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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The ABS undertook reduced processing of marriage data in 1995. The data items processed were State or Territory of registration, date of marriage, age of parties at marriage and previous marital status of parties. Full processing was resumed for 1996 marriage data. (See paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes for further detail.)

In February 1995 the Family Court of Australia introduced new divorce application forms. With the introduction of these forms some data items that had previously been collected ceased to be available. In addition the ABS undertook reduced processing of divorces granted in 1995. The data items processed were State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce and sex of applicant. Full processing was resumed for available 1996 divorce data. (See paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Explanatory Notes for further detail.)

REVISIONS

As a result of the notification of additional divorces granted by the Family Court in Darwin revisions have been made to divorce data for the Northern Territory for the years 1991 to 1994. Where necessary data for Australia have also been revised. It is anticipated that further revision may be required. Notification of 1995 divorce numbers for the Northern Territory are considered understated and data are under investigation.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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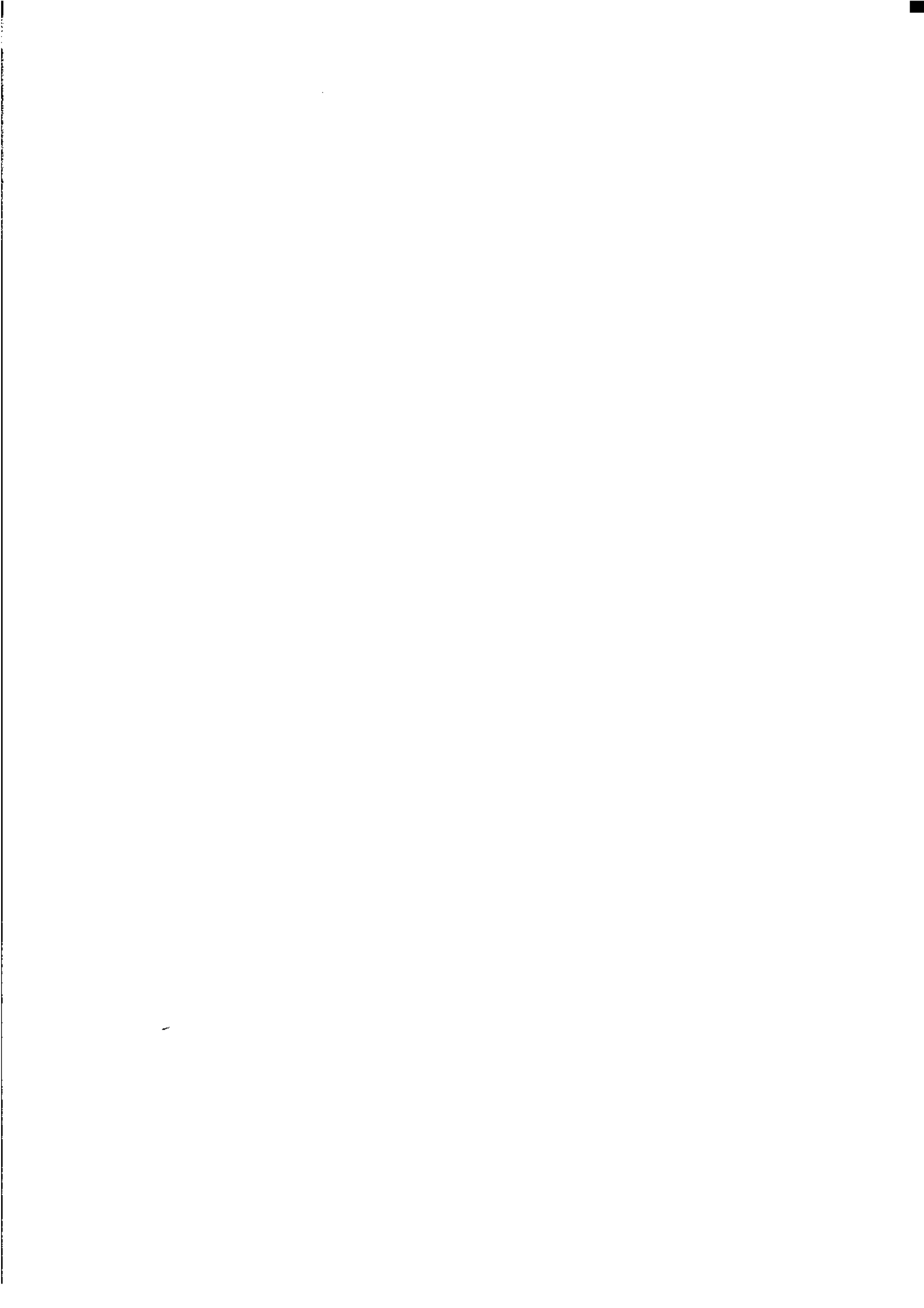
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MAIN FEATURES

KEY FIGURES

	1985	1995	% change
Marriages registered	115 493	109 386	-5.3
Divorces granted	39 830	49 666	24.7
Estimated resident population (persons 15 years and over at 30 June)			
Never married	3 410 112	4 343 898	27.4
Currently married	7 303 428	8 081 229	10.6
Widowed	792 733	870 814	9.8
Divorced	556 498	890 437	60.0
Total	12 062 771	14 186 378	17.6

MARRIAGES

- Total marriages registered ■ In 1995 nearly 109,400 marriages were registered in Australia. This is 5% less than the number registered in 1985 (115,500).
- Marriage rates ■ In 1995 the marriage rate, per 1,000 unmarried men or women aged 15 years and over, continued to fall. It was 36.7 for men and 35.0 for women compared with 49.6 and 47.5 respectively, in 1985 and 62.9 and 61.1 respectively, in 1976.
- First marriage rates, per 1,000 never married men or women aged 15 years and over, declined in all age groups between 1985 and 1995. The peak age group at first marriage for both men and women was 25-29 years with first marriage rates of 83 for men and 101 for women.
- Remarriage rates, per 1,000 widowed and divorced men or women, decreased in all age-sex groups between 1985 and 1995 except for women aged 55-59 years. The peak age groups at remarriage were 30-34 years for men and 25-29 years for women. In 1995 remarriage rates in these age groups were 105 and 114 respectively.
- The crude marriage rate, per 1,000 population, fell to 6.1 in 1995. This continues a long established downward trend which began in the early 1970s when crude marriage rates were around 9 per 1,000 population.
- Age at marriage ■ The median age at marriage increased for both men and women between 1985 and 1995. The median age at marriage for men marrying in 1995 was 29.2 years while for women it was 26.8 years. This compares with 27.0 years and 24.5 years respectively in 1985.
- First marriages ■ Marriages where both parties had never previously been married represented 68% of all marriages in 1995 compared to 67% in 1985.
- The median age at first marriage in 1995 was 27.3 years for men and 25.3 years for women.
- Remarriages ■ For men and women who had previously been widowed the median age at marriage in 1995 was 62.5 years for men and 53.5 years for women.
- For previously divorced men and women the median age at marriage was 41.1 years and 37.6 years respectively.

DIVORCES

- Total divorces granted
 - Divorces granted in Australia in 1995 numbered 49,700, a 25% increase on the number granted in 1985.

- Divorce rates
 - In Australia in 1995 the divorce rate per 1,000 married population was 12.3 for both men and women. This compares with 10.9 for both men and women in 1985 and 18.9 for men and 18.8 for women in 1976.
 - When 1995 and 1985 are compared, age-specific divorce rates per 1,000 married men or women increased in all age groups except men aged under 25 years.
 - The crude divorce rate, per 1,000 population, was 2.8 in 1995 compared with 2.5 in 1985.

- Age at divorce
 - The median age at divorce for both men and women continued to rise in 1995. The median age at divorce for men was 39.9 years and for women 37.1 years. Compared with 1985 this is 2.8 years higher for men and 2.7 years higher for women.
 - The peak age group for men divorcing in 1995 was 30–34 years while for women it was 25–29 years.

- Duration of marriage
 - Over the last twenty years the median duration of marriage (marriage date to date decree made absolute) for parties divorcing has ranged between 10 and 12 years. In 1995 the median duration of marriage was 11.0 years compared with 10.6 years in 1985.
 - The median duration of marriage to the time the parties separated was 7.6 years in 1995 compared with 7.7 years in 1985.

- Applicant for divorce
 - Joint applications for divorce have increased over the last ten years. In 1995, 18% of all divorce applications were joint applications while 34% were lodged by men and 48% were lodged by women.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

- Australia's population
 - The estimated resident population of Australia at 30 June 1995 was 18,054,000, a 14% increase since 1985. Of the population 8,990,500 were males and 9,063,500 were females.

- Marital status of population aged 15 and over
 - At 30 June 1995 the estimated resident population aged 15 years and over was 14,186,400 (7,006,700 males and 7,179,700 females). This is an increase of 18% since 1985.
 - The number of people aged 15 years and over who were never married was 4,343,900 in 1995, a 27% increase since 1985. They represented about 31% of the population aged 15 years and over in 1995.
 - The currently married population numbered 8,081,200 in 1995 and had increased by 11% since 1985.
 - The widowed population (870,800 in 1995) increased by around 10% between 1985 and 1995.
 - Over the ten year period 1985–95 the divorced population increased by 60%, the greatest percentage increase of all registered marital status groups. The divorced population of Australia at 30 June 1995 was 890,400.

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OVERVIEW

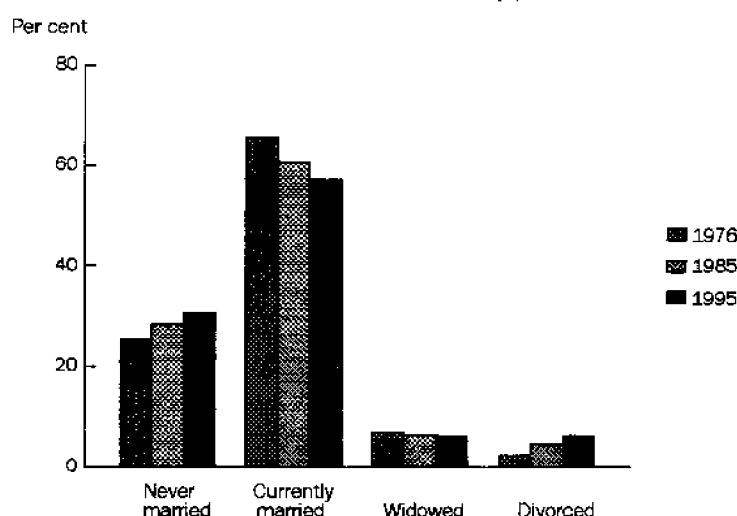
AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION

The estimated resident population aged 15 years and over numbered 14,186,400 at 30 June 1995. The population comprised 4,343,900 never married, 8,081,200 currently married, 870,800 widowed and 890,400 divorced persons.

Marital status

Nearly 90% of the population aged 15 years and over were either never married or currently married at 30 June 1995. The proportion who were never married increased from 25% in 1976 to 28% in 1985 and 31% in 1995. At the same time, the proportion currently married declined from 65% in 1976 to 61% in 1985 and 57% in 1995. The proportion divorced almost trebled over the twenty year period, from 2.3% in 1976 to 6.3% in 1995.

MARITAL STATUS OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION(a)



(a) Aged 15 years and over.

MARRIAGES

The number of marriages registered in 1995 was nearly 109,400, a fall of 5% on 1985 registrations (115,500). The number of marriages registered has been declining since 1992 and the number recorded in 1995 is the lowest since 1985.

Age at marriage

The median age at marriage increased from 27.0 years in 1985 to 29.2 years in 1995 for bridegrooms, and from 24.5 years in 1985 to 26.8 years in 1995 for brides. This pattern was the same for all marital statuses at marriage for both bridegrooms and brides between 1985 and 1995.

For men marrying, the peak age group changed between 1985 and 1995, from 20-24 years to 25-29 years. In contrast, although the marriage rate for women in the age group 20-24 years declined, this group of women still remained the peak group marrying. The largest increases in the age-specific marriage rates were in the age group 30-34 years for men and 25-29 years for women.

DIVORCES

The divorced population increased from 233,400 in 1976 to 556,500 in 1985 and 890,400 in 1995. This represents a growth of 60% in the divorced population over the most recent ten year period. The number of divorces granted in 1995 was 49,700, a rise of nearly 25% on the number granted in 1985 (39,800). The number of divorces granted in 1995 was the highest since the record number granted in 1976 (63,200 following the introduction of the *Family Law Act 1975*).

Age at divorce

The median age at divorce continued to increase for both men and women. The median age at divorce in 1995 was 39.9 years for men and 37.1 years for women.

When 1995 and 1985 are compared age-specific divorce rates for men increased in all age groups from 35-39 years. Similarly, age-specific divorce rates for women increased in all age groups above 30-34 years.

Median duration of marriage

For marriages ending in divorce, there has been little change in the median duration of marriage over the last ten years. The median duration of marriage was 11.0 years in 1995 compared to 10.6 years in 1985.

INTERNATIONAL
COMPARISON OF MARRIAGE
AND DIVORCE RATES

The latest available United Nations figures indicate that there is much variation in international marriage and divorce rates (see notes accompanying table 4). Of the countries selected for comparison, Fiji had the highest crude marriage rate (9.6 per 1,000 population), followed by the United States of America (9.0). Sweden had the lowest rate (4.3 per 1,000 population), followed by France and Greece (4.7). Australia and the United Kingdom had a rate of 6.1 per 1,000 population.

Of the countries selected for comparison, the United States of America had the highest crude divorce rate (4.6 per 1,000 population) followed by the United Kingdom (3.0). Crude divorce rates were lowest in Chile and Italy (0.4 per 1,000 population), followed by Turkey (0.5) and Fiji, Greece, Poland and Thailand (0.7). Australia had the fourth highest crude divorce rate at 2.8 per 1,000 population.

1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER: MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AUSTRALIA,
30 JUNE 1976 TO 30 JUNE 1995

<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
1985	1,936,192	3,645,715	143,322	249,600	5,974,829
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	2,356,450	4,007,283	170,535	378,854	6,913,122
1995p	2,404,375	4,030,033	172,503	399,772	7,006,683
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
1985	1,473,920	3,657,713	649,411	306,898	6,087,942
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	1,896,770	4,026,284	693,754	466,001	7,082,809
1995p	1,939,523	4,051,196	698,311	490,665	7,179,695
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
1985	3,410,112	7,303,428	792,733	556,498	12,062,771
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	4,253,220	8,033,567	864,289	844,855	13,995,931
1995p	4,343,898	8,081,229	870,814	890,437	14,186,378

2 MARRIAGES: SUMMARY(a), NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
NUMBER							
Marriages registered	115,493	116,959	113,869	114,752	113,255	111,174	109,386
Crude marriage rate	7.3	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.1
<i>Previous marital status—</i>							
First marriage both partners	77,439	78,782	76,811	77,092	75,968	75,045	73,846
First marriage one partner	21,482	21,597	21,098	21,227	21,123	20,159	19,898
Remarriage both partners	16,572	16,580	15,960	16,433	16,164	15,970	15,642
<i>Marriages performed by—</i>							
<i>Ministers of religion—</i>							
Number	69,284	67,704	66,849	66,773	65,573	63,265	n.a.
Per cent	60.0	57.9	58.7	58.2	57.9	56.9	n.a.
<i>Civil celebrants—</i>							
Number	46,209	49,255	47,020	47,979	47,682	47,909	n.a.
Per cent	40.0	42.1	41.3	41.8	42.1	43.1	n.a.
BRIDEGROOM							
<i>Age-specific marriage rates—</i>							
<i>Age group (years)—</i>							
19 and under	2.8	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2
20-24	56.8	44.0	40.6	38.2	36.0	33.1	31.2
25-29	52.3	54.1	53.0	53.8	53.3	53.0	51.7
30-34	26.0	27.7	27.6	28.8	29.0	29.1	28.7
35-39	14.6	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.0	14.9	15.1
40-44	9.8	9.9	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.4	9.4
45-49	7.4	7.8	7.4	7.7	7.4	7.3	7.3
50 and over	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>							
Never married	87,521	89,009	86,831	87,119	85,942	84,510	83,280
Widowed	2,843	2,729	2,703	2,561	2,718	2,584	2,360
Divorced	25,129	25,221	24,335	25,072	24,595	24,080	23,746
Total	115,493	116,959	113,869	114,752	113,255	111,174	109,386
<i>Median age (years)—</i>							
Never married	25.4	26.5	26.7	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.3
Widowed	60.6	61.4	61.9	61.6	62.0	62.1	62.5
Divorced	37.5	39.6	39.7	40.1	40.4	40.9	41.1
Total	27.0	28.2	28.4	28.7	28.8	29.0	29.2
BRIDE							
<i>Age-specific marriage rates—</i>							
<i>Age group (years)—</i>							
19 and under	17.4	10.7	9.2	7.8	7.3	6.5	6.1
20-24	76.6	66.0	62.0	59.9	57.6	53.9	50.8
25-29	39.7	44.8	45.0	46.6	46.5	47.5	47.9
30-34	18.3	20.8	20.4	21.1	21.5	21.6	21.4
35-39	10.8	11.2	11.1	11.4	11.3	11.1	11.3
40-44	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.3
45-49	5.7	6.3	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.8
50 and over	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>							
Never married	88,839	90,152	87,889	88,292	87,117	85,739	84,310
Widowed	3,414	3,185	3,070	2,946	3,099	2,988	2,712
Divorced	23,240	23,622	22,910	23,514	23,039	22,447	22,364
Total	115,493	116,959	113,869	114,752	113,255	111,174	109,386
<i>Median age (years)—</i>							
Never married	23.2	24.3	24.5	24.7	24.8	25.1	25.3
Widowed	52.6	52.3	53.6	53.2	52.8	53.9	53.5
Divorced	34.2	36.0	36.1	36.5	36.8	37.4	37.6
Total	24.5	25.9	26.0	26.3	26.4	26.6	26.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3 DIVORCES: SUMMARY(a), NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS

	1985	1990	1991 ^r	1992 ^r	1993 ^r	1994 ^r	1995
NUMBER							
Divorces granted	39,830	42,635	45,652	45,729	48,363	48,269	49,666
Crude divorce rate	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.6	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9	11.0
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.6
<i>Divorces involving children—</i>							
Number	24,130	23,707	24,734	24,215	25,461	(b)	n.a.
Percentage of total divorces	60.6	55.6	54.2	53.0	52.6	(b)	n.a.
Average issue	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	(b)	n.a.
<i>Applicant—</i>							
Husband	15,856	15,748	16,427	16,470	17,098	17,331	16,818
Wife	22,073	20,961	22,066	22,083	23,630	23,722	23,887
Joint	1,901	5,926	7,159	7,176	7,635	7,216	8,961
HUSBAND							
<i>Age-specific divorce rates—</i>							
<i>Age group (years)—</i>							
24 and under	1.6	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
25-29	10.1	8.9	9.1	8.6	8.5	8.0	7.8
30-34	13.2	12.5	13.1	12.7	13.1	12.7	12.8
35-39	12.9	12.2	13.0	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.3
40-44	11.3	11.2	11.9	11.8	12.8	12.6	12.4
45-49	9.1	9.6	10.2	10.2	10.8	10.9	11.5
50-54	6.5	7.1	7.4	7.6	8.3	8.5	8.6
55 and over	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.9
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>							
Never married	33,966	35,329	37,820	37,639	39,589	39,216	n.a.
Widowed	601	391	402	446	483	510	n.a.
Divorced	5,263	6,915	7,430	7,643	8,291	8,543	n.a.
Total	39,830	42,635	45,652	45,728	48,363	48,269	n.a.
<i>Median age (years)—</i>							
at marriage	24.0	24.7	24.8	25.0	25.2	25.4	25.6
at final separation	34.4	35.3	35.5	35.8	36.2	36.6	36.7
at decree made absolute	37.1	38.2	38.4	38.7	39.3	39.7	39.9
WIFE							
<i>Age-specific divorce rates—</i>							
<i>Age group (years)—</i>							
24 and under	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0
25-29	13.2	12.7	12.9	12.5	12.5	12.0	11.8
30-34	13.3	12.7	13.6	13.4	13.9	13.7	13.9
35-39	12.1	11.6	12.4	12.5	13.2	13.0	13.1
40-44	10.2	10.3	10.9	10.8	11.5	11.8	11.8
45-49	7.6	7.9	8.6	8.6	9.3	9.3	9.5
50-54	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.3	6.6
55 and over	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.5
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>							
Never married	34,153	35,584	38,079	37,857	39,935	39,503	n.a.
Widowed	646	513	558	584	658	625	n.a.
Divorced	5,031	6,538	7,015	7,288	7,770	8,141	n.a.
Total	39,830	42,635	45,652	45,729	48,363	48,269	n.a.
<i>Median age (years)—</i>							
at marriage	21.4	22.1	22.3	22.4	22.6	22.8	23.0
at final separation	31.7	32.4	32.7	33.0	33.3	33.8	33.9
at decree made absolute	34.4	35.3	35.5	35.9	36.4	36.8	37.1

(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 are defined in terms of the laws of individual countries or areas. This has implications for international comparability of statistics.

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

Divorce laws also vary 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 the age distributions of the populations. As well as these age distribution effects, marriages are also influenced by the proportions of people not currently married, while divorces are influenced by the proportions of people married.

4 MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES: NUMBER AND CRUDE RATES^(a), AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES

	Marriages			Divorces		
	Reference year	Number	Crude rate ^(a)	Reference year	Number	Crude rate ^(a)
Australia	1995	109,386	6.1	1995	49,666	2.8
Canada	1990	187,737	7.1	1990	78,152	2.9
Chile	1992	89,370	6.6	1991	5,852	0.4
Fiji	1988	6,892	9.6	1979	410	0.7
Former Yugoslav Republics	1990	146,975	6.2	1990	20,551	0.9
France	1992	271,427	4.7	1991	108,086	1.9
Germany	1993	441,261	5.4	1992	135,010	1.7
Greece	1992	48,631	4.7	1993	7,200	0.7
Hong Kong	1992	45,702	7.9	1990	5,551	1.0
Indonesia	1986	1,249,034	7.4	1986	131,886	0.8
Italy	1993	272,200	4.8	1993	22,400	0.4
Japan	1993	792,648	6.4	1992	179,191	1.4
Korea, Republic of	1991	324,318	7.5	1992	41,511	1.0
Netherlands	1993	88,251	5.8	1992	30,463	2.0
New Zealand	1992	22,018	6.4	1992	9,114	2.6
Philippines	1991	374,778	6.0	..	..	..
Poland	1993	207,700	5.4	1993	26,000	0.7
Singapore	1993	25,306	8.8	1993	3,826	1.3
Sweden	1992	37,173	4.3	1992	21,907	2.5
Thailand	1992	482,452	8.4	1986	36,602	0.7
Turkey	1991	459,624	8.0	1991	27,167	0.5
United Kingdom	1991	349,739	6.1	1991	171,144	3.0
United States of America	1993	2,334,000	9.0	1993	1,187,000	4.6

(a) Per 1,000 population.

Source: United Nations Demographic Yearbook, 1993.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

In 1995, 109,400 marriages were registered in Australia, the lowest number since 1984. The annual number of marriages registered has fluctuated over the last twenty years, peaking at 117,300 in 1982.

Similarly, there have been fluctuations in the number of marriages registered in all the States and Territories. The exception is in the period 1985-94 when the number of marriages registered in Queensland increased consistently. However, over the same period the crude marriage rate in Queensland declined.

In 1995 the crude marriage rate continued the downward trend commenced in 1970 reaching 6.1 per 1,000 population, the lowest rate recorded since 1931 (6.0 per 1,000) during the Great Depression.

The Northern Territory recorded the lowest crude marriage rate for all States and Territories (4.6 per 1,000 population) while Queensland recorded the highest rate (6.3 per 1,000).

Marriage rates per 1,000 not currently married men and women aged 15 years and over have been declining since the rates first became available in 1976. In that year they were 62.9 per 1,000 for men and 61.1 for women. By 1995 the rates had fallen to 36.7 for men and 35.0 for women.

MARRIAGE RATES(a): UNMARRIED POPULATION

Selected years	Males	Females
	rate(a)	rate(a)
1976	62.9	61.1
1981	55.1	52.6
1985	49.6	47.5
1990	43.5	41.6
1995	36.7	35.0

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

MARRIAGE AGE

The median age at marriage (the age at which there are as many marrying above the age as there are marrying below it) for both men and women continued to increase in 1995. The median age at marriage for bridegrooms increased from 27.0 years in 1985 to 29.2 years in 1995 and for brides from 24.5 years in 1985 to 26.8 years in 1995. The median age of all bridegrooms was 2.4 years higher than that of all brides marrying in 1995.

Age of bridegroom

Men are waiting longer to marry. The proportion of men who married aged 30 years or more increased in the twenty years between 1975 and 1995. In 1995, men who were aged 30 years or more represented 46% of all men who married in that year compared to 34% in 1985 and 20% in 1975. While this is in part related to the increasing proportion of remarriages, the proportion of men aged 30 years or more who married for the first time in 1995 (30%) was three times the proportion in 1975.

The median age of men marrying for the first time in 1995 was 27.3 years compared to 23.4 years in 1975.

Age of bride Women too are choosing to marry later. The proportion of women who married at age 30 years or more in 1995 was 33% compared to 24% in 1985 and 14% in 1975. The proportion of women aged 30 years or more marrying for the first time also increased, from 5% in 1975 to 18% in 1995.

The median age of women marrying for the first time in 1995 (25.3 years) was 4.3 years above that of women marrying for the first time in 1975 (21.0 years).

MEDIAN AGE AT MARRIAGE, PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS

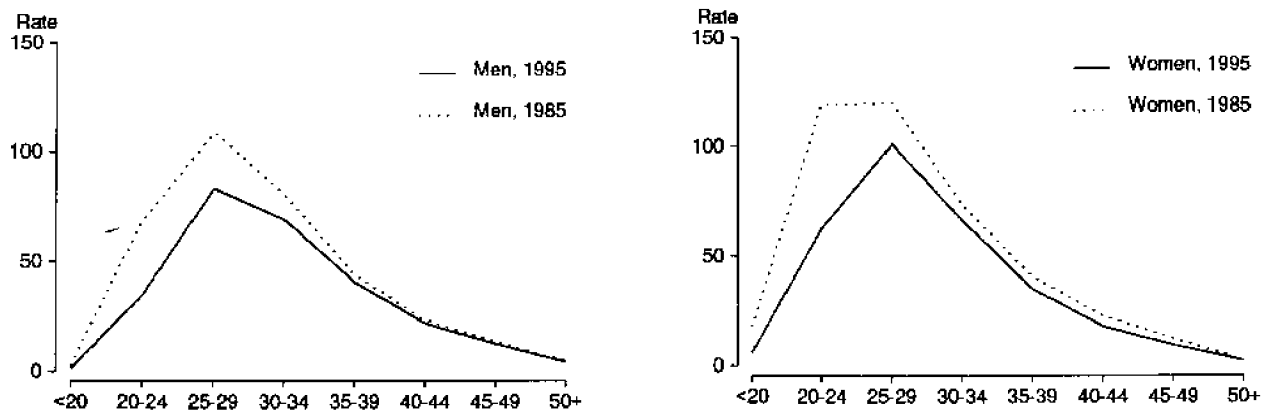
Previous marital status	Median age (years)		
	1975	1985	1995
Bridegrooms			
Never married	23.4	25.4	27.3
Widowed	58.0	60.6	62.5
Divorced	36.4	37.5	41.1
Total	24.1	27.0	29.2
Brides			
Never married	21.0	23.2	25.3
Widowed	51.4	52.6	53.5
Divorced	32.8	34.2	37.6
Total	21.6	24.5	26.8

FIRST MARRIAGES

The number of people who married for the first time continued to decline in 1995. First marriage rates (per 1,000 never married population) declined in all age groups when compared with 1985. The peak age group at first marriage remained 25–29 years for both men and women over this period. First marriage rates in this age group were 83 and 101 per 1,000 men and women respectively in 1995, compared to 109 and 120 in 1985.

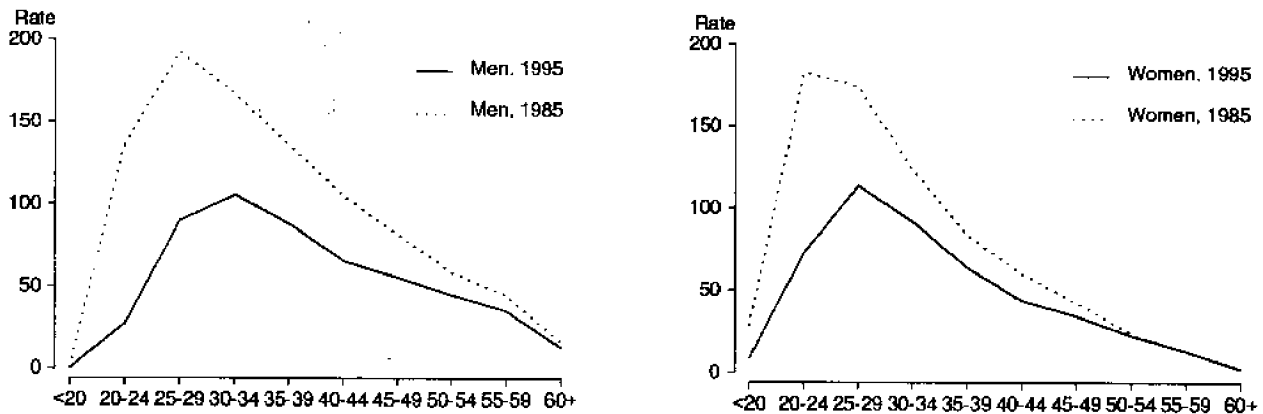
While first marriage rates continued to decline in 1995, the percentage of marriages where men or women had not previously been married remained the same. In both 1995 and 1985, 76% of men had not previously been married while for previously unmarried women the percentage was 77%. Of all marriages in 1995, 68% were marriages between men and women who had not previously been married. This compares with 67% in 1985.

FIRST MARRIAGE RATES(a)



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

REMARRIAGE RATES(a)



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

REMARRIAGES

Remarriage rates (the number of men and women remarrying per 1,000 widowed and divorced men and women in the population) continued to decline in 1995. Between 1985 and 1995, remarriage rates decreased in all age-sex groups except women aged 55–59 years where there was a marginal increase. The most significant declines were among men under 30 years of age and women under 25 years of age.

In 1995, the peak age groups at remarriage were 30–34 years for men (105 per 1,000 population) and 25–29 years for women (114 per 1,000 population). Ten years earlier, the peak age groups were 25–29 years for men (192 per 1,000 population) and 20–24 years for women (183 per 1,000 population).

1994 DATA

Due to budgetary considerations the ABS undertook reduced processing of marriage data for marriages registered in 1995. Data processed in 1994 has therefore been included in Appendix A to assist analysis. Full processing of marriage data was resumed in 1996.

Category of celebrant

The long-term downward trend in the proportion of marriages performed by ministers of religion continued in 1994 when 57% were performed by ministers of religion. This compares with 60% in 1984 and 82% in 1974.

Birthplace of parties marrying

Of marriages registered in Australia in 1994, 64% were between couples who had both been born in Australia (compared to 65% in 1984). Marriages where both parties had been born in the same overseas country represented 8% of all marriages (6% in 1984).

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

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

5 MARRIAGES: SUMMARY(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1995

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
NUMBER									
Marriages registered	37,828	26,607	20,610	8,547	10,404	2,840	797	1,753	109,386
Crude marriage rate	6.2	5.9	6.3	5.8	6.0	6.0	4.6	5.8	6.1
<i>Previous marital status—</i>									
First marriage both partners	25,838	18,752	13,453	5,635	6,729	1,792	483	1,164	73,846
First marriage one partner	7,012	4,458	3,839	1,498	2,019	555	187	330	19,898
Remarriage both partners	4,978	3,397	3,318	1,414	1,656	493	127	259	15,642
BRIDEGROOM									
<i>Age-specific marriage rates—</i>									
<i>Age group (years)—</i>									
19 and under	1.2	1.0	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.2
20-24	32.6	28.6	34.9	31.8	28.0	35.9	18.8	22.5	31.2
25-29	52.4	54.5	49.7	51.0	49.8	55.5	25.0	42.6	51.7
30-34	30.7	28.2	28.3	25.1	29.3	29.1	18.2	23.2	28.7
35-39	15.9	14.4	15.1	14.4	15.1	14.1	12.4	15.4	15.1
40-44	9.5	8.8	10.1	9.3	9.6	8.5	9.7	8.3	9.4
45-49	7.0	6.5	8.2	7.7	7.9	8.9	8.8	7.6	7.3
50 and over	3.2	2.9	4.0	3.3	3.8	3.5	4.9	4.1	3.4
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>									
Never married	29,202	20,790	15,326	6,326	7,681	2,064	569	1,322	83,280
Widowed	773	552	495	226	203	72	9	30	2,360
Divorced	7,853	5,265	4,789	1,995	2,520	704	219	401	23,746
Total	37,828	26,607	20,610	8,547	10,404	2,840	797	1,753	109,386
<i>Median age (years)—</i>									
Never married	27.5	27.4	26.9	27.0	27.5	26.8	28.4	27.2	27.3
Widowed	62.2	61.9	62.3	63.7	62.7	(b)	(b)	(b)	62.5
Divorced	40.8	40.9	41.5	41.3	41.5	41.5	43.4	42.2	41.1
Total	29.3	29.0	29.0	29.1	29.6	28.9	31.1	29.2	29.2
BRIDE									
<i>Age-specific marriage rates—</i>									
<i>Age group (years)—</i>									
19 and under	7.1	5.0	7.3	4.9	5.5	5.6	4.6	2.8	6.1
20-24	53.5	46.8	53.3	55.1	47.1	60.3	27.0	39.1	50.8
25-29	48.5	49.9	46.2	46.7	48.3	49.2	27.4	41.1	47.9
30-34	22.6	21.5	21.0	18.9	21.6	19.9	17.0	18.0	21.4
35-39	11.6	10.5	12.4	10.6	12.0	10.2	9.3	10.4	11.3
40-44	7.4	6.7	7.8	7.7	7.4	7.5	8.0	7.2	7.3
45-49	5.7	5.0	6.5	5.9	6.4	7.5	6.2	6.3	5.8
50 and over	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.4	1.8
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>									
Never married	29,486	21,172	15,419	6,442	7,796	2,075	584	1,336	84,310
Widowed	902	617	557	265	236	84	12	39	2,712
Divorced	7,440	4,818	4,634	1,840	2,372	681	201	378	22,364
Total	37,828	26,607	20,610	8,547	10,404	2,840	797	1,753	109,386
<i>Median age (years)—</i>									
Never married	25.3	25.7	24.9	25.1	25.5	24.8	26.1	25.3	25.3
Widowed	52.8	54.3	53.5	56.2	52.2	(b)	(b)	(b)	53.5
Divorced	37.3	37.6	37.7	38.3	38.0	37.9	38.4	38.9	37.6
Total	26.7	26.9	26.6	26.7	27.2	26.6	28.1	26.7	26.8

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

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>
1975	36,958	27,806	15,230	9,843	9,026	3,242	406	1,462	103,973
1980	38,965	27,724	17,157	10,064	9,594	3,433	661	1,642	109,240
1985	(a)41,183	29,810	17,810	10,148	10,398	3,520	791	1,833	(a)115,493
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
1995	37,828	26,607	20,610	8,547	10,404	2,840	797	1,753	109,386

(a) These figures were affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

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>
1975	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.8	7.8	7.9	4.4	7.4	7.5
1980	7.5	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.6	8.1	5.6	7.3	7.4
1985	(a)7.5	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.3	8.0	5.3	7.3	(a)7.3
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
1995	6.2	5.9	6.3	5.8	6.0	6.0	4.6	5.8	6.1

(a) These figures were affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

8 MARRIAGES: PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, 1995

<i>Marital status of-</i>										
<i>Bridegroom</i>	<i>Bride</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>
Never married	Never married	25,838	18,752	13,453	5,635	6,729	1,792	483	1,164	73,846
	Widowed	200	116	119	49	46	23	3	7	563
	Divorced	3,164	1,922	1,754	642	906	249	83	151	8,871
	<i>Total</i>	<i>29,202</i>	<i>20,790</i>	<i>15,326</i>	<i>6,326</i>	<i>7,681</i>	<i>2,064</i>	<i>569</i>	<i>1,322</i>	<i>83,280</i>
Widowed	Never married	125	78	82	27	32	11	4	5	364
	Widowed	292	234	167	107	69	27	3	14	913
	Divorced	356	240	246	92	102	34	2	11	1,083
	<i>Total</i>	<i>773</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>2,360</i>
Divorced	Never married	3,523	2,342	1,884	780	1,035	272	97	167	10,100
	Widowed	410	267	271	109	121	34	6	18	1,236
	Divorced	3,920	2,656	2,634	1,106	1,364	398	116	216	12,410
	<i>Total</i>	<i>7,853</i>	<i>5,265</i>	<i>4,789</i>	<i>1,995</i>	<i>2,520</i>	<i>704</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>401</i>	<i>23,746</i>
Total	Never married	29,486	21,172	15,419	6,442	7,796	2,075	584	1,336	84,310
	Widowed	902	617	557	265	236	84	12	39	2,712
	Divorced	7,440	4,818	4,634	1,840	2,372	681	201	378	22,364
	<i>Total</i>	<i>37,828</i>	<i>26,607</i>	<i>20,610</i>	<i>8,547</i>	<i>10,404</i>	<i>2,840</i>	<i>797</i>	<i>1,753</i>	<i>109,386</i>

9 MARRIAGES: AGE-SPECIFIC FIRST MARRIAGE AND REMARRIAGE RATES, AUSTRALIA

	1976	1981	1985 (a)	1990	1993	1994	1995
First marriage rates (b)							
<i>Males —</i>							
19 and under (c)	9.9	5.5	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.2
20-24	122.6	88.9	68.2	50.3	40.5	36.9	34.5
25-29	135.9	119.2	108.8	97.6	90.4	87.7	83.4
30-34	81.8	78.4	79.9	75.2	72.3	71.5	68.8
35-39	45.9	45.4	43.4	43.2	42.0	41.2	40.2
40-44	25.5	24.0	23.0	22.4	21.9	21.0	21.5
45-49	15.7	13.3	13.1	12.7	12.1	11.2	12.3
50 and over	6.4	5.6	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.9
<i>Females —</i>							
19 and under (c)	49.0	30.8	17.9	11.0	7.4	6.6	6.2
20-24	187.5	141.2	119.3	89.6	73.7	67.7	62.9
25-29	138.8	120.7	119.9	113.6	105.9	104.7	100.9
30-34	86.5	71.5	73.4	73.7	69.8	69.0	66.5
35-39	49.8	41.4	40.8	38.1	35.6	35.5	35.0
40-44	26.3	21.9	22.5	19.0	17.8	17.0	17.9
45-49	15.5	14.9	12.3	11.6	9.8	10.1	9.4
50 and over	3.9	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.1
Remarriage rates (d)							
<i>Males —</i>							
19 and under (c)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24	245.4	181.7	136.5	45.8	29.2	29.6	26.8
25-29	341.8	225.7	192.2	145.4	112.0	99.3	89.9
30-34	294.8	194.9	166.9	141.1	124.4	113.7	105.2
35-39	239.8	160.4	135.1	111.5	96.9	90.0	87.6
40-44	184.6	123.4	104.1	87.2	75.0	69.4	65.3
45-49	138.2	95.3	81.1	72.0	61.5	58.7	55.2
50-54	98.1	68.7	58.6	55.8	48.5	48.1	44.8
55-59	68.3	51.7	44.3	42.0	38.1	38.0	34.8
60 and over	20.9	16.8	15.7	14.9	13.7	13.2	12.3
<i>Females —</i>							
19 and under (c)	113.7	76.4	28.1	10.1	5.7	6.2	8.5
20-24	295.8	222.4	182.8	111.4	82.5	76.7	72.6
25-29	278.0	189.4	173.7	147.4	129.9	115.3	113.7
30-34	201.0	135.1	123.3	113.7	103.2	97.4	91.9
35-39	136.2	96.3	83.8	75.2	69.6	64.8	64.1
40-44	94.0	70.7	60.0	52.9	47.4	46.8	43.5
45-49	62.7	45.7	41.8	42.1	35.3	34.4	34.0
50-54	31.5	25.9	23.4	26.3	24.8	24.3	22.2
55-59	16.1	13.2	12.4	12.1	12.6	13.0	12.7
60 and over	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2

(a) These rates have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 9 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.

10 MARRIAGES: AGE OF BRIDE/GROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1995—continued

	Age of bride (years)												Total bride- grooms	Propor- tion%					
	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48			49	50- 54	55- 59	60- 64	65 and over
17 and under																		10	
18																		204	0.2
19																		544	0.5
20	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,278	1.2
21	4	4	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2,554	2.3
22	9	2	5	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4,503	4.1
23	9	5	9	6	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6,782	6.2
24	12	9	12	5	7	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	8,156	7.5
25	24	15	17	9	7	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7,867	7.2
26	22	23	12	10	7	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7,367	6.7
27	42	21	27	6	9	10	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	6,466	5.9
28	33	27	29	29	16	12	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5,954	5.4
29	31	31	30	32	19	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	5,184	4.7
30	60	36	30	23	16	14	19	13	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	4,659	4.3
31	76	49	30	32	28	21	8	12	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	4,278	3.9
32	85	64	58	42	32	25	23	14	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	3,646	3.3
33	77	77	65	50	31	28	18	17	10	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3,141	2.9
34	91	79	63	41	43	25	21	12	21	14	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2,765	2.5
35	114	83	60	44	40	27	27	18	14	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	2,326	2.1
36	97	87	77	61	49	32	39	31	25	19	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	2,086	1.9
37	98	75	72	66	60	47	32	29	24	21	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	1,804	1.6
38	79	64	61	65	50	55	35	41	25	17	19	15	15	15	15	15	15	1,687	1.5
39	73	54	70	70	69	61	55	34	27	28	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	1,491	1.4
40	74	61	62	60	71	57	43	34	38	28	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	1,281	1.2
41	44	50	57	64	56	67	53	46	41	22	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	1,269	1.2
42	41	54	56	56	52	50	66	67	49	45	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	1,133	1.0
43	54	46	52	47	57	49	50	57	57	34	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	1,040	1.0
44	40	44	47	62	38	47	46	43	59	48	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	1,032	0.9
45	28	37	37	47	44	38	41	56	45	57	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	988	0.9
46	30	30	35	41	29	37	35	43	30	44	46	45	45	45	45	45	45	940	0.9
47	24	16	34	28	36	32	25	39	50	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	909	0.8
48	27	23	25	22	26	28	25	39	35	35	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	796	0.7
49	11	15	13	12	33	28	19	29	26	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	747	0.7
50	6	10	12	17	12	23	14	25	24	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	610	0.6
51	13	13	10	9	14	10	20	18	15	29	24	26	25	25	25	25	25	538	0.5
52	28	26	33	34	42	55	54	56	81	63	93	87	105	105	105	105	105	489	0.4
53	15	15	17	24	24	21	32	33	44	50	55	59	74	74	74	74	74	448	0.4
54	15	15	17	24	24	21	32	33	44	50	55	59	74	74	74	74	74	1,733	1.6
55-59																		2,784	2.5
60 and over																			
Total brides	1,571	1,328	1,269	1,156	1,036	952	847	855	801	717	754	717	593	1,911	1,014	683	882	109,386	100.0
Proportion %	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.7	0.9	0.6	0.8	100.0	..

11 MARRIAGES: AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Age (years)	Bridegroom				Bride			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
17 and under	10	—	—	10	172	—	—	172
18	204	—	—	204	1,387	—	3	1,390
19	544	—	—	544	2,229	—	1	2,230
20	1,277	—	1	1,278	3,716	2	13	3,731
21	2,551	—	3	2,554	5,706	2	34	5,742
22	4,488	—	15	4,503	7,647	4	74	7,725
23	6,753	1	28	6,782	9,107	6	121	9,234
24	7,833	—	64	7,897	9,359	10	241	9,610
25	8,039	4	113	8,156	8,422	4	371	8,797
26	7,671	2	194	7,867	7,103	12	509	7,624
27	7,089	3	275	7,367	5,787	20	609	6,416
28	6,065	4	397	6,466	4,657	28	762	5,447
29	5,427	3	524	5,954	3,746	26	884	4,656
30	4,512	14	658	5,184	3,107	23	968	4,098
31	3,864	14	781	4,659	2,561	31	1,010	3,602
32	3,350	13	915	4,278	1,944	32	998	2,974
33	2,709	10	927	3,646	1,625	38	1,049	2,712
34	2,138	14	989	3,141	1,211	36	1,017	2,264
35	1,707	12	1,046	2,765	1,071	46	1,006	2,123
36	1,311	21	994	2,326	755	61	937	1,753
37	1,098	17	971	2,086	596	47	928	1,571
38	841	16	947	1,804	444	41	843	1,328
39	681	16	990	1,687	357	48	864	1,269
40	536	31	924	1,491	305	55	796	1,156
41	393	23	865	1,281	239	57	740	1,036
42	365	27	877	1,269	174	64	714	952
43	274	25	834	1,133	147	45	655	847
44	243	26	771	1,040	120	49	686	855
45	205	44	783	1,032	80	55	666	801
46	161	38	789	988	87	54	576	717
47	140	50	750	940	56	68	630	754
48	113	40	756	909	69	90	558	717
49	74	43	679	796	50	82	461	593
50	85	41	621	747	39	66	420	525
51	62	48	500	610	34	55	334	423
52	53	48	437	538	22	61	268	351
53	50	44	395	489	29	72	239	340
54	32	47	369	448	12	51	209	272
55	29	60	349	438	14	71	177	262
56	40	62	277	379	11	74	158	243
57	28	50	237	315	8	74	114	196
58	19	63	238	320	14	50	89	153
59	22	58	201	281	6	54	100	160
60	24	59	161	244	13	73	96	182
61	19	56	135	210	8	55	60	123
62	20	73	127	220	6	59	56	121
63	12	58	112	182	8	57	58	123
64	10	90	97	197	5	78	51	134
65	12	91	113	216	7	65	36	108
66	15	74	97	186	8	42	38	88
67	14	72	66	152	3	58	21	82
68	9	61	67	137	6	50	25	81
69	10	73	42	125	3	39	15	57
70	8	76	35	119	3	53	15	71
71	9	74	47	130	1	36	8	45
72	3	59	26	88	3	46	13	62
73	7	58	25	90	2	39	10	51
74	5	47	18	70	3	37	9	49
75 and over	17	307	94	418	6	161	21	188
Total	83,280	2,360	23,746	109,386	84,310	2,712	22,364	109,386

DIVORCES GRANTED

There were 49,700 divorces granted in 1995, the highest number in Australia since the record number (63,200) granted in 1976 when the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced. The 1995 figure was an increase of 3% on the number granted in 1994 and of 25% on the number granted in 1985. Between 1985 and 1995 the married population (i.e. the population at risk of divorce) increased by 11%.

The crude divorce rate in 1995 was 2.8 per 1,000 population, continuing the slight upward trend established in 1987 when the crude divorce rate was 2.4 per 1,000 population.

The divorce rate for the currently married population showed a similar pattern, increasing from a low of 10.6 for both men and women in 1987 to 12.3 per 1,000 for both men and women in 1995.

DIVORCE RATES(a): MARRIED POPULATION

Selected years	Men	Females
	rate(a)	rate(a)
1976(b)	18.9	18.8
1981	11.9	11.9
1985	10.9	10.9
1990	10.9	10.9
1995	12.3	12.3

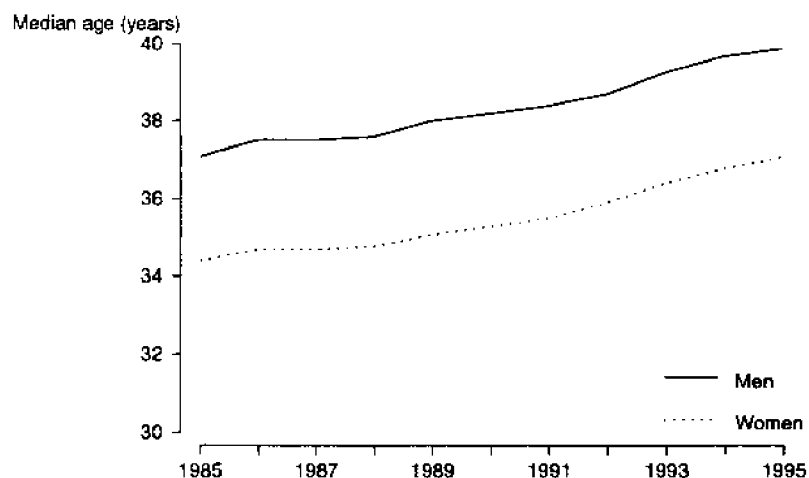
(a) Per 1,000 married male or female population.

(b) Family Law Act introduced, 1976.

DIVORCE AGE

The median age at divorce (the age at which there are as many divorcing above it as there are divorcing below it) for both men and women continued to rise in 1995. The median age at divorce for men was 39.9 years in 1995 compared with 37.1 years in 1985. For women it was 37.1 years in 1995 compared with 34.4 years in 1985. The median age for men divorcing in 1995 was 2.8 years higher than that of women divorcing.

MEDIAN AGE AT DIVORCE



Between 1985 and 1995 age-specific divorce rates (per 1,000 married population) increased in all age groups for men and women with the exception of men aged under 25 years. During this period the peak age group for men divorcing changed from 25–29 years to 30–34 years. However, the peak age group for women remained the same, 25–29 years. The largest percentage increases in this period (1985–95) were in the older age groups with the greatest increase being recorded in the age group 50–54 years for both men and women (37% and 47% respectively).

DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of marriage and the date the divorce decree was made absolute. Over the last twenty years the median duration of marriage, although fluctuating, has not fallen below 10 years or risen above 12 years. In 1975, the year prior to the introduction of the *Family Law Act 1975*, the median duration of marriage was 11.6 years. This compares with 10.6 years in 1985 and 11.0 years in 1995.

The median duration of marriage to the time the parties separate also fluctuated over the last twenty years. This detail became available in 1976 when the median duration of marriage to separation was 6.9 years. Since then the median has consistently been between 7 and 8 years. The median was 7.6 years in 1995 and 7.7 years in 1985.

APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE

In 1984, details of joint applications for divorce became available. In that year less than 1% of divorce applications were recorded as joint. Since then the proportion of joint applications for divorce has increased. In 1995, 18% of all divorce applications were joint applications while 34% were lodged by men and 48% were lodged by women.

APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE



DIVORCE TRENDS¹

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

DIVORCE EXPECTATIONS FOR TOTAL MARRIAGES

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

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.

DIVORCE EXPECTATIONS: MARITAL STATUS PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

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	

¹ The method for deriving divorce rates by length of marriage was developed by Dr Gordon Carmichael and Professor Peter McDonald and was first presented in their unpublished paper, 'The rise and fall of divorce in Australia, 1990'.

The number of people aged 15–19 years at marriage has declined since the mid-1970s. Although small, this group is very vulnerable to divorce. According to 1994 divorce expectations, about 70% of males and 50% of females who married aged 15–19 years are expected to divorce within the first ten years of marriage.

Of people who remarry aged 20–29 years following divorce about 30% are likely to divorce again within the first ten years of marriage.

For further information see the article *How Many Marriages End In Divorce? Recent Trends* published in the 1994 edition of *Marriages and Divorces, Australia* (3310.0).

1994 DATA

In February 1995 the Family Court of Australia introduced a new divorce application form. On this form some data items that had previously been available ceased to be collected. Because of this decision and ABS budgetary considerations, reduced processing of 1995 divorce data was undertaken. Data processed in 1994 has therefore been included in Appendixes B and C to assist analysis. Full processing of available data items was resumed by the ABS in 1996.

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, nearly 18% of men divorcing had previously been divorced compared with 12% in 1984. The percentages of women who had previously been divorced were 17% and 12% respectively.

Children involved in divorce

In 1994 details of the number of divorces involving children aged under 18 years were 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 (61% in 1984 falling to 53% in 1993). In 1994, with the exception of Victoria, Tasmania had the highest percentage of divorces involving children (61%) while South Australia had the lowest (48%).

Birthplace of parties divorcing

In 1994, 56% 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% of all divorces granted in 1994 (11% in 1984).

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

State and Territory data Details of divorce on a State and Territory of usual residence at separation basis are considered to be a more accurate reflection of divorce in Australia than are data on a State and Territory of registration basis.

In 1994, on a State and Territory of usual residence basis, Tasmania recorded the highest crude divorce rate at 3.2 per 1,000 population. The lowest rate was recorded by the Northern Territory at 2.2 per 1,000 population. This low Northern Territory rate reflects its low marriage rate in 1994 (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).

12 DIVORCES: SUMMARY(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION, 1995

	NSW(b)	Vic.	Qld(b)	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(b)	Australia
NUMBER									
Divorces granted	14,945	11,838	10,192	4,199	5,040	1,279	386	1,787	49,666
Crude divorce rate	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.2	(b)	2.8
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.1	10.9	11.4	11.5	12.3	11.2	10.6	11.5	11.0
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.7	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.8	8.3	6.8	8.1	7.6
<i>Applicant—</i>									
Husband	5,237	4,148	3,473	1,298	1,508	410	132	612	16,818
Wife	7,143	5,629	5,292	2,102	2,021	721	137	842	23,887
Joint	2,565	2,061	1,427	799	1,511	148	117	333	8,961
HUSBAND									
<i>Age-specific divorce rates—</i>									
Age group (years)—									
24 and under	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.5	(b)	0.8
25-29	7.5	7.8	8.5	7.7	6.4	7.7	4.6	(b)	7.8
30-34	11.7	13.0	13.6	13.0	13.3	12.6	7.2	(b)	12.8
35-39	11.8	12.6	14.9	15.0	13.2	14.9	9.5	(b)	13.3
40-44	10.9	12.2	13.6	12.6	12.9	13.7	10.6	(b)	12.4
45-49	9.8	11.1	13.5	11.8	12.9	11.2	10.1	(b)	11.5
50-54	7.2	7.9	10.6	8.8	9.8	9.2	7.7	(b)	8.6
55 and over	2.5	2.5	3.8	2.8	3.5	1.9	3.9	(b)	2.9
Median age (years)—									
at marriage	26.1	25.5	25.5	25.3	25.3	25.0	26.5	25.3	25.6
at final separation	36.4	36.4	37.3	36.9	37.3	36.6	37.1	36.6	36.7
at decree made absolute	39.5	39.6	40.5	39.9	40.9	39.8	40.9	39.9	39.9
WIFE									
<i>Age-specific divorce rates—</i>									
Age group (years)—									
24 and under	2.1	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.5	2.0	1.3	(b)	2.0
25-29	10.9	11.4	13.0	12.5	11.7	12.0	6.5	(b)	11.8
30-34	12.7	13.2	15.3	15.1	13.9	14.3	10.0	(b)	13.9
35-39	11.8	12.1	14.6	14.0	14.0	14.3	10.1	(b)	13.1
40-44	10.1	11.6	13.4	12.1	12.8	11.9	10.9	(b)	11.8
45-49	8.1	9.0	11.5	9.4	10.9	9.5	8.6	(b)	9.5
50-54	5.8	5.9	8.0	6.6	7.5	6.6	4.8	(b)	6.6
55 and over	1.2	1.3	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.9	2.0	(b)	1.5
Median age (years)—									
at marriage	23.4	23.0	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.7	23.7	22.8	23.0
at final separation	33.5	33.9	34.2	34.2	34.4	33.9	33.5	34.0	33.9
at decree made absolute	36.6	37.1	37.4	37.2	38.0	36.9	37.0	37.3	37.1

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) See paragraph 21 of Explanatory Notes.

13 DIVORCES: NUMBER GRANTED, STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld(a)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT(a)</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1975	10,737	5,683	2,689	1,819	2,241	591	87	460	24,307
1980	13,449	9,207	6,219	4,203	3,073	1,285	298	1,524	39,258
1985	11,871	9,688	6,816	4,216	4,039	1,169	301	1,730	39,870
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	r419	1,970	r45,652
1992	13,949	10,533	8,984	4,074	4,540	1,365	r409	1,875	r45,729
1993	14,753	11,050	9,935	4,063	4,654	1,465	r382	2,061	r48,363
1994	13,999	11,320	9,762	4,192	5,024	1,544	r357	2,071	r48,269
1995	14,945	11,838	10,192	4,199	5,040	1,279	386	1,787	49,666

(a) See paragraph 21 of Explanatory Notes.

14 DIVORCES: CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, PER 1,000 POPULATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld(a)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT(a)</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1975	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	(a)	1.8
1980	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.4	3.0	2.5	(a)	2.7
1985	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.1	(a)	2.5
1990	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.6	(a)	2.5
1991	2.2	2.5	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.0	r2.5	(a)	2.6
1992	2.3	2.4	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.9	r2.4	(a)	2.6
1993	2.5	2.5	3.2	2.8	2.8	3.1	r2.3	(a)	2.7
1994	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3	r2.1	(a)	2.7
1995	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.2	(a)	2.8

(a) See paragraph 21 of Explanatory Notes.

15 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	28.9	24.0	21.2	18.6	15.0	11.1	5.0	18.9
1981	13.9	22.4	18.9	16.2	13.5	10.9	8.3	5.4	2.3	11.9
1985	12.3	18.6	17.9	15.9	13.4	10.8	7.8	5.6	2.1	10.9
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	10.7	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	20.3	18.0	16.1	13.6	10.5	6.7	2.4	12.0
1995	11.4	20.3	20.9	18.5	16.1	14.4	10.7	6.9	2.7	12.3
WIFE										
1976	22.7	31.5	26.9	22.1	19.3	16.0	12.6	8.8	4.0	18.8
1981	18.0	22.0	16.9	14.8	11.8	8.9	6.3	4.1	1.7	11.9
1985	15.4	19.1	16.5	14.5	12.1	9.1	5.7	3.8	1.6	10.9
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	16.1	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	14.5	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
1995	16.6	22.2	19.6	17.2	15.1	12.1	8.4	4.9	1.7	12.3

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

16 DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1995

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	1,685	538	73	13	1	—	—	—	4	2,314
20-24	6,224	11,913	1,609	280	80	24	7	2	56	20,195
25-29	1,466	6,899	4,008	944	226	59	19	5	44	13,670
30-34	263	1,791	2,168	1,242	424	122	36	18	20	6,084
35-39	76	474	801	808	534	219	58	15	11	2,996
40-44	19	176	304	387	406	306	107	39	5	1,749
45-49	16	65	127	171	208	267	173	66	4	1,097
50 and over	8	45	75	117	169	217	222	474	13	1,340
Not stated	31	57	30	14	13	8	2	5	61	221
Total	9,788	21,958	9,195	3,976	2,061	1,222	624	624	218	49,666

17 DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE, AUSTRALIA, 1995

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	547	206	47	9	1	2	—	—	1	—	813
25-29	1,208	3,257	662	140	42	17	1	2	1	19	5,349
30-34	427	3,308	4,341	872	220	65	14	5	1	34	9,287
35-39	108	826	3,509	3,915	745	170	44	16	5	29	9,367
40-44	29	251	1,003	2,945	3,156	614	119	29	8	14	8,168
45-49	14	103	327	935	2,739	2,630	427	81	15	19	7,290
50-54	6	43	122	260	627	1,668	1,296	176	46	18	4,262
55-59	5	15	38	85	163	446	828	577	125	10	2,292
60 and over	3	20	33	68	110	255	371	599	1,144	14	2,617
Not stated	22	38	23	28	22	11	7	6	3	61	221
Total	2,369	8,067	10,105	9,257	7,825	5,878	3,107	1,491	1,349	218	49,666

18 DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Duration of marriage (years)	Age group (years)										Total	
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		Not stated
HUSBAND												
Under 1	63	934	1,051	667	331	238	172	121	62	117	49	3,805
1 and under 2	20	826	1,352	752	401	242	156	84	46	71	27	3,977
2 and under 3	1	609	1,544	990	441	288	177	94	59	77	22	4,302
3 and under 4	—	320	1,322	877	439	230	141	86	44	73	16	3,548
4 and under 5	—	120	993	871	393	266	150	72	37	62	12	2,976
5 and under 6	—	45	748	856	442	225	131	63	32	48	7	2,597
6 and under 7	—	10	581	769	392	210	128	76	38	42	11	2,257
7 and under 8	—	1	394	801	414	236	112	56	39	44	6	2,103
8 and under 9	—	—	244	775	421	212	120	63	43	55	5	1,938
9 and under 10	—	—	127	770	518	241	101	62	35	38	3	1,895
10 and under 11	—	—	47	678	524	229	106	43	28	20	3	1,678
11 and under 12	—	—	15	507	493	263	104	49	28	35	1	1,495
12 and under 13	—	—	1	383	569	228	103	50	35	41	5	1,415
13 and under 14	—	—	—	229	606	265	120	54	25	36	2	1,337
14 and under 15	—	—	—	142	590	303	124	48	32	39	4	1,282
15 and under 16	—	—	—	43	582	310	132	51	30	30	1	1,179
16 and under 17	—	—	—	21	485	377	143	53	15	27	4	1,125
17 and under 18	—	—	—	3	436	438	154	56	15	24	1	1,127
18 and under 19	—	—	—	2	258	516	160	48	16	20	2	1,022
19 and under 20	—	—	—	—	134	596	220	65	22	17	4	1,058
20 and under 21	—	—	—	—	63	582	261	58	15	23	1	1,003
21 and under 22	—	—	—	—	14	479	302	68	21	15	1	900
22 and under 23	—	—	—	—	1	319	407	89	22	21	1	860
23 and under 24	—	—	—	—	—	197	453	118	28	19	1	816
24 and under 25	—	—	—	—	—	86	391	103	27	18	1	626
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	—	43	844	750	218	82	5	1,942
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	326	478	488	7	1,321
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	82
Total	84	2,865	8,419	10,136	8,947	7,619	5,434	2,806	1,490	1,582	284	49,666
WIFE												
Under 1	297	1,328	883	511	299	191	98	76	39	47	36	3,805
1 and under 2	126	1,441	1,155	556	287	180	107	57	27	24	17	3,977
2 and under 3	40	1,399	1,375	669	337	202	145	56	36	25	18	4,302
3 and under 4	12	866	1,357	626	283	187	102	52	30	21	12	3,548
4 and under 5	—	472	1,207	635	286	172	95	52	26	14	17	2,976
5 and under 6	—	234	1,072	683	281	173	77	40	16	15	6	2,597
6 and under 7	—	108	917	662	252	147	93	38	19	12	9	2,257
7 and under 8	—	41	813	666	292	130	61	44	25	19	12	2,103
8 and under 9	—	18	555	747	290	146	91	43	22	17	9	1,938
9 and under 10	—	1	436	836	345	136	71	33	17	16	4	1,895
10 and under 11	—	—	250	802	361	157	51	28	12	14	3	1,678
11 and under 12	—	—	102	757	346	160	73	20	21	13	3	1,495
12 and under 13	—	—	45	657	428	146	66	30	21	18	4	1,415
13 and under 14	—	—	11	556	457	184	70	29	17	9	4	1,337
14 and under 15	—	—	—	427	540	190	62	30	15	15	3	1,282
15 and under 16	—	—	2	250	583	212	80	25	13	12	2	1,179
16 and under 17	—	—	—	140	644	212	80	23	11	10	5	1,125
17 and under 18	—	—	—	60	684	269	74	21	13	5	1	1,127
18 and under 19	—	—	—	17	582	297	84	21	6	9	6	1,022
19 and under 20	—	—	—	2	440	458	110	31	8	5	4	1,058
20 and under 21	—	—	—	2	290	552	115	23	9	10	2	1,003
21 and under 22	—	—	—	—	155	572	129	30	7	6	1	900
22 and under 23	—	—	—	—	49	581	181	30	8	8	3	860
23 and under 24	—	—	—	—	17	473	253	53	10	8	2	816
24 and under 25	—	—	—	—	3	251	313	43	5	10	1	626
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	—	251	1,180	411	65	28	7	1,942
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	125	508	392	287	9	1,321
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	82
Total	475	5,908	10,180	10,261	8,531	6,629	3,986	1,847	890	677	282	49,666

19 DIVORCES: AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1995

Duration of marriage (years)	Age group (years)										Total	
	24 and under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over		Not stated
HUSBAND												
1 and under 2	66	147	108	56	38	37	30	22	7	24	9	544
2 and under 3	293	804	578	286	181	129	79	52	26	55	20	2,503
3 and under 4	241	1,098	791	373	222	142	93	55	29	45	25	3,114
4 and under 5	138	1,061	1,038	441	279	166	98	40	46	50	17	3,374
5 and under 6	58	878	1,067	489	256	173	100	55	33	53	20	3,182
6 and under 7	17	647	988	561	276	189	126	56	34	35	15	2,944
7 and under 8	—	357	954	566	277	188	87	43	32	33	8	2,545
8 and under 9	—	194	899	541	261	183	88	53	35	28	10	2,292
9 and under 10	—	107	835	608	293	187	88	58	21	42	9	2,248
10 and under 11	—	45	709	644	294	183	90	43	38	46	10	2,102
11 and under 12	—	11	560	673	335	196	95	43	28	31	3	1,975
12 and under 13	—	—	374	709	356	170	77	53	23	26	9	1,797
13 and under 14	—	—	237	763	384	201	67	43	33	21	5	1,754
14 and under 15	—	—	101	664	390	181	89	46	32	26	10	1,539
15 and under 16	—	—	40	654	420	212	89	44	22	26	4	1,511
16 and under 17	—	—	6	471	447	225	75	48	27	38	6	1,343
17 and under 18	—	—	1	377	486	209	93	34	15	21	2	1,238
18 and under 19	—	—	1	272	504	262	93	33	23	30	4	1,222
19 and under 20	—	—	—	133	528	251	79	37	10	21	2	1,061
20 and under 21	—	—	—	62	537	246	77	30	14	20	3	989
21 and under 22	—	—	—	21	486	379	81	32	14	25	2	1,040
22 and under 23	—	—	—	1	438	465	108	29	12	15	2	1,070
23 and under 24	—	—	—	1	283	558	142	44	14	14	3	1,059
24 and under 25	—	—	—	1	129	619	185	46	20	21	—	1,021
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	68	1,496	1,394	369	100	77	7	3,511
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	43	639	884	569	537	16	2,688
Total	813	5,349	9,287	9,367	8,168	7,290	4,262	2,292	1,257	1,360	221	49,666
WIFE												
1 and under 2	149	145	84	53	42	19	14	17	9	8	4	544
2 and under 3	684	815	423	220	164	78	45	26	15	19	14	2,503
3 and under 4	644	1,201	566	288	166	112	64	26	19	15	13	3,114
4 and under 5	494	1,392	695	329	176	129	59	48	18	16	18	3,374
5 and under 6	246	1,316	779	346	204	134	72	39	19	17	10	3,182
6 and under 7	109	1,083	872	387	225	127	72	32	14	9	14	2,944
7 and under 8	31	771	875	412	209	126	60	27	8	11	15	2,545
8 and under 9	8	594	868	396	187	112	59	33	14	10	11	2,292
9 and under 10	3	415	934	442	231	104	55	23	15	14	12	2,248
10 and under 11	1	216	930	477	209	124	62	34	23	16	10	2,102
11 and under 12	—	82	904	507	245	115	66	30	14	6	6	1,975
12 and under 13	—	25	760	565	216	119	39	32	21	12	8	1,797
13 and under 14	—	12	622	639	237	157	36	20	17	9	5	1,754
14 and under 15	—	—	372	668	249	130	57	29	14	9	11	1,539
15 and under 16	—	—	253	712	307	130	61	26	7	14	1	1,511
16 and under 17	—	—	103	684	316	116	59	30	13	16	6	1,343
17 and under 18	—	—	48	631	343	128	49	18	14	4	3	1,238
18 and under 19	—	—	17	569	390	146	53	25	10	11	1	1,222
19 and under 20	—	—	—	401	446	147	37	17	5	6	2	1,061
20 and under 21	—	—	—	286	499	130	38	19	3	11	3	989
21 and under 22	—	—	—	166	602	194	47	13	3	11	4	1,040
22 and under 23	—	—	—	66	635	275	65	14	5	7	3	1,070
23 and under 24	—	—	—	11	626	327	69	13	4	7	2	1,059
24 and under 25	—	—	—	1	459	429	90	23	5	10	4	1,021
25 and under 30	—	—	—	1	442	2,040	790	146	35	38	19	3,511
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	230	989	731	412	307	19	2,688
Total	2,369	8,067	10,105	9,257	7,825	5,878	3,107	1,491	736	613	218	49,666

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION

The estimated resident population of Australia at 30 June 1995 was 18,054,000 (8,990,500 males and 9,063,500 females). Over the past ten years the population has increased by 14% (14% for males and 15% for females), from 15,788,300.

MARITAL STATUS (15 YEARS AND OVER)

At 30 June 1995 the estimated resident population of Australia aged 15 years and over (14,186,400) comprised 4,343,900 never married, 8,081,200 currently married, 870,800 widowed and 890,400 divorced people.

MARITAL STATUS OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION(a) AT 30 JUNE

	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Males					
1976	29.6	65.7	2.6	2.1	100.0
1985	32.4	61.0	2.4	4.2	100.0
1995	34.3	57.5	2.5	5.7	100.0
Females					
1976	21.2	65.1	11.2	2.5	100.0
1985	24.2	60.1	10.7	5.0	100.0
1995	27.0	56.4	9.7	6.8	100.0
Persons					
1976	25.4	65.4	6.9	2.3	100.0
1985	28.3	60.5	6.6	4.6	100.0
1995	30.6	57.0	6.1	6.3	100.0

(a) Aged 15 years and over.

Never married

Between 1976 and 1995 the proportion of the population aged 15 years and over who were never married increased from 25% (2,602,900) to 31% (4,343,900). Over this period the greatest increase for men was in the 25-29 years age group with a rise of 33 percentage points, from 27% to 59%. For women the most evident change was in the 20-24 years age group where an increase of 39 percentage points was recorded (40% to 80%).

Currently married

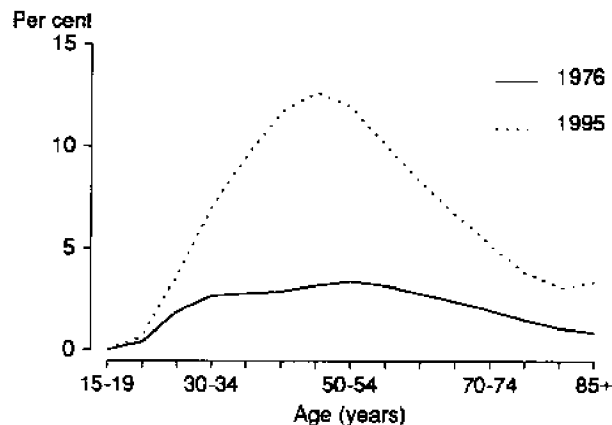
In contrast, the proportion of the population aged 15 years and over who were currently married declined from 65% in 1976 to 57% in 1995. This decline mirrors the increase in the proportion never married. For men the decline was most apparent in the 25-29 years age group while for women the age group most affected was 20-24 years. The percentage declines were 33 points for men (falling from 72% to 38%) and 39 points for women (falling from 59% to 19%) between 1976 and 1995.

The proportion of the population currently married increased in the older age groups for both men and women between 1976 and 1995. Increases in each age group were recorded for men aged 70–74 years and above and for women aged 55–59 years and above. The most significant increases occurred among women aged 70–79 years, where the proportion currently married increased by 12 percentage points, and among men aged 85 years and over, where an increase of 11 percentage points was recorded.

Widowed At 30 June 1995 the proportion of men and women aged 15 years and over who were widowed was slightly less than at 30 June 1976 but the difference was small. The proportion of widowed men decreased slightly from 2.6% in 1976 to 2.5% in 1995 while for women the decrease was a little larger, falling from 11.2% in 1976 to 9.7% in 1995. Decreases were most noticeable in the older age groups offsetting the increases in the proportions currently married.

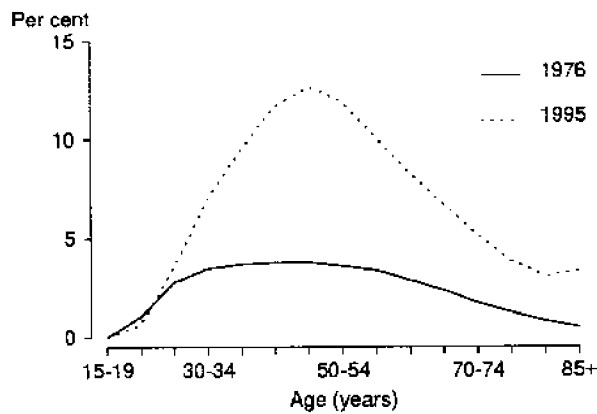
Divorced Between 1976 and 1995 the number of divorced men increased nearly fourfold, from 104,700 to 399,800. This represented an increase from 2.1% of men aged 15 years and over to 5.7%. In 1995 the largest proportions of divorced men were to be found in the age groups 45–49 years and 50–54 years with 10.4% and 10.1% respectively of their populations being divorced.

DIVORCED MEN



A similar pattern was observed for divorced women. The number rose nearly four times between 1976 and 1995, from 128,800 to 490,700, representing an increase from 2.5% of women aged 15 years and over in 1976 to 6.8% in 1995. The age groups with the largest proportions of divorced women in 1995 were 45–49 and 50–54 years, with 12.7% and 11.9% respectively.

DIVORCED WOMEN



When 1976 and 1995 are compared, the proportions of divorced men and women increased in all age groups except 20-24 years.

PEOPLE OVER 65

The proportion of the population who were aged 65 years and over rose from 9% in 1976 to 12% in 1995. For this group of people 88% of men and 89% of women were either married or widowed in 1995. 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 change for men occurred in the age group 85 years and over where the proportion of widowed men decreased by 14 percentage points. For women the largest decrease was in the age group 65-74 years, with a decrease of 10 percentage points.

POPULATION AGED 65 YEARS AND OVER

	65-74 years		75-84 years		85 years and over	
	Married	Widowed	Married	Widowed	Married	Widowed
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Males						
1976	78.34	11.04	63.02	27.05	40.53	50.87
1985	79.41	9.55	68.00	22.20	45.02	45.81
1995	78.98	8.04	70.02	19.50	52.03	37.00
Females						
1976	48.03	41.08	22.55	65.64	7.95	78.90
1985	52.92	37.46	27.19	62.09	8.98	79.49
1995	57.67	31.45	33.65	56.27	16.04	71.20

20 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION: MARITAL STATUS, AGE, SEX, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA,
30 JUNE 1976, 1985 AND 1995

Age	Never married		Currently married		Widowed		Divorced		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
1976										
— per cent —										
0-14	100	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	100
15-19	98.97	92.61	1.01	7.35	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	100	100
20-24	67.45	40.23	32.13	58.55	0.04	0.17	0.38	1.06	100	100
25-29	26.52	13.03	71.50	83.77	0.10	0.38	1.88	2.83	100	100
30-34	13.57	6.94	83.60	88.82	0.18	0.73	2.65	3.52	100	100
35-39	10.02	5.05	86.90	89.82	0.33	1.42	2.75	3.71	100	100
40-44	9.19	4.46	87.24	89.06	0.64	2.70	2.93	3.78	100	100
45-49	9.30	4.54	86.37	86.81	1.18	4.87	3.15	3.78	100	100
50-54	8.57	4.79	85.94	82.66	2.13	8.94	3.36	3.61	100	100
55-59	8.14	5.43	85.40	76.16	3.28	15.01	3.17	3.39	100	100
60-64	8.14	6.46	83.55	66.50	5.52	24.11	2.80	2.92	100	100
65-69	8.27	8.09	80.39	54.06	8.93	35.46	2.42	2.38	100	100
70-74	8.54	9.71	75.35	40.11	14.13	48.44	1.98	1.73	100	100
75-79	8.83	10.37	66.73	26.68	22.91	61.69	1.52	1.26	100	100
80-84	8.01	11.26	55.54	16.00	35.40	71.91	1.05	0.84	100	100
85 and over	7.73	12.66	40.53	7.95	50.87	78.90	0.86	0.50	100	100
All ages	49.04	42.01	47.56	47.92	1.91	8.23	1.49	1.84	100	100
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All ages	3,448.8	2,941.3	3,344.4	3,354.9	134.3	576.1	104.7	128.8	7,032.0	7,001.0
1985										
— per cent —										
0-14	100	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	100
15-19	99.40	97.23	0.53	2.69	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	100	100
20-24	82.49	62.52	17.13	36.37	0.04	0.13	0.34	0.98	100	100
25-29	43.35	26.06	54.00	69.09	0.10	0.34	2.56	4.52	100	100
30-34	20.62	11.57	73.69	80.46	0.17	0.63	5.52	7.35	100	100
35-39	11.71	6.58	81.27	83.74	0.27	1.09	6.74	8.59	100	100
40-44	8.79	4.95	83.71	84.06	0.46	2.04	7.05	8.96	100	100
45-49	7.88	4.30	84.27	83.44	0.82	3.85	7.03	8.41	100	100
50-54	8.08	4.14	83.79	81.38	1.55	7.01	6.58	7.47	100	100
55-59	8.38	4.39	82.79	76.61	2.76	12.55	6.07	6.46	100	100
60-64	7.67	4.69	82.36	69.22	4.77	20.74	5.21	5.35	100	100
65-69	7.24	5.51	80.98	58.93	7.59	31.45	4.19	4.12	100	100
70-74	7.12	6.51	77.46	46.15	11.98	44.25	3.43	3.08	100	100
75-79	7.20	8.16	71.54	32.25	18.69	57.34	2.57	2.25	100	100
80-84	7.85	9.68	60.94	19.11	29.20	69.68	2.02	1.53	100	100
85 and over	7.71	10.60	45.02	8.98	45.81	79.49	1.45	0.93	100	100
All ages	48.77	41.63	46.25	46.27	1.82	8.21	3.17	3.88	100	100
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All ages	3,844.1	3,291.6	3,645.7	3,657.7	143.3	649.4	249.6	306.9	7,882.7	7,905.6
1995 (PRELIMINARY)										
— per cent —										
0-14	100	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	100
15-19	99.48	98.88	0.45	1.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	100	100
20-24	90.10	79.67	9.33	19.34	0.23	0.29	0.34	0.69	100	100
25-29	59.30	42.82	38.26	53.06	0.35	0.52	2.08	3.61	100	100
30-34	33.09	21.49	61.24	70.76	0.39	0.72	5.27	7.03	100	100
35-39	19.82	12.99	72.05	76.41	0.48	1.07	7.65	9.54	100	100
40-44	12.73	8.29	77.08	78.36	0.63	1.64	9.56	11.72	100	100
45-49	8.87	5.85	79.84	78.76	0.88	2.69	10.41	12.70	100	100
50-54	7.64	4.84	80.89	78.39	1.38	4.84	10.09	11.94	100	100
55-59	7.12	4.46	81.69	76.47	2.18	8.97	9.01	10.10	100	100
60-64	7.43	4.58	81.20	71.16	3.81	15.97	7.56	8.28	100	100
65-69	7.43	4.66	79.92	62.68	6.25	25.95	6.39	6.72	100	100
70-74	6.84	5.14	77.79	52.15	10.27	37.52	5.09	5.18	100	100
75-79	6.82	6.10	72.64	38.45	16.61	51.64	3.93	3.82	100	100
80-84	6.76	7.21	65.67	27.05	24.32	62.65	3.25	3.10	100	100
85 and over	7.65	9.40	52.03	16.04	37.00	71.20	3.32	3.35	100	100
All ages	48.81	42.18	44.83	44.70	1.92	7.70	4.45	5.41	100	100
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All ages	4,388.2	3,823.3	4,030.0	4,051.2	172.5	698.3	399.8	490.7	8,990.5	9,063.5

**21 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION: MARITAL STATUS, AGE, SEX, AUSTRALIA,
30 JUNE 1995 (PRELIMINARY)**

Age	Males				Total
	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	
<i>14 and under</i>	<i>1,983,798</i>	—	—	—	<i>1,983,798</i>
15	128,210	8	4	2	128,224
16	129,131	19	3	1	129,154
17	129,421	45	2	2	129,470
18	130,856	213	6	4	131,079
19	130,806	2,651	242	192	133,891
<i>15-19</i>	<i>648,424</i>	<i>2,936</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>651,818</i>
20	133,497	4,102	288	256	138,143
21	135,743	6,219	288	272	142,522
22	135,037	11,264	340	405	147,046
23	134,169	19,035	382	618	154,204
24	125,353	28,106	399	933	154,791
<i>20-24</i>	<i>663,799</i>	<i>68,726</i>	<i>1,697</i>	<i>2,484</i>	<i>736,706</i>
25	106,772	37,029	508	1,450	145,759
26	91,888	45,538	451	2,122	139,999
27	79,503	53,584	506	2,822	136,415
28	69,734	61,037	457	3,526	134,754
29	63,161	68,036	535	4,518	136,250
<i>25-29</i>	<i>411,058</i>	<i>265,224</i>	<i>2,457</i>	<i>14,438</i>	<i>693,177</i>
30	56,560	74,792	558	5,560	137,470
31	53,043	84,303	551	6,805	144,702
32	47,479	89,975	519	7,729	145,702
33	43,161	95,289	578	8,585	147,613
34	40,637	101,415	659	9,661	152,372
<i>30-34</i>	<i>240,880</i>	<i>445,774</i>	<i>2,865</i>	<i>38,340</i>	<i>727,859</i>
35	34,901	101,705	597	10,119	147,322
36	30,114	100,254	692	10,529	141,589
37	27,284	101,700	709	10,707	140,400
38	24,878	101,515	694	11,104	138,191
39	22,924	104,112	671	11,628	139,335
<i>35-39</i>	<i>140,101</i>	<i>509,286</i>	<i>3,363</i>	<i>54,087</i>	<i>706,837</i>
40	19,830	101,201	723	12,045	133,799
41	18,174	100,960	773	12,323	132,230
42	16,614	101,303	807	12,578	131,302
43	15,031	101,540	901	12,854	130,326
44	14,593	105,012	958	13,481	134,044
<i>40-44</i>	<i>84,242</i>	<i>510,016</i>	<i>4,162</i>	<i>63,281</i>	<i>661,701</i>
45	12,905	101,955	977	13,287	129,124
46	12,028	103,340	1,137	13,644	130,149
47	11,270	104,286	1,133	13,559	130,248
48	10,785	105,373	1,128	13,604	130,890
49	9,532	94,072	1,256	12,280	117,140
<i>45-49</i>	<i>56,520</i>	<i>509,026</i>	<i>5,631</i>	<i>66,374</i>	<i>637,551</i>

21 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION: MARITAL STATUS, AGE, SEX, AUSTRALIA,
30 JUNE 1995 (PRELIMINARY)—*continued*

<i>Males</i>					
<i>Age</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Currently married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
50	8,683	89,118	1,236	11,126	110,163
51	8,157	85,309	1,328	10,685	105,479
52	7,365	75,831	1,361	9,696	94,253
53	6,872	76,897	1,360	9,535	94,664
54	6,866	74,714	1,561	9,095	92,236
<i>50-54</i>	<i>37,943</i>	<i>401,869</i>	<i>6,846</i>	<i>50,137</i>	<i>496,795</i>
55	6,218	70,835	1,498	8,348	86,899
56	6,172	69,798	1,679	7,992	85,641
57	5,726	66,971	1,808	7,377	81,882
58	5,679	64,332	1,964	6,848	78,823
59	5,334	62,360	1,982	6,321	75,997
<i>55-59</i>	<i>29,129</i>	<i>334,296</i>	<i>8,931</i>	<i>36,886</i>	<i>409,242</i>
60	5,091	58,198	2,120	5,697	71,106
61	5,233	57,150	2,399	5,569	70,351
62	4,936	55,449	2,604	5,077	68,066
63	5,059	55,332	2,873	5,021	68,285
64	5,596	57,152	3,290	5,006	71,044
<i>60-64</i>	<i>25,915</i>	<i>283,281</i>	<i>13,286</i>	<i>26,370</i>	<i>348,852</i>
65	5,228	56,152	3,550	4,745	69,675
66	5,228	55,410	3,843	4,713	69,194
67	5,071	53,979	4,164	4,351	67,565
68	4,789	52,192	4,582	3,940	65,503
69	4,689	51,308	4,916	3,773	64,686
<i>65-69</i>	<i>25,005</i>	<i>269,041</i>	<i>21,055</i>	<i>21,522</i>	<i>336,623</i>
70	4,179	46,594	5,135	3,355	59,263
71	3,923	45,462	5,464	2,986	57,835
72	3,599	41,275	5,497	2,655	53,026
73	3,423	39,642	5,770	2,468	51,303
74	3,335	36,875	5,851	2,267	48,328
<i>70-74</i>	<i>18,459</i>	<i>209,848</i>	<i>27,717</i>	<i>13,731</i>	<i>269,755</i>
75	2,837	32,454	5,696	1,826	42,813
76	2,472	25,894	5,473	1,458	35,297
77	2,153	23,346	5,590	1,304	32,393
78	2,169	21,909	5,742	1,139	30,959
79	1,997	20,292	5,835	981	29,105
<i>75-79</i>	<i>11,628</i>	<i>123,895</i>	<i>28,336</i>	<i>6,708</i>	<i>170,567</i>
80	1,725	18,448	5,662	874	26,709
81	1,567	16,008	5,378	782	23,735
82	1,314	13,230	5,027	659	20,230
83	1,226	10,843	4,585	567	17,221
84	1,100	8,785	4,271	448	14,604
<i>80-84</i>	<i>6,932</i>	<i>67,314</i>	<i>24,923</i>	<i>3,330</i>	<i>102,499</i>
<i>85 and over</i>	<i>4,340</i>	<i>29,501</i>	<i>20,977</i>	<i>1,883</i>	<i>56,701</i>
All ages	4,388,173	4,030,033	172,503	399,772	8,990,481

21 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION: MARITAL STATUS, AGE, SEX, AUSTRALIA,
30 JUNE 1995 (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>	1,883,813	—	—	—	1,883,813
15	120,861	9	1	—	120,871
16	122,166	45	—	—	122,211
17	122,590	175	—	3	122,768
18	122,789	1,119	14	11	123,933
19	122,028	5,070	259	184	127,541
<i>15-19</i>	610,434	6,418	274	198	617,324
20	122,880	9,264	326	267	132,737
21	120,744	15,157	326	437	136,664
22	114,518	25,187	431	740	140,876
23	108,975	37,456	481	1,313	148,225
24	97,974	50,113	509	2,149	150,745
<i>20-24</i>	565,091	137,177	2,073	4,906	709,247
25	80,547	58,718	626	2,967	142,858
26	66,969	67,340	645	3,932	138,886
27	55,923	73,582	727	4,935	135,167
28	48,281	79,375	734	5,941	134,331
29	42,738	85,895	823	7,037	136,493
<i>25-29</i>	294,458	364,910	3,555	24,812	687,735
30	37,763	92,214	878	8,128	138,983
31	34,251	99,780	962	9,387	144,380
32	30,706	104,129	1,079	10,540	146,454
33	28,050	107,368	1,088	11,230	147,736
34	26,233	113,455	1,277	12,066	153,031
<i>30-34</i>	157,003	516,946	5,284	51,351	730,584
35	22,533	110,487	1,272	12,653	146,945
36	20,251	108,167	1,383	12,802	142,603
37	18,065	108,733	1,553	13,367	141,718
38	16,360	106,512	1,645	14,004	138,521
39	14,895	108,090	1,732	14,807	139,524
<i>35-39</i>	92,104	541,989	7,585	67,633	709,311
40	13,309	105,548	1,773	14,708	135,338
41	11,946	104,375	1,957	15,383	133,661
42	10,875	103,297	2,143	15,579	131,894
43	9,772	101,451	2,372	15,642	129,237
44	9,151	105,691	2,624	16,495	133,961
<i>40-44</i>	55,053	520,362	10,869	77,807	664,091
45	8,431	99,308	2,836	16,167	126,742
46	7,823	100,033	3,094	16,181	127,131
47	7,316	99,100	3,380	16,166	125,962
48	6,758	99,816	3,553	16,086	126,213
49	5,872	89,489	3,820	14,065	113,246
<i>45-49</i>	36,200	487,746	16,683	78,665	619,294

21 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION: MARITAL STATUS, AGE, SEX, AUSTRALIA,
30 JUNE 1995 (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>
50	5,248	84,146	3,913	13,226	106,533
51	5,168	79,055	4,284	12,312	100,819
52	4,438	70,377	4,461	10,612	89,888
53	4,095	70,368	4,829	10,494	89,786
54	4,063	69,012	5,518	10,140	88,733
50-54	23,012	372,958	23,005	56,784	475,759
55	3,776	63,537	5,825	8,836	81,974
56	3,922	63,060	6,451	8,592	82,025
57	3,354	60,873	7,039	8,176	79,442
58	3,428	58,673	7,778	7,417	77,296
59	3,173	56,824	8,452	6,986	75,435
55-59	17,653	302,967	35,545	40,007	396,172
60	3,097	52,517	9,067	6,441	71,122
61	3,306	50,645	9,789	5,852	69,592
62	2,977	48,473	10,860	5,638	67,948
63	3,105	48,013	11,955	5,527	68,600
64	3,651	50,852	14,567	5,707	74,777
60-64	16,136	250,500	56,238	29,165	352,039
65	3,289	46,271	15,412	5,323	70,295
66	3,313	46,352	16,903	4,857	71,425
67	3,199	45,321	18,538	4,827	71,885
68	3,243	42,467	19,691	4,451	69,852
69	3,499	42,335	21,667	4,409	71,910
65-69	16,543	222,746	92,211	23,867	355,367
70	3,381	37,936	22,180	3,869	67,366
71	3,320	35,894	23,672	3,576	66,462
72	3,219	32,921	23,776	3,242	63,158
73	3,200	31,255	25,037	3,054	62,546
74	3,453	30,052	26,247	2,953	62,705
70-74	16,573	168,058	120,912	16,694	322,237
75	2,922	24,113	25,028	2,328	54,391
76	2,892	19,315	23,540	1,908	47,655
77	2,820	17,017	23,946	1,727	45,510
78	2,870	15,693	24,342	1,568	44,473
79	2,862	14,495	24,850	1,466	43,673
75-79	14,366	90,633	121,706	8,997	235,702
80	2,836	12,902	24,258	1,329	41,325
81	2,582	11,056	23,610	1,277	38,525
82	2,371	8,937	21,455	1,026	33,789
83	2,269	7,404	19,615	894	30,182
84	2,308	6,102	18,536	784	27,730
80-84	12,366	46,401	107,474	5,310	171,551
85 and over	12,531	21,385	94,897	4,469	133,282
All ages	3,823,336	4,051,196	698,311	490,665	9,063,508

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Age	Persons				Total
	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	
<i>14 and under</i>	3,867,611	—	—	—	3,867,611
15	249,071	17	5	2	249,095
16	251,297	64	3	1	251,365
17	252,011	220	2	5	252,238
18	253,645	1,332	20	15	255,012
19	252,834	7,721	501	376	261,432
<i>15-19</i>	<i>1,258,858</i>	<i>9,354</i>	<i>531</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>1,269,142</i>
20	256,377	13,366	614	523	270,880
21	256,487	21,376	614	709	279,186
22	249,555	36,451	771	1,145	287,922
23	243,144	56,491	863	1,931	302,429
24	223,327	78,219	908	3,082	305,536
<i>20-24</i>	<i>1,228,890</i>	<i>205,903</i>	<i>3,770</i>	<i>7,390</i>	<i>1,445,953</i>
25	187,319	95,747	1,134	4,417	288,617
26	158,857	112,878	1,096	6,054	278,885
27	135,426	127,166	1,233	7,757	271,582
28	118,015	140,412	1,191	9,467	269,085
29	105,899	153,931	1,358	11,555	272,743
<i>25-29</i>	<i>705,516</i>	<i>630,134</i>	<i>6,012</i>	<i>39,250</i>	<i>1,380,912</i>
30	94,323	167,006	1,436	13,688	276,453
31	87,294	184,083	1,513	16,192	289,082
32	78,185	194,104	1,598	18,269	292,156
33	71,211	202,657	1,666	19,815	295,349
34	66,870	214,870	1,936	21,727	305,403
<i>30-34</i>	<i>397,883</i>	<i>962,720</i>	<i>8,149</i>	<i>89,691</i>	<i>1,458,443</i>
35	57,434	212,192	1,869	22,772	294,267
36	50,365	208,421	2,075	23,331	284,192
37	45,349	210,433	2,262	24,074	282,118
38	41,238	208,027	2,339	25,108	276,712
39	37,819	212,202	2,403	26,435	278,859
<i>35-39</i>	<i>232,205</i>	<i>1,051,275</i>	<i>10,948</i>	<i>121,720</i>	<i>1,416,148</i>
40	33,139	206,749	2,496	26,753	269,137
41	30,120	205,335	2,730	27,706	265,891
42	27,489	204,600	2,950	28,157	263,196
43	24,803	202,991	3,273	28,496	259,563
44	23,744	210,703	3,582	29,976	268,005
<i>40-44</i>	<i>139,295</i>	<i>1,030,378</i>	<i>15,031</i>	<i>141,088</i>	<i>1,325,792</i>
45	21,336	201,263	3,813	29,454	255,866
46	19,851	203,373	4,231	29,825	257,280
47	18,586	203,386	4,513	29,725	256,210
48	17,543	205,189	4,681	29,690	257,103
49	15,404	183,561	5,076	26,345	230,386
<i>45-49</i>	<i>92,720</i>	<i>996,772</i>	<i>22,314</i>	<i>145,039</i>	<i>1,256,845</i>

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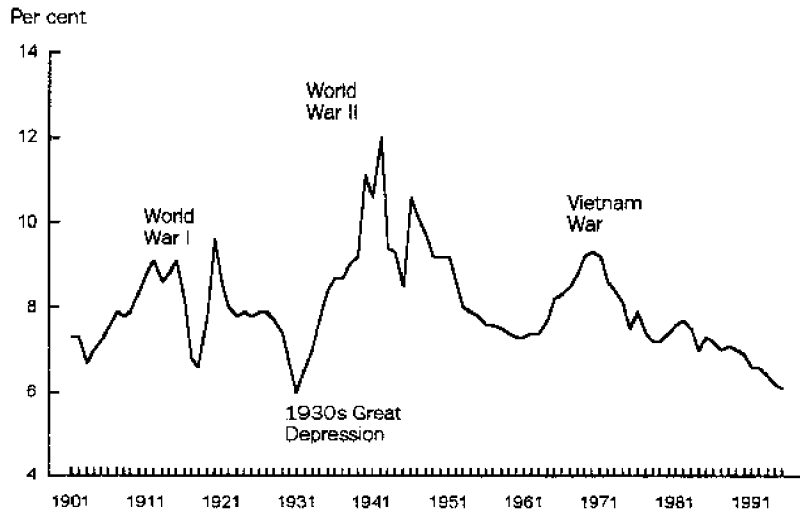
Age	Persons				Total
	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	
50	13,931	173,264	5,149	24,352	216,696
51	13,325	164,364	5,612	22,997	206,298
52	11,803	146,208	5,822	20,308	184,141
53	10,967	147,265	6,189	20,029	184,450
54	10,929	143,726	7,079	19,235	180,969
50-54	60,955	774,827	29,851	106,921	972,554
55	9,994	134,372	7,323	17,184	168,873
56	10,094	132,858	8,130	16,584	167,666
57	9,080	127,844	8,847	15,553	161,324
58	9,107	123,005	9,742	14,265	156,119
59	8,507	119,184	10,434	13,307	151,432
55-59	46,782	637,263	44,476	76,893	805,414
60	8,188	110,715	11,187	12,138	142,228
61	8,539	107,795	12,188	11,421	139,943
62	7,913	103,922	13,464	10,715	136,014
63	8,164	103,345	14,828	10,548	136,885
64	9,247	108,004	17,857	10,713	145,821
60-64	42,051	533,781	69,524	55,535	700,891
65	8,517	102,423	18,962	10,068	139,970
66	8,541	101,762	20,746	9,570	140,619
67	8,270	99,300	22,702	9,178	139,450
68	8,032	94,659	24,273	8,391	135,355
69	8,188	93,643	26,583	8,182	136,596
65-69	41,548	491,787	113,266	45,389	691,990
70	7,560	84,530	27,315	7,224	126,629
71	7,243	81,356	29,136	6,562	124,297
72	6,818	74,196	29,273	5,897	116,184
73	6,623	70,897	30,807	5,522	113,849
74	6,788	66,927	32,098	5,220	111,033
70-74	35,032	377,906	148,629	30,425	591,992
75	5,759	56,567	30,724	4,154	97,204
76	5,364	45,209	29,013	3,366	82,952
77	4,973	40,363	29,536	3,031	77,903
78	5,039	37,602	30,084	2,707	75,432
79	4,859	34,787	30,685	2,447	72,778
75-79	25,994	214,528	150,042	15,705	406,269
80	4,561	31,350	29,920	2,203	68,034
81	4,149	27,064	28,988	2,059	62,260
82	3,685	22,167	26,482	1,685	54,019
83	3,495	18,247	24,200	1,461	47,403
84	3,408	14,887	22,807	1,232	42,334
80-84	19,298	113,715	132,397	8,640	274,050
85 and over	16,871	50,886	115,874	6,352	189,983
All ages	8,211,509	8,081,229	870,814	896,437	18,053,989

TIME SERIES

MARRIAGES

The rate at which people marry fluctuates. Generally, it reflects prevailing economic and social conditions. It has fallen in times of depression or recession, such as in the 1930s, and has increased in times of prosperity, such as in the immediate post-war years of the 1920s and 1940s. Marriage rates have also increased during times of war. The lowest recorded crude marriage rate was 6.0 marriages per 1,000 population in 1931 and the highest was 12.0 per 1,000 population in 1942.

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES



When marriage rates are calculated per 1,000 unmarried population aged 15 years and over the long-term decline is evident. In 1976 (the first year these rates became available) the marriage rate for unmarried men in Australia was 62.9 per 1,000, while the rate for unmarried women was 61.1. By 1995 these rates had declined to 36.7 and 35.0 respectively.

Peak marriage age groups

Age-specific marriage rates per 1,000 men or women are available from 1921. Over the 1921-95 period rates have fluctuated. For men in 1921 the highest rate was recorded in the age group 25-29 years (73 per 1,000). By 1941, this age group was replaced by the age group 20-24 years (84 per 1,000). This group continued to be the peak age group for men until 1987 when the highest rate returned to the age group 25-29 years (53 per 1,000 men).

For women over the same period the highest rate, although fluctuating, remained in the age group 20-24 years. Between 1921 and 1995 the highest rate was recorded in 1942 (135 per 1,000 women) while the lowest rate in this age group was in 1995 (51 per 1,000).

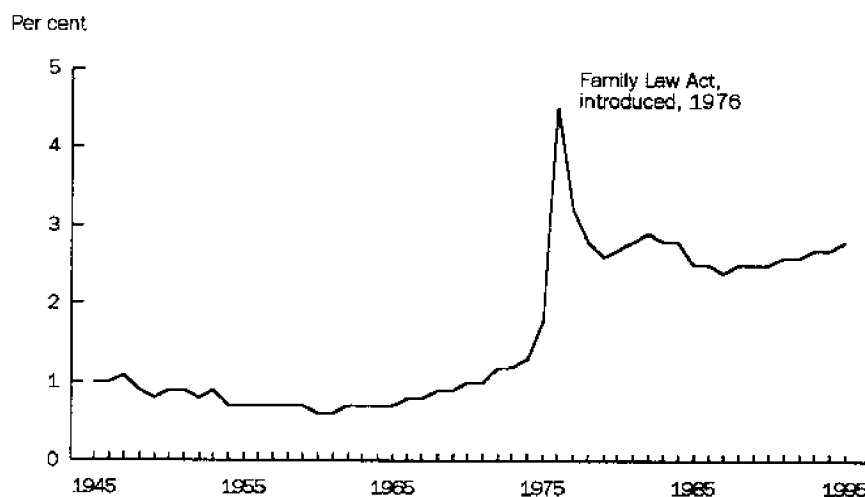
Age-specific marriage rates per 1,000 unmarried men and women aged 15 years and over indicate that the age at marriage is increasing. While the peak marriage age group for men has remained 25–29 years since 1976, the second highest group has changed from 20–24 years to 30–34 years. Over the same period the peak marriage age group for women has changed from 20–24 years to 25–29 years. Since 1992 the 20–24 years age group has been replaced by the 30–34 years age group as the second highest group.

As well as the change in pattern, the marriage rate for peak age groups has decreased. In 1976 the age-specific marriage rate (per 1,000 unmarried men) was 150 in the age group 25–29 years and 123 in the age group 20–24 years. By 1995 these rates had decreased to 84 and 35 respectively. Similarly, for women in 1976 the age-specific marriage rates (per 1,000 unmarried women) were 191 in the 20–24 years age group and 166 in the 25–29 years age group. By 1995 these rates had fallen to 63 and 102 respectively.

DIVORCES

Prior to 1945 the crude divorce rate in Australia remained below 1 divorce per 1,000 population. Subsequently the rate fluctuated but did not exceed 1.8 until 1976 when the *Family Law Act 1975* came into operation (on 5 January). The *Family Law Act 1975* allows only one ground for divorce, an irretrievable breakdown in the marriage measured as the separation of the spouses for at least one year. This legal change resulted in a large increase in the crude divorce rate in 1976 (4.5 per 1,000 population). The rate then declined until 1979 as the backlog of applications was cleared. Subsequently the rate fluctuated with a slight increase evident since 1987. The divorce rate was consistently higher in the 1980s and the first half of the 1990s than at any time before 1975. In 1995 the crude divorce rate was 2.8 per 1,000 population.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATES



The divorce rate, per 1,000 married men or women in the population, has fluctuated since 1976 (the first year the statistic became available). Between 1976 and 1995 the lowest rate for both men and women was in 1987 (10.6 per 1,000). Since then the rate has increased, reaching 12.3 per 1,000 married population in 1995.

Peak divorce age groups Age-specific divorce rates per 1,000 men or women in the population are available from 1947. Over the period 1947-95 these rates have fluctuated, reaching peak levels in 1976 when the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced. The rates experienced in 1995 are higher in all age groups for both men and women than in 1947.

Over the past ten years, age-specific divorce rates (per 1,000 married men and women in the population) have increased in all age groups except for men aged less than 25 years. This increase in age at divorce mirrors the trend of marrying at later ages. In 1985 the peak age groups for divorce were 25-29 years for both men and women. While this age group remained the peak group for women, the peak age group for men changed to 30-34 years.

Family dissolutions Not all family dissolutions are registered as divorces. De facto relationships are unregistered and therefore their breakdown is also unregistered. The 1992 Family Survey estimated that about 8% of all couples were de facto couples. Further, some married couples separate but never divorce. Hence, the extent of family dissolution is not easily measured but can be expected to be higher than divorce rates show.

22 MARRIAGES: NUMBER REGISTERED, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)

	<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</i>
1901	10,538	8,406	3,341	2,304	1,821	1,338	5	n.a.	27,753
1902	10,486	8,477	3,243	2,376	2,024	1,313	7	n.a.	27,926
1903	9,759	7,605	2,933	2,260	2,064	1,344	12	n.a.	25,977
1904	10,422	8,210	3,078	2,526	2,088	1,350	8	n.a.	27,682
1905	10,970	8,774	3,173	2,594	2,123	1,365	5	n.a.	29,004
1906	11,551	8,930	3,588	2,679	2,261	1,399	2	n.a.	30,410
1907	12,187	9,575	4,105	3,070	2,114	1,410	9	n.a.	32,470
1908	12,641	9,335	4,009	3,112	2,012	1,432	10	n.a.	32,551
1909	13,025	9,431	4,543	3,275	1,997	1,494	10	n.a.	33,775
1910	14,307	10,239	4,768	3,661	2,107	1,493	17	n.a.	36,592
1911	15,278	11,088	5,167	4,036	2,421	1,477	10	5	39,482
1912	16,666	11,738	5,627	4,056	2,524	1,506	24	6	42,147
1913	16,307	11,324	5,655	4,094	2,572	1,620	16	6	41,594
1914	17,357	11,829	5,894	4,010	2,660	1,543	17	1	43,311
1915	18,095	12,832	6,135	3,965	2,581	1,600	12	4	45,224
1916	16,316	11,342	5,208	3,602	2,365	1,433	19	4	40,289
1917	13,246	9,505	4,868	3,252	1,621	1,138	34	2	33,666
1918	13,194	9,156	4,815	3,190	1,612	1,131	39	4	33,141
1919	15,809	11,706	5,429	3,855	2,194	1,513	25	9	40,540
1920	20,154	14,898	6,667	4,881	2,932	1,999	17	4	51,552
1921	18,506	13,676	5,963	4,383	2,656	1,668	15	2	46,869
1922	17,580	12,996	5,878	4,144	2,446	1,674	13	—	44,731
1923	17,523	13,126	5,814	4,099	2,376	1,592	7	4	44,541
1924	18,072	13,296	6,234	4,121	2,596	1,529	17	4	45,869
1925	18,522	13,370	6,471	4,255	2,746	1,504	20	11	46,899
1926	19,219	13,405	6,428	4,503	2,844	1,435	14	17	47,865
1927	20,052	13,608	6,277	4,501	3,108	1,432	26	29	49,033
1928	20,076	13,186	6,322	4,146	3,309	1,502	23	29	48,593
1929	19,535	12,935	6,169	3,719	3,367	1,712	20	43	47,500
1930	17,383	11,641	6,199	3,312	3,205	1,450	31	34	43,255
1931	15,377	10,182	5,951	3,069	2,741	1,501	25	36	38,882
1932	17,362	11,744	6,415	3,636	2,904	1,508	22	43	43,634
1933	18,399	12,668	6,471	3,973	3,374	1,629	28	53	46,595
1934	20,210	13,862	7,635	4,310	3,682	1,678	30	58	51,465
1935	22,361	15,409	8,280	4,845	3,940	1,875	42	74	56,826
1936	22,873	15,915	8,306	5,182	4,242	2,073	41	77	58,709
1937	23,188	16,226	8,353	5,340	4,169	2,042	69	61	59,448
1938	24,579	17,113	8,853	5,489	4,153	2,082	67	75	62,411
1939	25,471	17,368	9,108	5,670	4,195	2,264	85	88	64,249
1940	30,364	22,299	10,287	6,950	5,234	2,476	154	125	77,889
1941	29,983	20,898	9,885	6,855	5,077	2,150	179	121	75,148
1942	34,533	23,636	11,722	8,129	5,441	2,431	53	115	86,060
1943	26,302	18,356	9,979	6,263	4,528	2,102	46	97	67,673
1944	26,426	17,857	11,325	6,019	4,506	1,935	31	102	68,201
1945	25,283	16,501	9,905	5,321	3,788	1,868	48	108	62,822
1946	31,684	21,405	11,666	6,700	5,171	2,650	63	157	79,496
1947	30,172	20,437	10,999	6,668	5,282	2,584	124	191	76,457
1948	30,164	20,035	10,125	6,704	5,186	2,428	110	150	74,902
1949	28,757	20,066	10,234	6,247	4,951	2,422	130	192	72,999
1950	30,036	20,320	10,304	6,585	5,434	2,560	144	216	75,599

See footnotes at end of table.

22 MARRIAGES: NUMBER REGISTERED, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(b)	Australia
1951	30,341	21,117	10,814	6,646	5,390	2,607	143	240	77,298
1952	29,351	20,220	10,056	6,241	5,389	2,553	137	225	74,172
1953	27,573	19,238	9,859	6,149	5,032	2,424	154	211	70,640
1954	27,503	19,404	10,027	6,190	5,204	2,512	143	246	71,229
1955	27,645	20,056	10,098	6,226	5,145	2,600	151	251	72,172
1956	27,313	20,137	9,934	6,277	5,080	2,601	160	278	71,780
1957	28,767	20,239	10,271	6,581	4,897	2,507	178	256	73,696
1958	28,554	20,649	10,255	6,505	5,038	2,475	201	324	74,001
1959	28,201	20,456	10,581	6,614	5,387	2,567	205	352	74,363
1960	29,328	20,627	10,227	6,607	5,323	2,713	208	395	75,428
1961	29,773	21,264	10,392	6,804	5,150	2,677	207	419	76,686
1962	30,360	22,393	10,642	7,021	5,466	2,485	243	480	79,090
1963	30,999	22,061	11,431	7,302	5,755	2,579	260	529	80,916
1964	32,633	24,169	11,752	7,765	6,023	2,869	233	569	86,013
1965	<u>35,176</u>	<u>26,421</u>	<u>12,967</u>	<u>8,680</u>	<u>6,448</u>	<u>2,888</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>93,546</u>
1966	35,575	27,089	13,339	9,051	7,002	2,946	312	747	96,061
1967	37,077	28,004	13,634	9,434	7,430	3,213	325	883	100,000
1968	39,213	29,724	14,860	9,652	8,086	3,426	419	965	106,345
1969	41,286	30,860	15,669	10,599	8,993	3,532	413	1,118	112,470
1970	42,928	31,729	16,082	10,864	9,227	3,535	501	1,200	116,066
1971	43,038	32,386	16,538	10,833	9,382	3,578	485	1,397	117,637
1972	41,520	31,206	16,066	10,829	9,120	3,426	490	1,372	114,029
1973	40,722	30,203	16,490	10,806	9,102	3,395	513	1,469	112,700
1974	39,327	29,708	16,086	10,769	9,295	3,567	566	1,355	110,673
1975	36,958	27,806	15,230	9,843	9,026	3,242	406	1,462	103,973
1976	38,487	28,760	16,703	10,902	9,517	3,477	541	1,586	109,973
1977	36,159	27,558	15,737	10,126	10,063	3,166	618	1,491	104,918
1978	35,904	27,178	15,431	9,800	9,404	3,148	576	1,517	102,958
1979	36,906	27,019	16,082	9,778	9,239	3,254	553	1,565	104,396
1980	38,965	27,724	17,157	10,064	9,594	3,433	661	1,642	109,240
1981	40,679	28,648	18,305	10,252	10,111	3,515	719	1,676	113,905
1982	41,955	28,851	18,928	10,936	10,455	3,576	818	1,756	117,275
1983	39,995	28,974	18,645	10,550	10,519	3,644	776	1,757	114,860
1984	33,938	28,931	19,039	10,643	9,920	3,704	731	1,749	108,655
1985	41,183	29,810	17,810	10,148	10,398	3,520	791	1,833	115,493
1986	41,319	29,390	18,030	9,878	10,379	3,302	759	1,856	114,913
1987	40,650	29,682	18,265	9,695	10,150	3,141	768	1,762	114,113
1988	40,812	30,687	18,850	10,128	10,578	3,035	782	1,944	116,816
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
1995	37,828	26,607	20,610	8,547	10,404	2,840	797	1,753	109,386

(a) Excludes 'full-blood Aborigines' prior to 1966. (b) Included with New South Wales prior to 1911.

23 CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)

	<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</i>
1901	7.7	7.0	6.7	6.4	9.7	7.8	1.0	n.a.	7.3
1902	7.5	7.0	6.4	6.7	9.9	7.5	1.5	n.a.	7.3
1903	6.9	6.3	5.7	6.4	9.4	7.5	2.8	n.a.	6.7
1904	7.2	6.8	5.9	7.1	8.9	7.4	1.9	n.a.	7.0
1905	7.5	7.3	6.0	7.2	8.6	7.4	1.2	n.a.	7.2
1906	7.7	7.4	6.7	7.4	8.9	7.6	0.5	n.a.	7.5
1907	7.9	7.8	7.6	8.3	8.3	7.6	2.4	n.a.	7.9
1908	8.0	7.5	7.2	8.2	7.8	7.6	2.7	n.a.	7.8
1909	8.2	7.5	8.0	8.4	7.6	7.9	2.8	n.a.	7.9
1910	8.8	8.0	8.1	9.2	7.8	7.8	5.0	n.a.	8.4
1911	9.2	8.4	8.4	9.8	8.4	7.8	3.0	2.8	8.8
1912	9.6	8.6	8.9	9.6	8.4	7.9	7.2	2.9	9.1
1913	9.0	8.1	8.6	9.4	8.2	8.3	4.4	2.4	8.6
1914	9.3	8.3	8.7	9.0	8.2	7.9	4.6	0.4	8.8
1915	9.6	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.0	8.2	2.8	1.6	9.1
1916	8.6	8.0	7.6	8.2	7.6	7.3	4.0	1.5	8.1
1917	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.4	5.3	5.9	7.0	0.8	6.8
1918	6.8	6.4	6.9	7.1	5.2	5.7	8.0	1.6	6.6
1919	7.9	7.9	7.5	8.2	6.9	7.4	5.4	3.9	7.8
1920	9.7	9.9	8.9	10.0	8.9	9.5	4.0	1.8	9.6
1921	8.8	8.9	7.8	8.8	8.0	7.8	3.8	0.8	8.6
1922	8.2	8.3	7.6	8.2	7.2	7.8	3.5	0.0	8.0
1923	8.0	8.2	7.3	8.0	6.8	7.4	1.9	1.2	7.8
1924	8.1	8.1	7.7	7.8	7.1	7.1	4.6	1.0	7.9
1925	8.1	8.0	6.9	7.9	7.4	7.0	5.2	2.3	7.8
1926	8.2	7.9	7.5	8.1	7.5	6.7	3.5	2.7	7.9
1927	8.3	7.9	7.2	8.0	7.9	6.7	5.8	3.9	7.9
1928	8.2	7.5	7.1	7.3	8.1	7.0	5.2	3.5	7.7
1929	7.8	7.3	6.9	6.5	8.0	7.9	4.5	5.0	7.4
1930	6.9	6.5	6.8	5.8	7.5	6.6	6.2	3.8	6.7
1931	6.0	5.7	6.4	5.3	6.3	6.7	5.0	4.1	6.0
1932	6.7	6.5	6.9	6.3	6.7	6.6	4.5	4.8	6.6
1933	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.8	7.7	7.1	5.8	5.8	7.0
1934	7.7	7.6	8.0	7.4	8.3	7.3	6.1	6.1	7.7
1935	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.8	8.2	8.2	7.6	8.4
1936	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.8	9.4	9.0	7.7	7.5	8.7
1937	8.6	8.8	8.4	9.1	9.1	8.7	12.6	5.6	8.7
1938	9.0	9.2	8.8	9.3	9.0	8.8	11.5	6.5	9.0
1939	9.3	9.2	9.0	9.5	8.9	9.5	13.3	7.0	9.2
1940	10.9	11.7	10.0	11.6	11.1	10.3	18.4	9.1	11.1
1941	10.7	10.8	9.5	11.4	10.7	8.9	17.4	8.3	10.6
1942	12.2	12.1	11.3	13.3	11.4	10.1	5.9	8.1	12.0
1943	9.2	9.3	9.5	10.2	9.5	8.7	4.8	7.1	9.4
1944	9.2	9.0	10.7	9.7	9.4	7.9	3.0	7.2	9.3
1945	8.7	8.2	9.2	8.5	7.8	7.5	4.6	7.2	8.5
1946	10.8	10.6	10.7	10.5	10.5	10.5	6.0	9.9	10.6
1947	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.3	10.5	10.0	11.4	11.2	10.1
1948	10.0	9.6	9.0	10.1	10.1	9.2	9.2	7.8	9.7
1949	9.3	9.4	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.0	9.9	9.1	9.2
1950	9.4	9.2	8.7	9.3	9.7	9.2	10.1	9.2	9.2

See footnotes at end of table.

23 CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(b)	Australia
1951	9.3	9.3	8.8	9.1	9.3	9.0	9.4	9.7	9.2
1952	8.8	8.6	8.0	8.3	9.0	8.6	9.1	8.5	8.6
1953	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.9	8.1	7.9	9.9	7.3	8.0
1954	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.8	8.1	8.1	8.8	8.1	7.9
1955	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.6	7.8	8.2	8.5	7.7	7.8
1956	7.7	7.8	7.2	7.4	7.5	8.1	8.4	7.9	7.6
1957	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.5	7.1	7.6	8.6	6.7	7.6
1958	7.7	7.6	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.4	9.2	7.9	7.5
1959	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.6	7.5	8.7	7.6	7.4
1960	7.6	7.2	6.9	7.0	7.4	7.8	8.3	7.5	7.3
1961	7.6	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.6	7.9	7.1	7.3
1962	7.6	7.5	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	5.3	7.3	7.4
1963	7.7	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	5.4	7.2	7.4
1964	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.9	4.5	7.1	7.7
1965	8.4	8.3	7.9	8.1	7.8	7.8	5.5	7.6	8.2
1966	8.4	8.4	8.0	8.3	8.2	7.9	5.5	7.7	8.3
1967	8.6	8.5	8.0	8.5	8.4	8.6	5.2	8.5	8.5
1968	9.0	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.8	9.0	6.2	8.6	8.8
1969	9.3	9.1	8.9	9.3	9.4	9.2	5.6	9.2	9.2
1970	9.5	9.2	9.0	9.4	9.3	9.1	6.3	9.1	9.3
1971	9.3	9.2	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.1	5.6	9.7	9.2
1972	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.9	8.4	8.6	5.3	8.6	8.6
1973	8.4	8.1	8.4	8.8	8.3	8.4	5.3	8.5	8.4
1974	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.8	5.6	7.3	8.1
1975	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.8	7.8	7.9	4.4	7.4	7.5
1976	7.8	7.5	8.0	8.6	8.1	8.4	5.5	7.6	7.9
1977	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.9	8.4	7.6	5.9	7.0	7.4
1978	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.5	5.3	7.0	7.2
1979	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.4	7.7	4.8	7.1	7.2
1980	7.5	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.6	8.1	5.6	7.3	7.4
1981	7.8	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.2	5.8	7.4	7.6
1982	7.9	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.8	8.3	6.3	7.6	7.7
1983	7.5	7.2	7.5	7.8	7.7	8.4	5.7	7.4	7.5
1984	6.3	7.1	7.5	7.8	7.1	8.5	5.1	7.1	7.0
1985	7.5	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.3	8.0	5.3	7.3	7.3
1986	7.5	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.4	4.9	7.2	7.2
1987	7.2	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.8	7.0	4.9	6.6	7.0
1988	7.1	7.2	6.9	7.2	6.9	6.7	4.9	7.1	7.1
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
1995	6.2	5.9	6.3	5.8	6.0	6.0	4.6	5.8	6.1

(a) Excludes 'full-blood Aborigines' prior to 1966. (b) Included with New South Wales prior to 1911.

24 AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES(a), PER 1,000 MALE POPULATION: BRIDEGROOM, AUSTRALIA

	<i>Age group (years)</i>							
	<i>19 and under(b)</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50 and over</i>
1921	3.2	59.3	72.6	37.1	19.3	10.5	7.3	3.4
1922	3.5	57.1	68.4	33.9	18.2	9.7	6.7	3.1
1923	3.7	58.2	65.1	33.0	17.1	9.9	6.6	3.1
1924	4.2	60.7	65.7	32.5	17.1	9.4	6.7	3.0
1925	4.4	61.0	64.7	31.8	16.2	9.8	6.9	3.1
1926	4.6	59.4	66.5	30.5	16.9	9.1	6.5	3.0
1927	4.5	59.9	66.6	29.8	15.5	9.2	6.2	3.1
1928	4.7	57.9	63.0	29.2	14.7	8.7	6.1	3.1
1929	4.3	55.2	61.2	27.8	13.9	8.3	6.0	2.9
1930	4.4	49.4	54.0	25.3	12.7	7.3	5.2	2.9
1931	4.3	46.0	46.9	22.1	10.6	6.5	4.4	2.5
1932	4.4	47.9	55.0	26.1	12.0	6.7	4.9	2.5
1933	4.1	49.0	60.0	28.4	12.8	6.8	4.8	2.5
1934	3.9	51.6	65.8	32.3	14.2	7.7	5.0	2.8
1935	3.9	55.9	71.8	36.0	16.0	8.3	5.6	2.9
1936	4.2	57.4	73.7	35.5	17.0	8.2	5.9	2.9
1937	3.8	58.3	71.6	36.5	17.1	8.7	5.8	3.1
1938	4.1	60.7	74.0	37.1	18.4	9.1	6.4	3.4
1939	3.9	64.1	75.7	37.1	18.0	9.2	6.2	3.2
1940	4.8	81.4	90.8	41.8	21.2	11.2	7.0	3.3
1941	5.4	83.9	80.8	37.0	19.7	11.5	7.5	3.5
1942	6.4	103.2	88.2	39.4	21.5	12.7	8.5	3.9
1943	6.1	82.9	65.5	29.4	16.8	10.4	7.5	3.6
1944	6.3	85.9	66.2	28.9	15.8	9.9	7.0	3.6
1945	6.9	75.9	58.9	27.3	15.7	10.1	7.3	3.7
1946	7.4	100.3	78.2	34.2	18.4	10.9	7.4	3.8
1947	6.5	99.3	72.1	32.1	17.3	11.2	7.7	3.9
1948	7.1	96.0	69.8	30.2	16.2	10.1	7.4	3.9
1949	7.4	91.7	64.1	27.7	15.4	9.9	7.3	3.8
1950	7.8	92.8	61.8	26.6	15.4	10.3	7.4	4.1
1951	8.3	95.4	61.1	25.4	14.5	9.8	7.4	4.2
1952	8.0	94.2	56.1	23.1	13.0	8.8	6.7	3.9
1953	7.8	90.3	53.8	21.4	12.3	8.4	6.3	3.9
1954	7.7	94.9	55.5	20.5	11.1	7.6	6.1	3.9
1955	8.4	96.6	56.5	20.5	10.8	7.5	5.9	3.6
1956	8.5	94.7	55.6	20.6	10.3	6.7	5.5	3.7
1957	9.0	96.5	56.5	21.6	10.2	6.6	5.2	3.6
1958	9.6	98.0	56.1	21.9	10.0	6.4	4.8	3.3
1959	9.4	97.4	55.6	21.4	9.6	6.2	5.1	3.4
1960	9.9	98.3	54.3	20.9	9.6	6.1	4.9	3.3
1961	10.3	96.4	54.8	20.6	9.5	5.7	4.8	3.4
1962	10.0	97.2	56.9	20.9	9.9	6.1	4.3	3.4
1963	10.5	100.2	56.3	19.5	9.4	5.7	4.6	3.3
1964	11.0	102.5	59.1	20.0	9.4	5.7	4.5	3.3
1965	<u>13.6</u>	<u>107.2</u>	<u>60.9</u>	<u>19.9</u>	<u>9.7</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>3.3</u>

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24 AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES(a), PER 1,000 MALE POPULATION: BRIDEGROOM, AUSTRALIA—continued

	<i>Age group (years)</i>							
	<i>19 and under(b)</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50 and over</i>
1966	14.6	106.2	59.3	19.3	9.3	5.8	4.6	3.3
1967	14.1	106.6	57.1	18.8	9.4	6.3	4.8	3.4
1968	14.1	111.6	56.1	18.7	9.0	6.1	4.7	3.4
1969	14.2	115.6	55.1	18.5	9.1	6.3	5.0	3.4
1970	15.3	115.4	53.1	18.0	8.9	6.1	4.7	3.5
1971	15.8	110.7	48.8	17.2	8.9	6.2	4.6	3.4
1972	14.8	106.0	46.6	16.3	8.3	5.6	4.9	3.4
1973	13.9	102.6	44.3	16.4	8.4	5.9	4.9	3.4
1974	13.7	98.9	42.3	15.8	8.2	5.7	4.7	3.3
1975	11.8	89.2	39.7	15.8	8.7	6.1	4.8	3.3
1976	9.8	83.7	42.8	19.4	12.0	8.9	7.4	4.5
1977	8.0	76.6	42.1	19.9	11.8	8.7	7.2	4.1
1978	6.9	71.8	42.5	19.8	12.1	8.7	6.8	3.9
1979	6.1	69.6	44.1	20.1	12.2	8.8	7.0	3.9
1980	5.9	70.7	46.3	21.3	12.2	8.9	7.2	3.9
1981	5.5	69.9	49.0	22.0	13.5	9.3	7.1	3.9
1982	5.0	67.8	51.1	23.7	13.9	9.8	7.4	3.7
1983	3.9	62.8	51.0	24.2	13.7	9.6	7.2	3.7
1984	3.1	55.8	49.2	23.4	13.4	9.3	7.2	3.5
1985	2.8	56.8	52.3	26.0	14.6	9.8	7.4	3.6
1986	2.4	53.5	52.2	26.0	14.4	10.1	8.0	3.7
1987	2.2	50.3	52.5	26.6	14.2	10.0	7.7	3.7
1988	2.4	48.5	53.7	27.6	15.1	10.1	7.7	3.6
1989	2.2	46.8	53.3	27.9	14.8	10.1	7.8	3.6
1990	2.1	44.0	54.1	27.7	15.0	9.9	7.8	3.6
1991	1.8	40.6	53.0	27.6	14.9	9.5	7.4	3.4
1992	1.5	38.2	53.8	28.8	15.0	9.8	7.7	3.4
1993	1.4	36.0	53.3	29.0	15.0	9.7	7.4	3.5
1994	1.2	33.1	53.0	29.1	14.9	9.4	7.3	3.5
1995	1.2	31.2	51.7	28.7	15.1	9.4	7.3	3.4

(a) Excludes 'full-blood Aborigines' prior to 1966. (b) Per 1,000 male population aged 15-19 years.

25 AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES(a), PER 1,000 FEMALE POPULATION: BRIDE, AUSTRALIA

	Age group (years)							
	19 and under(b)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
1921	24.6	84.7	52.3	22.0	11.0	6.5	4.3	1.6
1922	23.9	81.3	48.6	19.8	11.0	5.8	4.2	1.5
1923	24.8	79.9	46.8	19.9	10.6	5.9	4.2	1.4
1924	27.0	82.5	46.7	19.2	10.5	5.7	4.0	1.4
1925	27.4	83.6	46.4	18.9	10.6	6.1	4.2	1.5
1926	28.0	84.2	47.4	18.2	10.0	6.0	4.1	1.4
1927	28.7	85.5	46.7	17.8	9.7	5.7	4.1	1.5
1928	28.4	82.3	45.1	17.0	9.5	5.2	4.0	1.5
1929	27.2	79.2	42.8	16.1	8.8	5.1	4.0	1.3
1930	25.7	70.7	37.8	13.7	7.5	4.6	3.3	1.3
1931	24.1	62.6	32.7	12.1	6.3	3.9	2.7	1.1
1932	25.0	67.9	39.8	13.9	6.7	4.2	2.9	1.2
1933	25.0	71.7	43.6	15.2	6.9	3.9	3.0	1.1
1934	25.5	77.4	48.0	17.7	8.3	4.5	3.0	1.3
1935	27.0	83.5	53.3	19.9	9.1	4.9	3.5	1.3
1936	27.5	85.3	54.1	20.3	9.5	5.1	3.3	1.4
1937	26.8	86.3	52.8	20.7	9.6	5.4	3.7	1.5
1938	27.5	90.4	54.6	21.5	10.2	5.6	4.0	1.6
1939	27.9	94.7	55.7	21.2	10.1	5.5	3.8	1.5
1940	33.7	117.9	63.9	25.2	12.3	6.5	4.3	1.6
1941	34.4	114.4	54.8	23.2	12.6	7.3	4.9	1.7
1942	40.6	134.6	58.3	24.8	13.4	8.0	5.6	1.8
1943	35.7	102.4	42.4	18.9	10.6	6.9	4.7	1.8
1944	37.9	102.8	40.6	18.1	10.9	6.8	5.0	1.8
1945	34.2	91.5	37.5	17.2	11.2	7.2	4.8	1.9
1946	44.7	121.2	47.2	20.8	12.2	7.9	5.2	1.9
1947	46.6	116.5	43.9	19.0	11.9	8.0	5.5	2.0
1948	47.3	115.4	41.9	18.0	11.2	7.6	5.3	2.0
1949	49.0	109.7	39.0	17.0	10.9	7.4	5.4	2.0
1950	51.5	112.4	37.6	17.3	11.2	7.9	5.6	2.1
1951	54.3	114.3	37.4	16.8	11.1	7.9	5.9	2.2
1952	53.9	112.6	34.5	15.1	9.9	6.9	5.6	2.1
1953	51.9	107.6	32.8	14.4	9.2	7.0	5.4	2.1
1954	53.8	111.0	31.8	13.4	8.9	6.6	5.4	2.1
1955	55.8	112.8	31.3	13.4	8.3	6.4	5.0	2.1
1956	55.9	112.1	29.8	12.8	8.0	5.8	5.1	2.1
1957	55.9	113.4	29.9	12.4	7.9	5.6	4.8	2.1
1958	55.5	112.1	28.8	12.2	7.7	5.2	4.6	2.0
1959	53.5	108.8	28.1	11.9	7.3	5.1	4.5	2.1
1960	53.1	107.9	26.7	11.4	7.1	5.4	4.3	2.0
1961	52.8	106.4	26.9	10.8	6.6	4.8	4.4	2.1
1962	49.9	106.7	27.1	11.1	6.8	5.0	4.2	2.0
1963	50.4	106.3	25.9	10.1	6.4	4.7	4.2	2.0
1964	51.4	109.6	26.2	10.1	6.2	4.9	4.0	2.1
1965	56.0	112.8	26.7	10.0	6.6	4.7	4.4	2.0

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25 AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES(a), PER 1,000 FEMALE POPULATION: BRIDE, AUSTRALIA—continued

	Age group (years)							
	19 and under(b)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
1966	56.2	110.4	25.8	10.0	6.0	4.5	4.4	2.1
1967	54.9	110.3	26.8	9.7	6.0	4.7	4.4	2.1
1968	57.0	112.7	26.2	9.9	6.0	4.7	4.4	2.1
1969	59.3	114.1	26.9	10.2	5.9	4.8	4.3	2.1
1970	62.8	111.3	26.4	9.9	5.9	4.6	4.2	2.2
1971	64.2	102.6	25.2	9.8	5.9	4.7	4.1	2.1
1972	61.0	97.6	24.5	9.6	6.0	4.3	4.2	2.1
1973	59.6	92.6	24.1	10.4	5.9	4.6	4.2	2.1
1974	58.4	88.0	22.9	10.0	5.8	4.5	4.1	2.0
1975	52.1	79.6	22.2	10.4	6.3	4.8	4.2	2.0
1976	45.5	79.0	27.0	14.5	9.5	7.3	6.1	2.6
1977	39.4	75.2	27.1	14.4	9.4	6.8	5.9	2.3
1978	34.9	73.8	27.5	14.4	9.4	6.7	5.7	2.2
1979	31.7	75.4	28.7	14.0	9.5	7.3	5.3	2.3
1980	30.4	79.1	30.5	14.8	9.4	7.2	5.4	2.3
1981	29.5	80.6	33.0	15.5	10.0	7.5	5.6	2.1
1982	27.0	81.0	35.9	16.5	10.5	7.5	5.8	2.0
1983	22.5	79.2	36.7	16.8	10.0	7.4	5.7	1.9
1984	18.6	73.3	35.9	16.6	10.0	7.3	5.6	1.9
1985	17.4	76.6	39.7	18.3	10.8	7.7	5.7	1.9
1986	14.9	73.9	41.1	18.8	11.0	7.9	6.1	1.9
1987	13.2	71.5	41.9	19.0	11.2	7.7	6.0	1.9
1988	12.7	70.6	43.7	20.3	11.2	7.8	6.1	1.9
1989	11.7	68.4	44.1	20.7	11.2	7.9	6.1	1.9
1990	10.7	66.0	44.8	20.8	11.2	7.6	6.3	1.9
1991	9.2	62.0	45.0	20.4	11.1	7.2	5.8	1.8
1992	7.8	59.9	46.6	21.1	11.4	7.6	6.0	1.8
1993	7.3	57.6	46.5	21.5	11.3	7.4	5.7	1.9
1994	6.5	53.9	47.5	21.6	11.1	7.5	5.7	1.9
1995	6.1	50.8	47.9	21.4	11.3	7.3	5.8	1.8

(a) Excludes 'full-blood Aborigines' prior to 1966. (b) Per 1,000 female population aged 15-19 years.

26 AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES, PER 1,000 UNMARRIED MALE POPULATION: BRIDEGROOM, AUSTRALIA

	Age group (years)								Total(b)
	19 and under(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	
1976	9.9	123.3	150.2	118.5	91.5	70.1	54.5	23.7	62.9
1981	5.5	89.5	127.7	105.9	85.8	65.0	48.8	19.8	55.1
1982	5.0	85.4	125.9	106.9	85.0	66.3	50.1	18.7	55.0
1983	4.0	78.0	120.1	102.7	80.2	62.9	48.2	18.3	52.4
1984	3.1	68.3	111.2	93.4	74.7	59.1	46.9	17.4	48.1
1985	2.8	68.6	113.6	98.7	77.8	60.4	47.0	17.8	49.6
1986	2.4	63.6	109.0	94.5	73.9	59.7	50.0	18.4	47.6
1987	2.2	58.8	105.5	91.8	69.8	57.5	47.1	17.9	45.8
1988	2.4	56.1	104.4	91.3	71.1	56.7	45.5	17.6	45.5
1989	2.2	53.8	100.8	89.4	67.0	55.5	45.2	17.7	44.6
1990	2.1	50.3	99.8	85.7	65.6	52.4	44.0	17.3	43.5
1991	1.9	46.5	95.7	82.1	62.8	48.6	41.1	16.4	41.7
1992	1.5	43.2	94.6	82.5	60.8	48.4	41.8	16.2	41.1
1993	1.4	40.4	91.3	80.3	58.6	46.2	39.4	16.4	39.8
1994	1.2	36.8	88.2	77.8	55.8	42.8	37.6	16.3	38.3
1995	1.2	34.5	83.7	74.1	54.0	41.0	36.3	15.6	36.7

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

27 AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES, PER 1,000 UNMARRIED FEMALE POPULATION: BRIDE, AUSTRALIA

	<i>Age group (years)</i>								<i>Total(b)</i>
	<i>19 and under(a)</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50 and over</i>	
1976	49.1	190.7	166.3	130.0	93.4	66.4	46.5	6.4	61.1
1981	30.8	143.3	135.1	100.0	74.0	54.8	37.1	5.2	52.6
1982	28.1	138.8	137.6	100.3	73.9	52.4	37.9	4.9	52.5
1983	23.4	131.3	132.3	95.8	67.6	49.9	36.1	4.8	50.1
1984	19.2	118.2	121.9	89.1	64.6	47.5	34.5	4.6	46.0
1985	17.9	120.4	128.3	93.8	66.4	48.3	34.1	4.7	47.5
1986	15.2	113.0	127.3	91.5	65.2	48.2	35.7	4.8	45.8
1987	13.5	105.2	123.5	88.2	63.5	45.5	34.3	4.6	43.9
1988	13.0	100.6	123.3	89.9	61.1	44.7	34.2	4.6	43.6
1989	12.1	95.0	120.3	88.4	59.0	44.6	33.5	4.7	42.6
1990	11.0	90.0	117.4	85.9	57.3	41.4	33.8	4.7	41.6
1991	9.5	82.6	113.1	80.4	54.2	37.9	30.5	4.6	39.6
1992	8.0	78.1	112.6	80.4	54.0	38.6	30.8	4.5	39.1
1993	7.4	73.8	108.3	79.2	51.8	36.7	28.4	4.8	37.9
1994	6.6	67.9	105.7	76.7	49.0	35.7	27.8	4.8	36.4
1995	6.2	63.0	102.0	73.3	48.1	33.7	27.2	4.6	35.0

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

28 DIVORCES(a): NUMBER GRANTED, STATES AND TERRITORIES

	<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>
1901	272	83	13	6	13	11	—	—	398
1902	266	109	14	2	8	3	—	—	402
1903	220	101	6	10	11	3	—	—	351
1904	224	141	9	4	16	2	—	—	396
1905	190	129	14	6	12	2	—	—	353
1906	185	125	6	4	18	5	—	—	343
1907	171	134	17	11	16	8	—	—	357
1908	220	152	13	8	19	7	—	—	419
1909	306	139	13	13	14	13	—	—	498
1910	269	141	16	4	32	6	—	—	468
1911	222	214	21	20	26	6	—	—	509
1912	361	252	28	11	45	8	—	—	705
1913	327	239	18	8	54	8	—	—	654
1914	307	245	32	20	47	7	—	—	658
1915	369	219	30	12	44	7	1	—	682
1916	372	207	27	15	36	2	1	—	660
1917	396	202	25	21	51	7	—	—	702
1918	391	236	19	17	63	4	—	—	730
1919	434	348	26	30	121	8	—	—	967
1920	567	375	26	34	128	18	—	—	1,148
1921	807	389	46	89	119	40	—	—	1,490
1922	693	378	58	76	111	33	—	—	1,349
1923	752	431	47	90	101	29	—	—	1,450
1924	845	408	77	77	89	20	—	—	1,516
1925	1,082	458	105	85	121	37	—	—	1,888
1926	846	470	87	72	128	34	—	—	1,637
1927	1,088	517	100	97	103	51	—	—	1,956
1928	927	484	64	113	143	55	—	—	1,786
1929	1,095	548	119	107	168	49	1	—	2,087
1930	951	388	89	149	142	42	—	—	1,761
1931	1,087	425	121	139	149	47	1	—	1,969
1932	870	459	108	134	110	33	—	—	1,714
1933	1,036	499	90	165	121	42	1	—	1,954
1934	1,105	621	114	190	157	60	1	10	2,258
1935	1,148	608	154	213	203	87	—	11	2,424
1936	1,172	690	152	213	211	62	2	2	2,504
1937	1,283	800	164	210	262	30	4	3	2,756
1938	1,440	830	210	244	281	109	4	4	3,122
1939	1,553	805	201	243	244	80	4	7	3,137
1940	1,497	822	224	314	294	83	2	6	3,242
1941	1,577	842	255	274	309	84	8	2	3,351
1942	1,611	959	248	315	368	83	4	—	3,588
1943	1,840	1,383	444	450	476	89	—	4	4,686
1944	2,049	1,694	721	499	601	115	3	9	5,691
1945	3,139	1,759	907	606	619	172	4	7	7,213
1946	2,798	1,651	1,162	657	731	219	4	13	7,235
1947	3,784	2,266	924	685	807	210	5	24	8,705
1948	3,277	1,660	718	628	696	184	3	18	7,184
1949	2,631	1,766	727	586	566	266	11	19	6,572
1950	3,419	1,591	784	661	720	152	6	25	7,358

See footnote at end of table.

28 DIVORCES(a): NUMBER GRANTED, STATES AND TERRITORIES—*continued*

	<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>
1951	3,303	1,714	701	637	682	194	13	25	7,269
1952	3,335	1,596	705	581	585	217	6	17	7,042
1953	3,725	2,096	725	628	535	210	12	31	7,962
1954	2,816	1,519	710	594	530	235	20	33	6,457
1955	2,874	1,674	801	624	479	233	18	21	6,724
1956	3,125	1,255	703	567	544	196	25	20	6,435
1957	2,975	1,345	682	529	541	179	18	29	6,298
1958	3,217	1,698	759	483	536	176	15	36	6,920
1959	3,363	1,861	739	503	584	222	14	29	7,315
1960	3,243	1,296	696	610	540	210	5	33	6,633
1961	3,156	1,248	779	718	466	286	23	36	6,712
1962	3,113	1,615	920	685	582	248	38	44	7,245
1963	3,293	1,616	910	765	553	260	38	41	7,476
1964	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
1965	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491
1966	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859
1967	4,555	2,039	1,074	929	726	248	20	97	9,688
1968	4,880	2,515	1,135	915	812	302	23	149	10,731
1969	5,123	2,220	1,236	963	872	331	44	141	10,930
1970	5,606	2,591	1,507	939	889	422	50	194	12,198
1971	5,467	3,072	1,404	1,264	1,064	429	55	192	12,947
1972	7,036	3,655	1,731	1,235	1,243	442	88	225	15,655
1973	7,396	3,300	1,694	1,582	1,424	443	86	270	16,195
1974	7,117	4,450	1,833	1,561	1,761	535	64	367	17,688
1975	<u>10,737</u>	<u>5,683</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>1,819</u>	<u>2,241</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>24,307</u>
1976	22,147	16,625	9,611	6,142	4,818	1,758	423	1,706	63,230
1977	15,781	10,851	7,293	4,419	3,975	1,134	345	1,352	45,150
1978	13,797	10,821	6,106	3,805	3,387	1,131	291	1,270	40,608
1979	12,606	9,471	5,811	3,794	3,397	1,167	262	1,346	37,854
1980	13,449	9,207	6,219	4,203	3,073	1,285	298	1,524	39,258
1981	14,512	9,769	6,470	4,132	3,481	1,139	393	1,516	41,412
1982	14,378	11,266	6,770	4,526	3,842	1,391	369	1,546	44,088
1983	14,023	10,663	7,474	4,431	3,822	1,359	371	1,382	43,525
1984	13,203	10,501	8,056	4,114	4,069	1,185	325	1,671	43,124
1985	11,871	9,688	6,816	4,216	4,039	1,169	301	1,730	39,830
1986	11,661	9,670	7,042	3,776	4,001	1,245	381	1,641	39,417
1987	12,044	9,626	6,918	4,050	4,044	1,115	328	1,600	39,725
1988	11,880	10,250	7,690	4,031	3,964	1,220	275	1,697	41,007
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	r419	1,970	r45,652
1992	13,949	10,533	8,984	4,074	4,540	1,365	r409	1,875	r45,729
1993	14,753	11,050	9,935	4,063	4,654	1,465	r382	2,061	r48,363
1994	13,999	11,320	9,762	4,192	5,024	1,544	r357	2,071	r48,269
1995	14,945	11,838	10,192	4,199	5,040	1,279	386	1,787	49,666

(a) For years prior to 1947 divorces include nullities and judicial separations. In 1976 the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced.

29 CRUDE DIVORCE RATES^(a): STATES AND TERRITORIES

	<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</i>
1901	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	0.1	—	—	0.1
1902	0.2	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
1903	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1904	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1905	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
1906	0.1	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1907	0.1	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1908	0.1	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1909	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	0.1	—	—	0.1
1910	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1911	0.1	0.2	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1912	0.2	0.2	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.2
1913	0.2	0.2	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.1
1914	0.2	0.2	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
1915	0.2	0.2	—	—	0.1	—	0.2	—	0.1
1916	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	0.2	—	0.1
1917	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.1
1918	0.2	0.2	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.1
1919	0.2	0.2	—	0.1	0.4	—	—	—	0.2
1920	0.3	0.2	—	0.1	0.4	0.1	—	—	0.2
1921	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	—	—	0.3
1922	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	—	—	0.2
1923	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	—	—	0.3
1924	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.3
1925	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	—	—	0.3
1926	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	—	—	0.3
1927	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	—	—	0.3
1928	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	—	—	0.3
1929	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	—	0.3
1930	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	—	—	0.3
1931	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	—	0.3
1932	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	—	—	0.3
1933	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	—	0.3
1934	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.3
1935	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	—	1.1	0.4
1936	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
1937	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.4
1938	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5
1939	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5
1940	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5
1941	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.5
1942	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.5
1943	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	—	0.3	0.6
1944	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.8
1945	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	1.0
1946	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.5	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.0
1947	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.4	1.1
1948	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9
1949	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8
1950	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.4	1.1	0.9

See footnotes at end of table.

29 CRUDE DIVORCE RATES(a): STATES AND TERRITORIES —continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(b)	Australia
1951	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9
1952	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8
1953	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.9
1954	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.7
1955	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.7
1956	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.3	0.6	0.7
1957	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.7
1958	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.7
1959	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
1960	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6
1961	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.6
1962	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
1963	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7
1964	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.7
1965	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.5	0.7
1966	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8
1967	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.8
1968	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.3	0.9
1969	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.9
1970	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.6	1.5	1.0
1971	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.0
1972	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2
1973	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.6	1.2
1974	1.5	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.3	0.6	2.0	1.3
1975	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	2.3	1.8
1976	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.3	8.2	4.5
1977	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.7	3.3	6.3	3.2
1978	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	5.8	2.8
1979	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.3	6.1	2.6
1980	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.4	3.0	2.5	6.8	2.7
1981	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.7	3.2	6.7	2.8
1982	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.4	2.9	3.2	2.8	6.7	2.9
1983	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.1	2.7	5.8	2.8
1984	2.4	2.6	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.3	6.8	2.8
1985	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.0	6.9	2.5
1986	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.5	6.3	2.5
1987	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.1	6.0	2.4
1988	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.7	1.7	6.2	2.5
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	r2.5	6.8	2.6
1992	2.3	2.4	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.9	r2.4	6.4	2.6
1993	2.5	2.5	3.2	2.8	2.8	3.1	r2.3	6.9	2.7
1994	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3	r2.1	6.9	2.7
1995	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.2	5.9	2.8

(a) For years prior to 1947 nullities and judicial separations are included in the crude divorce rate calculation. In 1976 the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced.

(b) The ACT crude divorce rate is not truly representative of divorce among ACT residents. See paragraph 21 of the Explanatory Notes.

30 AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES(a), PER 1,000 MALE POPULATION: HUSBAND, AUSTRALIA

	Age group (years)							
	24 and under(b)	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over
1947	0.5	4.6	7.1	6.4	5.2	3.7	2.3	0.8
1948	0.4	3.7	5.2	5.1	4.3	3.1	2.2	0.7
1949	0.3	3.0	4.7	4.6	3.7	2.9	2.1	0.7
1950	0.3	3.3	5.0	4.8	4.1	3.3	2.2	0.8
1951	0.4	3.0	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.2	2.2	0.8
1952	0.3	2.8	5.0	4.3	3.3	2.9	2.0	0.7
1953	0.4	3.5	4.5	4.8	4.0	3.2	2.5	0.9
1954	0.4	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.0	0.7
1955	0.4	2.7	3.9	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.1	0.7
1956	0.3	2.6	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.5	1.8	0.7
1957	0.3	2.4	3.5	3.4	3.0	2.4	1.9	0.6
1958	0.2	2.7	4.0	3.8	3.1	2.5	2.1	0.7
1959	0.3	2.7	4.2	4.0	3.3	2.6	2.1	0.7
1960	0.3	2.8	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.5	1.7	0.6
1961	0.3	2.4	3.6	3.4	2.9	2.5	2.0	0.8
1962	0.3	2.4	3.4	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.3	1.0
1963	0.3	2.4	3.7	3.6	3.3	2.7	2.3	1.0
1964	0.3	2.5	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.1	2.5	1.1
1965	0.3	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.2	2.6	1.1
1966	0.4	3.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.0	1.3
1967	0.4	3.2	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.7	2.9	1.2
1968	0.5	4.0	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.0	1.3
1969	0.5	4.0	5.1	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.0	1.2
1970	0.6	4.9	5.5	4.7	4.2	4.0	3.0	1.3
1971	0.6	4.9	5.7	4.8	4.5	3.9	3.1	1.2
1972	0.7	6.0	6.8	5.9	5.1	4.5	3.6	1.3
1973	0.8	6.0	7.0	5.8	5.1	4.7	3.5	1.3
1974	0.8	6.3	7.6	6.5	5.4	4.9	3.6	1.4
1975	<u>1.2</u>	<u>8.8</u>	<u>10.2</u>	<u>9.1</u>	<u>7.2</u>	<u>6.1</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>1.9</u>
1976	4.2	22.6	24.1	20.8	18.5	16.1	12.9	5.5
1977	3.2	15.8	16.5	15.0	13.1	11.3	9.0	3.7
1978	3.0	14.2	14.7	13.4	11.8	9.9	7.6	3.0
1979	2.5	13.0	13.9	12.4	10.9	8.9	6.8	2.7
1980	2.5	13.5	14.5	12.6	11.0	8.9	6.7	2.6
1981	2.2	13.8	15.0	13.7	11.6	9.3	7.0	2.6
1982	2.1	13.6	16.0	14.4	12.7	9.9	7.0	2.7
1983	1.9	12.3	15.3	14.2	12.5	9.9	7.2	2.7
1984	1.8	11.6	14.7	14.0	12.2	9.9	7.0	2.7
1985	1.6	10.1	13.2	12.9	11.3	9.1	6.5	2.5
1986	1.4	9.7	12.4	11.9	11.1	9.3	6.9	2.4
1987	1.3	9.4	12.7	12.0	10.9	9.1	6.6	2.3
1988	1.2	9.4	12.8	12.3	11.0	9.2	6.7	2.3
1989	1.1	8.9	12.5	12.0	11.1	9.3	6.7	2.3
1990	1.0	8.9	12.5	12.2	11.2	9.6	7.1	2.3
1991	1.1	9.1	13.1	13.0	11.9	10.2	7.4	2.4
1992	1.0	8.6	12.7	13.1	11.8	10.2	7.6	2.4
1993	1.0	8.5	13.1	13.2	12.8	10.8	8.3	2.7
1994	0.8	8.0	12.7	13.2	12.6	10.9	8.5	2.7
1995	0.8	7.8	12.8	13.3	12.4	11.5	8.6	2.9

(a) In 1976 the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced. (b) Per 1,000 male population aged 18-24 years.

31 AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES(a), PER 1,000 FEMALE POPULATION: WIFE, AUSTRALIA

	Age group (years)							
	24 and under(b)	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over
1947	1.4	6.9	7.1	5.8	4.1	2.6	1.5	0.4
1948	1.1	5.6	5.3	4.8	3.6	2.3	1.4	0.4
1949	0.9	4.8	5.0	4.4	3.0	2.3	1.3	0.3
1950	0.9	5.1	5.6	4.5	3.6	2.6	1.4	0.4
1951	1.0	4.7	5.2	4.4	3.4	2.5	1.6	0.3
1952	1.0	4.5	4.9	4.1	3.4	2.4	1.3	0.3
1953	1.3	5.1	5.2	4.6	3.6	2.6	1.7	0.4
1954	1.1	4.3	3.9	3.6	2.9	2.0	1.3	0.3
1955	1.1	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.0	2.3	1.2	0.3
1956	0.9	4.2	3.9	3.4	2.8	2.1	1.2	0.3
1957	0.9	3.9	3.9	3.3	2.7	2.1	1.2	0.3
1958	0.9	4.5	4.4	3.6	2.7	2.2	1.3	0.3
1959	0.9	4.6	4.7	3.7	3.1	2.2	1.5	0.3
1960	1.0	4.1	4.1	3.3	2.7	2.1	1.2	0.3
1961	0.8	4.0	3.9	3.2	2.8	2.1	1.4	0.4
1962	0.8	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.0	2.5	1.7	0.5
1963	0.8	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.1	2.4	1.8	0.5
1964	0.8	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.3	2.8	1.9	0.6
1965	0.8	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.5	2.9	1.9	0.5
1966	1.1	5.0	4.9	4.3	3.9	3.2	2.2	0.7
1967	1.0	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.3	2.3	0.6
1968	1.2	5.5	4.9	4.5	4.0	3.3	2.4	0.7
1969	1.2	5.6	5.1	4.3	4.0	3.2	2.4	0.6
1970	1.5	6.3	5.5	4.5	3.9	3.5	2.5	0.7
1971	1.4	6.6	5.5	4.6	4.2	3.5	2.4	0.6
1972	1.8	7.7	6.5	5.6	4.8	4.1	2.8	0.7
1973	1.9	7.7	6.9	5.4	4.8	3.9	2.8	0.7
1974	1.9	8.1	7.4	6.1	5.1	4.2	2.9	0.8
1975	<u>2.7</u>	<u>10.9</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>1.0</u>
1976	8.2	26.4	23.9	19.8	17.2	13.9	10.4	3.0
1977	6.1	17.9	16.6	14.0	12.3	9.8	6.9	2.0
1978	5.7	16.1	14.4	12.7	10.3	8.4	5.9	1.7
1979	5.0	15.0	13.3	11.6	9.8	7.6	5.3	1.5
1980	5.0	15.5	13.9	12.0	10.0	7.6	4.7	1.4
1981	4.8	16.6	14.3	12.8	10.2	7.6	5.1	1.4
1982	4.5	17.0	15.4	13.5	11.1	8.2	5.2	1.4
1983	4.3	15.9	15.0	13.3	10.9	8.2	5.2	1.4
1984	3.9	15.0	14.5	13.2	11.3	8.2	5.0	1.4
1985	3.4	13.2	13.3	12.1	10.2	7.6	4.7	1.3
1986	3.3	12.5	12.6	11.4	10.0	7.9	4.9	1.2
1987	3.1	12.5	12.6	11.4	9.9	7.6	4.6	1.2
1988	2.8	12.7	12.9	11.6	10.0	7.8	4.6	1.1
1989	2.5	12.5	12.6	11.5	10.1	7.6	4.9	1.1
1990	2.5	12.7	12.7	11.6	10.3	7.9	5.1	1.1
1991	2.5	12.9	13.6	12.4	10.9	8.6	5.2	1.1
1992	2.4	12.5	13.4	12.5	10.8	8.6	5.5	1.1
1993	2.3	12.5	13.9	13.2	11.5	9.3	5.9	1.3
1994	2.0	12.0	13.7	13.0	11.8	9.3	6.3	1.3
1995	2.0	11.8	13.9	13.1	11.8	9.5	6.6	1.5

(a) In 1976 the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced. (b) Per 1,000 female population aged 16-24 years.

32 AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES^(a), PER 1,000 MARRIED MALE POPULATION: HUSBAND, AUSTRALIA

	<i>Age group (years)</i>								<i>Total</i>
	<i>24 and under</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>	
1976	17.9	31.6	28.9	24.0	21.2	18.6	15.0	6.9	18.9
1981	13.9	22.4	18.9	16.2	13.5	10.9	8.3	3.3	11.9
1982	13.5	22.9	20.6	17.2	14.9	11.6	8.4	3.4	12.5
1983	13.4	21.3	20.0	17.2	14.7	11.6	8.5	3.4	12.2
1984	12.9	20.8	19.6	17.0	14.5	11.7	8.4	3.4	11.9
1985	12.3	18.6	17.9	15.9	13.4	10.8	7.8	3.1	10.9
1986	12.1	18.6	17.1	14.8	13.4	11.2	8.3	3.0	10.7
1987	11.7	18.7	17.8	15.1	13.1	10.8	7.9	2.9	10.6
1988	11.2	19.3	18.4	15.6	13.4	11.1	8.0	2.9	10.8
1989	10.7	19.0	18.1	15.4	13.5	11.2	8.1	3.0	10.8
1990	9.9	19.4	18.4	15.8	13.8	11.7	8.5	2.9	10.9
1991	10.6	20.5	19.7	17.0	14.7	12.5	9.0	3.1	11.6
1992	10.7	19.9	19.5	17.4	14.7	12.5	9.3	3.1	11.5
1993	11.5	20.3	20.5	17.7	16.2	13.3	10.2	3.4	12.1
1994	10.6	20.1	20.3	18.0	16.1	13.6	10.5	3.5	12.0
1995	11.4	20.3	20.9	18.5	16.1	14.4	10.7	3.7	12.3

(a) In 1976 the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced.

33 AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES(a), PER 1,000 MARRIED FEMALE POPULATION: WIFE, AUSTRALIA

	<i>Age group (years)</i>								<i>Total</i>
	<i>24 and under</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>	
1976	22.7	31.5	26.9	22.1	19.3	16.0	12.6	5.7	18.8
1981	18.0	22.0	16.9	14.8	11.8	8.9	6.3	2.6	11.9
1982	17.7	23.1	18.5	15.7	13.0	9.7	6.4	2.5	12.5
1983	17.3	22.0	18.1	15.6	12.8	9.7	6.4	2.6	12.2
1984	16.8	21.2	17.7	15.5	13.3	9.7	6.1	2.5	11.9
1985	15.4	19.1	16.5	14.5	12.1	9.1	5.7	2.3	10.9
1986	16.0	18.6	15.9	13.8	12.0	9.6	6.0	2.1	10.6
1987	16.3	18.9	16.1	13.9	11.9	9.2	5.7	2.1	10.6
1988	16.1	19.8	16.7	14.2	12.1	9.5	5.7	2.1	10.8
1989	15.1	19.8	16.5	14.2	12.3	9.4	6.1	2.0	10.7
1990	15.1	20.5	16.8	14.4	12.7	9.7	6.3	2.0	10.9
1991	16.1	21.5	18.3	15.6	13.5	10.6	6.5	2.1	11.5
1992	16.1	21.4	18.1	15.9	13.4	10.7	6.9	2.0	11.5
1993	16.6	21.9	19.1	16.9	14.5	11.7	7.4	2.3	12.1
1994	15.9	21.7	19.1	16.8	14.9	11.7	8.0	2.2	12.0
1995	16.6	22.2	19.6	17.2	15.1	12.1	8.4	2.6	12.3

(a) In 1976 the *Family Law Act 1975* was introduced.

SPECIAL FEATURE — TRENDS IN DE FACTO PARTNERING

De facto couples are those who live together but are not registered as married and who identify themselves as de facto in a relationship question.

Registered married couples are those who live together and are registered as married to each other.

Dependants are all family members under the age of 15, and, for the 1982 Family Survey, children aged 15–19 attending education full-time, or, for the 1992 Survey of Families in Australia, children aged 15–24 attending education full-time. However, dependants who are themselves spouses or lone parents are excluded.

De facto couples have always existed but remained largely unrecognised in family policy until recently. A gradual change in social attitudes since World War II has seen an increase in de facto partnering. Registered marriage is no longer seen as a prerequisite for living together or for having children. Individuals may choose to live together before, or instead of, registering a marriage and to have children outside a registered marriage. Legal and government systems are increasingly recognising, and taking into account, such living arrangements.

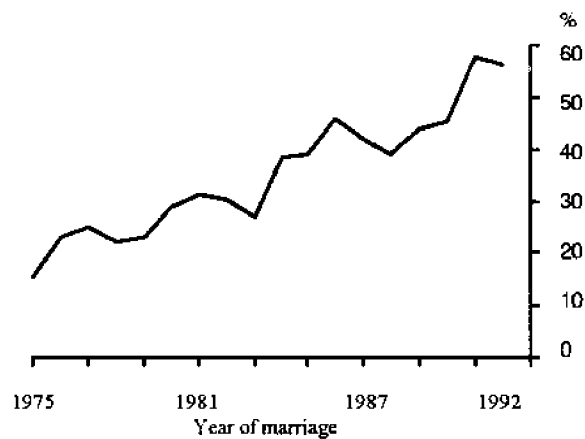
The ABS first collected data specifically on de facto relationships in the 1982 Family Survey. At that time 5% of all couples were found to be de facto. This rose to 8% of all couples in 1992.

De facto relationships prior to marriage

The incidence of de facto relationships prior to marriage has increased markedly in recent years. 56% of couples who married in 1992 had lived together before marriage compared to 16% of couples who married in 1975.

Of couples who married between 1975 and 1992 just over one-third had lived together prior to their registered marriage. Of these, 28% had lived together for less than a year before marrying and 60% had married in less than two years. 10% of those who had lived together before marriage, had lived together for five years or more.

REGISTERED MARRIAGES(a) PRECEDED BY CO-HABITATION



(a) Most recent registered marriage only.

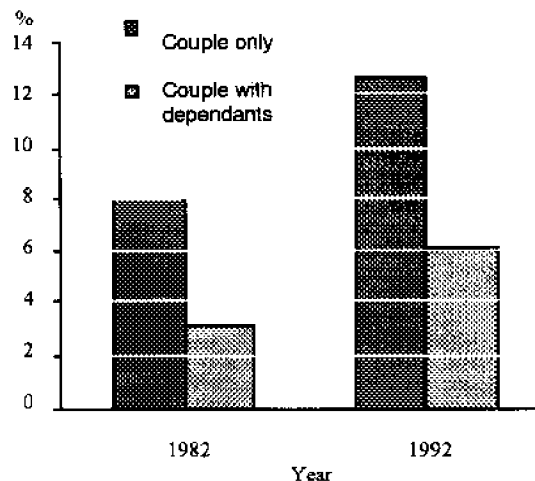
Source: Survey of Families in Australia.

Long-term de facto relationships

In 1992, 30% of de facto couples had lived together for five years or more and 11% had lived together for ten years or more. However, de facto couples represented only 3% of all couples (both married and de facto) who had lived together for five years or more.

For some de facto couples, the decision to enter a registered marriage may be associated with planning for children. However, some have children as part of their continuing de facto relationship and others bring children with them into the relationship.

PROPORTION OF DE FACTO COUPLES



Source: Survey of Families in Australia.

PEOPLE IN DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS, 1992

Age group (years)	Never married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	All persons in de facto relationships		% De facto, all persons in couples	% De facto, all persons
	%	%	%	%	%	'000	%	%
15-19	100.0	**	**	**	100.0	30.1	72.2	2.3
20-24	96.8	1.5*	1.8*	**	100.0	163.5	39.9	11.4
25-29	85.3	6.2	8.6	**	100.0	167.2	19.2	12.1
30-34	63.4	6.4*	30.2	**	100.0	119.0	10.7	8.2
35-44	30.2	13.1	54.5	2.2*	100.0	135.2	6.3	5.1
45-54	14.3	19.5	62.1	4.1*	100.0	73.9	4.6	3.8
55-64	11.9*	20.7*	53.0*	14.4*	100.0	16.2	1.4	1.1
65 & over	**	**	38.8*	**	100.0	5.8*	0.5*	0.3*
Total	64.8	8.0	25.8	1.3	100.0	710.8	8.5	5.3

Source: Survey of Families in Australia

The number of de facto couples with children is increasing at a faster rate than the number of de facto couple only relationships. In 1982, 8% of couple only families and 3% of couples with children were de facto. In 1992, de facto relationships made up 13% of all couple only families and 6% of couples with children. This was an increase of 88% for de facto couples with children compared to 58% for de facto couple only families.

Characteristics of people in de facto couples

In 1992, 5% of all people aged 15 and over were in de facto relationships. De facto relationships were most common among 25-29 year olds (12%) and 20-24 year olds (11%). These are the age groups when people begin partnering either as de facto or in a registered marriage. In 1992 the median age at marriage for all marriages (including remarriages) was 26 years for women and 29 years for men.

In 1992, 65% of people in de facto relationships had never been married, a reflection of the young age profile of de facto couples. A further 34% were divorced or separated. The remaining 1% of people living in a de facto relationships were widowed. This was probably because widowed people are more likely to be older and therefore less likely to be living in de facto relationships.

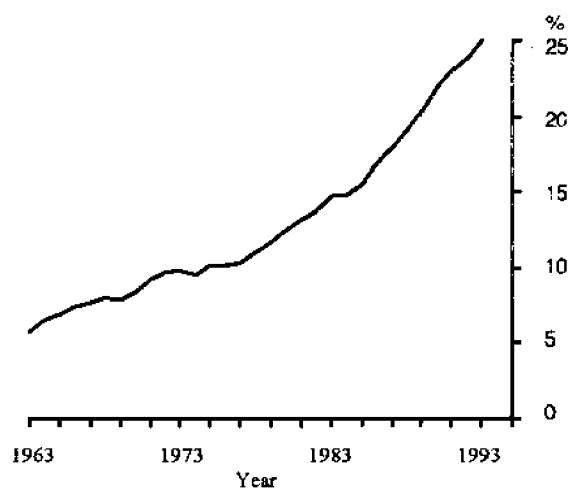
People under 35 years of age in de facto relationships were most likely to have never been married while those aged 35 and over were most likely to be divorced.

Births outside marriage

The increase in the proportion of births outside registered marriage, especially among older women, and the increase in the proportion which have paternity acknowledged, can be considered indicative of the increasing prevalence of permanent or long-term de facto relationships¹.

¹ Sorrentino, C. 1990, 'The changing family in international perspective', *Monthly Labour Review*, March 1990.

BIRTHS OUTSIDE MARRIAGE



Source: Birth Registrations.

¹ Sorrentino, C. 1990, 'The changing family in international perspective', *Monthly Labour Review*, March 1990.

In 1963 births outside marriage made up 6% of all births and in 1976 this had increased to 10%. In 1993 they accounted for 25% of all births. The age of women bearing children outside marriage has also increased. In 1976, 38% of births outside marriage were to women aged less than 20 while 31% were to women aged 25 or more. In 1993, 18% of births outside marriage were to women aged less than 20 and 47% were to women aged 25 or more. 23% were to women aged 30 or more.

BIRTHS OUTSIDE MARRIAGE WITH PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGED

	1976	1993
<i>Age group of mother (years)</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
19 and under	33.6	74.5
20-24	48.2	81.5
25-29	61.6	84.3
30-34	63.3	85.6
35-39	63.2	84.6
40 and over	54.4	76.6
Total	46.9	81.7
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Total	10.8	53.0

Source: Birth Registrations.

Acknowledgment by fathers of children born outside registered marriage has also increased. In 1976, 47% of certificates for births outside registered marriage recorded the father's details compared to 82% in 1993.

Fathers' details have always been more likely to be recorded for births to older women than to younger women. In 1976, over 60% of births outside marriage to women aged 25–39 had the father's details recorded. Equivalent figures for women aged 20–24 and women aged less than 20 were 48% and 34% respectively. By 1993 the proportion of births outside marriage acknowledged by the father had increased for mothers of all ages but especially for those aged less than 25.

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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 is provided at the end of the publication detailing definitions of terminology used.

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

MARRIAGES

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 six calendar months before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State or Territory in which the marriage took place.

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.

Reduced processing

7 The ABS, due to budgetary considerations, processed only limited data on marriages registered in 1995. The data items were State or Territory of registration, date of marriage, age of parties at marriage and previous marital status of parties. To assist in analysis of 1995 data, additional tables of marriage characteristics available from complete 1994 data have been included in Appendix A. ABS resumed full processing for 1996 marriage data.

Statistics

8 In the main, 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.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE SAME YEAR AS THEY OCCURRED

Year	%	Year	%
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	1995	96.9

9 In 1984, there were abnormal delays in the registrations of New South Wales 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 New South Wales and Australia are given in the following table.

	Actual registrations	Actual crude marriage rates	Adjusted number of registrations	Adjusted crude marriage rates
1984				
New South Wales	33 938	6.3	39 768	7.4
Australia	108 655	7.0	114 485	7.4
1985				
New South Wales	41 183	7.5	39 441	7.2
Australia	115 493	7.3	113 751	7.2
1986				
New South Wales	41 319	7.5	37 231	6.7
Australia	114 913	7.2	110 825	6.9

DIVORCES

10 The *Family Law Act 1975* came into operation throughout Australia on 5 January 1976, repealing the Matrimonial Causes legislation which had been operative since 1961. Under Family Law legislation the irremediable breakdown of marriage is the only ground on which a divorce is granted. This ground is established by the husband and wife having lived apart for 12 months or more and there being no reasonable likelihood of reconciliation. Applications for nullity of marriage under Family Law legislation must be on the ground that the marriage is void because of failure to meet a legal requirement such as that neither party be already lawfully married to another person. There is no provision for judicial separation under Family Law legislation.

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

12 At the time of the introduction of the *Family Law Act* there were applications pending for divorce which had been previously filed under the Matrimonial Causes legislation. Family Law legislation provided that these cases could be continued under the superseded legislation or transferred and heard under the Family Law legislation. The ABS publication *Divorces, Australia, 1976* (3307.0) differentiated between those cases in which a divorce was granted under Matrimonial Causes legislation and those cases in which a divorce was granted under Family Law legislation. Such differentiation is not made for subsequent years.

Reduced processing

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

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

14 In light of the Family Court decision and ABS budgetary considerations, only limited data on divorces registered in 1995 were processed. The data items were State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce and sex of applicant. To assist in analysis of 1995 data, additional tables of divorce characteristics available from complete 1994 data have been included in Appendix B. With the exception of those data items which the Family Court no longer collects, ABS resumed full processing for 1996 divorce data.

Statistics

15 The divorce statistics shown in this publication relate to calendar years and are compiled by the ABS from information supplied by Family Court Registries in respect of each application which resulted in a decree absolute being granted. The Family Court, since 1988, has progressively introduced a computer system for capturing divorce data. Data for finalised divorces are sent on tape to the ABS, on a monthly basis, for all Registries except Darwin.

16 Data for Darwin continued to be supplied on a Statistical Report which is forwarded to the ABS on finalisation of proceedings. From 1996 data for the Darwin registry will be captured in line with other registries, by computer system.

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

DIVORCES APPLIED FOR AND GRANTED DURING THE YEAR AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DIVORCES GRANTED

Year	%	Year	%
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	1995	74.8

Revision of
Northern Territory data

18 As a result of the notification of additional divorces granted by the Family Court in Darwin revisions have been made to divorce data for the Northern Territory for the years 1991 to 1994. Where necessary data for Australia have also been revised. It is anticipated that further revision may be required. Notification of 1995 divorce numbers for the Northern Territory are considered understated and data are under investigation.

State or Territory
of usual residence

19 Details of divorce on a State or Territory of usual residence at separation basis are considered to be a more accurate reflection of divorce for States and Territories in Australia than are those provided on a State or Territory of registration basis. These details are however only available for 1993 and 1994. The State classification used in Appendix 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 Australian Capital Territory Family Court hears cases from much of south-eastern New South Wales and part of Victoria. Another factor influencing the difference between State or Territory of usual residence and State or Territory of registration is that many applications are lodged at the nearest Family Court rather than the court in their State or Territory of usual residence at separation.

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

State or Territory of registration	<p>21 The State classification used in tables 12, 13, 14, 28 and 29 of this publication relates to State of registration which is based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce is granted and registered. These figures can give a biased view of divorces in States and Territories, as explained in the preceding paragraphs. Due to the large number of divorces granted in the Australian Capital Territory to usual residents of another State, the rates for the Australian Capital Territory are not representative of the Australian Capital Territory population.</p>
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION	<p>22 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the resident population of Australia by marital status, age and sex at 30 June 1995. These estimates are preliminary and will be revised when more accurate data for deaths, marriages, divorces and category jumping by marital status become available.</p> <p>23 The estimated resident population is the official population estimates series compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population.</p> <p>24 An explanation of the conceptual basis for population estimates is contained in <i>Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (3228.0).</p>
Method of estimation	<p>25 The estimates at 30 June 1995 were obtained by advancing 30 June 1994 estimates to the next age and adjusting for natural increase and estimated net overseas migration by marital status, age and sex which were recorded in the financial year 1994-95. Adjustments are also made to account for changes in marital status during the financial year due to marriages, divorces and deaths of spouses.</p> <p>26 Persons aged 14 years and under are automatically classified as never married.</p>
Reliability of estimates	<p>27 Single year age estimates are not shown for persons aged 85 years or older. Estimates for each age up to 99 have, however, been calculated and are available on request.</p> <p>28 Some of the estimates have been rounded and the sums of components may not add to totals.</p>

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- Reliability of estimates **29** 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 **30** As a result of an amendment, made in 1992, to the Acts Interpretation Act the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands have been included as part of geographic Australia, hence another category of the State and Territory classification has been created. This category, known as Other Territories, includes Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay Territory (see also paragraph 20).
- Country of birth **31** The classification of countries in this publication is the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (1269.0).
- 32** Political developments in Europe and the former USSR have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCCSS. These changes have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revisions 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the ASCCSS.
- Related publications **33** 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)
Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) — issued quarterly
Australian Social Trends (4102.0) — issued annually
Australia's Families, 1992 (4418.0) — issued 1993
- 34** A compendium of demographic data for each State and Territory is released annually in State and Territory specific publications, *Demography* (3311.1-8). Should users require detailed State and Territory data on Marriages, Divorces or Estimated Resident Population prior to the release of these compendia please contact Information Services (see back cover for details).

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

Additional statistics available

36 In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix E lists characteristics processed by the ABS for 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 in Appendix F.

APPENDIX A MARRIAGE TABLES, 1994

A1 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
<i>Total</i>	<i>23,123</i>	<i>16,153</i>	<i>11,346</i>	<i>5,093</i>	<i>4,835</i>	<i>1,506</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>927</i>	<i>63,265</i>
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
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,691</i>	<i>10,821</i>	<i>9,452</i>	<i>3,816</i>	<i>5,531</i>	<i>1,381</i>	<i>483</i>	<i>734</i>	<i>47,909</i>
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
<i>Total</i>	<i>59.6</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>54.6</i>	<i>57.2</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>52.2</i>	<i>36.9</i>	<i>55.8</i>	<i>56.9</i>
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
<i>Total</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>45.4</i>	<i>42.8</i>	<i>53.4</i>	<i>47.8</i>	<i>63.1</i>	<i>44.2</i>	<i>43.1</i>
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.

A2 MARRIAGES: BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Country of birth	Bridegroom born in country shown and bride born in				Bride born in country shown and bridegroom born in			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	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>

A2 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

A3 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
Marriages 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>Marriages 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

See footnotes at end of table.

A.3 MARRIAGES: SUMMARY (a) SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDE/GROOM AND BRIDE, 1994 --- continued

	Country of birth of bride												U.S.A.	Viet Nam	
	Australia	China	Germany	Greece	Hong Kong	Italy	India	Lebanon	Malaysia	Zealand	Philippines	South Africa			U.K. & Ireland
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>															
Ministers of religion—															
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
Civil celebrants—															
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>															
Australia—															
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
Same overseas country—															
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
Other overseas countries—															
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

APPENDIX B DIVORCE TABLES, 1994

B1 DIVORCES: MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1994*

<i>Duration of marriage (years)</i>	<i>Husband</i>				<i>Wife</i>			
	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
1 and under 2	345	18	141	504	343	16	145	504
2 and under 3	1,825	61	590	2,476	1,866	50	560	2,476
3 and under 4	2,496	49	674	3,219	2,503	68	648	3,219
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	2,083	34	587	2,704	2,093	42	569	2,704
7 and under 8	1,888	36	591	2,515	1,947	36	532	2,515
8 and under 9	1,749	25	587	2,361	1,746	43	572	2,361
9 and under 10	1,683	28	548	2,259	1,678	35	546	2,259
10 and under 15	6,890	85	2,029	9,004	7,009	104	1,891	9,004
15 and under 20	5,073	43	919	6,035	5,049	67	919	6,035
20 and under 25	4,906	24	291	5,221	4,919	34	268	5,221
25 and under 30	3,123	9	116	3,248	3,142	15	91	3,248
30 and over	2,310	5	56	2,371	2,305	16	50	2,371
Total	39,216	510	8,543	48,269	39,503	625	8,141	48,269

B2 DIVORCES: BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1994r

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	27,060	..	5,415	32,475	27,060	..	6,386	33,446
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>27,759</i>	<i>670</i>	<i>5,737</i>	<i>34,166</i>	<i>27,751</i>	<i>670</i>	<i>6,797</i>	<i>35,218</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	67	357	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	2,647	1,610	664	4,921	2,339	1,610	547	4,496
Other	234	205	190	629	177	205	160	542
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,376</i>	<i>3,052</i>	<i>1,723</i>	<i>9,151</i>	<i>3,352</i>	<i>3,052</i>	<i>1,362</i>	<i>7,766</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	42	44	144	40	42	49	131
Malaysia	57	52	45	154	84	52	89	225
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>880</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>1,444</i>	<i>545</i>	<i>880</i>	<i>566</i>	<i>1,991</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	62	92	49	203
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>93</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>357</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	99	18	24	141
Total	33,446	6,108	8,715	48,269	32,475	6,108	9,686	48,269

B3 DIVORCES: SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, 1994r

	Country of birth of husband															
	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	32,475	568	570	357	180	647	251	344	154	1,265	247	170	5,173	267	631	
Population '000 (a)	6830.2	46.3	58.3	74.2	42.7	140.5	38.2	42.6	42.5	146.8	31.4	28.9	612.4	29.5	72.3	
Divorce rate (b)	4.8	12.3	9.8	4.8	4.2	4.6	6.6	8.1	3.6	8.6	7.9	5.9	8.4	9.0	8.7	
<i>Bridegrooms born in country shown</i>																
<i>marrying brides born in—</i>																
Australia—																
Number	27,060	62	273	142	26	327	89	77	57	528	39	60	2,760	170	10	
Per cent	83.3	10.9	47.9	39.8	14.4	50.5	35.5	22.4	37.0	41.7	15.8	35.3	53.4	63.7	1.6	
Same overseas country—																
Number	..	357	117	148	78	189	92	208	52	503	191	79	1,759	35	489	
Per cent	..	62.9	20.5	41.5	43.3	29.2	36.7	60.5	33.8	39.8	77.3	46.5	34.0	13.1	77.5	
Other overseas countries—																
Number	5,415	149	180	67	76	131	70	59	45	234	17	31	654	62	132	
Per cent	16.7	26.2	31.6	18.8	42.2	20.2	27.9	17.2	29.2	18.5	6.9	18.2	12.6	23.2	20.9	
Median duration of marriage (years)	11.1	5.2	15.6	14.4	5.6	16.2	7.7	6.6	7.9	10.3	6.2	13.7	12.0	8.5	5.2	
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.8	3.0	11.9	11.0	3.4	13.0	4.4	4.0	5.3	6.7	2.8	10.8	8.8	5.1	2.9	
<i>Divorces involving children—</i>																
Number	16,912	182	254	157	49	286	90	158	54	629	100	83	2,334	115	228	
Percentage of total divorces	52.1	32.0	44.6	44.0	27.2	44.2	35.9	45.9	35.1	49.7	40.5	48.8	45.1	43.1	36.1	
Average issue	1.9	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	
<i>Applicant</i>																
Husband	11,661	203	213	131	50	244	103	146	42	447	85	71	1,806	78	243	
Wife	16,316	182	262	197	80	336	98	162	71	636	129	62	2,363	140	280	
Joint	4,498	183	95	29	50	67	50	36	41	182	33	37	1,004	49	108	
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>																
Never married	26,878	477	423	297	145	528	198	287	125	970	224	144	3,860	183	584	
Widowed	305	5	8	9	1	13	6	3	1	9	..	2	71	1	7	
Divorced	5,292	86	139	51	34	106	47	54	28	286	23	24	1,242	83	40	
Total	32,475	568	570	357	180	647	251	344	154	1,265	247	170	5,173	267	631	
<i>Median age (years)—</i>																
at marriage	24.9	27.9	27.0	26.2	28.2	26.1	27.9	25.5	27.8	26.3	27.2	25.8	26.1	29.1	26.5	
at final separation	36.0	33.9	42.9	40.3	34.1	42.5	37.1	32.4	35.8	36.2	33.3	39.3	39.3	37.6	32.7	
at decree made absolute	39.1	36.8	46.5	42.9	36.6	45.3	40.1	35.1	38.5	39.6	37.1	41.9	42.6	41.4	35.1	

See footnotes at end of table

B3 DIVORCES: SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, 1994^a—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	33,446	670	498	235	177	305	203	274	225	1,268	684	198	4,703	253	584
Population '000 (a)	6947.0	45.0	60.4	70.9	42.9	123.5	36.6	38.3	45.3	138.5	57.0	29.7	603.6	25.8	69.6
Divorce rate (b)	4.8	14.9	8.2	3.3	4.1	3.1	5.5	7.2	5.0	9.2	12.0	6.7	7.8	9.8	8.4
<i>Bride born in country shown marrying bridegrooms born in—</i>															
Australia	27,060	83	232	41	26	126	62	21	84	497	298	57	2,413	153	6
Number	80.9	12.4	46.6	17.4	14.7	32.7	30.5	7.7	37.3	39.2	43.6	28.8	51.3	60.5	1.0
Per cent															
Same overseas country—															
Number		357	117	148	78	189	92	208	52	503	191	79	1,759	35	489
Per cent		53.3	23.5	63.0	44.1	49.1	45.3	75.9	23.1	39.7	27.9	39.9	37.4	13.8	83.7
Other overseas countries—															
Number	6,386	230	149	46	73	70	49	45	89	268	195	62	531	65	89
Per cent	19.1	34.3	29.9	19.6	41.2	18.2	24.1	16.4	39.6	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	10.0	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	4.0	7.1	3.8	11.1	9.5	5.5	3.1
<i>Divorces involving children—</i>															
Number	17,383	187	188	93	48	157	74	119	80	650	281	96	2,211	98	212
Percentage of total divorces	52.0	27.9	37.8	39.6	27.1	40.8	36.5	43.4	35.6	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	11,781	211	192	107	62	172	84	105	73	491	297	75	1,634	100	225
Wife	17,018	252	222	108	65	170	79	140	95	576	307	78	2,216	91	263
Joint	4,647	207	84	20	50	43	40	29	57	201	80	45	853	62	96
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>															
Never married	27,757	566	356	211	153	337	175	229	195	1,019	570	157	3,577	185	543
Widowed	367	9	9	4	—	4	5	4	4	14	35	2	64	1	8
Divorced	5,322	95	133	20	24	44	23	41	26	235	79	39	1,062	67	33
Total	33,446	670	498	235	177	385	203	274	225	1,268	684	198	4,703	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) Estimated resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary. (b) Per 1,000 male or female estimated resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary.

APPENDIX C DIVORCES: STATE AND TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE AT SEPARATION

C1 DIVORCES: SUMMARY(a). STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE AT SEPARATION, 1993†

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Australia
NUMBER										
Divorces granted	16,362	10,937	8,501	3,941	4,621	1,425	419	887	1,270	48,363
Crude divorce rate	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.5	3.0	..	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.3	10.6	11.0	11.3	11.5	11.1	10.8	11.1	10.1	10.7
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.1	7.7	7.9	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.3	8.2	5.1	7.6
<i>Divorces involving children -</i>										
Number	8,284	5,872	4,724	1,948	2,475	879	248	504	527	25,461
Percentage of total divorces	50.6	53.7	55.6	49.4	53.6	61.7	59.2	56.8	41.5	52.6
Average issue	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.9
<i>Applicant—</i>										
Husband	5,853	4,086	3,151	1,329	1,265	478	126	276	534	17,098
Wife	8,093	5,151	4,439	2,064	1,869	804	203	402	605	23,630
Joint	2,416	1,700	911	548	1,487	143	90	209	131	7,635
HUSBAND										
<i>Age specific divorce rates—</i>										
Age group (years)—										
24 and under	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.4	0.6	0.7	..	1.0
25-29	8.7	7.9	8.3	8.2	7.4	10.2	5.1	8.4	..	8.5
30-34	13.0	12.5	12.7	12.7	12.5	14.8	9.3	13.6	..	13.1
35-39	13.2	11.6	12.8	13.4	12.9	16.3	11.3	13.1	..	13.2
40-44	12.5	11.7	12.9	12.4	12.5	15.3	12.4	13.0	..	12.8
45-49	10.7	9.4	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.9	9.9	10.7	..	10.8
50-54	8.2	7.2	8.6	8.6	9.3	8.2	7.6	8.8	..	8.3
55 and over	2.6	2.2	2.9	2.4	3.1	2.3	3.3	4.9	..	2.7
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>										
Never married	13,468	9,137	6,766	3,164	3,740	1,153	340	735	1,086	39,589
Widowed	170	117	94	33	40	18	2	4	5	483
Divorced	2,724	1,683	1,641	744	841	254	77	148	179	8,291
Total	16,362	10,937	8,501	3,941	4,621	1,425	419	887	1,270	48,363
<i>Median age (years)—</i>										
at marriage	25.5	25.1	24.9	24.8	25.3	24.5	25.8	25.5	26.1	25.2
at final separation	36.0	36.0	36.7	36.4	36.8	36.0	36.9	36.5	33.7	36.2
at decree made absolute	39.2	38.9	39.8	39.4	40.1	39.1	39.7	39.5	38.3	39.3
WIFE										
<i>Age specific divorce rates—</i>										
Age group (years)—										
24 and under	2.6	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.8	..	2.3
25-29	12.8	11.5	12.2	12.1	11.3	15.8	8.4	12.9	..	12.5
30-34	14.0	12.2	13.6	14.1	14.3	15.2	11.8	14.2	..	13.9
35-39	13.0	11.8	13.2	13.0	13.2	16.5	10.9	12.4	..	13.2
40-44	11.5	10.5	11.5	11.3	11.5	13.2	12.0	12.1	..	11.5
45-49	9.0	8.3	10.2	9.9	9.4	9.3	7.9	9.6	..	9.3
50-54	5.8	5.0	6.2	5.6	6.6	5.8	6.2	7.0	..	5.9
55 and over	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.2	2.1	2.2	..	1.3
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>										
Never married	13,542	9,307	6,747	3,175	3,784	1,156	349	734	1,141	39,935
Widowed	221	128	139	55	63	25	5	16	6	658
Divorced	2,599	1,502	1,615	711	774	244	65	137	123	7,770
Total	16,362	10,937	8,501	3,941	4,621	1,425	419	887	1,270	48,363
<i>Median age (years)—</i>										
at marriage	22.8	22.6	22.4	22.3	22.5	22.0	22.7	22.7	23.5	22.6
at final separation	33.1	33.3	33.8	33.9	33.7	33.2	32.8	33.8	31.1	33.3
at decree made absolute	36.2	36.3	36.8	36.7	36.9	36.3	35.9	36.6	35.5	36.4

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used. (b) Includes divorces where usual residence was Christmas Island or Cocos (Keeling) Islands (4), Overseas (1188) or not stated (78).

C2 DIVORCES: SUMMARY(a). STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE AT SEPARATION, 1994r

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Australia
NUMBER										
Divorces granted	15,663	11,229	8,359	4,081	4,962	1,519	371	931	1,154	48,269
Crude divorce rate	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.2	3.1	..	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.4	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3	12.0	11.0	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	211	524	411	(c)
Percentage of total divorces	50.0	(c)	56.6	47.6	50.3	61.3	56.9	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	4,135	3,155	1,387	1,443	482	124	341	519	17,331
Wife	7,945	5,493	4,315	2,061	1,949	878	155	407	519	23,722
Joint	1,973	1,601	889	633	1,570	159	92	183	116	7,216
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	5.6	9.0	..	8.0
30-34	12.1	12.0	11.6	13.3	14.0	16.5	6.9	13.9	..	12.7
35-39	12.7	12.2	12.8	13.7	13.1	16.8	11.0	14.2	..	13.2
40-44	11.8	12.0	12.1	14.4	13.1	14.8	9.2	13.3	..	12.6
45-49	10.4	10.1	11.1	10.9	11.9	12.9	6.6	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	3.8	4.2	..	2.7
<i>Marital status at marriage (number)—</i>										
Never married	12,781	9,331	6,592	3,280	4,017	1,257	287	749	922	39,216
Widowed	175	105	102	42	53	12	2	8	11	510
Divorced	2,707	1,793	1,665	759	892	250	82	174	221	8,543
Total	15,663	11,229	8,359	4,081	4,962	1,519	371	931	1,154	48,269
<i>Median age (years)—</i>										
at marriage	25.7	25.2	25.3	25.0	25.4	24.7	25.8	26.0	27.0	25.4
at final separation	36.5	36.5	36.9	36.6	36.8	36.7	36.6	36.7	34.3	36.6
at decree made absolute	39.6	39.5	40.1	39.6	40.1	39.4	39.6	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	1.4	1.8	..	2.0
25-29	11.5	11.4	11.4	12.8	12.4	15.2	6.3	13.2	..	12.0
30-34	13.2	12.6	13.2	14.1	14.5	16.4	10.3	14.9	..	13.7
35-39	12.5	11.8	12.4	14.1	13.8	17.2	10.3	13.7	..	13.0
40-44	11.2	11.0	11.5	12.8	12.5	14.4	9.5	12.0	..	11.8
45-49	9.1	8.5	9.4	8.8	10.1	11.0	9.0	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	9,431	6,649	3,311	4,009	1,259	297	756	975	39,503
Widowed	191	158	122	45	68	21	2	4	14	625
Divorced	2,656	1,640	1,588	725	885	239	72	171	165	8,141
Total	15,663	11,229	8,359	4,081	4,962	1,519	371	931	1,154	48,269
<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 (1 059) or not stated (92). (c) Family Court children data for Victoria appears incomplete.

APPENDIX D

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>
1975	4,933,662	3,788,394	2,051,820	1,265,103	1,155,499	410,039	92,101	198,780	13,895,398
1980	5,171,766	3,914,238	2,267,615	1,307,962	1,269,270	423,605	118,828	224,431	14,697,715
1985	5,464,704	4,119,696	2,571,491	1,371,062	1,419,004	442,483	148,647	251,242	15,788,329
1990	5,833,697	4,377,421	2,898,510	1,432,384	1,612,495	461,788	163,526	282,164	17,061,985
1991	5,899,171	4,420,801	2,962,411	1,446,263	1,636,559	466,721	165,808	288,808	17,286,542
1992	5,958,510	4,450,294	3,034,702	1,457,177	1,657,900	469,641	167,459	294,241	17,489,924
1993	<u>6,001,486</u>	<u>4,465,040</u>	<u>3,117,246</u>	<u>1,463,286</u>	<u>1,677,058</u>	<u>471,522</u>	<u>169,617</u>	<u>298,907</u>	<u>17,664,162</u>
1994	6,049,238	4,475,465	3,196,134	1,469,371	1,701,064	472,464	171,072	300,867	17,838,401
1995p	6,115,143	4,502,000	3,277,373	1,473,966	1,731,723	473,022	173,878	304,125	18,053,989

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

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

MARRIAGES

Characteristics of the marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Month and year of registration Date of marriage State or Territory of registration Category of celebrant (rites used) (n.a. 1995)
Characteristics of the bride and groom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous marital status Birthplace (n.a. 1995) Date of birth Age at marriage Birthplace of father (n.a. 1995) Birthplace of mother (n.a. 1995) Period of residence in Australia if born overseas (n.a. 1995) Number of previous marriages (n.a. 1995) Year of celebration of last marriage (n.a. 1995) Year of termination of last marriage (n.a. 1995) Year of first previous marriage (n.a. 1995) Number of children of previous marriage (n.a. 1995) Year of birth of youngest child (n.a. 1995) Number of children under 16 (n.a. 1995)

DIVORCES

Characteristics of the divorce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Month and year of divorce Registry State or Territory of registration Date of filing of application Postcode and State or Territory of separation (available 1993 and 1994 only) Sex of applicant Marriage place (n.a. 1995) Marriage rite (n.a. after 1994) Date of marriage Date of final separation Duration of marriage until separation Duration of marriage until decree absolute Number of children of the marriage under 18 (n.a. 1995) Number of children of the marriage over 18 (n.a. after 1994) Total number of children of the marriage (n.a. after 1994) Date of birth of children of the marriage under 18 years (n.a. 1995) Age of children of the marriage under 18 years (n.a. 1995)
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Characteristics of the husband and wife	Place of birth (n.a. 1995) Date of birth Occupation at separation (n.a. after 1994) Marital status at time of marriage (n.a. 1995) Age at marriage Age at separation Age at divorce Number of previous marriages (n.a. after 1994) Date of first arrival in Australia if born overseas (n.a. after 1994) Duration of residence in Australia if born overseas (n.a. after 1994)
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population Age Birthplace Marital status Sex State or Territory of usual residence Statistical local area of usual residence



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

Table number	Description
MARRIAGES	
MARR0001	Month and year of marriage and month of registration
MARR0002	Category of celebrant by State or Territory of registration
MARR0003	Relative previous marital status of bridegroom and bride by State or Territory of registration
MARR0004	Relative birthplaces of bridegroom and bride
MARR0005	Relative ages of bridegroom and bride at date of marriage
MARR0006A	Age of bridegroom at date of marriage and previous marital status
MARR0006B	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	
DIVR0001	State or Territory of registry by sex of applicant
DIVR0002	Month of outcome by State or Territory
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 (at time of marriage)
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 and 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.

Table number	Description
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION	
ERP0001	Estimated resident population by sex, single year of age and State and Territory
ERP0002	Estimated resident population by sex, single year of age and country of birth
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
ERP0005	Experimental estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population by sex, single year of age and State and Territory

GLOSSARY

- Age-specific divorce rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific divorce rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June — this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the estimated 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 at 30 June — this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the married population in specific age groups. Those classified as permanently separated are included in the married population. Males and females under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Age-specific marriage rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific marriage rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June — this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the estimated 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 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.
- 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. (In the interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is below the minimum age of marriage or is already married.)

- Date of final separation** The date of final separation is that date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing grounds for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a single period of resumed cohabitation of less than three months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed cohabitation amount to a total of 12 months or more.
- De facto couples** A de facto couple is a couple who identified themselves as de facto partners in a relationship question (see also marital status).
- Divorce** The term divorce, as used in this publication, refers to decrees absolute of dissolution of marriage.
- Duration of marriage** Duration of marriage is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of divorce.
- Estimated resident population** Estimated resident population data are quarterly estimates of the Australian population obtained by adding to the estimated population at the beginning of each period the components of natural increase (on a usual residence basis) and net overseas migration. For the States and Territories, account is also taken of estimated interstate movements involving a change of usual residence. After each census, estimates for the preceding intercensal period are revised by incorporating an additional quarterly adjustment (intercensal discrepancy) to ensure that the total intercensal increase agrees with the difference between the estimated resident populations at the two respective census dates.
- Estimates of the resident population are based on adjusted (for underenumeration) census counts by place of usual residence, to which are added the number of Australian residents estimated to have been temporarily overseas at the time of the census.
- The concept of estimated resident population links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. Usual residence is that place where each person has lived or intends to live for six months or more in a reference year.
- Divorce and marriage rates shown in this publication for the years since 1974 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in *Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) (issued quarterly).
- First marriage rates** First marriage rates are the number of men and women, of a certain age, marrying for the first time per 1,000 (mid-year) population of never married men and women of the same age.

Marital status	Two separate concepts are measured by the ABS. These are registered marital status and social marital status. They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital status in this publication relates to registered marital status which refers to formally registered marriages for which the partners hold a marriage certificate (see also <i>de facto</i> couples).
Median values	The median value (age, duration, interval) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below the value, and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.
Remarriage rates	Remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced men and women of the same age.
State or Territory of registration	State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the marriage was registered or the divorce was granted. (For further information about how this affects divorce statistics see paragraphs 19 to 21 of the Explanatory Notes.)
State or Territory of usual residence	State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of the population in estimated resident population and to the State or Territory of usual residence at time of separation for divorces. (For further information about how this affects divorce statistics see paragraphs 19 to 21 of the Explanatory Notes.)
Year of occurrence	Data presented on year of occurrence basis relate to the date the event occurred. Divorce data are presented on occurrence basis i.e. the date the divorce was granted.
Year of registration	Data presented on year of registration basis relate to the date the event was registered. Marriage data are presented on year of registration basis.

