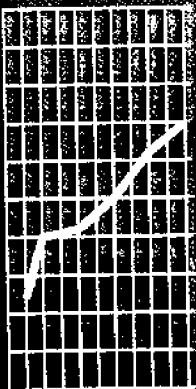
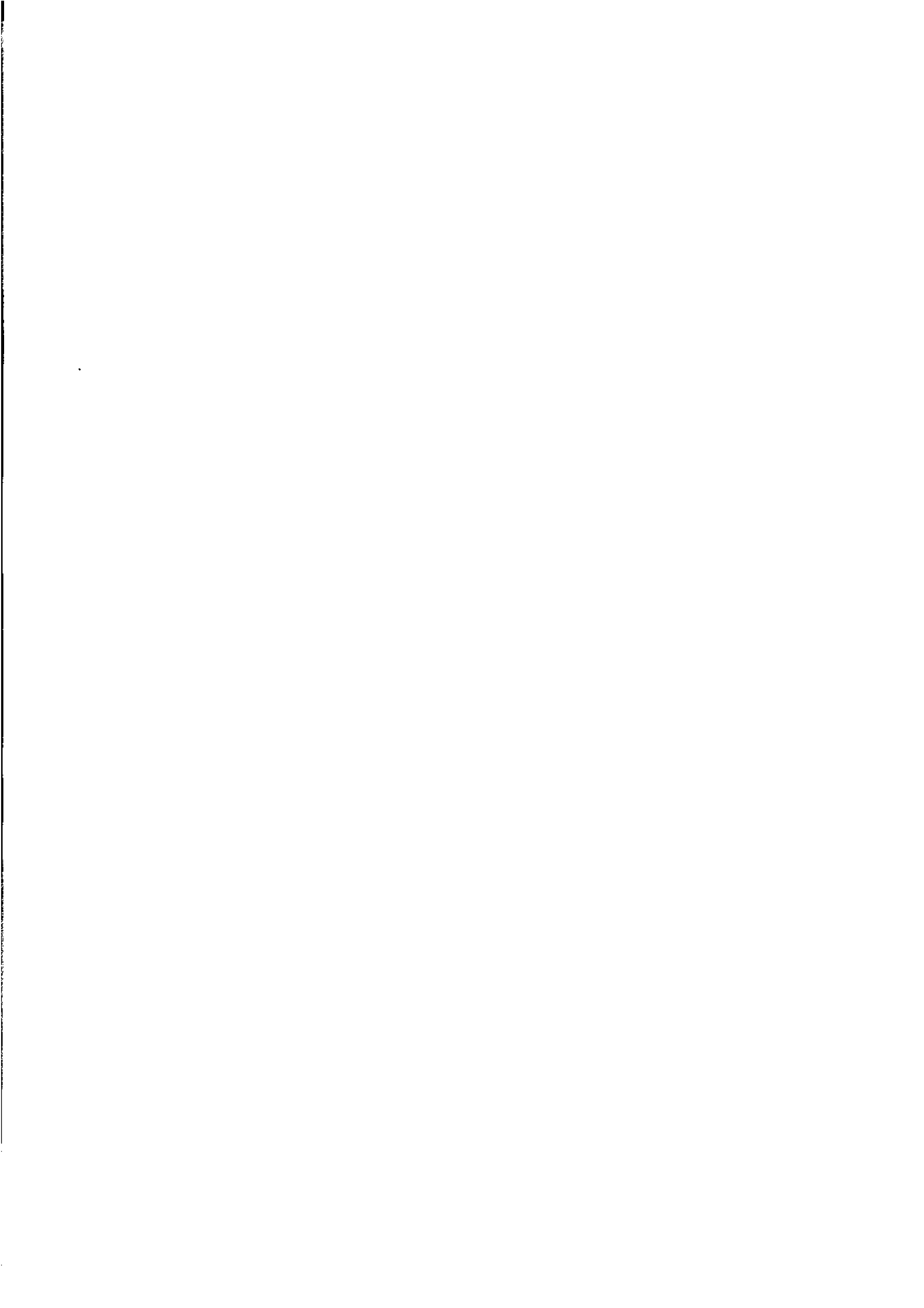




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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1994 key figures

Marriages registered	111,174
Divorces granted	48,256
Estimated resident population	
<i>(persons 15 years and over at 30 June)</i>	
Never married	4,254,241
Currently married	8,033,540
Widowed	865,707
Divorced	844,881
Total	13,998,369

DIVORCE AND LENGTH OF MARRIAGE

About 10 per cent of all registered marriages are likely to end in divorce by six years of marriage, 20 per cent by ten years, 30 per cent by twenty years and 40 per cent by thirty years.

Of people who marry aged 15-19 years, about 70 per cent of males and 50 per cent of females are expected to divorce within the first ten years of marriage.

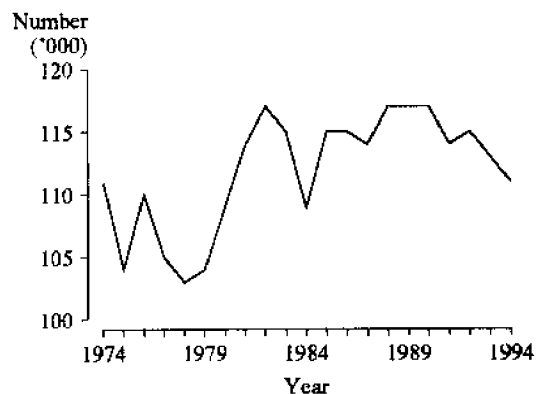
Of people who remarry aged 20-29 years following divorce, about 30 per cent are likely to divorce again within the first ten years of marriage.

Divorce rates observed at ten years of marriage had risen to about 5 per cent in 1971, 15 per cent in 1981 and 20 per cent in 1991.

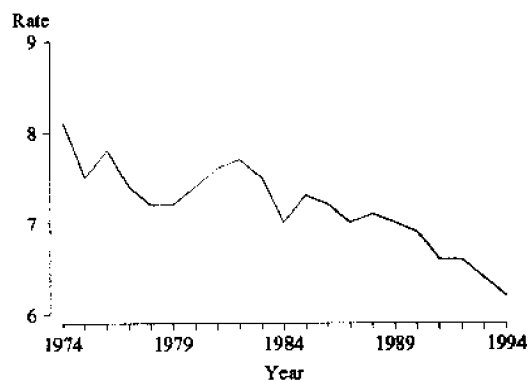
MARRIAGES

In 1994 there were 111,174 marriages registered in Australia. Over the last twenty years there have been fluctuations in the number of marriages registered ranging from a low of 102,958 (1978) to a high of 117,275 (1982).

FIGURE 1. MARRIAGES REGISTERED, AUSTRALIA



The crude marriage rate, although showing some variation, continued its downward trend, falling from 8.1 per thousand population in 1974 to 6.2 per thousand in 1994. Of the countries selected for comparison in this publication (see Table 4) Fiji had the highest rate (9.6 per 1,000 population) while Sweden had the lowest (4.3 per 1,000 population).

FIGURE 2. CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES^(a), AUSTRALIA

(a) Per 1,000 population.

The Northern Territory has, over the last twenty years, consistently recorded the lowest crude marriage rate in the nation (4.5 per 1,000 population in 1994, 38 % below the national rate). It has also shown the smallest percentage decrease for all States and Territories when rates for 1994 and 1974 are compared (20%). The greatest decline occurred in Tasmania (46%).

Marriage rates for the unmarried population (per 1,000 not currently married males and females aged 15 and over) are also in long term decline. In 1976 (the first year these rates became available) this marriage rate for men in Australia was 62.9 per thousand, while the rate for women was 61.1 per thousand. By 1994 these rates had declined to 38.2 and 36.4 respectively.

TABLE 1. MARRIAGE RATES(a): UNMARRIED POPULATION, AUSTRALIA, SELECTED YEARS

Selected years	Rate(a)	
	Males	Females
1976	62.9	61.1
1981	55.1	52.6
1984	48.1	46.0
1989	44.6	42.6
1994	38.2	36.4

(a) Per 1,000 not currently married male and female population.

Age at marriage

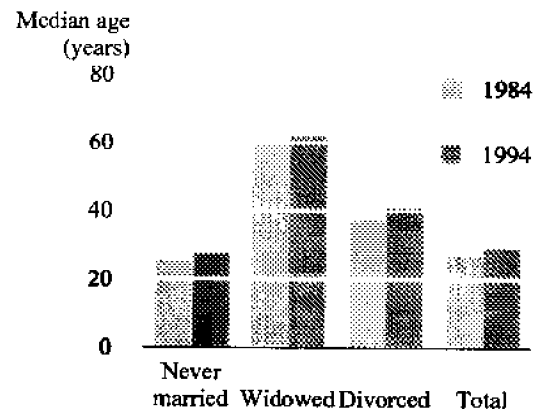
The median age at marriage for both men and women in Australia increased in 1994 to 29.0 years for bridegrooms and 26.6 years for brides, continuing a long established trend. The median age of all bridegrooms marrying also remained higher than that of all brides marrying, by 2.4 years (2.5 years in 1984 and 2.4 years in 1974).

(a) Age of bridegroom

The last twenty years have seen the proportion of men marrying after their 30th birthday continuing to increase. In 1994 men aged 30 years or more at marriage represented 45 per cent of all men marrying compared with 33 per cent in 1984 and 18 per cent in 1974. Of this group of men 50 per cent were marrying for the first time in 1994 compared with 38 per cent in 1984 and 46 per cent in 1974.

The median age of all men marrying in 1994 was 29.0 years. This represents an increase of 2.3 years on the 1984 median of 26.7 years and 5.2 years on 1974 median of 23.8 years. For men marrying for the first time in 1994 the median age at marriage increased to 27.2 years from 25.1 years in 1984 and 23.3 years in 1974.

FIGURE 3. MEDIAN AGE AT MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS, BRIDEGROOMS AUSTRALIA

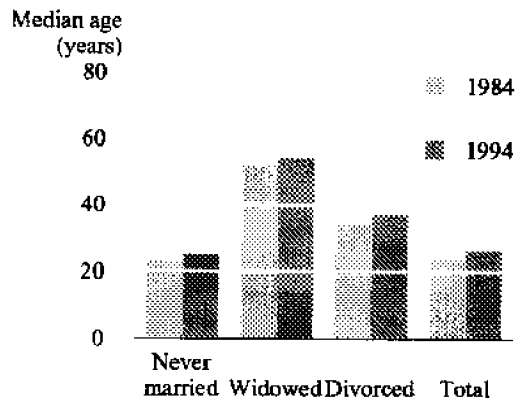


(b) Age of bride

The percentage of women marrying at 30 years or more also continued to increase. In 1994 the percentage was 33 per cent compared with 23 and 12 per cent in 1984 and 1974 respectively. The percentage of these women marrying for the first time was 41 per cent in 1994 compared with 27 per cent in 1984 and 32 per cent in 1974.

The median age of all women marrying in 1994 was 26.6 years compared with 24.2 years in 1984 and 21.4 years in 1974. For women marrying for the first time the median age at marriage increased to 25.1 years in 1994 from 22.9 years in 1984 and 20.9 years in 1974.

FIGURE 4. MEDIAN AGE AT MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS, BRIDES AUSTRALIA



First marriages

The number of people marrying for the first time continued to decline in 1994. When compared with ten years ago, first marriage rates for both men and women declined in all age groups with the exception of the 35-39 years age group for men and the 30-34 years age group for women. These rises, however, were small when compared with the falls experienced in the other age groups, particularly in the younger age groups.

In 1994 the peak age group for men remained the same as in 1984, the 25-29 years age group (88 per 1,000 population in 1994 compared with 106 per 1,000 in 1984). Women are waiting longer before marrying as the peak group for women, over the same period, changed from the 20-24 years age group to the 25-29 years age group. The rate for the 20-24 years age group was 68 per thousand population compared with 117 in 1984. For the peak group, the 25-29 years age group, first marriage rates were 105 per thousand in 1994 compared with 113 in 1984.

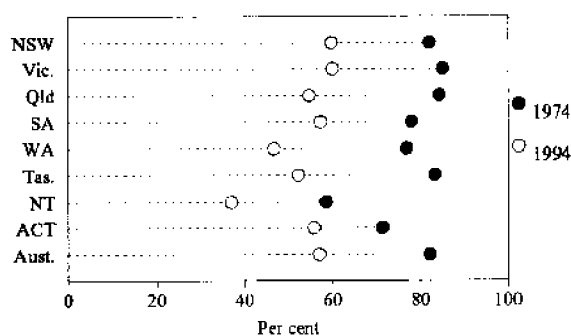
Remarriages

Remarriage rates for both men and women, after divorce or widowhood, also continued to fall in 1994. When 1994 and 1984 are compared remarriage rates declined in all age groups for men and in all but two of the older age groups for women (50-54 and 55-59 years age groups). In 1994 the peak remarriage age group for men was the 30-34 years age group (114 per 1,000 population) and for women the 25-29 years age group (115 per 1,000 population). Ten years ago, for both men and women, the peak remarriage age groups were to be found in the preceding age group. In 1984 the peak remarriage age group for men was the 25-29 years age group (193 per 1,000 population), while the peak group for women was the 20-24 years age group (181 per 1,000 population).

Category of celebrant

In 1994 the percentage of marriages performed by ministers of religion continued the long established downward trend. Of the marriages registered in 1994, 57 per cent were performed by ministers of religion. This compares with 60 per cent in 1984 and 82 per cent in 1974.

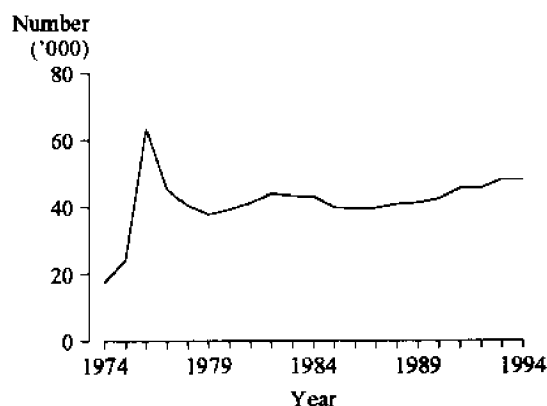
FIGURE 5. MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION



DIVORCES

There were 48,256 divorces granted in Australia in 1994. While this was a 12 per cent increase on the number granted in 1984 (43,124) there was an 11 per cent increase in the married population of Australia over the same period. The number of divorces granted in 1994 is the second highest since the record number granted in 1976 (63,230), when the Family Law Act was introduced.

FIGURE 6. DIVORCES GRANTED, AUSTRALIA



The divorce rates for the currently married population varied from a high of 18.9 for men and 18.8 for women in 1976 to a low of 10.6 for both men and women in 1987. In 1994 the rate, for both men and women, was 12.0 per thousand married population.

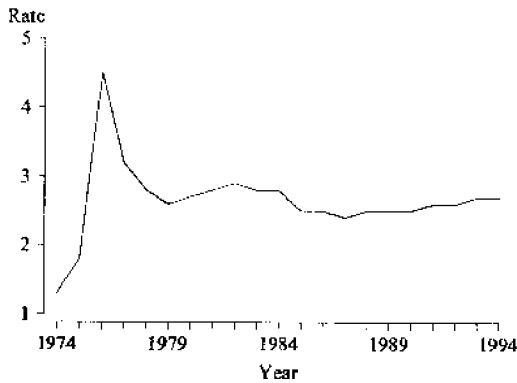
TABLE 2. DIVORCE RATES(a): CURRENTLY MARRIED POPULATION, AUSTRALIA, SELECTED YEARS

Selected years	Rate(a)	
	Males	Females
1976(b)	18.9	18.8
1981	11.9	11.9
1984	12.0	11.9
1989	10.8	10.7
1994	12.0	12.0

(a) Per 1,000 married male and female population. (b) Family Law Act introduced, 1976.

In 1994 the crude divorce rate for Australia was 2.7 per thousand population compared with 2.8 in 1984. Since the record 1976 rate of 4.5 per thousand a low was recorded in 1987 when the rate fell to 2.4.

FIGURE 7. CRUDE DIVORCE RATES(a), AUSTRALIA



(a) Per 1,000 population.

The Australian 1994 crude divorce rate of 2.7 per thousand population contrasts with that for the United States of America of 4.8 per thousand.

Age at divorce

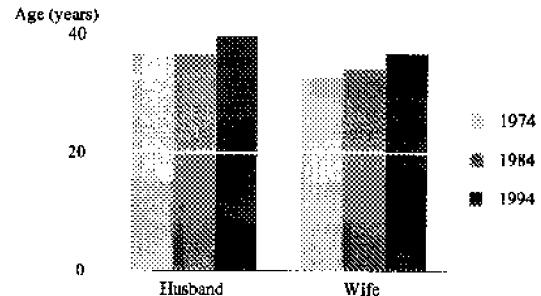
Although the Australian divorce rate in relation to the currently married population remained almost the same for men and women for the years 1994 and 1984 (12 per 1,000 married population) age rates for this population have varied.

When 1994 and 1984 are compared an increase in rates can be found in nearly all age groups for both men and women. Over this period the peak age group for males divorcing changed from the 25-29 years age group to the 30-34 years age group. For women the peak group remained in the 25-29 years age group.

In 1994 the median age at divorce again increased, for both men and women, continuing the rise evident since 1980. In 1994 the median age at divorce for men was 39.7 years (36.7 years in 1984 and 36.6 years in 1974). For women the median age at

divorce in 1994 was 36.8 years (34.1 years in 1984 and 33.4 years in 1974)

FIGURE 8. MEDIAN AGE OF PARTIES AT DIVORCE AUSTRALIA



Duration of marriage for divorced persons

Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of marriage and the date the divorce decree was made absolute. Over the past twenty years the median duration of marriage ending in divorce has fluctuated. In 1974, prior to the introduction of the Family Law Act, the median duration of marriage was 11.8 years compared with 10.6 years in 1984 and 10.9 years in 1994.

In contrast the median duration of marriage until separation has increased. Details of median duration of marriage until separation prior to the introduction of the Family Law Act are not available. However, since 1976 when the median was 6.9 years the median duration to separation has increased to 7.7 years for both 1984 and 1994.

Previous marital status of divorcees

The percentage of divorces granted between 1984 and 1994 to men and women who had previously been divorced continued to increase. In 1994, 17.7 per cent of men divorcing had been previously divorced compared with 12.3 per cent in 1984, an increase of 5.4 percentage points. The percentages for women who had previously been divorced were 16.9 per cent and 12.0 per cent respectively, an increase of 4.9 percentage points.

Applicant for divorce

After a continuous rise in the percentage of joint applications for divorce since 1984 (the first year details became available) the percentage of joint applications fell in 1994. In 1994, 14.9 per cent of all divorce applications were joint applications compared with a high of 15.8 per cent in 1993 and a low of 0.4 per cent in 1984.

Children involved in divorce

In 1994 details of the number of divorces involving children, aged under 18 years, are not considered reliable for Victoria. Hence details for that State and Australia are not available. However, in Australia between 1984 and 1993 a declining trend in the percentage of divorces involving children was evident (60.9% in 1984 falling to 52.6% in 1993). In 1994, with the exception of Victoria, Tasmania had the highest percentage of divorces involving children (61.3%) while South Australia had the lowest (47.6%).

State/Territory data

In 1994, on a State and Territory of usual residence basis, Tasmania recorded the highest crude divorce rate at 3.2 per thousand population. The lowest rate was recorded by the Northern Territory at 2.1 per thousand population. This low Northern Territory rate reflects the low marriage rate of that Territory (4.5 per 1,000 population) compared with the national rate (6.2 per 1,000 population).

On a State and Territory of usual residence basis Tasmania had the highest median duration of marriage that ended in divorce (12 years) while the Australian Capital Territory had the lowest (10 years).

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES: BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES

Men and women getting married or divorced in Australia in 1994 were most likely to have been born in Australia, United Kingdom and Ireland, New Zealand, China or Vietnam. Australian born men were involved in 75 per cent of all marriages registered and Australian born women 77 per cent. The other five countries combined represented an additional 13 per cent and 11 per cent respectively. For divorces Australian born men represented 67 per cent of all men divorcing while Australian born women divorcing represented 69 per cent. The five overseas countries combined to represent a further 16 per cent of all divorces for men and 15 per cent for women.

Birthplace of parties marrying

Of the marriages registered in Australia in 1994, 64 per cent were marriages where both parties were born in Australia (compared with 65% in 1984). Marriages where both parties were born in the same overseas country represented 8 per cent of all marriages (6% in 1984).

Men and women born overseas who married partners from a different country represented 28 per cent of all marriages in 1994 (29% in 1984). Of these marriages, 46 per cent were overseas born men marrying Australian born women and 37 per cent were overseas born women marrying Australian born men (47% and 38% respectively in 1984).

Birthplace of parties divorcing

In 1994, 56 per cent of all divorces granted in Australia were to parties who were both born in Australia (62% in 1984). Divorces where both parties were born in the same overseas country represented 13 per cent of all divorces granted in 1994 (11% in 1984).

Men and women born overseas divorcing from partners from a different country represented 31 per cent of all divorces in 1994 (27% in 1984). Of these divorces, 42 per cent were overseas born men divorcing from Australian born women and 36 per cent were overseas born women divorcing from Australian born men (47% and 33% respectively in 1984).

Marriage and divorce rates for selected countries

Rates of marriage and divorce occurring in Australia, in 1994, varied for Australian and overseas born men and women. When comparing these rates, and other details, it should be remembered that the total number of marriages and divorces for persons born in some selected countries is small and that the demographic composition of birthplace groups is varied.

Of the major overseas born communities selected for comparison, Chinese born Australian residents, both men and women, had the highest marriage rate (per thousand Chinese born men and women in the Australian population) 27.5 per 1,000 for men and 31.9 per 1,000 for women. Italian born men and women had the lowest marriage rates, 5.5 per 1,000 for men and 3.3 per 1,000 for women. The corresponding rates for the Australian born were 12.2 for males and 12.3 for females.

In 1994 Chinese born men and women also had the highest divorce rates of the selected countries, 12.3 per thousand Chinese born men in the Australian population and 14.9 per thousand Chinese born females. The lowest divorce rates were for Malaysian born men (3.6 per 1,000) and women born in Italy (3.1 per 1,000). The rates for Australian born men and women were both 4.8 per thousand population.

Median ages

Men and women born in Germany and married in Australia in 1994 had the highest median age at marriage of all selected countries (35.4 years for men and 32.7 years for women). Lebanese born men and women had the lowest median ages (27.3 years for men and 23.9 years for women). The Australian comparative medians were closer to those of the Lebanese born than those of the German born at 28.3 years for men and 26.0 years for women.

The countries registering the highest and lowest median ages at divorce were the same as those registering the highest and lowest median ages at marriage. German born men had a median age at divorce of 46.5 years while for German born women

the median age was 44.9 years. Lebanese born men were joined by men born in Viet Nam for the lowest median age, 35.1 years. The lowest median age for women divorcing was for Lebanese born women, 31.9 years. The Australian born medians were 31.9 years for men and 36.4 years for women.

Birthplace relationship of parties

Of the countries compared, Vietnamese born men and women had the highest percentage of marriages to partners born in the same country (90% for males and 86% for females). The Australian born had the next highest percentage with 86 per cent of Australian born men marrying Australian born women and 84 per cent of Australian born women marrying Australian born men. The lowest percentages were for men and women born in the United States of America (11% for men and 15% for women).

For divorces granted in Australia in 1994, 83 per cent of Australian born men were divorced from Australian born wives while 81 per cent of Australian born women were divorced from Australian born husbands. Vietnamese born were the next highest group with 78 per cent of Vietnamese born men divorcing from Vietnamese born wives while 84 per cent of Vietnamese born women were divorced from Vietnamese born husbands. The lowest percentages were for men and women born in the United States of America where 13 per cent of men were divorced from wives born in that country and 14 per cent of women born in the United States of America were divorced from husbands whose birthplace was the United States of America.

Category of celebrant

Of the countries selected for comparison in 1994, 83 per cent of Lebanese born men and 84 per cent of Lebanese born women were married by ministers of religion while the comparative percentage for Chinese born men was 10 per cent and 11 per cent for Chinese born women. The percentages for Australian born men and Australian born women were 61 per cent and 62 per cent respectively.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS

At 30 June 1994 the estimated resident population of Australia aged 15 years and over (13,998,400) comprised 4,254,200 never married, 8,033,500 currently married, 865,700 widowed and 844,900 divorced persons.

Since 1976 the proportion of the population never married has increased from 25.4 per cent to 27.9 per cent in 1984 and to 30.4 per cent in 1994. For men this increase was most evident in the 25-29 years age group where the percentage of never married men rose by 31 percentage points between 1976 and 1994 (rising from 26.5% to 57.6%). For women over this period the rise was most evident in the 20-24 years age group, rising 38 percentage points (from 40.2% to 78.4%).

The proportion of the population aged 15 years and over currently married has declined from 65.4 per cent in 1976 to 61.0 in 1984 and 57.4 in 1994. This decline, which accompanies the increase in the never married population, is most apparent in the 25-29 years age group for men and the 20-24 years age group for women. The percentage declines were 32 percentage points for men (falling from 71.5% to 39.9%) and 38 percentage points for women (falling from 58.6% to 20.5%) between 1976 and 1994.

For those aged 65 years and over, improvements in mortality over the past two decades have led to reductions in the proportions widowed and corresponding increases in the proportions married. The most significant changes have occurred in the older age groups. In the 80-84 age group the percentage of widowed men has declined from 35.4 per cent in 1976 to 29.9 in 1984 and 24.6 in 1994. For females this decline was from 71.9 per cent to 70.6 and to 63.2 for the corresponding years. The proportion of males divorced in this age group increased from 1.1 per cent in 1976 to 1.9 in 1984 and 3.1 in 1994. For females this increase was from 0.8 per cent to 1.5 and to 3.0 respectively.

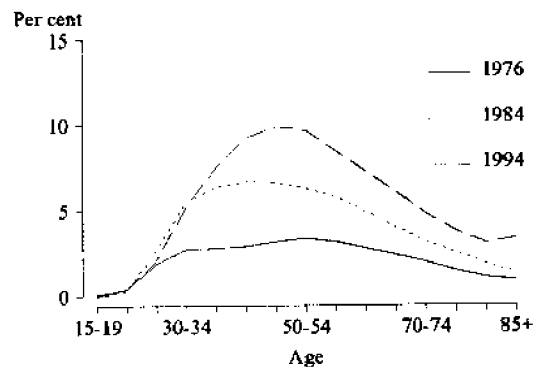
TABLE 3. MARITAL STATUS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN POPULATION(a)
(Per cent)

Year	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
MALES					
1976	29.6	65.7	2.6	2.1	100.0
1984	32.1	61.5	2.4	4.0	100.0
1994p	34.1	58.0	2.5	5.5	100.0
FEMALES					
1976	21.2	65.1	11.2	2.5	100.0
1984	23.9	60.5	10.8	4.9	100.0
1994p	26.8	56.8	9.8	6.6	100.0
PERSONS					
1976	25.4	65.4	6.9	2.3	100.0
1984	27.9	61.0	6.6	4.4	100.0
1994p	30.4	57.4	6.2	6.0	100.0

(a) Aged 15 years and over

There were 378,900 divorced males at 30 June 1994 which is 5.5 per cent of the male population aged 15 years and over. Between 1976 and 1994 the number of divorced men more than doubled from 104,700 to 378,900. In 1994 the age groups with the highest percentage of divorced men were the 45-49 and 50-54 years age groups which have respectively 9.9 and 9.7 per cent of their population divorced.

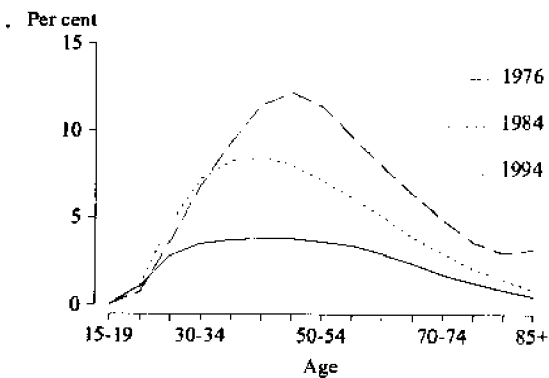
FIGURE 9. DIVORCED MEN, AUSTRALIA



There were 466,000 divorced women at 30 June 1994 which is 6.6 per cent of the female population aged 15 years and over. As with men, between 1976 and 1994, the number of divorced women more than doubled from 128,800 to 466,000. In 1994 the age groups with the highest percentage of divorced women were the 40-44 and 45-49 years age groups with 11.5 and 12.2 per cent respectively of their population divorced.

With a few exceptions, the percentages of men and women divorced, at each age group, were lower in 1976 and 1984 than in 1994. The exceptions were, in 1976 the 20-24 years age group for both men and women and in 1984 the 25-34 years age group for men and the 20-34 years age group for women.

FIGURE 18. DIVORCED WOMEN, AUSTRALIA



For explanations of the terms used in this publication please refer to the GLOSSARY

Special features in this publication

- ***How many marriages end in divorce? Recent trends***
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- ***Families in Australia***
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- ***Marital status and couple relationships in Australia***
Selected data from the 1991 Census of Population and Housing (see page 51)

PART A: SPECIAL FEATURES

HOW MANY MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE?

Recent Trends

Over the past 30 years the level of divorce in Australia has reflected both changes in our society's attitudes about divorce and the effects of corresponding government legislation. The Matrimonial Causes Act (1961) introduced uniform divorce laws across all States. In 1975 the Family Law Act was passed, establishing the Family Court of Australia and 'no fault' grounds for divorce.

This article addresses the two questions, 'What proportion of marriages from a particular year have already ended in divorce?' and 'What proportion of marriages are likely to end in divorce?' in terms of observed divorce rates and divorce expectations. Unlike divorce rates which relate the number of divorces in a particular year to all married people, these measures estimate the flow of divorces relative to the marriages from which they come.

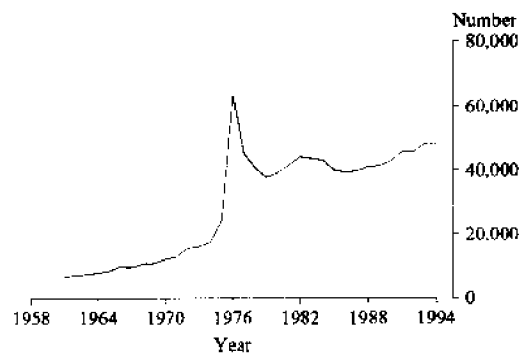
General trends

The number of registered divorces each year and the rate of divorce, steadily increased between 1961 and 1975. They rose to a sharp peak in 1976, the first year of operation of the Family Law Act, when 63,200 divorces were granted (47,500 of these under the new Act and a further 15,700 under the Matrimonial Causes Act) (see Figure 1).

Following the 1976 peak the annual number of divorces during the 1980s and early 1990s fluctuated between 40,000 and 50,000. From 1987 there was sustained upward movement to 1993 when 48,300 divorces were recorded, the highest number since 1976. In 1994, 48,300 divorces were again recorded. The annual number of marriages during this time

About 10 per cent of all marriages are likely to end in divorce by six years of marriage, 20 per cent by ten years, 30 per cent by twenty years and 40 per cent by thirty years.

FIGURE 1. DIVORCES, AUSTRALIA, 1961-1994



varied between 108,700 and 117,300. Each year, therefore, there is one divorce for every two to three marriages in Australia.

Most divorces come from first marriages. Of the 48,300 males who divorced in 1994, 39,200 (81%) were from first marriages, 8,600 (18%) were from remarriages following divorce and 500 (1.1%) were from remarriages following widowhood. Comparable figures were also recorded for females (see Table 1).

TABLE 1. DIVORCES: MARITAL STATUS PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, 1971-1994
(000)

Year	Males			Females			Total
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	
1971	11.9	0.2	0.9	11.7	0.3	1.0	12.9
1976	58.1	1.0	4.1	57.7	1.3	4.3	63.2
1981	37.0	0.5	3.9	36.9	0.7	3.8	41.4
1986	33.3	0.5	5.6	33.4	0.6	5.3	39.4
1991	37.8	0.4	7.4	38.1	0.6	7.0	45.6
1994	39.2	0.5	8.5	39.5	0.6	8.1	48.3

There are now more divorced people remarrying, and divorcing, than previously. The number of people who remarried following divorce rose from 21,000 in 1975 (10 per cent of people who married in 1975) to 37,600 in 1976 and 46,500 in 1994 (21 per cent of people who married in 1994). Likewise, from the late 1970s (once divorce levels had stabilised after the 1976 peak) to the present, the number of divorces by previously divorced people has risen steadily. In 1978, 5,900 people who had remarried following divorce, divorced again (7.2 per cent of people who divorced in 1978), while the corresponding figure for 1994 was 16,700 (17 per cent of people who divorced).

The divorce rate has been relatively stable since the early 1980s, varying for both males and females between 10 and 12 divorces per thousand currently married males or females, respectively (1.0% to 1.2%). While this rate reflects changes in the number of divorces (the numerator) it has been influenced upward by reduced growth of the currently married population (the denominator). The proportion of the Australian population aged 15 years and over which is currently married has fallen from 66 per cent in 1961 to 57 per cent in 1994.

Measuring divorce

Observed divorce rates record the on-going history of divorce. Divorce expectations provide a guide to current and future divorce trends.

Divorce rates can be derived by relating the on-going flow of divorces from a group or cohort of people who married in the same year to the size of the group

in the year of marriage. **Observed divorce rates** to particular marriage durations can then be calculated by summing rates at each year of marriage.

Each group of people identified by its unique year of marriage reached a different total length of marriage in 1994. People who married in the early 1960s reached over thirty years of marriage while those who married in the early 1990s have yet to reach five years of marriage. **Divorce expectations** are derived by summing divorce rates recorded in one calendar year. Rates at one year of marriage for those who married one year ago are added to rates at two years of marriage for those who married two years ago and so forth, until rates at all years of marriage have been included.

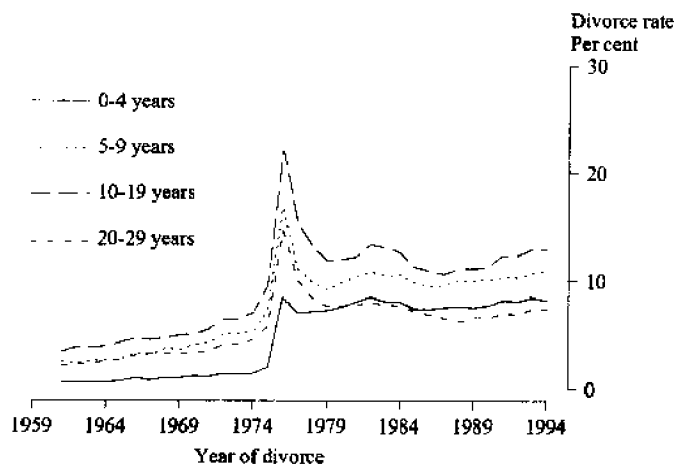
These duration specific divorce rates were estimated by applying reduced events analysis to marriage and divorce registration data from 1920 to 1994. Annual adjustments for overseas migration and deaths were made to the size of marriage cohorts.

TABLE 2. DIVORCE EXPECTATIONS FOR TOTAL MARRIAGES, 1971-1994
(Per cent)

Year of divorce	Length of marriage (years)				All years
	5	10	20	30	
1971	1.1	5.3	10.8	14.3	16.4
1976	8.5	25.3	47.4	62.0	70.8
1981	8.0	18.4	30.6	38.4	42.1
1986	7.3	16.8	27.7	34.5	38.1
1991	8.2	18.6	30.9	37.9	41.2
1994	8.2	19.1	32.0	39.4	42.9

Source: 1971 and 1976 Carmichael and McDonald (1990)

FIGURE 2. DIVORCE EXPECTATIONS AT SELECTED MARRIAGE DURATION INTERVALS, 1961-1994
CUMULATIVE RATES FOR TOTAL MARRIAGES



Source: 1961-1976 Carmichael and McDonald (1990)

Length of marriage

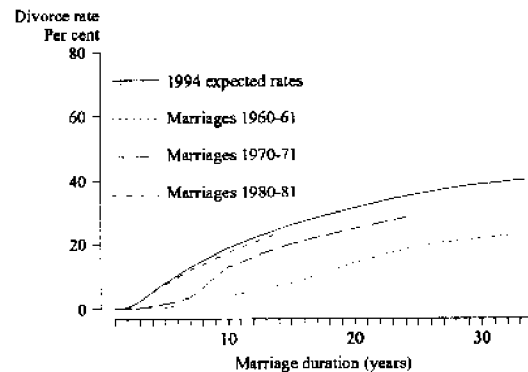
For some years now, divorce expectations have provided a consistent picture of current and future divorce trends (see Table 2). These results indicate that about ten per cent of all marriages are likely to end in divorce by six years of marriage, 20 per cent by ten years, 30 per cent by twenty years and 40 per cent by thirty years. The cumulative divorce rate rises to about 43 per cent over all years of marriage.

In 1994, 8.2 per cent of marriages were expected to end in divorce during the interval 0-4 years of marriage, 11 per cent during 5-9 years, 13 per cent during 10-19 years and 7.4 per cent during 20-29 years. In total, 39 per cent of marriages were expected to end in divorce by 30 years of marriage.

Divorce expectations during the intervals 5-9, 10-19 and 20-29 years of marriage have followed a common pattern of rise and fall in line with the pattern already noted for the total number of divorces (see Figure 2). Divorce expectations during 0-4 years of marriage, however, remained high following the 1976 peak. While this may be due to higher incidence of marriage breakdown at early years of marriage since 1975, it is also due to faster processing of divorce under the provisions of the Family Law Act.

At comparable years of marriage, observed divorce rates for people who married prior to the mid 1970s are lower than current expectations (see Figure 3). However, for marriages from the mid 1970s onward, observed divorce rates have been close to current expectations. If current trends continue then rates of

FIGURE 3. OBSERVED DIVORCE RATES
CUMULATIVE RATES FOR FEMALES, FIRST MARRIAGES
1960-61 TO 1980-81



Source: 1961-1976 Carmichael and McDonald (1990)

40 per cent at thirty years of marriage are likely to be first realised in the early years of next century and thereafter hold for some time.

Marital status prior to marriage

At the time of marriage a person may be either never married, widowed or divorced. The marital status of one partner at the time of marriage may differ from that of the other.

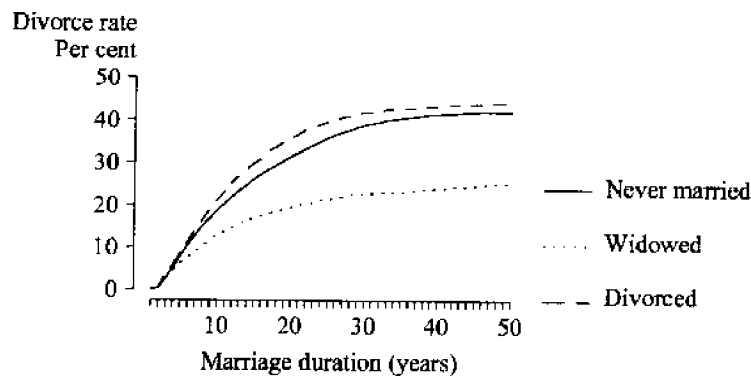
People who remarry following divorce have the highest risk of divorce. Expectations are slightly lower for people who marry for the first time and much lower for those who marry following widowhood (see Table 3 and Figure 4).

TABLE 3. DIVORCE EXPECTATIONS: MARITAL STATUS PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, 1971-1994
(Per cent)

Year of divorce	Duration of marriage								
	10 years			20 years			30 years		
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced
MALES									
1971	5.2	4.5	7.4	10.6	8.8	16.4	14.1	10.9	20.7
1976	25.0	23.3	32.2	47.1	39.3	61.8	61.9	48.4	78.2
1981	18.4	11.6	20.4	30.9	18.9	34.6	38.9	21.0	42.4
1986	16.3	12.6	19.1	27.1	19.1	32.7	33.9	22.3	39.7
1991	18.9	10.8	19.9	31.0	16.4	33.6	38.0	18.1	40.9
1994	18.9	14.3	20.8	31.9	20.9	35.4	39.4	23.7	42.8
FEMALES									
1971	5.2	4.2	7.4	10.5	8.6	15.8	13.9	11.2	20.4
1976	24.9	21.5	32.4	46.4	38.1	63.1	60.8	49.7	78.1
1981	18.5	11.8	20.3	30.6	19.0	35.1	38.4	24.0	41.7
1986	16.3	12.6	19.4	27.0	19.5	32.3	33.8	22.3	38.3
1991	18.7	11.5	19.7	30.8	17.3	33.5	37.8	20.0	39.4
1994	18.8	13.1	21.3	31.4	19.6	35.7	38.8	22.7	42.0

Source: Carmichael and McDonald (1990)

FIGURE 4. DIVORCE EXPECTATIONS, 1994
CUMULATIVE RATES FOR FEMALES, FIRST MARRIAGES AND REMARRIAGES



At comparable years of marriage observed divorce rates are generally higher the more recent the year of marriage. Observed rates for first marriages and remarriages from the mid 1970s have been within a few percentage points of current expectations (see Table 4).

De facto relationships

This article presents estimates of the rate of divorce from registered marriages. These rates do not include the breakdown of de facto relationships. According to the 1992 Survey of Families in Australia, the number of de facto relationships more than doubled between 1982 and 1992 (increasing from 168,600 in 1982 to 345,200 in 1992). Of all couples, about 92 per cent live in registered marriages and 8 per cent in de facto relationships.

Age at marriage

Some of the differences in divorce rates among first marriages and remarriages can be explained by differences in age at marriage. Expectations of divorce tend to fall as age at marriage rises.

For people who married for the first time in 1993-94, 68 per cent of males and 78 per cent of females were aged 20-29 years. People who remarried following divorce were likely to be older and people who remarried following widowhood were likely to be older again (see Table 5).

TABLE 4. OBSERVED DIVORCE RATES: MARITAL STATUS PRIOR TO MARRIAGE
MARRIAGES 1970-71 TO 1989-90
(Per cent)

Year of marriage	Duration of marriage								
	5 years			10 years			20 years		
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced
MALES									
1970-71	1.7	1.4	2.5	13.3	9.5	16.9	25.5	15.4	30.2
1975-76	6.9	5.5	6.6	17.1	11.7	17.6
1980-81	7.5	8.3	8.5	17.5	13.6	19.6
1985-86	7.4	6.3	8.2
1989-90	8.6	6.4	9.2
FEMALES									
1970-71	1.7	1.1	2.6	13.0	10.1	17.1	24.9	16.8	30.8
1975-76	6.9	5.4	6.6	17.2	12.2	17.5
1980-81	7.6	7.3	8.8	17.4	13.0	19.9
1985-86	7.4	5.7	8.1
1989-90	8.5	7.0	9.3

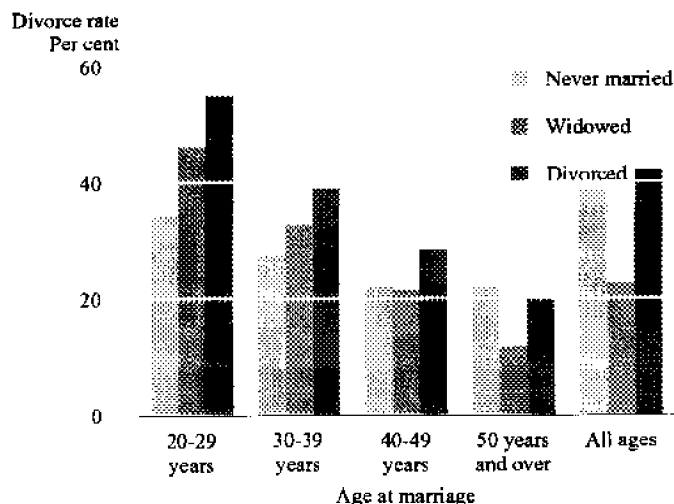
Source: 1961-1976 Carmichael and McDonald (1990)

TABLE 5. MARRIAGES 1993-94 BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

Prior marital status	Age group (years)					Total
	15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50 and over	
MALES						
- Number -						
Never married	470	56,940	23,480	2,520	610	84,030
Widowed	—	20	180	360	2,080	2,640
Divorced	—	1,580	9,400	8,210	4,860	24,050
- Per cent -						
Never married	0.6	67.8	27.9	3.0	0.7	100.0
Widowed	—	0.6	6.9	13.6	78.9	100.0
Divorced	—	6.6	39.1	34.1	20.2	100.0
FEMALES						
- Number -						
Never married	2,840	66,410	14,490	1,320	300	85,360
Widowed	—	100	410	650	1,780	2,950
Divorced	—	3,440	9,890	6,450	2,640	22,420
- Per cent -						
Never married	3.3	77.8	17.0	1.5	0.4	100.0
Widowed	—	3.5	14.0	22.0	60.5	100.0
Divorced	—	15.3	44.1	28.8	11.8	100.0

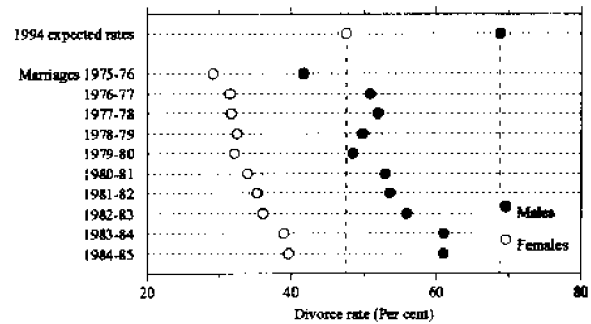
The number of people aged 15-19 years at marriage has declined since the mid 1970s. In 1993-94, 470 males and 2,840 females married at this age, the lowest levels for over 50 years. Although small, this group is very vulnerable to divorce. According to 1994 divorce expectations, 69 per cent of 15-19 year old males who marry for the first time at this age are expected to divorce by ten years of marriage, while by twenty years virtually all are likely to have divorced.

**FIGURE 6. DIVORCE EXPECTATIONS BY AGE, 1994
CUMULATIVE RATES AT 30 YEARS MARRIAGE DURATION FOR FEMALES, FIRST MARRIAGES**



For females divorce rates are lower, with 48 per cent expected to divorce by ten years of marriage, 69 per cent by twenty years and 80 per cent by thirty years. Observed rates are rising to match 1994 divorce expectations (see Figure 5 for observed rates at 10 years of marriage).

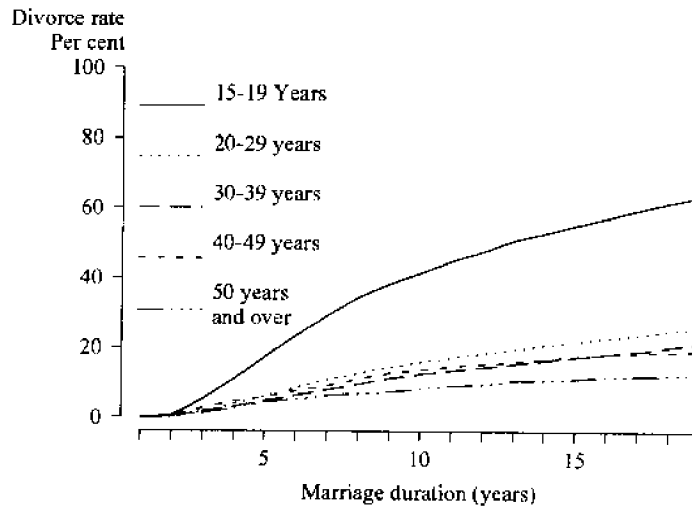
FIGURE 5. OBSERVED DIVORCE RATES AT 10 YEARS FOR PERSONS AGED 15-19 YEARS AT MARRIAGE FIRST MARRIAGES 1975-76 TO 1984-85



For those aged 20-39 years, divorce expectations for first marriages are lower than those for remarriages. For those who marry aged 50 years and over, divorce expectations for previously widowed people are lower than those for either first marriages or remarriages following divorce (see Figure 6).

People who remarry aged 20-29 years following divorce are at high risk of divorcing again. Divorce expectations, for both sexes, rise to 30 per cent by ten years of marriage and to 62 per cent (males) and 55 per cent (females) by thirty years of marriage.

**FIGURE 7. OBSERVED DIVORCE RATES BY AGE
CUMULATIVE RATES FOR MALES, FIRST MARRIAGES 1975-76**



People who married in 1975-76 reached nineteen years of marriage during 1994. Divorce rates observed for these marriages have risen to 64 per cent (males) and 45 per cent (females) for people who

married aged 15-19 years and 27 per cent (males) and 22 per cent (females) for people who married aged 20-29 years (see Figure 7).

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FAMILIES IN AUSTRALIA

Couple families

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' definition of a family is '2 or more people living in the same household who are related to each other by blood, marriage, de facto partnering, fostering or adoption'.

The 1992 *Survey of Families in Australia (Family Survey)* found that there were almost 4.8 million families in Australia. Of all persons usually resident in Australia in 1992, 88 per cent (almost 9 in 10 people) were living with at least one other family member.

Of all families in Australia in 1992, 79 per cent represented couples in registered marriages and a further 8 per cent represented one parent families where the parent was divorced or separated. The most common type of family was a couple in a registered marriage with children (49% of all families).

A couple refers to two usual residents, both aged at least 15 years, who are either married to each other or living in a de facto marriage with each other.

Couple families are comprised of persons in a registered marriage or a de facto marriage. Some include children, some do not. The number of married couple families increased by 10 per cent between 1982 and 1992 (increasing from 3,403,100 in 1982 to 3,752,500 in 1992). Registered married couple families without children have increased at a higher rate (20%) than registered married couple families with children (5%).

De facto relationships are becoming increasingly common. Although the percentage of all couples in a de facto couple relationship (8%) is low when compared to the percentage of couples in a registered married couple relationship (92%), the number of

TABLE 1. FAMILIES: GROWTH IN SELECTED FAMILY TYPES

Family type	1982		1992		Change 1982-1992 %
	Number '000	% of total	Number '000	% of total	
<i>Couple only</i>					
De facto	102.4	2.5	204.6	4.3	99.8
Registered married	1,176.5	28.9	1,415.3	29.6	20.3
<i>Total</i>	1,278.9	31.4	1,619.9	33.9	26.7
<i>Couple, others</i>					
De facto	66.2	1.6	140.6	2.9	112.4
Registered married	2,226.6	54.7	2,337.2	48.9	5.0
<i>Total</i>	2,292.8	56.3	2,477.7	51.9	8.1
<i>One parent, others</i>	436.6	10.7	619.4	13.0	41.9
<i>Other family</i>	62.1	1.5	58.1	1.2	-6.4
All families	4,070.5	100.0	4,775.1	100.0	17.3

TABLE 2. COUPLE FAMILIES, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1992
('000)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust
De facto couples	101.0	73.1	73.5	28.8	41.7	10.7	*8.8	*7.0	344.6
All couples	1,384.8	1,051.6	707.9	348.3	395.0	112.0	33.5	63.9	4,097.1
De facto couples as a % of all couples	7.3	7.0	10.4	8.3	10.5	9.5	26.4	10.9	8.4

de facto couples has more than doubled between 1982 and 1992 (increasing from 168,600 in 1982 to 345,200 in 1992).

The 1992 Family Survey found there was considerable variation in the proportion of de facto couples across Australian States and Territories. The Northern Territory had the highest proportion (26%) while Victoria had the lowest (7%).

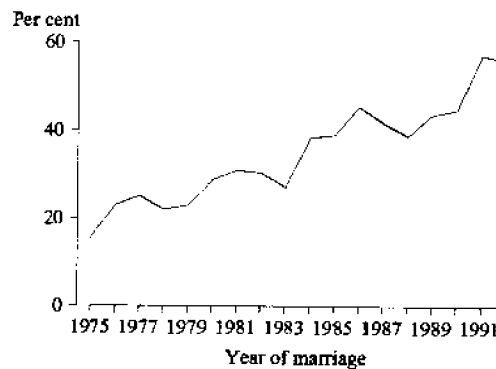
A factor which may have contributed to the high percentage of de facto couples in the Northern Territory is its younger adult population. Of persons aged 15 years or over, 52 per cent were under 35 years compared with only 41 per cent for Australia as a whole.

Cohabitation before marriage

The 1992 Family Survey included, for the first time, data on periods of pre-marriage cohabitation. Data relate to the most recent (or only) marriage of persons who were not in a de facto marriage at the time of the survey.

The data collected revealed that over the last twenty years there has been a large increase in the proportion of couples who live together before committing themselves to a registered marriage. In 1975 about 16 per cent of persons cohabited before marriage compared with around 56 per cent in 1992.

FIGURE 1: PROPORTION OF MOST RECENT (OR ONLY) MARRIAGES PRECEDED BY A PERIOD OF COHABITATION AUSTRALIA, 1975 TO 1992(a)



(a) Data relate only to marriages from 1975 onwards. Persons in a second or subsequent marriage were asked about their current marriage only. Previously married persons in a de facto relationship were not asked any questions about periods of pre-marriage cohabitation.

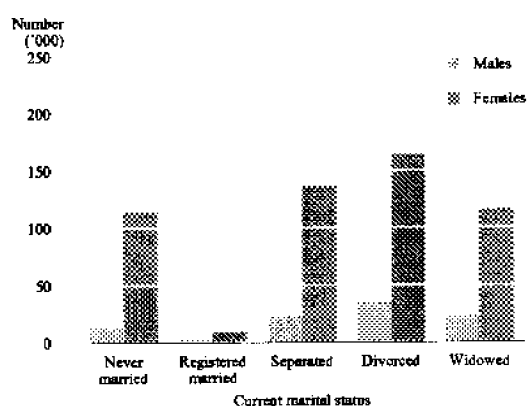
One parent families

A lone parent refers to a usual resident aged 15 years and over who does not have a usually resident spouse (by registered marriage or de facto partnership) but has at least one usually resident child (natural, step or otherwise related) who does not have a usually resident spouse (married or de facto) of their own.

The majority of one parent families appear to be a result of registered marriages breaking down via separation and divorce.

Over half (57%) of all lone parents in 1992 were divorced or separated while the proportion of never-married parents was 20 per cent. There was a greater proportion of never-married mothers in lone mother families (21%), than never-married fathers in lone father families (14%), while the proportions of widowed mothers and fathers were about the same (21% and 23% respectively).

FIGURE 2. LONE PARENTS: REGISTERED MARITAL STATUS BY SEX, 1992



Of all the major family types, one parent families grew at the fastest rate between 1982 and 1992 (42%). The numbers increased by around 183,000, from 436,600 in 1982 to 619,400 in 1992. The majority of lone parents in 1992 were female (84%).

Children in families

The ABS definition of a child, in the 1992 Family Survey, is any family member living with at least one parent (for dependent children this includes 'proxy' parents who are responsible for a child) and who does not have a partner or child of their own in the same household. Children are classified as dependent if they are aged 14 and under, or aged 15 to 24 and studying on a full-time basis.

In 1992 almost 5 million children lived in couple families, with the majority of these being dependent children (81%). Children in couple families were more likely to be dependent than were children in one parent families (81% compared with 70%). Most children living in couple families had registered married parents (95%) - only 240,000 children (5%) had parents who were living in a de facto relationship.

Across all couple families an estimated 40 per cent had no children present in the household. Couples in a de facto relationship were less likely to have children present in the household than were couples in a registered marriage, 61 per cent of de facto couples had no children present compared with 38 per cent for registered marriage couples.

TABLE 3. CHILDREN: DEPENDENCY BY SELECTED FAMILY TYPES, 1992

	In couple relationships			In one parent families			All couple and one parent families
	Registered married	De facto married	Total	Lone mother	Lone father	Total	
	%						
Dependent	80.5	89.8	80.9	70.7	66.9	70.1	79.1
Non-dependent	19.5	10.2	19.1	29.3	33.1	29.9	20.9
Total children ('000)	4,721.4	240.3	4,961.6	853.1	149.4	1,002.4	5,964.0

TABLE 4. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FAMILIES: FAMILY TYPE BY INDIGENOUS ORIGIN OF FAMILY MEMBERS

	Family members					
	Indigenous		Indigenous and non-Indigenous		Total	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
One parent families	20.2	39.6	4.0	11.7	24.2	28.5
Couple families without children	6.2	12.1	6.9	20.4	13.1	15.4
Couple families with children	22.2	43.4	22.6	67.1	44.8	52.8
Other related individuals only	2.5	4.8	*0.3	*0.8	2.7	3.2
All families	51.1	100.0	33.8	100.0	84.9	100.0
Percentage of all family members	60.2	..	39.8	..	100.0	..

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey (1994) defined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families as those in which one or more members of the family had identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, 60 per cent of family members were made up of only Indigenous members, while the remaining 40 per cent had both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members.

The most common family type was couple families with children (53 per cent of all families) while couple families without children accounted for 15 per cent. One parent families constituted 29 per cent of all Indigenous families. In comparison in the 1992 *Family Survey* comparative percentages for total Australia were 51 per cent of all families in Australia were couple families with children, 35 per cent were couple families without children and 13 per cent were one parent families.

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The percentage of Indigenous one parent families in the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey* (29%) was at least double that measured for all families in the *Family Survey* (13%). The percentage of couple families with children was, however, comparable.

Of all Indigenous families across the States and Territories, South Australia had the highest proportion (38%) of one parent Indigenous families while Tasmania had the lowest (19%).

TABLE 5. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FAMILIES AND ALL FAMILIES: SELECTED FAMILY TYPES

State	Indigenous families with children(a)		All Australian families with children(b)	
	One parent	Couple families	One parent	Couple families
	%			
NSW	28.9	51.2	13.2	51.6
Vic.	30.3	48.6	12.5	51.7
Qld	26.6	56.3	13.4	49.7
SA	38.3	46.1	12.6	49.7
WA	30.1	54.3	12.8	51.7
Tas.	18.6	54.9	12.2	51.8
NT	26.8	53.9	14.6	51.1
ACT	(c)	(c)	15.5	52.7
Aust.	28.5	52.8	13.0	51.1

(a) Source: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey, 1994.

(b) Source: *Family Survey*, 1992. (c) ACT and Jervis Bay Territory included with Australia.

PART B: OVERVIEW

TABLE 1. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER BY MARITAL STATUS AND SEX
AUSTRALIA, 30 JUNE 1976 TO 30 JUNE 1994

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Currently married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
MALES					
1976	1,508,196	3,344,351	134,254	104,651	5,091,452
1981	1,739,005	3,477,730	139,109	187,865	5,543,709
1984	1,880,795	3,606,109	142,086	236,303	5,865,293
1989	2,175,659	3,848,059	156,413	297,099	6,477,230
1990	2,216,738	3,898,576	160,018	309,393	6,584,725
1991	2,243,043	3,940,205	165,230	323,900	6,672,378
1992	2,281,929	3,969,224	167,016	341,465	6,759,634
1993	2,314,262	3,990,261	168,653	359,495	6,832,671
1994 p	2,357,031	4,007,263	170,931	378,915	6,914,140
FEMALES					
1976	1,094,753	3,354,906	576,117	128,760	5,154,536
1981	1,310,797	3,487,551	622,181	233,482	5,654,011
1984	1,427,908	3,616,861	642,968	290,556	5,978,293
1989	1,708,321	3,862,481	673,685	367,781	6,612,268
1990	1,751,644	3,912,483	677,867	383,415	6,725,409
1991	1,791,426	3,952,983	681,262	400,457	6,826,128
1992	1,828,071	3,984,485	685,502	421,122	6,919,180
1993	1,858,219	4,007,283	689,704	442,726	6,997,932
1994 p	1,897,210	4,026,277	694,776	465,966	7,084,229
PERSONS					
1976	2,602,949	6,699,257	710,371	233,411	10,245,988
1981	3,049,802	6,965,281	761,290	421,347	11,197,720
1984	3,308,703	7,222,970	785,054	526,859	11,843,586
1989	3,883,980	7,710,540	830,098	664,880	13,089,498
1990	3,968,382	7,811,059	837,885	692,808	13,310,134
1991	4,034,469	7,893,188	846,492	724,357	13,498,506
1992	4,110,000	7,953,709	852,518	762,587	13,678,814
1993	4,172,481	7,997,544	858,357	802,221	13,830,603
1994 p	4,254,241	8,033,540	865,707	844,881	13,998,369

TABLE 2. MARRIAGES: NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS(a): SUMMARY

	1984	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NUMBER							
Marriages registered	108,655	117,176	116,959	113,869	114,752	113,255	111,174
Crude marriage rate	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.2
<i>Previous marital status—</i>							
First marriage both partners	72,540	78,850	78,782	76,811	77,092	75,968	75,045
First marriage one partner	20,394	22,002	21,597	21,098	21,227	21,123	20,159
Remarriage both partners	15,721	16,324	16,580	15,960	16,433	16,164	15,970
<i>Marriages performed by ...</i>							
Ministers of religion—							
Number	65,681	67,743	67,704	66,849	66,773	65,573	63,265
Per cent	60.4	57.8	57.9	58.7	58.2	57.9	56.9
Civil celebrants—							
Number	42,974	49,433	49,255	47,020	47,979	47,682	47,909
Per cent	39.6	42.2	42.1	41.3	41.8	42.1	43.1
BRIDEGROOM							
<i>Age specific marriage rates—</i>							
Age group (years)—							
19 and under	3.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.2
20-24	55.8	46.8	44.0	40.6	38.2	36.0	33.1
25-29	49.2	53.3	54.1	53.0	53.8	53.3	53.0
30-34	23.4	27.9	27.7	27.6	28.8	29.0	29.1
35-39	13.4	14.8	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.0	14.9
40-44	9.3	10.1	9.9	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.4
45-49	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.4	7.7	7.4	7.3
50 and over	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5
<i>Marital status of bridegroom—</i>							
Never married	82,149	89,196	89,009	86,831	87,119	85,942	84,510
Widowed	2,798	2,855	2,729	2,703	2,561	2,718	2,584
Divorced	23,708	25,125	25,221	24,335	25,072	24,595	24,080
Total	108,655	117,176	116,959	113,869	114,752	113,255	111,174
<i>Median age of bridegroom (years)—</i>							
Never married	25.1	26.3	26.5	26.7	26.9	27.0	27.2
Widowed	60.4	61.0	61.4	61.9	61.6	62.0	62.1
Divorced	37.1	39.3	39.6	39.7	40.1	40.4	40.9
Total	26.7	28.0	28.2	28.4	28.7	28.8	29.0
BRIDE							
<i>Age specific marriage rates—</i>							
Age of bride (years)—							
19 and under	18.6	11.7	10.7	9.2	7.8	7.3	6.5
20-24	73.3	68.4	66.0	62.0	59.9	57.6	53.9
25-29	35.9	44.1	44.8	45.0	46.6	46.5	47.5
30-34	16.6	20.7	20.8	20.4	21.1	21.5	21.6
35-39	10.0	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.4	11.3	11.1
40-44	7.3	7.9	7.6	7.2	7.6	7.4	7.5
45-49	5.6	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.7
50 and over	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
<i>Marital status of bride—</i>							
Never married	83,325	90,506	90,152	87,889	88,292	87,117	85,739
Widowed	3,312	3,357	3,185	3,070	2,946	3,099	2,988
Divorced	22,018	23,313	23,622	22,910	23,514	23,039	22,447
Total	108,655	117,176	116,959	113,869	114,752	113,255	111,174
<i>Median age of bride (years)—</i>							
Never married	22.9	24.2	24.3	24.5	24.7	24.8	25.1
Widowed	52.3	52.6	52.3	53.6	53.2	52.8	53.9
Divorced	33.9	35.6	36.0	36.1	36.5	36.8	37.4
Total	24.2	25.7	25.9	26.0	26.3	26.4	26.6

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

TABLE 3. DIVORCES: NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS(a): SUMMARY

	1984	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NUMBER							
Divorces granted	43,124	41,383	42,635	45,630	45,665	48,324	48,256
Crude divorce rate (per 1,000 population)	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.6	10.2	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.7
<i>Divorces involving children —</i>							
Number	26,276	22,874	23,707	24,726	24,174	25,434	(b)
Percentage of total divorces	60.9	55.3	55.6	54.2	52.9	52.6	(b)
Average issue	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	(b)
<i>Applicant —</i>							
Husband	17,689	15,691	15,748	16,416	16,436	17,079	17,324
Wife	25,246	20,557	20,961	22,059	22,062	23,617	23,720
Joint	189	5,135	5,926	7,155	7,167	7,628	7,212
HUSBAND							
<i>Age specific divorce ratios —</i>							
<i>Age group (years) —</i>							
24 and under	1.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8
25-29	11.6	8.9	8.9	9.1	8.6	8.5	8.0
30-34	14.7	12.5	12.5	13.1	12.7	13.1	12.7
35-39	14.0	12.0	12.2	13.0	13.1	13.2	13.2
40-44	12.2	11.1	11.2	11.9	11.7	12.8	12.6
45-49	9.9	9.3	9.6	10.2	10.2	10.8	10.9
50-54	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.4	7.6	8.3	8.5
55 and over	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>							
Never married	37,214	34,521	35,329	37,801	37,589	39,554	39,206
Widowed	611	401	391	402	445	483	509
Divorced	5,299	6,461	6,915	7,427	7,631	8,287	8,541
Total	43,124	41,383	42,635	45,630	45,665	48,324	48,256
<i>Median age (years) —</i>							
at marriage	23.9	24.6	24.7	24.8	25.0	25.2	25.4
at final separation	34.1	35.1	35.3	35.5	35.8	36.2	36.6
at decree made absolute	36.7	38.0	38.2	38.4	38.7	39.3	39.7
WIFE							
<i>Age specific divorce ratios —</i>							
<i>Age group (years) —</i>							
24 and under	3.9	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.0
25-29	15.0	12.5	12.7	12.9	12.5	12.5	12.0
30-34	14.5	12.6	12.7	13.6	13.3	13.9	13.7
35-39	13.2	11.5	11.6	12.4	12.5	13.2	13.0
40-44	11.3	10.1	10.3	10.9	10.7	11.5	11.8
45-49	8.2	7.6	7.9	8.5	8.6	9.3	9.3
50-54	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.3
55 and over	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>							
Never married	37,246	34,807	35,584	38,058	37,806	39,900	39,493
Widowed	704	513	513	558	583	658	625
Divorced	5,174	6,063	6,538	7,014	7,276	7,766	8,138
Total	43,124	41,383	42,635	45,630	45,665	48,324	48,256
<i>Median age (years) —</i>							
at marriage	21.3	22.0	22.1	22.3	22.4	22.6	22.8
at final separation	31.3	32.3	32.4	32.7	33.0	33.3	33.8
at decree made absolute	34.1	35.1	35.3	35.5	35.9	36.4	36.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) Australian data suppressed as Family Court children details for Victoria appear incomplete.

Marriages and Divorces are legal events and internationally, for statistical purposes, are defined in terms of the laws of individual countries or areas. This has implications for international comparability of data.

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

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

International comparisons of crude marriage rates and crude divorce rates are also affected by age distribution of the population - in the case of divorces by the proportions of people married, in the case of marriages the proportions of people not currently married.

**TABLE 4. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES: NUMBER AND CRUDE RATES(a)
AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES**

	<i>Marriages</i>			<i>Divorces</i>		
	<i>Reference year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Crude rate (a)</i>	<i>Reference year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Crude rate (a)</i>
Australia	1994	111,174	6.2	1994	48,256	2.7
Canada	1990	187,737	7.1	1990	78,152	2.9
Chile	1991	91,732	6.9	1990	6,048	0.5
Fiji	1988	6,892	9.6
Former Yugoslav Republics	1990	146,975	6.2	1990	20,551	0.9
France	1992	272,000	4.7	1990	105,813	1.9
Greece	1991	62,000	6.1	1991	6,351	0.6
Hong Kong	1991	42,568	7.4	1990	5,551	1.0
Italy	1991	308,731	5.5	1990	27,682	0.5
Japan	1991	742,264	6.0	1991	168,969	1.4
Korea, Republic of	1989	377,482	8.9	1989	37,499	0.9
Netherlands	1992	97,700	6.4	1992	28,000	1.8
New Zealand	1992	22,018	6.4	1992	9,114	2.6
Philippines	1991	374,778	6.0
Singapore	1992	25,876	9.2	1992	3,588	1.3
Sweden	1992	37,000	4.3	1991	20,149	2.3
Turkey	1989	460,763	8.4	1989	25,376	0.5
United Kingdom	1990	375,410	6.5	1990	165,658	2.9
United States of America	1992	2,362,000	9.3	1992	1,215,000	4.8

(a) Per 1,000 population

Source: *United Nations Demographic Yearbook, 1992*

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TABLE 5. MARRIAGES : SUMMARY(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1994

	<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>Australia</i>
NUMBER									
Marriages registered	38,814	26,974	20,798	8,909	10,366	2,887	765	1,661	111,174
Crude marriage rate	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	4.5	5.5	6.2
<i>Previous marital status ---</i>									
First marriage both partners	26,445	19,078	13,579	5,803	6,714	1,839	448	1,139	75,045
First marriage one partner	7,160	4,443	3,901	1,572	2,015	560	206	302	20,159
Remarriage both partners	5,209	3,453	3,318	1,534	1,637	488	111	220	15,970
<i>Marriages performed by ---</i>									
<i>Ministers of religion ---</i>									
Number	23,123	16,153	11,346	5,093	4,835	1,506	282	927	63,265
Per cent	59.6	59.9	54.6	57.2	46.6	52.2	36.9	55.8	56.9
<i>Civil celebrants ---</i>									
Number	15,691	10,821	9,452	3,816	5,531	1,381	483	734	47,909
Per cent	40.4	40.1	45.4	42.8	53.4	47.8	63.1	44.2	43.1
BRIDEGROOM									
<i>Age specific marriage rates ---</i>									
<i>Age group (years) -</i>									
19 and under	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.9	1.2
20-24	35.1	30.2	36.3	33.8	29.9	39.9	17.0	22.7	33.1
25-29	54.8	54.9	52.0	51.9	49.7	53.7	26.8	41.1	53.0
30-34	30.7	28.9	28.9	26.3	28.6	27.8	18.1	27.5	29.1
35-39	15.6	13.7	16.2	14.7	14.9	13.9	12.5	12.0	14.9
40-44	9.5	8.5	10.1	9.5	10.2	9.8	7.9	8.2	9.4
45-49	7.4	6.4	8.4	7.6	7.7	6.8	7.0	5.2	7.3
50 and over	3.4	3.1	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.8	3.3	3.5
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) ---</i>									
Never married	29,800	21,062	15,538	6,551	7,652	2,098	540	1,269	84,510
Widowed	863	616	496	233	250	78	19	29	2,584
Divorced	8,151	5,296	4,764	2,125	2,464	711	206	363	24,080
<i>Total</i>	<i>38,814</i>	<i>26,974</i>	<i>20,798</i>	<i>8,909</i>	<i>10,366</i>	<i>2,887</i>	<i>765</i>	<i>1,661</i>	<i>111,174</i>
<i>Median age (years) ---</i>									
Never married	27.3	27.3	26.8	27.0	27.4	26.5	28.2	27.2	27.2
Widowed	62.7	62.3	60.4	65.8	62.3	(b)	(b)	(b)	62.1
Divorced	40.7	40.5	41.6	40.9	41.6	40.4	41.1	40.2	40.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>29.1</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>29.5</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>30.8</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>29.0</i>
BRIDE									
<i>Age specific marriage rates ---</i>									
<i>Age group (years) ---</i>									
19 and under	7.4	5.1	7.5	6.0	6.0	6.3	3.9	3.4	6.5
20-24	57.1	49.9	56.0	57.1	51.1	63.7	29.9	38.4	53.9
25-29	49.0	48.9	47.2	45.6	45.4	46.8	24.4	39.0	47.5
30-34	22.9	20.8	21.4	21.0	21.4	19.0	13.7	20.3	21.6
35-39	11.8	10.3	11.8	10.6	11.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	11.1
40-44	7.4	6.6	8.6	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.5	5.4	7.5
45-49	5.7	4.8	6.6	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.7	3.5	5.7
50 and over	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.0	1.9
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) ---</i>									
Never married	30,250	21,537	15,521	6,627	7,791	2,140	562	1,311	85,739
Widowed	1,038	675	580	279	277	104	11	24	2,988
Divorced	7,526	4,762	4,697	2,003	2,298	643	192	326	22,447
<i>Total</i>	<i>38,814</i>	<i>26,974</i>	<i>20,798</i>	<i>8,909</i>	<i>10,366</i>	<i>2,887</i>	<i>765</i>	<i>1,661</i>	<i>111,174</i>
<i>Median age (years) ---</i>									
Never married	25.1	25.4	24.8	24.9	25.2	24.5	25.6	25.2	25.1
Widowed	52.9	54.5	54.2	56.4	53.7	53.2	(b)	(b)	53.9
Divorced	36.8	37.5	37.7	37.5	37.8	37.8	38.7	37.6	37.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>26.6</i>	<i>26.6</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>26.7</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>26.2</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>26.6</i>	<i>26.6</i>

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

TABLE 6. MARRIAGES: NUMBER REGISTERED, 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>Australia</i>
1974	39,327	29,708	16,086	10,769	9,295	3,567	566	1,355	110,673
1979	36,906	27,019	16,082	9,778	9,239	3,254	553	1,565	104,396
1984	(a)33,938	28,931	19,039	10,643	9,920	3,704	731	1,749	(a)108,655
1989	41,300	30,624	19,088	9,776	10,739	3,111	778	1,760	117,176
1990	41,450	30,120	19,671	9,609	10,613	3,026	740	1,730	116,959
1991	39,594	28,535	19,844	9,392	10,659	3,069	890	1,886	113,869
1992	40,734	28,429	20,316	9,423	10,118	3,081	860	1,791	114,752
1993	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255
1994	38,814	26,974	20,798	8,909	10,366	2,887	765	1,661	111,174

(a) These figures were affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. MARRIAGES: CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, PER 1,000 POPULATION, 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>Australia</i>
1974	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.7	8.3	8.9	5.4	7.6	8.1
1979	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.4	7.7	4.8	7.1	7.2
1984	(a)6.3	7.1	7.5	7.8	7.1	8.5	5.1	7.1	(a)7.0
1989	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8	4.8	6.4	7.0
1990	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	4.5	6.1	6.9
1991	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.6	5.4	6.5	6.6
1992	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.6	5.1	6.1	6.6
1993	6.7	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.5	4.8	6.0	6.4
1994	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	4.5	5.5	6.2

(a) These rates were affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. MARRIAGES: PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1994

Marital status of—		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Bridegroom	Bride									
Never married	Never married	26,445	19,078	13,579	5,803	6,714	1,839	448	1,139	75,045
	Widowed	226	112	105	31	46	18	3	4	545
	Divorced	3,129	1,872	1,854	717	892	241	89	126	8,920
	Total	29,800	21,062	15,538	6,551	7,652	2,098	540	1,269	84,510
Widowed	Never married	142	84	79	19	41	7	5	4	381
	Widowed	351	266	206	108	100	40	3	7	1,081
	Divorced	370	266	211	106	109	31	11	18	1,122
	Total	863	616	496	233	250	78	19	29	2,584
Divorced	Never married	3,663	2,375	1,863	805	1,036	294	109	168	10,313
	Widowed	461	297	269	140	131	46	5	13	1,362
	Divorced	4,027	2,624	2,632	1,180	1,297	371	92	182	12,405
	Total	8,151	5,296	4,764	2,125	2,464	711	206	363	24,080
Total	Never married	30,250	21,537	15,521	6,627	7,791	2,140	562	1,311	85,739
	Widowed	1,038	675	580	279	277	104	11	24	2,988
	Divorced	7,526	4,762	4,697	2,003	2,298	643	192	326	22,447
	Total	38,814	26,974	20,798	8,909	10,366	2,887	765	1,661	111,174

TABLE 9. MARRIAGES: CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1994

Category of celebrant	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Ministers of religion (a) —									
Catholic Church	8,101	6,219	3,510	1,374	1,777	347	104	376	21,808
Anglican Church of Australia	5,946	3,220	2,543	662	1,197	542	30	232	14,372
Uniting Churches in Australia (b)	3,173	2,459	1,971	1,393	617	234	67	71	9,985
Presbyterian Church of Australia (b)	866	280	330	32	23	34	—	49	1,614
Orthodox Churches (b)	1,126	1,305	115	261	90	8	15	45	2,965
Baptist Union of Australia (b)	670	433	469	222	154	100	12	35	2,095
Lutheran Churches (b)	119	181	421	435	49	4	9	19	1,237
Churches of Christ in Australia (b)	229	377	233	175	175	27	1	11	1,228
Other	2,893	1,679	1,754	539	753	210	44	89	7,961
Total	23,123	16,153	11,346	5,093	4,835	1,506	282	927	63,265
Civil celebrants —									
Official registrars	3,622	1,850	1,092	864	878	178	144	284	8,912
Other civil celebrants	12,069	8,971	8,360	2,952	4,653	1,203	339	450	38,997
Total	15,691	10,821	9,452	3,816	5,531	1,381	483	734	47,909
All celebrants	38,814	26,974	20,798	8,909	10,366	2,887	765	1,661	111,174

PROPORTION (Per cent)

Ministers of religion (a) —									
Catholic Church	20.9	23.1	16.9	15.4	17.1	12.0	13.6	22.6	19.6
Anglican Church of Australia	15.3	11.9	12.2	7.4	11.5	18.8	3.9	14.0	12.9
Uniting Churches in Australia (b)	8.2	9.1	9.5	15.6	6.0	8.1	8.8	4.3	9.0
Presbyterian Church of Australia (b)	2.2	1.0	1.6	0.4	0.2	1.2	—	3.0	1.5
Orthodox Churches (b)	2.9	4.8	0.6	2.9	0.9	0.3	2.0	2.7	2.7
Baptist Union of Australia (b)	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.5	1.5	3.5	1.6	2.1	1.9
Lutheran Churches (b)	0.3	0.7	2.0	4.9	0.5	0.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
Churches of Christ in Australia (b)	0.6	1.4	1.1	2.0	1.7	0.9	0.1	0.7	1.1
Other	7.5	6.2	8.4	6.1	7.3	7.3	5.8	5.4	7.2
Total	59.6	59.9	54.6	57.2	46.6	52.2	36.9	55.8	56.9
Civil celebrants —									
Official registrars	9.3	6.9	5.3	9.7	8.5	6.2	18.8	17.1	8.0
Other civil celebrants	31.1	33.3	40.2	33.1	44.9	41.7	44.3	27.1	35.1
Total	40.4	40.1	45.4	42.8	53.4	47.8	63.1	44.2	43.1
All celebrants	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

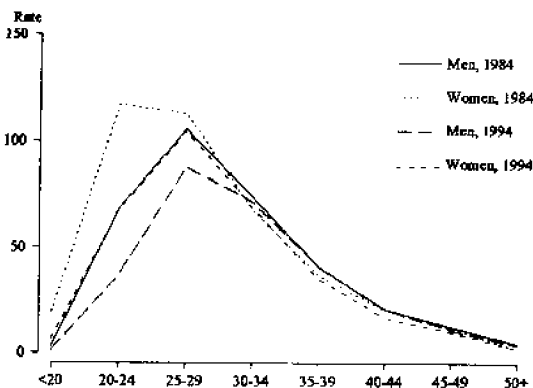
(a) Under authority of the Australian Marriages Act 1961. (b) Includes churches grouped under this heading as proclaimed under the Australian Marriages Act 1961.

TABLE 10. MARRIAGES: AGE SPECIFIC FIRST MARRIAGE AND REMARRIAGE RATES, AUSTRALIA

	1976	1981	1984 (a)	1989	1992	1993	1994
First marriage rates (b)							
<i>Males —</i>							
19 and under (c)	9.9	5.5	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.4	1.2
20-24	122.6	88.9	68.0	53.8	43.3	40.5	36.9
25-29	135.9	119.2	105.6	98.2	93.3	90.4	87.7
30-34	81.8	78.4	73.8	78.0	74.3	72.3	71.5
35-39	45.9	45.4	41.1	43.8	41.2	42.0	41.2
40-44	25.5	24.0	21.3	23.3	22.3	21.9	21.0
45-49	15.7	13.3	12.7	13.9	12.3	12.1	11.2
50 and over	6.4	5.6	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.7
<i>Females —</i>							
19 and under (c)	49.0	30.8	19.2	12.1	8.0	7.4	6.6
20-24	187.5	141.2	117.0	94.4	77.9	73.7	67.7
25-29	138.8	120.7	113.2	116.1	109.8	105.9	104.7
30-34	86.5	71.5	67.9	75.9	70.3	69.8	69.0
35-39	49.8	41.4	37.2	41.7	36.3	35.6	35.5
40-44	26.3	21.9	20.6	21.4	18.7	17.8	17.0
45-49	15.5	14.9	12.0	11.6	10.9	9.8	10.1
50 and over	3.9	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.0
Remarriage rates (d)							
<i>Males —</i>							
19 and under (c)	—	—	2.4	0.9	0.5	—	—
20-24	245.4	181.7	134.0	56.7	32.3	29.2	29.6
25-29	341.8	225.7	193.2	155.1	123.6	112.0	99.3
30-34	294.8	194.9	159.7	145.4	127.8	124.4	113.7
35-39	239.8	160.4	130.5	112.6	104.9	96.9	90.0
40-44	184.6	123.4	104.5	92.4	78.9	75.0	69.4
45-49	138.2	95.3	83.1	73.6	66.7	61.5	58.7
50-54	98.1	68.7	59.1	57.5	50.0	48.5	48.1
55-59	68.3	51.7	41.7	43.0	39.7	38.1	38.0
60 and over	20.9	16.8	15.3	15.5	13.6	13.7	13.2
<i>Females —</i>							
19 and under (c)	113.7	76.4	34.5	8.0	5.1	5.7	6.2
20-24	295.8	222.4	180.5	134.7	92.4	82.5	76.7
25-29	278.0	189.4	163.2	152.8	137.5	129.9	115.3
30-34	201.0	135.1	117.9	114.9	106.1	103.2	97.4
35-39	136.2	96.3	82.7	74.1	72.8	69.6	64.8
40-44	94.0	70.7	59.7	56.0	49.6	47.4	46.8
45-49	62.7	45.7	42.5	41.5	38.3	35.3	34.4
50-54	31.5	25.9	22.8	25.5	23.4	24.8	24.3
55-59	16.1	13.2	12.1	12.8	12.2	12.6	13.0
60 and over	3.2	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3

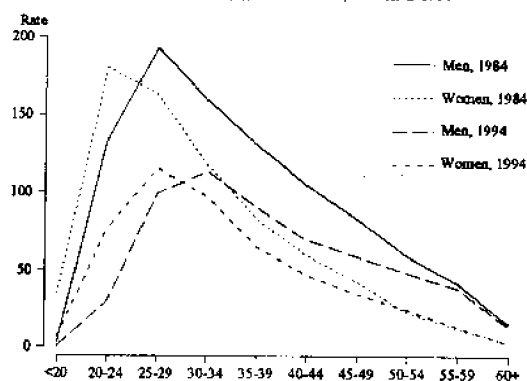
(a) These rates have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Per 1,000 population of single persons, of the appropriate ages, as at 30 June for each year shown. See Glossary. (c) For the purpose of calculating rates for this row, only persons in the population aged between 15 and 19 have been included in the calculation. (d) Per 1,000 population of divorced and widowed persons, of the appropriate ages, at 30 June for each year shown. See Glossary.

FIRST MARRIAGE RATES (a), AUSTRALIA, 1984 AND 1994



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

REARRIAGE RATES (a), AUSTRALIA, 1984 AND 1994



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

TABLE 11. MARRIAGES: AGE OF BRIDE/GROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Age of bride/groom (years)	Age of bride (years)																				
	17 and under	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
17 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	1	90	47	21	17	9	7	5	2	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	13	111	152	111	55	46	23	10	8	5	6	5	3	1	3	2	2	2	1	—	—
20	17	177	297	338	231	120	83	55	32	16	10	12	10	4	3	3	5	5	1	1	1
21	26	193	314	591	696	451	267	132	88	61	38	32	23	7	12	6	11	4	3	3	3
22	17	180	340	660	1,057	1,177	712	353	230	133	74	63	31	24	20	20	8	7	3	7	7
23	18	157	320	599	1,023	1,494	1,453	808	424	274	155	104	69	58	46	26	20	18	8	10	10
24	23	130	225	456	787	1,295	1,525	1,373	797	398	286	177	137	79	56	30	35	23	14	11	11
25	11	102	165	363	701	1,050	1,399	1,409	1,243	695	406	270	186	125	96	56	52	31	28	16	16
26	7	84	129	262	517	753	1,059	1,167	1,216	985	551	348	226	149	144	96	59	36	28	12	12
27	7	54	99	182	371	612	765	936	1,005	905	713	481	320	219	160	106	70	56	38	25	25
28	6	30	69	138	266	422	636	721	814	780	772	587	385	277	185	146	102	69	38	35	35
29	6	36	50	103	204	326	446	570	638	661	600	565	483	359	264	188	109	77	72	55	55
30	2	28	33	89	152	262	347	443	501	555	558	540	506	442	296	196	154	122	97	67	67
31	3	28	37	51	111	187	286	349	427	391	446	445	464	410	326	236	166	136	96	78	78
32	1	10	18	52	80	146	178	233	268	341	357	357	336	368	361	272	195	154	103	95	95
33	1	22	10	34	58	95	138	163	203	253	294	297	304	289	296	270	198	127	126	99	99
34	—	10	12	19	51	101	119	122	192	196	213	242	237	245	251	222	200	195	134	103	103
35	—	3	14	18	36	58	81	102	120	138	132	170	209	216	195	210	210	172	151	114	114
36	—	6	7	11	25	41	54	60	98	113	125	133	142	169	167	169	164	140	144	110	110
37	1	1	9	10	21	18	25	51	68	82	85	113	123	149	125	137	151	137	115	126	126
38	—	6	6	9	13	36	45	39	45	66	65	79	112	101	112	118	127	110	103	114	114
39	—	2	6	8	14	23	19	30	34	57	55	57	90	81	105	87	100	101	103	82	82
40	—	4	4	6	10	14	13	22	30	36	29	37	64	66	82	72	107	92	91	85	85
41	—	3	1	4	3	8	15	21	26	18	36	49	51	61	65	57	70	59	75	63	63
42	1	—	—	5	3	9	11	17	28	31	30	26	42	45	64	42	58	80	64	73	73
43	—	—	1	1	3	7	3	16	25	16	19	31	25	36	28	45	59	56	49	63	63
44	—	—	1	1	3	7	4	8	12	24	19	21	28	27	28	56	43	45	46	61	61
45	—	—	1	2	3	5	5	12	12	12	14	16	31	26	40	27	27	42	35	42	42
46	—	—	1	1	3	1	6	8	5	7	11	20	15	17	20	36	25	34	50	37	37
47	1	—	—	—	—	3	7	6	10	10	12	15	17	25	24	34	37	32	39	33	33
48	—	—	—	3	1	3	3	6	7	9	5	12	11	15	10	27	23	20	19	29	29
49	—	1	1	—	3	4	3	5	1	3	6	15	5	13	11	14	14	25	18	20	20
50	—	—	—	3	—	6	3	3	5	2	3	3	9	21	13	11	14	14	15	20	20
51	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	3	3	3	6	2	10	4	8	10	9	12	23	23
52	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	1	2	2	6	2	3	9	6	7	11	11	16	16
53	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	10	7	6	10	10
54	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	1	4	3	2	2	5	4	9	8	10	3	3
55-59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
60 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total brides	180	1,471	2,374	4,158	6,527	8,791	9,765	9,263	8,628	7,296	6,178	5,359	4,729	4,166	3,644	3,057	2,668	2,285	1,986	1,771	1,771
Proportion %	0.2	1.3	2.1	3.7	5.9	7.9	8.8	8.3	7.8	6.6	5.6	4.8	4.3	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.6

TABLE 12. MARRIAGES: AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Age (years)	Bridegroom				Bride			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
17 and under	3	—	—	3	180	—	—	180
18	222	—	—	222	1,470	—	1	1,471
19	568	—	—	568	2,369	—	5	2,374
20	1,424	—	—	1,424	4,129	—	29	4,158
21	2,966	—	3	2,969	6,488	1	38	6,527
22	5,117	1	16	5,134	8,711	4	76	8,791
23	7,068	—	40	7,108	9,586	6	173	9,765
24	7,815	—	76	7,891	9,017	7	239	9,263
25	8,320	—	134	8,454	8,218	16	394	8,628
26	7,671	2	217	7,890	6,799	15	482	7,296
27	6,870	4	328	7,202	5,505	18	655	6,178
28	6,131	8	429	6,568	4,593	17	749	5,359
29	5,400	9	541	5,950	3,802	38	889	4,729
30	4,797	16	772	5,585	3,092	30	1,044	4,166
31	4,028	11	842	4,881	2,532	30	1,082	3,644
32	3,223	11	921	4,155	1,947	53	1,057	3,057
33	2,568	16	982	3,566	1,597	56	1,015	2,668
34	2,120	9	1,041	3,170	1,200	38	1,047	2,285
35	1,673	28	1,045	2,746	947	46	993	1,986
36	1,285	16	972	2,273	771	35	965	1,771
37	1,014	23	938	1,975	543	51	817	1,411
38	768	21	978	1,767	427	40	870	1,337
39	630	20	910	1,560	353	51	837	1,241
40	474	19	939	1,432	292	56	810	1,158
41	400	33	863	1,296	193	40	778	1,011
42	316	35	885	1,236	167	60	784	1,011
43	259	39	871	1,169	113	68	720	901
44	214	31	792	1,037	101	55	665	821
45	156	32	795	983	102	72	627	801
46	124	51	803	978	72	80	583	735
47	142	42	839	1,023	76	74	599	749
48	99	48	683	830	39	81	481	601
49	73	40	598	711	49	84	398	531
50	78	41	578	697	33	65	407	505
51	52	58	479	589	37	77	350	464
52	48	56	419	523	32	68	264	364
53	40	60	395	495	18	66	222	306
54	28	60	378	466	14	78	205	297
55	29	58	328	415	16	91	165	272
56	31	64	283	378	17	64	143	224
57	25	51	278	354	8	75	103	186
58	19	89	208	316	10	68	111	189
59	24	53	209	286	6	42	90	138
60	25	71	173	269	8	70	70	148
61	24	63	143	230	5	69	55	129
62	15	58	128	201	6	67	44	117
63	20	76	114	210	2	68	50	120
64	13	70	102	185	4	75	57	136
65	14	75	110	199	8	66	42	116
66	12	99	74	185	4	72	35	111
67	13	68	71	152	1	57	19	77
68	11	64	61	136	4	62	21	87
69	14	73	58	145	3	53	13	69
70	8	79	36	123	7	54	12	73
71	6	83	38	127	3	60	18	81
72	8	80	32	120	3	60	21	84
73	2	70	28	100	3	46	5	54
74	3	65	20	88	2	36	6	44
75 and over	10	335	84	429	5	157	17	179
Total	84,510	2,584	24,080	111,174	85,739	2,988	22,447	111,174

TABLE 13. MARRIAGES: BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Country of birth	<i>Bridegroom born in country shown and bride born in</i>				<i>Bride born in country shown and bridegroom born in</i>			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	71,649	—	11,419	83,068	71,649	—	13,981	85,630
Fiji	96	167	43	306	90	167	72	329
New Zealand	1,814	428	446	2,688	1,423	428	469	2,320
Papua New Guinea	222	17	49	288	227	17	51	295
Other	100	138	81	319	80	138	65	283
<i>Total</i>	<i>73,881</i>	<i>750</i>	<i>12,038</i>	<i>86,669</i>	<i>73,469</i>	<i>750</i>	<i>14,638</i>	<i>88,857</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	68	6	47	121	41	6	24	71
Czechoslovakia	35	24	24	83	29	24	29	82
Cyprus	58	27	21	106	50	27	16	93
Denmark	52	8	23	83	39	8	14	61
Former USSR & Baltic States	29	134	25	188	60	134	67	261
Former Yugoslav Republics	460	324	121	905	237	324	103	664
France	106	6	53	165	79	6	41	126
Germany	426	140	189	755	362	140	189	691
Greece	281	78	56	415	127	78	48	253
Hungary	42	44	32	118	16	44	34	94
Ireland	196	47	108	351	129	47	55	231
Italy	498	112	167	777	229	112	72	413
Malta	122	30	36	188	81	30	32	143
Netherlands	284	46	130	460	196	46	65	307
Poland	56	149	58	263	78	149	46	273
Portugal	47	31	22	100	39	31	21	91
Romania	15	57	29	101	9	57	20	86
Spain	51	7	40	98	57	7	25	89
Switzerland	56	21	24	101	33	21	22	76
United Kingdom	5,667	1,513	1,096	8,276	4,329	1,513	774	6,616
Other	127	32	51	210	132	32	47	211
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,676</i>	<i>2,836</i>	<i>2,352</i>	<i>13,864</i>	<i>6,352</i>	<i>2,836</i>	<i>1,744</i>	<i>10,932</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	95	52	66	213	41	52	21	114
Iran	30	54	38	122	13	54	23	90
Israel	27	10	22	59	17	10	19	46
Lebanon	338	314	96	748	98	314	69	481
Syria	28	22	25	75	7	22	40	69
Turkey	86	100	45	231	37	100	33	170
Other	100	96	82	278	35	96	51	182
<i>Total</i>	<i>704</i>	<i>648</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>1,726</i>	<i>248</i>	<i>648</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>1,152</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	4	92	45	141	19	92	51	162
Indonesia	69	141	68	278	106	141	119	366
Laos	6	36	29	71	10	36	20	66
Malaysia	183	111	177	471	234	111	209	554
Philippines	57	401	43	501	554	401	345	1,300
Singapore	84	34	59	177	104	34	86	224
Thailand	22	31	5	58	140	31	101	272
Viet Nam	29	1,543	139	1,711	64	1,543	188	1,795
Other	27	38	27	92	23	38	33	94
<i>Total</i>	<i>481</i>	<i>2,427</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>3,500</i>	<i>1,254</i>	<i>2,427</i>	<i>1,152</i>	<i>4,833</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	40	1,000	236	1,276	150	1,000	286	1,436
Hong Kong	52	189	141	382	85	189	153	427
Japan	36	56	21	113	155	56	115	326
Korea	4	129	21	154	26	129	34	189
Other	6	36	27	69	17	36	55	108
<i>Total</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>1,410</i>	<i>446</i>	<i>1,994</i>	<i>433</i>	<i>1,410</i>	<i>643</i>	<i>2,486</i>

TABLE 13. MARRIAGES: BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1994—continued

Country of birth	Bridegroom born in country shown and bride born in				Bride born in country shown and bridegroom born in			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
SOUTHERN ASIA—								
India	195	145	112	452	136	145	89	370
Pakistan	32	14	40	86	11	14	7	32
Sri Lanka	76	141	55	272	42	141	42	225
Other	24	58	9	91	7	58	20	85
<i>Total</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>901</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>712</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	49	17	30	96	33	17	32	82
Canada	211	13	56	280	180	13	54	247
Caribbean	15	1	6	22	21	1	9	31
Central America	18	46	13	77	21	46	27	94
Chile	75	63	49	187	67	63	64	194
United States of America	467	74	138	679	320	74	99	493
Uruguay	38	16	26	80	30	16	32	78
Other	57	52	46	155	61	52	60	173
<i>Total</i>	<i>930</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>1,576</i>	<i>733</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>1,392</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	36	1	21	58	22	1	16	39
Mauritius	55	27	33	115	44	27	24	95
South Africa	233	56	104	393	202	56	90	348
Zimbabwe	61	5	15	81	47	5	29	81
Other	107	118	69	294	67	118	61	246
<i>Total</i>	<i>492</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>941</i>	<i>382</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>809</i>
Other and not stated	1	—	2	3	1	—	—	1
Total	85,630	8,918	16,626	111,174	83,068	8,918	19,188	111,174

TABLE 14. MARRIAGES: SUMMARY (a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, 1994

	Country of birth of bridegroom														
	Australia	China	Germany	Greece	Hong Kong	Italy	India	Lebanon	Malaysia	New Zealand	Philippines	South Africa	U.K. & Ireland	U.S.A.	Viet Nam
Marrriages registered	83,068	1,276	755	415	382	777	452	748	471	2,688	501	393	8,627	679	1,711
Population '000 (b)	6,831.2	46.3	58.3	74.2	42.8	140.5	38.2	42.6	42.7	146.9	31.4	28.9	612.5	29.6	72.4
Marriage rate (c)	12.2	27.5	13.0	5.6	8.9	5.5	11.8	17.6	11.0	18.3	15.9	13.6	14.1	22.9	23.6
<i>Marrriages performed by—</i>															
Ministers of religion —															
Number	50,832	133	255	302	93	482	210	625	191	1,243	202	239	3,663	316	469
Per cent	61.2	10.4	33.8	72.8	24.3	62.0	46.5	83.6	40.6	46.2	40.3	60.8	42.5	46.5	27.4
Civil celebrants —															
Number	32,236	1,143	500	113	289	295	242	123	280	1,445	299	154	4,964	363	1,242
Per cent	38.8	89.6	66.2	27.2	75.7	38.0	53.5	16.4	59.4	53.8	59.7	39.2	57.5	53.5	72.6
<i>Bridegrooms born in country shown marrying brides born in —</i>															
Australia —															
Number	71,649	40	426	281	52	498	195	338	183	1,814	57	233	5,863	467	29
Per cent	86.3	3.1	56.4	67.7	13.6	64.1	43.1	45.2	38.9	67.5	11.4	59.3	68.0	68.8	1.7
Same overseas country —															
Number	..	1,000	140	78	189	112	145	314	111	428	401	56	1,678	74	1,543
Per cent	..	78.4	18.5	18.8	49.5	14.4	32.1	42.0	23.6	15.9	80.0	14.2	19.5	10.9	90.2
Other overseas countries —															
Number	11,419	236	189	56	141	167	112	96	177	446	43	104	1,086	138	139
Per cent	13.7	18.5	25.0	13.5	36.9	21.5	24.8	12.8	37.6	16.6	8.6	26.5	12.6	20.3	8.1
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>															
Never married	65,220	976	407	270	309	451	319	584	381	1,924	402	285	5,195	459	1,546
Widowed	1,666	30	42	15	3	67	16	10	5	46	6	13	379	12	17
Divorced	16,182	270	306	130	70	259	117	154	85	718	93	95	3,053	208	148
Total	83,068	1,276	755	415	382	777	452	748	471	2,688	501	393	8,627	679	1,711
<i>Median age (years) —</i>															
Never married	26.7	30.6	29.3	29.0	29.8	29.4	29.1	26.2	28.0	28.3	28.2	26.9	28.9	29.3	28.8
Widowed	62.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	63.6	(d)	(d)
Divorced	40.5	37.1	46.0	41.4	(d)	46.1	41.7	34.2	(d)	40.8	(d)	(d)	42.9	41.9	36.8
Total	28.3	31.4	35.4	31.8	30.9	35.1	31.2	27.3	29.2	30.7	30.0	29.4	32.4	31.9	29.4
Median duration of residence (years)	..	4.8	20.6	24.3	5.9	26.6	11.7	7.9	11.8	8.9	4.7	12.4	21.4	1.0	9.4

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TABLE 14. MARRIAGES: SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDE/GROOM AND BRIDE, 1994 — continued

	Country of birth of bride															
	Australia	China	Germany	Greece	Hong Kong	Italy	India	Lebanon	Malaysia	Zealand	Philippines	South Africa	U.K. & Ireland	U.S.A.	Viet Nam	
Marrriages registered	85,630	1,436	691	253	427	413	370	481	554	2,320	1,300	348	6,847	493	1,795	
Population '000 (b)	6,948.4	45.0	60.4	70.9	43.0	123.5	36.6	38.3	45.4	138.6	57.0	29.7	603.7	25.9	69.6	
Marriage rate (c)	12.3	31.9	11.4	3.6	9.9	3.3	10.1	12.6	12.2	16.7	22.8	11.7	11.3	19.1	25.8	
<i>Marrriages performed by —</i>																
<i>Ministers of religion —</i>																
Number	53,046	152	217	180	113	278	186	404	229	926	439	195	2,716	186	494	
Per cent	61.9	10.6	31.4	71.1	26.5	67.3	50.3	84.0	41.3	39.9	33.8	56.0	39.7	37.7	27.5	
<i>Civil celebrants —</i>																
Number	32,584	1,284	474	73	314	135	184	77	325	1,394	8,610	153	4,131	307	1,301	
Per cent	38.1	89.4	68.6	28.9	73.5	32.7	49.7	16.0	58.7	60.1	66.2	44.0	60.3	62.3	72.5	
<i>Brides born in country shown marrying bridegrooms born in —</i>																
<i>Australia —</i>																
Number	71,649	150	362	127	85	229	136	98	234	1,423	554	202	4,458	320	64	
Per cent	83.7	10.4	52.4	50.2	19.9	55.4	36.8	20.4	42.2	61.3	42.6	58.0	65.1	64.9	3.6	
<i>Same overseas country</i>																
Number	..	1,000	140	78	189	112	145	314	111	428	401	56	1,678	74	1,543	
Per cent	..	69.6	20.3	30.8	44.3	27.1	39.2	65.3	20.0	18.4	30.8	16.1	24.5	15.0	86.0	
<i>Other overseas countries</i>																
Number	13,981	286	189	48	153	72	89	69	209	469	345	90	711	99	188	
Per cent	16.3	19.9	27.4	19.0	35.8	17.4	24.1	14.3	37.7	20.2	26.5	25.9	10.4	20.1	10.5	
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>																
Never married	67,993	1,079	378	162	353	235	267	370	449	1,675	909	266	4,023	318	1,660	
Widowed	1,946	30	42	17	2	45	21	10	10	42	101	12	333	11	28	
Divorced	15,691	327	271	74	72	133	82	101	95	603	290	70	2,491	164	107	
Total	85,630	1,436	691	253	427	413	370	481	554	2,320	1,300	348	6,847	493	1,795	
<i>Median age (years) —</i>																
Never married	24.8	29.3	28.2	27.0	27.7	27.7	26.0	22.4	27.0	26.2	28.7	24.8	27.3	27.3	25.2	
Widowed	54.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	44.3	(d)	57.8	(d)	(d)	
Divorced	37.1	34.4	45.4	(d)	(d)	40.7	(d)	30.5	(d)	37.4	35.0	(d)	39.6	38.1	33.6	
Total	26.0	30.5	32.7	30.5	28.5	31.9	27.8	23.9	28.6	28.7	30.9	26.4	30.7	30.4	25.7	
Median duration of residence (years)	..	4.4	13.2	24.6	5.0	25.6	9.0	8.3	7.6	9.9	2.7	11.9	20.5	2.3	3.5	

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) Estimated male or female resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary. (c) Per 1,000 male or female estimated resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary. (d) Not statistically reliable due to the small numbers involved.

PART D: DIVORCES

TABLE 15. DIVORCES: STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE AT SEPARATION, SUMMARY(a), 1994

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Australia
NUMBER										
Divorces granted	15,663	11,228	8,359	4,081	4,962	1,519	360	931	1,153	48,256
Crude divorce rate (per 1,000 population)	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.1	3.1	..	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.4	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3	12.0	11.1	10.0	9.1	10.9
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.2	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.8	7.4	7.2	4.5	7.7
<i>Divorces involving children</i>										
Number	7,826	(c)	4,733	1,941	2,497	931	204	524	411	(c)
Percentage of total divorces	50.0	(c)	56.6	47.6	50.3	61.3	56.7	56.3	35.6	(c)
Average issue	1.9	(c)	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	(c)
<i>Applicant —</i>										
Husband	5,745	4,134	3,155	1,387	1,443	482	119	341	518	17,324
Wife	7,945	5,493	4,315	2,061	1,949	878	153	407	519	23,720
Joint	1,973	1,601	889	633	1,570	159	88	183	116	7,212
HUSBAND										
<i>Age specific divorce rates —</i>										
<i>Age group (years) —</i>										
24 and under	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	..	0.8
25-29	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.2	7.8	10.1	5.5	9.0	..	8.0
30-34	12.1	12.0	11.6	13.3	13.9	16.5	6.7	13.9	..	12.7
35-39	12.7	12.2	12.8	13.7	13.1	16.8	10.9	14.1	..	13.2
40-44	11.8	12.0	12.1	14.4	13.1	14.8	8.6	13.3	..	12.6
45-49	10.4	10.1	11.0	10.9	11.9	12.8	6.2	12.3	..	10.9
50-54	8.4	7.7	8.1	7.9	9.8	11.1	8.7	9.0	..	8.5
55 and over	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	3.7	4.2	..	2.7
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>										
Never married	12,781	9,330	6,592	3,280	4,017	1,257	279	749	921	39,206
Widowed	175	105	102	42	53	12	1	8	11	509
Divorced	2,707	1,793	1,665	759	892	250	80	174	221	8,541
Total	15,663	11,228	8,359	4,081	4,962	1,519	360	931	1,153	48,256
<i>Median age (years) —</i>										
at marriage	25.7	25.2	25.3	25.0	25.4	24.7	25.7	26.0	27.0	25.4
at final separation	36.5	36.5	36.9	36.6	36.8	36.7	36.4	36.7	34.3	36.6
at decree made absolute	39.6	39.5	40.1	39.6	40.1	39.4	39.5	39.6	38.6	39.7
WIFE										
<i>Age specific divorce rates —</i>										
<i>Age group (years) —</i>										
24 and under	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.8	..	2.0
25-29	11.5	11.4	11.4	12.8	12.4	15.2	6.2	13.2	..	12.0
30-34	13.2	12.6	13.2	14.1	14.5	16.5	9.9	14.9	..	13.7
35-39	12.5	11.8	12.4	14.1	13.8	17.2	10.1	13.7	..	13.0
40-44	11.1	11.0	11.5	12.8	12.5	14.4	9.0	12.0	..	11.8
45-49	9.1	8.5	9.3	8.8	10.1	11.0	8.8	9.7	..	9.3
50-54	6.1	5.5	6.5	6.0	7.4	7.7	5.6	8.1	..	6.3
55 and over	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.6	2.1	..	1.3
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>										
Never married	12,816	9,430	6,649	3,311	4,009	1,259	289	756	974	39,493
Widowed	191	158	122	45	68	21	2	4	14	625
Divorced	2,656	1,640	1,588	725	885	239	69	171	165	8,138
Total	15,663	11,228	8,359	4,081	4,962	1,519	360	931	1,153	48,256
<i>Median age (years) —</i>										
at marriage	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.4	22.7	22.2	23.5	23.3	24.1	22.8
at final separation	33.7	33.7	34.1	33.9	33.9	34.1	33.6	33.7	31.1	33.8
at decree made absolute	36.8	36.7	37.0	36.9	37.2	36.7	37.0	36.9	35.3	36.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) Includes divorces where usual residence was Christmas Island or Cocos (Keeling) Islands (3), Overseas (1059) or not stated (91). (c) Family Court children data for Victoria appears incomplete.

TABLE 16. DIVORCES: STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION, SUMMARY(a), 1994

	NSW(b)	Vic.	Qld(b)	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(b)	Australia
NUMBER									
Divorces granted	13,999	11,320	9,762	4,192	5,024	1,544	344	2,071	48,256
Crude divorce rate (per 1,000 population)	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.0	6.9	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.0	10.9	11.3	11.2	11.4	12.1	11.0	11.1	10.9
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.8	7.7	8.0	8.2	8.1	8.8	7.0	7.8	7.7
<i>Divorces involving children</i>									
Number	6,752	(c)	5,557	1,990	2,548	939	187	1,238	(c)
Percentage of total divorces	48.2	(c)	56.9	47.5	50.7	60.8	54.4	59.8	(c)
Average issue	1.8	(c)	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.0	(c)
<i>Applicant</i>									
Husband	5,208	4,121	3,716	1,435	1,486	486	120	752	17,324
Wife	6,988	5,548	5,065	2,126	1,935	898	137	1,023	23,720
Joint	1,803	1,651	981	631	1,603	160	87	296	7,212
HUSBAND									
<i>Age specific divorce rates —</i>									
<i>Age group (years) —</i>									
24 and under	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.8
25-29	7.3	7.7	8.6	8.7	8.0	9.6	4.9	17.6	8.0
30-34	11.1	12.0	13.5	13.6	13.8	17.0	6.8	32.0	12.7
35-39	11.3	12.5	14.9	14.1	13.2	17.1	9.5	34.7	13.2
40-44	10.1	12.0	14.5	14.7	13.5	15.0	8.5	29.9	12.6
45-49	9.0	10.3	13.1	11.1	12.0	13.0	6.9	24.8	10.9
50-54	7.4	7.7	9.6	8.3	9.9	11.6	6.5	21.2	8.5
55 and over	2.3	2.5	3.4	2.3	3.3	2.8	4.1	8.8	2.7
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>									
Never married	11,408	9,366	7,705	3,373	4,086	1,272	274	1,722	39,206
Widowed	160	107	117	44	54	13	—	14	509
Divorced	2,431	1,847	1,940	775	884	259	70	335	8,541
Total	13,999	11,320	9,762	4,192	5,024	1,544	344	2,071	48,256
<i>Median age (years)</i>									
at marriage	25.9	25.3	25.3	25.0	25.3	24.8	25.4	25.3	25.4
at final separation	36.3	36.5	37.0	36.6	36.8	36.7	36.5	36.0	36.6
at decree made absolute	39.3	39.5	40.3	39.6	40.2	39.5	39.6	39.3	39.7
WIFE									
<i>Age specific divorce rates —</i>									
<i>Age group (years) —</i>									
24 and under	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.6	4.1	2.0
25-29	10.7	11.4	12.8	13.1	12.5	15.6	6.0	26.9	12.0
30-34	12.0	12.6	15.5	14.6	14.4	16.6	9.6	36.7	13.7
35-39	10.8	11.9	15.1	14.5	14.1	17.5	8.7	32.5	13.0
40-44	9.7	11.2	13.6	12.8	12.6	14.6	9.3	26.3	11.8
45-49	8.1	8.5	10.9	9.2	10.3	11.3	7.8	20.6	9.3
50-54	5.3	5.5	7.6	6.1	7.7	7.7	5.9	17.1	6.3
55 and over	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.9	1.3
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>									
Never married	11,465	9,520	7,767	3,393	4,059	1,277	280	1,732	39,493
Widowed	166	166	142	47	66	21	2	15	625
Divorced	2,368	1,634	1,853	752	899	246	62	324	8,138
Total	13,999	11,320	9,762	4,192	5,024	1,544	344	2,071	48,256
<i>Median age (years) —</i>									
at marriage	23.2	22.8	22.5	22.5	22.8	22.2	23.1	22.6	22.8
at final separation	33.5	33.7	34.1	33.9	34.0	34.1	33.2	33.3	33.8
at decree made absolute	36.5	36.7	37.2	36.9	37.4	36.8	37.0	36.5	36.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) See paragraph 17 of Explanatory Notes. (c) Family Court children data for Victoria appears incomplete.

TABLE 17. DIVORCES: NUMBER GRANTED, STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION

Selected years	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld(a)	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(a)	Australia
1974	7,139	4,465	1,844	1,566	1,761	536	64	369	17,744
1979	12,606	9,471	5,811	3,794	3,397	1,167	262	1,346	37,854
1984	13,203	10,501	8,056	4,114	4,069	1,185	325	1,671	43,124
1989	12,743	10,253	7,123	3,740	4,089	1,269	435	1,731	41,383
1990	12,414	10,406	8,509	4,066	3,845	1,170	421	1,804	42,635
1991	13,151	11,134	8,934	4,215	4,446	1,383	397	1,970	45,630
1992	13,949	10,533	8,984	4,074	4,540	1,365	345	1,875	45,665
1993	14,753	11,050	9,935	4,063	4,654	1,465	343	2,061	48,324
1994	13,999	11,320	9,762	4,192	5,024	1,544	344	2,071	48,256

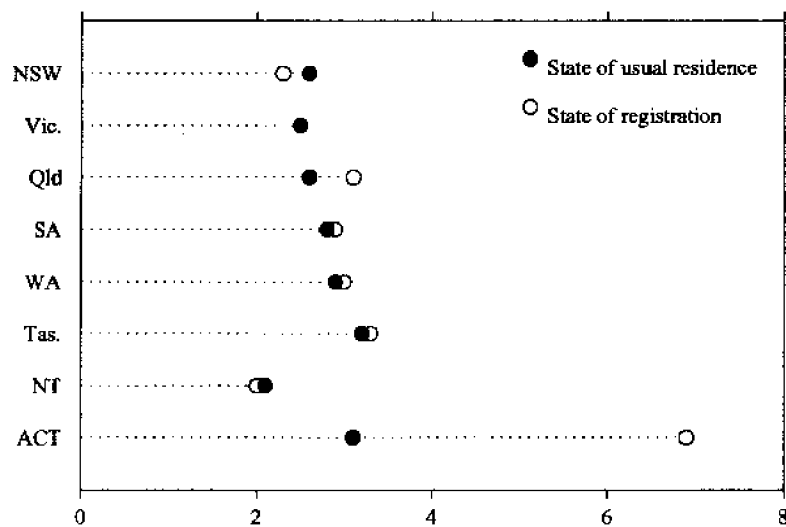
(a) See paragraph 17 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 18. DIVORCES: CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, PER 1,000 POPULATION STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION

Selected years	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld(a)	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(a)	Australia
1974	1.5	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.3	0.6	2.1	1.3
1979	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.3	6.1	2.6
1984	2.4	2.6	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.3	6.8	2.8
1989	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.7	6.3	2.5
1990	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.6	6.4	2.5
1991	2.2	2.5	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.4	6.8	2.6
1992	2.3	2.4	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.1	6.4	2.6
1993	2.5	2.5	3.2	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.0	6.9	2.7
1994	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.0	6.9	2.7

(a) See paragraph 17 of Explanatory Notes.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATES(a), 1994



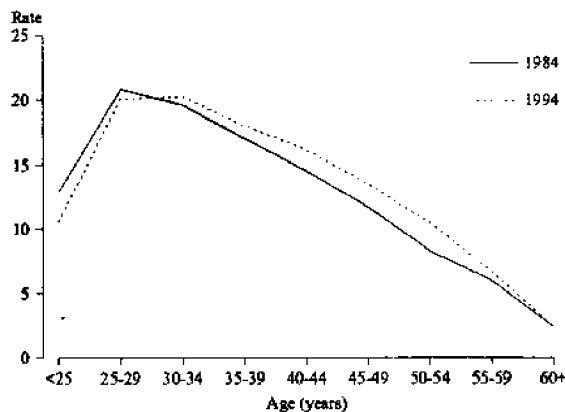
(a) Per 1,000 population

**TABLE 19. DIVORCES: AGE SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES
PER 1,000 MARRIED POPULATION(a), AUSTRALIA**

Selected years	Age group (years)									Total
	24 and under (b)	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	
HUSBAND										
1976	17.9	31.6	28.8	23.9	21.2	18.6	15.0	11.1	5.0	18.9
1981	13.8	22.4	18.9	16.2	13.5	10.9	8.3	5.4	2.3	11.9
1984	12.9	20.8	19.6	17.0	14.5	11.7	8.3	6.0	2.4	12.0
1989	10.7	19.0	18.1	15.4	13.5	11.2	8.1	5.6	2.1	10.8
1990	9.9	19.4	18.4	15.8	13.8	11.7	8.5	5.6	2.0	10.9
1991	10.6	20.5	19.7	17.0	14.7	12.5	9.0	5.9	2.2	11.6
1992	10.6	19.9	19.5	17.4	14.7	12.5	9.3	6.0	2.2	11.5
1993	11.5	20.3	20.5	17.7	16.2	13.3	10.2	6.5	2.4	12.1
1994	10.6	20.1	20.2	18.0	16.1	13.5	10.5	6.7	2.4	12.0
WIFE										
1976	22.7	31.4	26.9	22.0	19.2	16.0	12.6	8.8	4.0	18.8
1981	18.0	22.0	16.9	14.7	11.8	8.9	6.2	4.1	1.7	11.9
1984	16.8	21.2	17.7	15.5	13.3	9.7	6.1	4.0	1.8	11.9
1989	15.1	19.8	16.5	14.2	12.3	9.4	6.1	3.6	1.4	10.7
1990	15.1	20.5	16.8	14.4	12.7	9.7	6.3	3.6	1.3	10.9
1991	16.1	21.5	18.3	15.6	13.5	10.6	6.5	3.8	1.4	11.5
1992	16.2	21.4	18.1	15.9	13.4	10.7	6.9	3.8	1.4	11.5
1993	16.6	21.9	19.1	16.9	14.4	11.7	7.4	4.2	1.6	12.1
1994	15.9	21.7	19.1	16.8	14.9	11.7	8.0	4.3	1.5	12.0

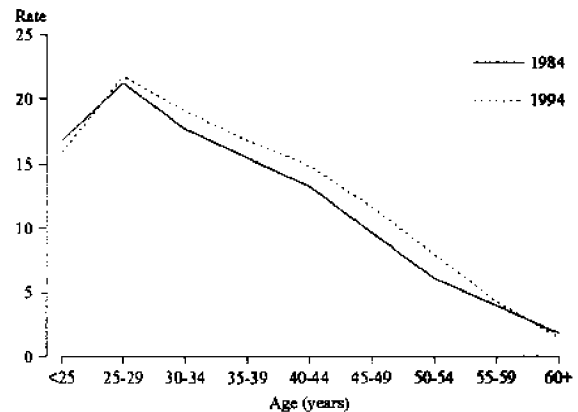
(a) Per 1,000 married men and women respectively, as at 30 June for each year shown. (b) For the purpose of calculating rates in this column, married persons aged between 15 and 24 have been included in the denominator.

**MALES: AGE SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES (a)
AUSTRALIA, 1984 AND 1994**



(a) Per 1,000 married men in the population.

**FEMALES: AGE SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES (a)
AUSTRALIA, 1984 AND 1994**



(a) Per 1,000 married women in the population.

TABLE 20. DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Age group of husband (years)	Age group of wife (years)									Total
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not stated	
19 and under	1,846	504	54	18	5	3	—	1	4	2,435
20-24	6,505	11,766	1,502	282	67	21	3	4	22	20,172
25-29	1,428	6,636	3,696	865	256	64	14	7	17	12,983
30-34	281	1,669	2,008	1,213	380	111	27	7	14	5,710
35-39	74	491	775	763	521	213	49	18	5	2,909
40-44	28	145	315	391	408	276	97	30	3	1,693
45-49	13	44	103	162	194	220	141	64	2	943
50 and over	8	51	83	125	153	211	234	420	6	1,291
Not stated	21	36	10	15	7	3	2	4	22	120
Total	10,204	21,342	8,546	3,834	1,991	1,122	567	555	95	48,256

TABLE 21. DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Age group of husband (years)	Age group of wife (years)									Total	
	24 and under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		Not stated
24 and under	576	214	28	14	1	2	1	—		2	838
25-29	1,264	3,301	690	122	45	14	1	1	1	12	5,451
30-34	446	3,330	4,367	823	227	62	8	4	3	11	9,281
35-39	108	824	3,434	3,744	721	184	49	7	3	16	9,090
40-44	29	248	1,002	2,998	3,222	617	85	16	8	6	8,231
45-49	14	87	347	876	2,521	2,446	364	61	16	12	6,744
50-54	5	46	97	277	639	1,590	1,171	153	52	4	4,034
55-59	2	18	31	93	175	431	790	508	109	2	2,159
60 and over	4	13	46	65	115	211	373	509	964	8	2,308
Not stated	16	16	17	12	18	9	4	3	3	22	120
Total	2,464	8,097	10,059	9,024	7,684	5,566	2,846	1,262	1,159	95	48,256

TABLE 22. DIVORCES: MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE AUSTRALIA, 1994

Duration of marriage (years)	Husband				Wife			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
1 and under 2	344	18	141	503	342	16	145	503
2 and under 3	1,825	61	590	2,476	1,866	50	560	2,476
3 and under 4	2,495	49	674	3,218	2,502	68	648	3,218
4 and under 5	2,541	50	734	3,325	2,571	60	694	3,325
5 and under 6	2,304	43	680	3,027	2,332	39	656	3,027
6 and under 7	2,082	33	587	2,702	2,092	42	568	2,702
7 and under 8	1,887	36	591	2,514	1,946	36	532	2,514
8 and under 9	1,749	25	586	2,360	1,746	43	571	2,360
9 and under 10	1,682	28	548	2,258	1,677	35	546	2,258
10 and under 15	6,889	85	2,028	9,002	7,008	104	1,890	9,002
15 and under 20	5,072	43	919	6,034	5,048	67	919	6,034
20 and under 25	4,904	24	291	5,219	4,917	34	268	5,219
25 and under 30	3,122	9	116	3,247	3,141	15	91	3,247
30 and over	2,310	5	56	2,371	2,305	16	50	2,371
Total	39,206	509	8,541	48,256	39,493	625	8,138	48,256

TABLE 23. DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Duration of marriage (years)	Age group (years)										Not stated	Total
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		
HUSBAND												
Under 1	67	846	1,006	564	320	222	151	101	57	87	45	3,466
1 and under 2	21	947	1,329	724	397	245	154	83	54	82	13	4,049
2 and under 3	2	656	1,479	912	443	282	161	90	55	72	5	4,157
3 and under 4	—	275	1,237	850	397	234	125	85	60	77	7	3,347
4 and under 5	—	151	996	801	352	237	145	77	43	48	4	2,854
5 and under 6	—	43	831	755	372	229	114	68	33	55	4	2,504
6 and under 7	—	14	600	835	416	221	132	56	37	60	3	2,374
7 and under 8	—	—	412	777	407	214	121	75	33	44	2	2,085
8 and under 9	—	—	238	834	434	240	126	61	35	45	1	2,014
9 and under 10	—	—	125	742	443	191	101	72	31	31	1	1,737
10 and under 11	—	—	60	662	480	235	118	46	23	35	4	1,663
11 and under 12	—	—	12	544	542	264	94	43	27	37	3	1,566
12 and under 13	—	—	2	403	539	231	101	51	18	23	1	1,369
13 and under 14	—	—	—	264	538	240	114	41	24	17	—	1,238
14 and under 15	—	—	—	115	586	257	102	43	22	32	1	1,158
15 and under 16	—	—	—	60	561	328	122	47	18	22	1	1,159
16 and under 17	—	—	—	22	568	400	120	44	19	14	2	1,189
17 and under 18	—	—	—	1	449	433	142	46	13	15	1	1,100
18 and under 19	—	—	—	—	284	564	136	59	17	16	3	1,079
19 and under 20	—	—	—	—	144	616	181	47	18	23	—	1,029
20 and under 21	—	—	—	—	75	528	249	58	20	8	4	942
21 and under 22	—	—	—	—	9	502	323	68	16	12	—	930
22 and under 23	—	—	—	—	2	350	350	77	23	6	2	810
23 and under 24	—	—	—	—	1	163	402	109	23	19	3	720
24 and under 25	—	—	—	—	—	81	370	119	28	16	—	614
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	—	48	745	808	175	84	—	1,860
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	300	453	438	—	1,206
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	37
Total	90	2,932	8,327	9,865	8,759	7,555	5,014	2,774	1,375	1,418	147	48,256
WIFE												
Under 1	292	1,231	791	454	281	167	113	62	26	31	18	3,466
1 and under 2	157	1,491	1,139	525	318	206	108	44	23	26	12	4,049
2 and under 3	38	1,378	1,375	606	338	207	101	58	24	25	7	4,157
3 and under 4	8	841	1,233	605	279	165	90	52	36	32	6	3,347
4 and under 5	1	516	1,190	542	249	175	77	54	23	19	8	2,854
5 and under 6	1	277	1,089	540	296	145	75	37	23	15	6	2,504
6 and under 7	—	118	1,015	639	286	156	84	33	21	17	5	2,374
7 and under 8	—	32	851	616	278	153	91	34	13	15	2	2,085
8 and under 9	—	10	639	723	355	145	85	32	11	13	1	2,014
9 and under 10	—	2	439	717	306	140	65	37	17	13	1	1,737
10 and under 11	—	—	280	798	310	153	67	29	13	12	1	1,663
11 and under 12	—	1	128	790	369	158	63	33	13	10	1	1,566
12 and under 13	—	—	39	693	395	159	49	12	13	8	1	1,369
13 and under 14	—	—	11	553	407	160	57	28	14	8	—	1,238
14 and under 15	—	—	3	426	439	166	68	23	17	16	—	1,158
15 and under 16	—	—	—	308	547	191	64	30	12	7	—	1,159
16 and under 17	—	—	—	172	724	195	73	13	5	7	—	1,189
17 and under 18	—	—	—	82	693	227	69	13	3	11	2	1,100
18 and under 19	—	—	—	14	616	335	69	29	10	4	2	1,079
19 and under 20	—	—	—	—	471	434	87	23	5	8	1	1,029
20 and under 21	—	—	—	—	261	535	102	28	5	6	5	942
21 and under 22	—	—	—	—	127	627	145	19	7	4	1	930
22 and under 23	—	—	—	—	51	543	175	27	7	5	2	810
23 and under 24	—	—	—	—	9	396	256	43	9	6	1	720
24 and under 25	—	—	—	—	3	269	291	36	10	5	—	614
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	—	238	1,149	379	63	30	1	1,860
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	1	100	463	379	263	—	1,206
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	37
Total	497	5,897	10,222	9,803	8,408	6,446	3,773	1,671	802	616	121	48,256

TABLE 24. DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE
AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Duration of marriage (years)	Age group (years)										Not stated	Total
	24 and under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over		
HUSBAND												
1 and under 2	67	143	87	63	44	38	15	17	10	13	6	503
2 and under 3	301	809	571	283	163	124	77	41	44	47	16	2,476
3 and under 4	279	1,155	782	380	247	134	89	54	40	49	9	3,218
4 and under 5	138	1,080	955	472	280	155	101	58	38	41	7	3,325
5 and under 6	41	849	995	474	258	170	94	54	34	49	9	3,027
6 and under 7	11	629	978	459	240	157	93	64	23	39	9	2,702
7 and under 8	1	398	994	482	239	176	99	37	42	40	6	2,514
8 and under 9	—	223	909	556	289	157	104	60	24	35	3	2,360
9 and under 10	—	111	838	598	313	189	88	48	33	36	4	2,258
10 and under 11	—	37	717	594	297	171	110	48	28	28	3	2,033
11 and under 12	—	14	582	695	314	166	90	42	28	27	5	1,963
12 and under 13	—	3	463	710	384	164	82	37	22	30	3	1,898
13 and under 14	—	—	220	712	359	181	81	34	22	33	1	1,643
14 and under 15	—	—	135	649	359	184	73	40	15	9	1	1,465
15 and under 16	—	—	41	574	371	183	70	42	19	22	4	1,326
16 and under 17	—	—	11	463	386	175	73	51	22	28	2	1,211
17 and under 18	—	—	3	392	441	197	84	36	16	31	4	1,204
18 and under 19	—	—	—	270	552	213	66	32	17	11	1	1,162
19 and under 20	—	—	—	173	579	252	75	26	15	8	3	1,131
20 and under 21	—	—	—	72	614	262	63	23	15	7	3	1,059
21 and under 22	—	—	—	15	575	360	113	27	11	16	1	1,118
22 and under 23	—	—	—	3	455	457	112	26	20	15	—	1,088
23 and under 24	—	—	—	1	280	532	125	48	10	13	2	1,011
24 and under 25	—	—	—	—	128	591	164	36	11	9	4	943
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	63	1,318	1,359	349	87	61	10	3,247
30 and over	—	—	—	—	1	38	534	829	507	458	4	2,371
Total	838	5,451	9,281	9,090	8,231	6,744	4,034	2,159	1,153	1,155	120	48,256
WIFE												
1 and under 2	146	127	87	55	27	27	16	8	6	2	2	503
2 and under 3	700	810	399	231	133	102	42	22	14	19	4	2,476
3 and under 4	746	1,183	573	282	194	110	60	28	12	18	12	3,218
4 and under 5	472	1,330	737	336	187	128	62	37	15	14	7	3,325
5 and under 6	256	1,248	726	338	201	120	69	30	17	14	8	3,027
6 and under 7	103	1,098	762	312	192	114	60	31	12	12	6	2,702
7 and under 8	30	872	836	358	198	100	58	31	17	10	4	2,514
8 and under 9	4	630	880	394	208	135	54	31	11	8	5	2,360
9 and under 10	5	397	952	462	216	112	62	16	16	18	2	2,258
10 and under 11	1	243	869	463	228	129	50	26	15	5	4	2,033
11 and under 12	1	107	892	497	236	127	58	21	16	7	1	1,963
12 and under 13	—	41	850	551	257	105	53	17	14	9	1	1,898
13 and under 14	—	8	627	553	251	118	48	20	10	5	3	1,643
14 and under 15	—	2	423	636	228	104	41	20	8	2	1	1,465
15 and under 16	—	1	254	627	258	103	42	17	14	8	2	1,326
16 and under 17	—	—	123	627	260	118	30	22	13	15	3	1,211
17 and under 18	—	—	53	615	307	129	56	20	11	11	2	1,204
18 and under 19	—	—	15	605	368	102	49	10	4	6	3	1,162
19 and under 20	—	—	1	501	447	116	42	9	4	8	3	1,131
20 and under 21	—	—	—	309	557	133	36	9	11	2	2	1,059
21 and under 22	—	—	—	184	667	191	50	12	7	5	2	1,118
22 and under 23	—	—	—	70	690	241	58	13	6	9	1	1,088
23 and under 24	—	—	—	13	577	338	57	13	6	4	3	1,011
24 and under 25	—	—	—	5	405	453	55	12	3	7	3	943
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	390	1,931	738	122	31	28	7	3,247
30 and over	—	—	—	—	2	180	900	665	355	265	4	2,371
Total	2,464	8,097	10,059	9,024	7,684	5,566	2,846	1,262	648	511	95	48,256

TABLE 25. DIVORCES: BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Country of birth	Husband born in country shown and wife born in				Wife born in country shown and husband born in			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	27,056	—	5,410	32,466	27,056	—	6,385	33,441
Fiji	95	113	46	254	113	113	84	310
New Zealand	528	503	234	1,265	497	503	268	1,268
Other	76	54	42	172	81	54	59	194
<i>Total</i>	<i>27,755</i>	<i>670</i>	<i>5,732</i>	<i>34,157</i>	<i>27,747</i>	<i>670</i>	<i>6,796</i>	<i>35,213</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	64	7	26	97	28	7	29	64
Former USSR & Baltic States	18	77	31	126	21	77	40	138
Former Yugoslav Republics	174	305	117	596	58	305	71	434
Germany	273	117	180	570	232	117	149	498
Greece	142	148	66	356	41	148	46	235
Hungary	25	55	41	121	21	55	24	100
Ireland	113	70	69	252	74	70	63	207
Italy	327	189	131	647	126	189	70	385
Malta	87	44	47	178	46	44	33	123
Netherlands	240	57	116	413	152	57	77	286
Poland	32	168	44	244	37	168	53	258
United Kingdom	2,646	1,609	664	4,919	2,339	1,609	547	4,495
Other	234	205	190	629	176	205	160	541
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,375</i>	<i>3,051</i>	<i>1,722</i>	<i>9,148</i>	<i>3,351</i>	<i>3,051</i>	<i>1,362</i>	<i>7,764</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	58	54	41	153	25	54	30	109
Lebanon	77	208	59	344	21	208	45	274
Turkey	29	100	28	157	6	100	11	117
Other	88	76	126	290	35	76	66	177
<i>Total</i>	<i>252</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>944</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>677</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Indonesia	58	41	44	143	38	41	49	128
Malaysia	57	52	45	154	84	52	88	224
Philippines	39	191	17	247	298	191	195	684
Singapore	33	14	34	81	35	14	33	82
Thailand	17	18	16	51	70	18	64	152
Viet Nam	10	489	132	631	6	489	89	584
Other	22	74	40	136	12	74	47	133
<i>Total</i>	<i>236</i>	<i>879</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>1,443</i>	<i>543</i>	<i>879</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>1,987</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	62	357	149	568	83	357	230	670
Hong Kong	26	78	76	180	26	78	73	177
Other	20	55	13	88	35	55	51	141
<i>Total</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>490</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>836</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>490</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>988</i>
SOUTHERN ASIA—								
India	89	92	70	251	61	92	49	202
Sri Lanka	32	77	19	128	29	77	17	123
Other	32	19	38	89	2	19	10	31
<i>Total</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>468</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>356</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Canada	77	9	23	109	61	9	42	112
Chile	16	67	18	101	17	67	25	109
United States of America	170	35	62	267	153	35	65	253
Other	49	98	59	206	41	98	83	222
<i>Total</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>683</i>	<i>272</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>696</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
South Africa	60	79	31	170	57	79	62	198
Other	95	84	90	269	75	84	78	237
<i>Total</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>439</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>435</i>
Other and not stated	95	18	25	138	98	18	24	140
Total	33,441	6,106	8,709	48,256	32,466	6,106	9,684	48,256

TABLE 26. DIVORCES : SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, 1994 — continued

	Country of birth of wife														
	Australia	China	Germany	Greece	Hong Kong	Italy	India	Lebanon	Malaysia	New Zealand	Philippines	South Africa	U.K. & Ireland	U.S.A.	Viet Nam
Divorces granted	33,441	670	498	235	177	385	202	274	224	1,268	684	198	4,702	253	584
Population '000 (b)	6948.4	45.0	60.4	70.9	43.0	123.5	36.6	38.3	45.4	138.6	57.0	29.7	603.7	25.9	69.6
Divorce rate (c)	4.8	14.9	8.2	3.3	4.1	3.1	5.5	7.2	4.9	9.1	12.0	6.7	7.8	9.8	8.4
<i>Wives born in country shown divorcing husbands born in —</i>															
Australia—															
Number	27,056	83	232	41	26	126	61	21	84	497	298	57	2,413	153	6
Per cent	80.9	12.4	46.6	17.4	14.7	32.7	30.2	7.7	37.5	39.2	43.6	28.8	51.3	60.5	1.0
Same overseas country—															
Number	..	357	117	148	78	189	92	208	52	503	191	79	1,758	35	489
Per cent	..	53.3	23.5	63.0	44.1	49.1	45.5	75.9	23.2	39.7	27.9	39.9	37.4	13.8	83.7
Other overseas countries—															
Number	6,385	230	149	46	73	70	49	45	88	268	195	62	531	65	89
Per cent	19.1	34.3	29.9	19.6	41.2	18.2	24.3	16.4	39.3	21.1	28.5	31.3	11.3	25.7	15.2
Median duration of marriage (years)	11.1	4.8	16.4	18.5	5.7	18.4	9.9	6.6	6.8	10.5	6.7	14.6	12.5	8.6	5.5
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.9	2.8	11.8	14.9	3.6	14.5	5.8	4.1	3.9	7.1	3.8	11.1	9.5	5.5	3.1
<i>Divorces involving children —</i>															
Number	17,380	187	188	93	48	157	73	119	79	650	281	96	2,211	98	212
Percentage of total divorces	52.0	27.9	37.8	39.6	27.1	40.8	36.1	43.4	35.3	51.3	41.1	48.5	47.0	38.7	36.3
Average issue	1.9	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8
<i>Applicant —</i>															
Husband	11,778	211	192	107	62	172	83	105	73	491	297	75	1,634	100	225
Wife	17,018	252	222	108	65	170	79	140	94	576	307	78	2,216	91	263
Joint	4,645	207	84	20	50	43	40	29	57	201	80	45	852	62	96
<i>Marital status at marriage (number) —</i>															
Never married	27,754	566	356	211	153	337	174	229	194	1,019	570	157	3,576	185	543
Widowed	367	9	9	4	—	4	5	4	4	14	35	2	64	1	8
Divorced	5,320	95	133	20	24	44	23	41	26	235	79	39	1,062	67	33
Total	33,441	670	498	235	177	385	202	274	224	1,268	684	198	4,702	253	584
<i>Median age (years) —</i>															
at marriage	22.4	26.3	24.4	22.3	26.0	22.1	24.2	21.1	25.4	23.6	26.5	23.4	23.2	26.9	23.4
at final separation	33.3	30.9	41.2	40.2	32.1	38.6	34.6	29.1	33.3	33.6	32.4	37.9	36.3	35.4	30.5
at decree made absolute	36.4	33.3	44.9	43.3	33.8	42.1	38.3	31.9	35.9	36.7	35.4	41.2	39.4	38.8	33.4

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) Estimated male or female resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary. (c) Per 1,000 male or female estimated resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary.

TABLE 28. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS, AGE AND SEX,
AUSTRALIA, 30 JUNE 1994 (PRELIMINARY)

<i>Males</i>					
<i>Age</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Currently married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>14 and under</i>	<i>1,972,832</i>	—	—	—	<i>1,972,832</i>
15	128,381	7	1	—	128,389
16	128,554	30	—	4	128,588
17	130,085	97	1	2	130,185
18	129,630	2,272	238	188	132,328
19	133,204	3,132	287	249	136,872
<i>15-19</i>	<i>649,854</i>	<i>5,538</i>	<i>527</i>	<i>443</i>	<i>656,362</i>
20	136,822	4,154	283	255	141,514
21	137,983	7,409	333	345	146,070
22	139,785	12,841	372	469	153,467
23	132,660	20,551	393	630	154,234
24	114,503	29,105	494	1,026	145,128
<i>20-24</i>	<i>661,753</i>	<i>74,060</i>	<i>1,875</i>	<i>2,725</i>	<i>740,413</i>
25	99,655	37,732	419	1,521	139,327
26	86,741	46,575	475	2,086	135,877
27	75,964	54,850	441	2,684	133,939
28	68,647	62,659	509	3,538	135,353
29	61,280	70,049	521	4,643	136,493
<i>25-29</i>	<i>392,287</i>	<i>271,863</i>	<i>2,365</i>	<i>14,472</i>	<i>680,989</i>
30	57,113	80,358	516	5,772	143,759
31	51,018	86,788	499	6,735	145,040
32	46,118	92,692	547	7,564	146,921
33	42,922	99,474	622	8,628	151,646
34	36,806	100,211	560	9,195	146,772
<i>30-34</i>	<i>233,977</i>	<i>459,523</i>	<i>2,744</i>	<i>37,894</i>	<i>734,138</i>
35	31,643	99,053	669	9,599	140,964
36	28,547	100,909	657	9,864	139,977
37	25,894	101,017	654	10,240	137,805
38	23,653	103,935	621	10,808	139,017
39	20,471	101,131	660	11,225	133,487
<i>35-39</i>	<i>130,208</i>	<i>506,045</i>	<i>3,261</i>	<i>51,736</i>	<i>691,250</i>
40	18,638	101,045	725	11,535	131,943
41	17,070	101,328	738	11,876	131,012
42	15,402	101,781	842	12,122	130,147
43	14,905	105,403	887	12,751	133,946
44	13,220	102,411	910	12,561	129,102
<i>40-44</i>	<i>79,235</i>	<i>511,968</i>	<i>4,102</i>	<i>60,845</i>	<i>656,150</i>
45	12,255	103,842	1,073	12,942	130,112
46	11,478	104,853	1,051	12,905	130,287
47	11,017	105,991	1,065	13,008	131,081
48	9,679	94,693	1,176	11,765	117,313
49	8,841	89,588	1,144	10,801	110,374
<i>45-49</i>	<i>53,270</i>	<i>498,967</i>	<i>5,509</i>	<i>61,421</i>	<i>619,167</i>

TABLE 28. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS, AGE AND SEX,
AUSTRALIA, 30 JUNE 1994 (PRELIMINARY)—*continued*

<i>Females</i>					
<i>Age</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Currently married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>14 and under</i>	<i>1,872,067</i>	—	—	—	<i>1,872,067</i>
15	121,412	22	2	—	121,436
16	121,806	74	—	—	121,880
17	122,635	156	8	—	122,799
18	122,203	3,004	247	177	125,631
19	124,545	5,841	309	227	130,922
<i>15-19</i>	<i>612,601</i>	<i>9,097</i>	<i>566</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>622,668</i>
20	124,762	9,776	309	324	135,171
21	121,296	17,695	403	515	139,909
22	117,750	28,374	439	856	147,419
23	107,302	40,532	481	1,463	149,778
24	88,918	50,147	583	2,095	141,743
<i>20-24</i>	<i>560,028</i>	<i>146,524</i>	<i>2,215</i>	<i>5,253</i>	<i>714,020</i>
25	74,205	59,971	612	2,954	137,742
26	61,711	67,810	684	3,771	133,976
27	52,974	74,610	680	4,869	133,133
28	46,482	81,860	766	6,093	135,201
29	40,901	88,905	800	7,156	137,762
<i>25-29</i>	<i>276,273</i>	<i>373,156</i>	<i>3,542</i>	<i>24,843</i>	<i>677,814</i>
30	36,775	97,360	895	8,229	143,259
31	32,761	102,290	1,006	9,470	145,527
32	29,704	105,932	1,023	10,194	146,853
33	27,448	112,453	1,198	11,101	152,200
34	23,572	109,734	1,176	11,661	146,143
<i>30-34</i>	<i>150,260</i>	<i>527,769</i>	<i>5,298</i>	<i>50,655</i>	<i>733,982</i>
35	21,135	107,727	1,300	11,838	142,000
36	18,689	108,587	1,444	12,409	141,129
37	16,805	106,722	1,521	13,045	138,093
38	15,275	108,336	1,603	13,900	139,114
39	13,645	105,737	1,622	13,879	134,883
<i>35-39</i>	<i>85,549</i>	<i>537,109</i>	<i>7,490</i>	<i>65,071</i>	<i>695,219</i>
40	12,197	104,837	1,814	14,450	133,298
41	11,045	103,811	1,977	14,775	131,608
42	9,892	102,102	2,180	14,902	129,076
43	9,284	106,431	2,389	15,719	133,823
44	8,541	100,066	2,620	15,436	126,663
<i>40-44</i>	<i>50,959</i>	<i>517,247</i>	<i>10,980</i>	<i>75,282</i>	<i>654,468</i>
45	7,926	100,826	2,880	15,418	127,050
46	7,392	99,826	3,135	15,590	125,943
47	6,843	100,597	3,337	15,508	126,285
48	5,934	90,203	3,564	13,621	113,322
49	5,330	84,784	3,580	12,898	106,592
<i>45-49</i>	<i>33,425</i>	<i>476,236</i>	<i>16,496</i>	<i>73,035</i>	<i>599,192</i>

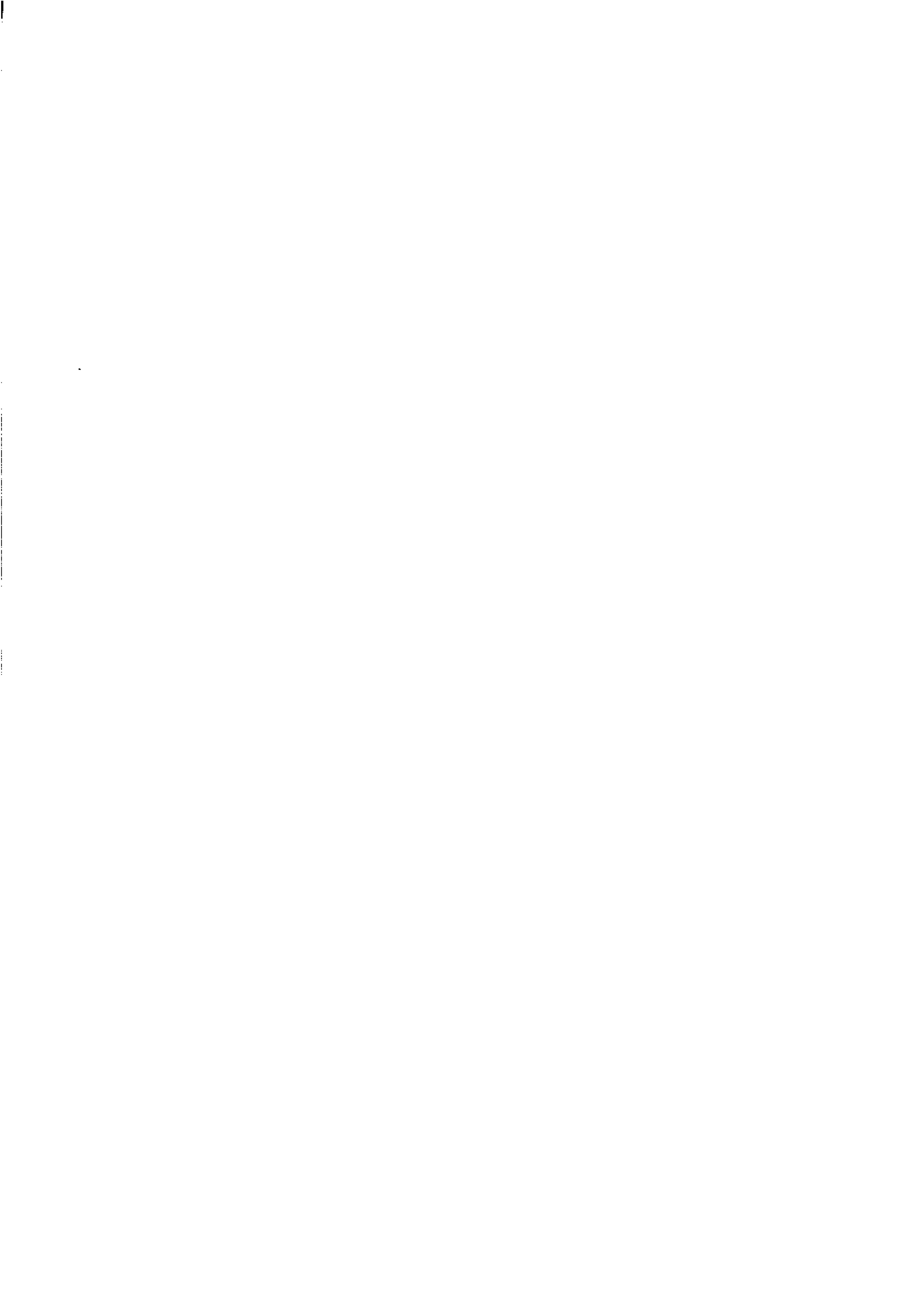


TABLE 28. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS, AGE AND SEX,
AUSTRALIA, 30 JUNE 1994 (PRELIMINARY)—continued

Age	Persons				Total
	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	
14 and under	3,844,899	--	--	--	3,844,899
15	249,793	29	3	--	249,825
16	250,360	104	--	4	250,468
17	252,720	253	9	2	252,984
18	251,833	5,276	485	365	257,959
19	257,749	8,973	596	476	267,794
15-19	1,262,455	14,635	1,093	847	1,279,030
20	261,584	13,930	592	579	276,685
21	259,279	25,104	736	860	285,979
22	257,535	41,215	811	1,325	300,886
23	239,962	61,083	874	2,093	304,012
24	203,421	79,252	1,077	3,121	286,871
20-24	1,221,781	220,584	4,090	7,978	1,454,433
25	173,860	97,703	1,031	4,475	277,069
26	148,452	114,385	1,159	5,857	269,853
27	128,938	129,460	1,121	7,553	267,072
28	115,129	144,519	1,275	9,631	270,554
29	102,181	158,954	1,321	11,799	274,255
25-29	668,560	645,021	5,907	39,315	1,358,803
30	93,888	177,718	1,411	14,001	287,018
31	83,779	189,078	1,505	16,205	290,567
32	75,822	198,624	1,570	17,758	293,774
33	70,370	211,927	1,820	19,729	303,846
34	60,378	209,945	1,736	20,856	292,915
30-34	384,237	987,292	8,042	88,549	1,468,120
35	52,778	206,780	1,969	21,437	282,964
36	47,236	209,496	2,101	22,273	281,106
37	42,699	207,739	2,175	23,285	275,898
38	38,928	212,271	2,224	24,708	278,131
39	34,116	206,868	2,282	25,104	268,370
35-39	215,757	1,043,154	10,751	116,807	1,386,469
40	30,835	205,882	2,539	25,985	265,241
41	28,115	205,139	2,715	26,651	262,620
42	25,294	203,883	3,022	27,024	259,223
43	24,189	211,834	3,276	28,470	267,769
44	21,761	202,477	3,530	27,997	255,765
40-44	130,194	1,029,215	15,082	136,127	1,310,618
45	20,181	204,668	3,953	28,360	257,162
46	18,870	204,679	4,186	28,495	256,230
47	17,860	206,588	4,402	28,516	257,366
48	15,613	184,896	4,740	25,386	230,635
49	14,171	174,372	4,724	23,699	216,966
45-49	86,695	975,203	22,005	134,456	1,218,359



PART F: 1991 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING, SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

MARITAL STATUS IN AUSTRALIA

TABLE 29. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF MALES AND FEMALES, AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER
USUAL RESIDENCE AUSTRALIA, BY MARITAL STATUS AT 1991 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

Selected details	Males					Total
	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated but not divorced	
	'000					
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN—						
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	43.0	26.4	1.9	3.0	3.0	77.3
Other	2,011.8	3,515.9	145.0	291.8	163.6	6,128.1
Not stated	63.2	102.8	12.5	10.1	5.5	194.0
COUNTRY OF BIRTH—						
Australia	1,690.4	2,407.8	107.2	211.7	118.1	4,535.1
Overseas - English speaking	163.6	466.6	21.9	45.1	25.1	722.3
Overseas - Non English speaking	217.8	705.6	20.9	42.1	25.4	1,011.8
Other and not stated	46.1	65.2	9.4	6.1	3.5	130.3
REGION OF BIRTH—						
Oceania and Antarctica	1,747.7	2,481.2	109.1	220.6	124.2	4,682.9
Europe and USSR	174.4	816.4	35.7	64.4	33.9	1,124.7
Middle East and North Africa	16.9	59.9	1.1	2.8	2.2	82.9
South East Asia	62.1	78.6	1.3	2.9	2.8	147.7
North East Asia	28.9	49.7	0.9	1.6	1.2	82.4
Southern Asia	11.7	34.8	0.8	1.7	1.2	50.2
Northern America	8.8	16.5	0.4	1.9	0.9	28.5
South/Central America and Caribbean	9.2	17.8	0.2	1.2	1.2	29.6
Africa (excl North Africa)	12.3	24.9	0.4	1.6	1.0	40.3
Other and not stated	46.1	65.2	9.4	6.1	3.5	130.3
CITIZENSHIP—						
Australian	1,868.7	3,146.0	135.0	262.8	145.7	5,558.2
Other	179.7	394.3	12.9	33.2	21.0	641.1
Not stated	69.6	104.8	11.4	8.9	5.4	200.1
AGE LEFT SCHOOL—						
Still at school	306.4	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	308.2
Did not go to school	12.7	34.4	2.9	2.0	1.5	53.5
14 or younger	109.0	695.6	64.6	59.7	29.6	958.6
15 - 16	737.1	1,513.4	44.5	139.6	79.3	2,513.9
17 - 18	690.0	855.3	13.9	61.5	37.1	1,657.8
19 and over	126.0	258.3	5.3	17.0	10.9	417.5
Not stated	136.8	286.7	28.0	24.8	13.6	489.9
LABOUR FORCE STATUS—						
Employed	1,228.3	2,511.9	29.0	189.0	110.5	4,068.8
Unemployed	292.7	215.0	5.2	37.1	23.2	573.3
Not in labour force	550.8	848.1	118.3	71.9	34.4	1,623.4
Not stated	46.2	70.1	6.9	6.9	3.9	133.9

Family Statistics Unit

In recent years, the ABS has placed more emphasis on the analysis of social statistics which focus on particular subject areas and population groups. In this light, a Family Statistics Unit has been set up in response to clients' demand for more information on families. The role of the unit will be to give clients a clearer voice in specifying their requirements for family data, and to guide work in the collection, analysis and dissemination of these statistics. The Unit's major objectives are to:

- ♦ Increase the use and understanding of family statistics
- ♦ Improve the quality, range, and relevance of family statistics
- ♦ Provide a professional centre of expertise in family statistics, as well as achieving and maintaining a high profile for family statistics.

Family statistics are currently available in a wide range of ABS collections, including the population census, the labour force survey and special social surveys (e.g. health, housing, income, disability, child care and time use). This information can be drawn into the structure and organisation of a family and community framework, with special emphasis on certain life stage groups, such as children, young people and older people. Fleshing out this framework will be a high priority for the new unit. This work will include identifying a core range of family-related variables, and will complement moves towards increased data quality and comparability.

Integrating the Bureau's sources of data on families has already been highlighted through the Focus on Families series of publications, a contribution to the 1994 International Year of the Family. There are six publications in the series:

Demographics and Family Formation (4420.0), focuses on the demographics and formation of Australia's families.

Education and Employment (4421.0), centres on the types of families and individuals needing, receiving and providing employment or education support.

Work and Family Responsibilities (4422.0), focuses on the dual roles of work and caring within families, with a special emphasis on care for children.

Caring in Families: Support for those who are Older or have a Disability (4423.0), explores the need for care as a result of disability or ageing, and the contribution of families in providing care in the light of changes taking place in Australian society which have affected traditional family roles.

Income and Housing, examines family resources and needs in terms of their living standards and economic well-being.

Family Life, focuses on the use of time and other resources as a reflection of family circumstances and life stage.

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TABLE 29. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF MALES AND FEMALES, AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, USUAL RESIDENCE AUSTRALIA, BY MARITAL STATUS, AT 1991 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING *continued*

<i>Selected details</i>	<i>Females</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Separated but not divorced</i>	
	'000					
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN—						
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	38.9	28.9	5.9	4.0	4.7	82.4
Other	1,610.3	3,532.9	616.3	368.2	191.6	6,319.2
Not stated	50.1	106.0	43.4	11.6	5.6	216.7
COUNTRY OF BIRTH—						
Australia	1,386.4	2,512.7	469.7	278.8	145.3	4,792.9
Overseas - English speaking	125.5	431.6	79.4	52.1	26.0	714.7
Overseas - Non English speaking	151.0	659.4	96.8	47.6	27.6	982.4
Other and not stated	36.2	64.0	19.7	5.4	2.9	128.3
REGION OF BIRTH—						
Oceania and Antarctica	1,434.0	2,587.6	476.7	289.0	152.3	4,939.6
Europe and USSR	114.1	716.4	137.3	70.2	33.2	1,071.2
Middle East and North Africa	8.7	54.1	6.3	3.0	2.3	74.5
South East Asia	50.5	103.1	9.2	5.6	5.0	173.4
North East Asia	24.5	48.6	6.1	2.5	1.4	83.1
Southern Asia	6.8	33.1	4.9	2.0	1.1	47.9
Northern America	7.4	16.1	1.2	2.2	0.8	27.7
South/Central America and Caribbean	7.4	19.3	1.6	1.8	1.6	31.8
Africa (excl North Africa)	9.6	25.4	2.6	2.1	1.2	40.8
Other and not stated	36.2	64.0	19.7	5.4	2.9	128.2
CITIZENSHIP—						
Australian	1,509.3	3,167.6	579.4	336.3	173.1	5,765.8
Other	136.5	395.1	55.0	37.6	23.1	647.2
Not stated	53.5	105.0	31.2	9.9	5.7	205.3
AGE LEFT SCHOOL—						
Still at school	303.7	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	305.5
Did not go to school	8.6	38.3	16.7	2.7	2.0	68.3
14 or younger	60.7	593.4	256.1	63.0	28.8	1,001.9
15 - 16	508.7	1,702.6	205.0	196.5	104.3	2,717.1
17 - 18	620.0	858.1	58.5	77.4	41.7	1,655.8
19 and over	92.6	194.8	14.1	15.5	9.6	326.6
Not stated	105.0	279.3	114.9	28.5	15.3	543.1
LABOUR FORCE STATUS—						
Employed	912.0	1,763.1	54.4	194.4	93.4	3,017.4
Unemployed	170.1	127.8	8.5	29.5	20.1	356.0
Not in labour force	581.1	1,663.8	594.3	152.7	84.3	3,076.1
Not stated	36.0	113.1	8.4	7.2	4.1	168.8

APPENDIX D**CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE FOR MARRIAGES REGISTERED, DIVORCES GRANTED AND ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION*****MARRIAGES***

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

DIVORCES

Characteristics of the divorce	Month and year of divorce Registry State/Territory of registration Date of filing of application Postcode and State/Territory of separation Sex of applicant Marriage place Marriage rite Date of marriage Date of final separation Duration of marriage until separation Duration of marriage Number of children of the marriage under 18 Number of children of the marriage over 18 Total number of children of the marriage Date of birth of children of the marriage under 18 years Age of children of the marriage under 18 years
Characteristics of the husband and wife	Place of birth Date of birth Occupation at separation Marital status at time of marriage Age at marriage Age at separation Age at divorce Number of previous marriages Date of first arrival in Australia Duration of residence in Australia

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population Age Birthplace Marital status Sex State/Territory of usual residence Statistical Local Area of usual residence

TABLE 30. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF MALES AND FEMALES, AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, USUAL RESIDENCE AUSTRALIA, BY STATED COUPLE RELATIONSHIP, AT 1991 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

	<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>	
	<i>Married couple</i>	<i>De facto couple</i>	<i>Married couple</i>	<i>De facto couple</i>
	'000			
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN—				
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	20.5	8.9	22.5	10.4
Other	3,228.6	277.3	3,259.4	279.8
Not stated	43.3	3.9	46.4	3.9
COUNTRY OF BIRTH—				
Australia	2,201.3	219.6	2,303.8	228.3
Overseas - English speaking	429.4	42.9	399.2	40.7
Overseas - Non English speaking	652.3	26.1	614.5	23.9
Other and not stated	9.5	1.3	10.7	1.1
REGION OF BIRTH—				
Oceania and Antarctica	2,267.1	233.1	2,372.1	242.3
Europe and USSR	763.5	44.0	670.6	37.9
Middle East and North Africa	56.2	1.4	50.7	0.8
South East Asia	70.0	3.1	94.0	4.7
North East Asia	39.2	1.7	42.2	2.3
Southern Asia	31.8	1.1	30.8	0.8
Northern America	15.1	1.5	14.9	1.8
South/Central America and Caribbean	16.7	1.3	18.2	1.1
Africa (excl North Africa)	23.2	1.5	23.9	1.3
Other and not stated	9.5	1.3	10.7	1.1
CITIZENSHIP—				
Australian	2,893.3	250.0	2,918.6	254.3
Other	354.7	35.7	362.1	35.4
Not stated	44.5	4.4	47.6	4.3
AGE LEFT SCHOOL—				
Still at school	—	0.1	0.2	0.3
Did not go to school	30.9	1.2	33.9	1.0
14 or younger	631.5	31.1	532.8	22.7
15 - 16	1,400.0	145.1	1,583.9	152.2
17 - 18	790.6	82.9	799.3	91.8
19 and over	234.0	14.6	179.6	13.1
Not stated	205.4	15.1	198.7	12.8
LABOUR FORCE STATUS—				
Employed	2,349.1	219.1	1,665.2	179.9
Unemployed	193.1	42.6	114.5	26.2
Not in labour force	729.9	25.5	1,481.0	82.2
Not stated	20.3	2.8	67.6	5.8

APPENDIX A

FAMILY COURT DIVORCE APPLICATION FORM CHANGES - effective February, 1995

The Family Court of Australia introduced new divorce application forms in February 1995. With the introduction of these forms some data items that are currently collected will no longer be available. The data items that will cease to be available from the next issue of *Marriages and Divorces, Australia (1995)*, are:

Characteristics of the divorce	Postcode and state of separation
	Rite of marriage
	Number of children aged over 18 years
	Total children of the marriage
Characteristics of the husband and wife	Previous marital status
	Number of previous marriages
	Occupation at separation
	Date of first arrival in Australia
	Duration of residence

APPENDIX B

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a), 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(b)</i>	<i>Australia(c)</i>
1974	4,894.8	3,754.8	2,007.5	1,242.6	1,127.9	406.3	101.3	186.4	13,721.5
1979	5,110.5	3,886.9	2,215.3	1,301.2	1,246.8	420.7	114.2	220.9	14,516.5
1984	5,402.9	4,076.3	2,524.6	1,359.6	1,391.8	437.6	142.3	244.9	15,580.0
1989	5,777.4	4,321.5	2,826.3	1,419.2	1,578.6	455.4	161.3	276.6	16,816.4
1990	5,833.7	4,377.4	2,898.5	1,432.4	1,612.5	461.8	163.5	282.2	17,062.0
1991	5,899.2	4,420.8	2,962.4	1,446.3	1,636.6	466.7	165.8	288.8	17,286.5
1992	5,958.5	4,450.3	3,034.7	1,457.2	1,657.9	469.6	167.5	294.2	17,489.9
1993 p	<u>6,001.4</u>	<u>4,464.9</u>	<u>3,117.2</u>	<u>1,463.3</u>	<u>1,677.0</u>	<u>471.5</u>	<u>169.6</u>	<u>298.9</u>	<u>17,663.8</u>
1994 p	6,051.4	4,476.1	3,196.9	1,469.8	1,701.9	472.4	171.1	300.9	17,843.3

(a) For years prior to 1994 details relate to estimated mean resident population for year ended 31 December. For 1994 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 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

2 A Glossary follows the Explanatory Notes providing detailed definitions for terminology used in this publication.

3 In this publication detailed statistics are provided for Australia and summary figures are given for States and Territories.

MARRIAGES

General

4 The *Australian Marriage Act 1961* came into full operation on 1 September 1961.

5 Under the Act, marriages may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month but within 6 calendar months before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State or Territory in which the marriage took place.

6 From 20 June 1973, the minimum age at which a person may marry without parental consent was reduced from 21 to 18 years. Further amendment to the Marriage Act in 1991 designated the minimum age at which persons are legally free to marry to be 18 years. Persons between the age of 16 and 18 years may marry with parental or guardian consent and an order from a judge or magistrate. Any two persons under the age of 18 years may not marry each other.

Statistics

7 The marriage statistics in this publication refer to marriages registered by the Registrar in each State and Territory during the year shown. There is usually an interval of at least some days between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year.

PERCENT OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE SAME YEAR
AS THEY OCCURRED

1984	97.8	1990	94.7
1985	91.7	1991	93.9
1986	93.5	1992	94.7
1987	96.3	1993	96.1
1988	97.7	1994	97.5
1989	96.0		

8 In 1984, there were abnormal delays in the registrations of NSW marriages. These and subsequent delays in 1985 had been made up by 1986. The number of actual registrations and registrations adjusted for these delays and their effects on crude marriage rates for NSW and Australia are given in the following table.

GLOSSARY

- Age specific divorce rates*** Two different populations are used in the calculation of *age specific divorce rates*:
- Per 1,000 population as at 30 June - this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the estimated mid-year resident population in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population.
 - Per 1,000 married population as at 30 June - this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the married population in specific age groups. Those classified as permanently separated are included in the married population. Males and females under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Age specific marriage rates*** Two different populations are used in the calculation of *age specific marriage rates*:
- Per 1,000 population as at 30 June - this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the estimated mid-year resident population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
 - Per 1,000 not currently married population as at 30 June - this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the not currently married population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Children (Divorce collection)*** *Children in the divorce collection are unmarried children of the marriage who were aged under 18 years at the time of application for divorce. Under the Family Law Act 1975, these may include (in certain cases) adopted and ex-nuptial children and children from a former marriage. Children who are married or aged 18 years or more are not subject to custody and guardianship orders and are excluded.*
- Children (Family Survey)*** *Children in the Family Survey are family members living with at least one parent (natural or step) in the same household and who do not have a child/children (natural or step) or spouse of their own usually resident in the household.*
- Country of birth*** The classification of countries in this publication is based on 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 1.02 of the ASCSS.
- Crude divorce rate*** The *crude divorce rate* is the number of decrees absolute granted per 1,000 of estimated population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude divorce rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year. (In the interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is unmarried or below the minimum age of marriage.)
- Crude marriage rate*** The *crude marriage rate* is the number of marriages registered per 1,000 of estimated population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude marriage rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.

13 Data for Darwin is currently supplied on a Statistical Report which is forwarded to the ABS on finalisation of proceedings.

14 In the interpretation of data it is important to bear in mind that the availability of judges and the complexity of the cases brought before them can affect the number of decrees made absolute or granted in any one year. A rise in numbers in one year may be due wholly or in part to the clearing of a backlog of cases from an earlier period. In addition, of course, legislative changes and the expectation of new legislation, rules and practises, may affect the number of applications.

DIVORCES APPLIED FOR AND GRANTED DURING THE YEAR SHOWN AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DIVORCES GRANTED			
1984	71.2	1990	73.1
1985	72.7	1991	74.0
1986	74.7	1992	73.9
1987	73.0	1993	73.1
1988	71.6	1994	74.1
1989	71.9		

*State and Territory
of usual residence*

15 The State classification used in Table 15, Part C of this publication, relates to State or Territory of usual residence at the time of separation. This takes account of some Family Courts having responsibility for hearing divorce cases relating to other States or Territories. The Family Courts most affected are Brisbane and the Australian Capital Territory. The Brisbane Family Court hears divorce cases from areas surrounding Lismore and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales, while the ACT Family Court hears cases from much of south-eastern New South Wales and part of Victoria. Another factor influencing the difference between State or Territory of usual residence and State or Territory of registration is that many applications are lodged at the nearest Family Court rather than the court in their State or Territory of usual residence at separation.

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

*State and Territory
of registration*

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reliability of estimates

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

States and Territories

29 As a result of an amendment, made in 1992, to the *Acts Interpretation Act* the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands have been included as part of geographic Australia, hence another category of the State/Territory level has been created. This category, will be known as 'Other Territories' and will include Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay Territory. (See also Paragraph 16, Divorces section of Explanatory Notes).

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30 Other ABS publications which may be of interest are:

Divorces, Australia (3307.0) - issued annually to 1993

Marriages, Australia (3306.0) - issued annually to 1993

Estimated Resident Population by Marital Status, Age and Sex, Australia (3220.0) - issued annually to 1993

Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia (3201.0) - issued annually

Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods (3228.0) - issued 1995

Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) - issued quarterly

Australian Social Trends (4102.0) - issued annually

Australia's Families, 1992 (4418.0) - issued 1993

31 A compendium of all demographic data for each State and the ACT has been released in State specific publications, *Demography* (3311.). The first releases contained 1990 data. These publications are released each year for each State and the ACT. The first release for the Northern Territory is planned to contain 1993 data. Should users require detailed State/Territory data on *Marriages, Divorces or Estimated Resident Population* prior to the release of this compendium please contact Information Services.

32 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. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

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



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***Symbols and other
usages***

n.a.	not available
...	not applicable
--	nil or rounded to zero
---	break in continuity of series where drawn across a column between consecutive figures
r	figures or series revised since previous issue
*	relative standard error greater than 25 per cent
p	preliminary



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<i>Date of final separation</i>	The <i>date of final separation</i> is that date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing grounds for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a single period of resumed cohabitation of less than 3 months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed cohabitation amount to a total of 12 months or more.
<i>De facto couples</i>	A <i>de facto couple</i> is a couple who identified themselves as de facto partners in a relationship question. (See also marital status)
<i>Divorce</i>	The term <i>divorce</i> , as used in this publication, refers to decrees absolute of dissolution of marriage.
<i>Duration of marriage</i>	<i>Duration of marriage</i> is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date the marriage ended.
<i>Estimated resident population</i>	The <i>estimated resident population</i> (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. Divorce and marriage rates and ratios shown in this publication for the years since 1974 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in <i>Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (3228.0) published 23 June 1995. Revised population estimates are shown in the <i>Australian Demographic Statistics</i> (3101.0) (issued quarterly).
<i>First marriage rates</i>	<i>First marriage rates</i> are the number of males and females, of a certain age, marrying for the first time per 1,000 (mid-year) population of never married males and females of the same age.
<i>Median values</i>	The <i>median value</i> (<i>age, duration, interval</i>) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below this value, and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.
<i>Marital status</i>	Two separate concepts are measured by the ABS. These are <i>registered marital status</i> and <i>social marital status</i> . They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital Status in this publication relates to registered marital status which refers to formally registered marriages for which the partners hold a marriage certificate. (See also de facto couples.)
<i>Re-marriage rates</i>	<i>Re-marriage rates</i> are the number of re-marrying males and females, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced males and females of the same age.
<i>State/Territory of registration</i>	<i>State/Territory of registration</i> refers to the State/Territory in which the marriage was registered or the divorce was granted. (For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 15 to 17 of the Explanatory Notes.)
<i>State/Territory of usual residence</i>	<i>State/Territory of usual residence</i> refers to the State/Territory of usual residence of the population in estimated resident population and for divorces, the State/Territory of usual residence at time of separation. (For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 15 to 17 of the Explanatory Notes.)



APPENDIX C

PROJECTIONS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION
BY SEX AND AGE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1994 (PRELIMINARY)

Age	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia(a)
MALES									
0-4	6,195	1,504	6,174	1,348	3,681	751	3,048	143	22,844
5-9	5,342	1,278	5,146	1,235	3,287	656	3,158	128	20,229
10-14	4,631	1,007	4,706	1,064	2,786	646	2,802	115	17,755
15-19	4,102	932	4,383	914	2,431	598	2,368	98	15,826
20-24	4,228	987	4,319	927	2,426	545	2,557	114	16,103
25-29	3,682	880	3,644	877	2,249	401	2,212	92	14,038
30-34	3,157	775	2,990	763	1,784	376	1,847	85	11,777
35-39	2,486	644	2,355	593	1,372	332	1,412	74	9,268
40-44	1,946	487	1,891	411	1,074	255	1,052	56	7,171
45-49	1,458	344	1,357	306	716	200	716	38	5,135
50-54	1,075	255	934	268	585	133	628	22	3,900
55-59	808	152	703	164	428	98	434	11	2,797
60-64	565	111	562	143	366	76	356	6	2,185
65-69	359	105	406	81	251	40	216	2	1,461
70-74	219	63	232	75	156	33	135	4	919
75 and over	210	69	278	55	206	23	154	2	998
Total	40,464	9,594	40,079	9,223	23,798	5,162	23,094	991	152,406
FEMALES									
0-4	5,836	1,450	5,925	1,285	3,425	690	2,929	141	21,680
5-9	5,159	1,194	4,945	1,178	3,130	610	2,988	113	19,317
10-14	4,333	964	4,406	1,019	2,657	628	2,672	118	16,796
15-19	3,943	895	4,085	882	2,380	578	2,215	101	15,078
20-24	4,078	950	4,168	899	2,271	525	2,465	91	15,448
25-29	3,598	859	3,579	864	2,220	389	2,187	97	13,793
30-34	3,142	768	2,998	770	1,801	371	1,863	91	11,805
35-39	2,520	648	2,408	608	1,423	335	1,452	78	9,472
40-44	2,058	520	2,007	457	1,152	248	1,187	54	7,683
45-49	1,590	398	1,426	351	794	180	821	45	5,604
50-54	1,122	265	1,077	276	591	121	636	25	4,113
55-59	858	185	859	193	462	91	478	7	3,132
60-64	651	168	667	146	413	63	431	6	2,545
65-69	466	116	524	91	268	52	276	4	1,796
70-74	274	82	323	78	186	40	174	4	1,161
75 and over	345	127	365	105	280	31	174	4	1,431
Total	39,973	9,589	39,763	9,202	23,453	4,951	22,947	978	150,855
PERSONS									
0-4	12,031	2,954	12,099	2,632	7,106	1,440	5,977	285	44,524
5-9	10,501	2,472	10,091	2,413	6,417	1,266	6,145	241	39,546
10-14	8,964	1,970	9,112	2,082	5,443	1,273	5,474	233	34,552
15-19	8,045	1,827	8,468	1,796	4,811	1,175	4,583	199	30,904
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APPENDIX E

STANDARD PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR MARRIAGES REGISTERED, DIVORCES GRANTED AND ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

MARRIAGES

Table number	Description
MARR0001	Month and year of marriage and month of registration
MARR0002	Category of celebrant by State/Territory of registration
MARR0003	Relative previous marital status of bridegroom and bride by State/Territory of registration
MARR0004	Relative birthplace of bridegroom and bride
MARR0005	Relative ages of bridegroom and bride at date of marriage
MARR006A	Age of bridegroom at date of marriage and previous marital status
MARR006B	Age of bride at date of marriage and previous marital status
MARR0007	Number of previous marriages and number of children under 16
MARR0008	Interval to remarriage by how last marriage terminated for both parties
MARR0009	Age of bridegroom by birthplace of bridegroom
MARR0010	Age of bride by birthplace of bride
MARR0011	Previous marital status by category of celebrant by number of previous marriages

DIVORCES

Table number	Description
DIVR0001	State/Territory of registry by sex of applicant
DIVR0002	Month of outcome by state
DIVR0003	Ages of husband and wife at date of marriage
DIVR0004	Ages of husband and wife at date of divorce
DIVR0005	Ages of husband and wife at date of final separation
DIVR0006	Birthplace of husband by birthplace of wife
DIVR0007	Marital status of husband by marital status of wife (at time of marriage)
DIVR0008	Duration of marriage by marital status of husband and wife
DIVR0009	Age of husband at marriage by duration of marriage
DIVR0010	Age of wife at marriage by duration of marriage
DIVR0011	Age of husband at date of divorce by duration of marriage
DIVR0012	Age of wife at date of divorce by duration of marriage
DIVR0013	Duration of marriage by sex of applicant
DIVR0014	Duration of marriage by number of children under 18
DIVR0015	Age of youngest child by duration of marriage
DIVR0016	Age of youngest child by number of children under 18
DIVR0017*	Age of husband at final separation by duration of cohabitation
DIVR0018*	Age of wife at final separation by duration of cohabitation
DIVR0019	Month and year of application by month of outcome
DIVR0020	Interval between final separation and filing of application by State/Territory
DIVR0021	Interval between final separation and filing of application by duration of marriage

* NOTE: For the purpose of these tables, duration of cohabitation is the interval between date of marriage and date of final separation.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Table number	Description
ERP0001	Estimated resident population by sex, single year of age and State/Territory
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ERP0003	Estimated resident population by sex, single year of age and marital status
ERP0004	Estimated resident population by sex, five year age groups and Statistical Local Area
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MARR0008	Interval to remarriage by how last marriage terminated for both parties
MARR0009	Age of bridegroom by birthplace of bridegroom
MARR0010	Age of bride by birthplace of bride
MARR0011	Previous marital status by category of celebrant by number of previous marriages

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DIVR0012	Age of wife at date of divorce by duration of marriage
DIVR0013	Duration of marriage by sex of applicant
DIVR0014	Duration of marriage by number of children under 18
DIVR0015	Age of youngest child by duration of marriage
DIVR0016	Age of youngest child by number of children under 18
DIVR0017*	Age of husband at final separation by duration of cohabitation
DIVR0018*	Age of wife at final separation by duration of cohabitation
DIVR0019	Month and year of application by month of outcome
DIVR0020	Interval between final separation and filing of application by State/Territory
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APPENDIX C

PROJECTIONS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION
BY SEX AND AGE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1994 (PRELIMINARY)

Age	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia(a)
MALES									
0-4	6,195	1,504	6,174	1,348	3,681	751	3,048	143	22,844
5-9	5,342	1,278	5,146	1,235	3,287	656	3,158	128	20,229
10-14	4,631	1,007	4,706	1,064	2,786	646	2,802	115	17,755
15-19	4,102	932	4,383	914	2,431	598	2,368	98	15,826
20-24	4,228	987	4,319	927	2,426	545	2,557	114	16,103
25-29	3,682	880	3,644	877	2,249	401	2,212	92	14,038
30-34	3,157	775	2,990	763	1,784	376	1,847	85	11,777
35-39	2,486	644	2,355	593	1,372	332	1,412	74	9,268
40-44	1,946	487	1,891	411	1,074	255	1,052	56	7,171
45-49	1,458	344	1,357	306	716	200	716	38	5,135
50-54	1,075	255	934	268	585	133	628	22	3,900
55-59	808	152	703	164	428	98	434	11	2,797
60-64	565	111	562	143	366	76	356	6	2,185
65-69	359	105	406	81	251	40	216	2	1,461
70-74	219	63	232	75	156	33	135	4	919
75 and over	210	69	278	55	206	23	154	2	998
Total	40,464	9,594	40,079	9,223	23,798	5,162	23,094	991	152,406
FEMALES									
0-4	5,836	1,450	5,925	1,285	3,425	690	2,929	141	21,680
5-9	5,159	1,194	4,945	1,178	3,130	610	2,988	113	19,317
10-14	4,333	964	4,406	1,019	2,657	628	2,672	118	16,796
15-19	3,943	895	4,085	882	2,380	578	2,215	101	15,078
20-24	4,078	950	4,168	899	2,271	525	2,465	91	15,448
25-29	3,598	859	3,579	864	2,220	389	2,187	97	13,793
30-34	3,142	768	2,998	770	1,801	371	1,863	91	11,805
35-39	2,520	648	2,408	608	1,423	335	1,452	78	9,472
40-44	2,058	520	2,007	457	1,152	248	1,187	54	7,683
45-49	1,590	398	1,426	351	794	180	821	45	5,604
50-54	1,122	265	1,077	276	591	121	636	25	4,113
55-59	858	185	859	193	462	91	478	7	3,132
60-64	651	168	667	146	413	63	431	6	2,545
65-69	466	116	524	91	268	52	276	4	1,796
70-74	274	82	323	78	186	40	174	4	1,161
75 and over	345	127	365	105	280	31	174	4	1,431
Total	39,973	9,589	39,763	9,202	23,453	4,951	22,947	978	150,855
PERSONS									
0-4	12,031	2,954	12,099	2,632	7,106	1,440	5,977	285	44,524
5-9	10,501	2,472	10,091	2,413	6,417	1,266	6,145	241	39,546
10-14	8,964	1,970	9,112	2,082	5,443	1,273	5,474	233	34,552
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<i>Date of final separation</i>	The <i>date of final separation</i> is that date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing grounds for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a single period of resumed cohabitation of less than 3 months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed cohabitation amount to a total of 12 months or more.
<i>De facto couples</i>	A <i>de facto couple</i> is a couple who identified themselves as de facto partners in a relationship question. (See also marital status)
<i>Divorce</i>	The term <i>divorce</i> , as used in this publication, refers to decrees absolute of dissolution of marriage.
<i>Duration of marriage</i>	<i>Duration of marriage</i> is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date the marriage ended.
<i>Estimated resident population</i>	The <i>estimated resident population</i> (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. Divorce and marriage rates and ratios shown in this publication for the years since 1974 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in <i>Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (3228.0) published 23 June 1995. Revised population estimates are shown in the <i>Australian Demographic Statistics</i> (3101.0) (issued quarterly).
<i>First marriage rates</i>	<i>First marriage rates</i> are the number of males and females, of a certain age, marrying for the first time per 1,000 (mid-year) population of never married males and females of the same age.
<i>Median values</i>	The <i>median value</i> (<i>age, duration, interval</i>) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below this value, and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.
<i>Marital status</i>	Two separate concepts are measured by the ABS. These are <i>registered marital status</i> and <i>social marital status</i> . They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital Status in this publication relates to registered marital status which refers to formally registered marriages for which the partners hold a marriage certificate. (See also de facto couples.)
<i>Re-marriage rates</i>	<i>Re-marriage rates</i> are the number of re-marrying males and females, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced males and females of the same age.
<i>State/Territory of registration</i>	<i>State/Territory of registration</i> refers to the State/Territory in which the marriage was registered or the divorce was granted. (For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 15 to 17 of the Explanatory Notes.)
<i>State/Territory of usual residence</i>	<i>State/Territory of usual residence</i> refers to the State/Territory of usual residence of the population in estimated resident population and for divorces, the State/Territory of usual residence at time of separation. (For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 15 to 17 of the Explanatory Notes.)



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