

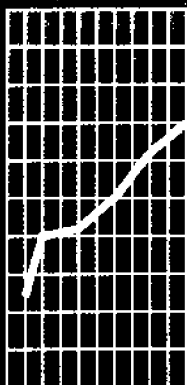


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# Demography

## Tasmania



# NOTES

## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (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 18 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 25 and 26 of the Explanatory Notes for further detail.)

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## PLEASE NOTE

Because of the complexity and variety of concepts included in this publication, users are advised to consult both the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for clarification.

Final figures for births and deaths may differ slightly from those used to compile natural increase for population estimates because it is necessary to use preliminary births and deaths when finalising population estimates.

Australian details for population, births and deaths include Other Territories (see paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes).

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## SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
p	preliminary
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
SD	Statistical division
SSD	Statistical sub-division
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero
—	break in continuity of series where drawn across a column between consecutive figures

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## INQUIRIES

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# SECTION 1

## DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY .....

### KEY FIGURES

	TASMANIA.....			AUSTRALIA.....		
	1986	1996	Change	1986	1996	Change
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Estimated resident population	448.2	474.2	5.8	16,138.8	18,426.9	14.2
Overseas arrivals	2.1	2.3	6.4	196.7	261.3	32.9
Overseas departures	1.2	1.7	47.3	92.4	158.3	71.2
Interstate arrivals	9.1	10.3	13.0	290.0	373.2	28.7
Interstate departures	9.5	13.6	43.1	290.0	373.2	28.7
Births						
Registration basis	7.0	6.5	-7.1	243.4	253.8	4.3
Occurrence basis	7.0	6.2	-10.8	242.9	249.1	2.6
Deaths						
Registration basis	3.5	3.9	12.1	115.0	128.7	11.9
Occurrence basis	3.4	3.8	10.9	114.3	127.3	11.3
Marriages	3.3	2.7	-19.6	114.9	106.1	-7.7
Divorces	1.2	1.6	27.1	39.4	52.5	33.1

### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population of Tasmania at 31 December 1996 was 474,200. This was an increase of 5.8% over the last 10 years.

The median age of people resident in Tasmania at 30 June 1996 was 34.6 years which was 0.6 years higher than the median age of the resident Australian population.

The fastest growing area in the twelve months to 30 June 1996 was Queensland which recorded a 2.3% increase from 1995 while Tasmania recorded the smallest percentage increase of 0.2%.

### OVERSEAS MIGRATION

In 1996, Tasmania experienced a net gain of 589 persons from overseas migration, (permanent and long term). The total gain for Australia in 1996 was 111,157 with all States and Territories experiencing a net overseas migration gain.

### INTERSTATE MIGRATION

More people chose to leave for other parts of Australia than chose to settle in Tasmania in 1996. The net interstate migration figure for Tasmania was -3,268 persons. Conversely, Queensland experienced by far the highest net interstate migration gain with a figure of 33,817 persons.

## BIRTHS

## Registration basis

In 1996 there were 6,457 births registered in Tasmania. This was a decrease of 7.1% on the number registered in 1986, (6,950). The number of births registered increased for Australia over the same period, but by only 4.3%.

The total fertility rate has, over the last ten years, remained almost static at between 1.9 and 2.0 children per woman. In 1996, the total fertility rate in Tasmania was 1.916 children per woman compared with 1.796 children for Australia.

The peak age group for mothers giving birth in Tasmania was the same as that for Australian mothers, 25–29 years. However, the birth rate for this group was higher than the Australian rate. The birth rate in Tasmania was 130.4 per 1,000 mothers in the age group compared with 116.7 for Australia.

Ex-nuptial births represented 34.3% of all births registered in Tasmania in 1996 (2,215) compared with 17.2% in 1986 (1,197). This was an increase of 85.0%. By comparison, ex-nuptial births for Australia increased by 69.9% in the same period.

## Occurrence basis

In 1996, 6,238 births occurred in Tasmania. This was a 10.8% decrease on the number occurring in 1986.

In 1996, the highest number of births occurred in the month of September (563).

## DEATHS

## Registration basis

The number of deaths registered in Tasmania in 1996 was 3,872. This was an increase of 12.1% on the number registered in 1986 (3,454).

The standardised death rate in Tasmania in 1996 was 7.2 per 1,000 standard population. This compares with 8.1 in 1986 and the 1996 Australian rate of 6.4.

The median age at death was 74.2 years for men usually resident in Tasmania and 79.8 years for women. By comparison the 1986 medians were 71.7 years and 77.5 years, respectively. In 1996 the national median age at death for men was 74.0 years and for women 80.7 years.

In 1996 the number of infant deaths registered in Tasmania was 29. This was a decrease of 63.3% on 1986 when there were 79 infant deaths registered.

The infant mortality rate was 4.5 per 1,000 live births compared with 11.4 in 1986. The infant mortality rate for Australia was 5.8 per 1,000 live births in 1996.

## Occurrence basis

In 1996, 3,818 deaths occurred in Tasmania. This was an increase of 10.9% on the number occurring in 1986.

The highest number of deaths occurred in the month of August, (360).

The number of infant deaths registered in 1996 on an occurrence basis was 28. This was 64.6% lower than in 1986.

## MARRIAGES

There were 2,654 marriages registered in Tasmania in 1996. This was 19.6% less than the number registered in 1986 (3,302).

In 1996 the crude marriage rate of 5.6 per 1,000 population which was the lowest rate recorded for the past one hundred years.

The median marriage age for men and women marrying was 29.6 years for men and 27.2 years for women. This was 3.0 years higher than in 1986 for both men and women. When compared with Australia, the Tasmanian median for both men and women was the same as the Australian median.

## DIVORCES

In Tasmania in 1996, there were 1,582 divorces granted compared with 1,245 in 1986. Men and women divorcing in 1996 were older than men and women divorcing in 1986. In 1996, the median age at divorce was 40.0 years for men and 37.1 years for women. The comparative medians in 1986 were 36.5 years and 33.4 years respectively. The Australian median ages at divorce in 1996 were 40.2 years for men and 37.4 years for women.



## 1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1996

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
POPULATION									
Estimated resident population ('000)	6 240.9	4 581.6	3 374.3	1 476.8	1 782.7	<b>474.2</b>	184.9	308.5	18 426.9
Components of population change(c)									
Natural increase(d)	41 820	28 035	25 200	7 489	13 783	<b>2 542</b>	2 776	3 126	124 826
Net overseas migration(e)	49 957	26 714	14 701	4 112	13 963	<b>599</b>	662	459	111 157
Net interstate migration	-16 646	-13 822	33 817	-5 585	5 593	<b>-3 268</b>	362	-451	..
Total increase	77 129	43 079	72 516	5 674	33 580	<b>24</b>	4 015	3 158	239 229
Growth rate (%)	1.3	0.9	2.2	0.4	1.9	<b>0.0</b>	2.2	1.0	1.3
BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS									
Live births									
Number	86 595	61 143	47 769	19 056	24 793	<b>6 457</b>	3 562	4 396	253 834
Total fertility rate	1.825	1.712	1.840	1.746	1.812	<b>1.916</b>	2.286	1.677	1.796
Crude birth rate	14.0	13.5	14.2	12.9	14.1	<b>13.6</b>	20.0	14.3	13.9
Female net reproduction rate	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	0.8	0.9
All confinements									
Number	85 496	60 294	47 118	18 753	24 434	<b>6 356</b>	3 522	4 327	250 363
Median age of mother (years)	29.3	29.9	28.5	29.4	28.9	<b>28.3</b>	27.1	29.6	29.2
Nuptial confinements									
Median age (years)									
Mother	30.2	30.5	29.9	30.5	30.1	<b>29.6</b>	30.0	30.4	30.2
Father	32.8	32.8	32.2	32.8	32.6	<b>32.1</b>	32.7	32.5	32.7
First nuptial confinements									
Number	26 125	19 561	12 572	5 332	6 605	<b>1 795</b>	614	1 257	73 873
Median age of mother	28.6	29.1	28.4	29.1	28.7	<b>28.0</b>	28.6	28.6	28.7
DEATHS									
Number	45 141	32 726	22 281	11 606	11 027	<b>3 872</b>	758	1 300	128 719
Standardised death rate	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	<b>7.2</b>	8.8	6.1	6.4
Crude death rate	7.3	7.2	6.6	7.8	6.3	<b>8.2</b>	4.3	4.2	7.0
Median age at death (years)									
Males	74.1	74.7	73.2	74.5	73.7	<b>74.2</b>	54.1	71.4	74.0
Females	80.6	81.3	80.1	81.1	80.8	<b>79.8</b>	60.8	77.5	80.7
Infant deaths									
Number	499	308	304	94	160	<b>29</b>	41	25	1 460
Rate	5.8	5.0	6.4	4.9	6.5	<b>4.5</b>	11.5	5.7	5.8
Perinatal deaths									
Number	693	485	415	162	197	<b>53</b>	53	36	2 094
Rate	7.9	7.7	8.9	8.3	7.8	<b>8.0</b>	14.0	8.1	8.1

1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1996 *continued*

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
MARRIAGES									
Number registered	35 716	26 074	20 913	8 011	10 294	<b>2 654</b>	787	1 654	106 103
Crude marriage rate	5.8	5.7	6.2	5.4	5.8	<b>5.6</b>	4.4	5.4	5.8
Median age at marriage (years)									
Bridegroom	29.5	29.4	29.4	29.6	30.2	<b>29.6</b>	30.9	30.0	29.6
Bride	27.1	27.3	27.1	27.3	27.6	<b>27.2</b>	28.2	27.6	27.2
DIVORCES									
Number granted	15 984	12 491	10 996	4 358	4 959	<b>1 582</b>	486	1 610	52 466
Crude divorce rate	2.6	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.8	<b>3.3</b>	2.7	5.2	2.9
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.1	10.8	11.7	11.7	12.0	<b>12.1</b>	10.8	11.3	11.0
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.8	7.6	8.1	8.0	8.4	<b>8.8</b>	7.3	7.9	7.6

(a) See Glossary and paragraph 22 in Explanatory Notes for definitions of terms used.

(b) Population, births and deaths include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Divorces include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and usual residence overseas and not stated.

(c) Components of population change from previous year.

(d) Final figures for births and deaths may differ slightly from those used to compile natural increase for population estimates because it is necessary to use preliminary births and deaths when finalising population estimates.

(e) Net overseas migration includes an estimate of those persons who changed category from short-term visitor to long-term visitor or resident of Australia. (a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

## 1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a)—1996

Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area	Estimated mid-year resident population(b)	Births(c)	Total fertility rate(d)	Deaths(c)	Indirect standardised death rate(e)
GREATER HOBART SD					
Greater Hobart SSD					
Brighton (M)	12 759	275	2.618	69	8.5
Clarence (C)	49 552	550	1.708	391	6.2
Derwent Valley (M)—Part A	6 774	95	1.892	58	8.3
Glenorchy (C)	44 459	588	1.784	423	7.4
Hobart (C)—Inner	377	6	1.248	9	15.4
Hobart (C)—Remainder	46 549	481	1.363	451	7.2
Kingborough (M)—Part A	25 680	300	1.780	155	6.8
Sorell (M)—Part A	9 645	150	2.228	52	5.5
<b>Total Greater Hobart SD</b>	<b>195 795</b>	<b>2 405</b>	<b>1.719</b>	<b>1 608</b>	<b>7.0</b>
SOUTHERN SD					
Southern SSD					
Central Highlands (M)	2 552	32	2.123	21	8.3
Derwent Valley (M)—Part B	3 088	38	1.850	11	7.9
Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)	4 146	51	2.122	29	6.6
Huon Valley (M)	13 474	220	2.514	107	7.9
Kingborough (M)—Part B	2 433	38	2.626	17	5.7
Sorell (M)—Part B	989	13	2.076	4	3.4
Southern Midlands (M)	5 577	94	2.374	48	7.9
Tasman (M)	2 207	31	2.278	26	6.7
<b>Total Southern SD</b>	<b>34 466</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>2.325</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>7.4</b>
NORTHERN SD					
Greater Launceston SSD					
George Town (M)—Part A	5 886	99	2.417	48	10.9
Launceston (C)—Inner	254	4	3.995	21	28.4
Launceston (C)—Part B	60 694	941	2.075	577	7.5
Meander Valley (M)—Part A	6 868	46	0.649	14	2.8
Northern Midlands (M)—Part A	7 162	139	2.671	56	7.6
West Tamar (M)—Part A	18 026	217	1.825	118	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>98 890</b>	<b>1 446</b>	<b>1.977</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Central North SSD					
George Town (M)—Part B	1 043	8	2.102	4	5.5
Launceston (C)—Part C	2 970	43	2.271	11	8.8
Meander Valley (M)—Part B	10 402	154	2.472	81	6.8
Northern Midlands (M)—Part B	4 684	69	2.308	38	7.4
West Tamar (M)—Part B	1 814	26	1.795	5	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 913</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2.333</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>7.0</b>
North Eastern SSD					
Break O'Day (M)	5 888	86	2.390	67	8.5
Dorset (M)	7 425	131	2.508	63	7.9
Flinders (M)	981	16	2.551	11	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 294</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2.467</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Total Northern SD</b>	<b>134 097</b>	<b>1 979</b>	<b>2.057</b>	<b>1 114</b>	<b>7.3</b>

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a)—1996 *continued*

<i>Statistical division</i> <i>Statistical subdivision</i> <i>Statistical local area</i>	<i>Estimated</i> <i>mid-year resident</i> <i>population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility</i> <i>rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect</i> <i>standardised</i> <i>death rate(e)</i>
<b>MERSEY-LYELL SD</b>					
Burnie-Devonport SSD					
Burnie (C)—Part A	17 829	261	2.157	143	8.2
Central Coast (M)—Part A	18 061	233	2.078	176	7.9
Devonport (C)	24 933	342	1.914	215	6.9
Latrobe (M)—Part A	7 130	98	2.201	54	7.1
Waratah/Wynyard (M)—Part A	11 219	152	1.956	114	8.0
<i>Total</i>	79 172	1 086	2.043	702	7.6
North Western Rural SSD					
Burnie (C)—Part B	2 142	28	1.716	10	6.0
Central Coast (M)—Part B	3 297	27	1.631	12	4.1
Circular Head (M)	8 449	125	2.101	48	7.2
Kentish (M)	5 461	87	1.847	38	7.4
King Island (M)	1 882	34	2.059	13	6.1
Latrobe (M)—Part B	669	6	1.143	2	3.9
Waratah/Wynyard (M)—Part B	2 794	32	1.628	10	5.2
<i>Total</i>	24 694	339	1.875	133	6.4
Lyell SSD					
West Coast (M)	6 368	111	2.251	44	10.1
<i>Total Mersey-Lyell SD</i>	110 234	1 536	2.015	879	7.5
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>473 034</b>	<b>6 437</b>	<b>1.915</b>	<b>3 864</b>	<b>7.2</b>

(a) The statistical area boundaries used in the compilation of these statistics are those in existence at 1 July 1996.

Abnormally high or low total fertility rates and indirect standardised death rates may be due to natural fluctuations in the number of births or deaths or to a small total population.

(b) As at 30 June 1996.

(c) Data is for calendar year 1996.

(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1994 to 1996.

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over three years 1994 to 1996.

(C) City (M) Municipality

## SECTION 2

## POPULATION .....

### Population

At 31 December 1996, Tasmania's estimated resident population was 474,200, equal to the figure recorded at 31 December 1995. Tasmania was the only one of Australia's States or Territories not to record a population increase in this period. During the 10 years ended 31 December 1996, the population increased by 5.8% from 448,200 in 1986. Tasmania's population growth peaked at 6,110 (1.33%) for the year ended 31 December 1990, and has fallen steadily ever since.

### Natural increase

Natural increase was the largest positive component of population growth in Tasmania in 1996. Births exceeded deaths by 2,542.

### Interstate movement

In 1996, 3,268 more people left Tasmania for other States/Territories than made their homes in Tasmania in 1996. This is an increase of 437 on the net number of people leaving Tasmania in 1995, and contrasts with the net interstate migration figure recorded in 1990 when 2,169 more people made their homes in Tasmania than left for other States and Territories.

### Overseas migration

Overseas migration was a positive component of net population growth in 1996. An estimated 589 more people immigrated to Tasmania than left for overseas. This figure represents an increase of 41.6% on the figure recorded in 1995. Overseas arrivals have been increasing steadily since 1992.

### Age structure of the Tasmanian population

As at 31 December 1996, the Tasmanian population comprised 234,200 males and 240,100 females.

As at 30 June 1996, 71,387 or 30.5% of males were under 20 years of age, compared with 68,359, or 28.5% of females. In the 60 years and over age group, the converse occurs with 35,703 or 15.2% of males and 43,919 or 18.3% of females.

Males form a higher proportion of the population in the 0-29 year age group at 50.7%. In the 30-39 year age group, females form the higher proportion at 50.9%, whilst in the 40-49 age group the balance changes again, with males forming 50.3% of this age group. From the 60 and over age group, the longer life expectancy of females is clearly evident as the proportion of females in this age group increases to 55.2%. At age 65, 50.6% are females, rising to 57.3% at age 75, and 66.2% at age 85, before peaking at age 95 and over, where 76.2% are females.

## 2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Estimated resident population</b>							
at 31 December ('000)							
Males	222.5	232.1	233.2	233.8	234.0	234.2	234.2
Females	225.7	236.3	237.7	238.7	239.4	240.0	240.1
Persons	448.2	468.5	471.0	472.5	473.4	474.2	474.2
<b>Components of population change(b)</b>							
<b>Net natural increase(c)</b>							
Number	3 496	3 253	3 219	3 166	2 937	2 767	2 542
<b>Net overseas migration(d)</b>							
Number	1 006	286	40	119	212	416	589
<b>Net interstate migration</b>							
Number	-364	345	-869	-1 026	-2 486	-2 831	-3 268
<b>Intercensal discrepancy</b>							
	-479	48	118	162	244	480	161
<b>Total population growth</b>							
Number (e)	3 659	3 932	2 508	1 521	907	832	24
Annual growth rate (%)	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
<b>Overseas arrivals and departures(f)</b>							
<b>Permanent movement</b>							
Arrivals	1 010	670	500	390	520	550	460
Departures	240	360	300	320	330	360	320
Former settlers	110	180	130	140	130	130	120
Other Australian residents	130	180	170	190	190	230	200
<b>Long-term movement</b>							
Arrivals	1 100	1 260	1 380	1 520	1 550	1 660	1 790
Australian residents returning	730	730	840	860	880	890	960
Overseas visitors arriving	370	520	530	660	670	770	810
Departures	920	1 220	1 340	1 270	1 290	1 420	1 400
Australian residents departing	710	870	940	860	870	900	890
Overseas visitors departing	210	350	400	410	420	520	510
<b>Short-term movement</b>							
Arrivals	32 500	33 100	41 400	44 000	42 300	49 000	45 200
Australian residents returning	20 800	19 700	25 900	25 100	24 300	27 200	26 700
Overseas visitors arriving	11 700	13 500	15 500	18 900	18 000	21 900	18 500
Departures	31 400	38 900	44 300	45 800	43 800	48 000	53 700
Australian residents departing	19 600	24 100	25 900	26 900	23 600	24 400	27 700
Overseas visitors departing	11 800	14 800	18 400	18 900	20 300	23 600	25 900

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From previous year.

(c) Final figures for births and deaths may differ from those used to compile natural increase for population estimates, which are compiled at a preliminary stage.

(d) Includes an estimate of those persons who changed category from short-term visitor to long-term visitor or resident of Australia.

(e) Includes intercensal discrepancy not accounted for by natural increase and net migration.

(f) Statistics have been rounded to the nearest 100 for short-term movement, and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movement.

## 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—at 30 June 1996

Age(years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age(years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	3 464	3 308	6 772	50	2 778	2 801	5 579
1	3 615	3 342	6 957	51	2 749	2 728	5 477
2	3 563	3 333	6 896	52	2 739	2 636	5 375
3	3 503	3 325	6 828	53	2 505	2 407	4 912
4	3 474	3 364	6 838	54	2 436	2 380	4 816
0-4	17 619	16 672	34 291	50-54	13 207	12 952	26 159
5	3 606	3 480	7 086	55	2 391	2 319	4 710
6	3 689	3 428	7 117	56	2 272	2 291	4 563
7	3 594	3 425	7 019	57	2 276	2 173	4 449
8	3 509	3 459	6 968	58	2 147	2 191	4 338
9	3 648	3 450	7 098	59	2 102	2 086	4 188
5-9	18 046	17 242	35 288	55-59	11 188	11 060	22 248
10	3 677	3 561	7 238	60	1 878	1 978	3 856
11	3 689	3 627	7 316	61	1 879	1 917	3 796
12	3 649	3 625	7 274	62	1 953	1 974	3 927
13	3 796	3 529	7 325	63	1 886	1 955	3 841
14	3 718	3 525	7 243	64	1 853	1 908	3 761
10-14	18 529	17 867	36 396	60-64	9 449	9 732	19 181
15	3 617	3 556	7 173	65	1 937	1 982	3 919
16	3 550	3 345	6 895	66	1 850	1 900	3 750
17	3 474	3 361	6 835	67	1 804	1 930	3 734
18	3 328	3 216	6 544	68	1 795	1 885	3 680
19	3 224	3 100	6 324	69	1 740	1 797	3 537
15-19	17 193	16 578	33 771	65-69	9 126	9 494	18 620
20	3 378	3 137	6 515	70	1 680	1 865	3 545
21	3 275	3 174	6 449	71	1 537	1 792	3 329
22	3 270	3 165	6 435	72	1 520	1 828	3 348
23	3 210	3 324	6 534	73	1 417	1 762	3 179
24	3 332	3 438	6 770	74	1 346	1 724	3 070
20-24	16 465	16 238	32 703	70-74	7 500	8 971	16 471
25	3 446	3 495	6 941	75	1 240	1 664	2 904
26	3 335	3 294	6 629	76	1 136	1 541	2 677
27	3 327	3 343	6 670	77	910	1 214	2 124
28	3 153	3 250	6 403	78	869	1 273	2 142
29	3 010	3 226	6 236	79	846	1 222	2 068
25-29	16 271	16 608	32 879	75-79	5 001	6 914	11 915
30	3 069	3 309	6 378	80	739	1 183	1 922
31	3 306	3 409	6 715	81	672	1 119	1 791
32	3 535	3 670	7 205	82	624	1 021	1 645
33	3 560	3 725	7 285	83	509	893	1 402
34	3 724	3 791	7 515	84	443	832	1 275
30-34	17 194	17 904	35 098	80-84	2 987	5 048	8 035
35	3 825	4 003	7 828	85	353	692	1 045
36	3 691	3 903	7 594	86	303	645	948
37	3 681	3 823	7 504	87	257	485	742
38	3 779	3 705	7 484	88	191	409	600
39	3 541	3 692	7 233	89	149	355	504
35-39	18 517	19 126	37 643	85-89	1 253	2 586	3 839
40	3 678	3 619	7 297	90	97	287	384
41	3 451	3 549	7 000	91	77	220	297
42	3 473	3 618	7 091	92	70	190	260
43	3 606	3 472	7 078	93	31	133	164
44	3 404	3 332	6 736	94	35	97	132
40-44	17 612	17 590	35 202	90-94	310	927	1 237
45	3 340	3 361	6 701	95 and over	77	247	324
46	3 338	3 288	6 626				
47	3 200	3 223	6 423	<b>Total</b>	<b>234 373</b>	<b>240 219</b>	<b>474 592</b>
48	3 392	3 241	6 633				
49	3 559	3 350	6 909				
45-49	16 829	16 463	33 292				

## SECTION 3

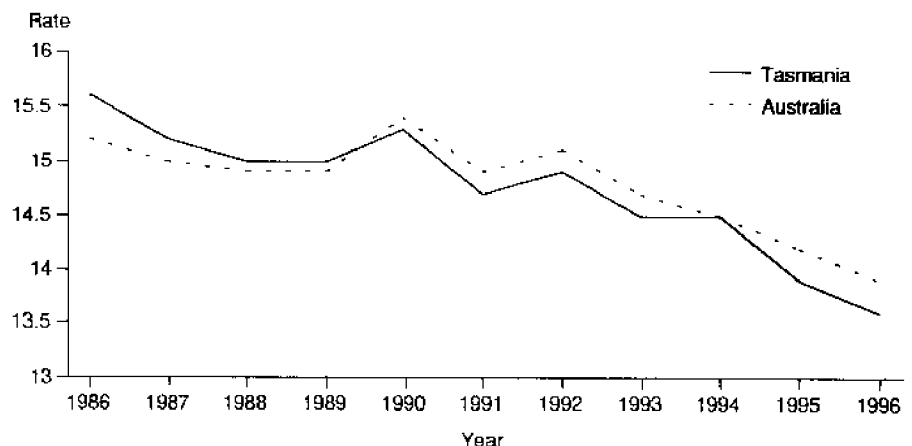
## BIRTHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION .....

In 1996, Tasmanian mothers gave birth to 6,457 children from 6,356 confinements, the lowest figure recorded since 1945. The 1996 figure was a decrease of 113 from the 6,570 births recorded in 1995, and overall a 7% decrease from the 1986 figure (6,950). The sex ratio was 107.6 males born to every 100 females. The total fertility rate, expressed as the number of children one woman would expect to bear during her child-bearing lifetime, remained static at 1.9 in 1996.

### Birth Rates

Tasmania's crude birth rate of 13.6 per thousand of mean population is the lowest on record, and continues the long term downward trend. The rate is lower than the Australian rate of 13.9. Historically the Tasmanian crude birth rate has been higher than the overall rate for Australia. Over recent years the results reveal a continuing trend in which the Tasmanian rate has been falling faster than the Australian equivalent. The Tasmanian rate has been lower than the Australian rate since 1990.

### BIRTH RATES, TASMANIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1986 TO 1996



### Median age of parents

In 1996, the median age of the mother for all confinements was 28.3 years, a slight drop from the figure recorded in 1995, (28.5 years). The mother's median age for nuptial confinements was 29.6 years in 1996, again marginally lower than the 1995 figure (29.7 years). The median age of the father for all confinements was 30.9 years in 1996, down slightly on the 1995 figure (31.1 years).

The median age of the mother for nuptial first confinements was 28.0 years, a slight drop from the 1995 figure (28.3 years). The median age of fathers for nuptial confinements was 32.1 years, slightly higher than the figure recorded in 1995 (32.0 years). In 1996, the median duration of marriage for nuptial first confinements was 2.3 years, compared to 2.6 years for 1995.

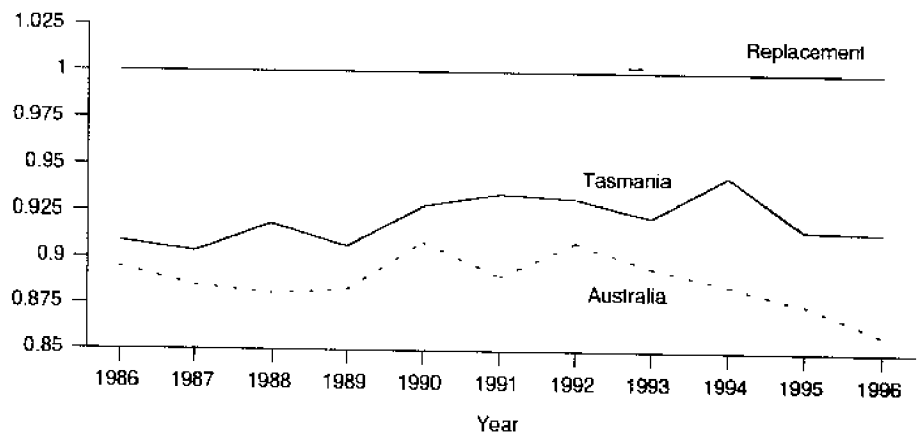


## Fertility

In 1996, the female net reproduction rate for Tasmania, (the extent to which the population can reproduce itself over time), was 0.915, lower than the preceding five years, but higher than the 1986 rate of 0.909. The net reproduction rate fell below the replacement level in 1979 and has remained below that level ever since.

A comparison of 1986 and 1996 age-specific birth rates reveals decreased age-specified groups up to the age of 30 years. The birth rate for females in the 30-34 year age group increased by 28.0%, whilst the rate for the 35-39 year age group increased by 54.4%. In 1996, females in the 25-29 year age group continued to be the most fertile with 130.4 births per thousand, a small drop from the figure of 132.6 recorded in 1995, and the lowest figure recorded for this age group since 1976 when the figure was 133.9.

**NET REPRODUCTION RATE, TASMANIA AND AUSTRALIA,  
1986 TO 1996**



## Confinements

In 1996, 6,356 confinements were recorded in Tasmania, a drop of 1.9% from the figure recorded in 1995, and 7.1% fall from the 1986 figure.

Of the confinements in 1996, 6,258 or 98.5% were single births. Of the 4,162 nuptial confinements, 1,795, or 43.1% produced the first child of the marriage, an increase on the 1986 figure of 39.5%. In 1996, only 306, or 7.4% of nuptial confinements resulted in a fourth or subsequent child. This is a decrease on the 1986 figure when 542, or 9.6%, of nuptial confinements produced a fourth or subsequent child.

## Ex-nuptial births

The number of ex-nuptial births increased by 26, or 1.2%, to 2,215 in 1996, from 2,194 ex-nuptial confinements. The number of nuptial births fell by 139, to 4,242, from 4,162 nuptial confinements in 1996, a decrease of 3.2%.

Ex-nuptial births accounted for 34.3% of all births in 1996, up 1 percentage point on 1995. This continues the upward trend in evidence since 1961, and is an increase of 17.1 percentage points on the figure recorded in 1986. Of all ex-nuptial confinements, 55.3% were to females aged less than 25 years, a slight increase on the 53.7% recorded in 1995, whilst 21.7% of confinements were to mothers aged 30 years or over, a slight decrease on the 22.9% recorded in 1995.

In 1986, 68.8% of ex-nuptial births had paternity acknowledged, but by 1996 this had increased to 87.6% of births. While the number of ex-nuptial births grew by 85% between 1986 and 1996, the absolute number of cases where paternity was not acknowledged fell by 100 over the same period.

## 3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
BIRTHS							
<b>Total births</b>	<b>6 950</b>	<b>6 870</b>	<b>6 987</b>	<b>6 835</b>	<b>6 844</b>	<b>6 570</b>	<b>6 457</b>
Males	3 615	3 454	3 595	3 523	3 497	3 390	3 346
Females	3 335	3 416	3 392	3 312	3 347	3 180	3 111
Sex ratio	108.4	101.1	106.0	106.4	104.5	106.6	107.6
Nuptial births	5 753	4 977	5 003	4 680	4 725	4 381	4 242
Ex-nuptial births							
Number	1 197	1 893	1 984	2 155	2 119	2 189	2 215
Percentage of total live births	17.2	27.6	28.4	31.5	31.0	33.3	34.3
Paternity acknowledged births							
Number	823	1 531	1 660	1 854	1 808	1 896	1 941
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	68.8	80.9	83.7	86.0	85.3	86.6	87.6
Crude birth rate	15.6	14.7	14.9	14.5	14.5	13.9	13.6
Age-specific birth rate							
Age Group (years)							
15-19	27.7	29.4	28.9	29.9	27.2	24.9	26.8
20-24	110.9	91.8	92.2	90.6	93.2	83.8	88.5
25-29	145.3	137.0	141.3	140.0	138.6	132.6	130.4
30-34	77.1	89.1	92.8	91.4	96.4	98.4	98.7
35-39	20.6	29.6	30.1	29.5	31.7	35.8	31.8
40-44	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.4	5.0	6.0	6.5
45-49	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4
Total fertility rate	1.928	1.906	1.951	1.930	1.961	1.909	1.916
Female net reproduction rate	0.909	0.935	0.933	0.923	0.945	0.916	0.915

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996 *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
CONFINEMENTS							
<b>Total confinements</b>	<b>6 866</b>	<b>6 776</b>	<b>6 894</b>	<b>6 773</b>	<b>6 768</b>	<b>6 480</b>	<b>6 358</b>
First nuptial	2 239	1 999	2 015	2 079	2 022	1 924	1 795
All nuptial	5 673	4 905	4 927	4 636	4 661	4 318	4 162
Paternity acknowledged	821	1 513	1 647	1 838	1 797	1 871	1 922
All ex-nuptial	1 193	1 871	1 967	2 137	2 107	2 162	2 194
<b>Median age of mother (years)</b>							
First nuptial	25.7	27.3	27.6	27.6	28.0	28.3	28.0
All nuptial	27.2	28.8	29.0	29.0	29.3	29.7	29.6
Paternity acknowledged	22.4	23.4	23.5	24.2	24.1	24.8	24.5
All ex-nuptial	22.3	23.1	23.4	23.9	23.8	24.5	24.3
Total	26.6	27.7	28.0	27.9	28.1	28.5	28.3
<b>Median age of father (years)</b>							
Nuptial	29.6	31.0	31.2	31.4	31.7	32.0	32.1
Paternity acknowledged	25.2	25.9	26.8	26.6	26.8	27.6	27.0
All fathers where age is known	29.3	30.2	30.4	30.4	30.8	31.1	30.9
<b>Median duration of marriage (years)</b>							
First nuptial	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.3
Nuptial	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6
<b>Nuptial confinements</b>							
Previous births							
0	2 239	1 999	2 015	2 079	2 022	1 924	1 795
1	1 872	1 597	1 590	1 455	1 557	1 371	1 447
2	1 020	872	860	713	712	673	614
3	379	276	321	257	257	215	201
4	105	97	83	68	55	79	64
5 and over	58	64	58	64	58	56	41
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

## 3.2 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother—1996

## AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

Confinements	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Total
NUMBER								
Nuptial								
Single	20	592	1 559	1 365	452	96	1	4 085
Twins	—	8	25	29	9	2	—	73
Triplets or higher order	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	4
Total	20	600	1 586	1 396	461	98	1	4 162
Ex-nuptial								
Single	419	783	497	320	131	21	2	2 173
Twins	3	7	7	1	3	—	—	21
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	422	790	504	321	134	21	2	2 194
<b>Total confinements</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>1 390</b>	<b>2 090</b>	<b>1 717</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6 356</b>
PROPORTION (%)								
Nuptial	4.5	43.2	75.9	81.3	77.5	82.4	33.3	65.5
Ex-nuptial	95.5	56.8	24.1	18.7	22.5	17.6	66.7	34.5

## 3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents—1996

Age of mother (years)	Age of father (years)													
	16 and under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
19 and under	20	21	38	22	15	7	4	2	1	1	1	—	1	1
20	3	15	15	24	22	13	7	1	2	1	—	1	1	1
21	1	8	10	21	35	22	13	5	6	1	—	—	—	1
22	3	12	14	18	27	26	31	14	7	7	4	5	2	3
23	2	2	5	11	28	21	25	22	22	15	11	13	4	4
24	—	3	10	16	11	22	27	47	39	22	12	7	6	6
25	1	4	8	9	10	27	30	30	43	60	14	16	11	7
26	—	1	3	6	8	23	20	36	39	43	47	31	14	9
27	1	1	2	5	5	16	17	21	45	48	65	54	32	18
28	—	1	1	4	12	11	15	20	32	50	42	64	59	38
29	—	2	2	3	—	6	8	28	22	29	39	44	53	60
30	1	—	1	2	4	4	9	8	14	24	32	44	53	47
31	—	—	—	—	4	5	2	10	16	26	26	36	42	46
32	—	—	—	2	1	4	3	8	21	25	24	21	34	43
33	—	1	—	—	1	3	2	7	8	17	12	23	33	30
34	—	—	2	—	1	1	4	6	12	10	10	12	16	20
35	—	—	—	1	3	1	2	5	10	6	3	12	22	22
36	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	6	5	8	9	15	13
37	—	2	—	1	—	—	2	2	5	6	4	5	5	11
38	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	2	2	5	6	7	12
39	—	—	—	1	2	1	2	—	2	2	3	7	4	7
40-44	—	1	1	—	—	2	3	5	10	3	4	11	11	11
45-49	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	2	4	5
50 and over	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	2	1	1	2	3
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable(a)	19	17	21	20	20	28	29	12	13	12	12	9	5	5
Nuptial	—	1	3	16	47	67	93	170	223	286	283	339	343	335
Ex-nuptial	52	90	130	150	164	180	166	124	156	132	97	94	93	88
Total	52	91	133	166	211	247	259	294	379	418	380	433	436	423

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents—1996 *continued*

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)								Total		Total
	30	31	32	33	34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Nuptial	Ex-nuptial	
19 and under	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	130	135
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	99	106
21	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	20	105	125
22	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	47	129	176
23	2	4	2	—	—	1	—	—	68	126	194
24	5	4	4	—	—	4	—	—	106	139	245
25	5	5	4	1	1	4	—	—	168	122	290
26	8	5	9	6	3	2	1	—	201	113	314
27	12	8	5	2	3	7	—	—	263	104	367
28	16	12	10	2	4	10	—	—	285	118	403
29	27	21	16	9	7	10	—	—	299	87	386
30	47	22	15	6	5	9	2	—	281	68	349
31	49	47	18	13	9	27	4	—	303	77	380
32	46	60	52	24	10	19	3	—	334	66	400
33	38	43	50	33	21	18	1	—	292	49	341
34	36	40	46	40	17	36	5	—	257	57	314
35	23	39	36	34	25	46	3	—	238	55	293
36	21	13	23	26	38	48	3	—	183	49	232
37	17	18	20	19	26	56	4	—	163	40	203
38	12	9	15	21	10	57	3	—	132	34	166
39	7	6	10	14	19	48	10	—	119	26	145
40-44	6	24	29	30	34	132	49	1	282	85	367
45-49	4	6	7	4	3	31	15	1	59	29	88
50 and over	5	4	3	7	4	16	12	—	49	14	63
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Not applicable(a)	12	8	2	4	6	13	4	1	—	272	272
Nuptial	330	324	305	240	197	461	98	1	4 162	—	4 162
Ex-nuptial	70	75	71	56	49	134	21	2	—	—	—
Total	400	399	376	296	246	595	119	3	4 162	2 194	6 356

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

## 3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents—1996

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	3 421	—	289	3 710	3 421	—	291	3 712
Fiji	4	2	1	7	3	2	—	5
New Zealand	29	13	8	50	34	13	11	58
Other	9	2	—	11	11	2	3	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 463</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>3 778</b>	<b>3 469</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>3 791</b>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	2
Former USSR & Baltic States	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Former Yugoslav Republics	4	1	2	7	1	1	—	2
Germany	3	3	2	8	8	3	3	14
Greece	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	5	—	1	6	3	—	2	5
Italy	2	—	3	5	1	—	1	2
Malta	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	13	—	8	21	7	—	2	9
Poland	—	1	—	1	1	1	2	4
United Kingdom	158	18	16	192	136	18	15	169
Other	9	3	4	16	8	3	1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>220</b>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	1	1	—	2	—	1	—	1
Lebanon	1	2	—	3	—	2	1	3
Turkey	2	1	—	3	—	1	—	1
Other	3	5	2	10	—	5	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	—	3	—	3	—	3	1	4
Malaysia	2	1	—	3	3	1	2	6
Philippines	2	1	—	3	22	1	2	25
Singapore	2	2	2	6	—	2	1	3
Thailand	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	7
Viet Nam	—	3	1	4	—	3	—	3
Other	—	7	—	7	—	7	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>56</b>



3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents—1996 *continued*

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	7	1	8	2	7	—	9
Hong Kong	1	2	2	5	—	2	—	2
Other	1	3	—	4	4	3	—	7
<i>Total</i>	2	12	3	17	6	12	—	18
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	2	3	—	5	1	3	—	4
Sri Lanka	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	1
Other	1	4	—	5	—	4	—	4
<i>Total</i>	5	7	—	12	2	7	—	9
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	6	1	1	8	11	1	2	14
Chile	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	2
United States of America	5	3	2	10	15	3	4	22
Other	2	2	1	5	3	2	3	8
<i>Total</i>	13	8	4	25	29	8	9	46
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	4	2	1	7	2	2	1	5
Other	5	1	4	10	2	1	2	5
<i>Total</i>	9	3	5	17	4	3	3	10
Other and not stated	6	—	—	6	1	—	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 712</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>4 162</b>	<b>3 710</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>4 162</b>

## 3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother, Previous and Average Issue—1996

## PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE CURRENT MARRIAGE.....

Age of mother (years)	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated	All mothers	Total issue	Average issue
16 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1.0
18	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	1.0
19	15	1	—	—	—	—	—	16	17	1.0
20	40	5	1	—	1	—	—	47	58	1.0
21	54	11	2	—	—	—	—	67	83	1.0
22	66	24	3	—	—	—	—	93	123	1.0
23	101	51	15	3	—	—	—	170	265	2.0
24	132	74	15	2	—	—	—	223	335	2.0
25	171	84	26	3	2	—	—	286	443	2.0
26	146	102	23	10	2	—	—	283	473	2.0
27	176	106	42	13	2	—	—	339	582	2.0
28	144	122	52	17	6	2	—	343	664	2.0
29	127	136	45	19	7	1	—	335	661	2.0
30	131	127	56	12	3	1	—	330	626	2.0
31	114	131	56	13	4	6	—	324	670	2.0
32	91	116	63	24	8	3	—	305	672	2.0
33	64	92	56	18	2	8	—	240	558	2.0
34	58	85	32	15	4	3	—	197	429	2.0
35-39	131	151	102	47	18	12	—	461	1 103	2.0
40 and over	30	28	25	5	5	5	—	98	244	2.0
Not stated	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 795</b>	<b>1 447</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4 162</b>	<b>8 012</b>	<b>2.0</b>

### 3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Age of mother—1996

#### AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

<i>Duration of marriage (years)</i>	<i>19 and under</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40 and over</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1	15	116	117	80	28	4	—	360
1	4	139	156	102	25	5	—	431
2	—	84	152	59	17	9	—	321
3	—	38	112	43	14	1	—	208
4	—	13	80	28	8	—	—	129
5	—	3	71	35	7	2	—	118
6	—	—	52	26	4	2	—	84
7	—	—	14	22	3	1	—	40
8 and over	—	—	10	63	25	6	—	104
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 795</b>

SECTION **4**

**BIRTHS — YEAR OF OCCURRENCE  
(PRELIMINARY)** .....

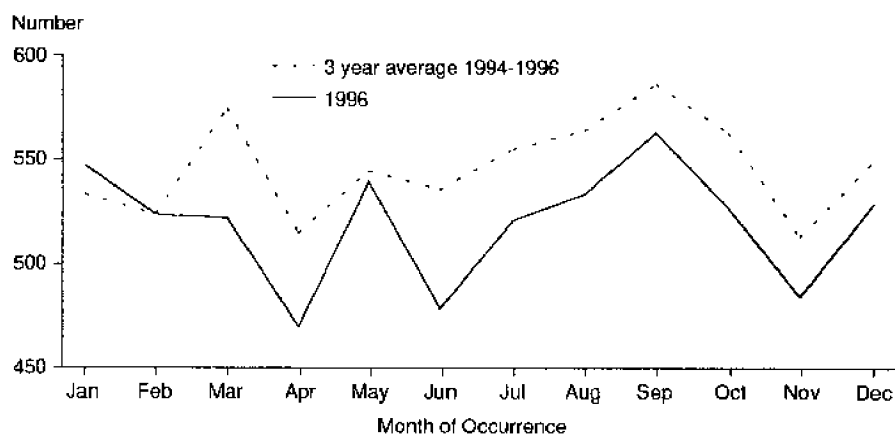
In 1996, 6,238 children were born in Tasmania, a decrease of 4.9% from the figure recorded in 1995, and a 10.8% drop from the figure recorded in 1986. Despite a marginal increase in births in 1994, the overall trend is toward a declining number of births.

Trends in the number of births are more meaningful when based on the year of occurrence, rather than the year of registration data, because a proportion of births that occur in each calendar year are not registered until the following year. This occurs particularly with births toward the end of the calendar year.

Month of occurrence

On average, 17 children were born each day in Tasmania in 1996, compared to 19 born each day in 1986. The highest number of births in 1996 occurred in September (563), January (547), and May (540), whilst the lowest numbers occurred in April (469), June (478), and November (484). The highest monthly number of births since 1991 occurred in October 1993 (634), whilst the lowest monthly number occurred in April 1996 (469).

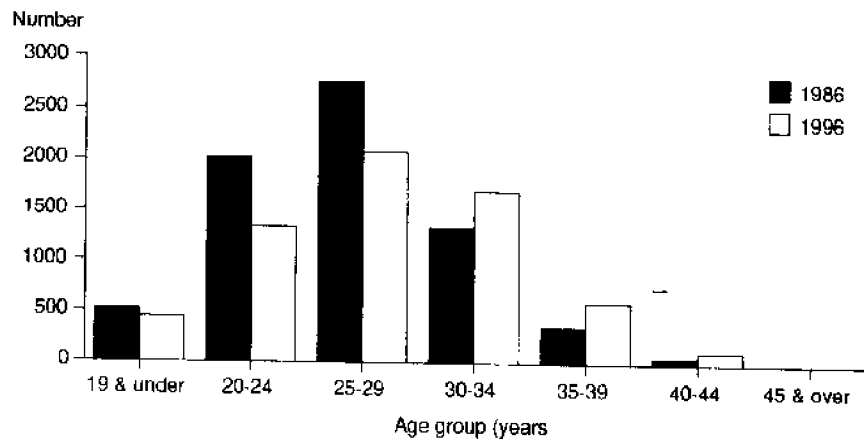
**NUMBER OF BIRTHS, MONTH OF OCCURRENCE,  
TASMANIA, 1994-1996 AVERAGE AND 1996**



## Age group of mother

In 1996, mothers in the 25–29 year age group gave birth to 2,058 children, a fall of 675, or 24.7% from the 1986 figure. Historically, this age group has given birth to the highest number of children, although this has fallen steadily since 1992. The other traditionally large number of births in the 20–24 year age group has fallen by 33.1% since 1986. The reverse is true of the 30–34 year, and 35–39 year age groups, which have shown increases of 27.5%, and 66.1% respectively over the same period, confirming the trend toward later child-bearing.

## AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, TASMANIA, 1986 AND 1996



## 4.1 BIRTHS, Month of Occurrence—1986, 1991 to 1996

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	548	600	597	538	521	534	547
February	497	585	553	513	537	512	524
March	605	543	567	579	628	574	522
April	594	577	585	567	511	565	469
May	552	578	577	556	560	532	540
June	570	582	584	529	579	549	478
July	613	592	586	574	574	571	521
August	621	593	581	608	550	607	534
September	600	559	594	579	630	567	563
October	636	584	616	634	616	547	527
November	546	534	553	599	576	481	484
December	608	593	601	539	599	520	529
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 990</b>	<b>6 920</b>	<b>6 994</b>	<b>6 815</b>	<b>6 881</b>	<b>6 559</b>	<b>6 238</b>

RATE							
Crude birth rate	15.7	14.8	14.9	14.4	14.6	13.9	13.2

PROPORTION (%)							
January	7.8	8.7	8.5	7.9	7.6	8.1	8.8
February	7.1	8.5	7.9	7.5	7.8	7.8	8.4
March	8.7	7.8	8.1	8.5	9.1	8.8	8.4
April	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.3	7.4	8.6	7.5
May	7.9	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.7
June	8.2	8.4	8.4	7.8	8.4	8.4	7.7
July	8.8	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.7	8.4
August	8.9	8.6	8.3	8.9	8.0	9.3	8.6
September	8.6	8.1	8.5	8.5	9.2	8.6	9.0
October	9.1	8.4	8.8	9.3	9.0	8.3	8.4
November	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.8	8.4	7.3	7.8
December	8.7	8.6	8.6	7.9	8.7	7.9	8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 4.2 BIRTHS, Age of Mother—1986, 1991 to 1996

## AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>19 and under</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>
1986	517	1 997	2 733	1 329	357	56	1	6 990
1991	521	1 618	2 443	1 732	529	74	3	6 920
1992	501	1 621	2 459	1 802	535	72	4	6 994
1993	489	1 568	2 342	1 795	540	78	3	6 815
1994	479	1 605	2 266	1 851	592	84	2	6 881
1995	397	1 405	2 154	1 829	667	101	6	6 559
1996	437	1 335	2 058	1 695	593	110	7	6 238

(a) Includes not stated.

## 4.3 BIRTHS, Age-specific Birth Rates and Total Fertility Rate—1986, 1991 to 1996

Selected years	AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....							Total fertility rate
	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	
1986	27.3	110.4	147.4	77.2	21.3	4.3	0.1	1.939
1991	29.3	93.5	137.1	89.7	29.9	4.4	0.2	1.920
1992	29.1	91.9	142.9	92.4	29.8	4.3	0.3	1.954
1993	29.1	89.5	139.4	92.2	29.8	4.6	0.2	1.923
1994	28.7	93.7	138.3	96.3	32.2	4.9	0.1	1.971
1995	24.1	84.4	132.8	98.2	35.7	5.8	0.4	1.907
1996	26.3	84.0	126.2	95.5	31.1	6.3	0.4	1.849

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15.

(b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.



## SECTION 5

### DEATHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION .....

In 1996, 3,872 deaths were recorded in Tasmania, 118 more than in 1995. Male deaths accounted for 2,052 of the total whilst female deaths numbered 1,820, a ratio of 112.7 male deaths to every 100 female deaths.

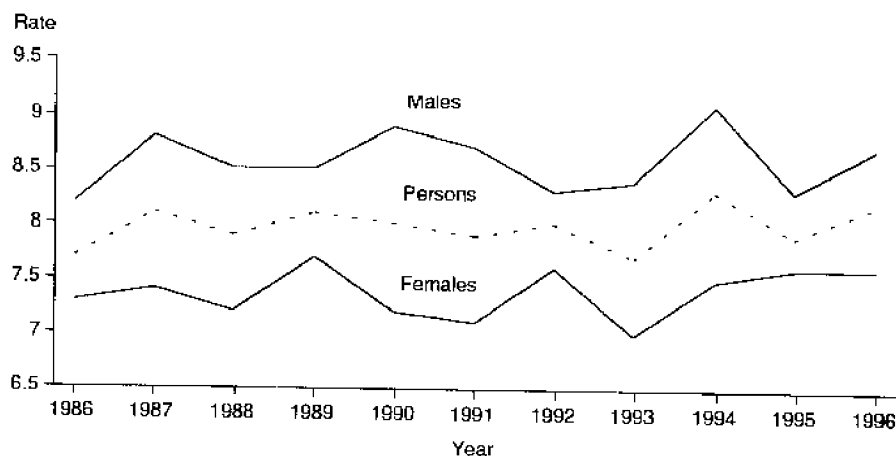
There were 100 more male deaths in 1996, representing an increase of 5.1%, whilst there were 18 more female deaths, or a 1% increase over the same period.

#### Death Rates

The crude death rate for 1996 was 8.2 per thousand of mid-year population, slightly higher than the 1995 figure, and the highest figure recorded of any State or Territory in Australia. The next nearest State was South Australia at 7.8, whilst the Australian crude death rate for 1996 was 7.0 deaths per thousand of mid-year population.

The crude death rate for Tasmanian males was 8.7 per thousand of mid-year population, an increase on the figure recorded in 1995, whilst the female crude death rate remained the same as 1995 at 7.6 per thousand.

**DEATH RATES, TASMANIA, 1986 TO 1996**



#### Medians

The median age at death for Tasmanian males in 1996 was 74.2 years, only slightly higher than the Australian median of 74.0. The median age at death for Tasmanian females was 79.8 year, slightly less than the Australian median of 80.7 years and significantly higher than that of their male counterparts. Median ages at death for both men and women have continued to gradually rise, the rates for 1986 being 71.7 years for males, and 77.5 years for females.

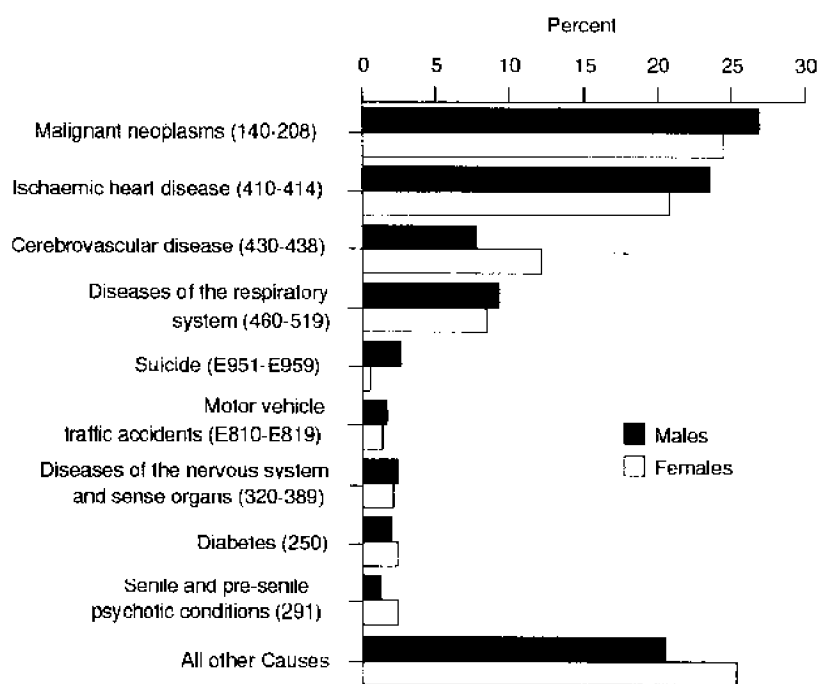
## Cause of death

Ischaemic heart disease and malignant neoplasms (cancers), were the major causes of death for Tasmanians in 1996, accounting for 862 and 1,051 deaths respectively.

Malignant neoplasms were responsible for 29.5% of male deaths and 24.5% of female deaths. Ischaemic heart disease brought about a further 23.5% of male deaths and 20.9% of female deaths.

Diseases of the circulatory system brought about the deaths of 1,624 Tasmanians in 1996, accounting for 41.9% of deaths recorded during that year. Some 39.7% of male deaths (815) and 44.5% of female deaths (809) were attributable to these diseases.

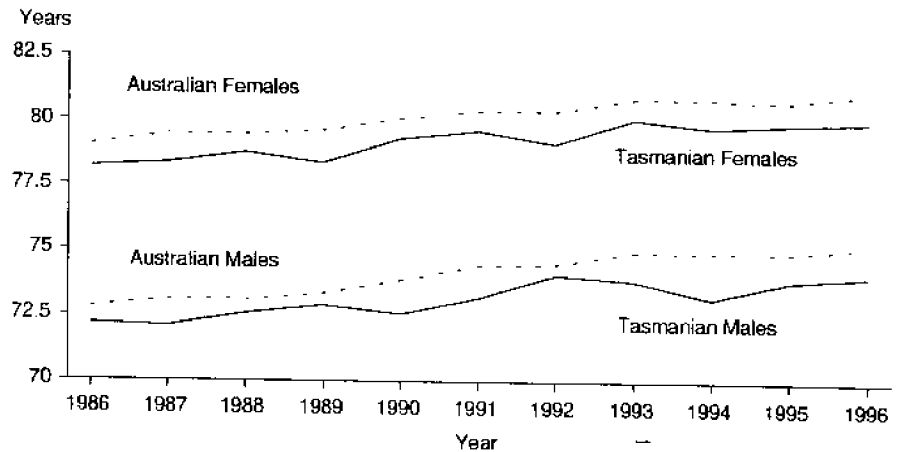
## MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH, TASMANIA, 1996



Disease of the respiratory system accounted for a further 341 deaths (8.8% of all deaths), 188 (9.2%) male deaths, and 153 (8.4%) female deaths. Deaths from cerebrovascular disease, or stroke, were more common for females than males, resulting in 220 (12.1%) female deaths, compared to the much lower figure of 159 (7.7%) male deaths in 1996. In contrast, for deaths due to accidents, poisoning and violence, male deaths, 146 (7.1%), were far more prevalent than female deaths, 68 (3.7%).

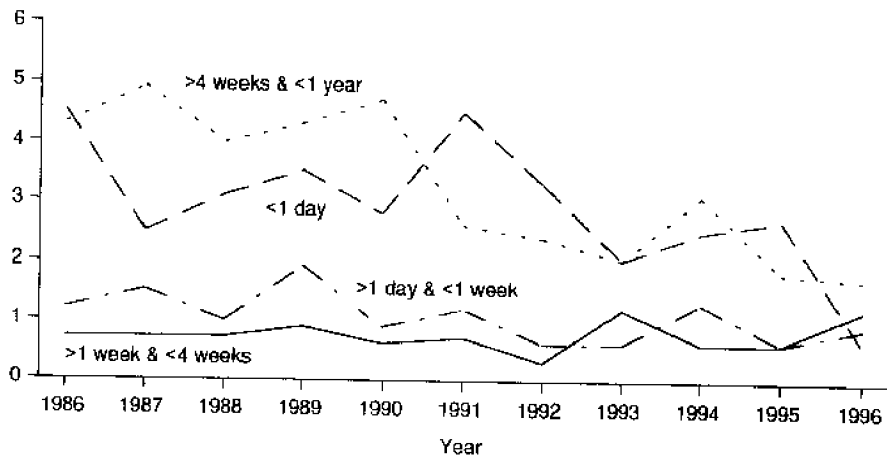
## Life expectancy

Based on the mortality conditions prevailing in Tasmania in 1996, the life expectancy at birth was 74.1 years for males and 80.0 years for females. Australian life expectancy at birth was 75.2 years for males and 81.1 years for females.

**LIFE EXPECTANCY, TASMANIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1986 TO 1996**

## Infant Mortality

In 1996, there were 29 infant deaths recorded in Tasmania, (19 males and 10 females), a decrease of 9, or 23.7% from the 1995 total, and a continuation of the trend toward lower numbers of infant deaths in Tasmania. The male infant mortality rate was 5.7 per 1,000 live births, whilst for females it was 3.2 per 1,000 live births, both down on the 1995 rates when they were 8.0, and 3.5 per 1,000 live births respectively. There has been a noticeable downward trend in Tasmanian infant death rates over the past 20 years.

**INFANT DEATH RATES, TASMANIA, 1986 TO 1996**

## 5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994(b)	1995(b)	1996(b)
DEATHS							
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>3 454</b>	<b>3 686</b>	<b>3 739</b>	<b>3 637</b>	<b>3 911</b>	<b>3 754</b>	<b>3 872</b>
Males	1 825	2 024	1 939	1 965	2 136	1 952	2 052
Females	1 629	1 662	1 800	1 672	1 775	1 802	1 820
Sex ratio	112.0	121.8	107.7	117.5	120.3	108.3	112.7
<b>Standardised death rate</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Males	10.0	10.1	9.4	9.4	10.0	9.0	9.2
Females	6.5	5.9	6.2	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.6
<b>Crude death rate</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>
Males	8.2	8.7	8.3	8.4	9.1	8.3	8.7
Females	7.2	7.1	7.6	7.0	7.5	7.6	7.6
<b>Median age at death</b>							
Males	71.7	73.1	74.1	73.1	74.0	73.8	74.2
Females	77.5	78.9	79.4	79.0	79.3	79.7	79.8
<b>Age-specific death rate</b>							
Age group (years)							
Males							
0	12.4	10.4	7.0	7.1	8.6	8.0	5.7
1-4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2
5-14	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	—
15-24	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.1
25-34	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.2
35-44	1.5	1.7	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.7
45-54	5.5	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.6	3.7	4.1
45-64	14.5	12.7	12.1	12.4	13.4	10.7	10.8
65-74	36.3	36.0	30.2	32.6	33.0	32.6	34.3
75-84	88.0	85.2	91.3	80.6	88.9	77.1	80.0
85 and over	180.7	222.4	194.1	192.5	216.4	208.6	208.0
Females							
0	10.2	7.6	6.2	4.5	6.3	3.5	3.2
1-4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	—	0.4
5-14	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
15-24	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
25-34	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6
35-44	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1
45-54	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.9
45-64	7.6	7.8	7.2	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.5
65-74	22.7	19.1	18.6	18.6	19.3	18.5	17.6
75-84	58.6	51.6	60.8	46.6	52.7	52.1	49.1
85 and over	158.5	158.7	159.5	159.7	156.9	157.1	155.5
<b>Expectation of life</b>							
Males							
Age 0	72.3	73.1	74.1	73.9	73.9	74.1	74.1
Age 1	72.2	72.9	73.6	73.4	73.5	73.6	73.6
Age 25	49.5	49.9	50.6	50.4	50.3	50.5	50.5
Age 45	30.5	31.3	31.8	31.8	31.7	31.7	31.7
Age 65	14.4	14.5	15.1	15.3	15.0	15.0	15.0
Females							
Age 0	78.3	79.6	79.2	80.1	79.9	80.0	80.0
Age 1	78.1	79.2	78.7	79.5	79.3	79.3	79.3
Age 25	54.5	55.5	55.2	56.0	55.6	55.7	55.7
Age 45	35.3	36.1	35.8	36.7	36.3	36.4	36.4
Age 65	17.8	18.6	18.3	19.1	18.9	18.9	18.9

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996 *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
DEATHS							
Principal causes of death (SDR per 100,000 population)							
Males							
Neoplasms	238	244	240	251	273	253	265
Diseases of the circulatory system	469	435	405	387	410	368	367
Diseases of the respiratory system	87	114	111	97	103	78	87
Diseases of the digestive system	25	33	16	24	24	26	25
All other diseases	102	106	93	102	113	109	106
External causes	82	82	79	71	74	63	66
Females							
Neoplasms	157	154	157	142	150	166	154
Diseases of the circulatory system	331	254	270	263	247	243	232
Diseases of the respiratory system	35	50	56	44	43	41	47
Diseases of the digestive system	27	20	20	19	24	20	19
All other diseases	70	78	80	65	94	75	82
External causes	28	31	33	25	23	25	25
INFANT DEATHS							
<b>Total infant deaths</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>
Males	45	36	25	25	30	27	19
Females	34	26	21	15	21	11	10
Infant mortality rate	11.4	9.0	6.6	5.9	7.5	5.8	4.5
Males	12.4	10.4	7.0	7.1	8.6	8.0	5.7
Females	10.2	7.6	6.2	4.5	6.3	3.5	3.2
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	18	20	13	9	12	12	2
1 day to under 1 week	10	3	3	2	4	4	4
1 week to under 4 weeks	3	3	1	5	1	2	7
4 weeks to under 1 year	14	10	8	9	13	9	6
Females							
Under 1 day	13	11	10	5	5	6	2
1 day to under 1 week	1	5	1	2	5	—	2
1 week to under 4 weeks	3	2	1	3	3	2	1
4 weeks to under 1 year	17	8	9	5	8	3	5

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From 1994 onwards life expectation data will be calculated over three years surrounding the year in the table heading.

## 5.2 DEATHS, Age at Death — 1996

Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1							
1	1	2	3	51	14	9	23
2	1	—	1	52	11	9	20
3	—	3	3	53	21	13	34
4	1	—	1	54	15	9	24
0-4	22	15	37	50-54	70	47	117
5	—	—	—	55	16	9	25
6	—	1	1	56	17	8	25
7	—	1	1	57	16	9	25
8	—	—	—	58	18	21	39
9	—	—	—	59	26	17	43
5-9							
10	—	1	1	60	23	21	44
11	—	1	1	61	29	15	44
12	—	1	1	62	28	18	46
13	—	—	—	63	17	14	31
14	1	—	1	64	31	22	53
10-14	1	3	4	60-64	128	90	218
15	3	2	5	65	49	23	72
16	1	—	1	66	36	28	64
17	3	2	5	67	45	19	64
18	5	3	8	68	58	24	82
19	—	—	—				
15-19	19	9	28	65-69	232	127	359
20	2	1	3	70	40	37	77
21	8	2	10	71	82	35	117
22	2	—	2	72	77	35	112
23	4	—	4	73	71	49	120
24	—	—	—				
20-24	20	4	24	70-74	342	198	540
25	2	2	4	75	63	42	105
26	1	5	6	76	70	45	115
27	5	1	6	77	58	53	111
28	—	—	—				
29	4	—	4	79	65	72	137
25-29	15	8	23	75-79	313	268	581
30	8	3	11	80	55	54	109
31	6	1	7	81	87	71	158
32	8	3	11	82	73	72	145
33	2	3	5	83	53	69	122
34	2	1	3	84	57	53	110
30-34	26	11	37	80-84	325	319	644
35	3	3	6	85	56	68	124
36	5	4	9	86	45	72	117
37	—	—	—				
38	8	6	14	88	42	54	96
39	8	4	12	89	33	43	76
35-39	27	18	45	85-89	221	305	526
40	5	3	8	90	26	46	72
41	6	2	8	91	25	46	71
42	—	—	—				
43	6	7	13	93	10	39	49
44	8	5	13	94	10	32	42
40-44	33	21	54	90-94	91	201	292
45	9	3	12	95-99	19	49	68
46	8	5	13	100 and over	2	23	25
47	13	16	29				
48	11	6	17				
49	12	8	20				
45-49	53	38	91	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 052</b>	<b>1 820</b>	<b>3 872</b>

## 5.3 DEATHS, Marital Status—1996

Age at death (years)	MALES.....						FEMALES.....					
	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
Under 1	19	—	—	—	—	19	10	—	—	—	—	10
1-4	3	—	—	—	—	3	5	—	—	—	—	5
5-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
10-14	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	3
15-19	19	—	—	—	—	19	9	—	—	—	—	9
20-24	19	1	—	—	—	20	4	—	—	—	—	4
25-29	9	6	—	—	—	15	3	5	—	—	—	8
30-34	13	9	—	4	—	26	2	8	1	—	—	11
35-39	10	12	3	2	—	27	1	14	1	2	—	18
40-44	14	14	—	5	—	33	2	15	—	4	—	21
45-49	9	38	—	6	—	53	6	24	3	5	—	38
50-54	11	49	2	8	—	70	4	35	2	6	—	47
55-59	11	64	3	14	1	93	5	42	10	7	—	64
60-64	13	92	10	12	1	128	1	59	24	6	—	90
65-69	28	159	25	19	1	232	2	74	44	7	—	127
70-74	39	219	53	31	—	342	11	81	95	11	—	198
75-79	17	199	80	17	—	313	19	92	146	11	—	268
80-84	19	187	110	9	—	325	19	67	224	9	—	319
85-89	15	109	92	5	—	221	26	42	235	2	—	305
90-94	6	32	52	1	—	91	17	12	167	5	—	201
95-99	1	5	13	—	—	19	4	1	42	2	—	49
100 and over	—	—	2	—	—	2	4	—	18	1	—	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2 052</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>1 012</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 820</b>

## 5.4 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)

Age (years)	TAS.....						AUST.....			
	1971.....		1981.....		1991.....		1994 to 96.....		1994 to 96.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	68.09	76.11	69.83	77.65	73.16	79.64	74.05	80.00	75.22	81.05
5	64.56	70.96	66.10	73.67	68.98	75.34	69.72	75.41	70.81	76.55
10	59.77	66.10	61.23	68.71	64.05	70.39	64.78	70.45	65.86	70.61
15	54.93	61.21	56.35	63.76	59.11	65.43	59.86	65.49	60.93	65.67
20	50.56	56.44	51.83	58.97	54.41	60.53	55.11	60.58	56.15	60.78
25	46.23	51.66	47.41	54.14	49.95	55.62	50.45	55.69	51.48	56.87
30	41.67	46.82	42.78	49.40	45.38	50.75	45.77	50.80	46.79	51.98
35	36.90	42.02	38.02	44.58	40.69	45.84	41.08	45.95	42.10	46.14
40	32.31	37.24	33.30	39.80	35.98	40.95	36.39	41.14	37.41	42.28
45	27.85	32.49	28.81	35.09	31.31	36.18	31.72	36.41	32.75	37.49
50	23.61	28.03	24.46	30.50	26.77	31.54	27.16	31.79	28.18	32.80
55	19.73	23.73	20.49	26.15	22.44	27.01	22.79	27.32	23.78	28.24
60	16.15	19.60	16.82	22.02	18.35	22.68	18.69	23.03	19.62	23.83
65	12.92	16.70	13.42	18.01	14.58	18.71	14.99	18.94	15.82	19.61
70	10.17	12.17	10.55	14.32	11.38	14.94	11.75	15.13	12.45	15.67
75	8.08	9.12	8.25	10.92	8.83	11.46	8.94	11.67	9.51	12.07
80	6.36	6.66	6.43	8.12	6.52	8.48	6.60	8.65	7.04	8.92
85	4.77	5.01	4.78	5.78	4.88	6.18	4.83	6.20	5.15	6.38
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.81	4.38	3.64	4.39	3.87	4.50
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	3.14	3.29	3.00	3.18	3.18	3.24

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994.

In 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.



## 5.5 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)—1994 to 1996(a)

TAS.....					AUST.....					TAS.....					AUST.....				
Age( years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Age( years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Age( years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Age( years)	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	74.1	80.0	75.2	81.1	50	27.2	31.8	28.2	32.8	50	27.2	31.8	28.2	32.8	50	27.2	31.8	28.2	32.8
1	73.6	79.3	74.7	80.5	51	26.3	30.9	27.3	31.9	51	26.3	30.9	27.3	31.9	51	26.3	30.9	27.3	31.9
2	72.7	78.4	73.7	79.5	52	25.4	30.0	26.4	31.0	52	25.4	30.0	26.4	31.0	52	25.4	30.0	26.4	31.0
3	71.7	77.4	72.8	78.5	53	24.5	29.1	25.5	30.1	53	24.5	29.1	25.5	30.1	53	24.5	29.1	25.5	30.1
4	70.7	76.4	71.8	77.5	54	23.6	28.2	24.6	29.1	54	23.6	28.2	24.6	29.1	54	23.6	28.2	24.6	29.1
5	69.7	75.4	70.8	76.6	55	22.8	27.3	23.8	28.2	55	22.8	27.3	23.8	28.2	55	22.8	27.3	23.8	28.2
6	68.7	74.4	69.8	75.6	56	21.9	26.5	22.9	27.3	56	21.9	26.5	22.9	27.3	56	21.9	26.5	22.9	27.3
7	67.8	73.4	68.8	74.6	57	21.1	25.6	22.1	26.5	57	21.1	25.6	22.1	26.5	57	21.1	25.6	22.1	26.5
8	66.8	72.4	67.8	73.6	58	20.3	24.7	21.2	25.6	58	20.3	24.7	21.2	25.6	58	20.3	24.7	21.2	25.6
9	65.8	71.4	66.8	72.6	59	19.5	23.9	20.4	24.7	59	19.5	23.9	20.4	24.7	59	19.5	23.9	20.4	24.7
10	64.8	70.5	65.9	71.6	60	18.7	23.0	19.6	23.8	60	18.7	23.0	19.6	23.8	60	18.7	23.0	19.6	23.8
11	63.8	69.5	64.9	70.6	61	17.9	22.2	18.8	23.0	61	17.9	22.2	18.8	23.0	61	17.9	22.2	18.8	23.0
12	62.8	68.5	63.9	69.6	62	17.2	21.4	18.1	22.1	62	17.2	21.4	18.1	22.1	62	17.2	21.4	18.1	22.1
13	61.8	67.5	62.9	68.6	63	16.4	20.5	17.3	21.3	63	16.4	20.5	17.3	21.3	63	16.4	20.5	17.3	21.3
14	60.8	66.5	61.9	67.6	64	15.7	19.7	16.6	20.4	64	15.7	19.7	16.6	20.4	64	15.7	19.7	16.6	20.4
15	59.9	65.5	60.9	66.7	65	15.0	18.9	15.8	19.6	65	15.0	18.9	15.8	19.6	65	15.0	18.9	15.8	19.6
16	58.9	64.5	60.0	65.7	66	14.3	18.2	15.1	18.8	66	14.3	18.2	15.1	18.8	66	14.3	18.2	15.1	18.8
17	57.9	63.5	59.0	64.7	67	13.6	17.4	14.4	18.0	67	13.6	17.4	14.4	18.0	67	13.6	17.4	14.4	18.0
18	57.0	62.5	58.0	63.7	68	13.0	16.6	13.8	17.2	68	13.0	16.6	13.8	17.2	68	13.0	16.6	13.8	17.2
19	56.0	61.6	57.1	62.7	69	12.4	15.9	13.1	16.4	69	12.4	15.9	13.1	16.4	69	12.4	15.9	13.1	16.4
20	55.1	60.6	56.2	61.8	70	11.8	15.1	12.5	15.7	70	11.8	15.1	12.5	15.7	70	11.8	15.1	12.5	15.7
21	54.2	59.6	55.2	60.8	71	11.2	14.4	11.8	14.9	71	11.2	14.4	11.8	14.9	71	11.2	14.4	11.8	14.9
22	53.3	58.6	54.3	59.8	72	10.6	13.7	11.2	14.2	72	10.6	13.7	11.2	14.2	72	10.6	13.7	11.2	14.2
23	52.3	57.6	53.4	58.8	73	10.0	13.0	10.6	13.5	73	10.0	13.0	10.6	13.5	73	10.0	13.0	10.6	13.5
24	51.4	56.7	52.4	57.9	74	9.5	12.3	10.1	12.8	74	9.5	12.3	10.1	12.8	74	9.5	12.3	10.1	12.8
25	50.5	55.7	51.5	56.9	75	8.9	11.7	9.5	12.1	75	8.9	11.7	9.5	12.1	75	8.9	11.7	9.5	12.1
26	49.5	54.7	50.5	55.9	76	8.4	11.0	9.0	11.4	76	8.4	11.0	9.0	11.4	76	8.4	11.0	9.0	11.4
27	48.6	53.7	49.6	54.9	77	7.9	10.4	8.5	10.8	77	7.9	10.4	8.5	10.8	77	7.9	10.4	8.5	10.8
28	47.7	52.8	48.7	53.9	78	7.5	9.8	8.0	10.1	78	7.5	9.8	8.0	10.1	78	7.5	9.8	8.0	10.1
29	46.7	51.8	47.7	53.0	79	7.0	9.2	7.5	9.5	79	7.0	9.2	7.5	9.5	79	7.0	9.2	7.5	9.5
30	45.8	50.8	46.8	52.0	80	6.6	8.7	7.0	8.9	80	6.6	8.7	7.0	8.9	80	6.6	8.7	7.0	8.9
31	44.8	49.8	45.9	51.0	81	6.2	8.1	6.6	8.4	81	6.2	8.1	6.6	8.4	81	6.2	8.1	6.6	8.4
32	43.9	48.9	44.9	50.0	82	5.8	7.6	6.2	7.8	82	5.8	7.6	6.2	7.8	82	5.8	7.6	6.2	7.8
33	43.0	47.9	44.0	49.1	83	5.5	7.1	5.8	7.3	83	5.5	7.1	5.8	7.3	83	5.5	7.1	5.8	7.3
34	42.0	46.9	43.0	48.1	84	5.1	6.6	5.5	6.8	84	5.1	6.6	5.5	6.8	84	5.1	6.6	5.5	6.8
35	41.1	46.0	42.1	47.1	85	4.8	6.2	5.2	6.4	85	4.8	6.2	5.2	6.4	85	4.8	6.2	5.2	6.4
36	40.1	45.0	41.2	46.1	86	4.6	5.8	4.9	6.0	86	4.6	5.8	4.9	6.0	86	4.6	5.8	4.9	6.0
37	39.2	44.0	40.2	45.2	87	4.3	5.4	4.6	5.6	87	4.3	5.4	4.6	5.6	87	4.3	5.4	4.6	5.6
38	38.3	43.1	39.3	44.2	88	4.0	5.0	4.3	5.2	88	4.0	5.0	4.3	5.2	88	4.0	5.0	4.3	5.2
39	37.3	42.1	38.4	43.2	89	3.8	4.7	4.1	4.8	89	3.8	4.7	4.1	4.8	89	3.8	4.7	4.1	4.8
40	36.4	41.1	37.4	42.3	90	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.5	90	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.5	90	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.5
41	35.5	40.2	36.5	41.3	91	3.5	4.1	3.7	4.2	91	3.5	4.1	3.7	4.2	91	3.5	4.1	3.7	4.2
42	34.5	39.2	35.5	40.4	92	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.9	92	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.9	92	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.9
43	33.6	38.3	34.6	39.4	93	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	93	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	93	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.7
44	32.7	37.4	33.7	38.5	94	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.4	94	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.4	94	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.4
45	31.7	36.4	32.8	37.5	95	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	95	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	95	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2
46	30.8	35.5	31.8	36.6	96	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	96	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	96	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
47	29.9	34.6	30.9	35.6	97	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	97	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	97	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9
48	29.0	33.6	30.0	34.7	98	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	98	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	98	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8
49	28.1	32.7	29.1	33.7	99	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	99	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	99	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994.

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## 5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence—1996

## DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

	4 and under	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	Males	Females	Persons
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA											
Australia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 220	1 691	1 529	3 220
Fiji	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2
New Zealand	1	—	1	2	—	7	10	—	13	8	21
Other	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3 220</b>	<b>1 706</b>	<b>1 539</b>	<b>3 245</b>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR											
Austria	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	1	4
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	19	4	—	13	10	23
Former Yugoslav Republics	—	—	1	1	2	1	2	—	4	3	7
Germany	—	1	1	—	2	10	8	—	9	13	22
Greece	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2
Hungary	—	—	1	—	1	5	1	—	3	5	8
Ireland	—	—	1	1	—	4	3	—	7	2	9
Italy	—	—	—	1	3	11	4	—	11	8	19
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	—	—	2	—	4	25	9	—	26	14	40
Poland	—	1	1	1	4	22	11	—	29	11	40
United Kingdom	3	3	30	39	42	111	89	—	170	147	317
Other	1	—	1	—	—	6	5	—	11	2	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>137</b>		<b>288</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>504</b>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA											
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	2
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	2
Other	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
SOUTHEAST ASIA											
Indonesia	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	2
Malaysia	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	3
Philippines	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
Viet Nam	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence—1996 *continued*

## DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

	4 and under	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	Males	Females	Persons
NORTHEAST ASIA											
China	—	—	1	—	—	3	1	—	2	3	5
Hong Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	—	—	1	—	—	5	2	—	3	5	8
SOUTHERN ASIA											
India	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	2
Sri Lanka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	3	3
THE AMERICAS											
Canada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
United States of America	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
<b>Total</b>	1	1	1	—	1	3	1	—	4	4	8
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)											
South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
<b>Total</b>	1	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	3	4	7
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	3	81	—	42	42	84
<b>Total</b>	7	8	43	48	60	243	243	3 220	2 052	1 820	3 872

## 5.7 DEATHS, State or Territory of Usual Residence and Registration—1996

State or Territory of  
registration.....

State or Territory of usual residence	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
NSW	44 318	203	336	50	14	11	7	202	45 141
Vic.	162	32 379	78	40	26	24	11	6	32 726
Qld	223	43	21 975	10	13	5	6	6	22 281
SA	26	46	12	11 501	8	3	10	—	11 606
WA	17	16	20	11	10 946	4	13	—	11 027
Tas.	5	22	12	1	1	3 831	—	—	3 872
NT	5	1	6	20	3	—	723	—	758
ACT	53	4	3	2	1	—	1	1 236	1 300
Other Territories	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	1	8
Australia	44 809	32 714	22 442	11 635	11 019	3 878	771	1 451	128 719

## 5.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death and Sex—1996

NUMBER.....

Cause of death(a)	NUMBER.....			Percentage of all deaths	Rate(b)
	Males	Females	Persons		
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001-139)	13	13	26	0.7	5.5
Neoplasms (140-239)	612	452	1 064	27.5	224.4
Malignant neoplasms (140-208)	605	446	1 051	27.1	221.6
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240-279)	52	67	119	3.1	25.1
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280-289)	8	8	16	0.4	3.4
Mental disorders (290-319)	32	48	80	2.1	16.9
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320-389)	50	39	89	2.3	18.8
Diseases of the circulatory system (390-459)	815	809	1 624	41.9	342.4
Ischaemic heart diseases (410-414)	482	380	862	22.3	181.8
Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	159	220	379	9.8	79.9
Diseases of the respiratory system (460-519)	188	153	341	8.8	71.9
Diseases of the digestive system (520-579)	59	66	125	3.2	26.4
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580-629)	23	40	63	1.6	13.3
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630-676)	—	1	1	—	0.2
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-709)	—	7	7	0.2	1.5
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710-739)	10	18	28	0.7	5.9
Congenital anomalies (740-759)	11	4	15	0.4	3.2
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779)	8	6	14	0.4	3.0
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780-799)	25	21	46	1.2	9.7
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800-E999)	146	68	214	5.5	45.1
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810-E819)	32	26	58	1.5	12.2
<b>All causes of death</b>	<b>2 052</b>	<b>1 820</b>	<b>3 872</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>816.5</b>

(a) Classified according to the ninth revision of the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases (ICD).

(b) Rates are calculated on the number of deaths per 100,000 population.

## 5.9 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death(a) and Summary variables—1996

Particulars	Heart disease	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	Cerebro-vascular disease (incl. stroke)	Respiratory system diseases	Motor vehicle traffic accidents	Suicide	All causes
<b>Numbers</b>							
Males	578	605	159	188	32	54	2 052
Females	519	446	220	153	26	10	1 820
Persons	1 097	1 051	379	341	58	64	3 872
<b>Proportions by sex (%)</b>							
Males	52.7	57.6	42.0	55.1	55.2	84.4	53.0
Females	47.3	42.4	58.0	44.9	44.8	15.6	47.0
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Proportions by cause of death (%)</b>							
Males	28.2	29.5	7.7	9.2	1.6	2.6	100.0
Females	28.5	24.5	12.1	8.4	1.4	0.5	100.0
Persons	28.3	27.1	9.8	8.8	1.5	1.7	100.0
<b>Crude death rate(b)</b>							
Males	246.6	258.1	67.8	80.2	13.7	23.0	875.5
Females	216.1	185.7	91.6	63.7	10.8	4.2	757.6
Persons	231.1	221.5	79.9	71.9	12.2	13.5	815.9
<b>Standardised death rate(c)</b>							
Tasmania	198.1	198.3	67.0	62.0	12.4	13.5	715.4
Australia	183.0	176.9	61.4	50.7	10.7	13.0	641.0

(a) Comprising the following: heart disease (ICD codes 393–398, 402, 404, 410–416, 420–429); malignant neoplasms (cancer) (ICD codes 140–208); cerebrovascular diseases (ICD codes 430–438); respiratory system diseases (ICD codes 460–519); motor vehicle traffic accidents (ICD codes E810–E819); and suicide (ICD codes E950–E959).

(b) Number of deaths per 100,000 population.

(c) Deaths per 100,000 population, standardised for age and sex using the 1991 Australian population as the standard population.

## 5.10 PERINATAL DEATHS—1986, 1991 to 1996

Year	FETAL DEATHS.....			NEONATAL DEATHS.....			PERINATAL DEATHS (a)..		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER									
1986	34	32	66	26	13	39	60	45	105
1991	12	26	38	26	18	44	38	44	82
1992	23	12	35	17	12	29	40	24	64
1993	21	20	41	14	10	24	35	30	65
1994	16	10	26	16	12	28	32	22	54
1995	20	11	31	15	7	22	35	18	53
1996	21	18	39	12	5	17	33	23	56
RATE									
1986	9.3	9.5	9.4	7.2	3.9	5.6	16.6	13.5	15.1
1991	3.5	7.6	5.5	7.5	5.3	6.4	11.0	12.8	11.9
1992	6.4	3.5	5.0	4.7	3.5	4.2	11.1	7.1	9.1
1993	5.9	6.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	3.5	9.9	9.0	9.5
1994	4.6	3.0	3.8	4.6	3.6	4.1	9.1	6.6	7.9
1995	5.9	3.5	4.7	4.4	2.2	3.3	10.3	5.7	8.1
1996	6.3	5.8	6.0	3.6	1.6	2.6	9.9	7.4	8.7

(a) A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as defined in the explanatory notes.

## 5.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details—1986 and 1996

Particulars	1996 PERINATAL DEATHS (a)					1986..
	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
AGE AT DEATH						
Less than 1 hour	—	2	—	2	2	8
1 hour to under 1 day	—	1	1	—	1	18
1 day to under 1 week	—	6	4	2	6	11
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	8	7	1	8	6
<b>Total</b>	—	17	12	5	17	43
WEIGHT AT DELIVERY (grams)						
500–999	9	5	7	7	14	34
1 000–1 999	6	1	4	3	7	25
2 000–2 999	7	4	8	3	11	23
3 000 or more	9	4	7	6	13	23
Not stated	8	3	7	4	11	5
<b>Total</b>	39	17	33	23	56	110
PERIOD OF GESTATION (weeks)						
Less than 28	7	5	8	4	12	32
28–36	12	4	7	9	16	29
37–41	13	6	12	7	19	39
42 or more	2	—	1	1	2	—
Not stated	5	2	5	2	7	10
<b>Total</b>	39	17	33	23	56	110
AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (years)						
Less than 20	1	—	—	1	1	12
20–24	7	4	6	5	11	33
25–29	7	5	7	5	12	36
30–34	10	3	8	5	13	20
35–39	4	1	3	2	5	5
40 or more	1	—	1	—	1	1
Not stated	9	4	8	5	13	3
<b>Total</b>	39	17	33	23	56	110

(a) A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as defined in the explanatory notes.



SECTION **6**

**DEATHS—YEAR OF OCCURRENCE  
(PRELIMINARY)** .....

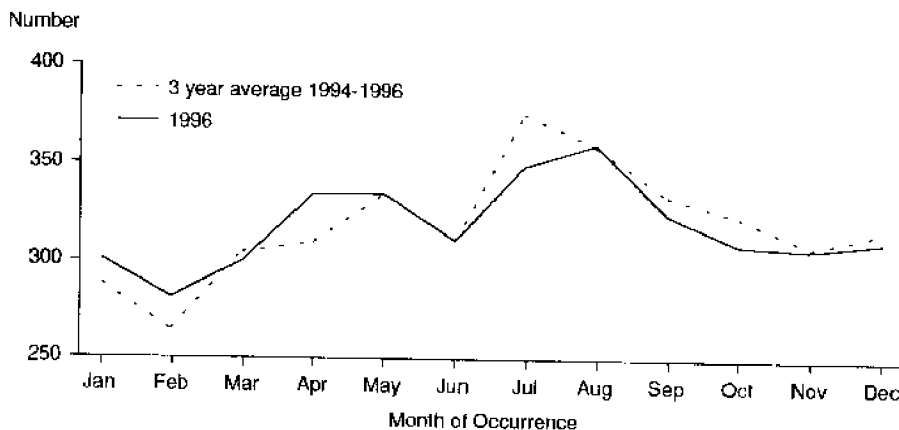
There were 3,818 registered deaths of Tasmanian residents which occurred in 1996. This represents an increase of 1.8% on the 1995 figure of 3,751.

Death trends are more significant when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of deaths that occur in each calendar year are not registered until the following year or later. This is particularly apparent with deaths that occur toward the end of each calendar year.

Month of Occurrence

In 1996, most deaths occurred in the month of August, (360, or an average of 11.6 per day), followed by July, (349), and April and May, (334). These higher monthly totals continue the trend of more deaths occurring in the second half of the year compared to the first half. In 1996, 1,859 deaths occurred in the first six months, compared to 1,959 in the second six months. The lowest monthly number of deaths recorded in 1996 was 281 which occurred in February. February has had the lowest total number of deaths since 1992.

**NUMBER OF DEATHS, MONTH OF OCCURRENCE,  
TASMANIA, 1994-1996 AVERAGE AND 1996**



## 6.1 DEATHS, Month of Occurrence—1986, 1991 to 1996

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	275	323	283	271	290	274	300
February	252	246	240	248	270	243	281
March	293	304	265	282	303	311	299
April	281	243	279	292	301	295	334
May	279	299	340	290	336	332	334
June	301	293	362	320	325	297	311
July	331	363	326	348	424	352	349
August	307	353	372	313	381	336	360
September	277	289	340	339	333	344	324
October	304	314	347	313	345	315	309
November	255	283	293	295	278	339	306
December	288	323	295	321	323	313	311
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 443</b>	<b>3 633</b>	<b>3 742</b>	<b>3 632</b>	<b>3 909</b>	<b>3 751</b>	<b>3 618</b>

RATE							
Crude death rate	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.7	8.3	7.9	8.0

DEATHS PER DAY							
January	8.9	10.4	9.1	8.7	9.4	8.8	9.7
February	9.0	8.8	8.3	8.9	9.6	8.7	9.7
March	9.5	9.8	8.5	9.1	9.8	10.0	9.6
April	9.4	8.1	9.3	9.7	10.0	9.8	11.1
May	9.0	9.6	11.0	9.4	10.8	10.7	10.8
June	10.0	9.8	12.1	10.7	10.8	9.9	10.4
July	10.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	13.7	11.4	11.3
August	9.9	11.4	12.0	10.1	12.3	10.8	11.6
September	9.2	9.6	11.3	11.3	11.1	11.5	10.8
October	9.8	10.1	11.2	10.1	11.1	10.2	10.0
November	8.5	9.4	9.8	9.8	9.3	11.3	10.2
December	9.3	10.4	9.5	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.0

## 6.2 DEATHS, Age at Death—1986, 1991, 1996

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	45	35	18	34	25	10
1-4	12	3	5	5	5	7
5-9	8	4	—	2	1	2
10-14	9	2	2	—	3	3
15-19	25	18	18	8	6	9
20-24	28	38	18	9	3	5
25-29	27	28	16	3	10	8
30-34	17	29	26	10	6	11
35-39	21	28	29	11	4	18
40-44	28	37	30	29	20	21
45-49	48	44	54	15	29	34
50-54	72	65	70	37	38	45
55-59	114	85	92	56	54	62
60-64	177	167	121	91	96	81
65-69	193	235	232	155	146	123
70-74	313	309	335	214	195	203
75-79	291	303	301	240	238	269
80-84	214	276	318	277	308	322
85 and over	180	280	334	425	480	566
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 822</b>	<b>1 988</b>	<b>2 019</b>	<b>1 621</b>	<b>1 647</b>	<b>1 799</b>

## 6.3 DEATHS, Age-specific Death Rates—1986, 1991, 1996

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	12.3	10.0	5.6	10.2	7.3	3.3
1-4	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
5-9	0.4	0.2	—	0.1	—	0.1
10-14	0.5	0.1	0.1	—	0.2	0.2
15-19	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.5
20-24	1.5	2.1	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.3
25-29	1.4	1.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.5
30-34	1.0	1.5	1.5	0.6	0.3	0.6
35-39	1.2	1.6	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.9
40-44	2.0	2.1	1.7	2.2	1.2	1.2
45-49	4.1	3.2	3.2	1.3	2.2	2.1
50-54	7.2	5.6	5.3	3.8	3.4	3.5
55-59	10.8	8.6	8.2	5.5	5.5	5.6
60-64	18.0	16.6	12.8	8.8	9.6	8.3
65-69	25.4	26.3	25.4	17.6	14.8	12.9
70-74	50.4	47.5	44.7	27.9	24.0	22.6
75-79	74.6	64.6	60.2	43.3	36.5	38.9
80-84	110.3	112.7	106.5	83.9	74.9	63.8
85 and over	180.7	219.3	203.6	163.5	158.7	150.5

## 6.4 INFANT DEATHS, Month of Occurrence—1986, 1991 to 1996

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	6	9	6	1	2	5	4
February	7	6	3	6	5	—	2
March	4	8	3	2	4	2	2
April	6	3	2	3	4	2	2
May	10	8	6	2	3	8	5
June	8	3	1	3	3	2	2
July	8	2	4	1	12	2	3
August	10	3	5	6	4	3	3
September	10	5	3	3	2	4	2
October	3	5	4	4	4	3	1
November	6	5	5	1	2	4	1
December	1	3	8	3	5	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>

RATE							
Infant mortality rate	11.3	8.7	7.2	5.1	7.3	5.8	4.5

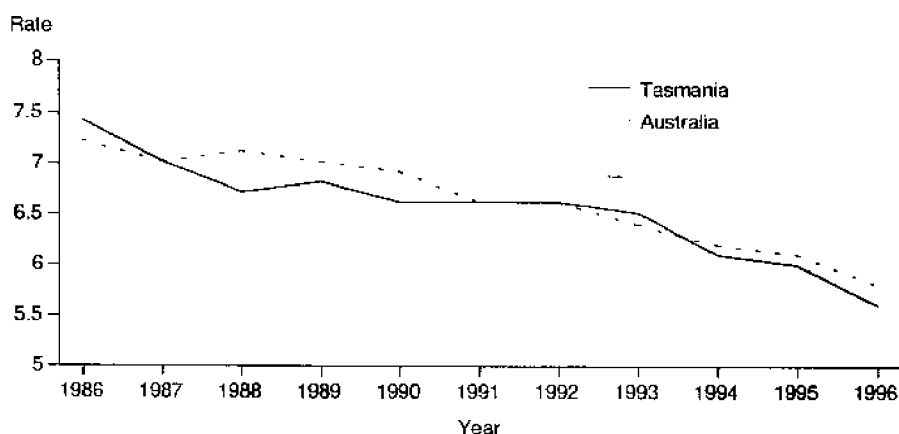
INFANT DEATHS PER DAY							
January	0.2	0.3	0.2	—	0.1	0.2	0.1
February	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	—	0.1
March	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
April	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
May	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
June	0.3	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
July	0.3	0.1	0.1	—	0.4	0.1	0.1
August	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
September	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
October	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
November	0.2	0.2	0.2	—	0.1	0.1	—
December	—	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	—

## SECTION 7

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED .....

There were 2,654 marriages registered in Tasmania in 1996. This was a decrease of 19.6% on the number registered in 1986 (3,302), and a 6.5% decrease on the number recorded in 1995. It is the lowest number of marriages recorded since 1963. The crude marriage rate, the number of marriages per 1,000 population, fell again in 1996. In 1996, this rate was 5.6 per 1,000 population and is the lowest rate recorded since 1896. It represents a decrease from the 6.0 per thousand recorded in 1995, and is significantly less than the 7.4 per 1,000 population recorded in 1986. The national rate was 5.8 per 1,000 population.

**MARRIAGE RATES, TASMANIA, 1986 TO 1996**



### 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 marrying in Tasmania continued to increase in 1996. The median age at marriage for bridegrooms increased from 26.6 years in 1986 to 29.6 years in 1996 and for brides from 24.2 years in 1986 to 27.2 years in 1996. The median age of all bridegrooms was 2.4 years higher than that of all brides marrying in 1996.

The median age for men and women marrying for the first time in 1996 was 27.1 years for men and 25.1 years for women.

## Age of brides and grooms

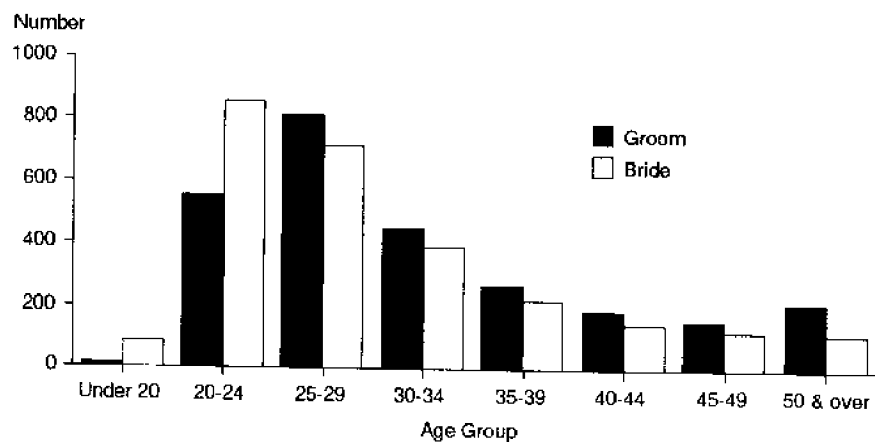
Men and women are waiting longer to marry than they were 10 years ago. In 1996, the proportion of men who married aged 30 years or more was 47.9% compared with 33.6% in 1986. For women the comparative percentages were 37.6% and 24.6% respectively.

Between 1986 and 1996 age-specific marriage rates (per 1,000 population) decreased for men and women in most age groups. The peak age group for men changed from the 20-24 year age group in 1986 to the 25-29 year age group in 1996, whilst for women the peak age group has remained the 20-24 year age group, although the rate has dropped by 32.4% from 1986 to 1996.

Age-specific marriage rates for men aged between 25-39 years, and for women aged between 25-34 years, were lower than those recorded nationally. The rates in Tasmania were higher for both men and women aged 20-24 years, whilst below age 20 the rate is lower for both men and women. Over age 40 the rate is higher for men in Tasmania, whilst for women the rate is higher from 35-49 years, and lower from age 50 onward.

## Category of celebrant

## AGE GROUP OF BRIDES AND GROOMS, TASMANIA, 1996



Between 1986 and 1996 the percentage of marriages performed in Tasmania by ministers of religion fell from 57.6% to 48.6%. Of these marriages in 1996, 84.5% of men and 86.4% of women had never been in a registered marriage. By comparison, of those people married by civil celebrants (51.4% of all marriages) 56.7% of both men and women had never been in a registered marriage. For the first time, the number of marriages performed by civil celebrants exceeded the number performed by ministers of religion.

In 1996, 15.9% of all marriages performed in Tasmania were by Anglican ministers, while 12.2% were by Catholic priests.

## Birthplace of parties

The majority of men and women married in Tasmania in 1996 were born in Australia. Australian-born men were involved in 89.7% of all marriages registered and Australian-born women 90.2%. Of the marriages registered in Tasmania in 1996, 82.8% were marriages between couples both born in Australia.

In 1996, 9.1% of men and 8.4% of women were born overseas. Of the overseas born, 51.2% of men and 41.4% of women were born in the United Kingdom. Of all Tasmanian marriages in 1996, men and women born in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and Germany accounted for 6.7% and 5.7% respectively. These countries represented 73.1% of overseas born men and 67.5% of overseas born women.

## Remarriages

The number of marriages where at least one partner had previously been married has fallen in line with the decline in total marriages. However, the proportion of marriages involving a party remarrying has grown over the past 10 years. In 1986, 34.7% of all marriages involved a party remarrying, increasing to 38.5% in 1996.

In Tasmania in 1996, 790 men and 766 women remarried. Of these, 714, (90.4%) of men, and 672, (87.7%), of women remarrying had their previous marriage end in divorce.

## 1995 DATA

Due to budgetary considerations the ABS undertook reduced processing of marriage data for marriages registered in 1995. Full processing of marriage data was resumed in 1996



## 7.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL MARRIAGES							
<b>Marriages registered</b>	<b>3 302</b>	<b>3 069</b>	<b>3 081</b>	<b>3 055</b>	<b>2 887</b>	<b>2 840</b>	<b>2 654</b>
Crude marriage rate	7.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.1	6.0	5.6
Previous marital status							
First marriage both partners	2 155	1 936	1 907	1 957	1 839	1 792	1 632
First marriage one partner	615	575	600	567	560	555	488
Remarriage both partners	532	558	574	531	488	493	534
Marriages performed by Ministers of religion							
Number	1 901	1 759	1 690	1 615	1 506	n.a.	1 290
Proportion (%)	57.6	57.3	54.9	52.9	52.2	n.a.	48.6
Civil celebrants							
Number	1 401	1 310	1 391	1 440	1 381	n.a.	1 364
Proportion (%)	42.4	42.7	45.1	47.1	47.8	n.a.	51.4
BRIDEGROOM							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	3.3	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.9
20-24	66.6	47.3	43.3	42.7	39.9	35.9	32.7
25-29	49.3	54.8	55.0	55.3	53.7	55.5	48.2
30-34	23.2	23.5	28.1	27.7	27.8	29.1	26.3
35-39	15.1	15.3	16.6	15.2	13.9	14.1	14.4
40-44	9.6	9.9	10.3	12.1	9.8	8.5	10.7
45-49	8.4	8.1	9.4	7.7	6.8	8.9	9.0
50 and over	4.4	4.4	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.6
Marital status of bridegroom							
Never married	2 445	2 204	2 211	2 218	2 098	2 064	1 864
Widowed	109	109	78	74	78	72	76
Divorced	748	756	792	763	711	704	714
Total	3 302	3 069	3 081	3 055	2 887	2 840	2 654
Median age of bridegroom (years)							
Never married	24.9	26.2	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.8	27.1
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	37.8	39.5	39.6	40.6	40.4	41.5	42.4
Total	26.6	28.3	28.8	28.6	28.8	28.9	29.6
BRIDE							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	19.9	9.8	8.7	8.0	6.3	5.6	5.2
20-24	79.6	68.4	66.2	66.8	63.7	60.3	53.8
25-29	36.4	43.8	44.5	45.5	46.8	49.2	43.8
30-34	17.2	17.9	21.5	19.6	19.0	19.9	22.0
35-39	10.8	12.3	12.5	12.9	9.5	10.2	11.7
40-44	8.4	8.2	7.8	8.8	7.9	7.5	8.2
45-49	6.2	6.2	6.8	5.7	6.3	7.5	7.4
50 and over	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.8
Marital status of bride							
Never married	2 480	2 243	2 203	2 263	2 140	2 075	1 888
Widowed	128	112	92	97	104	84	94
Divorced	694	714	786	695	643	681	672
Total	3 302	3 069	3 081	3 055	2 887	2 840	2 654
Median age of bride (years)							
Never married	22.8	23.9	24.2	24.3	24.5	24.8	25.1
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	35.0	36.8	36.5	37.0	37.8	37.9	38.1
Total	24.2	25.9	26.2	26.0	26.2	26.6	27.2

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Not statistically reliable due to small numbers involved.

## 7.2 MARRIAGES, Age-specific First Marriage and Remarriage Rates(a)—Census Years

Age at marriage (years)	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996
FIRST MARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	20.4	15.9	7.9	3.4	2.4	1.0
20-24	217.7	169.0	120.9	87.7	58.0	39.0
25-29	202.5	168.5	151.0	124.1	113.5	89.6
30-34	111.9	103.0	83.6	79.3	70.4	66.8
35-39	54.1	46.2	53.3	42.5	40.6	81.7
40-44	25.5	30.6	20.9	24.9	21.9	90.4
Age of bride						
15-19	86.1	62.7	38.5	20.7	10.4	5.4
20-24	334.5	245.5	180.6	138.1	98.0	68.0
25-29	202.5	164.3	143.5	134.9	130.4	103.2
30-34	60.2	81.8	62.0	82.1	71.5	112.4
35-39	37.9	51.8	37.9	35.5	34.8	100.6
40-44	19.1	22.5	24.4	21.4	9.6	123.7
45 and over	4.8	n.a.	3.2	4.3	4.9	67.4
REARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24	380.0	402.6	257.7	138.3	19.8	20.8
25-29	491.5	417.2	289.5	201.6	149.5	141.6
30-34	324.5	338.2	275.8	174.5	145.4	118.0
35-39	208.3	242.0	166.7	159.2	134.3	86.0
40-44	157.2	182.3	120.2	98.4	89.1	77.2
45-49	86.0	194.2	89.4	95.0	74.4	72.1
50-54	70.2	134.5	52.9	59.9	76.0	47.2
55-59	54.2	51.8	56.3	52.6	46.3	43.5
Age of bride						
15-19	—	125.0	—	—	—	—
20-24	275.9	378.5	271.9	186.4	111.6	94.0
25-29	322.0	300.4	206.5	171.9	141.0	108.5
30-34	181.8	230.9	161.1	117.2	98.2	104.0
35-39	100.3	130.4	97.4	90.1	88.5	70.4
40-44	82.0	83.7	58.6	67.7	60.9	49.3
45-49	50.9	65.6	43.2	43.9	41.6	38.9
50-54	21.7	39.6	23.4	30.5	28.4	26.9
55-59	15.3	15.4	14.3	24.4	13.2	9.4
60 and over	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.9	1.8

(a) Per 1,000 of the appropriate population. See Glossary.

### 7.3 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties—1996

Previous marital status of bride.....

Previous marital status of bridegroom	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
NUMBER				
Never married	1 632	21	211	1 864
Widowed	9	24	43	76
Divorced	247	49	418	714
Total	1 888	94	672	2 654
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	61.5	0.8	8.0	70.2
Widowed	0.3	0.9	1.6	2.9
Divorced	9.3	1.8	15.7	26.9
Total	71.1	3.5	25.3	100.0

## 7.4 MARRIAGES, Age, Previous Marital Status of Parties—1996

Age at marriage (years)	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.....				PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
17 and under	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	5
18	3	—	—	3	33	—	—	33
19	13	—	—	13	48	—	—	48
20	31	—	—	31	97	—	—	97
21	58	—	—	58	136	1	1	138
22	114	—	—	114	178	—	—	178
23	150	—	1	151	221	—	2	223
24	199	—	—	199	211	—	7	218
25	158	—	2	160	193	—	7	200
26	197	—	5	202	139	1	11	151
27	165	—	9	174	149	—	16	165
28	131	1	6	138	86	—	19	105
29	115	—	24	139	70	4	20	94
30-34	336	3	111	450	224	9	158	391
35-39	125	3	138	266	64	8	151	223
40-44	40	5	141	186	20	9	115	144
45-49	12	8	133	153	11	16	95	122
50-54	5	11	66	82	—	11	50	61
55-59	6	7	48	61	1	12	8	21
60 and over	6	38	30	74	2	23	12	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 864</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>2 654</b>	<b>1 888</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>2 654</b>

## 7.5 MARRIAGES, Age of Parties—1996

Age group of bride  
(years).....

Age group of bridegroom (years)	17 and under	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Total
17 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
19	—	3	3	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
20-24	4	21	28	386	88	21	5	—	—	—	—	—	553
25-29	—	7	12	340	337	84	28	4	1	—	—	—	813
30-34	1	—	4	89	185	126	33	10	2	—	—	—	450
35-39	—	—	—	27	62	83	64	21	8	1	—	—	266
40-44	—	—	—	3	24	49	45	39	23	3	—	—	186
45-49	—	1	—	1	11	20	29	30	42	17	—	2	153
50-54	—	—	—	—	5	4	15	19	24	12	3	—	82
55-59	—	—	—	1	2	3	3	14	11	17	8	2	61
60 and over	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	7	11	11	10	33	74
Total	5	33	48	854	715	391	223	144	122	61	21	37	2 654

## 7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties—1996

	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	2 198	—	182	2 380	2 198	—	197	2 395
Fiji	2	—	1	3	1	—	2	3
New Zealand	18	—	3	21	22	—	3	25
Other	7	—	1	8	8	—	1	9
<i>Total</i>	2 225	—	187	2 412	2 229	—	203	2 432
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	2
Former Yugoslav Republics	1	2	1	4	3	2	1	6
Germany	8	4	3	15	5	4	7	16
Greece	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	3
Hungary	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
Ireland	—	1	1	2	1	1	1	3
Italy	4	1	—	5	3	1	—	4
Malta	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Netherlands	8	5	4	17	9	5	3	17
Poland	1	1	—	2	—	1	—	1
United Kingdom	94	13	17	124	70	13	9	92
Other	9	1	1	11	7	1	3	11
<i>Total</i>	129	28	30	187	104	28	24	156
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other	2	1	—	3	—	1	—	1
<i>Total</i>	4	1	—	5	—	1	1	2
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	3
Malaysia	2	1	1	4	3	1	—	4
Philippines	—	—	1	1	10	—	2	12
Singapore	1	—	1	2	1	—	—	1
Thailand	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
Viet Nam	1	1	—	2	1	1	—	2
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	4	3	3	10	17	3	4	24

7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties—1996 *continued*

	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
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	1	1	2	1	1	2	4
Hong Kong	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1
Other	1	—	—	1	6	—	2	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	2	1	—	3	1	1	—	2
Sri Lanka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	3	—	1	4	6	—	2	8
Chile	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
United States of America	12	—	2	14	7	—	1	8
Other	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	6	—	—	6	1	—	1	2
Other	6	—	—	6	6	—	—	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 395</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2 654</b>	<b>2 380</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>2 654</b>

## 7.7 MARRIAGES, Category of Rite, Previous Marital Status of Parties—1996

Category of rite	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.			PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			All marriages	Proportion of all marriages
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced		
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
RELIGIOUS(a)								
Anglican	382	11	28	388	7	26	421	15.9
Baptist	89	3	23	87	3	25	115	4.3
Catholic	311	4	10	313	5	7	325	12.2
Churches of Christ	13	1	5	11	—	8	19	0.7
Lutheran	3	—	1	3	—	1	4	0.2
Orthodox	10	—	2	11	—	1	12	0.5
Presbyterian	23	2	1	24	1	1	26	1.0
Uniting Church	126	2	45	141	4	28	173	6.5
Other denominations	133	10	52	136	7	52	195	7.3
<i>All religious rites</i>	<i>1 090</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>1 114</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>1 290</i>	<i>48.6</i>
CIVIL								
Official registrars	57	5	58	64	7	49	120	4.5
Other civil celebrants	717	38	489	710	60	474	1 244	46.9
<i>All civil rites</i>	<i>774</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>547</i>	<i>774</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>1 364</i>	<i>51.4</i>
TOTAL								
<b>Number</b>	<b>1 864</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>1 888</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>2 654</b>	<b>100.0</b>



### 7.8 REMARRIAGES, Number of Previous Marriages and Number of Children under 16—1996

#### NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 16.....

<i>Number of previous marriages</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Two</i>	<i>Three</i>	<i>Four or more</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
BRIDEGROOM							
One	387	147	106	34	6	1	681
Two	59	18	16	9	1	1	104
Three or more	1	—	1	—	1	—	3
Not stated	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Total	448	165	123	43	8	3	790
BRIDE							
One	350	140	103	39	8	—	640
Two	59	24	18	4	2	—	107
Three or more	12	3	1	2	—	—	18
Not stated	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	422	167	122	45	10	—	766

## 7.9 REMARRIAGES, Interval to Remarriage &amp; Reason for Termination of Last Marriage---1996

Interval between termination of last marriage and remarriage (years)	BRIDEGROOM'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY			BRIDE'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY.....		
	Death of spouse	Divorce	Total	Death of spouse	Divorce	Total
Under 1	2	116	118	2	90	92
1	11	133	144	8	119	127
2	11	90	101	10	87	97
3	11	65	76	7	71	78
4	8	58	66	14	57	71
0-4	43	462	505	41	424	465
5	5	49	54	12	44	56
6	5	38	43	7	33	40
7	4	22	26	6	26	32
8	3	23	26	5	28	33
9	3	14	17	4	22	26
5-9	20	146	166	34	153	187
10-14	7	60	67	13	65	78
15-19	3	23	26	3	17	20
20 and over	3	18	21	3	11	14
Not stated	—	5	5	—	2	2

SECTION **8**

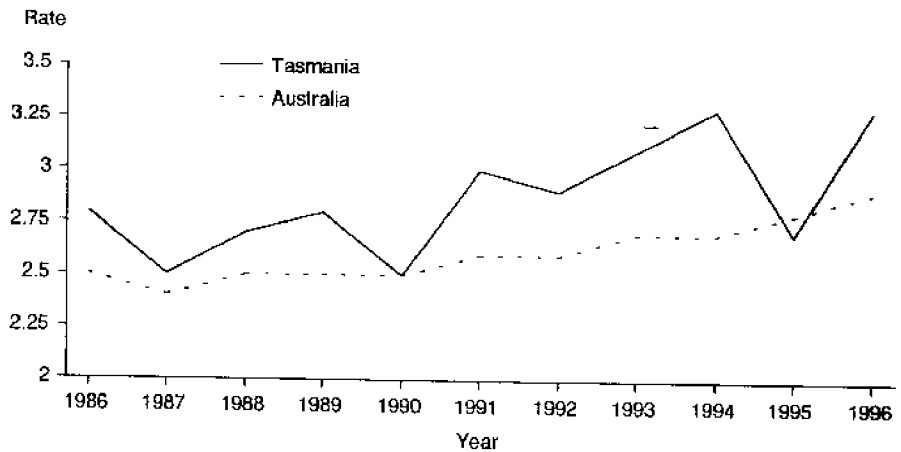
**DIVORCES GRANTED** .....

There were 1,582 divorces granted in Tasmania in 1996. This is the second highest figure recorded since 1976, when 1,761 divorces were recorded after the Family Court came into operation. The 1996 figure represents an increase of 23.7% over the 1995 figure of 1,279.

Divorce Rates

In 1996, the crude divorce rate of 3.3 divorces registered for every one thousand of population equalled the rate recorded in 1994. It is significantly higher than the rate recorded in 1986 (2.8 per 1,000 of population).

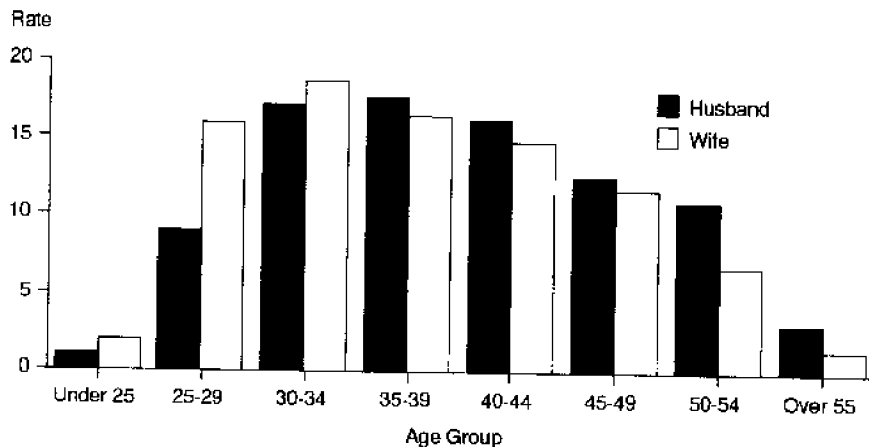
**CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, TASMANIA AND AUSTRALIA, 1986 TO 1996**



Age Distribution

The highest age-specific divorce rates recorded in Tasmania in 1996 were in the 35 to 39 year age group for males and in the 30 to 34 year age group for females. The rate for males was 17.6 per 1,000 of population, whilst the female rate was 18.7.

**AGE SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES, TASMANIA, 1996**



## Joint Applications

Joint applications for divorce have steadily increased since 1991 to 15.7%. The figure in 1986 was only 3.6%.

## Divorces Involving Children under 18

In 1996, 1,013 (64%) of divorces involved at least one child under 18 years. This is a slight drop on the percentage recorded in 1986 (66.9%). There were fewer children involved, per divorce where there were children, in 1996 (on average 1.9 under 18 years), than in the preceding five years, when the average was static at 2.0 children under 18 years. In 1996, 1,953 children were involved in 1,013 divorces where there were children, compared with 1,666 children involved in 833 divorces in 1986.

## Birthplace of parties

In 1996, (77.2%) of all divorces granted in Tasmania were to parties who were both born in Australia. Divorces where both parties were born in different overseas countries represented 2.0% of all divorces granted, whilst 3.9% involved both parties born in the same overseas country.

## 1994 DATA

Due to budgetary considerations, the ABS undertook reduced processing of divorce data for divorces registered in 1995. Data processed in 1994 have therefore been included in Appendix D to assist analysis.

## Previous Marital Status

Previously divorced husbands accounted for 16.5% of divorcees in 1994, compared to the 18.2% recorded in 1993. Previously divorced wives made up 15.7% of divorcees in 1994, a decrease on the 17.8% in 1993. In 1994, 82.8% of husbands and 82.9% of wives divorced from their first marriage. Both figures represent an increase on the 1993 rates when they were 80.7% and 80.6% respectively.

## 8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL DIVORCES							
<b>Divorces granted</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 383</b>	<b>1 365</b>	<b>1 465</b>	<b>1 544</b>	<b>1 279</b>	<b>1 582</b>
Crude divorce rate	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.3
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.6	10.9	10.7	11.0	12.1	11.2	12.1
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	8.0	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.8	8.3	8.8
Divorces involving children							
Number	833	781	827	909	939	n.a.	1 013
Percentage of total divorces	66.9	56.5	60.6	62.0	60.8	n.a.	64.0
Average number of children	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	n.a.	1.9
Applicant							
Husband	464	493	528	501	486	410	459
Wife	736	810	740	819	898	721	875
Joint	45	80	97	145	160	148	248

8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)—1986, 1991 to 1996 *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
HUSBAND							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	2.5	1.1	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.0
25-29	11.7	10.7	10.8	11.0	9.6	7.7	8.9
30-34	15.5	14.8	15.4	15.5	17.1	12.6	17.1
35-39	13.8	16.4	13.5	16.5	17.1	14.9	17.6
40-44	13.3	13.7	14.2	15.4	15.0	13.7	16.2
45-49	9.2	12.7	11.2	12.0	13.0	11.2	12.6
50-54	6.9	7.0	9.6	8.3	11.6	9.2	11.0
55 and over	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.8	1.9	3.1
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	1 072	1 115	1 111	1 182	1 272	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	11	15	13	17	13	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	162	253	241	266	259	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 245</i>	<i>1 383</i>	<i>1 365</i>	<i>1 465</i>	<i>1 544</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Median age (years)							
At marriage	23.6	24.3	24.3	24.5	24.8	25.0	25.2
At final separation	34.0	35.5	35.7	35.8	36.7	36.6	36.9
At decree made absolute	36.5	38.4	38.6	39.0	39.5	39.8	40.0
WIFE							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	4.5	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
25-29	15.3	16.2	14.6	16.4	15.6	12.0	15.9
30-34	16.0	14.9	17.0	15.5	16.6	14.3	18.7
35-39	11.7	14.7	13.4	16.9	17.5	14.3	16.5
40-44	11.3	11.8	11.8	13.8	14.6	11.9	14.8
45-49	7.5	9.7	10.0	9.3	11.3	9.5	11.8
50-54	4.8	4.9	6.8	6.0	7.7	6.6	6.8
55 and over	1.2	1.6	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.5
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	1 075	1 138	1 105	1 181	1 277	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	16	22	21	23	21	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	154	223	239	261	246	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 245</i>	<i>1 383</i>	<i>1 365</i>	<i>1 465</i>	<i>1 544</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Median age (years)							
At marriage	21.0	21.8	22.0	22.1	22.2	22.7	22.5
At final separation	30.9	32.8	32.9	33.2	34.1	33.9	34.1
At decree made absolute	33.4	35.5	35.5	36.4	36.8	36.9	37.1

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

## 8.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage and Duration of Marriage—1996

AGE GROUP (YEARS).....

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not stated	Total
<b>HUSBAND</b>										
1	1	4	4	2	2	—	2	4	1	20
2	4	19	14	6	2	5	1	5	1	57
3	2	19	25	10	4	9	2	2	1	74
4	3	27	29	16	10	4	5	7	2	103
5	3	32	33	4	8	5	—	4	1	90
6	1	27	25	8	9	2	7	2	—	81
7	2	28	20	12	10	1	1	—	1	75
8	2	21	22	8	4	5	5	2	1	70
9	2	30	28	10	1	3	—	2	—	76
10-14	16	142	93	42	25	2	3	6	2	331
15-19	15	113	53	31	6	6	2	1	3	230
20-24	17	98	42	12	4	4	2	1	3	183
25-29	12	56	23	9	1	1	—	—	2	104
30 and over	10	52	20	4	—	1	—	—	1	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1 582</b>
<b>WIFE</b>										
1	1	3	6	3	1	1	3	2	—	20
2	6	28	11	5	2	2	3	—	—	57
3	7	32	15	7	7	3	1	2	—	74
4	10	49	16	11	5	3	5	3	1	103
5	4	53	18	6	4	4	1	1	1	90
6	11	31	16	9	4	5	1	2	2	81
7	9	34	18	7	6	—	1	—	—	75
8	6	27	16	9	7	1	2	1	1	70
9	7	36	21	8	3	1	—	—	—	76
10-14	60	161	58	24	18	1	1	6	2	331
15-19	83	86	41	10	4	2	—	1	3	230
20-24	73	79	21	4	2	1	—	1	2	183
25-29	45	48	7	2	—	2	—	—	—	104
30 and over	38	44	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1 582</b>

## 8.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation &amp; Duration of Marriage to Separation—1996

AGE GROUP (YEARS).....

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over	Not stated	Total
<b>HUSBAND</b>											
Under 1	3	30	22	11	11	5	4	3	7	3	99
1	—	23	32	23	5	14	5	1	1	—	104
2	—	14	44	17	7	8	6	2	3	2	103
3	—	13	47	27	8	7	1	4	4	1	112
4	—	1	32	22	14	7	1	4	3	—	84
5	—	2	25	27	11	9	3	3	2	2	84
6	—	—	29	37	9	10	5	1	1	—	92
7	—	—	9	30	15	6	2	3	2	—	67
8	—	—	5	22	20	4	3	—	3	—	57
9	—	—	2	31	20	8	4	—	1	1	67
10-14	—	—	2	78	102	50	25	8	6	4	275
15-19	—	—	—	5	71	65	27	10	11	5	194
20-24	—	—	—	—	5	56	49	15	9	—	134
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	1	26	26	10	—	63
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	30	1	47
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1 582</b>

**WIFE**

Under 1	5	43	20	14	6	3	5	—	3	—	99
1	2	40	28	14	11	1	6	—	1	1	104
2	1	37	34	10	8	7	3	—	2	1	103
3	3	26	49	17	4	5	4	1	2	1	112
4	—	14	30	16	9	6	5	1	2	1	84
5	—	7	31	28	8	6	1	1	1	1	84
6	—	3	41	34	8	2	3	—	1	—	92
7	—	1	30	18	9	4	—	1	3	1	67
8	—	—	18	24	8	4	—	1	2	—	57
9	—	—	17	29	12	4	3	1	—	1	67
10-14	—	—	14	137	76	26	12	4	3	3	275
15-19	—	—	—	24	97	45	22	2	2	2	194
20-24	—	—	—	—	19	81	27	2	5	—	134
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	9	36	17	1	—	63
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	19	22	—	47
Total stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1 582</b>



## 8.4 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Divorce—1996

Age group of wife  
(years).....

Age group of husband (years)	24 and under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	Total
24 and under	14	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
25-29	25	100	21	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	149
30-34	13	109	124	25	12	1	2	—	—	3	289
35-39	2	24	131	131	23	7	—	—	1	2	321
40-44	1	8	34	104	107	19	4	—	—	2	279
45-49	—	2	13	34	75	77	8	1	1	1	212
50-54	—	1	2	11	26	60	36	8	—	—	144
55-59	—	—	—	1	8	17	25	12	5	1	69
60 and over	—	—	1	1	2	10	11	16	35	—	76
Not stated	—	4	3	2	4	1	1	1	—	3	19
Total	55	258	329	311	257	193	87	38	42	12	1 582

## 8.5 DIVORCES, Children of the Marriage(a)—1996

## NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

Duration of marriage (years)	0	1	2	3	4 or more	All divorces	All children	Average number of children(b)
1	9	5	3	3	—	20	20	1.8
2	27	17	10	2	1	57	47	1.6
3	39	14	12	7	2	74	67	1.9
4	52	28	19	2	2	103	81	1.6
5	42	24	16	4	4	90	84	1.8
6	32	19	19	10	1	81	91	1.9
7	23	16	22	11	3	75	107	2.1
8	19	20	23	8	—	70	90	1.8
9	27	18	24	7	—	76	87	1.8
10-14	61	66	132	52	20	331	572	2.1
15-19	31	37	103	40	19	230	442	2.2
20-24	55	60	51	14	3	183	216	1.7
25-29	71	26	7	—	—	104	40	1.2
30 and over	81	5	2	—	—	88	9	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1 582</b>	<b>1 953</b>	<b>1.9</b>

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Included in divorces where there were one or more children under the age of 18.

## 8.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties—1996

	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	1 221	—	113	1 334	1 221	—	154	1 375
Fiji	1	—	1	2	2	—	—	2
New Zealand	10	5	3	18	11	5	3	19
Other	2	—	—	2	3	—	—	3
<i>Total</i>	1 234	5	117	1 356	1 237	5	157	1 399
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	1	—	1	2	1	—	—	1
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Former Yugoslav Republics	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Germany	8	—	4	12	5	—	6	11
Greece	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
Hungary	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Ireland	4	—	—	4	—	—	2	2
Italy	3	—	—	3	1	—	—	1
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	9	5	1	15	2	5	—	7
Poland	1	2	—	3	1	2	—	3
United Kingdom	76	32	11	119	73	32	9	114
Other	8	4	1	13	1	4	2	7
<i>Total</i>	113	44	19	176	85	44	19	148
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
<i>Total</i>	1	—	1	2	—	—	1	1
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
Malaysia	2	—	1	3	1	—	—	1
Philippines	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	5
Singapore	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	2
Thailand	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Viet Nam	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	2
Other	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
<i>Total</i>	2	4	1	7	7	4	2	13

8.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties—1996 *continued*

	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
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
Hong Kong	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	2
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	—
Sri Lanka	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	4	—	3	7	—	—	—	—
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Chile	1	1	—	2	1	1	—	2
United States of America	8	2	1	11	2	2	1	5
Other	3	1	—	4	1	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	17	4	1	22	4	4	2	10
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	—	2	1	3	—	2	2	4
Other	1	—	1	2	1	—	2	3
<b>Total</b>	1	2	2	5	1	2	4	7
Other and not stated	3	1	1	5	—	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	1 375	62	145	1 582	1 334	62	166	1 562

## EXPLANATORY NOTES .....

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication brings together a number of closely related series of statistics on demography including births, deaths, marriages and divorces. It also includes information on the estimated resident population and migration. For details of publication of other data related to demography, see Related Publications, at the end of these notes.

**2** 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. Australian details for population, births and deaths include Other Territories.

**3** Details of persons who were usually resident, or were born or died while being usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory have been, where possible, excluded from this publication from 1990 onwards. These numbers are statistically insignificant. For example the estimated resident population of Jervis Bay Territory at 30 June 1995 was 777 persons; the number of births that occurred to mothers usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was 17 in 1995 and the number of deaths of persons usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was three. Marriages registered and divorces granted in the ACT *do not necessarily exclude persons resident in Jervis Bay Territory*.

### POPULATION

#### Population estimates

**4** This section consists of estimates of the resident population, with information on overseas arrivals and departures and net interstate migration.

**5** Estimates of the population of Tasmania are made to varying degrees of accuracy throughout the year, and this publication has used the most up-to-date estimates available for each particular table.

### MIGRATION

#### Overseas migration

**6** Data on overseas arrivals and departures relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than to the number of travellers. However, the statistics exclude the movements of operational air crew and ships' crew, transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia.

#### Interstate migration

**7** Data on interstate migration has been derived from aggregated statistical information on interstate changes of address advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare. The ABS adjusts the Health Insurance Commission data to make allowance for the number of persons who do not inform the Commission of their change of residence. Further details are available in *Information Paper: Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0).

## BIRTHS

- 8** Birth statistics are presented on the basis of the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother, regardless of where in Australia the birth occurred or was registered.
- 9** Births to mothers usually resident in Australia which took place overseas are excluded. Births to mothers usually resident overseas which occurred in Australia are included in the State or Territory where the birth occurred.
- 10** Data presented in section 3 of this publication refer to births registered during the calendar year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth, and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year, or even later. However, most births are registered soon after they occur. More than 99% of births occurring in one year are registered by 30 June of the following year. Data presented in section 4 show the number of births occurring in a particular year.
- 11** Data on stillbirths (fetal deaths) may be found in summary form in section 5 of the publication.
- 12** The live birth statistics used to calculate the fetal and neonatal death rates have been adjusted (in accordance with the World Health Organisation definition of perinatal death) to exclude cases where the birthweight was known to be less than 500 grams. However, infant death rates are calculated using all live births registered because figures are not available for infants who weighed less than 500 grams at birth and who lived for 28 days, but died before they were one year old.

## DEATHS

- 13** Death statistics are presented on the basis of the State or Territory of usual residence of the deceased, regardless of where in Australia the death occurred or was registered.
- 14** Data presented in section 5 of this publication refer to deaths registered during the year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a death, and as a result some deaths are not registered in the year in which they occur. However, most deaths are registered within six months of occurrence. More than 99% of deaths occurring in one year have been registered by 30 June of the following year. Data presented in section 6 show the number of deaths occurring in a particular year.
- 15** Life tables are shown in tables 5.4 and 5.5 and summarise expectation of life. From 1995 these life tables are based on deaths occurring in the reference and previous two years. They are produced at the Australian and State and Territory level as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. These life tables are known as the Australian Actuary/Australian Bureau of Statistics Life Tables. Before 1995 life tables shown in this publication were prepared by the ABS. The Australian Government Actuary also constructed life tables based on deaths occurring during the three years around and including the census year. The latest life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary were based on deaths during 1990 and 1992. These were released in 1995 and copies are available from the Commonwealth Government Bookshops or the Mail Order Sales Service.

## MARRIAGES

**16** Marriage statistics refer to marriages registered by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of Tasmania during the years shown. There is usually an interval between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration, some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year. Under the *Australian Marriage Act 1961*, 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, and 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 in which the marriage took place.

**17** In 1973, the minimum age at which a person was permitted to marry without parental consent was reduced from 21 to 18 years, although women were legally free to marry from 16 years with parental consent. Further amendment to the Marriage Act in 1991 designates the minimum age at which both sexes are legally free to marry to be 18 years. Persons between the ages 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.

**18** 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. ABS resumed full processing for 1996 marriage data.

## DIVORCES

**19** All divorce data in this publication, with the exception of data in Appendix D1, are for State or Territory of registration, based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce was granted and registered.

**20** Divorce statistics shown in Appendix D1 are based on the 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 ACT Family Court hears cases from most of south-eastern New South Wales and part of Victoria. State or Territory of usual residence data are only available for 1993 and 1994 due to a decision taken by the Family Court in 1995. See paragraph 25 for more information.

**21** Under the *Family Law Act 1975*, the only ground on which a divorce may be granted is that of irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. 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. Application for nullity of marriage under Family Law legislation must be on the ground that there was a 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.

**22** Successful applicants for a divorce are initially granted a decree  *nisi*. This becomes absolute after one month, unless it is rescinded or appealed against, or the Court is not satisfied that proper arrangements have been made for the welfare of any children involved.

**23** The statistics shown in this publication are compiled by the ABS from information supplied by the Family Court in respect of each application which resulted in the granting of a decree absolute.

## DIVORCES (continued)

**24** 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 granted or made absolute in any one year. A rise in numbers may reflect only the clearing of a backlog of cases from an earlier period.

**25** 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 or Territory of separation;
  - rite of marriage; and
  - number of children aged over 18 years.
- Characteristics of the husband and wife:
  - previous marital status at marriage;
  - number of previous marriages;
  - occupation at separation;
  - date of first arrival in Australia; and
  - duration of residence.

**26** 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, an additional table of divorce characteristics available from complete 1994 data has been included in Appendix D. With the exception of those data items which the Family Court no longer collects, ABS resumed full processing for 1996 divorce data.

## GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

**27** The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification, (ASGC), Edition 5* (Cat. no. 1216.0).

**28** The boundaries used for births and deaths statistics are the Statistical Local Area boundaries at 1 July 1994.

**29** The classification of countries in this publication is the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (ASCCSS) (Cat. no. 1269.0).

**30** Political developments in Europe, the Former USSR and Africa have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCSS. These changes have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revisions 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the ASCSS.



## RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**31** Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- Tasmania at a Glance* (Cat. no. 1314.6)
- Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly)
- Australian Demographic Trends* (Cat. no. 3102.0)
- Births, Australia* (Cat. no. 3301.0)
- Causes of Death, Australia* (Cat. no. 3303.0)
- Deaths, Australia* (Cat. no. 3302.0)
- Demography* (Cat. no. 3311.1-8) (State and Territory specific publications)
- Estimated Resident Population by Age and Sex in Statistical Local Areas, Tasmania* (Cat. no. 3207.6)
- Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia* (Cat. no. 3201.0)
- Population Statistics, Tasmania* (3204.6)
- Marriages and Divorces, Australia* (Cat. no. 3310.0)
- Migration, Australia* (Cat. no. 3412.0)
- Projections of the Populations 1995 to 2051* (Cat. no. 3222.0)
- Regional Population Growth, Australia, 1994-95* (Cat. no. 3218.0)

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

**32** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. These publications are available from any ABS office.

**33** In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix A lists characteristics processed by the ABS for marriages registered, divorces granted, births and deaths. 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.

APPENDIX **A** CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE .....

Data items relating to vital statistics which are collected in Tasmania, but not published in this publication.

BIRTHS

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin of mother, father (if paternity acknowledged)
- Date of birth
- Hospital/non-hospital birth
- State of registration
- Month/year of registration
- Birth weight
- Place of marriage

DEATHS

- Age at marriage
- Date of death
- Month/year of registration
- Number of issue
- Occupation at time of death (or previous occupation, if retired)

MARRIAGES

- Birthplace of parents of bridegroom (n.a. 1995)
- Birthplace of parents of bride (n.a. 1995)
- Date of marriage
- Duration of residence in Australia, if born overseas (n.a. 1995)
- Month/year of registration
- Number of children of previous marriages (n.a. 1995)
- Year of birth of youngest child (n.a. 1995)
- Year of celebration of last marriage (n.a. 1995)
- Year of first previous marriage (n.a. 1995)

DIVORCES

- Age of youngest child of marriage (n.a. 1995)
- Month of divorce
- Occupation of husband (n.a. after 1994)
- Occupation of wife (n.a. after 1994)

# APPENDIX B HISTORICAL SUMMARY .....

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population	Births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate(a)	Crude death rate(a)	Infant mortality rate(b)	Crude marriage rate(a)
1911	192 925	5 456	1 931	403	1 477	—	28.3	10.0	73.9	7.7
1916	195 603	5 792	2 058	423	1 433	—	29.6	10.5	73.0	7.3
1921	218 676	5 755	2 197	451	1 668	—	26.3	10.4	78.4	7.6
1926	217 575	4 988	1 912	232	1 435	34	22.9	8.8	46.5	6.6
1931	228 464	4 762	2 057	219	1 502	47	20.8	9.0	46.0	6.6
1936	235 773	4 581	2 387	227	2 073	62	19.4	10.1	50.0	8.8
1941	242 135	5 206	2 575	255	2 150	84	21.5	10.6	49.0	8.9
1946	254 570	6 847	2 549	207	2 650	219	26.9	10.0	30.2	10.4
1951	301 787	7 357	2 567	196	2 607	194	24.4	8.5	26.6	8.6
1956	332 810	8 104	2 513	170	2 601	197	24.4	7.6	21.0	7.8
1961	364 134	8 982	2 789	151	2 677	286	24.7	7.7	16.8	7.4
1966(c)	373 905	7 401	3 159	108	2 946	319	19.8	8.5	14.6	7.9
1971(d)	392 824	8 321	3 295	114	3 578	432	21.2	8.4	13.7	9.1
1976	409 252	6 702	3 389	77	3 477	(e)1761	16.4	8.3	11.5	8.5
1981	428 283	7 229	3 364	89	3 515	1 139	16.9	7.9	12.3	8.2
1986	448 235	6 950	3 454	79	3 302	1 245	15.5	7.7	11.4	7.4
1991	468 452	6 870	3 686	62	3 069	1 383	14.7	7.9	9.0	6.6
1992	470 960	6 987	3 739	46	3 081	1 365	14.8	7.9	6.6	6.5
1993	472 481	6 835	3 637	40	3 055	(f)1 465	14.5	7.7	5.9	6.5
1994	473 388	6 844	3 911	51	2 887	(f)1 544	14.5	8.3	7.5	6.1
1995	474 220	6 570	3 754	38	2 840	1 279	13.9	7.9	5.8	6.0

(a) See glossary for definition.

(b) Infant deaths rate per 1 000 live births.

(c) Vital events of 'full-blood Aborigines', where identified in registrations, were excluded before 1966.

(d) From 1971 births, deaths and infant deaths are on a State of usual residence basis, while data for earlier years are on a State of registration basis.

(e) The Family Law Act 1975 (Cwth), repealing State legislation, came into operation throughout Australia in 1976.

(f) State of usual residence basis. Data prior to 1993 and from 1995 are on a State of registration basis.

# APPENDIX C CENSUS 1996 .....

## SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996

Characteristics of persons counted	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total persons
	no.	no.	no.	%
<b>Total persons counted(a)</b>	<b>226 338</b>	<b>233 321</b>	<b>459 659</b>	<b>..</b>
Persons counted in private dwellings	219 499	226 813	446 312	97.1
Persons counted in non-private dwellings	6 398	6 317	12 715	2.8
Usual residence				
Persons counted at home	215 659	224 133	438 792	95.5
Visitors counted from				
Elsewhere in same statistical local area	2 330	2 165	4 495	1.0
Elsewhere within Tasmania	5 505	4 548	10 053	2.2
Interstate	2 343	1 910	4 253	0.9
Overseas	500	565	1 065	0.2
Total visitors	10 678	9 188	19 866	4.3
Usual residence 5 years ago(b)				
Same address	109 341	113 621	222 962	54.3
Different address				
Same statistical local area	35 315	37 803	73 118	17.8
Elsewhere within Tasmania	33 572	36 068	69 640	17.0
Interstate	11 638	11 646	23 284	5.7
Overseas	2 742	2 811	5 553	1.4
Not stated(c)	7 798	7 761	15 559	3.8
Age of persons counted (years)				
0-14	53 373	50 988	104 361	22.8
15-54	128 577	130 185	258 762	56.4
55-64	19 517	19 314	38 831	8.5
65 or more	24 371	32 269	56 640	12.4
Marital status of persons counted(d)				
Never married	55 549	46 201	101 750	28.6
Married	95 908	95 842	191 750	54.0
Separated but not divorced	5 634	6 589	12 223	3.4
Divorced	10 914	13 598	24 512	6.9
Widowed	4 912	20 041	24 953	7.0
Birthplace of persons counted				
Australia	193 884	200 890	394 774	89.3
Other Oceania and Antarctica	2 162	2 131	4 293	1.0
Europe and the former USSR	17 778	16 454	34 232	7.7
Middle East and North Africa	255	202	457	0.1
Southeast Asia	1 019	1 574	2 593	0.6
Northeast Asia	506	663	1 169	0.3
Southern Asia	431	396	827	0.2
Northern America	680	666	1 346	0.3
Southern and Central America	269	298	567	0.1
Africa (excl. North Africa)	758	793	1 551	0.4
Other(e)	28	33	61	0.0

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996 *continued*

<i>Characteristics of persons counted</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of total persons</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Australian citizens	210 708	217 366	428 074	93.1
Aged 18 years or more	150 092	159 343	309 435	67.3
Persons identifying themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	6 912	6 951	13 873	3.0
Labour force status(d)				
Employed persons	102 190	80 021	182 211	51.4
Full-time(f)	80 534	37 370	117 904	33.3
Part-time	19 398	40 821	60 219	17.0
Hours worked not stated	2 258	1 830	4 088	1.2
Unemployed persons	14 310	8 153	22 463	6.3
Looking for full-time work	12 763	5 407	18 170	5.1
Looking for part-time work	1 547	2 746	4 293	1.2
Total in the labour force	116 500	88 174	204 674	57.8
Total not in the labour force(g)	55 965	93 592	149 557	42.2

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Persons aged five years or more counted at home on census night.

(c) Comprises persons who stated they lived at a difference address five years ago but did not state the actual address.

(d) Persons aged 15 years or more.

(e) Comprises inadequately described, at sea and not elsewhere classified.

(f) Defined as having worked 35 hours or more in the main job held in the week before.

(g) Includes persons who did not state their labour force status.

APPENDIX **D** **DIVORCE TABLES, 1994** .....

**D1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)—State or Territory of Usual Residence**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
ALL DIVORCES										
<b>Divorces granted</b>	<b>15 863</b>	<b>11 229</b>	<b>8 359</b>	<b>4 081</b>	<b>4 963</b>	<b>1 519</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>48 312</b>
Crude divorce rate	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.4	3.1	..	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.4	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	9.1	10.9
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.2	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.0	8.8	7.3	7.2	4.5	7.6
Divorces involving children										
Number	7 826	(c)	4 733	1 941	2 498	931	232	524	411	(c)
Percentage of total divorces	50.0	(c)	56.6	47.6	50.3	61.3	56.2	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)
Applicant										
Husband	5 745	4 135	3 155	1 387	1 443	482	143	341	519	17 350
Wife	7 945	5 493	4 315	2 061	1 950	878	171	407	519	23 739
Joint	1 973	1 601	889	633	1 570	159	99	183	116	7 223

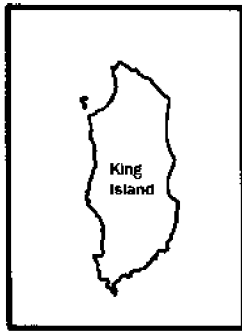
**D1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)—State or Territory of Usual Residence** *continued*

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
<b>HUSBAND</b>										
<b>Age-specific divorce rate</b>										
Age group (years)										
24 and under										
25-29	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.2	7.8	10.1	6.0	9.0	..	8.0
30-34	12.1	12.0	11.6	13.3	14.0	16.5	8.2	13.9	..	12.7
35-39	12.7	12.2	12.8	13.7	13.1	16.8	12.2	14.2	..	13.2
40-44	11.8	12.0	12.1	14.4	13.1	14.8	10.2	13.3	..	12.6
45-49	10.4	10.1	11.1	10.9	11.9	12.9	7.7	12.3	..	10.9
50-54	8.4	7.7	8.1	7.9	9.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	..	8.5
55 and over	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	4.1	4.2	..	2.7
<b>Marital status at marriage (number)</b>										
Never married	12 781	9 331	6 592	3 280	4 018	1 257	325	749	922	39 255
Widowed	175	105	102	42	53	12	2	8	11	510
Divorced	2 707	1 793	1 665	759	892	250	86	174	221	8 547
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 663</b>	<b>11 229</b>	<b>8 359</b>	<b>4 081</b>	<b>4 963</b>	<b>1 519</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>48 312</b>
<b>Median age (years)</b>										
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	36.5	36.7	34.3	36.6
At decree made absolute	39.6	39.5	40.1	39.6	40.1	39.4	39.5	39.6	38.6	39.7
<b>WIFE</b>										
<b>Age-specific divorce rate</b>										
Age group (years)										
24 and under										
25-29	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.8	..	2.0
30-34										
35-39	12.5	11.8	12.4	14.1	13.8	17.2	11.5	13.7	..	13.0
40-44	11.2	11.1	11.5	12.8	12.5	14.4	10.6	12.0	..	11.8
45-49	9.1	8.5	9.4	8.8	10.1	11.0	10.1	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	1.8	2.1	..	1.3
<b>Marital status at marriage (number)</b>										
Never married	12 816	9 431	6 649	3 311	4 010	1 259	332	756	975	39 539
Widowed	191	158	122	45	68	21	2	4	14	625
Divorced	2 656	1 640	1 588	725	885	239	79	171	165	8 148
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 663</b>	<b>11 229</b>	<b>8 359</b>	<b>4 081</b>	<b>4 963</b>	<b>1 519</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>48 312</b>
<b>Median age (years)</b>										
At marriage	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.4	22.7	22.2	23.6	23.3	24.1	22.8
At final separation	33.7	33.7	34.1	33.9	33.9	34.1	33.5	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 (91).

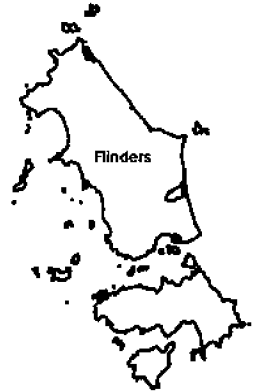
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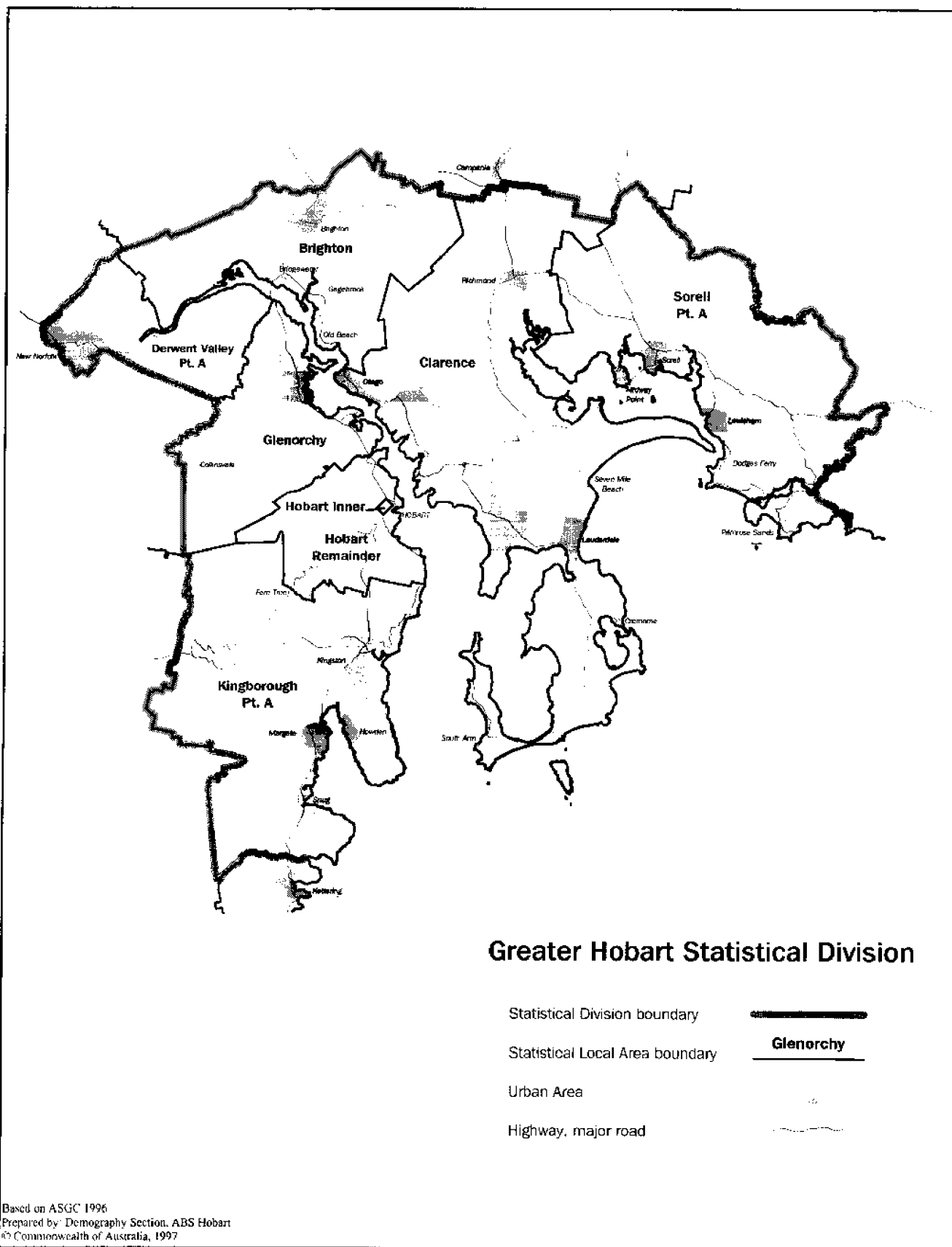
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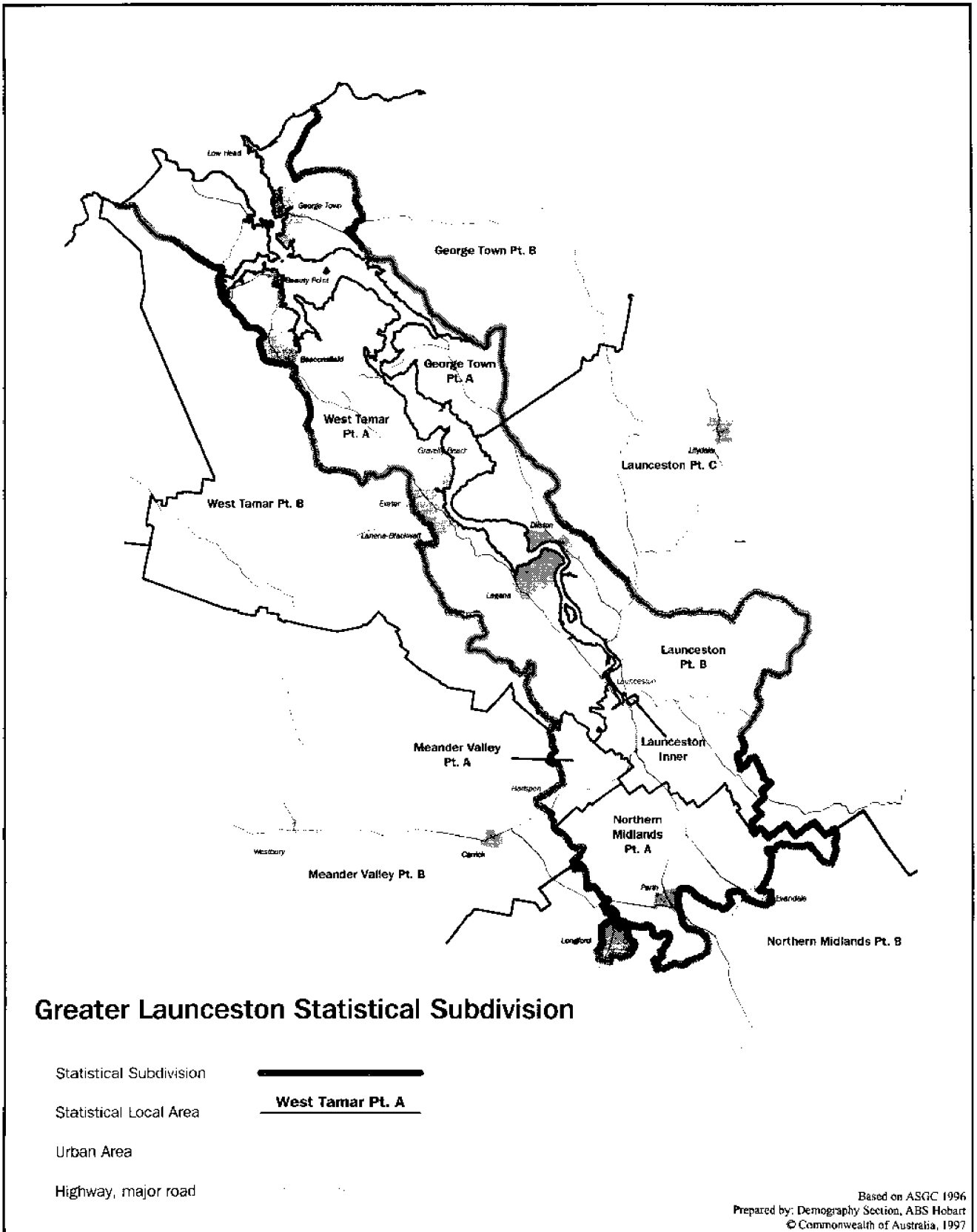




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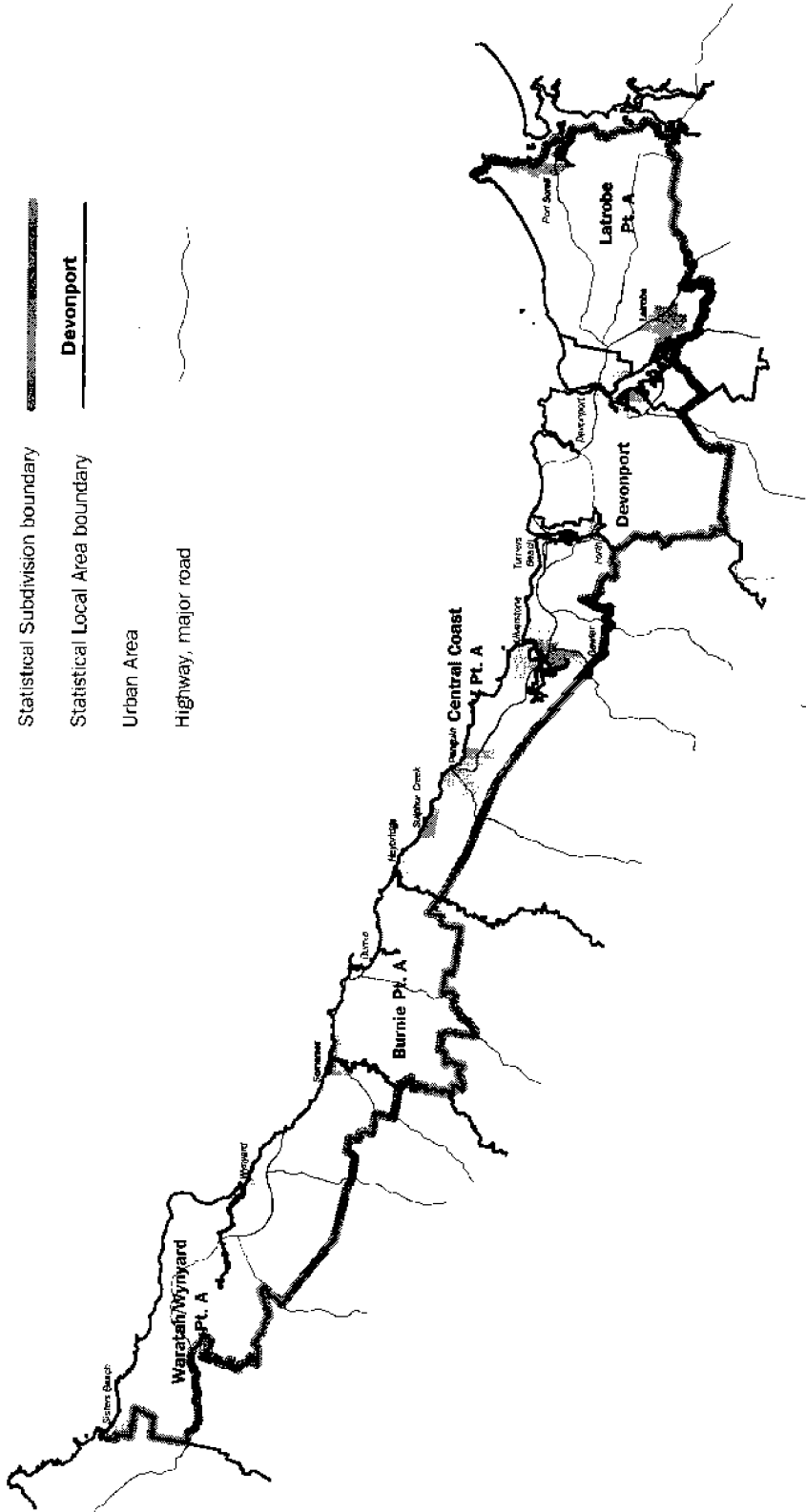
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# Burnie-Devonport Statistical Subdivision

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## GLOSSARY .....

- Age-specific birth rates** Age-specific birth rates are the number of live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age at 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15–19 age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45–49 age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.
- Age-specific death rates** Age-specific death rates are the number of deaths at a specified age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population of that age at 30 June. The infant mortality rate is used for the age-specific rate for children under one year of age. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of deaths for which the age of deceased is not given.
- 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 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 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.
- Birth** The delivery of a child, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, who after being born, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.
- Category of movement** Overseas arrivals and departures are classified according to length of stay (in Australia or overseas), recorded in months and days by travellers on passenger cards.
- There are three main categories of movement:
- permanent
  - long-term (one year or more)
  - short-term (less than one year).

<b>Category of movement</b> <i>continued</i>	<p>A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term.</p> <p>Accordingly in an attempt to maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one year exactly are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.</p>
<b>Children (divorce collection)</b>	<p>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 <i>Family Law Act 1975</i>, 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.</p>
<b>Children (marriage collection)</b>	<p>Children in the marriage collection refer to persons under 16 years of age born from previous marriages. The term children should not be confused with the term previous births used in births data (see Previous births).</p>
<b>Confinement</b>	<p>A pregnancy which results in at least one live birth.</p>
<b>Crude birth rate</b>	<p>The crude birth rate is the number of live births registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude birth rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.</p>
<b>Crude death rate</b>	<p>The crude death rate is the number of deaths registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude death rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.</p>
<b>Crude divorce rate</b>	<p>The crude divorce rate is the number of decrees absolute granted during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident 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.</p>
<b>Crude marriage rate</b>	<p>The crude marriage rate is the number of marriages registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident 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.</p>

- 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.
- Divorce** Decree 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.
- Duration of marriage until separation** Duration of marriage until separation is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of separation.
- 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 under enumeration) 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.
- 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 *Information Paper: Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no.3101.0) (issued quarterly).
- Fetal death** The delivery of a child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight is unavailable) which did not, at any time after delivery, breathe or show any other evidence of life such as heartbeat.
- Fetal death rate** The fetal death rate is the number of fetal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable).
- First marriage rates** First marriage rates are the number of men and women, in an age group, marrying for the first time per 1,000 (mid-year) population of never married men and women in the same age group.

- Indigenous origin** Persons who identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- An Indigenous birth refers to the birth of a live-born child where either the mother or the father has identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- An Indigenous death refers to a death where the deceased was identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- Infant death** An infant death is the death of a live-born child who died when less than one year old.
- Infant mortality rate** The number of deaths of children under one year of age in a calendar year per 1,000 live births in the same calendar year.
- Life expectancy** Life expectancy refers to the average number of additional years a person of a given age and sex might expect to live if the age-specific death rates of the given period continued throughout his or her lifetime.
- Long-term arrivals** Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas.
- Long-term departures** Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.
- Marriage** Under the *Australian Marriage Act 1961* (Cwlth), a marriage may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month but within six calendar months before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State or Territory in which the marriage took place.
- 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 or divorces for which the partners hold a certificate.
- Median value** The median value (age, duration, interval) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below this value, and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.
- Multiple birth** A multiple birth is a confinement which results in two or more issue, at least one of which is live-born.
- Neonatal death** A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of any child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) who after delivery, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.

<b>Neonatal death rate</b>	The neonatal death rate is the number of neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable).
<b>Nuptial first confinement</b>	A nuptial first confinement is the first confinement in the current marriage and therefore does not necessarily represent the woman's first ever confinement resulting in a live birth.
<b>Nuptiality</b>	Nuptiality relates to the relative marital status of parents. Confinements and births are identified as being nuptial where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy.
<b>Paternity-acknowledged birth</b>	A paternity-acknowledged birth refers to an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.
<b>Perinatal death</b>	A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as elsewhere defined.
<b>Perinatal death rate</b>	The perinatal death rate is the number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.
<b>Permanent arrivals (settlers)</b>	Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise travellers who hold migrant visas (regardless of stated intended period of stay), New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas-born children of Australian citizens).
<b>Permanent departures</b>	Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they do not intend to return to Australia.
<b>Previous births</b>	<p>Previous births refer to children born alive (who may be still living or now dead) to a mother prior to the registration of the current birth. In some States and both Territories, legitimated and legally adopted children are included.</p> <p>Previous births of the current marriage relates to nuptial births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement.</p> <p>All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptiality and paternity.</p>
<b>Previous issue</b>	See Previous births.
<b>Remarriage rates</b>	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.



<b>Reproduction rates</b>	<p>Two different reproduction rates as shown in this publication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Gross reproduction rate</b> — the gross reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters per woman that would be born to a group of women all of whom survive to the end of the reproductive period and who had given birth to daughters at each age in accordance with the rates prevailing during that year. It is an indication of the extent to which the population would reproduce itself under these conditions, except that it does not allow for females who fail to survive to the end of the child-bearing period. It is the sum of the female five-year age-specific fertility rates (i.e. the number of female live births according to age of mother per 1,000 females of that age) multiplied by five.</li> <li>▪ <b>Net reproduction rate</b> — the net reproduction rate makes allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. It represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table. It indicates the extent to which the population would reproduce itself. The net reproduction rate is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table and adding the products.</li> </ul>
<b>Sex ratio</b>	The sex ratio relates to the number of male events (births and deaths) per 100 female events.
<b>Short-term arrivals</b>	Short-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors whose intended stay in Australia is less than 12 months and Australian residents returning after an absence of less than 12 months overseas.
<b>Short-term departures</b>	Short-term departures comprise Australian residents whose intended period of stay abroad is less than 12 months and overseas visitors departing who stayed less than 12 months in Australia.
<b>Standardised death rates</b>	<p>Standardised death rates enable the comparison of death rates between populations with different age structures by relating them to a standard population, in this case all persons in the 1991 Australian population. They are expressed per 1,000 persons. There are two methods of calculating standardised death rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The <i>direct method</i> — this is used when the populations under study are large and the age-specific death rates are reliable. It is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in the standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population under study. The direct method is used for comparing State and Territory and Australia rates.</li> <li>▪ The <i>indirect method</i> — this is used when the populations under study are small and the age-specific death rates are unreliable or not known. It is an adjustment to the crude death rate of the standard population to account for the variation between the actual number of deaths in the population under study and the number of deaths which would have occurred if the population under study had experienced the age-specific death rates of the standard population. The indirect method is used for comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates and Statistical Local Area rates.</li> </ul>

<b>State or Territory of registration</b>	State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the birth, death, or marriage was registered or the State or Territory in which the divorce was granted. For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 21 to 22 of the Explanatory Notes.
<b>State or Territory of usual residence</b>	<p>State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the population (estimated resident population);</li> <li>▪ the mother (birth collection);</li> <li>▪ the deceased (death collection); and</li> <li>▪ the parties at separation (divorce collection). For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 22 to 23 of the Explanatory Notes.</li> </ul> <p>In the case of overseas movements State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory regarded by the traveller as the one in which he/she lives or has lived. State or Territory of intended residence is derived from the intended address given by settlers, and by Australian residents returning after a journey abroad. Particularly in the case of the former, this information does not necessarily relate to the State or Territory in which the person will eventually establish a permanent residence.</p>
<b>Total fertility rate</b>	The total fertility rate represents the number of children one woman would bear if the age-specific birth rates of the year shown continued during her child-bearing lifetime. It is obtained by summing the five-year age-specific birth rates and multiplying by five.



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