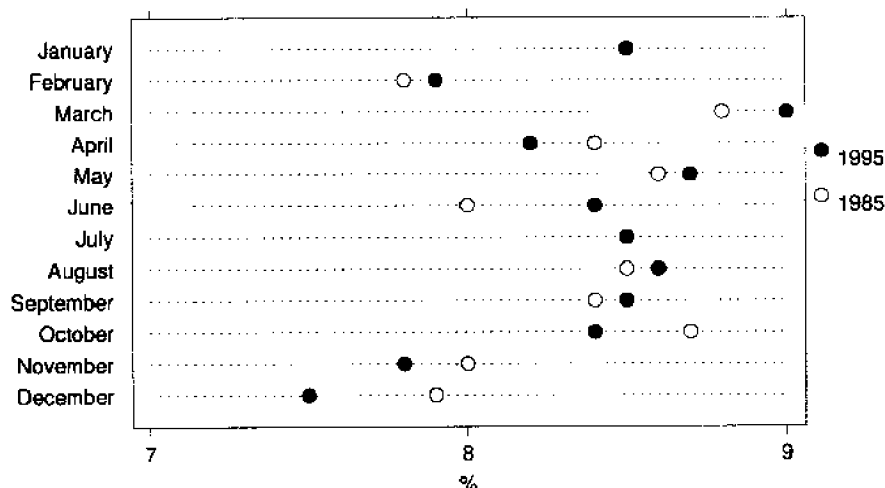
CONTRIBUTION OF AGE GROUPS TO BIRTHS



MONTHLY OCCURRENCE OF BIRTHS

The number of births that occur each year varies considerably from month to month, ranging between 19,000 and 23,000 births per month in 1995. March had the largest proportion of births (9.0%) and December the smallest (7.5%). March regularly has the highest proportion of births while the lowest proportion falls regularly between November and February.

PROPORTION OF BIRTHS OCCURRING EACH MONTH



FERTILITY

The total fertility rate based on births that occurred in 1995 was 1.8. Age-specific birth rates based on births occurring in 1995 had the same pattern as those based on births registered in 1995. The age group of peak fertility was 25–29 years, contributing 33% to the total fertility rate, followed by women aged 30–34 years, who contributed 29% and those aged 20–24 years who contributed 18%.

Consistent with fertility shifting towards older age groups, the contribution to the total fertility rate of women aged less than 25 years declined from 31% in 1985 to 23% in 1995, while that of women aged 30 years and over increased from 31% in 1985 to 43% in 1995.

29 BIRTHS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, AUSTRALIA (PRELIMINARY)

	<i>Age group (years)</i>						<i>Total(a)</i>
	<i>19 and under</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40 and over</i>	
1985	14,393	62,141	93,644	54,644	16,050	2,160	243,082
1990	14,853	52,789	96,493	70,500	22,849	3,464	261,038
1991	14,552	51,204	91,504	71,325	23,900	3,640	256,209
1992	13,769	52,238	90,248	75,276	25,742	4,046	261,406
1993	12,891	49,996	87,310	76,669	26,752	4,230	257,956
1994	12,737	48,799	85,100	77,223	28,807	4,550	257,371
1995	12,076	45,628	82,369	76,899	29,809	4,938	251,897

(a) Includes not stated.

30 BIRTHS: AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AGE GROUP OF MOTHER AND YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, (PRELIMINARY)

	<i>Age group (years)</i>							<i>Total fertility rate</i>
	<i>15-19(a)</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45-49(b)</i>	
1985	22.6	93.7	143.5	87.4	26.6	4.4	0.2	1.892
1990	21.7	78.8	136.5	101.5	34.8	5.4	0.2	1.895
1991	21.9	74.2	131.3	100.2	36.0	5.5	0.2	1.847
1992	21.3	73.9	131.0	103.9	38.1	6.0	0.3	1.873
1993	20.4	70.1	128.5	105.0	39.0	6.3	0.2	1.848
1994	20.5	68.4	125.6	105.2	41.4	6.7	0.3	1.840
1995	19.6	64.3	119.8	105.3	42.0	7.2	0.3	1.792

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

31 BIRTHS: YEAR AND MONTH OF OCCURRENCE, NUMBER AND PROPORTION, AUSTRALIA (PRELIMINARY)

<i>Month of occurrence</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
NUMBER							
January	20,612	21,124	21,538	21,811	21,321	21,549	21,353
February	18,911	20,114	19,892	21,103	20,007	20,087	19,987
March	21,354	22,770	22,228	22,518	22,650	23,263	22,684
April	20,324	21,594	21,759	21,697	21,462	21,000	20,632
May	20,971	22,225	22,043	22,195	21,811	21,704	21,995
June	19,448	21,589	21,129	21,641	21,604	20,816	21,121
July	20,547	22,165	21,785	22,625	21,894	21,592	21,451
August	20,750	22,519	21,815	21,795	21,609	21,819	21,724
September	20,453	22,270	21,445	22,441	22,179	22,165	21,372
October	21,050	22,975	21,897	22,451	21,894	21,878	21,132
November	19,367	20,887	19,798	20,313	20,214	20,421	19,552
December	19,295	20,806	20,880	20,816	21,311	21,077	18,894
Total	243,082	261,038	256,209	261,406	257,956	257,371	251,897
PROPORTION (per cent)							
January	8.5	8.1	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.5
February	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.1	7.8	7.8	7.9
March	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0
April	8.4	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2
May	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.7
June	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.1	8.4
July	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.5
August	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6
September	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5
October	8.7	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4
November	8.0	8.0	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8
December	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.2	7.5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

PREVIOUS BIRTHS

AVAILABILITY OF DATA

Data on all previous births of the mother are only available for South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory. The following analysis therefore relates only to these jurisdictions.

NUMBER OF PREVIOUS BIRTHS

In 1995, 19,100 women in South Australia, 24,800 in Western Australia, 6,500 in Tasmania and 4,400 in the Australian Capital Territory registered a birth. Including this birth and all previous births, the women had given birth to a total of 37,000, 48,000, 12,000 and 8,000 children, respectively, of which between 72% and 81% were born to women currently in registered marriages. The average number of children ever born to women registering a birth in 1995 were 1.9 in South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania and 1.8 in the Australian Capital Territory.

First births

Of all births registered in 1995 to women living in South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory between 42% and 49% were first births.

PROPORTION OF BIRTHS THAT WERE FIRST BIRTHS

State/Territory	<i>Nuptial births</i>	<i>Ex-nuptial births</i>	<i>All births</i>
	%	%	%
South Australia	37.7	53.3	42.0
Western Australia	36.9	60.5	43.9
Tasmania	38.6	64.1	46.9
Australian Capital Territory	40.2	73.4	48.7

The proportion of births that are first births is related to a number of demographic factors. Because the number of children ever born increases with age, the proportion of births that are first births is influenced by the age structure of the female population. The younger the age structure of the female population, the higher the proportion of first-time mothers.

In 1995, between 37% and 40% of all nuptial births in South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory were first births compared to between 53% and 73% of ex-nuptial births.

The first birth rate which measures the level of fertility for all first births varied much more markedly than the second birth rate. The first birth rate ranged between 746 per 1,000 women (South Australia) and 914 (Tasmania) compared to the second birth rate of between 526 per 1,000 women (Tasmania) and 580 (South Australia). The first birth rate contributed between 43% and 48% of the total fertility rate in the three States and the Australian Capital Territory, while the second birth rate contributed between 28% and 33% and the third birth rate between 13% and 16%.

The difference between the States and the Australian Capital Territory in the first birth rate is accounted for by differences between them in the first birth rates for women aged 20–24 years and to a lesser degree for women aged 25–29 and 15–19 years. For each age group, the differences between the States are much bigger for ex-nuptial than for nuptial first births and for the age group 20–24 years than for any other age group. Tasmania had the highest ex-nuptial first birth rates for women aged 15–19, 20–24 and 25–29 years and the Australian Capital Territory the highest for women aged 30–34 years.

On the whole, there is more variation between the three States and the Australian Capital Territory in the first birth rate, the order-specific birth rates for younger women (aged less than 25 years) and in the ex-nuptial birth rates than in either the nuptial birth rates for older women or the order-specific birth rates at higher orders. This pattern of variation is again related to the socio-economic and demographic factors which account for the observed large variations in age-specific birth rates among younger women.

FIRST ORDER AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES(a)

State/Territory	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	Total
All births					
South Australia	14.9	36.0	53.7	33.5	746.4
Western Australia	21.1	43.1	56.8	32.1	825.2
Tasmania	21.5	53.7	65.4	32.6	913.9
Australian Capital Territory	13.4	36.0	57.8	39.7	812.5
Nuptial births					
South Australia	1.0	14.9	43.2	28.1	479.0
Western Australia	1.6	18.6	43.2	25.2	483.3
Tasmania	0.7	21.1	47.4	24.6	496.1
Australian Capital Territory	1.0	15.6	44.1	30.1	503.1
Ex-nuptial births					
South Australia	13.9	21.0	10.5	5.4	267.4
Western Australia	19.5	24.5	13.6	6.9	341.8
Tasmania	20.9	32.6	18.0	8.0	417.8
Australian Capital Territory	12.4	20.4	13.6	9.6	309.3

(a) Per 1,000 women.

The median age at childbearing for all births registered in 1995 was between 28.1 years for Tasmania and 29.5 years for the Australian Capital Territory. It was lowest for Tasmania for both nuptial (29.1 years) and ex-nuptial births (24.4 years) and highest in South Australia for nuptial births (30.2 years) and in the Australian Capital Territory for ex-nuptial births (25.4 years).

The median age at childbearing is affected by when childbearing starts and when it ends as well as by the age pattern of fertility. It is also inversely related to fertility, that is, the higher the median age at childbearing the lower the fertility. Thus, Tasmania which had the highest fertility among the three States and the Australian Capital Territory also had the lowest median ages at childbearing.

32 ALL BIRTHS: AGE OF MOTHER, BIRTH ORDER OF ALL PREVIOUS BIRTHS

Order of birth	Age of mother							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA								
First	709	1,921	2,892	1,948	553	95	1	8,119
Second	101	936	2,234	2,251	813	119	—	6,454
Third	14	272	930	1,177	589	87	3	3,072
Fourth	3	60	269	484	275	66	3	1,160
Fifth and over	1	19	101	191	156	58	5	531
<i>Total</i>	<i>828</i>	<i>3,208</i>	<i>6,426</i>	<i>6,051</i>	<i>2,386</i>	<i>425</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>19,336</i>
WESTERN AUSTRALIA								
First	1 304	2 938	3 722	2 259	707	114	4	11 048
Second	172	1,371	2,697	2,619	843	101	2	7,805
Third	26	424	1,190	1,627	678	80	—	4,025
Fourth	1	117	393	568	308	49	4	1,440
Fifth and over	1	36	170	292	254	63	5	821
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,504</i>	<i>4,886</i>	<i>8,172</i>	<i>7,365</i>	<i>2,790</i>	<i>407</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>25,139</i>
TASMANIA								
First	355	888	1,064	602	155	18	1	3,083
Second	46	326	633	615	184	28	—	1,832
Third	10	142	294	393	161	19	—	1,019
Fourth	3	34	101	142	95	12	1	388
Fifth and over	1	7	59	82	75	26	2	252
<i>Total</i>	<i>415</i>	<i>1,397</i>	<i>2,151</i>	<i>1,834</i>	<i>670</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6,574</i>
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY								
First	160	562	728	508	165	27	1	2,151
Second	21	190	482	510	202	23	—	1,428
Third	1	34	177	242	99	12	—	565
Fourth	—	10	37	67	56	12	1	183
Fifth and over	—	1	18	28	33	8	—	88
<i>Total</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>797</i>	<i>1,442</i>	<i>1,355</i>	<i>555</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4,415</i>

33 ALL BIRTHS: AGE-ORDER-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

Order of birth	Order specific birth rate	Age-specific birth rates							Median age at childbearing
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
First	746.4	14.9	36.0	53.7	33.5	9.5	1.7	—	27.2
Second	580.1	2.1	17.5	41.5	38.7	14.0	2.2	—	29.6
Third	273.7	0.3	5.1	17.3	20.2	10.1	1.6	0.1	31.2
Fourth	102.5	0.1	1.1	5.0	8.3	4.7	1.2	0.1	32.5
Fifth and over	47.4	—	0.4	1.9	3.3	2.7	1.1	0.1	33.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,750.1</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>60.0</i>	<i>119.4</i>	<i>104.0</i>	<i>41.1</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>29.1</i>
Average issue	1.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.7	4.2	—
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
First	825.2	21.1	43.1	56.8	32.1	10.1	1.7	0.1	26.6
Second	574.5	2.8	20.1	41.2	37.2	12.0	1.5	—	29.2
Third	294.1	0.4	6.2	18.2	23.1	9.7	1.2	—	31.0
Fourth	105	—	1.7	6.0	8.1	4.4	0.7	0.1	31.7
Fifth and over	59.7	—	0.5	2.6	4.1	3.6	0.9	0.1	33.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,858.5</i>	<i>24.4</i>	<i>71.7</i>	<i>124.8</i>	<i>104.7</i>	<i>39.8</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>28.6</i>
Average issue	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.8	4.1	—
TASMANIA									
First	913.9	21.5	53.7	65.4	32.6	8.3	1.0	0.1	26.2
Second	526.0	2.6	19.3	39.1	32.8	9.8	1.6	—	28.9
Third	287.6	0.5	8.3	18.1	20.9	8.6	1.1	—	30.4
Fourth	109.6	0.2	2.0	6.3	7.6	5.0	0.7	0.1	31.6
Fifth and over	71.8	0.1	0.5	3.6	4.6	4.1	1.5	0.1	33.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,908.9</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>83.8</i>	<i>132.6</i>	<i>98.4</i>	<i>35.8</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>28.1</i>
Average issue	1.9	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.7	3.3	—	—
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
First	812.4	13.4	36.0	57.8	39.7	13.3	2.2	0.1	27.8
Second	551.0	1.8	12.2	38.2	39.8	16.3	1.9	—	30.4
Third	220.9	0.1	2.2	14.0	18.9	8.0	1.0	—	31.5
Fourth	72.0	—	0.6	2.9	5.2	4.5	1.0	0.1	33.5
Fifth and over	35.0	—	0.1	1.4	2.2	2.7	0.7	—	34.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,691.3</i>	<i>15.2</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>114.4</i>	<i>105.8</i>	<i>44.7</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>29.5</i>
Average issue	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.6	—	—

34 NUPTIAL BIRTHS: AGE OF MOTHER, BIRTH ORDER OF ALL PREVIOUS BIRTHS

Order of birth	Age of mother							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA								
First	48	798	2,326	1,633	428	66	—	5,299
Second	9	461	1,795	2,001	700	89	—	5,055
Third	1	136	699	1,027	508	71	3	2,445
Fourth	—	27	164	389	235	49	1	865
Fifth and over	—	8	57	144	119	44	5	377
<i>Total</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>1,430</i>	<i>5,041</i>	<i>5,194</i>	<i>1,990</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>14,041</i>
WESTERN AUSTRALIA								
First	101	1,270	2,830	1,774	476	71	3	6,525
Second	21	750	2,227	2,330	741	91	1	6,161
Third	2	209	958	1,423	597	71	—	3,260
Fourth	—	58	271	489	250	36	4	1,108
Fifth and over	—	18	96	234	207	51	4	610
<i>Total</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>2,305</i>	<i>6,382</i>	<i>6,250</i>	<i>2,271</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>17,664</i>
TASMANIA								
First	11	351	769	459	89	11	1	1,691
Second	7	173	529	546	155	24	—	1,434
Third	2	66	223	332	135	15	—	773
Fourth	1	20	76	113	75	8	1	294
Fifth and over	—	5	42	65	55	21	1	189
<i>Total</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>615</i>	<i>1,639</i>	<i>1,515</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4,381</i>
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY								
First	12	244	556	385	106	14	1	1,318
Second	1	115	429	465	170	21	—	1,201
Third	—	22	162	228	91	12	—	515
Fourth	—	5	28	65	55	12	1	166
Fifth and over	—	1	14	25	32	8	—	80
<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>387</i>	<i>1,189</i>	<i>1,168</i>	<i>454</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3,280</i>

35 NUPTIAL BIRTHS: AGE-ORDER-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

Order of birth	Order specific fertility rate	Age-specific birth rates							Median age at childbearing
		20-24	15-19	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
First	479	14.9	1.0	43.2	28.1	7.4	1.2	—	28.7
Second	451.2	8.6	0.2	33.3	34.4	12.1	1.6	—	30.4
Third	216.6	2.5	—	13.0	17.7	8.8	1.3	0.1	31.7
Fourth	76	0.5	—	3.0	6.7	4.0	0.9	—	33.0
Fifth and over	33.2	0.1	—	1.1	2.5	2.1	0.8	0.1	34.3
Total	1,256.0	26.6	1.2	93.6	89.4	34.4	5.8	0.2	30.2
Average issue	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.8	4.7	—
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
First	483.2	18.6	1.6	43.2	25.2	6.8	1.1	0.1	28.3
Second	452.1	11.0	0.3	34.0	33.1	10.6	1.4	—	30.0
Third	237.7	3.1	—	14.6	20.2	8.5	1.1	—	31.5
Fourth	80.7	0.9	—	4.1	6.9	3.6	0.5	0.1	32.5
Fifth and over	44.2	0.3	—	1.5	3.3	3.0	0.8	0.1	34.1
Total	1,297.9	33.9	2	97.4	88.7	32.5	4.9	0.2	29.8
Average issue	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.9	4.3	—
TASMANIA									
First	496.3	21.1	0.7	47.4	24.6	4.8	0.6	0.1	28.0
Second	411.9	10.4	0.4	32.6	29.3	8.3	1.4	—	29.7
Third	218.6	4.0	0.1	13.7	17.8	7.2	0.9	—	31.1
Fourth	83.3	1.2	0.1	4.7	6.1	4.0	0.5	0.1	31.9
Fifth and over	53.0	0.3	—	2.6	3.5	2.9	1.2	0.1	33.4
Total	1,263.1	37.0	1.3	101.0	81.3	27.2	4.6	0.2	29.1
Average issue	2.1	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.8	3.5	—	—
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
First	503.0	15.6	1.0	44.1	30.1	8.5	1.2	0.1	28.8
Second	466.3	7.4	0.1	34.0	36.3	13.7	1.7	—	30.7
Third	202	1.4	—	12.9	17.8	7.3	1.0	—	31.7
Fourth	65.7	0.3	—	2.2	5.1	4.4	1.0	0.1	34.0
Fifth and over	31.8	0.1	—	1.1	2.0	2.6	0.7	—	35.1
Total	1,268.9	24.8	1.1	94.3	91.3	36.5	5.6	0.2	30.1
Average issue	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.9	—	—

36 EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS: AGE OF MOTHER, BIRTH ORDER OF ALL PREVIOUS BIRTHS

Order of birth	Age of mother							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA								
First	662	1,124	565	314	125	29	1	2,820
Second	92	476	438	250	113	30	—	1,399
Third	13	136	231	150	81	16	—	627
Fourth	3	33	105	95	40	17	2	295
Fifth and over	1	11	44	47	37	14	—	154
<i>Total</i>	<i>771</i>	<i>1,780</i>	<i>1,383</i>	<i>856</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5,295</i>
WESTERN AUSTRALIA								
First	1,203	1,668	892	485	231	43	1	4,523
Second	151	621	470	289	102	10	1	1,644
Third	24	215	232	204	81	9	—	765
Fourth	1	59	122	79	58	13	—	332
Fifth and over	1	18	74	58	47	12	1	211
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,380</i>	<i>2,581</i>	<i>1,790</i>	<i>1,115</i>	<i>519</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7,475</i>
TASMANIA								
First	344	544	292	149	67	7	1	1,404
Second	36	148	106	65	28	4	—	387
Third	7	73	70	57	26	4	—	237
Fourth	2	14	27	28	19	4	—	94
Fifth and over	1	3	17	20	21	5	—	67
<i>Total</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>782</i>	<i>512</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2,189</i>
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY								
First	148	318	172	123	59	13	—	833
Second	20	75	53	45	32	2	—	227
Third	1	12	15	14	8	—	—	50
Fourth	—	5	9	2	1	—	—	17
Fifth and over	—	—	4	3	1	—	—	8
<i>Total</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>410</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>187</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,135</i>

37 EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS: AGE-ORDER-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

Order of birth	Order specific fertility rate	Age-specific birth rates							Median age at childbearing
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
First	267.4	13.9	21.0	10.5	5.4	2.2	0.5	—	23.1
Second	128.8	1.9	8.9	8.1	4.3	1.9	0.6	—	26.3
Third	56.9	0.3	2.5	4.3	2.6	1.4	0.3	—	28.4
Fourth	26.5	0.1	0.6	1.9	1.6	0.7	0.3	—	30.0
Fifth and over	13.7	—	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.3	—	32.2
Total	493.3	16.2	33.3	25.7	14.7	6.8	1.9	—	25.0
Average issue	1.8	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.7	—	—
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
First	341.8	19.5	24.5	13.6	6.9	3.3	0.6	—	23.0
Second	122.2	2.4	9.1	7.2	4.1	1.5	0.1	—	25.5
Third	56.4	0.4	3.2	3.5	2.9	1.2	0.1	—	27.9
Fourth	24.5	—	0.9	1.9	1.1	0.8	0.2	—	29.1
Fifth and over	15.5	—	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.2	—	30.9
Total	560.4	22.4	37.9	27.3	15.9	7.4	1.3	—	24.5
Average issue	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.4	—	—
TASMANIA									
First	417.8	20.9	32.6	18.0	8.0	3.6	0.4	0.1	23.2
Second	114.1	2.2	8.9	6.5	3.5	1.5	0.2	—	25.2
Third	69.0	0.4	4.4	4.3	3.1	1.4	0.2	—	27.4
Fourth	26.9	0.1	0.8	1.7	1.5	1.0	0.2	—	30.2
Fifth and over	18.9	0.1	0.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.3	—	33.0
Total	646.7	23.7	46.9	31.6	17.1	8.6	1.4	0.1	24.4
Average issue	1.7	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.5	3.1	—	—
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
First	309.3	12.4	20.4	13.6	9.6	4.8	1.1	—	24.5
Second	84.7	1.7	4.8	4.2	3.5	2.6	0.2	—	27.4
Third	18.9	0.1	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.6	—	—	29.2
Fourth	6.4	—	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	—	—	27.5
Fifth and over	3.2	—	—	0.3	0.2	0.1	—	—	31.0
Total	422.5	14.1	26.3	20.1	14.6	8.1	0.2	—	25.4
Average issue	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.1	—	—

INDIGENOUS BIRTHS

Indigenous births are those where either one or both parents are recorded as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Only data for New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory are considered to be of publishable quality. These data are generally at least 90% complete. Although Victoria and Tasmania have provision for identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin on their birth registration forms, data for these States are currently considered to be significantly underrecorded. Queensland has identified Indigenous origin in its registration process from January 1996. Due to the small number of Indigenous births (52), data for the Australian Capital Territory are highly variable and should be interpreted with caution. Because the registration of Indigenous births is incomplete, even in these three States and Territories, fertility rates based on these data are lower than expected.

A total of 2,345 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were born in New South Wales, 554 in South Australia in 1995, 1,492 in Western Australia and 1,354 in the Northern Territory. Of these births, 67%, 76%, 82% and 94%, respectively, were to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

The sex ratio at birth for all Indigenous births in 1995 varied from 99.5 in Western Australia to 109.6 in New South Wales. The sex ratio at birth for births to Indigenous women varied more, from 100.6 in the Northern Territory to 119.8 in New South Wales. In contrast, the sex ratios for all births varied from 106.1 in Western Australia to 108.5 in the Northern Territory.

EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

There is considerable variation in the proportion of ex-nuptial births between the Indigenous population and the total population, although the proportion of ex-nuptial births has increased slightly in both groups since 1994. The proportion of ex-nuptial births of Indigenous children also shows considerable variation between the two States and the Northern Territory. In New South Wales and South Australia 77% and 79% respectively, of Indigenous births in 1995 were ex-nuptial, while for Western Australia and the Northern Territory the proportions were significantly higher at 85% and 95%, respectively. For all births ex-nuptial proportions varied from 25% in New South Wales to 57% in the Northern Territory.

Paternalty-acknowledged ex-nuptial births

There are also wide variations between the three States and the Northern Territory in the proportions of ex-nuptial Indigenous births and of all ex-nuptial births that are paternity-acknowledged. For Indigenous births paternity-acknowledgement was 52% in the Northern Territory, 75% in Western Australia, 82% in South Australia and 83% in New South Wales. For all births paternity-acknowledgement was 64% in the Northern Territory, 84% in New South Wales and Western Australia and 85% in South Australia.

FERTILITY

The fertility of Indigenous women is higher than that of women in the total Australian population. In 1995, the total fertility rate for Indigenous mothers was 2.1 for New South

South Wales, 2.3 for South Australia, 2.8 for Western Australia and 2.9 for the Northern Territory. In contrast, the total fertility rate for all women ranged between 1.8 in South Australia and 2.4 in the Northern Territory.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES(a)

Selected States/Territories	Indigenous mothers.....		All mothers.....	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
New South Wales	n.a.	2.1	1.9	1.9
South Australia	2.4	2.3	1.7	1.8
Western Australia	3.0	2.8	1.9	1.9
Northern Territory	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.4

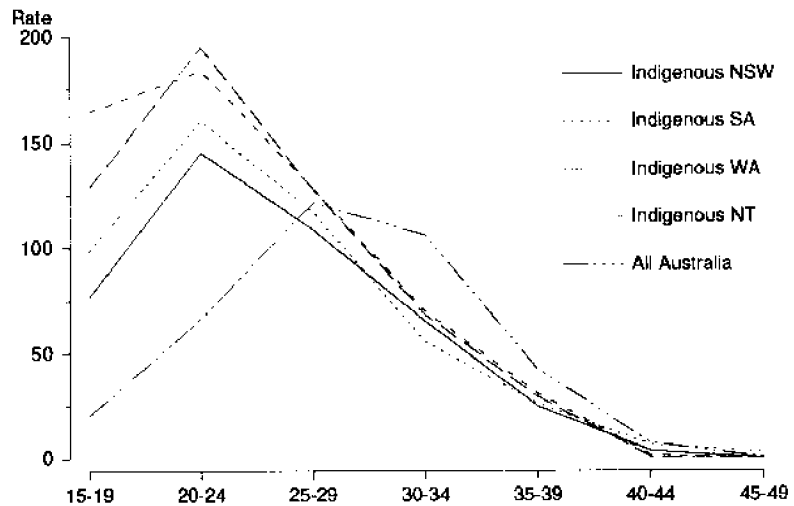
(a) Per woman.

Age of mothers

The age-specific birth rates of Indigenous mothers show considerable variation from those of all mothers. For Indigenous mothers the age group of peak fertility was 20–24 years, compared to 25–29 years for all mothers. The gap between the fertility rates of Indigenous mothers and of all mothers was greatest in the 15–19 and 20–24 years age groups, particularly in the Northern Territory and Western Australia. Thereafter fertility rates of Indigenous mothers more closely resembled those of all mothers.

The fact that mothers of Indigenous children have their children at younger ages than women in the total population is reflected in the median age of mothers, which for Indigenous women varied from 23.2 years in Western Australia to 24.2 years in New South Wales. In contrast, for all mothers the median age ranged from 26.8 years in the Northern Territory to 29.5 years in South Australia.

AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES(a)



(a) Per 1,000 women.

38 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT CHILDREN, SUMMARY, NEW SOUTH WALES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
TOTAL BIRTHS					
1988	n.a.	508	n.a.	1,138	n.a.
1989	n.a.	467	n.a.	1,277	n.a.
1990	n.a.	588	n.a.	1,289	n.a.
1991	n.a.	593	n.a.	1,257	58
1992	n.a.	561	n.a.	1,354	n.p.
1993	n.a.	519	1,535	1,359	43
1994	n.a.	531	1,578	1,338	59
1995	2,345	554	1,492	1,354	52
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE(a)					
1988	n.a.	2.654	n.a.	2.751	n.a.
1989	n.a.	2.392	n.a.	2.953	n.a.
1990	n.a.	3.049	n.a.	2.908	n.a.
1991	n.a.	2.803	n.a.	2.773	2.407
1992	n.a.	2.733	n.a.	2.973	n.p.
1993	n.a.	2.482	3.052	2.935	1.515
1994	n.a.	2.440	3.012	2.868	2.203
1995	2.124	2.332	2.751	2.897	1.555

(a) Total fertility rates include only those births to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers.

39 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAILS, NEW SOUTH WALES

	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>						<i>All children</i>	
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Indigenous mothers</i>				<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Per cent</i>			
			<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
BIRTHS								
Total births	n.a.	2,345	n.a.	1,575	n.a.	67.2	87,977	87,849
Males	n.a.	1,226	n.a.	832	n.a.	67.9	45,187	44,884
Females	n.a.	1,119	n.a.	743	n.a.	66.4	42,790	42,965
Sex ratio	n.a.	109.6	n.a.	119.8	n.a.	..	105.6	104.5
Nuptial births	n.a.	606	n.a.	351	n.a.	57.9	66,429	65,939
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>								
Number	n.a.	1,739	n.a.	1,224	n.a.	70.4	21,548	21,910
Percentage of live births	n.a.	74.2	n.a.	77.7	n.a.	..	24.5	24.9
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>								
Number	n.a.	1,446	n.a.	960	n.a.	66.4	17,777	18,359
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	n.a.	83.2	n.a.	78.4	n.a.	..	82.5	83.8
<i>Age group of mother (years)—</i>								
14 and under	n.a.	3	n.a.	3	n.a.	100.0	23	20
15–19	n.a.	452	n.a.	300	n.a.	66.4	4,210	4,109
20–24	n.a.	842	n.a.	586	n.a.	69.6	16,959	16,409
25–29	n.a.	608	n.a.	399	n.a.	65.6	28,726	28,254
30–34	n.a.	317	n.a.	211	n.a.	66.6	26,318	26,623
35–39	n.a.	109	n.a.	66	n.a.	60.6	10,091	10,627
40–44	n.a.	12	n.a.	8	n.a.	66.7	1,587	1,743
45 and over	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	..	56	60
Not stated	n.a.	2	n.a.	2	n.a.	100.0	7	4
<i>Age-specific birth rates—</i>								
15–19(b)	..	..	..	76.7	..	..	20.6	20.3
20–24	..	..	..	145.3	..	..	71.8	69.7
25–29	108.8	127.0	123.1
30–34	65.3	105.7	107.5
35–39	24.9	43.3	44.7
40–44	3.8	7.3	7.9
45–49(c)	0	0.3	0.3
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Total fertility rate				2.124			1.879	1.867
CONFINEMENTS								
Total confinements	n.a.	2,329	n.a.	1,561	n.a.	76.7	86,785	86,691
Median age of mother	n.a.	24.2	n.a.	24.1	n.a.	..	29.0	29.2
Median age of father(d)	n.a.	27.0	n.a.	27.0	n.a.	..	31.7	31.9
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	n.a.	1,027	n.a.	628	n.a.	61.1	37,502	37,877
1	n.a.	558	n.a.	360	n.a.	64.5	26,518	26,882
2	n.a.	279	n.a.	184	n.a.	65.9	11,933	11,720
3	n.a.	112	n.a.	77	n.a.	68.8	3,678	3,754
4 and over	n.a.	62	n.a.	50	n.a.	80.6	1,688	1,522
Average number of births	n.a.	1.9	n.a.	1.9	n.a.	..	1.8	1.8

See footnotes at end of table.

39 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAILS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA - continued,

	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>						<i>All children</i>	
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Indigenous mothers</i>				<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Per cent</i>			
			<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
BIRTHS								
Total births	531	554	414	411	77.8	75.6	19,409	19,336
Males	273	281	220	216	80.6	76.8	9,951	9,977
Females	258	273	193	195	74.8	71.4	9,458	9,359
Sex ratio	105.8	102.9	114.0	110.8	..	..	105.2	106.6
Nuptial births	120	112	79	56	65.8	50	14,261	14,041
<i>Ex-nuptial births</i>								
Number	411	432	335	355	81.5	82.2	5,148	5,295
Percentage of live births	77.4	79.4	81.1	86.4	..	..	26.5	27.4
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>								
Number	329	354	258	270	78.4	76.3	4,328	4,516
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	80.0	81.9	77.0	76.1	..	..	84.1	85.3
<i>Age group of mother (years)—</i>								
14 and under	1	4	1	3	100.0	75.0	3	5
15-19	97	118	80	87	82.5	73.7	778	823
20-24	194	177	162	149	83.5	84.2	3,454	3,207
25-29	120	148	87	107	72.5	72.3	6,546	6,423
30-34	82	75	58	44	69.5	58.7	6,001	6,048
35-39	26	25	16	17	61.5	68.0	2,246	2,386
40-44	3	5	2	3	66.7	60.0	355	425
45 and over	—	1	—	—	—	—	10	12
Not stated	8	1	8	0	100.0	—	16	7
<i>Age specific birth rates—</i>								
15-19(b)	..	..	93.6	98.6	..	..	16.1	17.4
20-24	..	..	183.7	160.2	..	..	62.7	60.1
25-29	..	..	102.6	117.1	..	..	121.1	119.3
30-34	..	..	76.8	55.6	..	..	101.5	104.1
35-39	..	..	26.8	26	..	..	39.4	41.1
40-44	..	..	4.5	6.3	..	..	6.6	7.8
45-49(c)	..	..	—	2.7	..	..	0.2	0.2
Total fertility rate	..	..	2.440	2.332	..	..	1.738	1.750
CONFINEMENTS								
Total confinements	527	549	409	407	77.6	74.1	19,134	19,053
Median age of mother	24.2	24.4	23.8	23.8	..	..	29.2	29.4
Median age of father(d)	27.4	27.1	26.6	26.4	..	..	31.7	31.9
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	227	224	168	161	74	71.9	8,855	8,754
1	115	135	80	88	69.6	65.2	6,107	6,241
2	66	61	49	42	74.2	68.9	2,361	2,507
3	18	32	18	24	100	75	720	755
4 and over	19	14	17	11	89.5	78.6	278	300
Average number of births	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	..	..	1.8	1.8

See footnotes at end of table.

39 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAILS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA - continued

	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>						<i>All children</i>	
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Indigenous mothers</i>				<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Per cent</i>			
	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
BIRTHS								
Total births	1,578	1,492	1,316	1,225	83.4	82.1	25,138	25,139
Males	858	744	716	618	83.4	83.1	12,867	12,942
Females	720	748	600	607	83.3	81.1	12,271	12,197
Sex ratio	119.2	99.5	119.3	101.8	..	..	104.9	106.1
Nuptial births	249	219	159	137	63.9	62.6	17,918	17,664
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>								
Number	1,329	1,273	1,157	1,088	87.1	85.5	7,220	7,475
Percentage of live births	84.2	85.3	87.9	88.8	..	..	28.7	29.7
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>								
Number	1,009	955	837	771	83.0	80.7	5,951	6,304
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	75.9	75.0	72.3	70.9	..	..	82.4	84.3
<i>Age group of mother (years)—</i>								
14 and under	13	10	13	10	100.0	100.0	22	12
15-19	388	357	340	308	87.6	86.3	1,511	1,492
20-24	572	537	494	439	86.4	81.8	4,974	4,886
25-29	375	353	299	293	79.7	83.0	8,405	8,172
30-34	173	172	125	130	72.3	75.6	7,230	7,365
35-39	45	61	38	44	84.4	72.1	2,582	2,790
40-44	11	2	6	1	54.5	50.0	395	407
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	15
Not stated	1	—	1	—	100.0	—	4	—
<i>Age-specific birth rates—</i>								
15-19(b)	..	..	148.4	128.7	..	..	24.9	24.4
20-24	..	..	217.7	195.2	..	..	73.6	71.8
25-29	..	..	134.8	127.9	..	..	130.3	124.9
30-34	..	..	69.5	68.3	..	..	102.6	104.7
35-39	..	..	26.7	29.3	..	..	37.5	39.8
40-44	..	..	5.2	0.8	..	..	6.1	6.1
45-49(c)	..	..	—	—	..	..	0.3	0.3
Total fertility rate	..	..	3.012	2.751	..	..	1.877	1.860
CONFINEMENTS								
Total	1,564	1,478	1,304	1,217	83.4	82.3	24,794	24,791
Median age of mother	24.2	23.4	23.8	23.2	..	..	29.2	28.8
Median age of father(d)	27.4	26.3	26.6	26.0	..	..	31.7	32.1
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	627	579	501	442	79.9	76.3	11,016	11,285
1	304	293	222	220	73.0	75.1	7,722	7,858
2	161	164	131	131	81.4	79.9	3,290	3,386
3	91	77	77	61	84.6	79.2	1,048	992
4 and over	66	61	58	54	87.9	83.6	465	447
Average number of births	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8

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39 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAILS, NORTHERN TERRITORY - continued

	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>						<i>All children</i>	
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Indigenous mothers</i>				<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Per cent</i>			
			<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
BIRTHS								
Total births	1,338	1,354	1,256	1,286	93.9	93.9	3,626	3,766
Males								
Females	652	673	615	641	94.3	94.3	1,808	1,806
Sex ratio	105.2	101.2	104.2	100.6	..	..	100.6	108.5
Nuptial births	88	71	66	57	75.0	75.0	1,583	1,613
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>								
Number	1,250	1,283	1,190	1,229	95.2	95.8	2,043	2,153
Percentage of live births	93.4	94.8	94.7	95.6	..	..	56.3	57.2
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>								
Number	675	669	624	617	92.4	92.4	1,347	1,384
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	54.0	52.1	52.4	50.2	..	..	65.9	64.3
<i>Age group of mother (years)—</i>								
14 and under	20	23	20	23	100.0	100.0	21	23
15-19	363	354	353	345	97.2	97.5	471	496
20-24	467	457	435	435	93.1	95.2	961	976
25-29	304	312	277	296	91.1	94.9	1,031	1,086
30-34	118	151	110	136	93.2	90.1	793	816
35-39	59	52	55	47	93.2	90.4	305	312
40-44	7	3	6	2	85.7	66.7	42	51
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Not stated	—	2	—	2	—	100.0	1	6
<i>Age-specific birth rates—</i>								
15-19(b)	..	..	168.4	164.5	..	..	84.0	88.1
20-24	..	..	176.5	184.1	..	..	121.4	129.4
25-29	..	..	126.7	128.3	..	..	122.3	124.2
30-34	..	..	59.0	70.2	..	..	93.0	95.8
35-39	..	..	37.9	30.7	..	..	41.2	41.4
40-44	..	..	5.1	1.6	..	..	6.6	7.7
45-49(c)	..	..	—	—	..	..	0.2	—
Total fertility rate	..	..	2.868	2.897	..	..	2.344	2.433
CONFINEMENTS								
Total confinements	1,322	1,345	1,240	1,277	93.8	94.9	3,580	3,711
Median age of mother	22.9	23.3	22.7	23.2	..	..	26.7	27.2
Median age of father(d)	26.1	26.9	26.0	26.7	..	..	30.7	30.4
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	345	351	312	314	90.4	89.5	1,416	1,475
1	199	185	174	169	87.4	91.4	948	921
2	108	113	98	106	90.7	93.8	336	405
3	49	44	46	40	93.9	90.9	112	127
4 and over	51	47	49	45	96.1	95.7	78	69
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	..	..	1.8	1.8

See footnotes at end of table.

39 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAILS,
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY - *continued*

	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>						<i>All children</i>	
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Indigenous mothers</i>				1994	1995
	1994	1995	<i>Number</i>		<i>Per cent</i>			
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
BIRTHS								
Total births	59	52	41	29	69.5	55.8	4,461	4,415
Males	31	33	24	18	77.4	54.5	2,232	2,291
Females	28	19	17	11	60.7	57.9	2,229	2,124
Sex ratio	110.7	173.7	141.2	163.6	..	..	100.1	107.9
Nuptial births	20	13	11	5	55.0	38.5	3,419	3,280
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>								
Number	39	39	30	24	76.9	61.5	1,042	1,135
Percentage of live births	66.1	75.0	73.2	82.8	..	..	23.4	25.7
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>								
Number	33	34	24	20	72.7	58.8	855	925
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	84.6	87.2	80.0	83.3	..	..	82.1	81.5
<i>Age group of mother (years)—</i>								
14 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0
15-19	5	9	5	6	100.0	66.7	166	171
20-24	24	22	16	11	66.7	50.0	788	768
25-29	18	14	12	8	66.7	57.1	1,452	1,424
30-34	9	5	6	3	66.7	60.0	1,409	1,343
35-39	3	2	2	1	66.7	50.0	525	548
40-44	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	81
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	78
<i>Age-specific birth rates—</i>								
15-19(b)	..	..	49.5	61.2	..	..	14.0	14.6
20-24	..	..	175.8	117.0	..	..	51.5	50.1
25-29	123.7	85.1	117.4	115.2
30-34	65.9	34.1	111.1	106.9
35-39	25.6	13.5	43.0	44.9
40-44	—	—	6.2	6.8
45-49(c)	—	—	—	0.2
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Total fertility rate			2,203	1,555			1,716	1,693
CONFINEMENTS								
Total confinements	59	51	41	28	69.5	54.9	4,416	4,359
Median age of mother	25.3	24.2	25.0	24.5	..	..	29.4	29.4
Median age of father(d)	27.7	27.7	27.7	28.5	..	..	31.7	31.8
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	29	25	22	11	75.9	44	1,940	1,972
1	13	15	8	10	61.5	66.7	1,472	1,434
2	8	3	3	1	37.5	33.3	574	562
3	2	2	1	1	50	50	178	161
4 and over	1	2	1	2	100	100	67	76
Average number of births	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	..	..	1.8	1.8

(a) See Explanatory Notes for definitions used. (b) Includes births to mothers under 15 years of age. (c) Includes births to mothers aged 50 years and over. (d) Includes both nuptial confinements and ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged.

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40 BIRTHS: STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION, (a)

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
1901	37,875	31,008	14,303	9,079	5,718	4,930	32	(b)	102,945
1902	37,835	30,461	14,216	8,927	6,232	5,085	20	—	102,776
1903	35,966	29,569	12,621	8,475	6,699	5,080	33	—	98 443
1904	38,667	29,763	14,082	9,100	7,176	5,292	33	—	104,113
1905	39,501	30,107	13,626	8,832	7,582	5,257	36	—	104,941
1906	40,948	30,844	14,019	8,921	7,800	5,333	25	—	107,890
1907	42,201	31,365	14,540	9,211	7,712	5,291	27	—	110,347
1908	42,458	31,097	14,830	9,756	7,755	5,615	34	—	111,545
1909	43,782	31,544	15,552	10,064	7,602	5,500	27	—	114,071
1910	45,444	31,437	16,169	10,540	7,585	5,586	40	—	116,801
1911	47,537	33,026	16,984	11,057	8,091	5,437	31	30	122,193
1912	51,861	35,796	18,738	12,079	8,689	5,853	33	39	133,088
1913	52,186	35,970	19,731	12,627	9,218	5,886	52	44	135,714
1914	53,641	36,222	19,882	12,904	9,204	6,017	58	55	137,983
1915	52,931	35,009	20,163	11,798	9,017	5,845	61	47	134,871
1916	52,080	34,235	18,912	11,857	8,563	5,642	74	63	131,426
1917	52,448	33,033	19,787	11,326	7,882	5,376	69	44	129,965
1918	50,709	31,597	19,536	11,357	7,106	5,280	105	49	125,739
1919	48,532	31,619	18,699	11,060	6,937	5,310	106	27	122,290
1920	53,942	36,213	20,256	12,028	8,149	5,740	63	15	136,406
1921	54,636	35,591	20,329	11,974	7,807	5,755	79	27	136,198
1922	55,170	36,288	19,987	12,001	8,131	5,817	70	32	137,496
1923	54,069	35,877	19,982	11,692	7,854	5,657	72	19	135,222
1924	53,705	36,140	19,708	11,592	8,301	5,383	57	41	134,927
1925	54,615	35,922	20,283	11,457	8,185	5,218	65	47	135,792
1926	53,116	35,362	19,764	11,483	8,301	4,988	73	75	133,162
1927	53,839	35,074	19,833	11,492	8,482	4,833	68	77	133,698
1928	54,791	34,498	19,783	11,408	8,704	4,691	83	120	134,078
1929	52,671	33,604	18,486	10,665	9,051	4,797	53	153	129,480
1930	52,128	33,127	18,939	9,984	9,200	4,786	71	164	128,399
1931	47,721	30,332	17,833	9,079	8,549	4,762	72	161	118,509
1932	44,895	27,464	17,367	8,521	7,965	4,491	79	151	110,933
1933	44,195	28,392	17,150	8,900	7,874	4,553	74	131	111,269
1934	43,335	27,828	17,360	8,459	7,801	4,470	88	134	109,475
1935	44,676	27,884	17,688	8,270	8,119	4,456	84	148	111,325
1936	46,193	28,883	18,755	8,911	8,479	4,581	113	158	116,073
1937	47,497	29,731	19,162	8,985	8,609	4,841	99	207	119,131
1938	47,319	30,344	18,992	9,410	9,141	4,907	102	200	120,415
1939	48,003	30,493	20,348	9,618	9,036	5,004	138	251	122,891
1940	49,382	31,962	20,412	10,017	9,121	4,994	173	286	126,347
1941	51,729	34,406	21,519	10,965	10,118	5,206	216	366	134,525
1942	52,647	35,927	21,166	11,278	9,901	5,305	92	392	136,708
1943	57,265	39,117	23,234	13,145	10,481	5,597	80	376	149,295
1944	59,612	39,358	24,520	13,311	10,870	5,200	89	384	153,344
1945	61,662	41,200	26,713	14,033	10,672	5,785	90	405	160,560
1946	67,247	46,693	27,024	15,813	12,105	6,847	132	518	176,379
1947	69,398	47,366	28,358	16,317	12,874	7,140	276	655	182,384
1948	67,234	46,099	27,858	15,870	12,931	6,979	280	725	177,976
1949	68,812	46,873	27,748	16,042	13,511	7,110	346	819	181,261
1950	71,592	49,830	29,028	17,306	14,228	7,242	411	954	190,591

40 BIRTHS: STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION, (a)—continued

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
1951	72,069	50,553	29,652	17,463	14,794	7,357	407	1,003	193,298
1952	74,196	53,738	30,953	17,884	15,413	7,916	448	1,102	201,650
1953	74,890	53,561	30,782	18,156	15,862	7,736	460	788	202,235
1954	73,125	54,660	31,176	18,227	15,928	7,770	513	857	202,256
1955	74,407	56,336	32,352	18,494	16,623	8,089	515	861	207,677
1956	75,714	58,393	32,409	18,964	16,916	8,104	556	1,077	212,133
1957	79,456	60,464	33,763	19,536	16,924	8,435	646	1,134	220,358
1958	80,045	61,269	33,872	20,047	16,731	8,568	697	1,275	222,504
1959	80,866	62,245	35,599	20,372	17,111	8,625	796	1,362	226,976
1960	81,983	64,025	35,213	20,966	16,926	8,853	777	1,583	230,326
1961	86,392	65,886	36,637	22,399	17,078	8,982	878	1,734	239,986
1962	85,439	65,890	35,690	21,361	17,064	8,894	924	1,819	237,081
1963	84,065	65,649	35,934	21,367	17,290	8,530	859	1,995	235,689
1964	80,518	64,990	34,972	20,866	16,685	8,252	911	1,955	229,149
1965	78,069	63,550	33,551	20,891	16,186	7,535	914	2,158	222,854
1966	77,776	64,008	32,903	20,362	17,194	7,401	1,769	2,318	223,731
1967	78,841	65,485	34,692	20,386	18,023	7,547	1,921	2,401	229,296
1968	81,696	70,228	35,190	21,207	19,541	8,317	2,084	2,643	240,906
1969(c)	85,781	71,500	36,440	21,885	20,800	8,433	2,313	3,023	250,175
1970	88,269	73,469	37,351	22,475	21,680	8,182	2,672	3,418	257,516
1971	98,736	75,394	39,847	22,889	24,276	8,350	2,916	3,953	276,361
1972	95,607	71,713	39,025	21,748	22,211	7,862	2,807	3,996	264,969
1973	87,745	66,910	37,900	20,328	20,531	7,362	2,907	3,987	247,670
1974	86,483	66,052	37,770	20,117	20,243	7,441	2,855	4,216	245,177
1975	81,172	61,797	36,328	19,883	20,365	7,014	2,275	4,178	233,012
1976	78,749	60,531	35,268	18,866	20,700	6,736	2,688	4,272	227,810
1977	78,302	59,389	34,976	19,170	20,688	6,760	2,601	4,405	226,291
1978	78,052	58,687	34,530	18,523	20,662	6,836	2,700	4,191	224,181
1979	77,469	57,628	35,220	18,413	20,515	6,789	2,848	4,247	223,129
1980	79,801	58,022	35,001	18,430	20,652	6,776	2,602	4,243	225,527
1981	81,971	59,284	38,935	19,271	21,900	7,230	3,109	4,142	235,842
1982	83,908	59,876	40,599	19,199	22,261	7,039	2,914	4,107	239,903
1983	83,307	59,928	42,085	19,830	23,087	7,062	3,127	4,144	242,570
1984	82,392	59,502	40,466	20,052	21,626	7,133	3,191	4,110	238,472
1985	83,388	61,538	40,417	19,790	23,108	7,248	3,315	4,106	242,910
1986	84,531	60,162	40,371	19,741	24,236	6,950	3,315	4,102	243,408
1987	86,093	61,507	39,365	19,235	23,332	6,790	3,529	4,108	243,959
1988	84,647	62,134	40,561	19,155	25,143	6,779	3,439	4,335	246,193
1989	85,790	64,002	42,071	19,610	25,051	6,813	3,379	4,137	250,853
1990	90,534	66,970	44,868	19,863	25,356	7,043	3,557	4,457	262,648
1991	87,367	65,438	44,160	19,640	25,417	6,870	3,599	4,756	257,247
1992	92,585	65,766	46,240	19,311	25,073	6,987	3,742	4,447	264,151
1993	89,354	64,049	46,778	20,078	25,081	6,835	3,603	4,414	260,229
1994	87,977	63,974	46,578	19,409	25,138	6,844	3,626	4,461	258,051
1995	86,691	61,685	45,898	19,053	24,791	6,480	3,711	4,359	252,708

(a) Excludes 'full blood Aborigines' prior to 1966. (b) Included with New South Wales prior to 1911. (c) States and Territories are on a usual residence basis from 1969.

41 AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA(a)

Year	Age group (years)							Total fertility rate
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
1921	26.6	135.9	169.0	142.5	101.9	43.6	4.3	3.1
1922	26.2	136.4	170.8	141.1	100.9	41.9	3.9	3.1
1923	26.5	133.1	167.1	136.1	95.7	40.2	4.5	3.0
1924	27.9	132.2	164.7	134.2	93.3	38.1	4.0	3.0
1925	29.1	130.8	163.4	131.3	92.8	38.4	4.1	2.9
1926	29.2	127.4	159.4	125.4	88.2	36.2	3.8	2.8
1927	29.9	127.7	156.2	124.1	83.5	34.9	3.6	2.8
1928	30.6	128.5	153.9	120.2	82.8	33.6	3.9	2.8
1929	29.4	122.7	148.2	114.3	76.9	32.0	3.4	2.6
1930	29.3	120.2	144.9	112.2	75.6	30.9	3.1	2.6
1931	27.2	110.8	130.7	104.4	67.9	27.7	3.1	2.4
1932	25.9	101.0	122.2	96.3	63.2	25.8	2.9	2.2
1933	25.6	99.6	123.6	96.0	61.3	24.5	2.6	2.2
1934	24.6	97.9	120.7	93.3	58.4	24.1	2.3	2.1
1935	24.6	99.6	123.2	94.0	57.3	21.9	2.3	2.1
1936	24.9	103.5	127.5	95.5	60.3	21.6	2.2	2.2
1937	24.6	107.1	130.7	97.9	58.6	20.7	2.0	2.2
1938	23.8	108.4	130.9	99.2	56.3	20.2	2.1	2.2
1939	24.3	110.5	133.9	98.3	56.4	19.0	1.9	2.2
1940	23.6	112.5	136.8	100.5	56.6	19.4	1.7	2.2
1941	24.3	121.0	143.5	104.9	57.8	19.6	1.7	2.4
1942	24.0	121.8	143.6	104.2	60.0	19.6	1.7	2.4
1943	24.3	132.5	155.4	114.8	64.5	20.6	1.6	2.6
1944	22.9	126.7	157.3	122.5	72.9	22.1	1.6	2.6
1945	23.8	132.4	164.2	125.2	76.1	23.7	1.8	2.7
1946	26.1	151.1	183.2	131.7	78.3	24.6	2.1	3.0
1947	32.1	166.2	186.6	130.0	75.0	23.5	1.8	3.1
1948	34.2	163.0	179.8	124.6	71.2	22.5	1.7	3.0
1949	35.8	167.4	180.9	121.9	68.4	21.2	1.6	3.0
1950	37.0	173.5	186.0	124.6	68.8	21.8	1.6	3.1
1951	38.6	177.2	185.3	123.1	65.0	21.0	1.6	3.0
1952	39.3	189.7	192.7	126.1	66.1	20.5	1.7	3.2
1953	38.8	194.7	193.2	124.6	65.3	20.5	1.4	3.2
1954	39.2	197.1	194.0	121.8	64.4	20.2	1.5	3.2
1955	41.8	205.4	199.6	122.0	64.4	20.4	1.4	3.3
1956	43.0	210.9	203.0	123.5	64.2	19.7	1.6	3.3
1957	44.0	216.2	210.7	127.2	65.1	19.5	1.4	3.4
1958	44.6	215.9	212.9	126.4	64.3	18.5	1.5	3.4
1959	45.2	219.0	214.4	125.7	63.6	18.6	1.5	3.5
1960	44.3	220.1	216.3	127.5	62.3	18.4	1.3	3.5
1961	47.4	225.8	221.2	131.1	63.4	19.2	1.4	3.6
1962	44.7	216.0	216.7	127.7	61.4	18.4	1.2	3.5
1963	45.9	208.2	211.2	123.9	59.7	18.6	1.1	3.4
1964	47.0	190.5	198.1	119.1	58.4	16.5	1.2	3.2
1965	47.5	179.3	188.5	110.1	53.0	15.0	1.1	3.0
1966	48.9	173.1	183.9	105.1	50.6	14.2	1.1	2.9
1967	48.4	170.8	185.0	102.8	47.8	13.5	1.1	2.9
1968	48.9	173.6	190.8	103.3	46.7	12.9	1.0	2.9
1969	49.0	174.2	191.6	103.5	45.6	12.2	1.0	2.9
1970	50.9	172.0	189.6	101.8	44.9	11.7	0.8	2.9

41 AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA(a)—continued

Year	Age group (years)							Total fertility rate
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
1971	55.5	181.9	193.5	101.8	44.2	11.3	0.8	2.9
1972	54.5	168.7	181.7	94.0	38.9	10.0	0.8	2.7
1973	49.1	155.4	166.9	84.2	33.6	8.4	0.6	2.5
1974	44.2	145.4	159.3	78.5	29.1	7.2	0.4	2.4
1975	40.1	133.9	149.6	74.1	26.0	6.1	0.4	2.2
1976	35.2	128.2	146.2	72.5	24.1	5.5	0.4	2.1
1977	32.1	122.0	145.7	74.1	23.9	5.0	0.3	2.0
1978	29.9	115.8	144.0	73.4	23.5	4.5	0.2	2.0
1979	28.5	109.1	142.5	73.9	23.6	4.6	0.3	1.9
1980	27.6	107.0	141.0	75.1	23.7	4.4	0.3	1.9
1981	28.2	107.5	145.2	77.6	24.5	4.5	0.3	1.9
1982	27.4	103.9	144.9	80.6	25.6	4.5	0.3	1.9
1983	26.6	102.7	145.9	81.5	25.0	4.3	0.2	1.9
1984	23.2	94.3	140.4	81.2	25.0	4.3	0.3	1.8
1985	22.8	95.8	146.0	89.0	26.9	4.5	0.2	1.9
1986	21.8	90.0	141.9	88.7	27.2	4.3	0.2	1.9
1987	20.6	85.0	139.6	90.6	28.9	4.8	0.3	1.8
1988	20.3	81.5	136.9	93.3	30.5	4.6	0.2	1.8
1989	20.6	78.4	135.4	96.1	32.6	5.0	0.2	1.8
1990	22.1	79.4	137.9	101.7	34.7	5.5	0.2	1.9
1991	22.1	75.0	132.0	100.2	36.0	5.5	0.2	1.9
1992	21.9	74.8	132.5	104.6	38.4	6.1	0.3	1.9
1993	20.9	71.1	130.0	105.5	39.0	6.3	0.2	1.9
1994	20.7	69.2	126.0	105.1	41.2	6.7	0.3	1.8
1995	20.5	66.7	121.6	106.1	42.5	7.2	0.3	1.8

(a) Excludes 'full blood Aborigines' prior to 1966.

42 TOTAL FERTILITY RATES: STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1975	2.130	2.100	2.320	2.000	2.190	2.230	2.870	2.160	2.150
1976	2.040	2.030	2.180	1.860	2.140	2.090	3.060	2.090	2.060
1977	2.000	1.960	2.110	1.870	2.090	2.070	2.750	2.110	2.020
1978	1.960	1.920	2.020	1.770	2.030	2.070	2.650	1.980	1.960
1979	1.910	1.860	2.010	1.740	1.970	2.020	2.710	2.010	1.910
1980	1.930	1.840	1.930	1.730	1.930	1.970	2.290	1.990	1.900
1981	1.950	1.850	2.060	1.790	1.990	2.070	2.650	1.920	1.940
1982	1.970	1.850	2.070	1.770	1.960	2.010	2.320	1.890	1.940
1983	1.940	1.820	2.090	1.810	1.990	2.000	2.390	1.880	1.930
1984	1.800	1.790	1.980	1.810	1.850	2.000	2.330	1.830	1.840
1985	2.010	1.830	1.950	1.780	1.940	2.010	2.320	1.800	1.930
1986	1.910	1.780	1.910	1.760	1.980	1.930	2.210	1.740	1.870
1987	1.920	1.790	1.830	1.720	1.860	1.890	2.310	1.710	1.850
1988	1.860	1.790	1.840	1.700	1.970	1.890	2.250	1.770	1.840
1989	1.860	1.810	1.850	1.730	1.910	1.900	2.190	1.680	1.840
1990	1.960	1.870	1.940	1.750	1.910	1.950	2.280	1.780	1.910
1991	1.870	1.810	1.880	1.730	1.910	1.910	2.270	1.860	1.860
1992	1.980	1.820	1.930	1.700	1.880	1.950	2.390	1.720	1.890
1993	1.910	1.780	1.910	1.780	1.880	1.930	2.310	1.690	1.870
1994	1.880	1.790	1.860	1.740	1.880	1.960	2.340	1.720	1.850
1995	1.870	1.760	1.820	1.750	1.860	1.910	2.430	1.690	1.820

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 Registration of births is the responsibility of individual State and Territory Registrars and is based on the data provided on an information form completed by one of the parents. This information form is the basis of the data provided to the ABS, by individual Registrars, for compilation into the aggregate statistics in this publication. There is a high commonality of data items collected across States and Territories and thus statistics at the national level are available for most characteristics. Some States, however collect additional information and this is available on request from that State or States.

2 In the main, statistics in this publication refer to births registered by the State and Territory Registrars during the calendar year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE SAME YEAR AS THEY OCCURRED

Year	%	Year	%
1984	92.4	1990	89.7
1985	89.7	1991	89.7
1986	91.1	1992	90.0
1987	91.2	1993	90.2
1988	91.5	1994	90.1
1989	90.1	1995	89.4

3 To aid comparison of the number of births registered and the number occurring in a particular year, summary statistics on the basis of year of occurrence are presented in table 28.

STATES AND TERRITORIES

4 In the main, statistics for States and Territories have been compiled and presented in respect of the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother. However, in table 27 data have been presented on a State or Territory of registration basis. Births which took place outside Australia are excluded from the statistics.

5 As a result of an amendment made in 1992 to section 17 (a) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1973 (Cwth)* the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and 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 is known as 'Other Territories' and includes Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay Territory.

Prior to 1993 usual residence data for Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands were included with offshore areas and migratory in Western Australia while usual residence data for Jervis Bay Territory were included with the Australian Capital Territory. In 1994 there were 18 births to mothers usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory, 18 to mothers usually resident in Christmas Island and four to mothers usually resident in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

6 Births registered in Victoria in 1994 which occurred prior to 1993 are not included in this publication. This reflects recent change to the Victorian birth registration system with regard to the processing of births occurring more than one year before the reference period. Although this change affects the comparability of 1994 registration data in relation to previous registration data, the effect on data quality is expected to be minimal.

INDIGENOUS BIRTHS

7 This publication includes a section on Indigenous births for New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

8 The population used to calculate Indigenous birth and fertility rates is based on projections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations at 30 June, 1994 (see Appendix C). These projections are in turn based on the 1991 experimental estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

9 Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users include:
Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) — issued quarterly
Causes of Death, Australia (3303.0) — issued annually
Deaths, Australia (3302.0) — issued annually
Demography, No.87, 1971 (Ref. No. 4.9) which includes the number of live births registered and crude birth rates for each year in the period 1901–71
Perinatal Deaths, Australia (3304.0) — issued annually to 1993

10 A compendium of all demographic data for each State and the Australian Capital Territory has been released in State or Territory specific publications, *Demography* (3311.1–8). The first release contained 1990 data. These publications are released each year for each State and the Australian Capital Territory and contain a variety of demographic data. The first release for the Northern Territory contained 1993 data.

11 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both are available from any ABS office.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

12 In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix D lists characteristics processed by the ABS for births registered. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, floppy disk, computer printout and/or clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. A list of tables produced annually is given in Appendix F.

APPENDIX **A**

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT(b)</i>	<i>Australia(c)</i>
1975	4,933,662	3,788,394	2,051,820	1,265,103	1,155,499	410,039	92,101	198,780	13,895,398
1980	5,171,766	3,914,238	2,267,615	1,307,962	1,269,270	423,605	118,828	224,431	14,697,715
1985	5,464,704	4,119,696	2,571,491	1,371,062	1,419,004	442,483	148,647	251,242	15,788,329
1990	5,833,697	4,377,421	2,898,510	1,432,384	1,612,495	461,788	163,526	282,164	17,061,985
1991	5,899,171	4,420,801	2,962,411	1,446,263	1,636,559	466,721	165,808	288,808	17,286,542
1992	5,958,510	4,450,294	3,034,702	1,457,177	1,657,900	469,641	167,459	294,241	17,489,924
1993	<u>6,001,486</u>	<u>4,465,040</u>	<u>3,117,246</u>	<u>1,463,286</u>	<u>1,677,058</u>	<u>471,522</u>	<u>169,617</u>	<u>298,907</u>	<u>17,664,162</u>
1994	6,049,238	4,475,465	3,196,134	1,469,371	1,701,064	472,464	171,072	300,867	17,838,401
1995	6,112,216	4,501,065	3,277,053	1,473,627	1,731,160	472,998	174,065	304,064	18,049,016

(a) For years prior to 1994 details relate to estimated mean resident population for year ended 31 December. For 1994 and later years details relate to the estimated resident population at 30 June. (b) Excludes Jervis Bay Territory from 1 July, 1993. (c) Includes Other Territories from 1 July, 1993. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

APPENDIX B

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, AGE GROUPS, SEX

<i>Age group (years)</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
MALES							
Under 1	120,678	114,488	123,187	131,758	131,605	131,108	131,349
1-4	533,878	465,408	490,986	513,473	528,168	530,356	530,211
5-9	639,744	667,240	602,564	647,321	654,439	655,429	659,735
10-14	664,094	650,465	691,162	633,992	648,963	654,722	662,145
15-19	629,462	666,525	666,977	717,426	665,409	656,284	651,620
20-24	588,423	644,044	686,549	688,523	736,291	740,128	736,147
25-29	591,783	610,553	667,059	715,830	683,601	680,879	692,898
30-34	486,844	599,835	627,449	699,153	729,998	733,993	727,632
35-39	424,988	485,326	624,620	656,292	682,000	691,065	706,720
40-44	388,606	414,661	496,034	640,461	654,391	656,094	661,653
45-49	415,784	380,108	420,166	503,478	595,889	619,079	637,487
50-54	387,405	396,506	375,001	420,262	456,880	474,887	796,818
55-59	309,767	365,862	385,087	366,929	383,862	395,977	709,248
60-64	279,030	282,288	344,686	367,815	356,357	352,123	349,212
65-69	211,570	245,779	253,908	313,789	330,957	333,955	336,897
70-74	145,386	170,110	205,141	217,888	250,169	262,919	269,491
75-79	83,760	102,370	126,330	154,537	164,013	164,977	170,910
80-84	44,053	49,205	63,415	80,776	92,644	97,651	102,230
85 and over	23,926	27,287	32,407	41,566	50,210	53,111	56,029
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,969,181</i>	<i>7,338,060</i>	<i>7,882,728</i>	<i>8,511,269</i>	<i>8,795,846</i>	<i>8,884,737</i>	<i>8,988,670</i>
FEMALES							
Under 1	114,903	108,080	117,835	124,796	124,920	124,367	124,346
1-4	511,137	444,213	467,548	488,125	501,354	503,316	503,562
5-9	608,428	639,345	572,567	614,981	622,687	623,797	626,500
10-14	626,762	621,755	659,692	600,548	613,688	619,375	628,572
15-19	604,248	641,032	637,729	684,977	631,565	622,558	617,045
20-24	576,429	625,104	662,902	669,837	713,510	713,739	708,717
25-29	567,739	599,356	652,448	706,777	679,403	677,648	687,387
30-34	457,097	580,650	625,206	694,449	730,189	733,853	730,377
35-39	402,490	465,205	603,016	656,478	685,300	695,109	709,221
40-44	364,748	395,175	472,483	618,755	647,937	654,395	663,996
45-49	388,297	361,420	398,492	478,641	573,621	599,084	619,246
50-54	378,818	378,030	358,042	400,880	433,827	451,745	475,734
55-59	319,957	370,982	373,937	359,137	375,251	386,324	396,135
60-64	299,888	308,423	363,859	370,653	357,954	353,294	352,071
65-69	239,784	282,834	292,431	348,562	356,272	356,636	355,525
70-74	184,724	214,965	259,198	270,638	303,430	315,508	322,206
75-79	135,950	151,667	183,980	220,691	231,352	231,270	235,904
80-84	86,475	97,656	115,408	139,325	157,096	164,858	171,269
85 and over	55,940	71,404	88,811	105,609	121,225	126,788	131,574
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,923,814</i>	<i>7,357,296</i>	<i>7,905,584</i>	<i>8,553,859</i>	<i>8,860,581</i>	<i>8,953,664</i>	<i>9,060,346</i>

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, AGE GROUPS, SEX—*continued*

<i>Age group (years)</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
PERSONS							
Under 1	235,581	222,568	241,022	256,554	256,525	255,475	255,695
1-4	1,045,015	909,621	958,534	1,001,598	1,029,522	1,033,672	1,033,773
5-9	1,248,172	1,306,585	1,175,131	1,262,302	1,277,126	1,279,226	1,286,235
10-14	1,290,856	1,272,220	1,350,854	1,234,540	1,262,651	1,274,097	1,290,717
15-19	1,233,710	1,307,557	1,304,706	1,402,403	1,296,974	1,278,842	1,268,665
20-24	1,164,852	1,269,148	1,349,451	1,358,360	1,449,801	1,453,867	1,444,864
25-29	1,159,522	1,209,909	1,319,507	1,422,607	1,363,004	1,358,527	1,380,285
30-34	943,941	1,180,485	1,252,655	1,393,602	1,460,187	1,467,846	1,458,009
35-39	827,478	950,531	1,227,636	1,312,770	1,367,300	1,386,174	1,415,941
40-44	753,354	809,836	968,517	1,259,216	1,302,328	1,310,489	1,325,649
45-49	804,081	741,528	818,658	982,119	1,169,510	1,218,163	1,256,733
50-54	766,223	774,536	733,043	821,142	890,707	926,632	972,552
55-59	629,724	736,844	759,024	726,066	759,113	782,301	805,383
60-64	578,918	590,711	708,545	738,468	714,311	705,417	701,283
65-69	451,354	528,613	546,339	662,351	687,229	690,591	692,422
70-74	330,110	385,075	464,339	488,526	553,599	578,427	591,697
75-79	219,710	254,037	310,310	375,228	395,365	396,247	406,814
80-84	130,528	146,861	178,823	220,101	249,740	262,509	273,499
85 and over	79,866	98,691	121,218	147,175	171,435	179,899	187,603
Total	13,892,995	14,695,356	15,788,312	17,065,128	17,656,427	17,838,401	18,049,016

APPENDIX C

PROJECTIONS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION, SEX, AGE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1995 (PRELIMINARY)

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT (a)	Australia
MALES									
0-4	6,014	1,487	6,039	1,315	3,902	732	3,398	137	23,046
5-9	5,469	1,314	5,336	1,262	3,420	698	3,271	133	20,911
10-14	4,741	1,050	4,850	1,137	2,881	653	2,841	117	18,278
15-19	4,115	950	4,423	953	2,502	612	2,407	89	16,064
20-24	4,201	1,021	4,310	958	2,427	554	2,482	112	16,082
25-29	3,785	939	3,824	916	2,331	438	2,346	87	14,674
30-34	3,261	804	3,110	786	1,890	379	1,912	78	12,230
35-39	2,621	688	2,477	636	1,425	345	1,493	65	9,756
40-44	2,037	531	2,022	449	1,144	263	1,115	61	7,629
45-49	1,598	413	1,477	319	777	216	768	45	5,617
50-54	1,138	269	1,007	274	593	141	638	22	4,085
55-59	842	158	732	184	449	98	461	9	2,939
60-64	596	106	602	137	372	75	351	5	2,245
65-69	375	106	407	84	271	46	221	3	1,514
70-74	233	67	253	69	161	37	140	5	965
75 and over	231	73	265	64	217	26	135	1	1,014
Total	41,257	9,976	41,134	9,543	24,762	5,313	23,979	969	157,049
FEMALES									
0-4	5,669	1,441	5,764	1,264	3,659	682	3,263	136	21,891
5-9	5,261	1,252	5,164	1,220	3,200	634	3,045	127	19,909
10-14	4,432	1,012	4,593	1,091	2,741	628	2,788	119	17,415
15-19	3,951	914	4,163	913	2,471	598	2,241	98	15,359
20-24	4,045	993	4,160	930	2,249	531	2,367	94	15,378
25-29	3,680	911	3,719	914	2,291	427	2,310	94	14,348
30-34	3,240	799	3,101	792	1,904	374	1,941	88	12,246
35-39	2,655	686	2,537	653	1,504	353	1,537	74	10,010
40-44	2,122	544	2,151	476	1,230	260	1,230	60	8,078
45-49	1,697	432	1,551	374	862	191	877	58	6,048
50-54	1,176	278	1,147	283	605	129	663	25	4,312
55-59	910	191	897	215	474	93	491	6	3,278
60-64	660	162	694	145	406	68	430	5	2,572
65-69	496	124	540	99	293	51	280	2	1,886
70-74	287	77	341	70	194	48	173	2	1,193
75 and over	368	139	372	114	276	41	172	5	1,488
Total	40,649	9,955	40,894	9,553	24,359	5,108	23,808	993	155,411
PERSONS									
0-4	11,683	2,928	11,803	2,579	7,561	1,414	6,661	273	44,937
5-9	10,730	2,566	10,500	2,482	6,620	1,332	6,316	260	40,820
10-14	9,173	2,062	9,443	2,228	5,622	1,281	5,629	236	35,693
15-19	8,066	1,864	8,586	1,866	4,973	1,210	4,648	187	31,423
20-24	8,246	2,014	8,470	1,888	4,676	1,085	4,849	206	31,460
25-29	7,465	1,850	7,543	1,830	4,622	865	4,656	181	29,022
30-34	6,501	1,603	6,211	1,578	3,794	753	3,853	166	24,476
35-39	5,276	1,374	5,014	1,289	2,929	698	3,030	139	19,766
40-44	4,159	1,075	4,173	925	2,374	523	2,345	121	15,707
45-49	3,295	845	3,028	693	1,639	407	1,645	103	11,665
50-54	2,314	547	2,154	557	1,198	270	1,301	47	8,397
55-59	1,752	349	1,629	399	923	191	952	15	6,217
60-64	1,256	268	1,296	282	778	143	781	10	4,817
65-69	871	230	947	183	564	97	501	5	3,400
70-74	520	144	594	139	355	85	313	7	2,158
75 and over	599	212	637	178	493	67	307	6	2,502
Total	81,906	19,931	82,028	19,096	49,121	10,421	47,787	1,962	312,460

(a) Includes Jervis Bay Territory. For further information please refer to *Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, June 1991 - June 2001* (3231.0)

APPENDIX **D**

SPECIAL ARTICLE

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The following article has be printed from *Australian Social Trends, 1996* (4102.0).

Trends in fertility

FAMILY FORMATION

Australian women are having fewer children than ever before. In 1994, 41% of births within marriage were the first child of that marriage.

Fertility is one of the components of population growth and changes in fertility impact on both the size of the population and its structure. Declining fertility leads ultimately to an ageing population which has policy implications for income support and the provision of health and community support services (see *Australian Social Trends 1994* pp. 27-29 *Projections of the aged population*).

Throughout this century, the crude birth rate has been declining although there have been fluctuations, most notably the recovery after the low of the great depression through the war years and the 'baby boom'. However, changes in fertility cannot be considered in isolation from changes in infant and child mortality nor from changes in society which have increasingly seen children as an economic liability rather than the economic advantage they were in pre-industrialised times.

In the hundred years 1894-1994, the crude birth rate halved, from 31 births per 1,000 mean population to 14. During the same period the infant mortality rate declined significantly. In 1894, for every 1,000 babies

Crude birth rates and infant mortality rates

Year	Crude birth rate(a)	Infant mortality rate(b)
	rate	rate
1894	30.83	103.90
1904	28.41	81.77
1914	27.90	71.47
1924	23.21	57.08
1934	18.39	43.59
1944	20.98	31.34
1954	22.50	22.48
1964	20.58	19.06
1974	17.87	16.14
1984	15.02	9.24
1994	14.47	5.86

(a) Births per 1,000 mean population.

(b) Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births.

Source: *Australian Demography, Births, Australia* (3301.0); *Deaths, Australia* (3302.0)

Family size and fertility

Births occurring in Australia must be registered with the state/territory Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages. For births, information is collected about the mother, father (when paternity is acknowledged), the baby, and any previous births to the mother from her current marriage. If the mother is not married or has been married more than once, information about any children from previous relationships is only collected by the WA and ACT registries.

Current family size is calculated from the information supplied on previous births. It does not take account of childhood deaths, adoptions or children not living with the family. Therefore, while it reflects the actual number of children a mother may have care of, it is not a complete measure of family size. This is particularly relevant to the interpretation of data from the early part of the century when child mortality was high and mothers bore children over a long period of time so that the older ones may have left home before the younger ones were born.

The *total fertility rate* is the number of babies a woman could expect to have in her lifetime given the fertility patterns prevailing at the time. The *fertility rate* for a particular age group is the number of babies that group of women could expect to have given the fertility patterns prevailing in the group at the time.

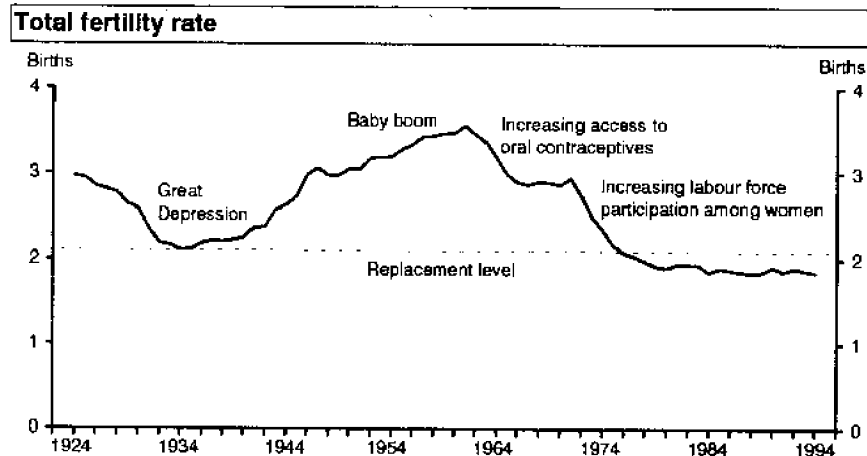
Replacement level fertility is the value of the total fertility rate which, when deaths of women of child bearing age are taken into account, allows replacement of the total population. At current levels of mortality it is a total fertility rate of 2.1.

born, 104 died before their first birthday. In 1994 the number was 6.

Changes in total fertility

Government concern about population growth is not new in Australia. However, recent policy has focused on migration while in the first half of the century, the concern was declining fertility. In 1903, when the crude birth rate was lower than it had ever been before (see *Australia's population growth* pp. 17-22), The Royal Commission On the Decline in the Birth-rate and On the Mortality of Infants in New South Wales was appointed, the first such Royal Commission in the English-speaking world. It reported in 1904 and concluded that '...the cause or

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Source: *Australian Demography; Births, Australia* (3301.0)

causes of the Decline of the Birth rate must be a force or forces over which the people themselves have control...¹ In other words, couples were limiting the size of their families.

At the turn of the century, there were 117 births per 1,000 women of child bearing age (15–44 years). This approximates a total fertility rate of 3.5. In 1924, the total fertility rate was 3.0 and falling. In 1925, a Federal Royal Commission on Health was appointed to examine the falling birth rate, the high maternal and infant death rate and venereal disease.

In 1934, in the middle of the great depression, the total fertility rate fell to an all-time low of 2.1 babies per woman. It then increased during the second half of the great depression, through World War II, and continued to increase until 1961 when it reached 3.6 babies per woman. In 1944, ironically when the birth rate was increasing towards the 'baby boom', the National Health and Medical Research Council published an Interim Report on the Decline of the Birth-rate.

After the 1961 peak, the total fertility rate fell rapidly, to 2.9 babies per woman in the years 1966–71. This fall has generally been attributed to the contraceptive pill becoming available but it also reflects changing social attitudes, in particular a change in people's perception of desired family size and how children should be spaced. The pill merely made '...desired family size a practical and assured reality'².

During the 1970s the total fertility rate dropped again, from 2.9 in 1971, falling to below replacement level in 1976 where it has since remained. This fall was just as marked as the fall in the early 1960s, but has not been attributed to further improvements in contraceptive methods. Rather it has been linked to the increasing participation of women in the labour force coupled with changing attitudes to family size, standard of living and life-style choices³.

Current family size

Current family size is an indicator of the average number of children in a family. It depends on the proportion of women who, in a given year, give birth to their first, second,

Current family size ^(a)			
Year	First births	Sixth or higher order births	Current family size
	%	%	
1924	28.9	13.9	3.1
1934	33.5	11.4	2.8
1944	36.8	6.0	2.4
1954	32.3	5.0	2.5
1964	32.3	6.1	2.6
1974	39.3	2.0	2.1
1984	40.2	0.9	2.0
1994	40.8	0.9	2.0

(a) Births in the current marriage only. Excludes births where birth order was not stated.

Source: *Australian Demography; Births, Australia* (3301.0)

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Source: Australian Demography; Births, Australia (3301.0)

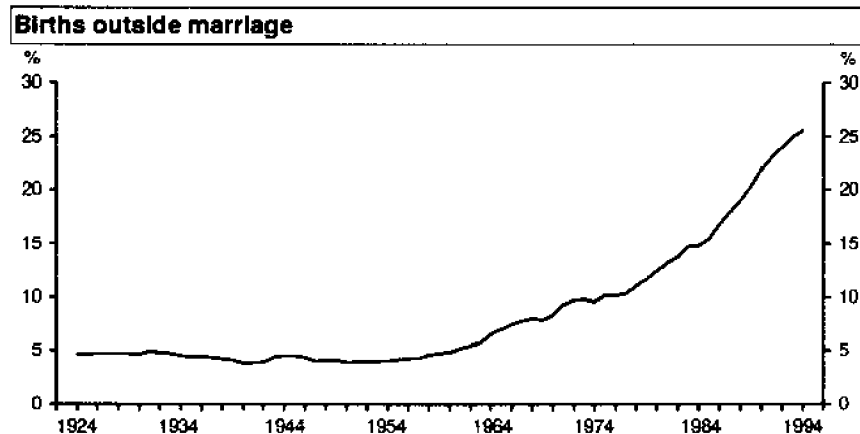
third etc babies. Of married women who gave birth in 1924, 29% had their first baby and 23% had their second. 14% had a sixth or higher order birth. Current family size was 3.1 for all married women who gave birth. For married women aged 45 or over who gave birth, current family size was 7.7. This figure approximates completed family size since women aged 45 or over may be considered to have completed their child bearing. In 1934, when the total fertility rate was at its lowest, 33% of married women who gave birth had a first birth, 24% a second and 11% a sixth or higher order birth. Current family size had declined to 2.8.

The fall in the total fertility rate between 1924 and 1934 can be largely attributed to couples limiting their current family size rather than to deferring marriage or the start of their child bearing. In both the 1921 and 1933 Censuses

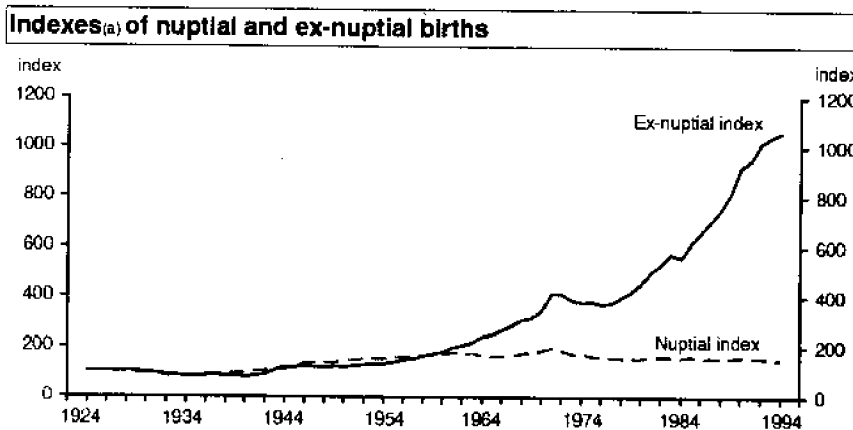
52% of women aged 15-44 were recorded as married. Between 1924 and 1934 there was no change in the median duration of marriage at first birth (11.6 months). In 1934 current family size for women under 25 and over 44 who gave birth was the same as it had been in 1924. However, current family size for those aged 25-44 had declined since 1924.

After 1934, the proportion of mothers who bore six or more babies continued to decline until 1952, then increased until 1963, and then declined again. In 1981 the proportion fell below 1% for the first time and it has remained at that level ever since. Current family size showed a similar pattern. In 1994 current family size was 2.0 and for women aged 45 or over it was 3.2.

Apart from a peak during the latter years of World War II, the median duration of



Source: Australian Demography; Births, Australia (3301.0)



(a) Base year 1924=100.

Source: *Australian Demography; Births, Australia* (3301.0)

marriage at first birth did not change much until the early 1960s. However, following the introduction of the contraceptive pill in 1961, a sharp increase occurred lasting throughout the 1970s before stabilising at about two and a half years.

Births outside marriage

The first part of this review has focused on births within marriage. Until 1960 such births represented more than 95% of all births. However, the link between marriage and child bearing is weakening as *de facto* relationships become more common (see *Australian Social Trends* 1995 pp. 38–40 *Trends in de facto partnering*). Since 1960 the proportion of births which occurred outside marriage (ex-nuptial births) has increased steadily, reaching 26% in 1994.

The indexes of nuptial and ex-nuptial births show the relative patterns of change in the numbers of nuptial and ex-nuptial births. Until 1960 the patterns had been similar, both increasing by about 70% overall since 1924. However, in 1961, when the contraceptive pill was first made available in Australia, the patterns began to diverge. Initially, use of the pill was largely restricted to married women. 'Some doctors were reluctant to prescribe for unmarried women unless they could justify a medical indication... advice to prevent pregnancy was considered immoral'. Even in the Family Planning Associations the debate on whether to extend services to unmarried women and minors (people under the age of 21) continued until the 1970s. Between 1961 and 1971 the number of ex-nuptial births doubled while the number of nuptial births

increased by 15%. For the next few years the number of ex-nuptial births declined slightly but started to increase again in 1978 along with the increasing number of *de facto* relationships.

Because of the increasing number of births outside marriage and of births in second or subsequent marriages, analysis of fertility patterns based on births in the current marriage only no longer gives the full picture. Birth information collected by the Western Australian and Australian Capital Territory registries includes information on all previous births. In 1994, 42% of all women who gave birth in Western Australia and 43% of those in the Australian Capital Territory had their first baby. This is slightly higher than the 39% and 40% respectively of married mothers who had their first baby.

Current family size (a), 1994

Age	Sixth and higher order births		Current family size
	First births	births	
	%	%	number
WA			
Nuptial births	39.4	0.8	2.0
All births	41.5	1.4	2.0
ACT			
Nuptial births	40.1	0.7	1.9
All births	42.5	0.7	1.9

(a) Excludes births where birth order was not stated.

Source: *Births, Australia* (3301.0)

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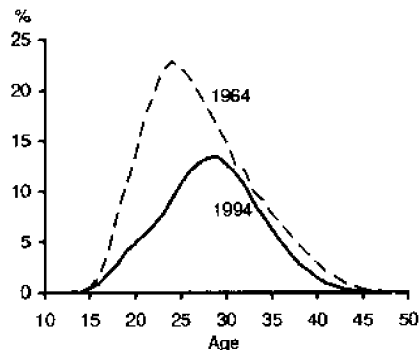
Age of mothers

The last thirty years have seen major changes in fertility patterns. Women are not only delaying child bearing until much later in their lives, they are also having fewer children and there is some evidence to suggest that they are concentrating their child bearing over a shorter span of years.

Between 1964 and 1994, the fertility rate for teenage women fell from 0.24 to 0.10. These births represented 10% of all births in 1964 and 5% in 1994. Similarly, the fertility rate for women aged 35 and over fell from 0.38 in 1964 to 0.24 in 1994. These births represented 12% and 13% respectively of all births. These changes reflect women's greater control over their fertility, regardless of age or marital status, as well as a tendency to defer childbearing associated with increased education and employment opportunities.

In 1964, peak fertility was among 24 year old women, with 23% having babies. By 1994, peak fertility was among 29 year old women, but only 13% had babies. While the proportions of women of each age who had a baby in the year were consistently less in 1994 than in 1964, the age concentration of births increased slightly. In 1964, 61% of births were to women in the ten year peak fertility age group (20-29) and 77% were in the fifteen year group (17-31). In 1994 the ten year peak fertility group (25-34) accounted for 63% of births and the fifteen year group (22-36) accounted for 83%.

Proportion of women giving birth



Source: Australian Demography; Births, Australia (3301.0); Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia (3201.0)

Endnotes

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APPENDIX **E**

CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE FOR REGISTERED BIRTHS

- Date of registration
- State of registration
- Date of birth
- Sex of child
- Nuptiality
- Plurality
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin (only available for some States)
- Mother's age
- Usual residence of mother
- Birthplace of mother
- Father's age
- Birthplace of father
- Previous children (only available for some States)
- Previous children of the current marriage
- Duration of marriage

APPENDIX **F**

STANDARD PRODUCTS

REGISTERED BIRTHS

	Table number	Description	
Births	BTHR0001	Sex by year and month of occurrence by month of registration	
	BTHR0003	Nuptiality and sex by age of mother and State or Territory of usual residence of mother	
	BTHR0005	Nuptiality and sex by plurality and State or Territory of usual residence of mother	
	BTHR0007	Nuptiality by relative ages of mother and father	
	BTHR0009	Nuptiality by country of birth of mother and father	
	BTHR0012	Nuptial: age of mother by previous issue of mother from current marriage	
	BTHR0014	Nuptiality and sex by State or Territory of usual residence and State or Territory of registration	
	BTHR0016	Sex and nuptiality by age of mother and quarter of registration	
	BTHR0017	Sex and quarter of registration by age of mother and State or Territory of usual residence	
	BTHR0019	Sex and nuptiality by age of mother and State or Territory of registration	
	BTHR0021	Nuptiality and sex by plurality and State or Territory of registration	
	Confinements	BTHR0002	Nuptiality by age of mother and State or Territory of usual residence of mother
		BTHR0004	Nuptiality by plurality and State or Territory of usual residence of mother
		BTHR0006	Nuptiality by relative ages of mother and father
		BTHR0008	Nuptiality by country of birth of mother and father
		BTHR0010	Nuptiality by age and birthplace of mother
		BTHR0011	Nuptial: age of mother by previous issue of mother from current marriage
		BTHR0013	Nuptial: duration of current marriage by previous issue of the marriage
		BTHR0015	Nuptiality and sex by plurality and age of mother
BTHR0018		Nuptiality by age of mother and State or Territory of registration	
BTHR0020		Nuptiality by plurality and State or Territory of registration	
BTHR0022		Nuptial: previous issue of mother from current marriage by duration of current marriage and age of mother	

GLOSSARY

- Age-specific birth rate** Age-specific birth rates are the live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female resident population of the same age as estimated for 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15–19 female age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45–49 female age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.
- Births** The term births relates to live births i.e. the delivery of a child, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, who after being born, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as heartbeat.
- Birth interval** Birth interval refers to the interval between two live births. It is usually estimated by subtracting a later birth date from the immediately preceding birth date. The interval between marriage and the first birth is known as the first birth interval, that between the first birth and the second as the second birth interval, that between the second and third births as the third birth interval and so on. A birth interval can be open or closed. An open birth interval is that period following the birth of the last child before the interval is closed by the birth of another child.
- Birth order** Birth order refers to the numerical ordering of the total number of children born alive to a woman, including the present child. The first birth order refers to the first birth, the second birth order to the second birth, the third birth order to the third birth and so on.
- Birth order-specific birth rates** This refers to birth rates calculated for each order of birth rather than for all births or for the current birth only. These rates make it possible to examine the level of fertility at each birth order and the relative contribution of fertility at each birth order to the total fertility rate.
- Confinements** Confinements are the number of pregnancies resulting in at least one live birth.
- Country of birth** 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* (1269.0).
- Recent political developments in Europe and the former USSR have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCSS. These changes have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revision 1.03 of the ASCSS.
- Crude birth rates** The crude birth rate is the number of live births registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude birth rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.

- Estimated resident population** The estimated resident population (ERP) is the official ABS estimate of the Australian population. The ERP is based on the results of the latest population census and updated for subsequent births, deaths and overseas and interstate migration.
- Birth rates shown in this publication for the years since 1975 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in *Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (3228.0). Revised population estimates are shown in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) (issued quarterly).
- Indigenous** Persons who identify as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Indigenous birth** A live birth where either the mother or father has identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- Marital status** Two separate concepts are measured by the ABS. These are registered marital status and social marital status. They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital status used in this publication is registered marital status which refers to formally registered marriages for which the partners hold a marriage certificate.
- Median values** The median values (age, duration) 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 calculations.
- Median age at childbearing** The term refers to the age when approximately one half of the women in a population have their children, either for a particular birth order or for all birth orders. It measures the age at childbearing within the broad female population, as distinct from the median age of mother at confinement which measures the median age of the women who gave birth in a particular year.
- Multiple birth** A multiple birth is a confinement which results in two or more births, at least one of which is liveborn.
- Never married** Never married refers to those persons who have never been in a registered marriage.
- Nuptial first confinement** Nuptial first confinements are the first confinements in the current marriage and therefore do not necessarily represent the woman's first ever confinement resulting in a live birth.
- Nuptiality** Nuptiality relates to the relative marital status of parents. Confinements and births are identified as being nuptial where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of birth, or where the husband died during pregnancy. Confinements and children of Indigenous mothers considered to be tribally married are classified as nuptial. Other confinements, and the children resulting from them, are classified as ex-nuptial whether or not both parents were living together at the time of birth, and whether or not the child may subsequently have been legitimised or adopted.
- Paternity-acknowledged births** Paternity-acknowledged births refer to ex-nuptial births where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.

- Previous births** Previous births refer to children, born alive (who may be still living or now dead) to a mother prior to the registration of the current birth in the processing period. In some States, legitimised and legally adopted children may also be included.
- Due to variation in data collection and processing methods across States and Territories, different definitions of the concept of previous births have been applied throughout this publication.
- Previous births of the current marriage relates to nuptial births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement.
- All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptialty and paternity.
- Previous births of the current relationship where paternity was acknowledged includes all births prior to the current confinement where the current confinement relates to a nuptial birth, or an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged. In regard to indigenous births, this information provides a more meaningful indication of previous issue than previous births of the current marriage.
- Previous issue** See previous births.
- Reproduction rate —**
- Gross* The gross reproduction rate is the sum of the age-specific fertility rates for female births (i.e. the number of female live births according to age of mother per 1,000 females of that age) multiplied by five and divided by 1,000. It represents the average number of daughters that would be born per woman in a group of women all of whom survive to the end of the reproductive period and who had borne daughters at each age in accordance with the rates prevailing during that year. It is an indication of the extent to which the population would replace itself under these conditions, except that it does not allow for females who fail to survive to the end of the childbearing period.
- Net* The net reproduction rate makes allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. It is obtained by multiplying the age-specific birth rates for female births by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table, adding the products and dividing by 1,000. The net reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table.
- Sex ratio** The sex ratio of births is the number of male live births per 100 female live births.
- State or Territory of usual residence** State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of the population in estimated resident population and the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother at confinement.
- Total fertility rate** The total fertility rate represents the number of children one woman would bear if the age-specific rates of the year shown continued during her childbearing lifetime. It is obtained by summing the five-year age-specific birth rates, multiplying by five and dividing by 1,000.





