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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of dissolutions of marriage (commonly known as divorce), nullities of marriage and judicial separations for the June, September and December quarters 1967 and some comparative figures for previous periods. For further statistics in respect of past periods, see previous issues in this series and the annual bulletin "Demography". Detailed statistics for 1966 were shown in "Social Statistics No. 55 - Divorce 1966", issued on 21 August 1967. Detailed statistics for the year ended December 1967 will be issued in a separate bulletin in this series to be published at a later date.

2. The Commonwealth Matrimonial Causes Act 1959 came into operation on 1 February 1961. This Act provided a uniform law throughout Australia with respect to divorce and other matrimonial causes, and superseded the matrimonial causes laws of the States and Territories except in so far as the transitional provisions of the Act kept them in force for the purpose of completing pending proceedings. Therefore, statistics of petitions filed since February 1961 are on a uniform basis for all States and Territories, but statistics of decrees of dissolution, nullity and judicial separation granted after that date include some decrees made on petitions under the superseded laws and are to that extent not uniformly based. By 1967 the number of such decrees had become insignificant.

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

4. The statistics in this bulletin refer only to petitions filed, and final decrees granted, for dissolution, nullity and judicial separation. Statistics of petitions filed relate only to the original petition in a suit, i.e. a cross-petition contained in an answer by the respondent is not counted as a separate petition.

## I. PETITIONS FILED

TABLE 1. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year - 1963	4,339	2,163	1,061	1,005	623	271	50	90	9,602
1964	4,484	2,357	1,121	1,034	653	322	53	124	10,148
1965	4,679	2,501	1,266	1,107	736	328	61	161	10,839
1966	4,892	2,621	1,173	1,133	787	357	46	123	11,132
1967	5,427	2,700	1,424	1,178	888	319	55	162	12,153
Quarter ended -									
December 1966	1,290	679	278	249	223	81	10	23	2,833
March 1967	1,351	551	305	279	191	67	3	39	2,786
June 1967	1,520	731	345	321	245	87	26	37	3,312
September 1967	1,326	748	392	307	252	73	18	45	3,161
December 1967	1,230	670	382	271	200	92	8	41	2,894

(a) This table excludes petitions filed for nullity of marriage, judicial separation and any petitions for two or more alternative types of relief.

TABLE 2. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,  
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : AUSTRALIA

Petition for -	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	Quarter ended -				
						Dec. 1966	March 1967	June 1967	Sept. 1967	Dec. 1967
Dissolution of marriage -										
Husband petitioner	4,000	4,215	4,413	4,510	4,798	1,142	1,112	1,284	1,263	1,139
Wife petitioner	5,602	5,933	6,426	6,622	7,355	1,691	1,674	2,028	1,898	1,755
<u>Total</u>	9,602	10,148	10,839	11,132	12,153	2,833	2,786	3,312	3,161	2,894
Nullity of marriage -										
Husband petitioner	11	14	16	25	21	5	6	6	5	4
Wife petitioner	28	30	35	30	44	7	9	13	11	11
<u>Total</u>	39	44	51	55	65	12	15	19	16	15
Dissolution or nullity -										
Husband petitioner	5	5	15	9	9	2	2	3	2	2
Wife petitioner	10	12	10	12	11	6	1	3	3	4
<u>Total</u>	15	17	25	21	20	8	3	6	5	6
Judicial separation -										
Husband petitioner	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Wife petitioner	26	34	20	24	39	3	7	11	6	15
<u>Total</u>	29	34	21	25	39	4	7	11	6	15
Dissolution or judicial separation -										
Husband petitioner	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife petitioner	..	1	..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..
<u>Total</u>	1	1	..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..
Total petitions -										
By husband - Number	4,020	4,234	4,445	4,545	4,828	1,150	1,120	1,293	1,270	1,145
Per cent	42	41	41	40	39	40	40	39	40	39
By wife - Number	5,666	6,010	6,491	6,691	7,451	1,708	1,692	2,056	1,918	1,785
Per cent	58	59	59	60	61	60	60	61	60	61
<u>TOTAL</u>	9,686	10,244	10,936	11,236	12,279	2,858	2,812	3,349	3,188	2,930

TABLE 3(i). - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,  
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : JUNE QUARTER 1967

Petition for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	534	321	137	122	104	39	12	15	1,284
Wife petitioner	986	410	208	199	141	48	14	22	2,028
<u>Total</u>	1,520	731	345	321	245	87	26	37	3,312
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	6
Wife petitioner	4	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	13
<u>Total</u>	7	6	2	3	..	..	..	1	19
Dissolution or nullity -									
Husband petitioner	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Wife petitioner	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Judicial separation -									
Wife petitioner	5	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	11
Dissolution or judicial separation -									
Wife petitioner	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total petitions -									
By husband - Number	538	323	137	124	104	39	12	16	1,293
Per cent	35	43	39	38	42	45	(a)	(a)	39
By wife - Number	996	420	211	204	141	48	14	22	2,056
Per cent	65	57	61	62	58	55	(a)	(a)	61
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,534	743	348	328	245	87	26	38	3,349

(a) Percentage not calculated.

TABLE 3(ii). - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,  
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1967

Petition for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	491	312	168	111	117	39	12	13	1,263
Wife petitioner	835	436	224	196	135	34	6	32	1,898
<u>Total</u>	1,326	748	392	307	252	73	18	45	3,161
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	5
Wife petitioner	4	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	11
<u>Total</u>	6	4	2	3	..	..	..	1	16
Dissolution or nullity -									
Husband petitioner	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wife petitioner	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	5
Judicial separation -									
Wife petitioner	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	6
Dissolution or judicial separation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total petitions -									
By husband - Number	493	314	169	112	117	39	12	14	1,270
Per cent	37	42	43	36	46	53	(a)	(a)	40
By wife - Number	842	442	226	201	135	34	6	32	1,918
Per cent	63	58	57	64	54	47	(a)	(a)	60
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,335	756	395	313	252	73	18	46	3,188

(a) Percentage not calculated.

TABLE 3(iii). - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,  
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : DECEMBER QUARTER 1967

Petition for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	446	284	155	96	101	41	3	13	1,139
Wife petitioner	784	386	227	175	99	51	5	28	1,755
<u>Total</u>	1,230	670	382	271	200	92	8	41	2,894
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Wife petitioner	7	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	11
<u>Total</u>	9	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	15
Dissolution or nullity -									
Husband petitioner	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wife petitioner	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
<u>Total</u>	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Judicial separation -									
Wife petitioner	3	..	4	7	..	1	..	..	15
Dissolution or judicial separation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total petitions -									
By husband - Number	449	286	155	96	102	41	3	13	1,145
Per cent	36	42	40	34	51	44	(a)	(a)	39
By wife - Number	794	389	231	187	99	52	5	28	1,785
Per cent	64	58	60	66	49	56	(a)	(a)	61
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,243	675	386	283	201	93	8	41	2,930

(a) Percentage not calculated.

## II. DECREES GRANTED

TABLE 4. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year - 1963	3,293	1,616	910	765	553	260	38	41	7,476
1964	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
1965	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491
1966	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859
1967	4,555	2,039	1,074	929	726	248	20	97	9,688
Quarter ended -									
December 1966	1,795	562	281	252	168	113	16	20	3,207
March 1967	1,667	480	298	296	223	66	7	37	3,074
June 1967	673	430	165	185	114	50	2	19	1,638
September 1967	1,077	793	312	235	193	63	7	24	2,704
December 1967	1,138	336	299	213	196	69	4	17	2,272

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

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

Decree for -	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	Quarter ended -				
						Dec. 1966	March 1967	June 1967	Sept. 1967	Dec. 1967
Dissolution of marriage -										
Husband petitioner	3,257	3,377	3,523	4,010	3,892	1,257	1,215	656	1,108	913
Wife petitioner	4,216	4,536	4,966	5,841	5,791	1,947	1,857	980	1,595	1,359
Granted on petitions of both	3	4	2	8	5	3	2	2	1	..
<u>Total</u>	7,476	7,917	8,491	9,859	9,688	3,207	3,074	1,638	2,704	2,272
Nullity of marriage -										
Husband petitioner	7	11	10	18	16	7	4	4	5	3
Wife petitioner	25	33	25	32	34	15	8	8	8	10
<u>Total</u>	32	44	35	50	50	22	12	12	13	13
Judicial separation -										
Wife petitioner	7	6	8	12	8	4	1	2	2	3
Total Decrees -										
For husband - Number	3,264	3,388	3,533	4,028	3,908	1,264	1,219	660	1,113	916
Per cent	43	43	41	41	40	39	40	40	41	40
For wife - Number	4,248	4,575	4,999	5,885	5,833	1,966	1,866	990	1,605	1,372
Per cent	57	57	59	59	60	61	60	60	59	60
Granted on petitions of both	3	4	2	8	5	3	2	2	1	..
<u>TOTAL</u>	7,515	7,967	8,534	9,921	9,746	3,233	3,087	1,652	2,719	2,288

(a) Decrees absolute.

**TABLE 6(i). - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a) : JUNE QUARTER 1967**

Decree for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	262	179	62	74	50	21	1	7	656
Wife petitioner	410	250	103	111	64	29	1	12	980
Granted on petitions of both	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	673	430	165	185	114	50	2	19	1,638
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	4
Wife petitioner	2	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	8
<u>Total</u>	2	4	2	4	..	..	..	..	12
Judicial separation -									
Wife petitioner	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Total Decrees -									
For husband - Number	262	180	63	76	50	21	1	7	660
Per cent	39	41	38	40	44	42	(b)	(b)	40
For wife - Number	412	253	105	114	64	29	1	12	990
Per cent	61	59	62	60	56	58	(b)	(b)	60
Granted on petitions of both	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	675	434	168	190	114	50	2	19	1,652

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) Percentage not calculated.

TABLE 6(ii) - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a) : SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1967

Decree for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	396	348	125	99	101	24	4	11	1,108
Wife petitioner	681	444	187	136	92	39	3	13	1,595
Granted on petitions of both	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	1,077	793	312	235	193	63	7	24	2,704
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Wife petitioner	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	8
<u>Total</u>	5	4	..	2	1	..	..	1	13
Judicial separation -									
Wife petitioner	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Total Decrees -									
For husband - Number	398	350	125	100	101	24	4	11	1,113
Per cent	37	44	40	42	52	38	(b)	(b)	41
For wife - Number	685	446	187	138	93	39	3	14	1,605
Per cent	63	56	60	58	48	62	(b)	(b)	59
Granted on petitions of both	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,083	797	312	238	194	63	7	25	2,719

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) Percentage not calculated.

TABLE 6(iii). - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a) : DECEMBER QUARTER 1967

Decree for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	437	145	119	82	89	34	2	5	913
Wife petitioner	701	191	180	131	107	35	2	12	1,359
Granted on petitions of both	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<u>Total</u>	1,138	336	299	213	196	69	4	17	2,272
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Wife petitioner	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	10
<u>Total</u>	7	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	13
Judicial separation -									
Wife petitioner	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total Decrees -									
For husband - Number	438	146	119	82	89	34	2	6	916
Per cent	38	43	39	38	45	49	(b)	(b)	40
For wife - Number	708	193	184	131	107	35	2	12	1,372
Per cent	62	57	61	62	55	51	(b)	(b)	60
Granted on petitions of both	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,146	339	303	213	196	69	4	18	2,288

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) Percentage not calculated.

TABLE 7(i). - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : JUNE QUARTER 1967

Grounds	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	292	219	81	64	36	22	1	6	721
Adultery	150	108	27	56	36	7	..	5	389
Separation	123	89	41	40	31	14	..	3	341
Cruelty	47	3	7	21	1	..	..	3	82
Drunkenness	8	2	1	2	2	..	..	1	16
Refusal to consummate	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	5
Insanity	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Frequent convictions	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Imprisonment	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other single grounds	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	5
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	12	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	16
Desertion and separation	4	..	2	..	4	6	..	..	16
Desertion and cruelty	6	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8
Desertion and drunkenness	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Adultery and cruelty	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Adultery and other	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4
Separation and drunkenness	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty and drunkenness	16	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	19
Three grounds or more	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	673	430	165	185	114	50	2	19	1,638
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Bigamy	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	7
Incapacity to consummate	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Invalid marriage	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	2	4	2	4	..	..	..	..	12
JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
Adultery	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2

(a) Decrees absolute.



TABLE 7(ii). - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1967

Grounds	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	526	414	150	93	63	27	3	9	1,285
Adultery	211	210	56	72	65	18	2	8	642
Separation	175	155	69	32	47	10	1	3	492
Cruelty	81	5	14	27	4	2	..	3	136
Drunkenness	17	7	4	3	3	1	..	..	35
Intoxication by drugs	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Non-compliance with restitution decree	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Refusal to consummate	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	6
Insanity	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Frequent convictions	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Imprisonment	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other single grounds	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	9	..	5	1	1	..	..	..	16
Desertion and separation	6	..	7	..	1	..	1	..	15
Desertion and cruelty	9	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	13
Desertion and drunkenness	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Adultery and separation	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3
Separation and failure to pay maintenance	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Cruelty and drunkenness	20	2	2	3	1	2	..	1	31
Other dual grounds	7	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	11
Three grounds or more	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	1,077	793	312	235	193	63	7	24	2,704
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Bigamy	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Invalid marriage	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Incapacity to consummate	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	10
<u>Total</u>	5	4	..	2	1	..	..	1	13
JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
Adultery	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 7(iii). - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : DECEMBER QUARTER 1967

Grounds	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	555	147	149	78	70	33	3	6	1,041
Adultery	220	105	44	59	62	5	..	4	499
Separation	184	70	68	39	52	20	1	4	438
Cruelty	87	7	23	27	3	2	..	2	151
Drunkenness	17	3	6	2	..	3	..	1	32
Failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Refusal to consummate	6	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	11
Insanity	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Frequent convictions	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Presumption of death	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	13	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	16
Desertion and separation	3	1	..	4	4	2	..	..	14
Desertion and cruelty	9	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
Desertion and drunkenness	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Adultery and separation	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Separation and insanity	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty and drunkenness	27	..	3	1	1	2	..	..	34
Other dual grounds	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5
Three grounds or more	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	1,138	336	299	213	196	69	4	17	2,272
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Bigamy	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Invalid marriage	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Incapacity to consummate	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	8
Consent by duress or fraud	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	7	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	13
JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
Desertion	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Adultery	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 8(i). - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION, AUSTRALIA, JUNE QUARTER 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Age at time of dissolution (years)											Total marriages dissolved
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
HUSBAND												
Under 5	..	21	52	17	6	5	2	..	3	2	..	108
5 - 9	..	14	158	113	49	35	12	7	5	9	..	402
10 - 14	..	..	6	115	107	52	17	6	7	10	..	320
15 - 19	..	..	..	5	97	114	38	20	15	6	..	295
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	8	76	96	38	12	7	..	237
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	4	51	73	28	11	..	167
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	33	54	..	109
<u>Total</u> (No. marriages dissolved)	..	35	216	250	267	286	216	166	103	99	..	1,638
<u>dissolved</u> (%)	..	2	13	16	16	18	13	10	6	6	..	100
WIFE												
Under 5	2	44	39	8	6	1	1	3	1	3	..	108
5 - 9	..	76	177	71	29	22	9	7	5	6	..	402
10 - 14	..	..	50	154	56	35	9	7	4	5	..	320
15 - 19	..	..	..	31	154	66	23	13	6	2	..	295
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	31	126	58	17	4	1	..	237
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	22	88	40	12	5	..	167
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	34	33	29	..	109
<u>Total</u> (No. marriages dissolved)	2	120	266	264	276	272	201	121	65	51	..	1,638
<u>dissolved</u> (%)	..	7	16	16	18	17	12	7	4	3	..	100

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

TABLE 8(ii). - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Age at time of dissolution (years)											Total marriages dissolved
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
HUSBAND												
Under 5	..	41	80	39	14	11	3	6	1	5	..	200
5 - 9	..	42	262	189	92	41	25	15	5	12	1	684
10 - 14	..	..	18	187	198	86	38	15	9	11	..	562
15 - 19	..	..	..	12	140	191	69	30	20	8	..	470
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	3	151	157	54	29	11	1	406
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	4	65	89	31	19	..	208
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	29	58	84	..	174
<u>Total marriages dissolved</u> { No. { % }	..	83	360	427	447	484	360	238	153	150	2	2,704
	..	3	13	16	16	18	13	9	6	6	..	100
WIFE												
Under 5	3	103	59	14	3	3	6	3	3	3	..	200
5 - 9	..	155	309	110	49	21	19	12	5	4	..	684
10 - 14	..	..	102	268	107	41	18	14	5	7	..	562
15 - 19	..	..	..	56	241	111	29	20	9	4	..	470
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	51	199	111	26	12	6	1	406
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	28	92	69	15	4	..	208
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	56	46	56	..	174
<u>Total marriages dissolved</u> { No. { % }	3	258	470	448	451	404	290	200	95	84	1	2,704
	..	10	17	17	17	15	11	7	3	3	..	100

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

TABLE 8(iii). - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF  
MARRIAGE AND AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION, AUSTRALIA,  
DECEMBER QUARTER 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Age at time of dissolution (years)											Total marriages dissolved
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
HUSBAND												
Under 5	..	66	92	36	17	9	6	4	5	8	..	243
5 - 9	..	16	255	171	62	35	12	15	6	7	..	579
10 - 14	..	..	10	143	141	50	30	20	6	14	..	414
15 - 19	..	..	..	5	103	142	61	24	15	10	..	360
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	2	116	140	41	21	14	..	334
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	5	71	69	27	20	..	192
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	60	58	..	150
Total marriages dissolved (No.)	..	82	357	355	325	357	320	205	140	131	..	2,272
Total marriages dissolved (%)	..	4	16	16	14	16	14	9	6	5	..	100
WIFE												
Under 5	4	117	67	22	5	9	8	3	1	7	..	243
5 - 9	..	117	293	93	26	23	14	2	7	4	..	579
10 - 14	..	..	71	200	68	23	27	12	7	6	..	414
15 - 19	..	..	..	35	171	100	28	14	8	4	..	360
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	40	177	80	25	9	3	..	334
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	32	91	52	12	5	..	192
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	62	40	39	..	150
Total marriages dissolved (No.)	4	234	431	350	310	364	257	170	84	68	..	2,272
Total marriages dissolved (%)	..	10	19	15	14	16	11	8	4	3	..	100

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

TABLE 9(i).- DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE (b), AUSTRALIA, JUNE QUARTER 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Dissolutions of marriage with -							Total marriages dissolved		Total Number of Children (b)
	No child- ren	1 child	2 child- ren	3 child- ren	4 child- ren	5 child- ren	6 or more children	Number	Per cent	
Under 5	77	25	4	2	..	..	..	108	7	39
5 - 9	161	125	83	26	7	..	..	402	25	397
10 - 14	88	75	77	52	20	6	2	320	19	507
15 - 19	65	56	81	55	26	4	8	295	18	558
20 - 24	40	51	67	48	16	8	7	237	14	479
25 - 29	72	45	31	15	1	3	..	167	10	171
30 and over	86	15	6	..	..	..	2	109	7	39
<u>Total</u> (No marriages dissolved)	589	392	349	198	70	21	19	1,638	..	..
( % )	36	24	21	12	5	1	1	..	100	..
<u>Total number of children (b)</u>	..	392	698	594	280	105	121	..	..	2,190

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

(b) Living children under 21 at the time of petition. The term "children" used in the Commonwealth legislation refers to living "children of the marriage" under 21 years.

TABLE 9(ii).- DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE (b), AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Dissolutions of marriage with -							Total marriages dissolved		Total Number of Children (b)
	No child- ren	1 child	2 child- ren	3 child- ren	4 child- ren	5 child- ren	6 or more children	Number	Per cent	
Under 5	128	61	10	1	..	..	..	200	7	84
5 - 9	252	234	142	41	13	1	1	684	25	704
10 - 14	118	131	166	89	45	6	7	562	21	984
15 - 19	81	103	131	84	46	16	9	470	17	945
20 - 24	71	94	107	66	41	21	6	406	15	816
25 - 29	93	52	42	12	6	2	1	208	8	215
30 and over	127	34	10	1	..	1	1	174	7	69
<u>Total</u> (No marriages dissolved)	870	709	608	294	151	47	25	2,704	..	..
( % )	32	26	22	11	6	2	1	..	100	..
<u>Total number of children (b)</u>	..	709	1,216	882	604	235	171	..	..	3,817

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

(b) Living children under 21 at the time of petition. The term "children" used in the Commonwealth legislation refers to living "children of the marriage" under 21 years.

TABLE 9(iii). - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE  
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE (b), AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER QUARTER 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Dissolutions of marriage with -							Total marriages dissolved		Total Number of Children (b)
	No child- ren	1 child	2 child- ren	3 child- ren	4 child- ren	5 child- ren	6 or more child- ren	Number	Per cent	
Under 5	145	78	17	3	..	..	..	243	11	121
5 - 9	208	201	133	28	8	1	..	579	25	588
10 - 14	93	89	131	58	33	8	2	414	18	709
15 - 19	73	66	99	61	46	6	9	360	16	716
20 - 24	67	66	103	65	21	8	4	334	15	618
25 - 29	85	56	30	14	7	..	..	192	8	186
30 and over	110	27	10	3	..	..	..	150	7	56
<u>Total marriages dissolved</u> (No. %)	781 34	583 26	523 23	232 10	115 5	23 1	15 1	2,272 ..	.. 100	.. ..
<u>Total number of children (b)</u>	..	583	1,046	696	460	115	94	..	..	2,994

- (a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.
- (b) Living children under 21 at the time of petition. The term "children" used in the Commonwealth legislation refers to living "children of the marriage" under 21 years.

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