



DEMOGRAPHY *NEW SOUTH WALES*

EMBARGO: 11:30AM (CANBERRA TIME) TUES 24 FEB 1998

C O N T E N T S

	<i>page</i>
Notes	2
Main features	3
List of tables	6

DETAILED INFORMATION

1 Demographic summary	9
2 Population	21
3 Births — year of registration	25
4 Births — year of occurrence (preliminary)	38
5 Deaths — year of registration	43
6 Deaths — year of occurrence (preliminary)	61
7 Marriages registered	66
8 Divorces granted	79

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Explanatory notes	90
Appendixes:	
A Characteristics available	95
B Historical summary	96
C 1996 Census	97
Glossary	99

I N Q U I R I E S

- For more information about these and related statistics, contact Information Services on Sydney (02) 9268 4111.
- For information about other ABS statistics and services, please refer to the back of this publication.

NOTES

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 data when finalising population estimates.

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

This issue contains rates calculated using preliminary estimates of Australia, States and Territories as at 30 June 1996, based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. These rates will be revised in the next issue of this publication using final estimates of the resident population based on the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. The populations used in Sections 1 and 2 are based on preliminary results of the 1996 Census.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) undertook reduced processing of marriage and divorce data in 1995. Full processing was resumed for 1996 marriage data; and for 1996 divorce data where available from Family Law Court registries.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
ERP	Estimated Resident Population
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
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
SLA	Statistical local area
SSD	Statistical subdivision
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

Gregory W. Bray
Regional Director
New South Wales

MAIN FEATURES

KEY FIGURES

	NEW SOUTH WALES.....			AUSTRALIA.....		
	1986	1996	Change	1986	1996	Change
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Estimated resident population	5 574.3	6 240.9	12.0	16 138.8	18 426.9	14.2
Net overseas migration	44.8	50.0	11.4	110.7	111.2	0.4
Net interstate migration	-9.1	-16.6	-82.0
Births						
Registration basis	84.5	86.6	2.4	243.4	253.8	4.3
Occurrence basis	83.8	85.2	1.6	242.9	249.1	2.6
Deaths						
Registration basis	42.2	45.1	7.1	115.0—	128.7	11.9
Occurrence basis	41.6	44.8	7.9	114.3	127.3	11.3
Marriages	41.3	35.7	-13.6	114.9	106.1	-7.7
Divorces	11.7	16.0	37.1	39.4	52.5	33.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population of NSW at 31 December 1996 was 6,240,900. This was an increase of 12% over the last 10 years.

The median age of people resident in NSW at 30 June 1996 was 34.4 years, compared with 31.7 years in 1986.

The city of Blacktown is the most populated SLA in NSW with a resident population of 240,000 in 1996.

OVERSEAS MIGRATION

In 1996, NSW experienced a net gain of 50,000 from overseas migration (permanent and long term). Almost half (45%) of overseas migrants to Australia came to NSW.

INTERSTATE MIGRATION

The interstate migration component resulted in a net loss to NSW of almost 17,000 in 1996. Only Queensland, WA and NT achieved a positive result from interstate migration over the calendar year.

BIRTHS

Registration basis

In 1996 there were 86,595 births registered to mothers residing in NSW, a rate of 14.0 births per 1,000 population. This is the lowest birth rate ever recorded in NSW.

The peak age group for NSW mothers is still the 25–29 age group, although the birth rate for this age group has decreased by 17% since 1986. During the same period, the rate for the 30–34 age group has increased by 16%.

Ex-nuptial births represented 25% of all NSW births in 1996, compared with 17% in 1986. Five out of every six ex-nuptial births were paternity acknowledged.

Occurrence basis

The number of births to NSW mothers which actually occurred in 1996 was 85,214, compared with 83,845 in 1986, an increase of 1.6%. The number of births and the crude birth rate have decreased every year since the recent peak in 1992.

The highest number of 1996 births occurred in the month of December (7,418) and the lowest in February (6,657).

DEATHS

Registration basis

The number of deaths of NSW residents in 1996 was 45,141, a crude rate of 7.3 deaths per 1,000 population and a standardised rate of 6.6 per 1,000.

The median age at death was 74.1 years for men and 80.6 years for women. By comparison, the 1986 medians were 70.8 years and 77.5 years respectively.

The infant mortality rate was 5.8 per 1,000 live births, compared with 9.0 in 1986. The number of infant deaths decreased from 759 to 499 over the past decade.

Occurrence basis

The number of deaths of NSW residents which actually occurred in 1996 was 44,840, compared with 41,574 in 1986, an increase of 8%. However the crude death rate decreased from 7.5 to 7.2 per 1,000 population.

The highest number of 1996 deaths (average per day) occurred in the month of July (157) and the lowest in February (106).

The infant mortality rate for deaths occurring in 1996 was 5.6 per 1,000 live births, compared with 8.7 in 1986.

MARRIAGES

There were 35,716 marriages registered in NSW in 1996, a crude rate of 5.8 per 1,000 population, the lowest marriage rate ever recorded in NSW. However this low figure seems to reflect a delay in the registration process at the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The number of marriages which actually occurred in 1996 was 37,540, compared with 37,949 in 1995 and 38,770 in 1986. The marriage rate on the year of occurrence basis was 6.1 per 1,000 population.

The median age at first marriage was 27.6 years for men and 25.6 years for women, compared with 25.8 years and 23.6 years respectively in 1986.

Ministers of religion celebrated 56% of marriages in 1996, and 44% were celebrated by civil celebrants.

DIVORCES

In 1996 there were 15,984 divorces granted in NSW, compared with 11,661 in 1986, the highest number since the introduction of the Family Law Act in 1976 which resulted in 22,147 divorces.

The median age at divorce in 1996 was 39.7 years for men and 36.8 years for women. The comparative medians in 1986 were 37.7 years and 34.8 years respectively.

LIST OF TABLES

	Page
DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY	
1.1 States and Territories—year ended 31 December 1996	12
1.2 Statistical Areas—1996	14
POPULATION	
2.1 Summary, selected years—1986 to 1996	23
2.2 Estimated resident population, age, sex—at 30 June 1996	24
BIRTHS	
Year of registration	
3.1 Summary, selected years—1986 to 1996	29
3.2 Confinements, nuptiality, plurality, age of mother—1996	31
3.3 Confinements, age of parents—1996	32
3.4 Nuptial confinements, birthplace of parents—1996	34
3.5 Nuptial confinements, age of mother, previous issue, average issue—1996 ...	36
3.6 First nuptial confinements, age of mother, duration of current marriage—1996	37
Year of occurrence	
4.1 Births, month of occurrence, number, crude birth rate, proportion, selected years—1986 to 1996	40
4.2 Births, age group of mother, selected years—1986 to 1996	41
4.3 Births, age-specific birth rates, total fertility rate, selected years—1986 to 1996	42
DEATHS	
Year of registration	
5.1 Summary, selected years—1986 to 1996	48
5.2 Age at death, sex—1996	50
5.3 Age at death, marital status—1996	51
5.4 Expectation of life, NSW and Australia, selected ages, selected years—1971, 1981, 1991 and 1994 to 1996	52
5.5 Expectation of life, NSW and Australia—1994 to 1996	53
5.6 Birthplace, duration of residence—1996	54
5.7 State or Territory of usual residence, State or Territory of registration—1996	56
5.8 Selected causes of death, sex—1996	57
5.9 Selected causes of death, summary—1996	58
5.10 Perinatal deaths, numbers, rates, selected years—1986 to 1996	59
5.11 Perinatal deaths, selected details, selected years—1986 to 1996	60

	Page
DEATHS <i>continued</i>	
Year of occurrence	
6.1 Deaths, month of occurrence, number, crude death rate, deaths per day, selected years—1986 to 1996	62
6.2 Age at death, sex, selected years—1986 to 1996	63
6.3 Age-specific death rates, sex, selected years—1986 to 1996	64
6.4 Infant deaths, month of occurrence, number, infant mortality rate, deaths per day, selected years—1986 to 1996	65
MARRIAGES REGISTERED	
7.1 Summary, selected years—1986 to 1996	69
7.2 Age-specific first marriage and remarriage rates, census years—1971 to 1996	70
7.3 Previous marital status of parties—1996	71
7.4 Age, previous marital status of parties—1996	72
7.5 Age of parties—1996	73
7.6 Birthplace of parties—1996	74
7.7 Category of rite, previous marital status of parties—1996	76
7.8 Remarriages, number of previous marriages, number of children under 16—1996	77
7.9 Remarriages, interval to remarriage, reason for termination of last marriage—1996	78
DIVORCES GRANTED	
8.1 Summary, selected years—1986 to 1996	82
8.2 Age of parties at marriage, duration of marriage—1996	84
8.3 Age of parties at final separation, duration of marriage to separation—1996 ..	85
8.4 Age of parties at divorce—1996	86
8.5 Children of the marriage, duration of marriage—1996	87
8.6 Birthplace of parties—1996	88
APPENDIXES	
B Historical summary, estimated resident population and vital statistics, selected years—1911 to 1996	96
C Summary characteristics of persons counted in NSW at the 1996 Census	97

SECTION 1

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

POPULATION

At 31 December 1996, the estimated resident population of NSW was 6,240,900, based on preliminary results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. This represents a growth of 1.3% for the calendar year. Queensland and Northern Territory had the highest growth at 2.2% and Tasmania had the lowest at less than 0.1%. The population of Australia increased by 1.3% to 18,426,900.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

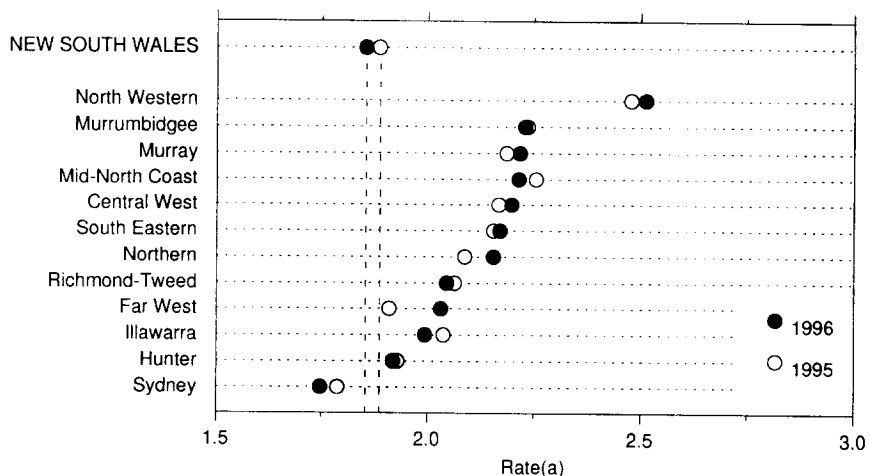
The increase in population since 31 December 1995 was 77,000 of which 42,000 was contributed by the natural increase (births minus deaths) and 50,000 was the result of net overseas migration. However NSW suffered a net interstate migration loss of almost 17,000 during 1996. In the last 6 years NSW residents have moved interstate (mostly to Queensland) in similar numbers, although considerably less than the numbers leaving a decade earlier (eg net loss of 42,000 in 1989). On the other hand, Queensland experienced a net interstate migration gain of 34,000 in 1996.

The increase to NSW of 50,000 from (net) overseas migration represented 45% of the Australian increase from this component, a similar result to the previous year.

BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS

The NSW births figure of 86,595 for 1996 includes 86,560 births to NSW mothers and 35 births which occurred in NSW where the usual residence of the mother was overseas. Residents of Sydney Statistical Division accounted for 64% (55,053 births) of NSW births.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES BY STATISTICAL DIVISION—1995 AND 1996



(a) See Glossary for definition of total fertility rate.

The average total fertility rate for NSW over the years 1994 to 1996 was 1.853 compared with 1.886 for the preceding 3 year period (1993 to 1995). This represents the average number of children each woman would bear if the current birth rates continued during their child-bearing lifetimes. The highest total fertility rate for a statistical division was 2.513 in North Western (SD), while the lowest fertility rate was 1.746 in Sydney (SD).

The statistical local area in Sydney (SD) which recorded the highest number of 1996 births was Blacktown with 4,523 births, followed by Fairfield with 3,087 and Penrith with 2,884 births. In the remainder of NSW, most births were recorded in Wollongong (2,362), Lake Macquarie (2,286) and Newcastle (1,731).

The statistical local area in Sydney (SD) with the highest total fertility rate was Auburn (2.345), followed by Wyong (2.254) and Blacktown (2.250). South Sydney and North Sydney had the lowest fertility rates at 0.890 and 0.891 respectively.

DEATHS

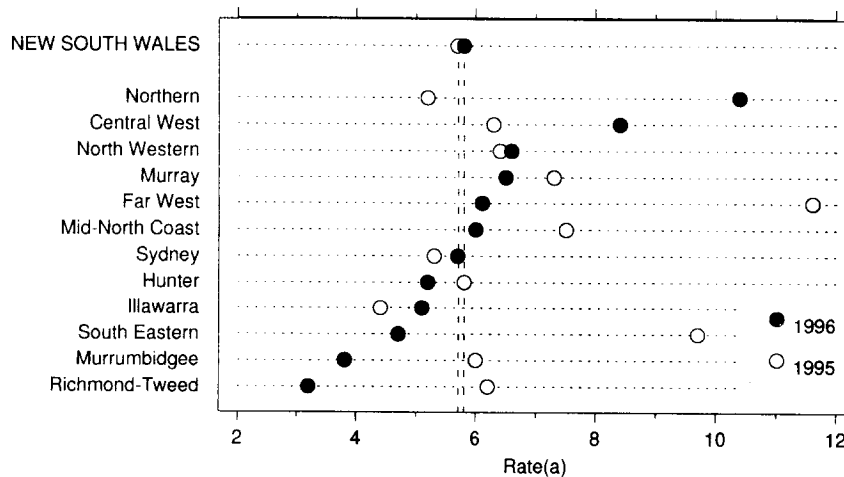
The NSW deaths figure of 45,141 for 1996 includes 45,006 deaths of NSW residents and 135 deaths which occurred in NSW where the usual residence was overseas, while 58% (26,152 deaths) were residents of the Sydney Statistical Division.

The highest standardised death rate for a statistical division was 7.7 (deaths per 1,000 population) for both North Western (SD) and Far West (SD), while the lowest rate was 6.2 in Richmond-Tweed (SD).

The statistical local area in Sydney (SD) which recorded the highest number of 1996 deaths was Gosford with 1,352 deaths, followed by Wyong with 1,194 deaths and Bankstown with 1,193 deaths.

There were 499 infant deaths to NSW mothers in 1996 and 63% (316 infant deaths) were residents of the Sydney Statistical Division. Of the statistical divisions, the highest infant death rate (10.4 per 1,000 live births) was recorded in Northern (SD), and the lowest (3.2) in Richmond-Tweed (SD).

INFANT DEATH RATES BY STATISTICAL DIVISION—1995 AND 1996



(a) Per 1,000 live births.

MARRIAGES

The crude marriage rate in NSW of 5.8 marriages per 1,000 population is the equal second highest in Australia, behind Queensland (6.2), and equal to the total Australia figure. The median ages at marriage for all bridegrooms (29.5 years) and brides (27.1 years) are the highest ever recorded in NSW.

DIVORCES

There were 15,984 divorces granted in NSW in 1996. The crude divorce rate of 2.6 divorces per 1,000 population is the lowest of any State or Territory in Australia.

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

	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	474.2	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	2 542	2 776	3 126	124 826
Net overseas migration(e)	49 957	26 714	14 701	4 112	13 963	589	662	459	111 157
Net interstate migration	-16 646	-13 822	33 817	-5 585	5 593	-3 268	362	-451	..
Total increase(f)	77 129	43 079	72 516	5 674	33 580	24	4 015	3 158	239 229
Growth rate (%)	1.3	0.9	2.2	0.4	1.9	—	2.2	1.0	1.3
BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS									
Live births									
Number	86 595	61 143	47 769	19 056	24 793	6 457	3 562	4 396	253 834
Total fertility rate	1.825	1.712	1.840	1.746	1.812	1.916	2.286	1.677	1.796
Crude birth rate	14.0	13.5	14.2	12.9	14.1	13.6	20.0	14.3	13.9
Female net reproduction rate	0.877	0.817	0.881	0.845	0.866	0.915	1.065	0.813	0.860
All confinements									
Number	85 496	60 294	47 118	18 753	24 434	6 356	3 522	4 327	250 363
Median age of mother (years)	29.3	29.9	28.5	29.4	28.9	28.3	27.1	29.6	29.2
Nuptial confinements									
Median age (years)									
Mother	30.2	30.5	29.9	30.5	30.1	29.6	30.0	30.4	30.2
Father	32.8	32.8	32.2	32.8	32.6	32.1	32.7	32.5	32.7
First nuptial confinements									
Number	26 125	19 561	12 572	5 332	6 605	1 795	614	1 257	73 873
Median age of mother	28.6	29.1	28.4	29.1	28.7	28.0	28.6	28.6	28.7
DEATHS									
Number	45 141	32 726	22 281	11 606	11 027	3 872	758	1 300	128 719
Standardised death rate	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	7.2	8.8	6.1	6.4
Crude death rate	7.3	7	6.6	7.8	6.3	8.2	4.3	4.2	7.0
Median age at death (years)									
Males	74.1	74.7	73.2	74.5	73.7	74.2	54.1	71.4	74.0
Females	80.6	81.3	80.1	81.1	80.8	79.8	60.8	77.5	80.7
Infant deaths									
Number	499	308	304	94	160	29	41	25	1 460
Rate	5.8	5.0	6.4	4.9	6.5	4.5	11.5	5.7	5.8
Perinatal deaths									
Number	832	450	406	143	210	56	38	35	2 170
Rate	9.6	7.3	8.5	7.5	8.4	8.6	10.6	7.9	8.5

(a) See Glossary 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.

(f) Takes into account intercensal discrepancy not accounted for by natural increase and net migration.

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

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

(a) See Glossary 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) See paragraph 18 in Explanatory Notes.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a)

<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>
SYDNEY SD					
Inner Sydney SSD					
Botany Bay (C)	35 886	511	1.699	275	6.9
Leichhardt (A)	60 720	752	1.143	475	7.8
Marrickville (A)	79 717	1 179	1.524	575	7.9
South Sydney (C)	79 396	671	0.890	685	8.9
Sydney (C)	13 905	127	0.953	70	7.2
<i>Total</i>	269 624	3 240	1.216	2 080	8.0
Eastern Suburbs SSD					
Randwick (C)	123 338	1 395	1.219	1 013	6.9
Waverley (A)	65 007	716	1.132	520	6.3
Woollahra (A)	53 412	455	0.938	392	5.2
<i>Total</i>	241 757	2 566	1.132	1 925	6.3
St George–Sutherland SSD					
Hurstville (C)	68 511	869	1.674	618	6.0
Kogarah (A)	49 924	628	1.607	384	5.3
Rockdale (C)	88 850	1 320	1.814	777	6.3
Sutherland (A)	203 758	2 568	1.715	1 171	5.5
<i>Total</i>	411 043	5 385	1.714	2 950	5.8
Canterbury–Bankstown SSD					
Bankstown (C)	164 256	2 532	2.022	1 193	6.3
Canterbury (C)	138 532	2 504	2.150	957	6.1
<i>Total</i>	302 788	5 036	2.081	2 150	6.2
Fairfield–Liverpool SSD					
Fairfield (C)	188 849	3 087	2.038	873	6.5
Liverpool (C)	124 424	2 374	2.128	590	7.0
<i>Total</i>	313 273	5 461	2.073	1 463	6.7
Outer Sydney Western Sydney SSD					
Camden (A)	33 129	551	2.205	181	7.0
Campbelltown (C)	148 249	2 651	2.223	565	7.4
Wollondilly (A)	34 639	533	2.200	166	6.1
<i>Total</i>	216 017	3 735	2.215	912	7.1
Inner Western Sydney SSD					
Ashfield (A)	41 693	597	1.517	453	7.9
Burwood (A)	29 630	416	1.670	299	7.1
Concord (A)	24 494	304	1.568	173	5.9
Drummoyne (A)	31 962	389	1.276	250	5.9
Strathfield (A)	27 128	273	1.484	256	6.9
<i>Total</i>	154 907	1 979	1.486	1 431	6.9
Central Western Sydney SSD					
Auburn (A)	53 140	1 028	2.345	361	7.0
Holroyd (C)	83 681	1 318	1.974	589	7.0
Parramatta (C)	142 993	2 235	1.870	1 053	7.0
<i>Total</i>	279 814	4 581	1.990	2 003	7.0
Outer Western Sydney SSD					
Blue Mountains (C)	74 870	944	2.007	571	6.8
Hawkesbury (C)	59 137	1 025	2.089	227	5.7
Penrith (C)	167 927	2 884	2.112	618	6.5
<i>Total</i>	301 934	4 853	2.094	1 416	6.5

For footnotes see end of table.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a) *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>
SYDNEY SD <i>continued</i>					
Blacktown–Baulkham Hills SSD					
Baulkham Hills (A)	125 553	1 285	1.578	530	5.3
Blacktown (C)	239 765	4 523	2.250	1 111	7.3
<i>Total</i>	365 318	5 808	2.031	1 641	6.5
Lower Northern Sydney SSD					
Hunters Hill (A)	12 640	95	1.501	185	7.4
Lane Cove (A)	31 282	378	1.405	253	5.9
Mosman (A)	27 437	338	1.175	222	5.8
North Sydney (A)	56 235	578	0.891	333	5.3
Ryde (C)	96 334	1 258	1.515	742	6.0
Willoughby (C)	56 401	678	1.431	438	5.8
<i>Total</i>	280 329	3 325	1.285	2 173	5.9
Hornsby–Ku-ring-gai SSD					
Hornsby (A)	143 466	1 710	1.684	1 002	5.9
Ku-ring-gai (A)	105 225	772	1.472	734	5.3
<i>Total</i>	248 691	2 482	1.601	1 736	5.6
Northern Beaches SSD					
Manly (A)	37 632	494	1.423	304	6.0
Pittwater (A)	54 617	705	1.807	429	6.0
Warringah (A)	131 070	1 684	1.637	993	5.9
<i>Total</i>	223 319	2 883	1.629	1 726	5.9
Gosford–Wyong SSD					
Gosford (C)	150 261	1 963	2.034	1 352	6.4
Wyong (A)	120 295	1 756	2.254	1 194	6.8
<i>Total</i>	270 556	3 719	2.130	2 546	6.6
<i>Total Sydney SD</i>	3 879 370	55 053	1.746	26 152	6.4
HUNTER SD					
Newcastle SSD					
Cessnock (C)	45 705	678	2.150	392	8.5
Lake Macquarie (C)	176 860	2 286	1.956	1 306	6.5
Maitland (C)	51 416	748	2.027	316	6.7
Newcastle (C)	137 391	1 731	1.628	1 297	6.7
Port Stephens (A)	52 307	716	2.153	345	6.1
<i>Total</i>	463 679	6 159	1.868	3 656	6.8
Hunter SD Balance SSD					
Dungog (A)	7 880	100	2.052	64	6.8
Gloucester (A)	4 964	62	2.492	71	7.2
Great Lakes (A)	28 754	280	2.221	299	5.8
Merriwa (A)	2 349	30	2.487	17	5.9
Murrurundi (A)	2 256	29	2.379	22	7.6
Muswellbrook (A)	15 663	224	2.262	105	7.9
Scone (A)	9 742	127	2.218	68	7.4
Singleton (A)	20 216	336	2.260	108	6.8
<i>Total</i>	91 824	1 188	2.245	754	6.5
<i>Total Hunter SD</i>	555 503	7 347	1.918	4 410	6.7

For footnotes see end of table.

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

<i>Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area</i>	<i>Estimated mid-year resident population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect standardised death rate(e)</i>
ILLAWARRA SD					
Wollongong SSD					
Kiama (A)	18 390	213	2.098	149	6.0
Shellharbour (C)	53 898	893	2.117	293	6.7
Wollongong (C)	183 448	2 362	1.824	1 335	6.8
<i>Total</i>	255 736	3 468	1.898	1 777	6.7
Illawarra SD Balance SSD					
Shoalhaven (C)	79 168	978	2.348	702	6.6
Wingecarribee (A)	38 069	488	2.188	295	6.1
<i>Total</i>	117 237	1 466	2.290	997	6.5
<i>Total Illawarra SD</i>	372 973	4 934	1.994	2 774	6.6
RICHMOND-TWEED SD					
Tweed Heads SSD					
Tweed (A)—Part A	39 196	451	2.066	415	5.9
Richmond-Tweed SD Balance SSD					
Ballina (A)	34 683	399	1.999	321	6.0
Byron (A)	26 626	315	1.907	191	6.4
Casino (A)	10 942	198	2.392	117	7.3
Kyogle (A)	9 929	125	2.368	86	6.0
Lismore (C)	43 547	576	1.941	331	6.6
Richmond River (A)	9 825	120	2.254	54	6.0
Tweed (A)—Part B	25 915	340	2.210	169	6.3
<i>Total</i>	161 467	2 073	2.044	1 269	6.3
<i>Total Richmond-Tweed SD</i>	200 663	2 524	2.046	1 684	6.2
MID-NORTH COAST SD					
Clarence SSD					
Bellingen (A)	12 491	160	2.407	105	5.7
Coffs Harbour (C)	57 316	731	2.045	378	5.5
Copmanhurst (A)	4 034	49	2.623	23	4.7
Grafton (C)	17 506	228	2.116	200	7.4
Macleay (A)	15 316	168	2.351	175	6.4
Nambucca (A)	17 645	170	2.370	171	6.8
Nymboida (A)	4 436	48	2.348	16	5.9
Ulmarra (A)	6 200	83	2.677	40	6.5
<i>Total</i>	134 944	1 637	2.197	1 108	6.2
Hastings SSD					
Greater Taree (C)	43 566	527	2.243	409	6.8
Hastings (A)	57 281	617	2.060	574	6.0
Kempsey (A)	26 479	374	2.576	259	7.6
Lord Howe Island	332	4	1.725	1	0.6
<i>Total</i>	127 658	1 522	2.233	1 243	6.5
<i>Total Mid-North Coast SD</i>	262 602	3 159	2.214	2 351	6.3

For footnotes see end of table.

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

<i>Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area</i>	<i>Estimated mid-year resident population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect standardised death rate(e)</i>
NORTHERN SD					
Northern Slopes SSD					
Barraba (A)	2 374	24	2.141	15	4.8
Bingara (A)	2 128	26	2.781	24	7.1
Gunnedah (A)	13 094	207	2.466	119	7.4
Inverell (A)—Part A	4 624	38	2.285	22	5.7
Manilla (A)	3 329	37	2.374	36	7.0
Nundle (A)	1 392	10	2.384	8	5.3
Parry (A)	12 192	114	2.085	68	6.1
Quirindi (A)	5 070	65	2.430	60	7.4
Tamworth (C)	35 592	541	2.166	298	6.9
Yallaroi (A)	3 338	36	1.907	33	7.8
<i>Total</i>	83 133	1 098	2.233	683	6.8
Northern Tablelands SSD					
Armidale (C)	21 334	308	1.800	147	6.8
Dumaresq (A)	3 842	23	1.511	8	3.5
Glen Innes (A)	6 191	80	2.204	75	7.5
Guyra (A)	4 471	59	2.523	46	7.4
Inverell (A)—Part B	10 820	180	2.433	128	7.5
Severn (A)	3 036	44	3.049	26	7.4
Tenterfield (A)	6 645	79	2.272	69	7.2
Uralla (A)	6 047	69	2.022	30	6.0
Walcha (A)	3 362	43	2.368	31	6.4
<i>Total</i>	65 748	885	2.007	560	6.9
North Central Plain SSD					
Moree Plains (A)	15 376	313	2.541	110	8.9
Narrabri (A)	14 332	211	2.155	114	7.9
<i>Total</i>	29 708	524	2.350	224	8.4
<i>Total Northern SD</i>	178 589	2 507	2.155	1 467	7.0
NORTH WESTERN SD					
Central Macquarie SSD					
Coolah (A)	3 914	60	2.700	35	6.6
Coonabarabran (A)	6 907	91	2.762	76	7.2
Dubbo (C)	36 542	642	2.278	198	7.2
Gilgandra (A)	4 895	54	2.592	44	7.5
Mudgee (A)	17 470	292	2.584	142	7.1
Narromine (A)	6 777	118	2.751	65	8.8
Wellington (A)	8 909	116	2.695	102	8.2
<i>Total</i>	85 414	1 373	2.466	662	7.4
Macquarie—Barwon SSD					
Bogan (A)	3 294	67	2.763	32	6.7
Coonamble (A)	5 005	100	2.918	46	7.8
Walgett (A)	8 293	153	2.728	75	9.9
Warren (A)	3 420	63	2.385	27	8.1
<i>Total</i>	20 012	383	2.730	180	8.4
Upper Darling SSD					
Bourke (A)	3 975	83	3.141	26	8.9
Brewarrina (A)	2 236	39	2.553	20	11.8
Cobar (A)	5 638	105	2.166	26	8.2
<i>Total</i>	11 849	227	2.574	72	9.1
<i>Total North Western SD</i>	117 275	1 983	2.513	914	7.7

For footnotes see end of table.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a) *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>
CENTRAL WEST SD					
Bathurst–Orange SSD					
Bathurst (C)	29 161	432	1.810	227	7.6
Blayney (A)—Part A	4 593	70	2.500	55	10.6
Cabonne (A)—Part A	1 997	8	1.354	4	4.8
Evans (A)—Part A	1 072	6	1.108	1	3.0
Orange (C)	34 837	554	2.130	283	7.5
<i>Total</i>	71 660	1 070	1.970	570	7.6
Central Tablelands (excluding Bathurst–Orange) SSD					
Blayney (A)—Part B	1 755	20	2.162	13	5.8
Cabonne (A)—Part B	815	6	1.546	4	4.6
Evans (A)—Part B	4 055	41	2.230	19	5.8
Greater Lithgow (C)	19 997	277	2.174	170	8.3
Oberon (A)	4 542	59	2.296	17	6.1
Rylstone (A)	3 857	44	2.036	27	7.5
<i>Total</i>	35 021	447	2.167	250	7.5
Lachlan SSD					
Bland (A)	6 703	108	2.403	54	7.7
Cabonne (A)—Part C	9 497	135	2.364	109	8.9
Cowra (A)	12 437	179	2.592	104	7.5
Forbes (A)	10 374	138	2.361	111	7.5
Lachlan (A)	7 585	124	3.074	69	8.0
Parkes (A)	15 309	248	2.616	142	7.1
Weddin (A)	3 897	44	2.446	36	6.8
<i>Total</i>	65 802	976	2.555	625	7.6
<i>Total Central West SD</i>	172 483	2 493	2.198	1 445	7.6
SOUTH EASTERN SD					
Queanbeyan SSD					
Queanbeyan (C)	28 167	509	2.072	192	8.3
Yarrowlumla (A)—Part A	8 989	97	1.873	21	5.2
<i>Total</i>	37 156	606	2.047	213	7.8
Southern Tablelands (excluding Queanbeyan) SSD					
Boorowa (A)	2 483	30	2.699	19	7.4
Crookwell (A)	4 429	57	2.268	42	7.6
Goulburn (C)	21 504	279	2.044	206	8.6
Gunning (A)	2 300	28	2.393	24	7.3
Harden (A)	3 899	46	2.253	27	7.4
Mulwaree (A)	5 823	52	2.006	33	6.5
Tallaganda (A)	2 595	30	1.905	25	6.7
Yarrowlumla (A)—Part B	262	3	2.833	—	—
Yass (A)	9 382	129	2.140	85	7.2
Young (A)	11 384	153	2.680	120	7.8
<i>Total</i>	64 061	807	2.225	581	7.7
Lower South Coast SSD					
Bega Valley (A)	28 286	351	2.370	226	6.3
Eurobodalla (A)	30 461	296	2.207	314	6.3
<i>Total</i>	58 747	647	2.291	540	6.3

For footnotes see end of table.

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

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Estimated</i>		<i>Total fertility</i>		<i>Indirect</i>
<i>Statistical subdivision</i>	<i>mid-year resident</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>standardised</i>
<i>Statistical local area</i>	<i>population(b)</i>				<i>death rate(e)</i>
SOUTH EASTERN SD <i>continued</i>					
Snowy SSD					
Bombala (A)	3 069	44	2.312	31	7.9
Cooma-Monaro (A)	9 721	145	2.426	64	5.6
Snowy River (A)	6 248	81	1.640	17	5.1
<i>Total</i>	19 038	270	2.103	112	6.0
<i>Total South Eastern SD</i>	179 002	2 330	2.170	1 446	7.0
MURRUMBIDGEE SD					
Central Murrumbidgee SSD					
Coolamon (A)	4 042	53	2.609	40	6.4
Cootamundra (A)	7 780	100	2.266	84	7.1
Gundagai (A)	3 794	70	2.867	29	6.6
Junee (A)	5 966	94	2.499	50	8.7
Lockhart (A)	3 621	46	2.207	28	6.2
Narrandera (A)	7 170	113	2.819	93	8.0
Temora (A)	6 122	87	2.343	70	7.3
Tumut (A)	11 387	155	2.261	101	7.0
Wagga Wagga (C)	56 097	922	2.056	351	6.7
<i>Total</i>	105 979	1 640	2.198	846	7.0
Lower Murrumbidgee SSD					
Carrathool (A)	3 199	48	2.465	21	6.3
Griffith (C)	22 171	383	2.243	164	7.1
Hay (A)	3 825	79	2.579	32	7.2
Leeton (A)	11 437	174	2.217	73	6.7
Murrumbidgee (A)	2 545	48	2.859	19	7.8
<i>Total</i>	43 177	732	2.307	309	7.0
<i>Total Murrumbidgee SD</i>	149 156	2 372	2.229	1 155	7.0
MURRAY SD					
Albury SSD					
Albury (C)	42 343	600	2.079	348	7.4
Hume (A)	7 043	90	2.157	26	6.0
<i>Total</i>	49 386	690	2.088	374	7.3
Upper Murray (excluding Albury) SSD					
Corowa (A)	8 389	110	2.460	79	6.4
Culcairn (A)	4 284	59	2.576	37	5.8
Holbrook (A)	2 631	26	2.183	21	6.2
Tumbarumba (A)	3 790	40	2.484	36	7.1
Urana (A)	1 598	39	3.174	20	7.6
<i>Total</i>	20 692	274	2.500	193	6.4

For footnotes see end of table.

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

<i>Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area</i>	<i>Estimated mid-year resident population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect standardised death rate(e)</i>
MURRAY SD <i>continued</i>					
Central Murray SSD					
Berrigan (A)	8 288	97	2.145	74	6.3
Conargo (A)	1 535	5	1.658	6	5.3
Deniliquin (A)	8 256	168	2.695	95	8.5
Jerilderie (A)	1 945	25	1.858	7	6.4
Murray (A)	5 351	64	1.869	40	6.7
Wakool (A)	4 940	56	2.126	36	5.8
Windouran (A)	406	2	3.842	–	4.1
<i>Total</i>	30 721	417	2.222	258	6.9
Murray–Darling SSD					
Balranald (A)	2 933	41	2.324	26	8.3
Wentworth (A)	7 205	106	2.604	53	7.6
<i>Total</i>	10 138	147	2.512	79	7.8
<i>Total Murray SD</i>	110 937	1 528	2.217	904	7.0
FAR WEST SD					
Far West SSD					
Broken Hill (C)	21 953	281	1.945	220	7.4
Central Darling (A)	2 467	43	2.946	33	12.2
Unincorporated Far West	921	6	1.686	4	8.1
<i>Total Far West SD</i>	25 341	330	2.032	257	7.7
New South Wales(f)	6 203 894	86 595	1.853	45 141	6.6

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

(b) As at 30 June 1996. Preliminary estimates based on results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

(c) Data is for calendar year 1996.

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

(A) Area (C) City

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

(f) Includes births and deaths where usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode and New South Wales undefined.

SECTION 2

POPULATION

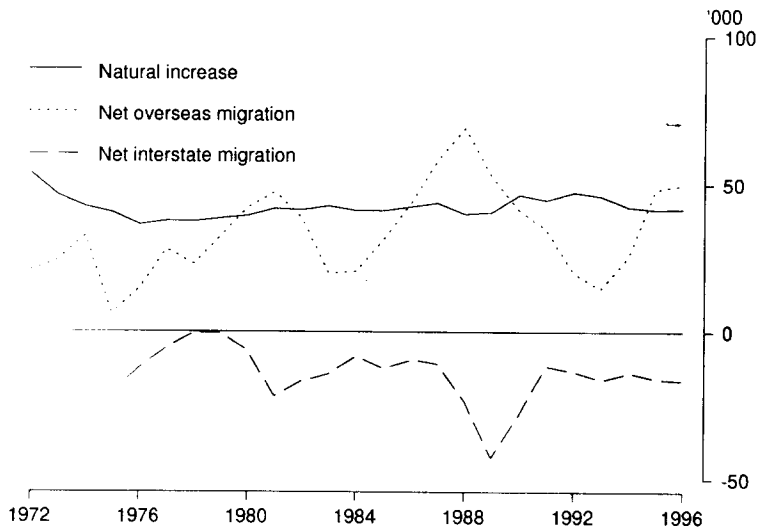
The population of NSW passed the one million mark in 1887, two million in 1919, three million in 1947, four million in 1962, five million in 1977 and six million in 1993.

At 31 December 1996, the estimated resident population of NSW was 6,240,900 comprising 3,098,200 males and 3,142,700 females.

POPULATION CHANGE

During 1996, the State's population increased by 77,129 (or 1.3%). This was due to gains of 41,820 from natural increase and 49,957 from net overseas migration and a loss of 16,646 from net interstate migration. The following graph shows the contribution of the three components of change in the total population of NSW since 1972.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE



AGE DISTRIBUTION

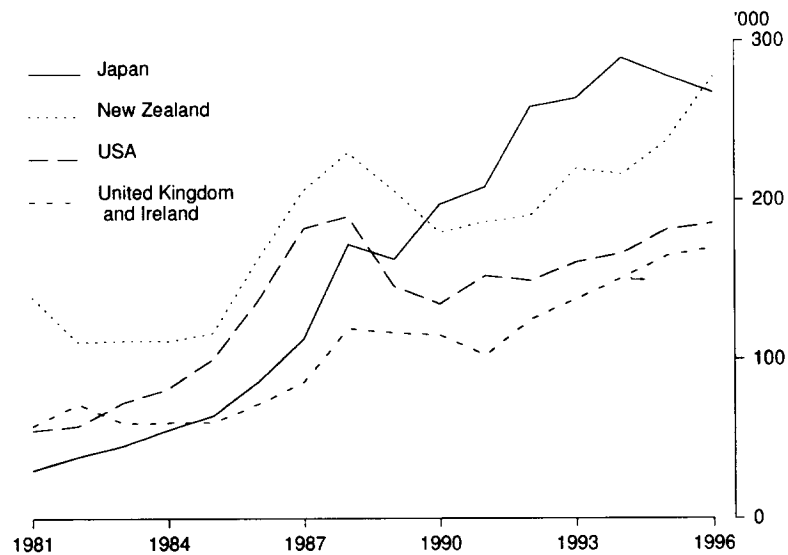
Estimated resident population by age at 30 June 1996 reinforces that the established trend of the ageing of the State's population has continued. In 1996 the proportion of aged persons (those aged 65 years and over) in NSW was 12.6% compared to 9.2% in 1976. In contrast, the proportion of children (persons aged less than 15 years) in NSW is decreasing. In 1996 the proportion of children in NSW was 21.2% while the figure for 1976 was 26.0%.

TOURISM

The impact of tourism to and from Australia is reflected in statistics of short term movement (i.e. overseas arrivals and departures for less than 12 months). In 1996, there were 1,775,600 short-term overseas visitors to NSW and 1,118,400 NSW residents departing for overseas for less than 12 months. The corresponding figures for 1986 were 694,600 and 622,600 respectively.

In 1996, the major source countries of overseas visitors to NSW were New Zealand (15.6%), Japan (15.1%), United States of America (10.4%) and United Kingdom (including Ireland) (9.6%).

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS, Major Source Countries



2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Estimated resident population							
at 31 December ('000)							
Males	2 777.2	2 950.5	2 975.4	2 996.7	3 024.5	3 061.7	3 098.2
Females	2 797.0	2 979.2	3 007.0	3 032.2	3 061.1	3 102.1	3 142.7
Persons	5 574.3	5 929.8	5 982.4	6 028.9	6 085.5	6 163.8	6 240.9
Components of population change(b)							
Net natural increase(c)							
Number	42 364	45 150	44 856	44 737	42 032	41 591	41 820
% of total annual growth	54.3	67.1	88.5	101.2	78.1	55.8	55.7
Net overseas migration(d)							
Number	44 841	35 141	23 144	15 635	25 579	48 641	49 957
% of total annual growth	57.4	52.2	45.7	35.4	47.5	65.3	66.5
Net interstate migration							
Number	-9 145	-13 003	-17 308	-16 148	-13 763	-15 746	-16 646
% of total annual growth	-11.7	-19.3	-34.1	-36.5	-25.6	-21.1	-22.2
Total population growth(e)							
Number	78 060	67 288	52 688	46 490	56 608	78 232	77 129
Annual growth rate (%)	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3
Overseas arrivals and departures(f)							
Permanent movement							
Arrivals	40 840	46 500	39 700	28 360	34 060	42 860	41 210
Departures	7 340	10 530	10 310	10 720	10 470	10 430	10 720
Former settlers	3 650	5 330	4 930	4 840	4 920	4 780	4 870
Other Australian residents	3 680	5 200	5 380	5 880	5 560	5 650	5 850
Long-term movement							
Arrivals	36 810	49 970	51 750	53 890	59 180	63 110	67 870
Australian residents returning	20 820	23 730	25 300	28 750	30 960	30 600	31 320
Overseas visitors arriving	15 990	26 240	26 450	25 140	28 230	32 510	36 550
Departures	28 050	46 540	48 080	46 580	46 780	48 630	51 910
Australian residents departing	17 480	23 680	24 210	23 080	24 640	24 970	25 510
Overseas visitors departing	10 570	22 860	23 870	23 500	22 150	23 660	26 400
Short-term movement							
Arrivals	1 305 800	1 830 600	2 016 800	2 243 600	2 430 400	2 630 800	2 884 900
Australian residents returning	611 200	842 300	884 500	932 000	962 400	1 018 400	1 109 300
Overseas visitors arriving	694 600	988 300	1 132 300	1 311 600	1 468 000	1 612 400	1 775 600
Departures	1 326 700	1 949 900	2 109 600	2 272 000	2 487 400	2 681 000	2 924 400
Australian residents departing	622 600	881 500	925 500	925 800	975 700	1 034 400	1 118 400
Overseas visitors departing	704 100	1 068 400	1 184 200	1 346 200	1 511 700	1 646 600	1 805 900

(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) Figures for 1992 to 1996 include 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

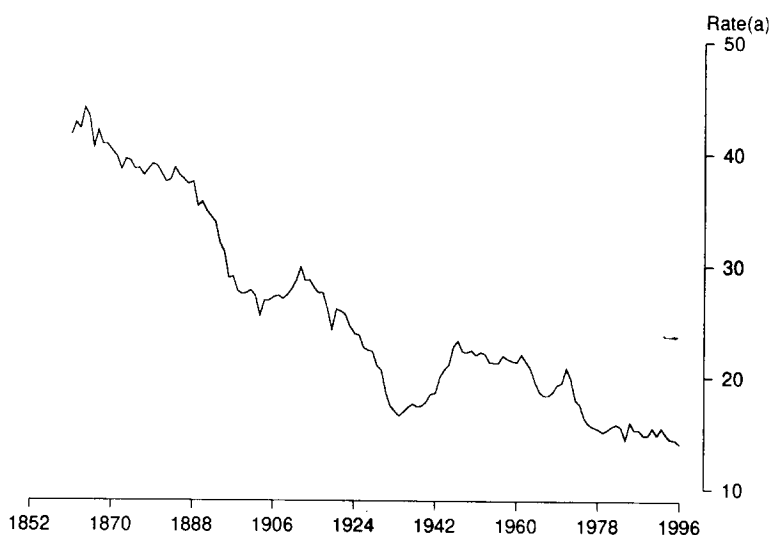
Age(years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age(years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	44 649	42 260	86 909	50	38 086	36 718	74 804
1	44 832	42 853	87 685	51	37 440	35 918	73 358
2	45 304	43 094	88 398	52	36 333	34 774	71 107
3	45 457	43 036	88 493	53	32 652	31 612	64 264
4	45 266	42 927	88 193	54	31 737	30 584	62 321
0-4	225 508	214 170	439 678	50-54	176 248	169 606	345 854
5	45 825	43 511	89 336	55	30 635	29 949	60 584
6	45 828	43 442	89 270	56	29 898	28 549	58 447
7	44 452	42 611	87 063	57	28 435	27 707	56 142
8	44 291	42 203	86 494	58	27 886	27 635	55 521
9	43 907	42 136	86 043	59	27 594	26 974	54 568
5-9	224 303	213 903	438 206	55-59	144 448	140 814	285 262
10	44 520	42 280	86 800	60	25 896	26 064	51 960
11	44 378	42 418	86 796	61	24 510	25 232	49 742
12	44 311	42 508	86 819	62	24 561	24 646	49 207
13	44 659	42 695	87 354	63	24 226	24 756	48 982
14	44 471	42 067	86 538	64	24 315	24 714	49 029
10-14	222 339	211 968	434 307	60-64	123 508	125 412	248 920
15	44 208	41 945	86 153	65	25 234	26 194	51 428
16	43 464	41 144	84 608	66	24 121	25 254	49 375
17	43 121	40 996	84 117	67	23 935	25 219	49 154
18	42 606	40 948	83 554	68	23 279	25 196	48 475
19	42 943	41 288	84 231	69	22 457	24 601	47 058
15-19	216 342	206 321	422 663	65-69	119 026	126 464	245 490
20	43 861	42 218	86 079	70	21 901	24 779	46 680
21	45 590	44 022	89 612	71	20 202	23 463	43 665
22	46 467	45 146	91 613	72	19 626	23 922	43 548
23	48 127	47 278	95 405	73	18 546	22 822	41 368
24	50 318	49 837	100 155	74	17 822	22 247	40 069
20-24	234 363	228 501	462 864	70-74	98 097	117 233	215 330
25	50 894	50 895	101 789	75	16 603	21 213	37 816
26	46 981	47 279	94 260	76	14 485	19 240	33 725
27	46 539	46 711	93 250	77	11 734	16 007	27 741
28	45 726	45 934	91 660	78	10 960	15 851	26 811
29	45 608	45 695	91 303	79	10 298	15 251	25 549
25-29	235 748	236 514	472 262	75-79	64 080	87 562	151 642
30	46 562	46 537	93 099	80	9 289	14 476	23 765
31	47 385	47 292	94 677	81	8 384	13 433	21 817
32	50 170	49 648	99 818	82	7 476	12 978	20 454
33	51 086	50 917	102 003	83	6 441	11 412	17 853
34	51 358	50 629	101 987	84	5 482	10 386	15 868
30-34	246 561	245 023	491 584	80-84	37 072	62 685	99 757
35	51 480	51 438	102 918	85	4 481	9 155	13 636
36	50 173	50 327	100 500	86	3 756	8 086	11 842
37	48 719	48 514	97 233	87	2 836	6 240	9 076
38	48 451	48 921	97 372	88	2 280	5 382	7 662
39	47 618	47 350	94 968	89	1 785	4 555	6 340
35-39	246 441	246 550	492 991	85-89	15 138	33 418	48 556
40	46 797	46 674	93 471	90	1 401	3 850	5 251
41	45 785	45 952	91 737	91	1 001	3 020	4 021
42	46 035	46 041	92 076	92	789	2 460	3 249
43	45 105	45 390	90 495	93	582	1 859	2 441
44	43 006	43 066	86 072	94	382	1 486	1 868
40-44	226 728	227 123	453 851	90-94	4 155	12 675	16 830
45	44 060	43 671	87 731	95 and over	940	3 715	4 655
46	43 840	42 810	86 650				
47	42 494	41 550	84 044	Total	3 080 658	3 123 236	6 203 894
48	44 104	42 466	86 570				
49	45 115	43 082	88 197				
45-49	219 613	213 579	433 192				

SECTION 3

BIRTHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION

In 1996, there were 86,595 live births registered (in Australia) to mothers whose usual residence was in NSW (including 35 births registered in NSW where the usual residence of the mother was overseas). The crude birth rate was 14.0 births per 1,000 of total population, the lowest birth rate ever recorded in NSW. The sex ratio was 106 males born for every 100 females.

CRUDE BIRTH RATE



(a) Per 1,000 population.

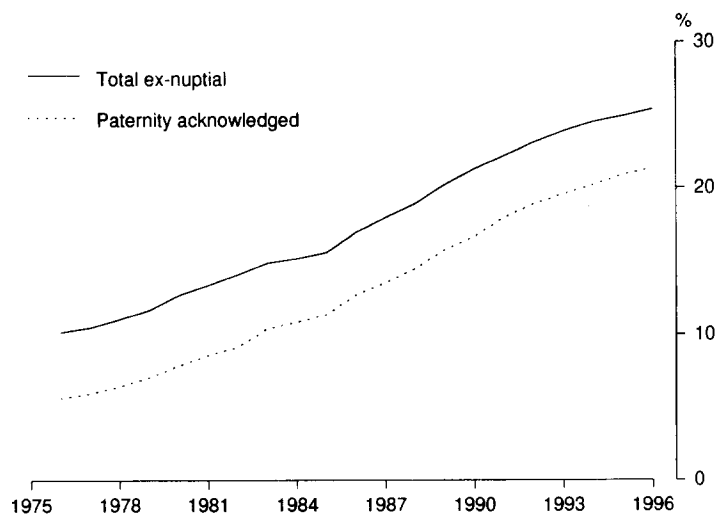
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

The proportion of ex-nuptial births to total births increased slightly from 24.9% in 1995 to 25.4% in 1996. This proportion varied considerably between Sydney Statistical Division (21%) and the remainder of NSW (33%). The highest ex-nuptial percentage was found in the Far West SD (46%), followed by the North Western SD (41%).

PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The proportion of ex-nuptial births where the father is acknowledged has continued to increase steadily from 56% in 1976, when such paternity acknowledgement was first introduced, to 84% in 1996 (21% of total births). In cases where paternity was not acknowledged, the most common age of the mother was 20 years (258 out of 3,417 confinements in 1996 or 7.6%).

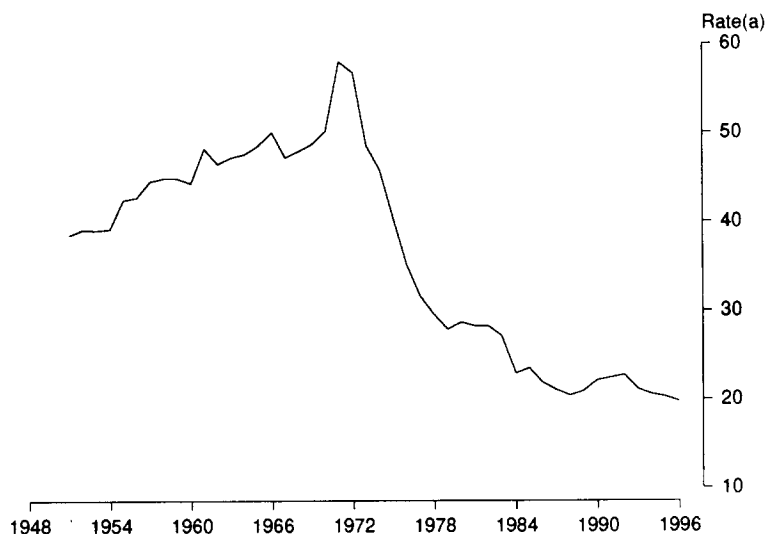
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, Proportion of Total Births



TEENAGE MOTHERS

There were 4,063 teenage mothers in NSW in 1996, a rate of 20 confinements per 1,000 females aged 15–19 years in the NSW population. The peak birth rate for teenage mothers was reached in 1971 and the downward trend since 1971 is shown in the following graph. Only one in ten teenage mothers in 1996 were married.

BIRTH RATES TO TEENAGE MOTHERS

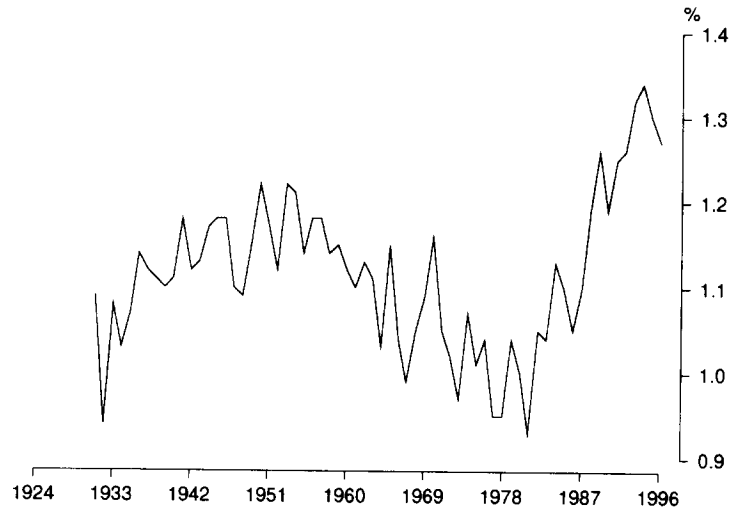


(a) Per 1,000 females aged 15–19 years.

MULTIPLE BIRTHS

The 86,595 NSW births resulted from 85,496 confinements of which 1,110 were multiple confinements (1 in every 77 confinements). This included 1,088 sets of twins, compared with 1,123 in 1995 and the highest ever recorded figure of 1,161 in both 1993 and 1994. The proportion of twin confinements to total confinements was 1.3%, a figure which has increased significantly from a low of 0.9% in 1981.

TWIN CONFINEMENTS, Proportion of Total Confinements

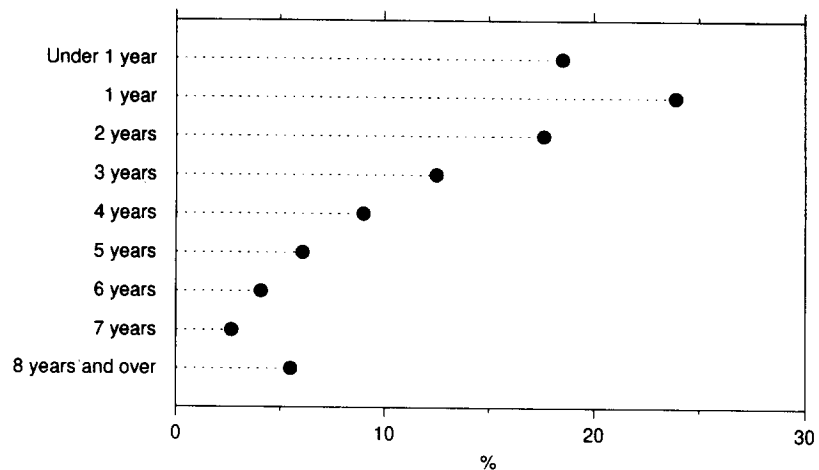


There were also 21 sets of triplets and one set of quadruplets born to NSW mothers in 1996. The highest number of confinements resulting in triplets ever recorded in NSW being 36 registered in 1991, and there were 28 sets of triplets in 1995.

NUPTIAL FIRST BIRTHS (TO CURRENT MARRIAGE)

Nuptial first births numbered 26,125 in 1996 which was 30% of total births. The highest proportion of nuptial first births in 1996 occurred during the second year of marriage (24%), while 19% occurred within the first year and 18% within the third year. Almost 1,500 mothers had their first child after eight years of marriage. The median age of mothers at the birth of the first child of their current marriage continues to increase steadily, and reached 28.6 years in 1996, the highest figure ever recorded. Mothers aged 30 years and over contributed 39% of nuptial first births in 1996, compared with only 10% in 1976.

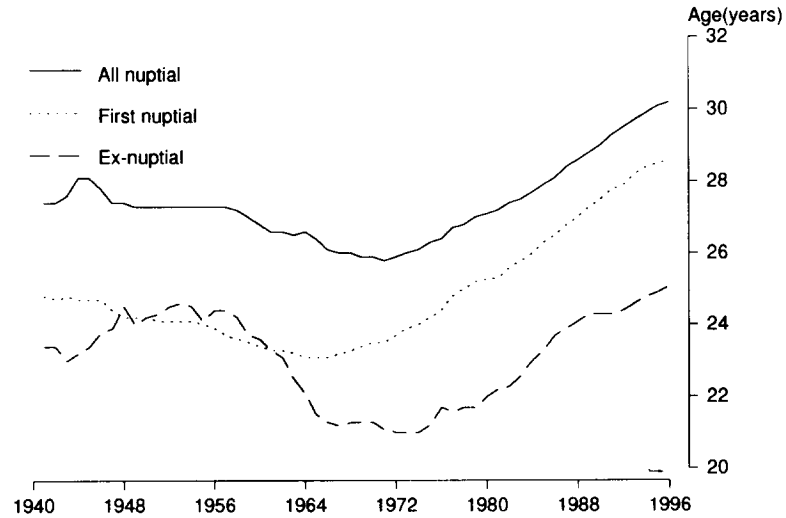
NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS, Duration of Marriage



MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS (NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS)

The median ages of both parents in nuptial confinements have continued the upward trend which has been evident throughout the past two decades. In 1996, the median age at birth of child was 30.2 years for married mothers and 32.8 years for married fathers. Both figures are the highest ever recorded in NSW.

MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER



COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF PARENTS

Of the nuptial confinements registered in 1996, 57% were to parents who were both born in Australia, 19% to parents who were born in the same overseas country, and 19% where one parent was born in Australia and the other parent overseas. The remaining 5% related to parents who were born in different overseas countries. In 1966, 70% of nuptial confinements were to parents who were both born in Australia and 12% where one parent was born in Australia and the other overseas.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
BIRTHS							
Total births	84 531	87 367	92 585	89 354	87 977	87 849	86 595
Males	43 458	44 942	47 710	45 906	45 187	44 884	44 448
Females	41 073	42 425	44 875	43 448	42 790	42 965	42 147
Sex ratio	105.8	105.9	106.3	105.7	105.6	104.5	105.5
Nuptial births	70 202	67 940	71 173	68 003	66 429	65 939	64 595
Ex-nuptial births							
Number	14 329	19 427	21 412	21 351	21 548	21 910	22 000
Percentage of total live births	17.0	22.2	23.1	23.9	24.5	24.9	25.4
Paternity acknowledged births							
Number	10 723	15 709	17 494	17 504	17 777	18 359	18 545
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	74.8	80.9	81.7	82.0	82.5	83.8	84.3
Crude birth rate	15.3	14.8	15.5	14.9	14.5	14.4	14.0
Age-specific birth rate							
Age group (years)							
15-19	21.9	22.5	22.8	21.2	20.6	20.3	19.9
20-24	92.4	76.5	79.6	74.9	71.8	69.7	66.8
25-29	142.3	131.0	136.3	131.1	127.0	123.1	117.7
30-34	91.6	101.0	107.8	106.7	105.7	107.5	106.0
35-39	29.6	37.6	41.5	41.3	43.3	44.7	46.3
40-44	4.8	5.9	6.7	6.9	7.3	7.9	8.2
45-49	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Total fertility rate	1.914	1.874	1.975	1.912	1.879	1.867	1.825
Female net reproduction rate	0.913	0.897	0.944	0.918	0.902	0.901	0.877

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
CONFINEMENTS							
Total confinements	83 647	86 247	91 374	88 163	86 785	86 691	85 496
First nuptial	26 985	27 242	28 262	26 805	26 267	26 199	26 125
All nuptial	69 444	67 001	70 199	67 049	65 483	65 016	63 705
Paternity acknowledged	10 631	15 561	17 299	17 313	17 572	18 155	18 374
All ex-nuptial	14 203	19 246	21 175	21 114	21 302	21 675	21 791
Median age of mother (years)							
First nuptial	26.5	27.8	27.9	28.2	28.4	28.5	28.6
All nuptial	28.1	29.3	29.5	29.7	29.9	30.1	30.2
Paternity acknowledged	24.1	24.7	24.6	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.3
All ex-nuptial	23.7	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.8	24.9	25.1
Total	27.6	28.6	28.7	28.9	29.0	29.2	29.3
Median age of father (years)							
Nuptial	30.8	31.7	31.9	32.2	32.4	32.6	32.8
Paternity acknowledged	26.9	27.5	27.5	27.6	27.7	27.9	28.0
All fathers where age is known	30.4	31.2	31.3	31.5	31.7	31.9	32.0
Median duration of marriage (years)							
First nuptial	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Nuptial	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Nuptial confinements							
Previous births							
0	26 985	27 242	28 262	26 805	26 267	26 199	26 125
1	24 462	23 383	24 618	23 665	23 032	23 089	22 475
2	12 104	11 035	11 654	11 270	11 080	10 671	10 173
3	4 061	3 682	3 903	3 618	3 484	3 495	3 373
4	1 140	1 055	1 093	1 031	967	945	989
5 and over	692	604	669	660	653	617	570
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.2 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother

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	501	8 045	22 066	21 570	9 161	1 463	1	62 807
Twins	4	71	289	337	158	20	—	879
Triplets or higher order	—	3	2	9	5	—	—	19
Total	505	8 119	22 357	21 916	9 324	1 483	1	63 705
Ex-nuptial								
Single	3 537	7 131	5 197	3 535	1 793	382	4	21 579
Twins	21	51	55	55	24	3	—	209
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	3
Total	3 558	7 182	5 252	3 592	1 817	386	4	21 791
Total confinements	4 063	15 301	27 609	25 508	11 141	1 869	5	85 496
PROPORTION (%)								
Nuptial	12.4	53.1	81.0	85.9	83.7	79.3	20.0	74.5
Ex-nuptial	87.6	46.9	19.0	14.1	16.3	20.7	80.0	25.5

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents

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	170	259	264	199	84	46	37	21	10	17	7	4	3	5
20	43	86	135	181	174	95	52	34	31	9	11	10	4	2
21	36	74	123	183	227	201	104	60	50	36	22	8	7	8
22	21	54	92	165	225	244	238	179	85	60	34	38	19	11
23	24	44	75	118	219	285	308	303	220	142	66	45	33	12
24	8	37	68	122	195	261	361	426	416	232	122	113	76	52
25	7	22	29	103	145	222	298	402	534	536	309	182	128	84
26	7	21	26	65	112	172	245	377	517	596	599	334	186	121
27	3	14	23	51	83	148	223	287	403	558	676	623	348	216
28	—	11	24	43	73	102	166	246	384	530	586	692	645	404
29	3	8	11	38	52	78	142	215	339	429	557	700	728	673
30	—	3	10	26	54	73	92	149	275	344	476	583	739	808
31	—	4	4	16	35	57	79	147	170	262	363	506	622	692
32	3	1	4	14	31	50	92	104	144	222	357	411	526	624
33	1	1	3	17	20	29	56	93	141	174	211	336	383	502
34	—	—	4	11	12	32	42	62	110	114	201	218	309	383
35	2	2	3	11	9	31	33	48	78	112	150	179	277	316
36	—	1	6	6	8	15	25	36	55	70	114	148	192	209
37	—	—	2	8	6	18	21	30	32	40	94	108	116	141
38	—	—	1	8	6	7	16	23	37	37	45	76	96	130
39	—	—	1	3	3	13	15	14	27	35	40	65	64	99
40–44	—	—	5	3	13	8	44	45	52	60	103	152	174	176
45–49	—	2	1	3	2	5	7	13	15	22	33	33	38	59
50 and over	—	1	1	—	4	3	5	4	11	7	15	22	28	22
Not stated	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable(a)	160	183	197	241	258	216	232	241	208	150	174	127	133	114
Nuptial	7	25	115	358	637	988	1 483	2 096	2 915	3 514	4 249	4 654	4 944	4 996
Ex-nuptial	481	803	997	1 277	1 414	1 424	1 450	1 465	1 429	1 280	1 116	1 059	930	867
Total	488	828	1 112	1 635	2 051	2 412	2 933	3 561	4 344	4 794	5 365	5 713	5 874	5 863

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents *continued*

Age of father (years)	AGE OF MOTHER (YEARS).....								TOTAL.....		
	30	31	32	33	34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Nuptial	Ex-nuptial	Total
19 and under	2	1	1	—	3	1	—	—	79	1 055	1 134
20	1	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	129	744	873
21	4	2	4	2	2	4	—	—	260	897	1 157
22	11	5	6	6	8	9	—	—	525	985	1 510
23	16	14	11	5	3	12	—	—	835	1 120	1 955
24	42	24	21	11	7	26	2	—	1 436	1 186	2 622
25	47	43	33	20	21	24	6	—	2 070	1 125	3 195
26	76	55	46	41	16	51	1	—	2 635	1 029	3 664
27	148	96	67	44	43	69	6	—	3 109	1 020	4 129
28	228	146	97	79	36	105	18	—	3 667	948	4 615
29	398	227	179	102	84	132	10	—	4 221	884	5 105
30	710	364	223	146	109	215	17	—	4 515	901	5 416
31	748	707	372	231	133	259	16	—	4 647	776	5 423
32	664	753	639	351	244	353	22	1	4 830	780	5 610
33	567	703	738	584	315	477	47	—	4 682	716	5 398
34	474	570	648	634	510	655	34	—	4 403	620	5 023
35	369	454	501	519	531	823	59	—	3 958	549	4 507
36	262	315	381	429	475	1 069	63	—	3 411	468	3 879
37	216	239	275	349	372	1 101	80	—	2 791	457	3 248
38	152	165	217	283	289	1 030	81	—	2 348	351	2 699
39	96	142	202	180	236	963	117	—	1 970	345	2 315
40-44	236	323	393	431	486	2 490	713	1	5 004	904	5 908
45-49	78	104	100	145	141	732	351	—	1 527	357	1 884
50 and over	21	44	46	54	55	300	159	—	647	155	802
Not stated	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	6	2	8
Not applicable(a)	111	105	92	88	81	239	65	2	—	3 417	3 417
Nuptial	4 862	4 845	4 548	4 056	3 605	9 324	1 483	1	63 705	—	63 705
Ex-nuptial	815	756	744	680	597	1 817	386	4	—	21 791	21 791
Total	5 677	5 601	5 292	4 736	4 202	11 141	1 869	5	63 705	21 791	85 496

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents

	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	36 576	—	5 339	41 915	36 576	—	6 713	43 289
Fiji	53	387	39	479	78	387	63	528
New Zealand	620	274	217	1 111	608	274	211	1 093
Other	171	397	105	673	133	397	88	618
<i>Total</i>	37 420	1 058	5 700	44 178	37 395	1 058	7 075	45 528
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	34	1	15	50	17	1	17	35
Former USSR & Baltic States	10	68	6	84	12	68	17	97
Former Yugoslav Republics	365	482	85	932	156	482	42	680
Germany	137	20	59	216	111	20	46	177
Greece	195	47	49	291	86	47	19	152
Hungary	10	10	15	35	6	10	2	18
Ireland	105	77	59	241	82	77	58	217
Italy	332	70	72	474	152	70	57	279
Malta	76	19	19	114	45	19	14	78
Netherlands	95	9	31	135	54	9	21	84
Poland	22	71	22	115	18	71	15	104
United Kingdom	2 183	596	443	3 222	1 718	596	340	2 654
Other	291	202	154	647	231	202	137	570
<i>Total</i>	3 855	1 672	1 029	6 556	2 688	1 672	785	5 145
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	72	212	57	341	27	212	26	265
Lebanon	610	1 609	161	2 380	201	1 609	150	1 960
Turkey	73	303	18	394	24	303	32	359
Other	148	514	261	923	56	514	200	770
<i>Total</i>	903	2 638	497	4 038	308	2 638	408	3 354
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	38	238	36	312	47	238	64	349
Malaysia	74	125	81	280	88	125	101	314
Philippines	43	559	27	629	338	559	203	1 100
Singapore	21	24	40	85	38	24	42	104
Thailand	9	35	17	61	52	35	54	141
Viet Nam	15	1 328	145	1 488	22	1 328	121	1 471
Other	6	295	92	393	16	295	99	410
<i>Total</i>	206	2 604	438	3 248	601	2 604	684	3 889

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents *continued*

	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
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	19	1 374	167	1 560	81	1 374	275	1 730
Hong Kong	38	463	189	690	47	463	132	642
Other	29	419	50	498	95	419	100	614
<i>Total</i>	86	2 256	406	2 748	223	2 256	507	2 986
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	76	488	51	615	46	488	42	576
Sri Lanka	23	253	23	299	15	253	17	285
Other	33	299	49	381	13	299	12	324
<i>Total</i>	132	1 040	123	1 295	74	1 040	71	1 185
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	100	13	34	147	104	13	39	156
Chile	64	115	59	238	51	115	31	197
United States of America	159	48	50	257	185	48	60	293
Other	127	154	116	397	118	154	158	430
<i>Total</i>	450	330	259	1 039	458	330	288	1 076
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	106	108	50	264	90	108	79	277
Other	124	93	107	324	77	93	94	264
<i>Total</i>	230	201	157	588	167	201	173	541
Other and not stated	7	—	8	15	1	—	—	1
Total	43 289	11 799	8 617	63 705	41 915	11 799	9 991	63 705

3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Previous and Average Issue

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	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	1.0
17	24	1	—	—	—	—	—	25	27	1.1
18	91	24	—	—	—	—	—	115	139	1.2
19	285	65	8	—	—	—	—	358	442	1.2
20	464	148	19	5	—	1	—	637	848	1.3
21	645	287	54	2	—	—	—	988	1 398	1.4
22	864	483	118	16	2	—	—	1 483	2 267	1.5
23	1 226	652	181	31	6	—	—	2 096	3 247	1.5
24	1 661	876	311	58	9	—	—	2 915	4 656	1.6
25	1 945	1 116	354	80	13	6	—	3 514	5 712	1.6
26	2 195	1 409	479	145	18	3	—	4 249	7 188	1.7
27	2 207	1 655	585	158	37	12	—	4 654	8 225	1.8
28	2 250	1 772	677	194	40	11	—	4 944	8 929	1.8
29	2 028	1 887	774	231	57	19	—	4 996	9 519	1.9
30	1 828	1 872	828	240	68	26	—	4 862	9 594	2.0
31	1 753	1 820	879	283	79	31	—	4 845	9 834	2.0
32	1 480	1 740	908	305	76	39	—	4 548	9 605	2.1
33	1 216	1 576	844	286	94	40	—	4 056	8 842	2.2
34	1 038	1 346	789	272	103	57	—	3 605	8 138	2.3
35-39	2 471	3 285	2 093	921	324	230	—	9 324	22 349	2.4
40 and over	447	460	272	146	63	95	—	1 483	3 778	2.5
Not stated	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2.0
Total	26 125	22 475	10 173	3 373	989	570	—	63 705	124 746	2.0

3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS

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	274	1 423	1 586	992	469	100	—	4 844
1	119	1 710	2 397	1 434	499	89	—	6 248
2	12	991	2 129	1 082	332	55	—	4 601
3	—	455	1 629	899	229	41	—	3 253
4	1	188	1 269	670	186	28	—	2 342
5	1	62	762	593	146	26	—	1 590
6	—	25	433	497	113	15	—	1 083
7	—	5	245	375	79	14	—	718
8 and over	—	1	175	773	418	79	—	1 446
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	407	4 860	10 625	7 315	2 471	447	—	26 125

SECTION 4

BIRTHS—YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

There were 85,214 births to mothers resident in NSW which occurred in 1996 and have been registered up to June 1997. This was a 1% decline from the number of births occurring in 1995 which also experienced a 2% decline from the previous year. The number of births occurring each year in NSW has been fluctuating and reached a recent peak of 90,102 in 1992, which was the third highest figure ever recorded in NSW after 1971 (98,498) and 1972 (95,425).

The crude birth rate for births occurring in 1996 was 13.8 births per 1,000 population (the lowest rate ever recorded in NSW), compared with 15.1 in 1992, and 20.8 in 1971.

Birth trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of births that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or even later. Based on data from previous years, it is estimated that about 11% of births that occurred in 1996 would not have been registered in 1996. However only a small percentage would not have been registered by June 1997.

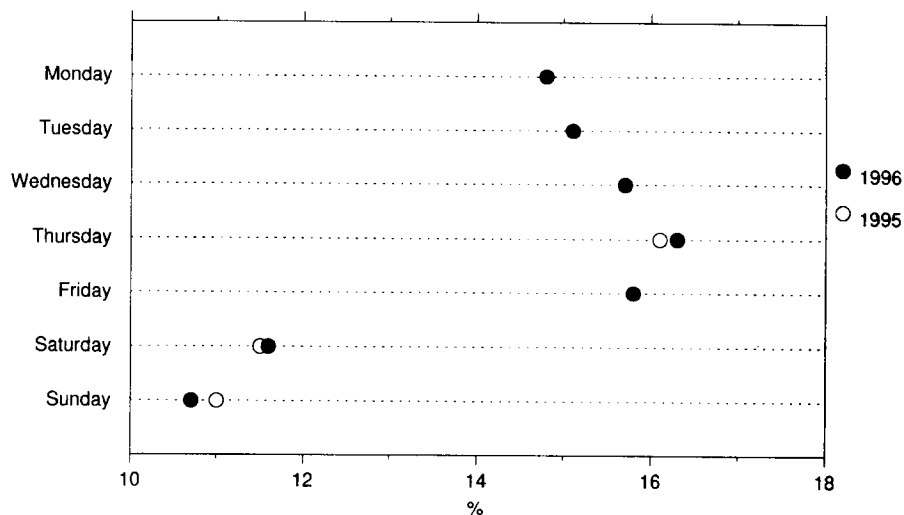
MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

The highest numbers of 1996 births occurred in the months of December (7,418) and November (7,406). The lowest totals occurred in February (6,657) and April (6,790). Throughout 1996, approximately 233 births occurred to NSW mothers on an average daily basis, or 10 every hour. Since 1962, the highest monthly figure occurred in March 1971 (8,847), while the lowest occurred in November 1980 (5,948).

DAY OF OCCURRENCE

More births occurred on Thursdays (16%) in 1996 than other days of the week, and, as usual, less births occurred during the weekend (11% on Sunday and 12% on Saturday). This pattern of daily births occurs consistently from one year to the next, as shown in the following graph.

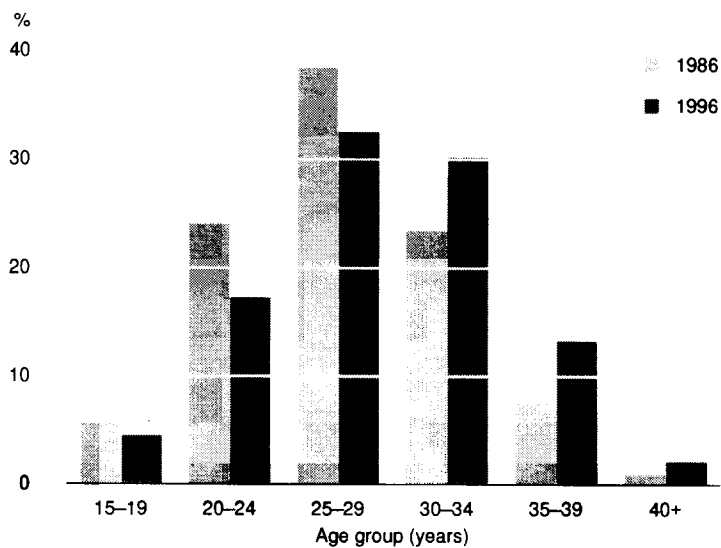
BIRTHS BY DAY OF WEEK—1995 AND 1996



AGE OF MOTHER

As the following graph indicates, women aged 25–29 years again made the highest contribution (32%) to NSW births in 1996 and 46% of births were to mothers aged 30 and over, compared with only 32% for this age group 10 years earlier. In contrast, the proportion of births to mothers aged less than 25 years has decreased from 30% to 22% during the same period.

BIRTHS BY AGE GROUP OF MOTHER—1986 AND 1996



4.1 BIRTHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	6 965	7 271	7 608	7 294	7 382	7 140	6 972
February	6 521	6 793	7 222	6 858	6 773	6 732	6 657
March	7 074	7 630	7 745	7 751	8 045	7 670	7 120
April	7 087	7 484	7 415	7 288	7 086	6 935	6 790
May	7 181	7 564	7 556	7 404	7 328	7 528	7 148
June	6 823	7 254	7 463	7 374	7 023	7 131	6 818
July	7 215	7 465	7 920	7 479	7 430	7 385	7 111
August	7 050	7 656	7 572	7 360	7 481	7 476	7 197
September	7 196	7 429	7 789	7 541	7 624	7 315	7 284
October	7 401	7 550	7 759	7 405	7 414	7 194	7 293
November	6 453	6 821	6 953	6 930	6 882	6 847	7 406
December	6 879	7 093	7 102	7 297	7 210	6 692	7 418
Total	83 845	88 010	90 104	87 981	87 678	86 045	85 214
RATE(a)							
Crude birth rate	15.2	14.9	15.1	14.7	14.5	14.1	13.8
PROPORTION (%)							
January	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.2
February	7.8	7.7	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.8
March	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.8	9.2	8.9	8.4
April	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.0
May	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.7	8.4
June	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.0	8.3	8.0
July	8.6	8.5	8.8	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.3
August	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.4
September	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.5
October	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.6
November	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.0	8.7
December	8.2	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.2	7.8	8.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Per 1,000 population.

4.2 BIRTHS, Age Group of Mother

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

Selected years	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Total(a)
1986	4 696	20 040	32 223	19 786	6 246	824	27	83 845
1991	4 990	17 402	31 004	24 697	8 560	1 310	44	88 010
1992	4 606	18 100	30 799	25 946	9 196	1 395	52	90 104
1993	4 325	17 225	29 268	26 140	9 470	1 496	54	87 981
1994	4 118	16 633	28 695	26 468	10 135	1 565	57	87 678
1995	3 979	15 767	27 651	26 298	10 544	1 749	52	86 045
1996	3 848	14 733	27 656	25 757	11 340	1 836	41	85 214

(a) Includes not stated.

4.3 BIRTHS, Age-specific Birth Rates and Total Fertility Rate

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	21.8	90.9	141.3	91.4	29.3	4.8	0.2	1.898
1991	22.6	76.7	131.4	102.3	38.3	6.1	0.3	1.888
1992	21.5	77.8	132.4	105.4	40.5	6.5	0.3	1.921
1993	20.7	73.2	128.6	105.6	41.2	6.9	0.3	1.882
1994	20.0	70.4	126.9	106.3	43.4	7.2	0.3	1.872
1995	19.5	67.0	120.5	106.2	44.3	7.9	0.3	1.829
1996	18.7	63.8	116.4	105.4	46.3	8.2	0.2	1.795

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

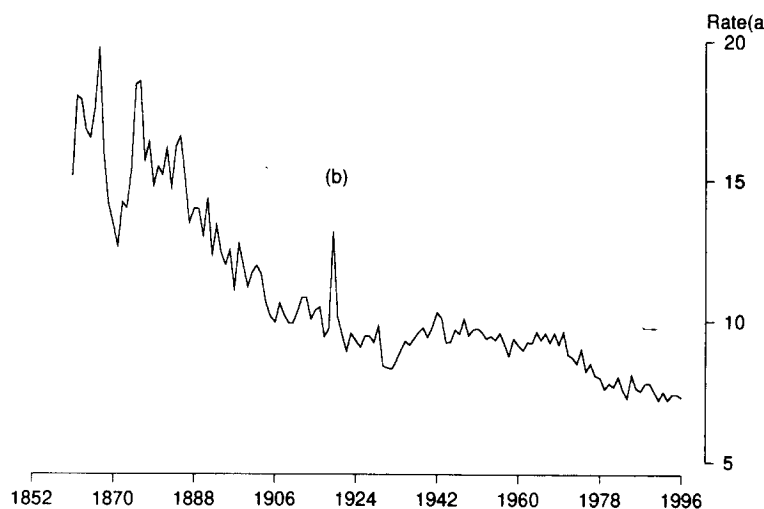
(b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

SECTION **5**

DEATHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION

There were 45,141 deaths of NSW residents registered (in Australia) in 1996 (including 135 deaths registered in NSW where the usual residence of the deceased was overseas). The crude death rate was 7.3 deaths per 1,000 of total population. The 1996 total comprised 23,765 males and 21,376 females, a sex ratio of 111 males per 100 females.

CRUDE DEATH RATE



(a) Per 1,000 population. (b) Increase in death rate in 1919 was due mainly to the influenza epidemic.

AGE AT DEATH

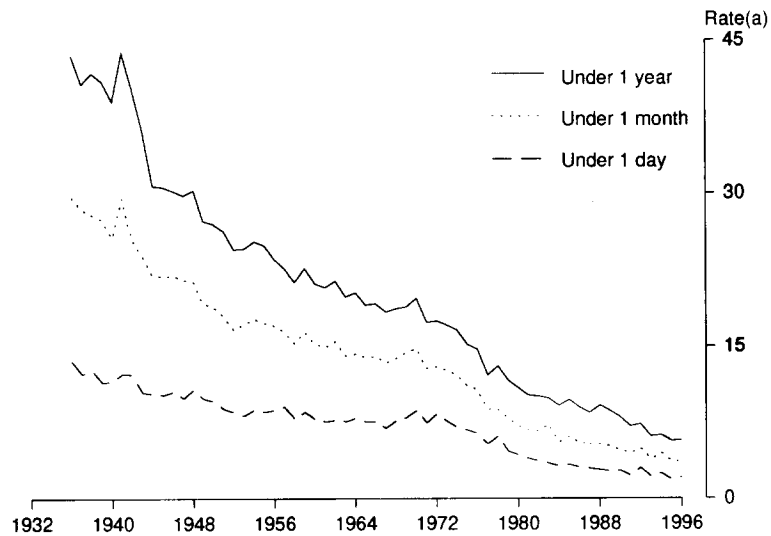
Male deaths generally outnumbered female deaths until age 81, as can be seen in table 5.2. The highest sex ratio at death in 1996 was 374 males per 100 females in the 20–24 age group. The age group 80 years and over accounted for 52% of all female deaths, but only 31% of all male deaths. There were 150 females and 32 males who died at age 100 years or older. The age at which the least number of NSW residents died was 9 years with only 8 deaths registered in 1996.

INFANT DEATHS

There were 499 infant deaths registered in 1996, a rate of 5.8 deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant death rate dropped below 100 in 1904, below 50 in 1930, below 20 in 1965 and below 10 in 1983. Over one in three (36%) infant deaths occurred during the first day of life and 65% occurred within the first month. The sex ratio of infant deaths was 135 males for every 100 females compared with the sex ratio at birth of 105.

The major cause of infant death in 1996 was *Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period* (245 infant deaths) of which 30% (75) were *Disorders relating to short gestation and unspecified low birthweight*. The second major cause was *Congenital anomalies* (111 infant deaths) followed by *Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions* (70 infant deaths).

INFANT DEATH RATES

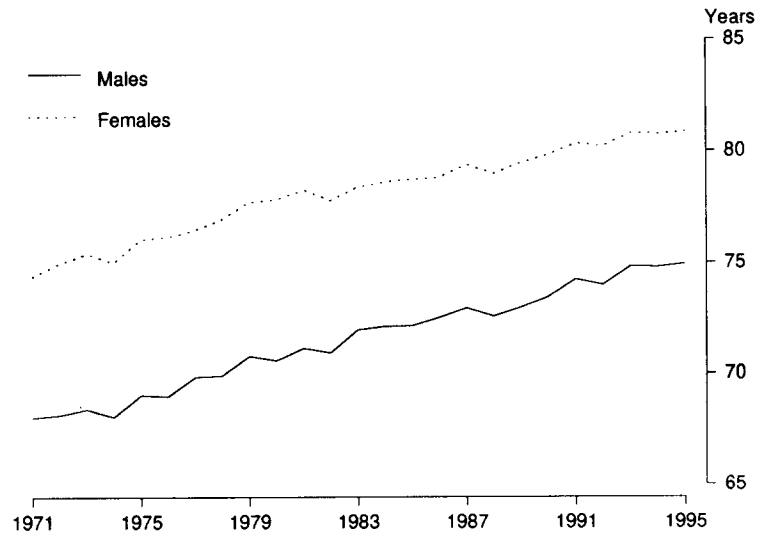


(a) Per 1,000 live births.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The life expectancy at birth in NSW in 1994–96 is 80.9 years for females and 75.0 years for males. The corresponding figures in 1971 were 74.4 years and 68.0 years respectively. The seven year increase in life expectancy since 1971 is mainly due to decreasing mortality rates from degenerative diseases (other than cancer) and the dramatic decline in the infant death rate, particularly during the perinatal period.

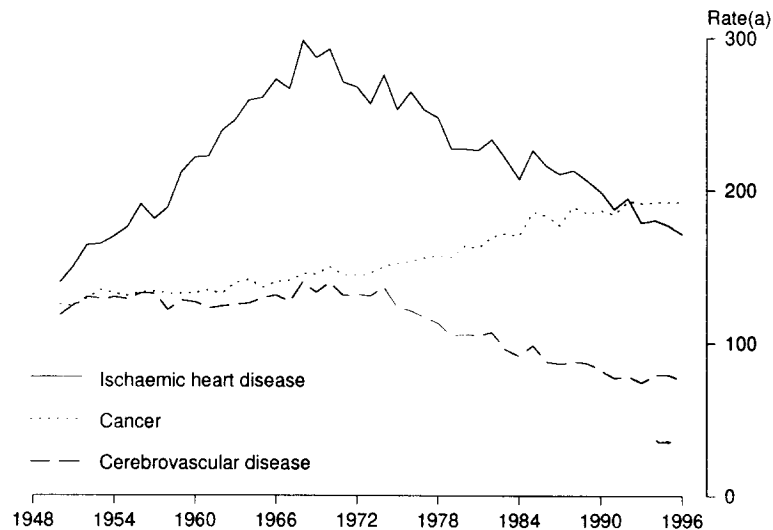
EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH



MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH

The leading cause of death in NSW in 1996 was cancer (*Malignant neoplasms*) which accounted for 26.4% of all deaths. This represents 28.1% of male deaths and 24.5% of female deaths. Heart attack (*Ischaemic heart disease*) accounted for 23.5% of all deaths 24.0% of male deaths and 23.0% of female deaths. Deaths due to *Cerebrovascular disease* (including stroke) resulted in 8.0% of male deaths and 12.9% of female deaths.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

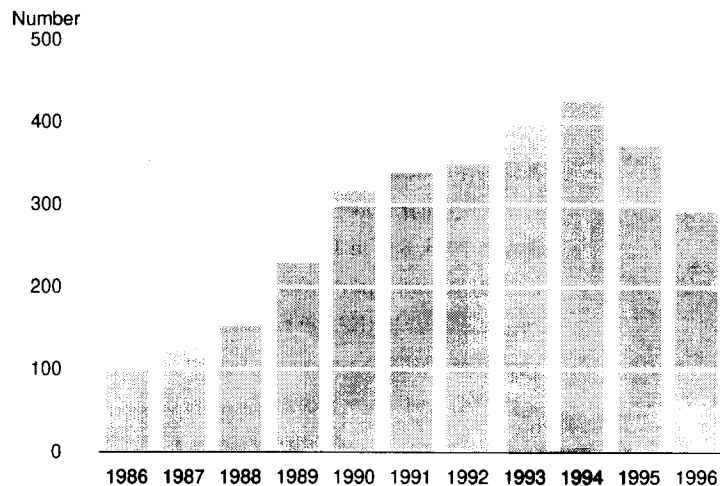


(a) Per 100,000 population.

ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

There were 292 AIDS-related deaths of NSW residents registered in 1996 (282 males and 10 females). This represents a decrease of 21% from the 1995 total of 371 deaths (356 male deaths and 15 female deaths). Of the 282 male AIDS-related deaths in 1996, 76% (213) were in the age group 30–49 years.

DEATHS DUE TO AIDS



ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) *continued*

The ABS introduced the use of International Classification of Diseases Version 9 Clinically Modified (ICD-9 CM) codes for the classification of deaths attributed to AIDS/HIV from 1996. While the change has meant that a more detailed classification can be applied to AIDS-related deaths in Australia, strict comparisons with previously published figures detailing the break up of deaths directly attributed to AIDS and deaths where AIDS is a contributing factor, can no longer be undertaken. However comparisons for AIDS-related deaths are still possible.

SUICIDE

There were 815 suicide deaths of NSW residents in 1996 (660 males and 155 females). This compares with 765 deaths (593 males and 172 females) in 1995. The most frequent method of suicide for males was *Hanging, strangulation and suffocation* (226 deaths) followed by *Poisoning by other gases and vapours* (including motor vehicle exhaust gas) (152 deaths). Deaths by *Firearms and explosives* accounted for 102 deaths, a slight decrease from the 1995 number of 109 deaths. The most frequent method of suicide for females was *Poisoning by solid or liquid substances* (63 deaths) followed by *Hanging, strangulation and suffocation* (41 deaths).

MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Motor vehicle traffic accidents accounted for 583 deaths (419 males and 164 females) of NSW residents in 1996, compared with 623 deaths (421 males and 202 females) in 1995. The most common motor vehicle traffic accident deaths involved a *Collision with another motor vehicle* (213 deaths). There were also 128 deaths involving a *Collision with a pedestrian* and 157 deaths involving *Other collisions on the highway*. The age group 15–29 years accounted for 38% (159 deaths) of male deaths and 24% (40 deaths) of female deaths from motor vehicle traffic accidents.

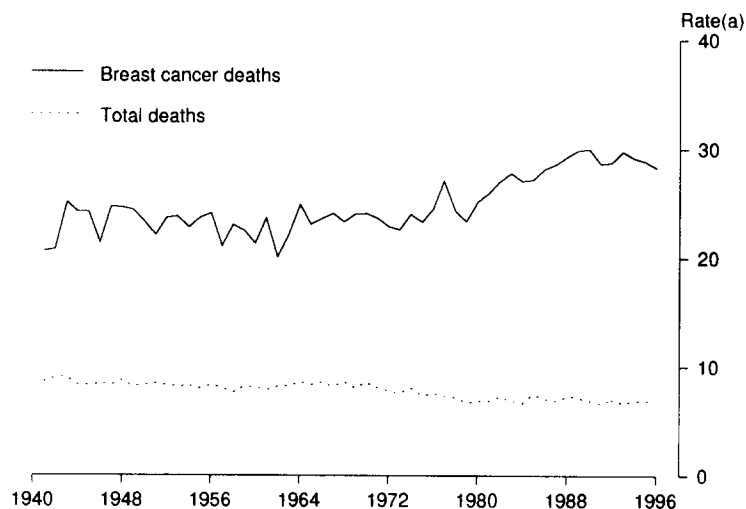
OTHER ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

Other accidental deaths in 1996 included 367 deaths due to *Accidental falls* (183 males and 184 females), 87 deaths due to *Accidental poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biologicals* (66 males and 21 females), 65 deaths due to *Accidental drowning and submersion* (51 males and 14 females) and 57 accidental deaths caused by *Fire and flames* (39 males and 18 females).

FEMALE BREAST CANCER

Although deaths due to breast cancer in females increased steadily over the last 50 years, the last 3 years have seen a reversal of that trend, with 902 breast cancer deaths in 1993, 894 in 1994, 889 in 1995 and 883 in 1996. The corresponding rates were 29.8, 29.2, 28.9 and 28.3 deaths per 100,000 female population. Women were more likely to die from breast cancer in the age group 65–84 years (46%), followed by the age group 45–64 years (35%). The remaining breast cancer deaths occurred in women under 45 years of age (9%) and women over 85 years of age (10%).

FEMALE DEATHS DUE TO BREAST CANCER

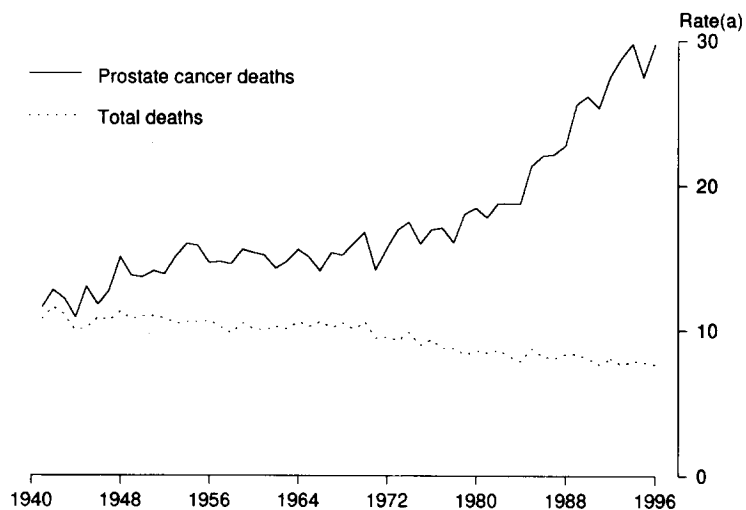


(a) Total female deaths per 1,000 female population. Cancer deaths per 100,000 female population.

PROSTATE CANCER

Deaths due to prostate cancer in males have been steadily increasing over the last 50 years, such that there are five times as many deaths from this cause than there were 50 years ago. The number of prostate cancer deaths in 1996 was 916, a fairly significant increase on the 1995 figure of 836, although there were 900 deaths in 1994. The death rate from prostate cancer in 1996 was 29.7 deaths per 100,000 male population. Over 99% of the deaths occurred in men 55 years of age and over, and 83% of the deaths were in men 70 years of age and over.

DEATHS DUE TO PROSTATE CANCER



(a) Total male deaths per 1,000 male population. Cancer deaths per 100,000 male population.

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994(b)	1995(b)	1996(b)
DEATHS							
Total deaths	42 167	42 467	44 801	43 069	44 763	44 773	45 141
Males	22 571	22 661	23 969	22 925	23 690	23 612	23 765
Females	19 596	19 806	20 832	20 144	21 073	21 161	21 376
Sex ratio	115.2	114.4	115.1	113.8	112.4	111.6	111.2
Standardised death rate	7.8	7.0	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.4
Males	10.2	9.0	9.3	8.6	8.8	8.5	8.3
Females	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.0
Crude death rate	7.6	7.2	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3
Males	8.2	7.7	8.1	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.7
Females	7.1	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.9
Median age at death							
Males	70.8	72.0	72.5	72.8	73.5	73.7	74.1
Females	77.5	78.8	79.3	79.5	80.1	80.2	80.6
Age-specific death rate							
Age group (years)							
Males							
0	10.0	7.9	8.6	6.9	6.9	6.1	6.5
1-4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
5-14	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
15-24	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
25-34	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
35-44	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7
45-54	5.0	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.4
55-64	14.5	12.2	12.7	11.3	11.0	10.7	10.1
65-74	37.1	31.1	32.4	30.5	29.8	29.3	28.5
75-84	87.5	79.5	81.8	76.9	80.2	75.6	74.9
85 and over	193.5	178.1	189.3	177.5	186.0	187.3	181.3
Females							
0	7.9	6.6	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.0
1-4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
5-14	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
15-24	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
25-34	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
35-44	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9
45-54	3.0	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2
55-64	7.8	6.5	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.9
65-74	20.4	17.3	17.1	16.4	16.4	16.1	15.3
75-84	54.2	49.4	50.4	48.2	49.0	48.3	46.3
85 and over	150.4	144.4	153.4	141.1	150.0	144.4	145.3
Expectation of life							
Males							
Age 0	72.5	74.3	74.0	74.8	74.8	75.0	n.y.a.
Age 1	72.3	73.8	73.7	74.4	74.3	74.5	n.y.a.
Age 25	49.3	50.6	50.4	51.1	51.1	51.2	n.y.a.
Age 45	30.6	32.0	31.8	32.4	32.4	32.6	n.y.a.
Age 65	14.4	15.4	15.2	15.6	15.6	15.7	n.y.a.
Females							
Age 0	78.8	80.3	80.2	80.8	80.8	80.9	n.y.a.
Age 1	78.5	79.8	79.7	80.2	80.2	80.3	n.y.a.
Age 25	55.0	56.3	56.1	56.6	56.6	56.7	n.y.a.
Age 45	35.7	36.9	36.7	37.2	37.2	37.3	n.y.a.
Age 65	18.3	19.1	19.1	19.4	19.4	19.5	n.y.a.

(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.

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
DEATHS							
Principal causes of death (SDR per 100,000 population)-							
Males							
Neoplasms	247	236	248	242	241	233	229
Diseases of the circulatory system	490	395	403	370	374	356	340
Diseases of the respiratory system	84	77	87	71	74	73	72
Diseases of the digestive system	35	30	29	27	25	25	25
All other diseases	93	102	103	102	109	106	103
External causes	70	61	61	56	58	55	58
Females							
Neoplasms	147	139	140	140	139	140	139
Diseases of the circulatory system	311	257	261	240	241	229	217
Diseases of the respiratory system	32	35	39	34	38	36	39
Diseases of the digestive system	22	19	18	17	16	17	15
All other diseases	69	67	71	68	72	71	71
External causes	29	23	22	19	21	22	18
INFANT DEATHS							
Total infant deaths	759	632	688	552	551	498	499
Males	436	354	408	318	312	272	287
Females	323	278	280	234	239	226	212
Infant mortality rate							
Males	9.0	7.2	7.4	6.2	6.3	5.7	5.8
Females	10.0	7.9	8.6	6.9	6.9	6.1	6.5
	7.9	6.6	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.0
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	149	105	152	106	126	100	99
1 day to under 1 week	64	61	71	48	70	45	45
1 week to under 4 weeks	47	43	46	39	36	34	31
4 weeks to under 1 year	176	145	139	125	80	93	112
Females							
Under 1 day	112	98	131	90	96	71	83
1 day to under 1 week	53	58	38	37	44	45	33
1 week to under 4 weeks	37	30	26	29	26	31	31
4 weeks to under 1 year	121	92	85	78	73	79	65

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

5.2 DEATHS, Age at Death—Sex

Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	287	212	499	50	135	91	226
1	16	18	34	51	157	86	243
2	26	16	42	52	154	76	230
3	15	9	24	53	166	98	264
4	9	6	15	54	172	106	278
0-4	353	261	614	50-54	784	457	1 241
5	8	4	12	55	172	93	265
6	7	6	13	56	193	102	295
7	4	6	10	57	209	139	348
8	11	3	14	58	239	140	379
9	4	4	8	59	237	157	394
5-9	34	23	57	55-59	1 050	631	1 681
10	7	9	16	60	274	169	443
11	3	8	11	61	304	164	468
12	8	6	14	62	315	170	485
13	7	7	14	63	369	205	574
14	24	8	32	64	378	209	587
10-14	49	38	87	60-64	1 640	917	2 557
15	16	3	19	65	415	267	682
16	23	9	32	66	446	268	714
17	33	12	45	67	523	273	796
18	43	9	52	68	638	329	967
19	45	15	60	69	578	324	902
15-19	160	48	208	65-69	2 600	1 461	4 061
20	49	20	69	70	628	399	1 027
21	58	13	71	71	659	385	1 044
22	65	9	74	72	733	480	1 213
23	56	12	68	73	743	466	1 209
24	49	20	69	74	773	508	1 281
20-24	277	74	351	70-74	3 536	2 238	5 774
25	64	12	76	75	785	585	1 370
26	57	22	79	76	788	601	1 389
27	63	19	82	77	729	596	1 325
28	60	16	76	78	703	654	1 357
29	64	17	81	79	759	642	1 401
25-29	308	86	394	75-79	3 764	3 078	6 842
30	53	18	71	80	796	725	1 521
31	71	22	93	81	834	755	1 589
32	70	21	91	82	777	821	1 598
33	76	25	101	83	743	806	1 549
34	86	31	117	84	645	824	1 469
30-34	356	117	473	80-84	3 795	3 931	7 726
35	77	30	107	85	633	882	1 515
36	77	29	106	86	538	815	1 353
37	76	35	111	87	487	763	1 250
38	72	42	114	88	444	677	1 121
39	72	39	111	89	315	643	958
35-39	374	175	549	85-89	2 417	3 780	6 197
40	88	37	125	90	320	600	920
41	78	52	130	91	227	589	816
42	78	48	126	92	187	495	682
43	94	44	138	93	152	394	546
44	106	48	154	94	93	329	422
40-44	444	229	673	90-94	979	2 407	3 386
45	85	74	159	95-99	231	879	1 110
46	109	59	168	100 and over	32	150	182
47	93	70	163	Not stated	11	3	14
48	129	80	209				
49	155	110	265				
45-49	571	393	964	Total	23 765	21 376	45 141

5.3 DEATHS, Age at Death—Marital Status

Age at death (years)	MALES.....						FEMALES.....					
	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
Under 1	287	—	—	—	—	287	212	—	—	—	—	212
1-4	66	—	—	—	—	66	49	—	—	—	—	49
5-9	34	—	—	—	—	34	23	—	—	—	—	23
10-14	49	—	—	—	—	49	38	—	—	—	—	38
15-19	160	—	—	—	—	160	48	—	—	—	—	48
20-24	245	11	—	2	19	277	56	10	1	1	6	74
25-29	234	38	—	6	30	308	52	24	2	5	3	86
30-34	226	82	1	18	29	356	46	48	2	9	12	117
35-39	181	127	1	38	27	374	42	92	3	21	17	175
40-44	151	187	4	61	41	444	45	146	5	20	13	229
45-49	135	323	7	74	32	571	56	251	22	45	19	393
50-54	151	465	13	108	47	784	35	308	23	72	19	457
55-59	175	637	24	144	70	1 050	45	397	73	93	23	631
60-64	240	1 065	91	162	82	1 640	78	512	191	102	34	917
65-69	329	1 677	245	246	103	2 600	87	749	453	133	39	1 461
70-74	353	2 345	520	218	100	3 536	129	903	1 020	131	55	2 238
75-79	298	2 373	801	186	106	3 764	198	849	1 826	152	53	3 078
80-84	265	2 180	1 135	145	70	3 795	261	730	2 787	101	52	3 931
85-89	150	1 166	992	61	48	2 417	290	369	2 990	93	38	3 780
90-94	56	334	560	20	9	979	248	98	1 999	39	23	2 407
95-99	13	52	164	2	—	231	89	16	752	15	7	879
100 and over	2	3	26	—	1	32	14	1	133	2	—	150
Not stated	2	—	—	—	9	11	1	—	2	—	—	3
Total	3 802	13 065	4 584	1 491	823	23 765	2 142	5 503	12 284	1 034	413	21 376

5.4 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)

Age (years)	NEW SOUTH WALES								AUST.....	
	1971.....		1981.....		1991.....		1994 to 1996.....		1994 to 1996.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	68.04	74.41	71.14	78.26	74.26	80.34	74.97	80.88	75.22	81.05
5	64.66	70.78	67.13	74.10	69.97	75.95	70.56	76.40	70.81	76.55
10	59.79	65.90	62.24	69.15	65.04	71.00	65.61	71.46	65.86	71.60
15	54.94	60.98	57.33	64.22	60.13	66.06	60.67	66.51	60.93	66.66
20	50.33	56.15	52.66	59.35	55.35	61.16	55.89	61.61	56.15	61.76
25	45.77	51.31	48.08	54.49	50.65	56.29	51.24	56.71	51.48	56.87
30	41.08	46.46	43.39	49.63	45.95	51.42	46.56	51.82	46.79	51.98
35	36.37	41.67	38.64	44.78	41.26	46.55	41.89	46.95	42.10	47.11
40	31.73	36.96	33.93	39.97	36.60	41.71	37.23	42.11	37.41	42.28
45	27.23	32.38	29.32	35.26	31.97	36.94	32.58	37.32	32.75	37.49
50	22.98	27.96	24.96	30.69	27.46	32.26	28.03	32.64	28.18	32.80
55	19.05	23.72	20.88	26.25	23.12	27.68	23.63	28.08	23.78	28.24
60	15.51	19.70	17.12	21.98	19.05	23.30	19.48	23.69	19.62	23.83
65	12.41	15.87	13.72	17.95	15.40	19.15	15.69	19.50	15.82	19.61
70	9.74	12.34	10.74	14.23	12.15	15.28	12.33	15.58	12.45	15.67
75	7.52	9.38	8.26	10.87	9.25	11.78	9.41	12.00	9.51	12.07
80	5.72	6.96	6.22	7.97	6.93	8.77	6.95	8.88	7.04	8.92
85	4.37	5.22	4.60	5.66	5.12	6.27	5.08	6.35	5.15	6.38
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.81	4.38	3.82	4.49	3.87	4.50
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	3.14	3.29	3.14	3.24	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

Age(years)	NSW.....		AUST.....		Age(years)	NSW.....		AUST.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females
0	74.97	80.88	75.22	81.05	50	28.03	32.64	28.18	32.80
1	74.45	80.31	74.70	80.46	51	27.13	31.71	27.29	31.88
2	73.49	79.35	73.74	79.50	52	26.25	30.80	26.40	30.96
3	72.52	78.37	72.77	78.52	53	25.37	29.89	25.52	30.05
4	71.54	77.39	71.79	77.54	54	24.49	28.98	24.64	29.14
5	70.56	76.40	70.81	76.55	55	23.63	28.08	23.78	28.24
6	69.57	75.42	69.82	75.57	56	22.78	27.19	22.92	27.34
7	68.58	74.43	68.83	74.58	57	21.93	26.31	22.08	26.45
8	67.59	73.44	67.84	73.58	58	21.10	25.43	21.24	25.57
9	66.60	72.45	66.85	72.59	59	20.28	24.56	20.42	24.70
10	65.61	71.46	65.86	71.60	60	19.48	23.69	19.62	23.83
11	64.62	70.47	64.88	70.61	61	18.69	22.84	18.83	22.97
12	63.63	69.48	63.89	69.62	62	17.91	21.99	18.05	22.12
13	62.64	68.49	62.90	68.63	63	17.15	21.15	17.29	21.27
14	61.65	67.50	61.91	67.64	64	16.41	20.32	16.55	20.44
15	60.67	66.51	60.93	66.66	65	15.69	19.50	15.82	19.61
16	59.69	65.52	59.95	65.67	66	14.98	18.69	15.11	18.80
17	58.73	64.54	58.98	64.69	67	14.29	17.89	14.42	18.00
18	57.78	63.56	58.03	63.71	68	13.62	17.11	13.75	17.21
19	56.83	62.58	57.08	62.73	69	12.97	16.33	13.09	16.43
20	55.89	61.61	56.15	61.76	70	12.33	15.58	12.45	15.67
21	54.96	60.63	55.21	60.78	71	11.71	14.83	11.83	14.92
22	54.03	59.65	54.28	59.80	72	11.11	14.10	11.23	14.19
23	53.10	58.67	53.35	58.83	73	10.53	13.39	10.64	13.47
24	52.17	57.69	52.41	57.85	74	9.96	12.69	10.07	12.76
25	51.24	56.71	51.48	56.87	75	9.41	12.00	9.51	12.07
26	50.30	55.73	50.54	55.89	76	8.87	11.34	8.98	11.40
27	49.37	54.76	49.60	54.91	77	8.36	10.69	8.46	10.75
28	48.43	53.78	48.66	53.94	78	7.86	10.06	7.96	10.12
29	47.50	52.80	47.73	52.96	79	7.39	9.46	7.49	9.51
30	46.56	51.82	46.79	51.98	80	6.95	8.88	7.04	8.92
31	45.63	50.84	45.85	51.01	81	6.53	8.32	6.61	8.36
32	44.70	49.87	44.91	50.03	82	6.13	7.79	6.21	7.83
33	43.76	48.89	43.98	49.06	83	5.76	7.28	5.83	7.32
34	42.83	47.92	43.04	48.09	84	5.41	6.80	5.48	6.84
35	41.89	46.95	42.10	47.11	85	5.08	6.35	5.15	6.38
36	40.96	45.97	41.16	46.14	86	4.78	5.93	4.85	5.95
37	40.03	45.00	40.22	45.17	87	4.50	5.53	4.57	5.55
38	39.09	44.04	39.29	44.21	88	4.25	5.16	4.31	5.18
39	38.16	43.07	38.35	43.24	89	4.02	4.81	4.08	4.83
40	37.23	42.11	37.41	42.28	90	3.82	4.49	3.87	4.50
41	36.29	41.14	36.48	41.32	91	3.64	4.19	3.69	4.20
42	35.36	40.18	35.54	40.36	92	3.49	3.92	3.54	3.92
43	34.43	39.23	34.61	39.40	93	3.36	3.67	3.40	3.67
44	33.51	38.27	33.68	38.45	94	3.25	3.44	3.29	3.44
45	32.58	37.32	32.75	37.49	95	3.14	3.24	3.18	3.24
46	31.66	36.38	31.83	36.55	96	3.04	3.06	3.07	3.06
47	30.75	35.44	30.91	35.60	97	2.94	2.91	2.97	2.90
48	29.84	34.50	30.00	34.67	98	2.85	2.77	2.87	2.76
49	28.93	33.56	29.09	33.73	99	2.76	2.63	2.78	2.63

(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 ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace, Duration of Residence

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33 279	17 125	16 154	33 279
Fiji	9	17	14	11	5	10	19	—	55	30	85
New Zealand	38	31	53	47	31	198	107	—	243	262	505
Other	18	10	17	9	2	23	47	—	71	55	126
Total	65	58	84	67	38	231	173	33 279	17 494	16 501	33 995
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR											
Austria	2	—	4	6	20	75	12	—	58	61	119
Former USSR & Baltic States	22	13	19	11	39	277	55	—	210	226	436
Former Yugoslav Republics	21	8	15	137	102	118	69	—	312	158	470
Germany	13	3	12	19	58	174	54	—	186	147	333
Greece	9	4	10	45	111	151	32	—	206	156	362
Hungary	2	2	5	10	62	75	25	—	107	74	181
Ireland	3	4	5	26	34	103	44	—	118	101	219
Italy	12	8	10	65	195	507	79	—	543	333	876
Malta	3	—	3	12	37	109	30	—	108	86	194
Netherlands	8	1	2	7	49	185	31	—	177	106	283
Poland	5	9	16	13	36	267	41	—	274	113	387
United Kingdom	83	61	205	507	673	2 193	572	—	2 287	2 007	4 294
Other	16	9	28	79	80	177	77	—	304	162	466
Total	199	122	334	937	1 496	4 411	1 121	—	4 890	3 730	8 620
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA											
Egypt	3	6	8	32	45	58	33	—	100	85	185
Lebanon	14	16	35	53	23	35	46	—	137	85	222
Turkey	3	1	11	22	5	8	10	—	31	29	60
Other	20	8	17	26	8	9	17	—	65	40	105
Total	40	31	71	133	81	110	106	—	333	239	572
SOUTHEAST ASIA											
Indonesia	6	7	14	7	9	15	18	—	46	30	76
Malaysia	7	3	6	10	2	3	7	—	22	16	38
Philippines	6	22	21	12	5	1	16	—	38	45	83
Singapore	2	2	3	—	1	4	1	—	5	8	13
Thailand	2	3	2	1	1	—	2	—	5	6	11
Viet Nam	16	30	44	—	—	—	12	—	60	42	102
Other	4	4	20	2	1	7	6	—	20	24	44
Total	43	71	110	32	19	30	62	—	196	171	367

5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace, Duration of Residence *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	45	40	96	30	23	68	51	—	175	178	353
Hong Kong	10	7	10	5	4	7	9	—	31	21	52
Other	15	12	18	8	—	3	15	—	39	32	71
<i>Total</i>	70	59	124	43	27	78	75	—	245	231	476
SOUTHERN ASIA											
India	21	6	16	37	7	36	27	—	74	76	150
Sri Lanka	7	9	9	5	4	5	7	—	23	23	46
Other	5	3	3	1	—	—	2	—	10	4	14
<i>Total</i>	33	18	28	43	11	41	36	—	107	103	210
THE AMERICAS											
Canada	3	1	5	4	6	23	12	—	30	24	54
Chile	3	2	11	14	—	—	4	—	15	19	34
United States of America	13	8	4	17	15	24	8	—	59	30	89
Other	4	6	21	35	6	3	17	—	51	41	92
<i>Total</i>	23	17	41	70	27	50	41	—	155	114	269
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)											
South Africa	6	12	26	18	5	30	17	—	52	62	114
Other	7	2	7	18	7	3	9	—	37	16	53
<i>Total</i>	13	14	33	36	12	33	26	—	89	78	167
Other and not stated	16	2	—	1	3	5	438	—	256	209	465
Total	502	392	825	1 362	1 714	4 989	2 078	33 279	23 765	21 376	45 141

5.7 DEATHS, State or Territory of Usual Residence—State or Territory of Registration

STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION.....

<i>State or Territory of usual residence</i>	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
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
Aust.	44 809	32 714	22 442	11 635	11 019	3 878	771	1 451	128 719

5.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death—Sex

Cause of death(a)	NUMBER.....			Percentage of all deaths	Rate(b)
	Males	Females	Persons		
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001–139)	467	219	686	1.5	11.1
Neoplasms (140–239)	6 791	5 345	12 136	26.9	195.6
Malignant neoplasms (140–208)	6 678	5 246	11 924	26.4	192.2
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240–279)	546	543	1 089	2.4	17.6
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280–289)	60	74	134	0.3	2.2
Mental disorders (290–319)	530	641	1 171	2.6	18.9
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320–389)	559	568	1 127	2.5	18.2
Diseases of the circulatory system (390–459)	9 558	10 069	19 627	43.5	316.4
Ischaemic heart disease (410–414)	5 704	4 916	10 620	23.5	171.2
Cerebrovascular disease (430–438)	1 903	2 767	4 670	10.3	75.3
Diseases of the respiratory system (460–519)	2 004	1 650	3 654	8.1	58.9
Diseases of the digestive system (520–579)	739	633	1 372	3.0	22.1
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580–629)	348	448	796	1.8	12.8
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630–676)	—	8	8	—	0.1
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680–709)	23	47	70	0.2	1.1
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710–739)	72	170	242	0.5	3.9
Congenital anomalies (740–759)	109	110	219	0.5	3.5
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760–779)	136	112	248	0.5	4.0
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780–799)	86	86	172	0.4	2.8
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800–E999)	1 737	653	2 390	5.3	38.5
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810–E819)	419	164	583	1.3	9.4
All causes of death	23 765	21 376	45 141	100.0	727.6

(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)—Summary

Particulars	Heart disease	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	Cerebro-vascular disease (incl. stroke)	Respiratory system diseases	Motor vehicle traffic accidents	Suicide	All causes
Numbers							
Males	7 025	6 678	1 903	2 004	419	660	23 765
Females	6 617	5 246	2 767	1 650	164	155	21 376
Persons	13 642	11 924	4 670	3 654	583	815	45 141
Proportions by sex (%)							
Males	51.5	56.0	40.7	54.8	71.9	81.0	52.6
Females	48.5	44.0	59.3	45.2	28.1	19.0	47.4
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Proportions by cause of death (%)							
Males	29.6	28.1	8.0	8.4	1.8	2.8	100.0
Females	31.0	24.5	12.9	7.7	0.8	0.7	100.0
Persons	30.2	26.4	10.3	8.1	1.3	1.8	100.0
Crude death rate(b)							
Males	228.0	216.8	61.8	65.1	13.6	21.4	771.4
Females	211.9	168.0	88.6	52.8	5.3	5.0	684.4
Persons	219.9	192.2	75.3	58.9	9.4	13.1	727.6
Standardised death rate(c)							
NSW	190.2	173.8	63.9	51.4	9.4	13.0	643.6
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 disease (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

Year	FETAL DEATHS.....			NEONATAL DEATHS.....			PERINATAL DEATHS.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER									
1986	274	268	542	246	187	433	520	455	975
1991	280	241	521	195	164	359	475	405	880
1992	312	270	582	242	167	409	554	437	991
1993	220	231	451	172	143	315	392	374	766
1994	212	158	370	218	144	362	430	302	732
1995	201	204	405	160	128	288	361	332	693
1996(a)	319	246	565	146	121	267	465	367	832
RATE(b)									
1986	6.3	6.5	6.4	5.7	4.6	5.1	11.9	11.0	11.5
1991	6.2	5.6	5.9	4.3	3.9	4.1	10.5	9.5	10.0
1992	6.5	6.0	6.2	5.1	3.7	4.4	11.5	9.7	10.6
1993	4.8	5.3	5.0	3.7	3.3	3.5	8.5	8.6	8.5
1994	4.7	3.7	4.2	4.8	3.4	4.1	9.5	7.0	8.3
1995	4.5	4.7	4.6	3.6	3.0	3.3	8.0	7.7	7.9
1996(a)	7.1	5.8	6.5	3.3	2.9	3.1	10.4	8.7	9.6

(a) The increase in fetal death registrations in 1996 is partly due to the introduction of compulsory registration of fetal deaths as births and the availability of birth certificates for stillborn children.

(b) See Glossary for definitions of rates used.

5.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details

Particulars	1996 PERINATAL DEATHS.....					1986..
	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
AGE AT DEATH						
Less than 1 hour	—	51	24	27	51	71
1 hour to under 1 day	—	81	48	33	81	161
1 day to under 1 week	—	75	43	32	75	117
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	60	31	29	60	84
Total	—	267	146	121	267	433
WEIGHT AT DELIVERY (grams)						
500–999	174	106	160	120	280	341
1 000–1 999	121	33	89	65	154	240
2 000–2 999	134	49	104	79	183	193
3 000 or more	125	68	102	91	193	182
Not stated	11	11	10	12	22	19
Total	565	267	465	367	832	975
PERIOD OF GESTATION (weeks)						
Less than 28	148	112	160	100	260	298
28–36	220	52	150	122	272	346
37–41	165	86	129	122	251	277
42 or more	2	5	4	3	7	22
Not stated	30	12	22	20	42	32
Total	565	267	465	367	832	975
AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (years)						
Less than 20	51	17	43	25	68	65
20–24	97	48	81	64	145	213
25–29	158	69	131	96	227	336
30–34	158	68	111	115	226	220
35–39	75	36	71	40	111	109
40 or more	23	11	18	16	34	22
Not stated	3	18	10	11	21	10
Total	565	267	465	367	832	975

SECTION **6**

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

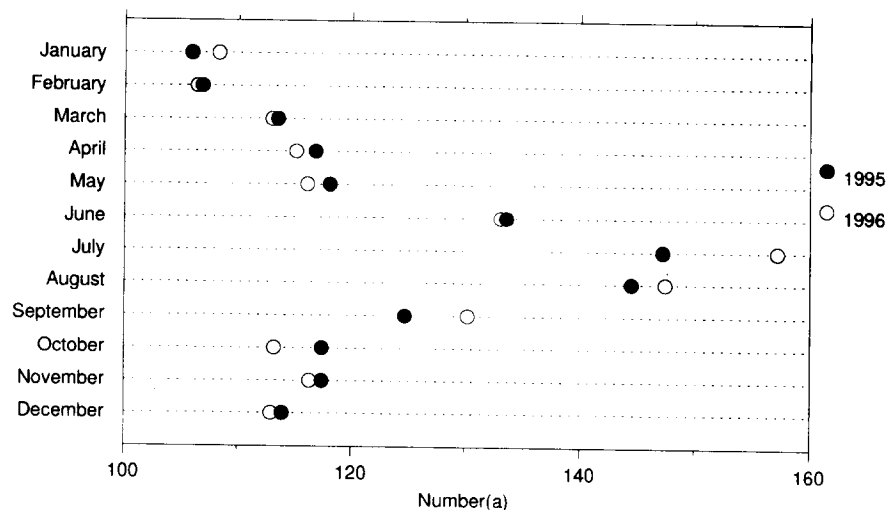
There were 44,840 deaths of NSW residents which occurred in 1996 and were registered by June 1997. This is a slight increase on the number of deaths occurring in 1995 (44,435) but less than the 1994 figure (45,138) which was the highest number of deaths ever recorded in NSW.

Death trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of deaths that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or even later. They could also be affected by any abnormal delays or fluctuations in the registration processes. Based on data for previous years, it is estimated that about 5% of deaths that occurred in 1996 would not have been registered in 1996. However only a small percentage would not have been registered by June 1997.

MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

The 44,840 deaths which occurred in 1996 average out over the whole year at 123 deaths per day. The highest monthly total of 4,874 deaths occurred in July which averaged 157 deaths per day, while August was the second highest with 4,570 deaths or 147 per day. The summer months of February and January had the lowest totals of 3,086 and 3,358 and daily averages of 106 and 108 deaths respectively.

MONTH OF OCCURRENCE, Average Deaths Per Day



(a) Average number of deaths per day.

INFANT DEATHS

A significant decline in the numbers of infant deaths is evident between 1986 and 1996, from 728 in 1986 to 479 in 1996.

6.1 DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	3 048	3 313	3 311	3 183	3 521	3 283	3 358
February	2 748	2 845	3 013	2 916	3 040	2 990	3 086
March	3 238	3 296	3 312	3 272	3 495	3 518	3 503
April	3 138	3 310	3 333	3 201	3 427	3 504	3 453
May	3 477	3 779	3 845	3 675	3 891	3 660	3 600
June	3 891	3 590	4 348	3 983	3 946	4 007	3 992
July	4 109	3 987	4 464	3 951	4 476	4 563	4 874
August	4 000	4 167	4 086	4 177	4 789	4 479	4 570
September	3 592	3 977	3 862	3 756	3 965	3 741	3 905
October	3 574	3 611	3 572	3 653	3 803	3 638	3 509
November	3 357	3 290	3 377	3 361	3 421	3 522	3 489
December	3 402	3 385	3 471	3 381	3 364	3 530	3 501
Total	41 574	42 550	43 994	42 509	45 138	44 435	44 840

RATE(a)

Crude death rate	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.3	7.2
------------------	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

DEATHS PER DAY

January	98.3	106.9	106.8	102.7	113.6	105.9	108.3
February	98.1	101.6	103.9	104.1	108.6	106.8	106.4
March	104.5	106.3	106.8	105.5	112.7	113.5	113.0
April	104.6	110.3	111.1	106.7	114.2	116.8	115.1
May	112.2	121.9	124.0	118.5	125.5	118.1	116.1
June	129.7	119.7	144.9	132.8	131.5	133.6	133.1
July	132.5	128.6	144.0	127.5	144.4	147.2	157.2
August	129.0	134.4	131.8	134.7	154.5	144.5	147.4
September	119.7	132.6	128.7	125.2	132.2	124.7	130.2
October	115.3	116.5	115.2	117.8	122.7	117.4	113.2
November	111.9	109.7	112.6	112.0	114.0	117.4	116.3
December	109.7	109.2	112.0	109.1	108.5	113.9	112.9

(a) Per 1,000 population.

6.2 DEATHS, Age at Death

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	411	365	276	317	287	203
1-4	75	73	67	64	48	49
5-9	49	48	36	39	27	25
10-14	63	46	47	33	29	39
15-19	261	202	163	77	60	48
20-24	362	241	270	115	104	78
25-29	282	275	289	107	111	88
30-34	267	359	352	122	120	115
35-39	340	384	374	159	182	175
40-44	433	482	431	232	261	229
45-49	552	579	576	316	324	388
50-54	864	799	777	482	420	458
55-59	1 544	1 132	1 035	784	634	638
60-64	2 268	2 017	1 634	1 253	1 065	914
65-69	2 892	2 966	2 575	1 739	1 677	1 447
70-74	3 443	3 183	3 513	2 402	2 248	2 218
75-79	3 474	3 834	3 761	2 854	3 229	3 058
80-84	2 517	3 038	3 740	3 161	3 406	3 912
85 and over	2 177	2 628	3 642	5 041	5 661	7 187
Not stated	3	5	9	—	1	4
Total	22 277	22 656	23 567	19 297	19 894	21 273

6.3 DEATHS, Age-specific Death Rates(a)

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	9.5	8.0	6.3	7.8	6.7	4.9
1-4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
5-9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
10-14	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
15-19	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2
20-24	1.6	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.3
25-29	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.4
30-34	1.2	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.5
35-39	1.5	1.7	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
40-44	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.0
45-49	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.8
50-54	6.5	5.3	4.4	3.8	2.9	2.7
55-59	11.2	8.8	7.2	5.8	5.0	4.5
60-64	17.9	15.5	13.2	9.3	8.0	7.3
65-69	29.8	25.9	21.6	15.5	13.2	11.4
70-74	45.8	38.6	35.8	25.1	21.8	18.9
75-79	74.5	67.9	58.7	41.0	39.8	34.9
80-84	110.8	104.7	100.9	74.3	65.3	62.4
85 and over	188.1	176.8	180.1	148.7	145.7	144.3

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

6.4 INFANT DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	63	61	43	41	45	41	43
February	58	56	54	44	48	36	30
March	49	55	48	45	43	44	42
April	52	50	66	47	51	34	45
May	63	74	55	59	43	38	35
June	65	53	53	64	50	38	49
July	88	56	52	44	42	46	38
August	76	61	60	43	59	66	41
September	43	45	54	42	43	39	51
October	64	44	58	38	41	40	36
November	61	52	49	32	40	35	40
December	46	45	43	48	52	30	29
Total	728	652	635	547	557	487	479

RATE(a)							
Infant mortality rate	8.7	7.4	7.0	6.2	6.4	5.7	5.6

INFANT DEATHS PER DAY							
January	2.0	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.4
February	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.1
March	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
April	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.5
May	2.0	2.4	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.1
June	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.6
July	2.8	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2
August	2.5	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.9	2.1	1.3
September	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.7
October	2.1	1.4	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2
November	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3
December	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.0	0.9

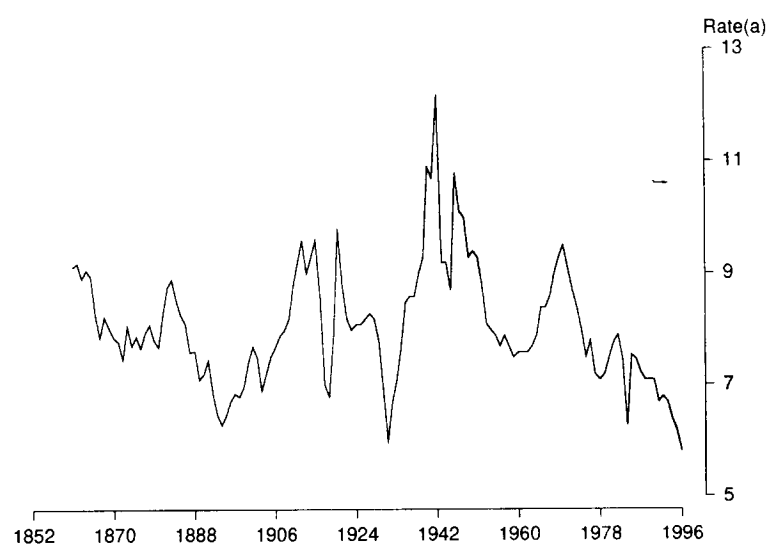
(a) Per 1,000 live births.

SECTION 7

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

In 1996, there were 35,716 marriages registered in NSW, compared with 37,828 in 1995, a decrease of 5.6%. However the 1996 figure seems to have been affected by delays in the registration process at the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Preliminary data on a year of occurrence basis indicates that 37,540 marriages were celebrated in 1996, compared with 37,949 in 1995. The crude marriage rate in 1996 (5.8 marriages registered per 1,000 population) is the lowest rate ever recorded in NSW. The previous lowest rate ever recorded was 6.0 per 1,000 in 1931 during the Great Depression, while the highest rate ever recorded was 12.2 per 1,000 in 1942 during World War II.

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE

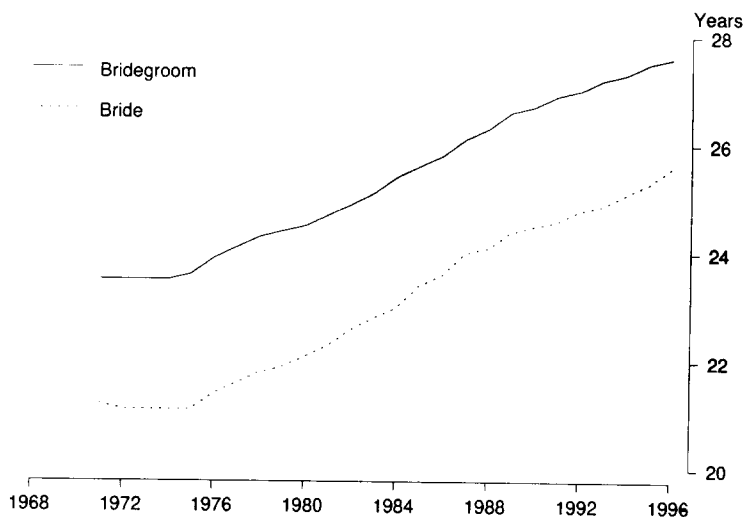


(a) Per 1,000 population.

AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE

The age at first marriage in NSW continues to increase steadily. The median ages at first marriage for brides and bridegrooms in 1996 were 25.6 years and 27.6 years respectively, the highest ever recorded. The lowest median ages at first marriage, 21.1 years and 23.5 years respectively, were recorded in the early seventies. However the trend for brides to marry bridegrooms who are two years older than they are has remained constant throughout the past two decades. In 1996 the proportion of men who married aged 30 years or more was 33% compared with 20% in 1986. For women the comparative percentages were 20% and 11% respectively.

MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE



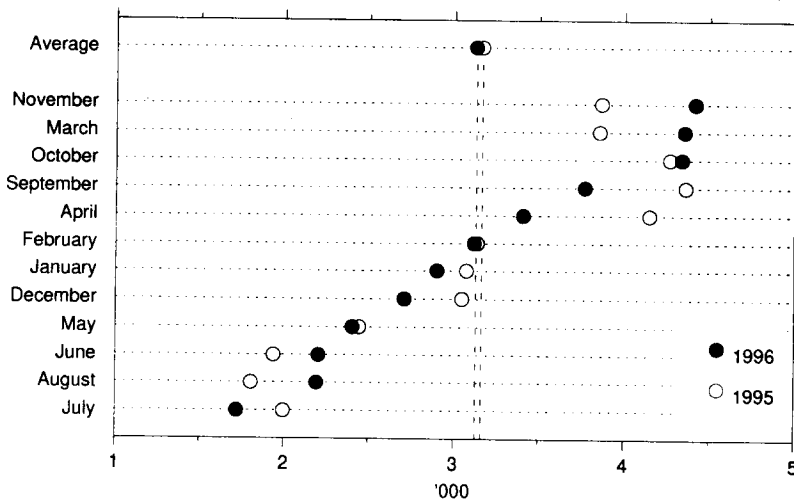
AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES

Between 1986 and 1996 age-specific marriage rates (per 1,000 population) decreased significantly for men and women under 25 years. The peak age group for women remained at 20–24 years, although this is just marginally ahead of the 25–29 age group. For men the peak age group is clearly 25–29 years which is almost double the rate for age groups 20–24 years and 30–34 years.

DAY AND MONTH OF MARRIAGE

Saturday is traditionally the most popular day of the week for marriage, and 70% of 1996 marriages were celebrated on a Saturday, 14% were celebrated on a Sunday and 7% on a Friday. The most popular month for marriage in 1996 was November with 4,416 marriages celebrated, followed closely by March and October. The least popular month in 1996 was July with 1,722 marriages celebrated.

MONTH OF MARRIAGE—1995 AND 1996



PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS

Of all marriages celebrated in NSW in 1996, 67% were the first marriage for both partners. In 11% of all marriages, both partners were previously divorced.

rites used in marriage ceremony

The proportion of marriages performed by ministers of religion in NSW was 56%, with 9% being performed by official registrars and 34% by other civil celebrants. Of the religious ceremonies, 33% were celebrated in the Catholic Church and 26% in the Anglican Church.

BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES

In 62% of 1996 marriages, both the bride and bridegroom were born in Australia, while 9% involved an Australian-born bridegroom and a bride born overseas, and 12% involved an Australian-born bride and a bridegroom born overseas. In 11% of marriages, both bride and bridegroom were born in the same overseas country, while the remaining 6% were born in different overseas countries.

7.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL MARRIAGES							
Marriages registered	41 319	39 594	40 734	39 993	38 814	37 828	35 716
Crude marriage rate	7.5	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.2	5.8
Previous marital status							
First marriage both partners	27 568	27 017	27 705	26 976	26 445	25 838	23 937
First marriage one partner	7 988	7 367	7 638	7 689	7 160	7 012	6 766
Remarriage both partners	5 763	5 210	5 391	5 328	5 209	4 978	5 013
Marriages performed by							
Ministers of religion							
Number	25 538	24 009	24 320	24 093	23 123	n.a.	20 101
Proportion (%)	61.8	60.6	59.7	60.2	59.6	n.a.	56.3
Civil celebrants							
Number	15 781	15 585	16 414	15 900	15 691	n.a.	15 615
Proportion (%)	38.2	39.4	40.3	39.8	40.4	n.a.	43.7
BRIDEGROOM							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0
20-24	54.2	41.2	40.0	38.0	35.1	32.6	28.3
25-29	55.8	54.7	56.9	55.7	54.8	52.4	49.2
30-34	28.6	28.7	30.5	30.9	30.7	30.7	28.7
35-39	15.9	15.5	15.8	16.1	15.6	15.9	15.7
40-44	10.5	9.6	10.2	10.0	9.5	9.5	9.2
45-49	8.4	7.5	7.8	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.1
50 and over	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.3
Marital status of bridegroom							
Never married	31 269	30 500	31 331	30 598	29 800	29 202	27 132
Widowed	1 036	949	880	995	863	773	789
Divorced	9 014	8 145	8 523	8 400	8 151	7 853	7 795
Total	41 319	39 594	40 734	39 993	38 814	37 828	35 716
Median age of bridegroom (years)							
Never married	25.8	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.3	27.5	27.6
Widowed	60.6	61.2	61.7	62.3	62.7	62.2	62.6
Divorced	38.3	39.8	40.1	40.1	40.7	40.8	41.3
Total	27.6	28.5	28.7	28.9	29.1	29.3	29.5
BRIDE							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	15.8	10.3	9.1	8.4	7.4	7.1	6.3
20-24	78.2	64.4	63.5	61.2	57.1	53.5	47.2
25-29	44.4	46.5	49.6	48.7	49.0	48.5	46.0
30-34	20.2	21.7	22.4	23.1	22.9	22.6	22.0
35-39	11.7	11.4	12.2	12.0	11.8	11.6	11.4
40-44	8.5	7.4	7.9	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.6
45-49	6.0	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.3
50 and over	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
Marital status of bride							
Never married	31 855	30 901	31 717	31 043	30 250	29 486	27 508
Widowed	1 239	1 046	1 023	1 074	1 038	902	898
Divorced	8 225	7 647	7 994	7 876	7 526	7 440	7 310
Total	41 319	39 594	40 734	39 993	38 814	37 828	35 716
Median age of bride (years)							
Never married	23.6	24.6	24.8	24.9	25.1	25.3	25.6
Widowed	51.1	53.1	52.7	52.5	52.9	52.8	53.6
Divorced	34.8	35.9	36.3	36.4	36.8	37.3	37.5
Total	25.0	26.1	26.3	26.4	26.6	26.7	27.1

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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	17.2	9.4	5.4	2.6	2.1	1.1
20-24	170.5	125.2	89.5	67.0	49.4	33.5
25-29	176.9	143.4	127.5	114.7	100.9	81.7
30-34	100.0	86.8	85.4	86.0	78.0	68.3
35-39	50.4	50.1	47.8	48.2	45.9	42.6
40-44	30.4	27.3	26.1	24.6	23.7	21.7
45 and over	9.5	8.7	7.4	6.5	6.6	6.6
Age of bride						
15-19	73.9	48.3	31.2	16.4	11.0	6.5
20-24	283.7	191.6	146.0	122.4	89.4	61.1
25-29	179.9	145.4	125.7	131.0	118.5	97.3
30-34	94.9	89.3	77.3	79.5	76.5	67.1
35-39	47.9	51.8	43.9	41.7	39.6	36.6
40-44	28.7	27.0	22.1	25.0	19.1	19.0
45 and over	5.4	5.8	5.0	4.0	4.2	4.6
REARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24	160.6	233.4	194.4	111.8	34.4	50.4
25-29	290.0	341.1	236.9	200.4	146.5	134.5
30-34	271.9	308.3	207.6	173.9	138.1	126.2
35-39	188.8	243.7	167.4	136.4	114.1	96.5
40-44	127.4	186.8	118.7	104.8	84.5	65.5
45-49	90.8	135.1	98.2	88.2	67.5	53.1
50-54	66.8	100.3	71.9	57.5	50.5	44.7
55-59	49.8	66.2	52.6	43.1	41.3	32.7
60 and over	16.5	21.2	16.1	16.1	13.9	11.3
Age of bride						
15-19	64.1	137.1	90.9	42.5	11.0	4.3
20-24	306.5	286.0	226.1	185.1	110.7	114.1
25-29	264.6	254.9	193.9	182.1	150.1	131.9
30-34	157.3	194.9	136.8	123.0	112.6	100.5
35-39	100.4	136.1	96.1	84.1	73.2	62.2
40-44	65.1	87.8	71.0	61.8	49.2	43.8
45-49	42.4	60.2	44.4	41.8	35.9	29.6
50-54	23.5	29.2	24.2	23.3	21.9	21.9
55-59	11.6	15.3	12.4	12.1	12.5	10.6
60 and over	2.4	3.2	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.0

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

7.3 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties

PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....				
<i>Previous marital status of bridegroom</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
NUMBER				
Never married	23 937	164	3 031	27 132
Widowed	133	300	356	789
Divorced	3 438	434	3 923	7 795
Total	27 508	898	7 310	35 716
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	67.0	0.5	8.5	76.0
Widowed	0.4	0.8	1.0	2.2
Divorced	9.6	1.2	11.0	21.8
Total	77.0	2.5	20.5	100.0

7.4 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties—Age

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	1	—	—	1	35	—	—	35
18	55	—	—	55	565	—	1	566
19	165	—	—	165	697	—	1	698
20	368	—	—	368	1 082	—	7	1 089
21	761	—	1	762	1 717	—	14	1 731
22	1 333	—	4	1 337	2 249	1	32	2 282
23	1 899	—	6	1 905	2 751	—	42	2 793
24	2 370	—	23	2 393	2 928	2	84	3 014
25	2 612	—	51	2 663	2 682	2	130	2 814
26	2 477	—	68	2 545	2 379	2	173	2 554
27	2 373	1	105	2 479	2 026	5	208	2 239
28	1 992	2	152	2 146	1 549	6	234	1 789
29	1 735	1	163	1 899	1 274	9	258	1 541
30–34	5 636	17	1 339	6 992	3 688	54	1 646	5 388
35–39	2 188	25	1 622	3 835	1 243	80	1 467	2 790
40–44	671	44	1 356	2 071	389	93	1 219	1 701
45–49	275	66	1 207	1 548	148	110	880	1 138
50–54	98	76	826	1 000	54	117	527	698
55–59	45	107	430	582	27	95	197	319
60 and over	78	450	442	970	25	322	190	537
Total	27 132	789	7 795	35 716	27 508	898	7 310	35 716

7.5 MARRIAGES, Age of Parties

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	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
18	3	23	12	14	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	55
19	4	39	38	65	13	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	165
20-24	17	297	425	4 700	1 124	155	33	10	1	2	1	—	6 765
25-29	8	158	169	4 629	5 486	1 024	191	44	17	6	—	—	11 732
30-34	2	37	31	1 111	2 900	2 108	591	171	34	5	1	1	6 992
35-39	1	8	18	280	998	1 276	864	278	89	18	2	3	3 835
40-44	—	3	4	66	258	486	593	446	161	41	11	2	2 071
45-49	—	1	—	29	109	224	328	380	332	113	24	8	1 548
50-54	—	—	—	11	31	66	109	221	269	215	54	24	1 000
55-59	—	—	—	3	8	28	43	101	132	155	80	32	582
60 and over	—	—	—	1	9	17	35	49	103	143	146	467	970
Total	35	566	698	10 909	10 937	5 388	2 790	1 701	1 138	698	319	537	35 716

7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties

	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	22 121	—	3 337	25 458	22 121	—	4 290	26 411
Fiji	48	106	22	176	48	106	57	211
New Zealand	538	122	152	812	392	122	140	654
Other	102	96	65	263	69	96	52	217
<i>Total</i>	22 809	324	3 576	26 709	22 630	324	4 539	27 493
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	21	4	10	35	18	4	8	30
Former USSR & Baltic States	7	67	14	88	41	67	43	151
Former Yugoslav Republics	134	123	51	308	73	123	16	212
Germany	96	53	77	226	82	53	54	189
Greece	74	16	19	109	34	16	20	70
Hungary	12	16	16	44	9	16	11	36
Ireland	64	18	36	118	51	18	30	99
Italy	133	28	47	208	72	28	24	124
Malta	36	7	22	65	17	7	6	30
Netherlands	88	5	35	128	51	5	21	77
Poland	14	34	16	64	28	34	20	82
United Kingdom	1 382	346	336	2 064	934	346	227	1 507
Other	198	83	128	409	138	83	101	322
<i>Total</i>	2 259	800	807	3 866	1 548	800	581	2 929
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	47	40	31	118	16	40	14	70
Lebanon	318	206	59	583	91	206	57	354
Turkey	42	49	22	113	14	49	13	76
Other	104	162	133	399	37	162	80	279
<i>Total</i>	511	457	245	1 213	158	457	164	779
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	34	100	37	171	45	100	61	206
Malaysia	49	30	51	130	56	30	64	150
Philippines	30	250	12	292	196	250	131	577
Singapore	13	8	20	41	20	8	26	54
Thailand	3	30	11	44	55	30	55	140
Viet Nam	6	483	59	548	19	483	103	605
Other	6	83	58	147	24	83	52	159
<i>Total</i>	141	984	248	1 373	415	984	492	1 891

7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	10	593	132	735	79	593	158	830
Hong Kong	24	119	87	230	33	119	88	240
Other	21	189	41	251	106	189	111	406
<i>Total</i>	55	901	260	1 216	218	901	357	1 476
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	49	52	36	137	34	52	23	109
Sri Lanka	17	48	13	78	12	48	11	71
Other	24	55	41	120	6	55	12	73
<i>Total</i>	90	155	90	335	52	155	46	253
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	71	3	19	93	61	3	22	86
Chile	39	29	25	93	43	29	32	104
United States of America	142	26	55	223	105	26	32	163
Other	108	57	80	245	84	57	83	224
<i>Total</i>	360	115	179	654	293	115	169	577
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	92	37	35	164	93	37	49	179
Other	94	49	43	186	51	49	39	139
<i>Total</i>	186	86	78	350	144	86	88	318
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	26 411	3 822	5 483	35 716	25 458	3 822	6 436	35 716

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

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	4 389	87	659	4 540	96	499	5 135	14.4
Baptist	390	17	125	399	22	111	532	1.5
Catholic	6 346	87	225	6 418	77	163	6 658	18.6
Churches of Christ	143	3	37	140	7	36	183	0.5
Lutheran	53	6	21	64	6	10	80	0.2
Orthodox	943	6	130	989	8	82	1 079	3.0
Presbyterian	566	21	134	594	19	108	721	2.0
Uniting Church	1 821	71	658	1 977	62	511	2 550	7.1
Other denominations	2 477	63	623	2 476	86	601	3 163	8.9
<i>All religious rites</i>	17 128	361	2 612	17 597	383	2 121	20 101	56.3
CIVIL								
Official registrars	2 227	100	1 040	2 187	121	1 059	3 367	9.4
Other civil celebrants	7 777	328	4 143	7 724	394	4 130	12 248	34.3
<i>All civil rites</i>	10 004	428	5 183	9 911	515	5 189	15 615	43.7
TOTAL								
Number	27 132	789	7 795	27 508	898	7 310	35 716	100.0
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Proportion	76.0	2.2	21.8	77.0	2.5	20.5	100.0	

(a) Recognised denominations under the authority of the Australian Marriage Act 1961.

7.8 REMARRIAGES, Number of Previous Marriages and Number of Children Under 16

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	4 439	1 425	1 034	243	76	9	7 226
Two	670	216	140	45	17	6	1 094
Three or more	77	20	14	2	1	—	114
Not stated	149	—	—	—	—	1	150
Total	5 335	1 661	1 188	290	94	16	8 584
BRIDE							
One	4 263	1 371	958	268	58	6	6 924
Two	637	208	116	44	21	2	1 028
Three or more	69	19	12	3	2	—	105
Not stated	151	—	—	—	—	—	151
Total	5 120	1 598	1 086	315	81	8	8 208

7.9 REMARRIAGES, Interval to Remarriage and Reason for Termination of Last Marriage

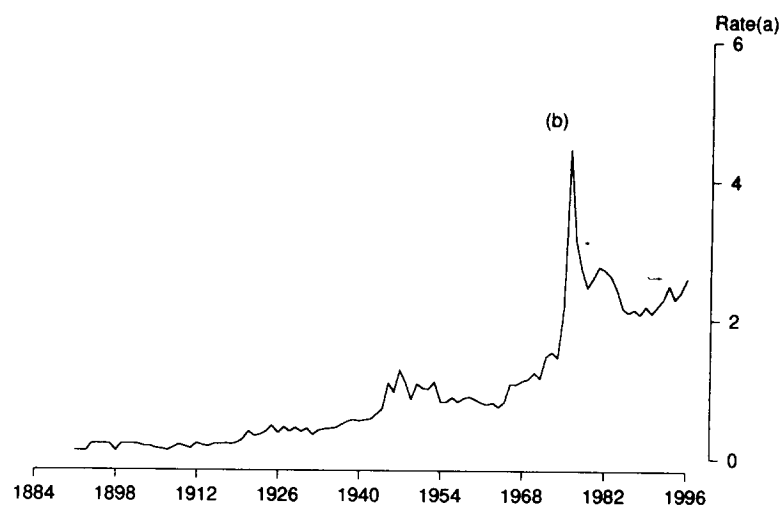
Interval between termination of last marriage and remarriage (years)	BRIDEGROOM'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY			BRIDE'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY.....		
	Death of spouse	Divorce	Total	Death of spouse	Divorce	Total
Under 1	18	1 121	1 139	9	891	900
1	112	1 627	1 739	72	1 405	1 477
2	143	957	1 100	79	925	1 004
3	93	765	858	92	747	839
4	72	589	661	75	532	607
0-4	438	5 059	5 497	327	4 500	4 827
5	65	426	491	77	449	526
6	42	334	376	60	311	371
7	46	292	338	67	283	350
8	39	238	277	32	225	257
9	32	168	200	37	188	225
5-9	224	1 458	1 682	273	1 456	1 729
10-14	67	547	614	128	637	765
15-19	22	286	308	76	306	382
20 and over	23	148	171	61	153	214
Not stated	15	297	312	33	258	291
All remarriages	789	7 795	8 584	898	7 310	8 208

SECTION 8

DIVORCES GRANTED

In 1996, there were 15,984 divorces registered in NSW. This figure has only been exceeded on one previous occasion, in 1976 (22,147 divorces), which was immediately after the introduction of the *Family Law Act (1975)* in January 1976. The crude divorce rate was 2.6 divorces per 1,000 of total population in 1996 compared with 4.5 in 1976.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATE



(a) Per 1,000 population. (b) Introduction of the *Family Law Act 1975*.

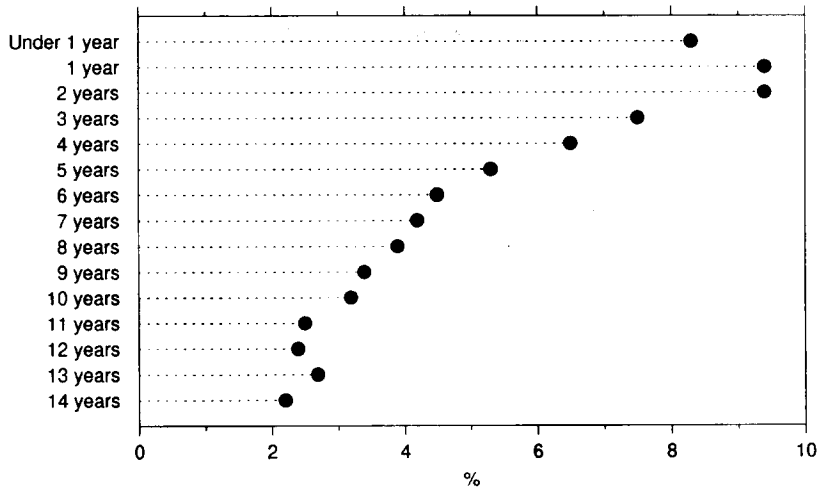
DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Of couples who divorced in 1996, 41% had separated within five years of marriage, and 27% separated within three years. The most common interval to separation was equally one and two completed years (1501 divorces). The median interval between marriage and separation was 6.8 years and the median interval between marriage and divorce was 10.1 years. Both these median intervals are the lowest of any State or Territory in Australia. The median intervals for Australia are 7.6 years and 11.0 years respectively.

AGE AT DIVORCE AND FINAL SEPARATION

The median ages at divorce in 1996 were 36.8 years for wives and 39.7 years for husbands, and the corresponding median ages in 1986 were 34.8 years and 37.7 years respectively. The median ages at final separation in 1996 were 33.6 years for wives and 36.4 years for husbands, compared with median ages in 1986 of 32.1 years and 35.0 years respectively. In 11% of 1996 divorces, both husband and wife were under 30 years at date of divorce.

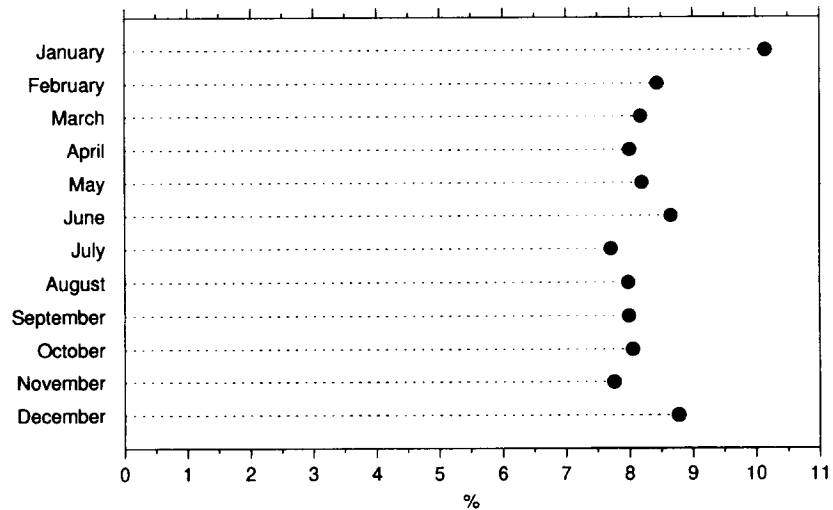
INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FINAL SEPARATION



MONTH OF SEPARATION

For divorces granted in 1996 the month during which most couples separated was January (10.2%). January has consistently been the most common month of separation for people who became divorced. The corresponding percentages for the three previous years were 10.5% (1993), 10.5% (1994) and 10.4% (1995).

MONTH OF SEPARATION



SEX OF APPLICANT

In 1996, 21% of divorces were the result of a joint application by both husband and wife, compared with 17% in 1995 and 6% in 1986. Most applications (45%) are still made by the wife singly, but this proportion has decreased from 54% in 1986.

DIVORCES INVOLVING CHILDREN UNDER EIGHTEEN

The proportion of divorces which involved at least one child under the age of eighteen at the time of application for divorce was 51%. Altogether 14,827 children under eighteen were involved, and the predominant age of the youngest child was four years.

AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATE

Since 1986, age-specific divorce rates for husbands have increased steadily for all ages 30 years and over. The peak age group is currently 35–39 years, although the age group 55 years and over increased by almost 30% during the decade.

A similar pattern emerged in the age-specific divorce rates for wives, although the peak age group is 30–34 years. The rate for the age group 50–54 years increased by more than 40% and the age group 55 years and over increased by 30% during the decade.

8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL DIVORCES							
Divorces granted	11 661	13 151	13 949	14 753	13 999	14 945	15 984
Crude divorce rate	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.6
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.2	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.8
Divorces involving children							
Number	6 638	6 428	6 586	7 180	6 752	n.a.	8 120
Percentage of total divorces	56.9	48.9	47.2	48.7	48.2	n.a.	50.8
Average number of children	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	n.a.	1.8
Applicant							
Husband	4 702	5 062	5 140	5 345	5 208	5 237	5 436
Wife	6 276	6 158	6 651	7 144	6 988	7 143	7 262
Joint	683	1 931	2 158	2 264	1 803	2 565	3 286

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
HUSBAND							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
25-29	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.3	7.5	7.8
30-34	10.8	11.2	11.4	11.8	11.1	11.7	12.2
35-39	10.1	10.9	12.1	11.7	11.3	11.8	12.5
40-44	9.2	9.5	10.0	11.1	10.1	10.9	11.2
45-49	8.1	8.3	8.9	9.4	9.0	9.8	10.2
50-54	6.0	6.2	6.6	7.5	7.4	7.2	8.0
55 and over	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	9 761	11 056	11 457	12 153	11 408	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	169	86	158	146	160	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	1 731	2 009	2 334	2 454	2 431	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Total</i>	<i>11 661</i>	<i>13 151</i>	<i>13 949</i>	<i>14 753</i>	<i>13 999</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Median age (years)							
At marriage	24.6	25.2	25.4	25.6	25.9	26.1	26.2
At final separation	35.0	35.1	35.4	35.8	36.3	36.4	36.4
At decree made absolute	37.7	38.0	38.3	38.9	39.3	39.5	39.7
WIFE							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	3.0	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.1
25-29	10.7	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.7	10.9	11.6
30-34	10.5	11.8	12.3	12.9	12.0	12.7	13.3
35-39	10.0	10.3	10.8	11.4	10.8	11.8	12.0
40-44	8.6	9.1	9.6	10.2	9.7	10.1	10.5
45-49	6.7	7.0	7.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.8
50-54	4.3	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.8	6.1
55 and over	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	9 824	11 118	11 608	12 233	11 465	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	203	110	160	183	166	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	1 634	1 923	2 181	2 337	2 368	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Total</i>	<i>11 661</i>	<i>13 151</i>	<i>13 949</i>	<i>14 753</i>	<i>13 999</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Median age (years)							
At marriage	21.8	22.6	22.8	23.0	23.2	23.4	23.5
At final separation	32.1	32.4	32.6	32.9	33.5	33.5	33.6
At decree made absolute	34.8	35.2	35.4	35.9	36.5	36.6	36.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

8.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage—Duration of Marriage

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
HUSBAND										
1	4	43	66	24	14	7	11	15	3	187
2	17	238	281	195	104	48	41	52	22	998
3	22	346	357	187	104	67	27	71	18	1 199
4	21	334	367	189	84	65	26	51	9	1 146
5	29	292	367	164	86	53	33	39	8	1 071
6	23	297	327	180	84	57	34	30	9	1 041
7	31	250	269	140	59	40	15	38	8	850
8	25	213	245	111	60	45	17	21	7	744
9	16	226	233	100	46	34	12	23	6	696
10-14	63	975	850	435	223	113	53	60	16	2 788
15-19	90	741	517	210	75	54	29	28	17	1 761
20-24	127	782	413	104	46	21	17	8	6	1 524
25-29	85	654	255	61	20	8	5	4	8	1 100
30 and over	68	489	228	57	16	5	2	1	13	879
Total	621	5 880	4 775	2 157	1 021	617	322	441	150	15 984
WIFE										
1	25	69	35	24	15	7	1	9	2	187
2	86	341	232	148	82	37	25	33	14	998
3	110	462	279	145	77	60	25	26	15	1 199
4	92	487	277	130	65	43	25	17	10	1 146
5	103	461	236	114	66	42	20	17	12	1 071
6	103	417	253	123	57	36	22	18	12	1 041
7	102	322	220	85	42	33	15	19	12	850
8	90	300	177	91	36	17	17	6	10	744
9	76	309	163	62	36	25	9	10	6	696
10-14	391	1 254	622	267	121	59	30	23	21	2 788
15-19	392	783	344	145	40	22	10	11	14	1 761
20-24	477	712	216	59	25	12	5	5	13	1 524
25-29	356	593	115	13	12	—	—	3	8	1 100
30 and over	301	436	92	22	8	5	2	—	13	879
Total	2 704	6 946	3 261	1 428	682	398	206	197	162	15 984

8.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation—Duration of Marriage to Separation

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
HUSBAND											
Under 1	22	278	392	241	132	72	57	34	61	38	1 327
1	10	286	465	318	177	89	50	35	46	25	1 501
2	—	219	511	368	156	110	55	17	50	15	1 501
3	—	85	413	329	152	90	51	31	40	10	1 201
4	—	41	348	310	149	67	60	23	31	6	1 035
5	—	10	262	278	157	62	35	15	23	5	847
6	—	7	177	263	112	64	38	26	30	1	718
7	—	—	100	247	157	76	42	19	26	6	673
8	—	—	52	233	154	80	45	25	27	3	619
9	—	—	18	212	154	77	34	24	21	5	545
10-14	—	—	13	482	825	390	185	93	82	9	2 079
15-19	—	—	—	13	455	658	293	72	85	9	1 585
20-24	—	—	—	—	29	450	541	173	80	6	1 279
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	10	253	275	116	7	661
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	101	290	3	399
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	14
Total	32	926	2 751	3 294	2 809	2 295	1 744	963	1 008	162	15 984

WIFE											
Under 1	117	419	309	195	104	73	33	24	25	28	1 327
1	49	509	428	206	136	76	40	24	14	19	1 501
2	9	413	532	249	124	63	46	20	22	23	1 501
3	5	264	445	233	118	60	34	17	16	9	1 201
4	3	169	412	219	110	55	30	16	14	7	1 035
5	1	77	381	219	81	38	19	8	15	8	847
6	—	29	277	237	83	40	19	19	11	3	718
7	—	16	203	253	92	48	28	18	9	6	673
8	—	5	164	234	118	50	19	17	10	2	619
9	—	—	92	267	104	33	28	4	11	6	545
10-14	—	—	107	864	642	267	116	29	39	15	2 079
15-19	—	—	—	111	743	486	160	41	31	13	1 585
20-24	—	—	—	—	133	707	331	66	31	11	1 279
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	69	359	190	37	6	661
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	2	36	144	213	4	399
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	14
Total	184	1 901	3 350	3 287	2 588	2 067	1 298	637	498	174	15 984

8.4 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Divorce

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	191	70	19	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	286
25-29	406	1 103	227	61	14	5	—	1	—	14	1 831
30-34	157	1 055	1 321	295	80	22	4	2	1	23	2 960
35-39	43	323	1 113	1 177	256	55	23	4	1	23	3 018
40-44	8	108	337	869	938	188	34	4	—	12	2 498
45-49	5	34	102	321	728	827	147	26	2	20	2 212
50-54	5	12	48	108	199	525	436	65	13	4	1 415
55-59	1	8	16	35	67	149	262	171	47	4	760
60 and over	1	4	18	25	35	76	124	174	387	10	854
Not stated	5	13	24	18	6	18	2	9	4	51	150
Total	822	2 730	3 225	2 912	2 324	1 866	1 032	456	455	162	15 984

8.5 DIVORCES, Children of the Marriage(a)—Duration of Marriage

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

<i>Duration of marriage (years)</i>	0	1	2	3	<i>4 or more</i>	<i>All divorces</i>	<i>All children</i>	<i>Average number of children(b)</i>
1	166	12	4	5	—	187	35	1.7
2	792	125	59	16	6	998	316	1.5
3	876	214	80	23	6	1 199	467	1.4
4	768	237	107	22	12	1 146	568	1.5
5	615	268	149	32	7	1 071	692	1.5
6	539	267	180	43	12	1 041	808	1.6
7	364	227	197	55	7	850	815	1.7
8	299	187	188	53	17	744	792	1.8
9	247	161	206	67	15	696	837	1.9
10-14	714	602	987	351	134	2 788	4 214	2.0
15-19	316	346	655	317	127	1 761	3 137	2.2
20-24	559	474	339	120	32	1 524	1 647	1.7
25-29	775	226	83	11	5	1 100	445	1.4
30 and over	834	36	9	—	—	879	54	1.2
Total	7 864	3 382	3 243	1 115	380	15 984	14 827	1.8

(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

	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	8 105	—	1 562	9 667	8 105	—	2 053	10 158
Fiji	42	108	17	167	49	108	46	203
New Zealand	183	111	73	367	136	111	108	355
Other	32	34	21	87	26	34	29	89
<i>Total</i>	8 362	253	1 673	10 288	8 316	253	2 236	10 805
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	15	9	9	33	8	9	10	27
Former USSR & Baltic States	11	47	12	70	7	47	16	70
Former Yugoslav Republics	62	107	48	217	26	107	21	154
Germany	81	23	45	149	50	23	30	103
Greece	48	45	25	118	16	45	13	74
Hungary	13	23	10	46	7	23	6	36
Ireland	48	21	16	85	17	21	14	52
Italy	80	66	37	183	27	66	30	123
Malta	47	21	8	76	20	21	9	50
Netherlands	58	12	24	94	34	12	12	58
Poland	6	53	12	71	7	53	14	74
United Kingdom	710	370	187	1 267	526	370	116	1 012
Other	91	98	84	273	69	98	75	242
<i>Total</i>	1 270	895	517	2 682	814	895	366	2 075
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	23	32	32	87	8	32	16	56
Lebanon	69	164	34	267	27	164	42	233
Turkey	19	52	10	81	8	52	6	66
Other	51	60	63	174	12	60	37	109
<i>Total</i>	162	308	139	609	55	308	101	464
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	13	30	16	59	11	30	14	55
Malaysia	19	18	19	56	21	18	25	64
Philippines	12	131	8	151	113	131	82	326
Singapore	8	8	7	23	14	8	11	33
Thailand	3	16	8	27	36	16	38	90
Viet Nam	2	368	65	435	7	368	40	415
Other	1	57	19	77	4	57	16	77
<i>Total</i>	58	628	142	828	206	628	226	1 060

8.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties *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	27	456	91	574	61	456	141	658
Hong Kong	16	61	49	126	15	61	43	119
Other	10	58	14	82	26	58	33	117
Total	53	575	154	782	102	575	217	894
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	27	41	28	96	15	41	14	70
Sri Lanka	6	18	4	28	5	18	6	29
Other	28	14	44	86	3	14	3	20
Total	61	73	76	210	23	73	23	119
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	24	7	5	36	25	7	17	49
Chile	11	49	12	72	9	49	22	80
United States of America	53	5	15	73	31	5	14	50
Other	46	94	49	189	27	94	64	185
Total	134	155	81	370	92	155	117	364
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	19	28	17	64	25	28	18	71
Other	23	41	34	98	16	41	18	75
Total	42	69	51	162	41	69	36	146
Other and not stated	16	27	10	53	18	27	12	57
Total	10 158	2 983	2 843	15 984	9 667	2 983	3 334	15 984

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 (ERP) 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. Australia 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 1991 onwards (although they are included in Table 1.1). These numbers are not statistically significant. —

POPULATION

Population estimates

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

5 Estimates of the population of NSW are made to varying degrees of accuracy throughout the year, and this publication has used preliminary 1996 based estimates for each population table. Final 1996 based estimates for NSW are published in *Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)* for June Quarter 1997, while final 1996 based estimates for statistical areas are published in *Population, NSW (3234.1)* and *Population by Age and Sex, NSW (3235.1)*. Vital statistics rates for the years 1991 to 1996 inclusive in this publication have been calculated using the latest 1991 based estimates and will be revised in *Demography, NSW, 1997*.

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 have been derived from aggregated statistical information on interstate changes of address advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (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: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods (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. 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 and registered up to June 1997.
- 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. As a result of delay in registration, 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 and registered by June 1997.
- 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 three years of population and deaths data surrounding the reference year. 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 to 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 NSW Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages 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 may 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 designated 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.

DIVORCES

18 All divorce data in this publication are based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce was granted and registered. The number of divorces shown for NSW is dependent on the number of cases heard by Family Law Courts in NSW. As there is no residential requirement under Family Law, applicants may be resident anywhere in Australia. Cases from most of south eastern NSW are heard by the ACT Family Court.

19 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.

20 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.

21 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.

22 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.

DIVORCES (continued)

23 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 (providing State or Territory) at 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.

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

24 The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification, (ASGC), Edition 5* (1216.0).

25 The boundaries used for births and deaths statistics are the Statistical Local Area boundaries at 1 July 1996.

26 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) (1269.0).

27 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.

GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

28 ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

31 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) (quarterly)
Australian Demographic Trends (3102.0)
Australian Social Trends (4102.0)
Births, Australia (3301.0)
Causes of Death, Australia (3303.0)
Deaths, Australia (3302.0)
Demography (3311.1-8) (State and Territory specific publications)
Family Characteristics, Australia (4442.0)
Marriages and Divorces, Australia (3310.0)
Migration, Australia (3412.0)
NSW Year Book (1301.1)
Overseas Arrivals and Departures (3401.0)
Population by Age and Sex, NSW (3235.1)
Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories (3201.0)
Population, NSW, (3234.1)
Population Projections, 1997 to 2051 (3222.0)
Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0)
Regional Statistics, NSW (1304.1)
Suicides, Australia (3309.0)

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

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

36 In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix A lists characteristics processed by the ABS for births, deaths, marriages and divorces. 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 New South Wales, but not published in this bulletin.

BIRTHS

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin of mother
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin of father (if paternity acknowledged)
- Birthweight
- Hospital/non-hospital birth
- Place of marriage
- State of registration

DEATHS

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin
- Age at marriage
- Number of children of deceased
- Occupation at time of death (or previous occupation, if retired)

MARRIAGES

- Birthplace of parents of bridegroom
- Birthplace of parents of bride
- Duration of residence in Australia, if born overseas
- Number of children of previous marriages
- Year of birth of youngest child
- Year of celebration of last marriage
- Year of first previous marriage

DIVORCES

- Age of youngest child of marriage
- Month of divorce

APPENDIX **B**

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population(a)	Births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate(b)	Crude death rate(b)	Infant mortality rate(c)	Crude marriage rate(b)	Crude divorce rate(b)
1911(d)	1 663 200	47 677	17 179	3 313	15 267	222	28.7	10.3	69.5	9.2	0.1
1916	1 891 800	52 075	(e)19 854	3 533	16 320	372	27.5	10.5	67.8	8.6	0.2
1921	2 108 500	54 634	20 034	3 436	18 518	807	25.9	9.5	62.9	8.8	0.4
1926	2 346 900	53 126	22 188	3 060	19 219	846	22.6	9.5	57.4	8.2	0.4
1931	2 555 900	47 724	21 284	2 077	15 377	1 087	18.7	8.3	43.5	6.0	0.4
1936	2 668 300	46 193	24 376	2 008	22 873	1 172	17.3	9.1	43.5	8.6	0.4
1941	2 800 500	51 729	(f)27 300	2 264	29 983	1 577	18.5	9.7	43.8	10.7	0.6
1946	2 945 200	67 247	(f)28 579	2 032	31 684	(g)2 798	22.8	9.7	30.2	10.8	1.0
1951	3 279 400	72 069	31 932	1 895	30 341	3 303	22.0	9.7	26.3	9.3	1.0
1956	3 556 700	75 714	34 064	1 777	27 313	3 125	21.3	9.6	23.5	7.7	0.9
1961	3 914 000	86 392	35 048	1 800	29 773	3 156	22.1	9.0	20.8	7.6	0.8
1966(h)	4 238 800	77 776	40 564	1 492	35 575	4 515	18.3	9.6	19.2	8.4	1.1
1971(i)	4 725 400	98 736	41 826	1 728	43 038	5 467	20.9	8.9	17.5	9.1	1.2
1976	4 960 800	78 749	42 214	1 177	38 487	(j)22 147	15.9	8.5	14.9	7.8	4.5
1981	5 236 900	81 971	40 114	840	40 679	14 532	15.7	7.7	10.2	7.8	2.8
1986	5 533 100	84 531	42 167	759	41 319	11 661	15.3	7.6	9.0	7.5	2.1
1991	5 899 200	87 367	42 467	632	39 594	13 151	14.8	7.2	7.2	6.7	2.2
1992	5 958 300	92 585	44 801	688	40 734	13 949	15.5	7.5	7.4	6.8	2.3
1993	6 001 400	89 354	43 069	552	39 993	14 753	14.9	7.2	6.2	6.7	2.5
1994	6 049 200	87 977	44 763	551	38 814	13 999	14.5	7.4	6.3	6.4	2.3
1995	6 112 200	87 849	44 773	498	37 828	14 945	14.4	7.3	5.7	6.2	2.4
1996	6 190 200	86 595	45 141	499	35 716	15 984	14.4	7.3	5.8	5.8	2.6

(a) Prior to 1994, the population is the mean population for the year ended 31 December. From 1994, the population is the estimated resident population at 30 June (based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing).

(b) Crude rate per 1,000 population.

(c) Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births.

(d) Australian Capital Territory separated from New South Wales on 1 January 1911.

(e) Excludes deaths of members of the Defence Forces serving overseas.

(f) Excludes deaths of defence personnel.

(g) Includes nullities and judicial separations prior to 1947.

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

(i) 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.

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

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996

<i>Characteristics of persons counted</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of total persons</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
Total persons counted(a)	2 983 447	3 055 249	6 038 696	100.0
Persons counted in private dwellings	2 879 260	2 962 216	5 841 476	96.7
Persons counted in non-private dwellings	102 002	92 581	194 583	3.2
Usual residence				
Persons counted at home	2 829 733	2 918 972	5 748 705	95.2
Visitors counted from				
Same statistical local area	26 951	24 938	51 889	0.9
Elsewhere within NSW	76 705	64 774	141 479	2.3
Interstate	29 373	24 097	53 470	0.9
Overseas	20 683	22 468	43 151	0.7
Total visitors	153 712	136 277	289 989	4.8
Usual residence 5 years ago(b)				
Same address	1 436 241	1 492 911	2 929 152	48.5
Different address				
Same statistical local area	410 960	431 125	842 085	13.9
Elsewhere within NSW	462 296	476 805	939 101	15.6
Interstate	89 460	89 582	165 862	2.7
Overseas	110 639	120 890	231 529	3.8
Not stated(c)	2 080	1 895	17 155	0.3
Not stated	105 230	103 588	208 818	3.5
Age of persons counted (years)				
0-14	658 494	627 098	1 285 592	21.3
15-54	1 718 995	1 715 841	3 434 836	56.9
55-64	256 520	255 695	512 215	8.5
65 or more	328 755	434 147	762 902	12.6
Marital status of persons counted(d)				
Never married	796 132	650 637	1 446 769	24.0
Married	1 261 075	1 260 499	2 521 574	41.8
Separated but not divorced	70 826	85 182	156 008	2.6
Divorced	133 484	171 696	305 180	5.1
Widowed	61 264	257 983	319 247	5.3
Birthplace of persons counted				
Australia	2 163 741	2 230 477	4 394 218	72.8
Other Oceania and Antarctica	63 941	66 441	130 382	2.2
Europe and the former USSR	339 689	322 094	661 783	11.0
Middle East and North Africa	60 500	54 832	115 332	1.9
Southeast Asia	82 343	96 602	178 945	3.0
Northeast Asia	68 614	76 022	144 636	2.4
Southern Asia	29 031	25 699	54 730	0.9
Northern America	12 978	13 124	26 102	0.4
South America, Central America & the Caribbean	18 952	20 565	39 517	0.7
Africa (excl. North Africa)	17 657	17 644	35 301	0.6
Other(e)	1 178	1 051	2 229	—
Not stated	104 141	108 229	212 370	3.5

For footnotes see end of table.

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

Characteristics of persons counted	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total persons
	no.	no.	no.	%
<i>Australian citizens</i>	2 633 814	2 701 446	5 335 260	88.4
Aged 18 years or more	1 910 239	2 012 903	3 923 142	65.0
Persons identifying themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	50 065	51 420	101 485	1.7
<i>Labour force status(d)</i>				
<i>Employed persons</i>	1 431 553	1 127 322	2 558 875	42.4
Full-time(f)	1 151 954	608 742	1 760 696	29.2
Part-time	247 707	493 504	741 211	12.3
Hours worked not stated	31 892	25 076	56 968	0.9
<i>Unemployed persons</i>	150 858	96 811	247 669	4.1
Looking for full-time work	131 339	62 420	193 759	3.2
Looking for part-time work	19 519	34 391	53 910	0.9
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	1 582 411	1 224 133	2 806 544	46.5
Total not in the labour force	658 592	1 127 375	1 785 967	29.6
Not stated	63 267	54 175	117 442	1.9

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Persons aged 5 years or more counted at home on census night.

(c) Comprises persons who stated they lived at a different address, in Australia, 5 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 the census.

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 and sex 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** Age-specific divorce rates in this publication are the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June, in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population.
- Age-specific marriage rates** Age-specific marriage rates in this publication are the number of marriages, by age at marriage, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June, in specific age groups. Males and females 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 movements
 - long-term movements (one year or more)
 - short-term movements (less than one year).
- 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.
- 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.

- Children (divorce collection)** Children in the divorce collection are unmarried children of the marriage who were aged under 18 years at the time of application for divorce. Under the *Family Law Act 1975*, these may include (in certain cases) adopted and ex-nuptial children and children from a former marriage. Children who are married or aged 18 years or more are not subject to custody and guardianship orders and are excluded.
- Children (marriage collection)** Children in the marriage collection refer to persons under 16 years of age born from previous marriages.
- Confinement** A pregnancy which results in at least one live birth.
- Crude birth rate** 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.
- Crude death rate** 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.
- Crude divorce rate** 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.
- Crude marriage rate** 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.
- 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: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods* (3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) (issued quarterly).

Female net reproduction rate The female net reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table. It indicates the extent to which the population would reproduce itself. It makes an allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. 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.

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 and fetal deaths combined, who weighed at least 500 grams at birth/delivery (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 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 or Torres Strait Islander origin.

An Indigenous death refers to a death where the deceased was identified as being of Aboriginal 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.
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.
Marriage	Under the <i>Australian Marriage Act 1961</i> (Commonwealth), 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.
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.
Neonatal death rate	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).
Nuptial first confinement	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.

Nuptiality	Nuptiality relates to the relative marital status of parents. Confinements and births are identified as being nuptial where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy.
Paternity-acknowledged birth	A paternity-acknowledged birth refers to an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.
Perinatal death	A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as elsewhere defined.
Perinatal death rate	The perinatal death rate is the number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths combined, who weighed at least 500 grams at birth/delivery (or at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable).
Permanent arrivals (settlers)	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).
Permanent departures	Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they do not intend to return to Australia.
Previous births	<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>
Previous issue	See Previous births.
Remarriage rates	Remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced men and women of the same age.
Sex ratio	The sex ratio relates to the number of male events (births and deaths) per 100 female events.
Short-term arrivals	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.
Short-term departures	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.

-
- Standardised death rates** 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:
- The *direct method* — 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.
 - The *indirect method* — 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.
- State or Territory of registration** 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 paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes.
- State or Territory of usual residence** State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of:
- the population (estimated resident population);
 - the mother (birth collection);
 - the deceased (death collection).
- 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.
- Total fertility rate** 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, multiplying by five and dividing by 1,000.



FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .

For more information . . .

The ABS publishes a wide range of statistics and other information on Australia's economic and social conditions. Details of what is available in various publications and other products can be found in the ABS Catalogue of Publications and Products available from all ABS Offices.

ABS Products and Services

Many standard products are available from ABS bookshops located in each State and Territory. In addition to these products, information tailored to the needs of clients can be obtained on a wide range of media by contacting your nearest ABS Office. The ABS also provides a Subscription Service for standard products and some tailored information services.

National Dial-a-Statistic Line

0055 86 400

Steadycom P/L: premium rate 25c/20 secs.

This number gives 24-hour access, 365 days a year, for a range of important economic statistics including the CPI.

Internet

<http://www.abs.gov.au>

A wide range of ABS information is available via the Internet, with basic statistics available for each State, Territory and Australia. We also have Key National Indicators, ABS product release details and other information of general interest.

Sales and Inquiries

client.services@abs.gov.au

National Mail Order Service	(02) 6252 5249
Subscription Service	1300 366 323

	Information Inquiries	Bookshop Sales
CANBERRA	(02) 6252 6627	(02) 6207 0326
SYDNEY	(02) 9268 4611	(02) 9268 4620
MELBOURNE	(03) 9615 7755	(03) 9615 7755
BRISBANE	(07) 3222 6351	(07) 3222 6350
PERTH	(08) 9360 5140	(08) 9360 5307
ADELAIDE	(08) 8237 7100	(08) 8237 7582
HOBART	(03) 6222 5800	(03) 6222 5800
DARWIN	(08) 8943 2111	(08) 8943 2111



Client Services, ABS, PO Box 10, Belconnen ACT 2616

