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PLEASE NOTE

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

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



SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
NT	Northern Territory
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographic Classification
ASCCSS	Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics
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
SSD	Statistical subdivision
(CGC)	Community Government Council
(S)	Shire
(T)	Town
Bal	Balance
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero or less than three



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SECTION 1

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

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	NORTHERN TERRITORY..			AUSTRALIA.....		
	1987	1997	Change	1987	1997	Change
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Estimated resident population	158.2	189.2	19.6	16 394.6	18 631.1	13.6
Net overseas migration	1.0	0.5	-46.1	136.1	83.7	-38.5
Net interstate migration	-1.6	0.7	—
Births						
Registration basis	3.5	3.6	1.7	244.0	251.8	3.2
Deaths						
Registration basis	0.7	0.9	31.8	117.3	129.4	10.3
Marriages	0.8	0.8	2.3	114.1	106.7	-6.5
Divorces	0.3	0.4	26.8	39.7	51.3	29.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

- The estimated resident population of the Northern Territory at 31 December 1997 was 189,185. This was an increase of 19.6% over the last 10 years.
- The median age of people resident in the Northern Territory at 31 December 1997 was 28.0 years. This was 6.3 years lower than the national median age of 34.3 years.

OVERSEAS MIGRATION

- In 1997 more people settled in the Northern Territory from an overseas country than left the Northern Territory for overseas, either permanently or long term. The net overseas migration gain for the Northern Territory was 532 persons.
- In 1997 13.6% of growth in the Northern Territory was due to overseas migration compared with 40.2% nationally.

INTERSTATE MIGRATION

- In 1997 more people settled in the Northern Territory than left for other parts of Australia. The net interstate migration gain for the Northern Territory was 670 persons. The State which provided the highest net number of interstate migrants to the Northern Territory was Victoria (754) while the largest net loss was to Queensland (-230).

BIRTHS

Registration basis

- In 1997 there were 3,588 births registered in the Northern Territory. This was an increase of 1.7% over the number registered in 1987 (3,529). The number of births registered in Australia increased by 3.2% over the same period.
- The total fertility rate in the Northern Territory in 1997 was 2.2 children per female, well above the national rate of 1.8.
- The peak age group for mothers giving birth in the Northern Territory remained 25–29 years in 1997 with a birth rate of 116.9 per 1,000 population. The national peak age group for mothers giving birth was the same at 25–29 years, with a birth rate of 113.8 per 1,000 population.
- The number of Northern Territory ex–nuptial births increased by 25.2% from 1,236 in 1987 to 2,066 in 1997. As a proportion of all births registered in the Northern Territory, ex–nuptial births increased from 49.7% to 57.6%. The 1997 proportion was more than double the national figure of 28.1%.

DEATHS

Registration basis

- In 1997 there were 891 deaths registered in the Northern Territory. This was an increase of 31.8% on the number registered in 1987 (676).
- The standardised death rate in the Northern Territory in 1997 was 9.8 per 1,000 standard population compared with 10.7 in 1987. The standardised death rate in Australia in 1997 was 6.2.
- In 1997 the median age at death in the Northern Territory was 56.3 years for males and 57.6 years for females compared with the national median age at death of 74.2 years for males and 81.0 years for females.
- There were 45 infant deaths registered in the Northern Territory in 1997. This was a decrease of 18.2% over the number registered in 1987 (55). The infant mortality rate declined substantially from 15.6 per 1,000 live births in 1987 to 12.5 in 1997 but remained more than twice the national rate of 5.3.

MARRIAGES

- There were 786 marriages registered in the Northern Territory in 1997. This was 2.3% more than the number registered in 1987 (768).
- In 1997 the crude marriage rate was 4.2 per 1,000 population. This was down from the 1987 rate of 4.9 and less than the 1997 national rate of 5.8.
- The median marriage age for males and females marrying in 1997 was 31.6 years for males and 28.8 years for females, an increase of 1.9 years and 2.5 years respectively since 1987. When compared with Australia, the Northern Territory median age at marriage in 1997 was higher by 1.9 years for males and 1.3 years for females.

DIVORCES

- In 1997 the crude divorce rate was 2.2 per 1,000 population. This was up from the 1987 rate of 2.1 but less than the 1997 national rate of 2.8.
- Males and females divorcing in 1997 were older than those divorcing in 1987. In 1997 the median age at divorce was 41.4 years for males and 38.6 years for females. The comparative medians in 1987 were 37.9 years and 34.3 years respectively. The Australian median ages at divorce in 1997 were 40.3 years for males and 37.6 years for females.

1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1997

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
POPULATION									
Estimated resident population ('000)	6 306.3	4 627.3	3 430.4	1 482.9	1 811.1	471.8	189.2	309.0	18 631.1
Components of population change(c)									
Natural increase(d)	41 941	28 978	24 990	6 769	14 041	2 240	2 699	3 034	124 729
Net overseas migration(e)	34 302	19 774	13 745	3 297	12 115	70	532	-122	83 702
Net interstate migration	-10 782	-2 700	20 202	-3 399	3 038	-4 593	670	2 436	..
Total increase	65 461	46 052	58 937	6 667	29 194	-2 283	3 901	5 348	208 431
Growth rate (%)	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.5	1.6	-0.5	2.1	0.2	1.1
BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS									
Live births									
Number	87 156	60 732	46 965	18 362	24 776	6 007	3 588	4 208	251 842
Total fertility rate	1.832	1.688	1.801	1.703	1.787	1.799	2.171	1.601	1.775
Crude birth rate	13.9	13.2	13.8	12.4	13.8	12.7	19.2	13.6	13.6
Female net reproduction rate	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9
All confinements									
Number	85 967	59 804	46 279	18 095	24 407	5 935	3 552	4 161	248 246
Median age of mother (years)	29.4	30.0	28.6	29.7	29.2	28.2	27.0	29.8	29.4
Nuptial confinements									
Median age (years)									
Mother	30.3	30.7	29.9	30.8	30.3	29.7	29.8	30.6	30.4
Father	32.9	33.0	32.3	33.0	32.8	32.2	32.5	32.7	32.8
First nuptial confinements									
Number	26 275	19 264	12 313	5 174	6 737	1 733	559	1 285	73 356
Median age of mother	28.9	29.3	28.6	29.4	29.0	28.3	28.6	29.2	29.0
DEATHS									
Number	45 641	33 261	21 945	11 658	10 807	3 809	891	1 334	129 350
Standardised death rate	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.8	9.8	6.0	6.2
Crude death rate	7.3	7.2	6.5	7.9	6.0	8.0	4.8	4.3	7.0
Median age at death (years)									
Males	74.3	74.7	73.3	75.2	73.6	75.2	56.3	72.6	74.2
Females	81.1	81.4	80.4	81.5	80.8	80.2	57.6	78.8	81.0
Infant deaths									
Number	451	300	272	87	131	39	45	16	1 341
Rate	5.2	4.9	5.8	4.7	5.3	6.5	12.5	3.8	5.3
Perinatal deaths									
Number	861	522	430	152	202	70	56	28	2 321
Rate	9.8	8.6	9.1	8.2	8.1	11.6	15.5	6.6	9.2

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1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1997 *continued*

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>
MARRIAGES									
Number registered	36 679	25 456	20 868	7 945	10 456	2 672	786	1 873	106 735
Crude marriage rate	5.8	5.5	6.1	5.4	5.8	5.6	4.2	6.0	5.8
Median age at marriage (years)									
Bridegroom	29.6	29.6	29.7	29.8	30.4	29.7	31.6	29.6	29.7
Bride	27.3	27.5	27.5	27.4	27.9	27.3	28.8	27.3	27.5
DIVORCES									
Number granted	14 655	12 463	11 744	4 115	5 046	1 321	416	1 528	51 288
Crude divorce rate	2.3	2.7	3.5	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.2	(f)	2.8
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.0	11.0	11.7	11.8	12.0	12.0	11.6	11.4	11.1
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.7	7.7	8.1	8.6	8.3	8.7	7.8	8.2	7.7

(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) See paragraph 22 in Explanatory Notes.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a)

<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>
DARWIN SD					
Darwin City SSD					
Alawa	2 328	36	n.p.	4	n.p.
Anula	2 823	48	n.p.	6	n.p.
Brinkin	1 206	22	n.p.	–	n.p.
City – Inner	1 872	57	n.p.	55	n.p.
Coconut Grove	2 107	35	n.p.	17	n.p.
Fannie Bay	2 787	30	n.p.	14	n.p.
Jingili	2 076	41	n.p.	5	n.p.
Karama	5 378	89	n.p.	13	n.p.
Larrakeyah	2 874	27	n.p.	–	n.p.
Leanyer	5 214	80	n.p.	10	n.p.
Lee Point–Leanyer Swamp	125	–	n.p.	–	n.p.
Ludmilla	1 930	39	n.p.	8	n.p.
Malak	3 664	74	n.p.	17	n.p.
Marrara	1 820	23	n.p.	–	n.p.
Millner	2 733	55	n.p.	11	n.p.
Moil	2 287	35	n.p.	6	n.p.
Nakara	2 212	29	n.p.	–	n.p.
Narrows	545	7	n.p.	–	n.p.
Nightcliff	3 858	67	n.p.	23	n.p.
Parap	1 593	14	n.p.	16	n.p.
Rapid Creek	3 106	30	n.p.	4	n.p.
Stuart Park	2 840	55	n.p.	8	n.p.
The Gardens	624	4	n.p.	–	n.p.
Tiwi	2 701	37	n.p.	7	n.p.
Wagaman	2 423	37	n.p.	9	n.p.
Wanguri	2 063	22	n.p.	3	n.p.
Winnellie	604	24	n.p.	3	n.p.
Wulagi	2 777	63	n.p.	10	n.p.
City – Remainder	2 845	36	n.p.	4	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	69 415	1 116	1.811	261	8.3
Palmerston–East Arm SSD					
East Arm	231	–	n.p.	–	n.p.
Driver	2 794	69	n.p.	3	n.p.
Gray	3 463	84	n.p.	9	n.p.
Moulden	3 606	110	n.p.	12	n.p.
Woodroffe	3 220	89	n.p.	7	n.p.
Palmerston (T) Bal	1 535	43	n.p.	16	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	14 849	395	2.857	47	9.2
<i>Total Darwin SD</i>	84 264	1 511	1.986	308	8.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY BALANCE SD					
Darwin Rural Areas SSD					
Coomalie (CGC)	1 219	24	n.p.	4	n.p.
Cox–Finniss	726	10	n.p.	–	n.p.
Litchfield (S) – Part A	1 211	3	n.p.	–	n.p.
Litchfield (S) – Part B	12 991	232	n.p.	41	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	16 147	269	2.519	48	7.9
Bathurst–Melville SSD					
Bathurst–Melville	2 221	42	2.201	19	27.8

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 TERRITORY BALANCE SD <i>continued</i>					
Alligator SSD					
Jabiru (T)	1 478	28	n.p.	8	n.p.
South Alligator	771	5	n.p.	–	n.p.
West Arnhem	4 257	103	n.p.	29	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	6 506	136	2.750	38	15.0
Daly SSD					
Daly	3 618	73	2.760	29	21.4
East Arnhem SSD					
East Arnhem – Bal	6 502	160	n.p.	32	n.p.
Groote Eylandt	2 748	56	n.p.	15	n.p.
Nhulunbuy	3 784	69	n.p.	3	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	13 034	285	2.586	50	13.6
Lower Top End NT SSD					
Elsey – Bal	2 184	53	n.p.	19	n.p.
Gulf	2 886	101	n.p.	14	n.p.
Katherine (T)	9 752	200	n.p.	27	n.p.
Victoria	2 668	56	n.p.	30	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	17 490	410	2.682	90	13.3
Barkly SSD					
Tableland	1 074	18	n.p.	10	n.p.
Tennant Creek (T)	3 832	100	n.p.	32	n.p.
Tennant Creek – Bal	1 861	37	n.p.	8	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	6 767	155	2.618	50	15.0
Central NT SSD					
Alice Springs (T) – Charles	5 180	145	n.p.	21	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Heavitree	2 234	22	n.p.	18	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Larapinta	9 116	142	n.p.	33	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Ross	7 215	109	n.p.	26	n.p.
Alice Springs (T) – Stuart	1 968	40	n.p.	26	n.p.
<i>Alice Springs (T) – Total</i>	25 713	458	n.p.	124	n.p.
Petermann	2 425	45.0	n.p.	14	n.p.
Sandover – Bal	2 378	90	n.p.	27	n.p.
Tanami	6 569	110	n.p.	47	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	37 085	703	2.184	212	12.8
<i>Total Northern Territory Balance SD</i>	102 868	2 073	2.459	536	13.0
Northern Territory(f)	187 132	3 584	2.247	844	10.8

(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 1997.

(c) Data refers to births and deaths registered in the calendar year 1997.

(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1995 to 1997.

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over the three years 1995 to 1997.

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

SECTION **2**

POPULATION

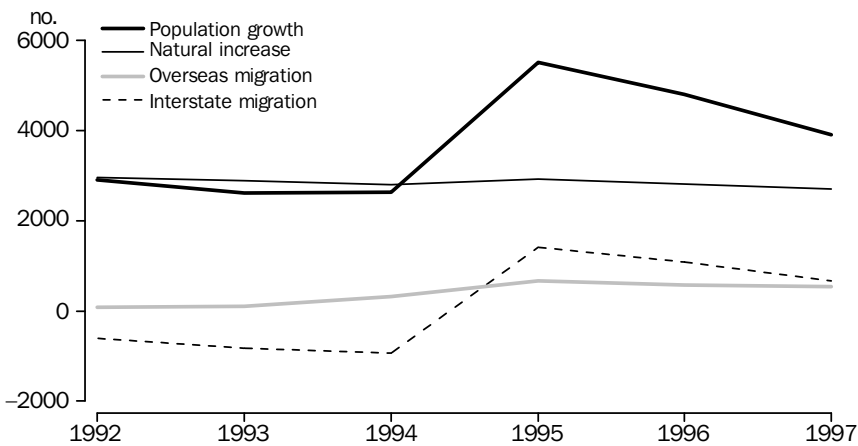
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population of the Northern Territory at 31 December 1997 was 189,185 comprising 100,062 males and 89,123 females.

POPULATION GROWTH

During 1997 the Northern Territory's population increased by 3,901 (2.1%). Natural increase was the greatest contributing factor, accounting for 2,699 persons or 69.2% of the increase. Net overseas migration accounted for 532 persons (13.6%) of the increase while net interstate migration accounted for 670 persons (17.2%) of the increase.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION GROWTH



OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Between 1996 and 1997 the number of permanent arrivals decreased by 13.5% while the number of permanent departures, long term arrivals and long term departures increased by 20.0%, 11.6% and 14.2% respectively.

The impact of tourism to and from Australia is reflected in statistics of short term movement (that is, overseas arrivals and departures for less than 12 months). In 1997 there were 52,700 short term overseas visitors to the Northern Territory, an increase of 13.1% (6,100) over 1996 and an increase of 223.3% (36,400) over 1987. The number of Northern Territory residents departing for overseas for less than 12 months increased from 25,000 in 1996 to 27,500 in 1997 (10.0%) and was 61.8% (10,500) more than in 1987.

AGE DISTRIBUTION

More than one quarter (26.7%) of the Northern Territory's population at 30 June 1997 was aged 0–14 years while more than half (54.1%) of the population was aged 29 years and under. Only 3.3% of the population was aged 65 years and over.

2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Estimated resident population at 31 December ('000)							
Males	84.1	88.9	90.4	91.9	94.9	97.7	100.1
Females	75.0	80.8	81.9	83.1	85.6	87.6	89.1
Persons	159.0	169.7	172.3	175.0	180.5	185.3	189.2
Components of population change(b)							
Net natural increase(c)							
Number	2 853	2 968	2 897	2 801	2 927	2 861	2 699
% of total annual growth	115.9	102.1	110.7	106.5	53.0	59.5	69.2
Net overseas migration(d)							
Number	987	79	108	315	672	573	532
% of total annual growth	40.1	2.7	4.1	12.0	12.2	11.9	13.6
Net interstate migration							
Number	-1 552	-609	-819	-938	1 416	1 089	670
% of total annual growth	-63.0	-21.0	-31.3	-35.7	25.7	22.7	17.2
Total population growth							
Number(e)	2 462	2 906	2 617	2 631	5 518	4 805	3 901
Annual growth rate (%) (f)	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.5	3.1	2.6	2.1
Overseas arrivals and departures(g)							
Permanent movement							
Arrivals	1 050	520	340	450	470	520	450
Departures	220	260	210	260	260	250	300
Former settlers	110	100	80	110	100	100	120
Other Australian residents	110	160	120	150	150	150	180
Long-term movement							
Arrivals	1 030	920	980	1 370	1 640	1 460	1 630
Australian residents returning	350	430	410	650	700	650	640
Overseas visitors arriving	680	500	570	720	930	810	1 000
Departures	1 010	950	860	1 060	1 210	1 130	1 290
Australian residents departing	420	540	470	520	620	600	710
Overseas visitors departing	580	410	390	540	590	530	580
Short-term movement							
Arrivals	32 900	42 300	45 800	66 000	72 000	74 300	80 300
Australian residents returning	16 600	21 200	18 200	23 800	26 800	27 700	27 700
Overseas visitors arriving	16 300	21 000	27 600	42 200	45 200	46 600	52 700
Departures	33 000	43 800	46 600	60 500	67 600	67 300	71 800
Australian residents departing	17 000	23 800	19 300	25 600	26 300	25 000	27 500
Overseas visitors departing	16 100	19 900	27 300	34 900	41 200	42 300	44 300

(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) Differences between the total growth and the sum of natural increase and net migration arise from retrospective adjustments (which are made after each Census) to compensate for any intercensal discrepancy.

(f) Excludes intercensal discrepancy not accounted for by natural increase and net migration.

(g) 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—30 June 1997

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	1 833	1 791	3 624	50	1 344	977	2 321
1	1 906	1 807	3 713	51	1 131	931	2 062
2	1 841	1 784	3 625	52	995	819	1 814
3	1 823	1 673	3 496	53	989	750	1 739
4	1 834	1 699	3 533	54	913	658	1 571
0–4	9 237	8 754	17 991	50–54	5 372	4 135	9 507
5	1 849	1 749	3 598	55	853	617	1 470
6	1 879	1 667	3 546	56	850	566	1 416
7	1 756	1 606	3 362	57	733	486	1 219
8	1 710	1 506	3 216	58	568	393	961
9	1 624	1 524	3 148	59	573	435	1 008
5–9	8 818	8 052	16 870	55–59	3 577	2 497	6 074
10	1 540	1 465	3 005	60	478	366	844
11	1 688	1 525	3 213	61	504	412	916
12	1 522	1 402	2 924	62	384	293	677
13	1 572	1 466	3 038	63	318	297	615
14	1 523	1 409	2 932	64	338	243	581
10–14	7 845	7 267	15 112	60–64	2 022	1 611	3 633
15	1 466	1 415	2 881	65	349	239	588
16	1 440	1 313	2 753	66	336	274	610
17	1 448	1 300	2 748	67	276	203	479
18	1 427	1 219	2 646	68	261	200	461
19	1 493	1 326	2 819	69	252	195	447
15–19	7 274	6 573	13 847	65–69	1 474	1 111	2 585
20	1 682	1 502	3 184	70	251	181	432
21	1 776	1 635	3 411	71	209	205	414
22	1 864	1 654	3 518	72	153	133	286
23	1 923	1 776	3 699	73	146	125	271
24	2 078	1 835	3 913	74	132	130	262
20–24	9 323	8 402	17 725	70–74	891	774	1 665
25	2 197	1 877	4 074	75	111	118	229
26	2 197	2 010	4 207	76	121	117	238
27	1 972	1 962	3 934	77	95	106	201
28	1 893	1 843	3 736	78	66	74	140
29	1 938	1 768	3 706	79	62	79	141
25–29	10 197	9 460	19 657	75–79	455	494	949
30	1 824	1 693	3 517	80	49	75	124
31	1 859	1 772	3 631	81	61	83	144
32	1 747	1 664	3 411	82	52	46	98
33	1 907	1 656	3 563	83	42	52	94
34	1 813	1 634	3 447	84	25	41	66
30–34	9 150	8 419	17 569	80–84	229	297	526
35	1 739	1 621	3 360	85	22	30	52
36	1 848	1 649	3 497	86	21	33	54
37	1 784	1 538	3 322	87	30	34	64
38	1 738	1 449	3 187	88	14	21	35
39	1 535	1 466	3 001	89	9	22	31
35–39	8 644	7 723	16 367	85–89	96	140	236
40	1 538	1 438	2 976	90	14	16	30
41	1 594	1 417	3 011	91	12	24	36
42	1 404	1 347	2 751	92	7	11	18
43	1 511	1 356	2 867	93	8	8	16
44	1 447	1 238	2 685	94	5	7	12
40–44	7 494	6 796	14 290	90–94	46	66	112
45	1 340	1 210	2 550	95 and over	20	32	52
46	1 441	1 207	2 648				
47	1 326	1 125	2 451	Total	98 816	88 316	187 132
48	1 262	1 098	2 360				
49	1 283	1 073	2 356				
45–49	6 652	5 713	12 365				

2.3 PROJECTED POPULATION

SERIES I(a).....				SERIES II(a).....			SERIES III(a).....		
At 30 June	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1999	103 051	92 896	195 947	103 577	93 337	196 914	103 881	93 613	197 494
2000	104 176	94 240	198 416	105 446	95 327	200 773	106 218	96 038	202 256
2001	105 328	95 568	200 896	107 356	97 316	204 672	108 599	98 446	207 045
2002	106 498	96 887	203 385	109 280	99 326	208 606	110 991	100 863	211 854
2003	107 682	98 201	205 883	111 240	101 334	212 574	113 400	103 278	216 678
2004	108 878	99 513	208 391	113 227	103 349	216 576	115 812	105 704	221 516
2005	110 099	100 809	210 908	115 245	105 365	220 610	118 251	108 115	226 366
2006	111 334	102 105	213 439	117 278	107 402	224 680	120 706	110 522	231 228
2007	112 579	103 397	215 976	119 330	109 448	228 778	123 171	112 936	236 107
2008	113 834	104 684	218 518	121 408	111 495	232 903	125 656	115 366	241 022
2009	115 093	105 975	221 068	123 507	113 545	237 052	128 167	117 805	245 972
2010	116 364	107 261	223 625	125 624	115 603	241 227	130 697	120 260	250 957
2011	117 645	108 547	226 192	127 759	117 673	245 432	133 259	122 721	255 980
2012	118 937	109 837	228 774	129 912	119 755	249 667	135 839	125 201	261 040
2013	120 245	111 127	231 372	132 089	121 846	253 935	138 435	127 705	266 140
2014	121 571	112 414	233 985	134 292	123 946	258 238	141 064	130 214	271 278
2015	122 901	113 714	236 615	136 512	126 066	262 578	143 712	132 744	276 456
2016	124 244	115 021	239 265	138 750	128 204	266 954	146 386	135 288	281 674
2017	125 608	116 330	241 938	141 015	130 354	271 369	149 090	137 840	286 930
2018	126 984	117 648	244 632	143 309	132 513	275 822	151 817	140 408	292 225
2019	128 377	118 969	247 346	145 621	134 690	280 311	154 564	142 988	297 552
2020	129 776	120 300	250 076	147 953	136 879	284 832	157 321	145 587	302 908
2021	131 198	121 628	252 826	150 311	139 076	289 387	160 097	148 194	308 291
2022	132 627	122 965	255 592	152 688	141 285	293 973	162 885	150 811	313 696
2023	134 067	124 306	258 373	155 081	143 510	298 591	165 691	153 433	319 124
2024	135 519	125 650	261 169	157 503	145 734	303 237	168 506	156 063	324 569
2025	136 978	127 001	263 979	159 932	147 977	307 909	171 330	158 698	330 028
2026	138 444	128 358	266 802	162 365	150 242	312 607	174 159	161 342	335 501
2027	139 922	129 717	269 639	164 824	152 507	317 331	177 004	163 977	340 981
2028	141 402	131 086	272 488	167 290	154 788	322 078	179 853	166 616	346 469
2029	142 890	132 460	275 350	169 768	157 079	326 847	182 704	169 257	351 961
2030	144 390	133 834	278 224	172 267	159 373	331 640	185 552	171 905	357 457
2031	145 893	135 218	281 111	174 775	161 681	336 456	188 406	174 550	362 956
2032	147 408	136 607	284 015	177 301	163 995	341 296	191 266	177 190	368 456
2033	148 936	137 998	286 934	179 837	166 325	346 162	194 130	179 829	373 959
2034	150 477	139 393	289 870	182 391	168 664	351 055	196 994	182 472	379 466
2035	152 022	140 803	292 825	184 957	171 022	355 979	199 855	185 126	384 981
2036	153 580	142 222	295 802	187 538	173 397	360 935	202 728	187 775	390 503
2037	155 160	143 642	298 802	190 147	175 777	365 924	205 608	190 429	396 037
2038	156 750	145 077	301 827	192 765	178 183	370 948	208 500	193 084	401 584
2039	158 353	146 526	304 879	195 406	180 600	376 006	211 405	195 744	407 149
2040	159 962	147 996	307 958	198 064	183 039	381 103	214 317	198 417	412 734
2041	161 592	149 473	311 065	200 748	185 491	386 239	217 241	201 099	418 340
2042	163 239	150 963	314 202	203 451	187 966	391 417	220 172	203 801	423 973
2043	164 901	152 469	317 370	206 178	190 460	396 638	223 123	206 512	429 635
2044	166 584	153 985	320 569	208 936	192 967	401 903	226 093	209 232	435 325
2045	168 285	155 518	323 803	211 721	195 493	407 214	229 080	211 967	441 047
2046	170 006	157 065	327 071	214 531	198 039	412 570	232 077	214 725	446 802
2047	171 750	158 623	330 373	217 367	200 606	417 973	235 099	217 490	452 589
2048	173 506	160 203	333 709	220 221	203 202	423 423	238 132	220 276	458 408
2049	175 272	161 808	337 080	223 101	205 819	428 920	241 189	223 068	464 257
2050	177 064	163 423	340 487	226 002	208 461	434 463	244 259	225 876	470 135
2051	178 875	165 055	343 930	228 936	211 116	440 052	247 339	228 702	476 041

(a) See paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

SECTION **3**

BIRTHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION

NUMBER OF BIRTHS

In 1997 there were 3,588 live births registered to mothers whose usual residence was in the Northern Territory, 0.7% more than the number of births registered in 1996. Of these, 35.1% were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births, down slightly from 37.7% in 1996.

MULTIPLE BIRTHS

There were 3,552 confinements in the Northern Territory in 1997 including 35 multiple births. Multiple births comprised 1.0% of all confinements in the Northern Territory compared with 1.4% nationally.

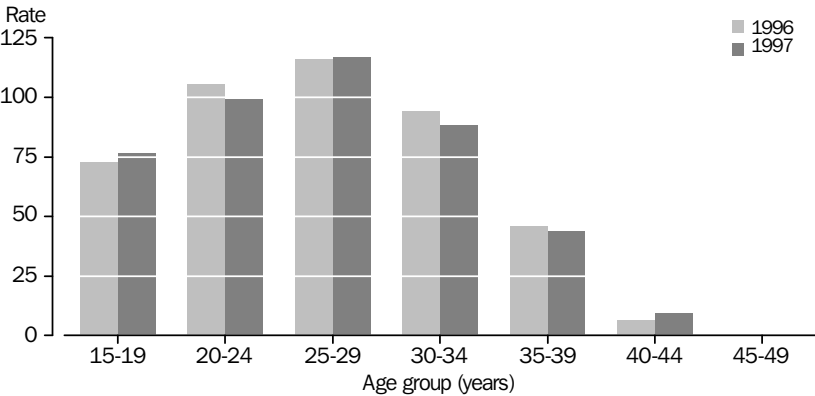
CRUDE BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate in 1997 was 19.2 per 1,000 population, down from 19.6 in 1996 and 22.3 in 1987. The Northern Territory's crude birth rate remained significantly higher than the national rate in 1997 of 13.6. The sex ratio for the Northern Territory in 1997 was 102.0 males born for every 100 females.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES

The age-specific birth rates for all age groups showed only small changes between 1996 and 1997 except for the age group 40–44 years where the birth rate increased by 46.9% from 6.4 per 1,000 to 9.4.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES(a)



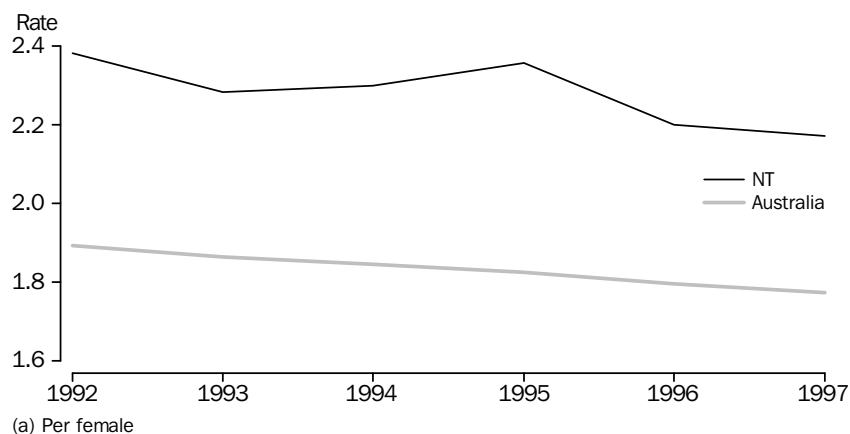
(a) Per 1,000 population.

The most significant differences between the age-specific birth rates for the Northern Territory and those nationally were in the 15–19 year age group (76.5 for the Northern Territory compared with 19.5 nationally) and the 20–24 year age group (99.2 compared with 62.3 respectively).

FERTILITY RATE

The total fertility rate for females in the Northern Territory declined slightly from 2.201 in 1996 to 2.171 in 1997. The Northern Territory's total fertility rate was higher than that in any other State or Territory and well above the national rate of 1.775.

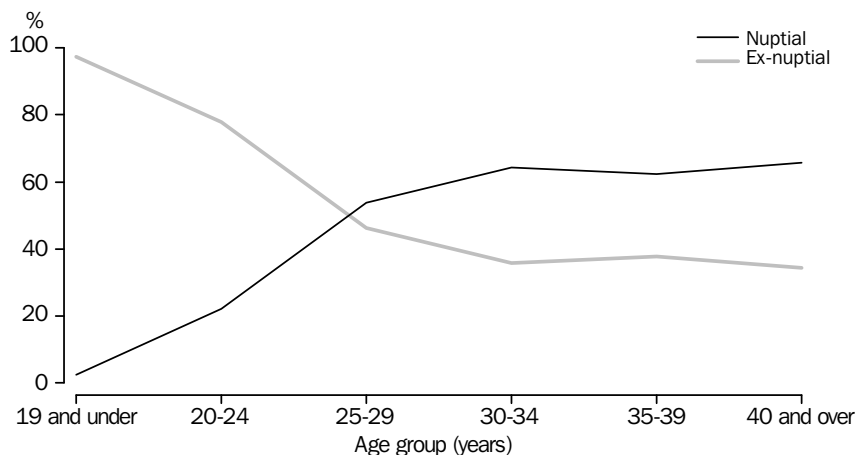
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE(a)



NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

Ex-nuptial births comprised 57.6% of all live births registered in the Northern Territory in 1997, compared with 57.8% in 1996 and 49.7% in 1987. Nationally, ex-nuptial births comprised 28.1% of all live births registered in 1997. The proportion of nuptial to ex-nuptial births in the Northern Territory varied greatly according to the age of the mother. In 1997 ex-nuptial births accounted for 97.4% of total births registered to mothers aged 19 years and under, while for mothers in the 30–34 year age group ex-nuptial births accounted for 35.7% of the total for that age group. The proportion of ex-nuptial births for mothers aged 40 years and over declined from 50.0% in 1996 to 34.4% in 1997.

PROPORTION OF NUPITAL AND EX-NUPITAL BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER



The proportion of ex-nuptial births where the father acknowledged paternity increased in 1997, accounting for 68.9% of the total ex-nuptial births registered, compared with 62.8% in 1996. The Northern Territory had the lowest proportion of paternity acknowledged births of any State or Territory and was 16.6 percentage points lower than the national proportion of 85.5%.

MEDIAN AGE OF PARENTS

In 1997, the median age of mothers was 27.0 years while the median age of known fathers was 30.6 years, compared to 26.0 years and 29.9 years respectively in 1987. The median age for mothers at first nuptial confinement increased from 27.0 years to 28.6 years over the same period.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
BIRTHS							
Total births	3 529	3 742	3 603	3 626	3 766	3 562	3 588
Males	1 819	1 913	1 884	1 818	1 960	1 861	1 812
Females	1 710	1 829	1 719	1 808	1 806	1 701	1 776
Sex ratio	106.4	104.6	109.6	100.6	108.5	109.4	102.0
<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births</i>	n.a.	1 354	1 359	1 338	1 354	1 343	1 259
Males	n.a.	697	718	686	681	718	621
Females	n.a.	657	641	652	673	625	638
Sex ratio	n.a.	106.1	112.0	105.2	101.2	114.9	97.3
Nuptial births	1 774	1 674	1 611	1 583	1 613	1 504	1 522
Ex-nuptial births							
Number	1 755	2 068	1 992	2 043	2 153	2 058	2 066
Percentage of total live births	49.7	55.3	55.3	56.3	57.2	57.8	57.6
Paternity acknowledged births							
Number	1 236	1 365	1 279	1 347	1 384	1 292	1 423
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	70.4	66.0	64.2	65.9	64.3	62.8	68.9
Crude birth rate	22.3	22.3	21.1	20.9	21.2	19.6	19.2
Age-specific birth rate							
Age group (years)							
15–19	87.0	87.9	76.1	76.9	79.8	72.7	76.5
20–24	120.0	122.4	114.8	117.3	120.1	105.5	99.2
25–29	131.3	121.7	127.0	120.8	122.5	115.7	116.9
30–34	88.0	95.5	92.4	95.9	98.8	94.2	88.2
35–39	27.2	41.6	38.5	42.1	42.1	45.8	43.9
40–44	6.9	7.5	7.2	6.7	7.9	6.4	9.4
45–49	0.9	—	0.6	0.2	—	—	—
Total fertility rate	2.306	2.383	2.283	2.299	2.357	2.201	2.171
Female net reproduction rate	1.094	1.131	1.063	1.123	1.134	1.065	1.043

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
CONFINEMENTS							
Total confinements	3 493	3 705	3 560	3 580	3 711	3 522	3 552
First nuptial	719	692	644	642	650	614	559
All nuptial	1 748	1 659	1 590	1 562	1 582	1 488	1 503
Paternity acknowledged	1 229	1 351	1 266	1 328	1 366	1 276	1 410
All ex-nuptial	1 745	2 046	1 970	2 018	2 129	2 034	2 049
Median age of mother (years)							
First nuptial	27.0	28.0	28.4	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.6
All nuptial	28.3	29.4	29.5	29.7	29.6	30.0	29.8
Paternity acknowledged	23.3	24.2	24.6	24.5	25.0	25.2	25.0
All ex-nuptial	22.6	23.1	23.6	23.7	23.9	24.3	24.2
Total	26.0	26.3	26.7	26.7	26.8	27.1	27.0
Median age of father (years)							
Nuptial	31.0	31.9	32.1	32.3	32.1	32.7	32.5
Paternity acknowledged	27.3	27.5	27.7	27.5	27.6	27.7	27.4
All fathers where age is known	29.9	30.2	30.6	30.7	30.4	30.9	30.6
Median duration of marriage (years)							
First nuptial	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2
Nuptial	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0
Nuptial confinements							
Previous births							
0	719	692	644	642	650	614	559
1	594	597	560	603	571	526	563
2	283	253	257	214	251	245	252
3	98	71	81	66	78	68	82
4	25	23	22	16	12	17	30
5 and over	29	23	26	21	20	18	17
Average number of births	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	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
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Nuptial								
Single	13	182	581	463	204	42	—	1 485
Twins	—	—	5	8	3	—	—	17
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	13	183	587	471	207	42	—	1 503
Ex-nuptial								
Single	489	634	498	260	122	22	7	2 032
Twins	—	7	6	—	3	—	—	17
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	489	641	504	261	125	22	7	2 049
Total confinements	502	824	1 091	732	332	64	7	3 552
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Nuptial	2.6	22.2	53.8	64.3	62.3	65.6	—	42.3
Ex-nuptial	97.4	77.8	46.2	35.7	37.7	34.4	100.0	57.7

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	23	32	20	20	11	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	7	3	11	19	7	6	3	3	—	3	—	—	—	—
21	7	7	6	19	11	12	4	6	3	—	—	—	—	—
22	—	5	5	17	10	15	13	11	3	4	—	4	—	—
23	—	6	—	6	10	13	13	14	9	10	4	—	4	—
24	—	3	7	7	10	10	22	13	15	11	4	8	3	—
25	—	—	4	5	8	11	15	20	23	22	11	9	8	—
26	—	—	—	7	5	5	14	11	20	15	17	14	6	8
27	—	3	—	3	3	8	6	7	14	20	21	13	11	16
28	—	—	—	—	8	6	9	12	11	17	23	23	21	16
29	—	—	—	—	5	—	4	9	9	15	19	20	24	23
30	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	5	10	16	14	21	17	19
31	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	4	8	8	17	19	23	18
32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7	15	9	17	14	11
33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	3	8	11	17	14
34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	6	10	11
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	5	5	13
36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	8	6
37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	3	—	—	6
38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	—	6	4	4
39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
40–44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	6	7	14
45–49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
50 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable(a)	81	37	38	60	58	43	40	31	38	33	31	32	22	14
Nuptial	—	—	3	9	12	19	40	47	65	93	105	130	127	132
Ex-nuptial	129	104	96	160	142	132	119	119	129	127	112	103	88	74
Total	129	105	99	169	154	151	159	166	194	220	217	233	215	206

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents *continued*

Age of mother (years).....									Total.....		
Age of father (years)	30	31	32	33	34	35-39	40 and over	Not Stated	Nuptial	Ex-nuptial	Total
19 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	119
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	57	62
21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	71	78
22	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	15	81	96
23	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	77	104
24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	84	122
25	4	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	59	94	153
26	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	56	82	138
27	3	7	3	—	—	5	—	—	68	77	145
28	6	8	—	—	5	—	—	—	107	70	177
29	8	11	5	4	—	4	—	—	98	67	165
30	14	6	8	9	3	8	—	—	103	59	162
31	15	11	9	3	10	15	—	—	112	63	175
32	17	16	17	9	7	8	—	—	104	53	157
33	10	17	17	11	8	23	—	—	97	57	154
34	7	22	22	15	11	23	6	—	111	40	151
35	8	15	7	20	13	19	—	—	79	42	121
36	5	3	10	8	18	26	3	—	74	29	103
37	5	14	6	7	7	35	—	—	63	32	95
38	6	5	6	8	5	23	—	—	46	36	82
39	4	9	4	3	5	11	3	—	38	18	56
40-44	6	11	9	13	12	73	20	—	132	55	187
45-49	3	4	—	6	9	24	13	—	49	23	72
50 and over	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	13	11	24
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	15
Not applicable(a)	15	11	9	6	12	18	6	4	—	639	639
Nuptial	86	126	96	78	85	207	42	—	1 503	—	1 503
Ex-nuptial	61	51	50	53	46	125	22	7	—	2 049	2 049
Total	147	177	146	131	131	332	64	7	1 503	2 049	3 552

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents

Birthplace	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	947	—	194	1 141	947	—	168	1 115
Fiji	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
New Zealand	24	16	12	52	30	16	3	49
Other	9	—	—	11	8	—	6	15
Total	981	17	207	1 205	987	17	178	1 182
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former Yugoslav Republics	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Germany	5	—	—	6	4	—	—	5
Greece	10	8	3	21	7	8	—	15
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	9
Italy	—	—	—	4	3	—	—	4
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	—	—	3	4	4	—	—	6
Poland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom	64	7	13	84	57	7	7	71
Other	6	5	—	13	4	5	3	12
Total	88	25	26	139	90	25	13	128
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	4
Total	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	6
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	8	28	—	38	11	28	12	51
Malaysia	4	—	—	8	3	—	4	9
Philippines	—	14	—	16	13	14	8	35
Singapore	4	—	4	10	—	—	—	3
Thailand	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	8
Viet Nam	—	13	4	17	—	13	—	14
Other	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	7
Total	19	61	13	93	34	61	32	127

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents *continued*

Birthplace	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	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5
Hong Kong	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5
Total	—	4	—	7	4	4	4	12
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	5	—	—	7	5	—	—	6
Sri Lanka	5	6	—	13	—	6	—	8
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	10	8	3	21	6	8	—	16
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	4
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	7	10	6	23	4	10	—	16
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	10	10	7	27	10	10	5	25
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Other	3	—	3	6	4	—	—	5
Total	5	—	4	9	6	—	—	7
OTHER AND NOT STATED								
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ALL REGIONS								
Total	1 115	126	262	1 503	1 141	126	236	1 503

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	1.7
19	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	1.0
20	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	12	16	1.3
21	13	6	—	—	—	—	—	19	25	1.3
22	23	15	—	—	—	—	—	40	59	1.5
23	27	13	6	—	—	—	—	47	75	1.6
24	29	25	10	—	—	—	—	65	114	1.8
25	48	33	10	—	—	—	—	93	153	1.6
26	40	48	12	4	—	—	—	105	194	1.8
27	53	55	19	—	—	—	—	130	238	1.8
28	48	46	23	10	—	—	—	127	250	2.0
29	55	45	22	5	4	—	—	132	258	2.0
30	29	37	12	4	3	—	—	86	180	2.1
31	43	54	20	9	—	—	—	126	248	2.0
32	37	35	17	3	4	—	—	96	191	2.0
33	14	36	23	4	—	—	—	78	183	2.3
34	18	26	20	12	4	5	—	85	235	2.8
35–39	54	67	47	22	12	5	—	207	520	2.5
40 and over	9	16	9	3	—	3	—	42	113	2.7
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	559	563	252	82	30	17	—	1 503	3 067	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	8	35	45	21	6	—	—	115
1	3	34	69	28	10	3	—	147
2	—	17	36	26	9	—	—	88
3	—	10	32	18	5	—	—	65
4	—	3	22	15	6	—	—	48
5	—	—	19	10	3	—	—	33
6	—	—	10	7	—	—	—	18
7	—	—	4	4	5	—	—	14
8 and over	—	—	7	12	9	3	—	31
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11	100	244	141	54	9	—	559

SECTION **4****DEATHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION**

Care should be taken when comparing deaths between 1996 and 1997 as an unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

NUMBER OF DEATHS

In 1997 there were 891 deaths of persons usually resident in the Northern Territory registered throughout Australia. The 1997 total comprised 535 males and 356 females, a sex ratio of 150.3 males per 100 females.

INFANT DEATHS

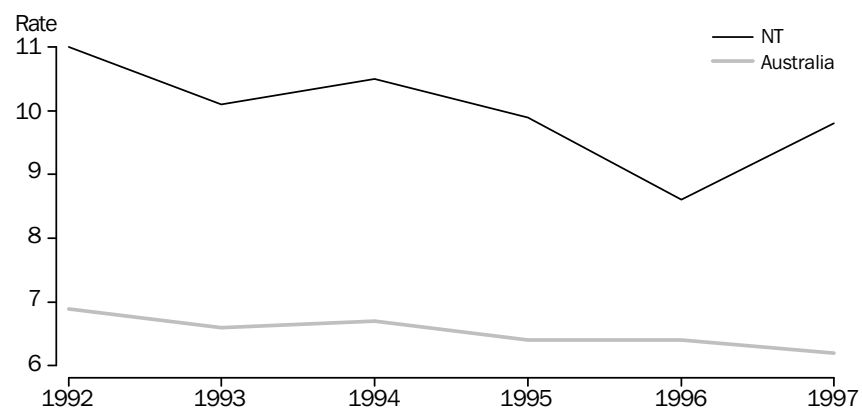
There were 45 infant deaths registered in the Northern Territory in 1997. The 1997 total comprised 21 males and 24 females, giving a sex ratio of 87.5 males for every 100 females. This compared with the sex ratio at birth of 102.0. Over one-third (35.6%) of the total infant deaths registered in 1997 occurred in the first day of life and 57.8% occurred within the first month.

The infant mortality rate declined substantially from 15.6 per 1,000 live births in 1987 to 12.5 in 1997 but remained significantly higher than the national rate of 5.3.

DEATH RATES

The crude death rate for 1997 was 4.8 per 1,000 of total population, up from 4.3 per 1,000 of total population in 1987. After standardisation for age, the death rate increased to 9.8 per 1,000 of total population in 1997 which was well above the national rate of 6.2. The standardised death rate for males in the Northern Territory was 11.3 per 1,000 population compared with 8.4 per 1,000 population for females.

STANDARDISED DEATH RATE(a)



(a) Per 1,000 population.

AGE AT DEATH

In 1997 the median age at death was 56.3 years for males and 57.6 years for females. The median age at death for both males and females in the Northern Territory was significantly lower than the national median ages of 74.2 years for males and 81.0 years for females.

MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH



LIFE EXPECTANCY

The life expectancy at birth in the Northern Territory in 1997 was 70.0 years for males and 74.7 years for females. These figures continued a general upwards trend in life expectancy — the corresponding figures in 1987 were 67.1 years for males and 74.8 years for females — but remained considerably lower than the national figures of 75.6 years and 81.3 years respectively.

CAUSES OF DEATH

The leading cause of death (as defined in table 4.9) in the Northern Territory in 1997 was heart disease which accounted for 19.6% of total deaths, followed by malignant neoplasms (cancer) which accounted for 19.1%.

4.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994(b)	1995(b)	1996(b)(c)	1997(b)(c)
DEATHS							
Total deaths	676	776	765	776	813	758	891
Males	450	475	469	489	521	487	535
Females	226	301	296	287	292	271	356
Sex ratio	199.1	157.8	158.4	170.4	178.4	179.7	150.3
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths	280	397	376	380	387	328	458
Males	173	224	200	216	229	196	242
Females	107	173	176	164	158	132	216
Standardised death rate	10.7	11.0	10.1	10.5	9.9	8.6	9.8
Males	13.7	12.4	12.2	12.2	11.6	10.3	11.3
Females	7.9	9.5	8.2	8.9	8.2	6.8	8.4
Crude death rate	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.8
Males	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.4
Females	3.0	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.1	4.0
Median age at death							
Males	53.6	54.3	53.7	53.9	54.0	54.1	56.3
Females	59.8	59.5	56.8	64.0	60.4	60.8	57.6
Age-specific death rate							
Age group (years)							
Males							
0	17.6	14.1	15.9	8.3	12.8	11.8	11.6
1–4	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.8
5–14	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
15–24	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.3	1.4	2.0
25–34	2.5	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.3
35–44	3.3	4.0	3.4	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.3
45–54	10.2	7.6	6.8	6.7	7.2	6.7	6.7
55–64	22.0	19.6	19.7	18.4	21.2	16.7	15.5
65–74	42.6	46.4	33.1	40.3	37.7	32.6	41.4
75–84	113.1	104.4	110.5	106.2	88.1	83.2	92.1
85 and over	187.1	149.5	174.3	150.0	144.9	149.4	160.5
Females							
0	13.5	16.9	14.5	14.4	13.8	11.2	13.5
1–4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.3
5–14	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
15–24	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
25–34	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.2
35–44	1.8	1.7	3.1	2.4	1.9	1.7	2.6
45–54	3.7	5.8	5.2	3.1	4.1	4.5	6.0
55–64	11.6	14.4	13.9	11.2	13.9	10.9	14.1
65–74	40.6	41.5	32.2	36.5	31.4	27.0	27.1
75–84	49.9	68.2	61.0	82.5	71.4	47.6	63.2
85 and over	119.2	151.7	114.9	140.4	99.5	122.8	130.3
Expectation of life							
Males							
Age 0	67.1	68.3	69.0	68.9	68.5	69.2	70.0
Age 1	67.3	68.3	69.1	68.5	68.3	69.0	69.8
Age 25	44.7	45.5	46.7	46.1	45.8	46.4	47.0
Age 45	26.7	27.9	28.9	28.7	28.4	29.0	29.4
Age 65	12.8	13.4	14.3	13.5	13.2	14.1	14.3
Females							
Age 0	74.8	72.5	73.5	74.2	74.0	75.0	74.7
Age 1	74.8	72.7	73.6	74.3	74.0	75.0	74.7
Age 25	51.5	49.5	50.5	50.9	56.6	51.6	51.3
Age 45	32.6	30.4	31.9	32.1	31.8	32.9	32.7
Age 65	16.4	14.9	16.6	15.3	13.2	16.7	16.7

For footnotes see end of table.

4.1 DEATHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996(c)	1997(c)
DEATHS							
Principal causes of death (SDR per 100,000 population)							
Males							
Neoplasms	303	302	270	298	276	253	213
Diseases of the circulatory system	392	404	398	493	382	293	398
Diseases of the respiratory system	278	209	178	142	153	162	171
Diseases of the digestive system	53	23	66	22	42	19	57
All other diseases	217	217	177	147	191	167	209
External causes	115	104	130	120	120	137	104
Females							
Neoplasms	132	246	199	187	162	163	198
Diseases of the circulatory system	285	228	273	283	225	206	303
Diseases of the respiratory system	121	170	123	141	121	95	113
Diseases of the digestive system	33	23	25	34	16	14	28
All other diseases	168	216	169	199	247	150	129
External causes	51	54	36	45	48	54	53
INFANT DEATHS							
Total infant deaths	55	58	55	41	50	41	45
Males	32	27	30	15	25	22	21
Females	23	31	25	26	25	19	24
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants	26	38	40	25	25	26	37
Males	15	17	22	10	13	14	18
Females	11	21	18	15	12	12	19
Infant mortality rate	15.6	15.5	15.3	11.3	13.3	11.5	12.5
Males	17.6	14.1	15.9	8.3	12.8	11.8	11.6
Females	13.5	16.9	14.5	14.4	13.8	11.2	13.5
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	9	7	12	8	7	7	8
1 day to under 1 week	—	3	5	3	5	6	3
1 week to under 4 weeks	5	4	6	—	—	—	3
4 weeks to under 1 year	17	13	7	3	11	7	7
Females							
Under 1 day	4	11	9	13	13	6	8
1 day to under 1 week	6	6	—	3	3	—	—
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	—	3	4	—	—	—
4 weeks to under 1 year	11	12	11	6	8	9	12

(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.

(c) An unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

4.2 DEATHS, Age at Death and Sex

Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	21	24	45	50	7	7	14
1	5	—	6	51	6	—	8
2	—	—	—	52	7	10	17
3	—	4	4	53	5	7	12
4	—	—	3	54	10	—	12
0–4	27	33	60	50–54	35	28	63
5	3	—	4	55	4	4	8
6	—	—	—	56	9	5	14
7	—	—	—	57	10	6	16
8	—	—	—	58	4	3	7
9	—	—	—	59	8	—	10
5–9	3	—	5	55–59	35	20	55
10	—	—	—	60	11	3	14
11	—	—	—	61	11	10	21
12	—	—	—	62	14	8	22
13	—	—	—	63	9	9	18
14	—	—	3	64	7	8	15
10–14	3	4	7	60–64	52	38	90
15	—	—	—	65	—	4	6
16	—	—	—	66	6	—	7
17	—	—	3	67	13	7	20
18	—	—	—	68	10	5	15
19	4	—	5	69	16	6	22
15–19	6	5	11	65–69	47	23	70
20	11	—	11	70	11	6	17
21	3	—	5	71	14	7	21
22	3	—	3	72	9	7	16
23	5	—	6	73	9	4	13
24	5	—	5	74	8	4	12
20–24	27	3	30	70–74	51	28	79
25	4	—	6	75	10	7	17
26	4	—	6	76	6	3	9
27	—	—	4	77	10	7	17
28	4	—	4	78	5	9	14
29	8	—	10	79	9	6	15
25–29	22	8	30	75–79	40	32	72
30	—	—	4	80	8	6	14
31	3	—	3	81	—	3	4
32	5	6	11	82	10	—	12
33	7	5	12	83	—	5	7
34	6	—	7	84	—	—	4
30–34	23	14	37	80–84	23	18	41
35	7	—	8	85	—	—	—
36	7	—	9	86	—	—	3
37	8	3	11	87	4	7	11
38	4	9	13	88	5	4	9
39	12	5	17	89	3	4	7
35–39	38	20	58	85–89	14	18	32
40	9	3	12	90	—	3	3
41	7	5	12	91	—	—	3
42	5	4	9	92	—	—	—
43	7	4	11	93	—	—	—
44	3	—	5	94	—	—	—
40–44	31	18	49	90–94	3	6	9
45	5	3	8	95–99	4	—	6
46	10	6	16	100 and over	5	5	10
47	6	6	12	Not stated	—	—	—
48	13	8	21				
49	12	8	20				
45–49	46	31	77	Total	535	356	891

4.3 DEATHS, Age at Death and Marital Status

MALES.....							FEMALES.....						
Age at death (years)	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Never marrie	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	
.....	
Under 1	21	—	—	—	—	21	24	—	—	—	—	24	
1–4	6	—	—	—	—	6	9	—	—	—	—	9	
5–9	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
10–14	3	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	4	
15–19	5	—	—	—	—	6	4	—	—	—	—	5	
20–24	15	5	—	—	7	27	—	—	—	—	—	3	
25–29	10	7	—	—	5	22	5	—	—	—	—	8	
30–34	10	9	—	—	3	23	4	—	—	—	8	14	
35–39	14	16	—	—	7	38	3	13	—	—	3	20	
40–44	8	13	—	3	7	31	4	9	—	3	—	18	
45–49	5	26	—	6	8	46	—	23	—	—	5	31	
50–54	7	20	—	—	6	35	5	14	3	3	3	28	
55–59	6	14	—	5	9	35	5	5	3	3	4	20	
60–64	8	30	3	5	6	52	5	17	6	4	6	38	
65–69	11	19	—	7	8	47	7	7	4	—	3	23	
70–74	11	26	4	5	5	51	4	8	11	—	4	28	
75–79	4	24	9	—	—	40	5	6	15	—	6	32	
80–84	3	13	3	—	—	23	4	5	9	—	—	18	
85–89	3	7	4	—	—	14	6	—	10	—	—	18	
90–94	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	6	
95–99	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
100 and over	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	4	—	—	5	
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	155	232	31	40	77	535	108	115	67	19	47	356	
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4.4 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)

	NT.....						AUST.....			
	1971.....		1981.....		1991.....		1995 TO 1997....		1995 TO 1997.....	
Age (years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	60.70	63.95	59.46	67.08	66.86	72.25	69.95	74.69	75.57	81.27
5	60.90	64.67	56.31	64.59	63.22	68.52	65.99	70.84	71.15	76.77
10	56.22	60.01	51.86	59.84	58.44	63.69	61.07	65.93	66.20	71.81
15	51.44	55.06	47.17	54.94	53.61	58.79	56.18	61.02	61.26	66.87
20	47.08	50.37	43.07	50.28	49.04	54.07	51.50	56.16	56.50	61.97
25	42.62	45.69	39.03	45.72	44.72	49.55	46.96	51.33	51.83	57.08
30	38.05	40.93	34.78	40.39	40.27	44.95	42.47	46.52	47.15	52.20
35	33.49	36.20	30.64	36.21	35.84	40.38	38.04	41.79	42.46	47.33
40	29.23	31.77	26.71	31.57	31.29	35.85	33.68	37.16	37.77	42.50
45	24.89	27.82	22.86	27.37	26.85	31.32	29.42	32.65	33.11	37.72
50	20.92	24.25	19.11	23.45	22.72	26.82	25.29	28.31	28.53	33.01
55	17.50	20.74	15.59	19.50	19.07	22.84	21.35	24.19	24.11	28.44
60	13.85	18.04	12.43	16.29	15.70	19.22	17.67	20.32	19.93	24.03
65	10.84	15.04	9.75	13.56	12.54	16.20	14.32	16.70	16.10	19.81
70	7.88	12.07	7.58	10.80	9.72	13.50	11.34	13.36	12.69	15.84
75	6.71	9.32	5.98	7.97	7.18	10.77	8.74	10.34	9.71	12.20
80	6.92	6.95	5.37	6.22	5.68	8.05	6.54	7.72	7.20	9.02
85	4.74	5.53	4.03	5.20	4.96	6.23	4.84	5.57	5.29	6.44
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.81	4.38	3.70	3.99	4.01	4.55
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	3.14	3.29	3.08	2.98	3.33	3.36

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. From 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes.

4.5 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)—1995 to 1997

NT.....					AUST.....					NT.....					AUST.....				
Age (years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Age (years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Age (years)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Age (years)	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	69.95	74.69	75.57	81.27	50	25.29	28.31	28.53	33.01	50	25.29	28.31	28.53	33.01	50	25.29	28.31	28.53	33.01
1	69.81	74.69	75.04	80.68	51	24.48	27.47	27.63	32.09	51	24.48	27.47	27.63	32.09	51	24.48	27.47	27.63	32.09
2	68.91	73.77	74.08	79.71	52	23.69	26.64	26.74	31.17	52	23.69	26.64	26.74	31.17	52	23.69	26.64	26.74	31.17
3	67.94	72.79	73.11	78.74	53	22.90	25.81	25.85	30.25	53	22.90	25.81	25.85	30.25	53	22.90	25.81	25.85	30.25
4	66.97	71.82	72.13	77.75	54	22.12	25.00	24.98	29.34	54	22.12	25.00	24.98	29.34	54	22.12	25.00	24.98	29.34
5	65.99	70.84	71.15	76.77	55	21.35	24.19	24.11	28.44	55	21.35	24.19	24.11	28.44	55	21.35	24.19	24.11	28.44
6	65.00	69.86	70.16	75.78	56	20.59	23.40	23.25	27.55	56	20.59	23.40	23.25	27.55	56	20.59	23.40	23.25	27.55
7	64.02	68.88	69.17	74.79	57	19.84	22.61	22.40	26.66	57	19.84	22.61	22.40	26.66	57	19.84	22.61	22.40	26.66
8	63.03	67.89	68.18	73.80	58	19.11	21.84	21.57	25.77	58	19.11	21.84	21.57	25.77	58	19.11	21.84	21.57	25.77
9	62.05	66.91	67.19	72.81	59	18.38	21.07	20.74	24.90	59	18.38	21.07	20.74	24.90	59	18.38	21.07	20.74	24.90
10	61.07	65.93	66.20	71.81	60	17.67	20.32	19.93	24.03	60	17.67	20.32	19.93	24.03	60	17.67	20.32	19.93	24.03
11	60.08	64.94	65.21	70.82	61	16.97	19.57	19.14	23.17	61	16.97	19.57	19.14	23.17	61	16.97	19.57	19.14	23.17
12	59.10	63.96	64.22	69.83	62	16.29	18.84	18.36	22.32	62	16.29	18.84	18.36	22.32	62	16.29	18.84	18.36	22.32
13	58.13	62.98	63.23	68.84	63	15.62	18.11	17.59	21.47	63	15.62	18.11	17.59	21.47	63	15.62	18.11	17.59	21.47
14	57.15	62.00	62.25	67.86	64	14.96	17.40	16.84	20.64	64	14.96	17.40	16.84	20.64	64	14.96	17.40	16.84	20.64
15	56.18	61.02	61.26	66.87	65	14.32	16.70	16.10	19.81	65	14.32	16.70	16.10	19.81	65	14.32	16.70	16.10	19.81
16	55.22	60.04	60.29	65.88	66	13.69	16.00	15.39	18.99	66	13.69	16.00	15.39	18.99	66	13.69	16.00	15.39	18.99
17	54.27	59.06	59.32	64.90	67	13.08	15.32	14.69	18.19	67	13.08	15.32	14.69	18.19	67	13.08	15.32	14.69	18.19
18	53.34	58.09	58.37	63.92	68	12.48	14.66	14.00	17.39	68	12.48	14.66	14.00	17.39	68	12.48	14.66	14.00	17.39
19	52.42	57.12	57.43	62.95	69	11.90	14.00	13.34	16.61	69	11.90	14.00	13.34	16.61	69	11.90	14.00	13.34	16.61
20	51.50	56.16	56.50	61.97	70	11.34	13.36	12.69	15.84	70	11.34	13.36	12.69	15.84	70	11.34	13.36	12.69	15.84
21	50.59	55.19	55.57	61.00	71	10.79	12.72	12.06	15.08	71	10.79	12.72	12.06	15.08	71	10.79	12.72	12.06	15.08
22	49.68	54.22	54.63	60.02	72	10.26	12.11	11.45	14.34	72	10.26	12.11	11.45	14.34	72	10.26	12.11	11.45	14.34
23	48.77	53.26	53.70	59.04	73	9.74	11.50	10.85	13.61	73	9.74	11.50	10.85	13.61	73	9.74	11.50	10.85	13.61
24	47.87	52.29	52.77	58.06	74	9.23	10.91	10.27	12.89	74	9.23	10.91	10.27	12.89	74	9.23	10.91	10.27	12.89
25	46.96	51.33	51.83	57.08	75	8.74	10.34	9.71	12.20	75	8.74	10.34	9.71	12.20	75	8.74	10.34	9.71	12.20
26	46.06	50.36	50.90	56.11	76	8.27	9.78	9.17	11.52	76	8.27	9.78	9.17	11.52	76	8.27	9.78	9.17	11.52
27	45.16	49.40	49.96	55.13	77	7.81	9.24	8.65	10.86	77	7.81	9.24	8.65	10.86	77	7.81	9.24	8.65	10.86
28	44.26	48.44	49.02	54.15	78	7.36	8.71	8.14	10.23	78	7.36	8.71	8.14	10.23	78	7.36	8.71	8.14	10.23
29	43.37	47.48	48.09	53.17	79	6.94	8.21	7.66	9.61	79	6.94	8.21	7.66	9.61	79	6.94	8.21	7.66	9.61
30	42.47	46.52	47.15	52.20	80	6.54	7.72	7.20	9.02	80	6.54	7.72	7.20	9.02	80	6.54	7.72	7.20	9.02
31	41.58	45.57	46.21	51.22	81	6.15	7.25	6.77	8.46	81	6.15	7.25	6.77	8.46	81	6.15	7.25	6.77	8.46
32	40.69	44.62	45.27	50.25	82	5.79	6.80	6.36	7.91	82	5.79	6.80	6.36	7.91	82	5.79	6.80	6.36	7.91
33	39.80	43.68	44.33	49.28	83	5.45	6.37	5.98	7.40	83	5.45	6.37	5.98	7.40	83	5.45	6.37	5.98	7.40
34	38.92	42.73	43.40	48.31	84	5.13	5.96	5.62	6.90	84	5.13	5.96	5.62	6.90	84	5.13	5.96	5.62	6.90
35	38.04	41.79	42.46	47.33	85	4.84	5.57	5.29	6.44	85	4.84	5.57	5.29	6.44	85	4.84	5.57	5.29	6.44
36	37.16	40.86	41.52	46.37	86	4.57	5.21	4.98	6.00	86	4.57	5.21	4.98	6.00	86	4.57	5.21	4.98	6.00
37	36.29	39.93	40.58	45.40	87	4.31	4.87	4.70	5.59	87	4.31	4.87	4.70	5.59	87	4.31	4.87	4.70	5.59
38	35.41	39.00	39.64	44.43	88	4.09	4.55	4.45	5.22	88	4.09	4.55	4.45	5.22	88	4.09	4.55	4.45	5.22
39	34.54	38.08	38.70	43.47	89	3.88	4.26	4.22	4.87	89	3.88	4.26	4.22	4.87	89	3.88	4.26	4.22	4.87
40	33.68	37.16	37.77	42.50	90	3.70	3.99	4.01	4.55	90	3.70	3.99	4.01	4.55	90	3.70	3.99	4.01	4.55
41	32.82	36.24	36.83	41.54	91	3.54	3.75	3.84	4.26	91	3.54	3.75	3.84	4.26	91	3.54	3.75	3.84	4.26
42	31.96	35.34	35.90	40.58	92	3.40	3.53	3.69	4.00	92	3.40	3.53	3.69	4.00	92	3.40	3.53	3.69	4.00
43	31.11	34.43	34.97	39.62	93	3.29	3.33	3.56	3.77	93	3.29	3.33	3.56	3.77	93	3.29	3.33	3.56	3.77
44	30.26	33.54	34.04	38.67	94	3.18	3.15	3.44	3.55	94	3.18	3.15	3.44	3.55	94	3.18	3.15	3.44	3.55
45	29.42	32.65	33.11	37.72	95	3.08	2.98	3.33	3.36	95	3.08	2.98	3.33	3.36	95	3.08	2.98	3.33	3.36
46	28.58	31.77	32.19	36.77	96	2.98	2.83	3.22	3.18	96	2.98	2.83	3.22	3.18	96	2.98	2.83	3.22	3.18
47	27.75	30.89	31.27	35.82	97	2.89	2.70	3.11	3.02	97	2.89	2.70	3.11	3.02	97	2.89	2.70	3.11	3.02
48	26.92	30.02	30.35	34.88	98	2.80	2.57	3.01	2.87	98	2.80	2.57	3.01	2.87	98	2.80	2.57	3.01	2.87
49	26.10	29.16	29.44	33.95	99	2.72	2.44	2.92	2.72	99	2.72	2.44	2.92	2.72	99	2.72	2.44	2.92	2.72

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. From 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes.

4.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence

DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

<i>Birthplace</i>	<i>4 and under</i>	<i>5–9</i>	<i>10–19</i>	<i>20–29</i>	<i>30–39</i>	<i>40 and over</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA											
Australia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	728	418	310	728
Fiji	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Zealand	3	—	4	3	—	—	3	—	11	4	15
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	3	—	4	5	—	—	3	728	430	315	745
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR											
Austria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former Yugoslav Republics	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	5
Germany	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	8
Greece	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	—	5
Ireland	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	4	—	4
Italy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
United Kingdom	3	—	—	10	10	12	5	—	28	16	44
Other	4	—	3	—	—	7	—	—	12	5	17
<i>Total</i>	9	3	6	16	17	30	14	—	69	26	95
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA											
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SOUTHEAST ASIA											
Indonesia	—	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	6	3	9
Malaysia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philippines	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	5
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Viet Nam	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	3	—	15	3	—	—	—	—	16	7	23

4.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence *continued*

DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....											
Birthplace	4 and under	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	Males	Females	Persons
.....											
NORTHEAST ASIA											
China	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hong Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	5
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SOUTHERN ASIA											
India	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Sri Lanka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
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THE AMERICAS											
Canada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	7
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	9
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AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)											
South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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OTHER AND NOT STATED											
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	9	—	11
.....											
ALL REGIONS											
Total	21	4	28	27	21	34	28	728	535	356	891

4.7 DEATHS, State or Territory of Usual Residence and Registration

State or Territory of registration.....

State or Territory of usual residence	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
NSW	44 842	233	305	38	10	10	7	196	45 641
Vic.	203	32 916	67	36	17	6	11	5	33 261
Qld	202	32	21 682	7	6	5	8	3	21 945
SA	35	39	14	11 539	7	—	21	3	11 658
WA	12	12	8	—	10 759	6	7	—	10 807
Tas.	7	28	12	—	—	3 757	—	—	3 809
NT	4	3	6	29	3	—	846	—	891
ACT	60	6	4	3	—	—	—	1 261	1 334
Other Territories	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4
Aust.	45 366	33 269	22 098	11 655	10 807	3 784	900	1 471	129 350

4.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death and Sex(a)

NUMBER.....

<i>Cause of death(b)</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Percentage of all deaths</i>	<i>Rate(c)</i>
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001–139)	14	7	21	2.4	11.2
Neoplasms (140–239)	93	79	172	19.3	91.9
Malignant neoplasms (140–208)	92	78	170	19.1	90.8
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240–279)	24	13	37	4.2	19.8
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280–289)	5	—	5	0.6	2.7
Mental disorders (290–319)	11	8	19	2.1	10.2
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320–389)	14	6	20	2.2	10.7
Diseases of the circulatory system (390–459)	153	104	257	28.8	137.3
Ischaemic heart disease (410–414)	77	42	119	13.4	63.6
Cerebrovascular disease (430–438)	37	30	67	7.5	35.8
Diseases of the respiratory system (460–519)	53	41	94	10.5	50.2
Diseases of the digestive system (520–579)	25	14	39	4.4	20.8
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580–629)	7	11	18	2.0	9.6
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630–676)	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680–709)	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710–739)	—	3	3	0.3	1.6
Congenital anomalies (740–759)	10	8	18	2.0	9.6
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760–779)	11	8	19	2.1	10.2
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780–799)	12	10	22	2.5	11.8
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800–E999)	102	44	146	16.4	78.0
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810–E819)	32	15	47	5.3	25.1
All causes of death	535	356	891	100.0	476.1

(a) ABS has introduced automated cause of death coding in 1997 which has impacted on these statistics. For details see *Cause of Death, Australia 1997* (3303.0).

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

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

4.9 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death(a)(b)—Summary

Particulars	Heart disease	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	Cerebro- vascular disease (incl. stroke)	Respiratory system diseases	Motor vehicle traffic accidents	Suicide	All causes
Numbers							
Males	106	92	37	53	32	33	535
Females	69	78	30	41	15	5	356
Persons	175	170	67	94	47	38	891
Proportions by sex (%)							
Males	60.6	54.1	55.2	56.4	68.1	86.8	60.0
Females	39.4	45.9	44.8	43.6	31.9	13.2	40.0
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Proportions by cause of death (%)							
Males	19.8	17.2	6.9	9.9	6.0	6.2	100.0
Females	19.4	21.9	8.4	11.5	4.2	1.4	100.0
Persons	19.6	19.1	7.5	10.5	5.3	4.3	100.0
Crude death rate(c)							
Males	107.3	93.1	37.4	53.6	32.4	33.4	541.4
Females	78.1	88.3	34.0	46.4	17.0	5.7	403.1
Standardised death rate(d)							
NT	226.4	206.2	96.2	141.2	24.6	21.5	982.8
Australia	173.0	170.7	55.8	62.1	9.9	14.6	623.1

(a) ABS has introduced automated cause of death coding in 1997 which has impacted on these statistics.
For details, see *Causes of Death, Australia 1997* (3303.0).

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

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

(d) Number of deaths per 100,000 population, standardised for age and sex using the 1991 Australian population as the standard population.

4.10 PERINATAL DEATHS(a)

Year	FETAL DEATHS.....			NEONATAL DEATHS.....			PERINATAL DEATHS.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER									
1987	21	24	45	15	12	27	36	36	72
1992	20	23	43	14	16	30	34	39	73
1993	19	21	40	23	14	37	42	35	77
1994	22	11	33	11	18	29	33	29	62
1995	15	16	31	14	17	31	29	33	62
1996	13	9	22	13	10	23	26	19	45
1997	16	17	33	12	11	23	28	28	56
RATE									
1987	11.4	13.8	12.6	8.2	7.0	7.6	19.6	20.8	20.1
1992	10.3	12.4	11.4	7.3	8.7	8.0	17.6	21.1	19.3
1993	10.0	12.1	11.0	12.2	8.1	10.2	22.0	20.1	21.1
1994	12.0	6.1	9.0	6.0	9.9	8.0	17.9	16.0	17.0
1995	7.6	8.8	8.2	7.1	9.4	8.2	14.7	18.1	16.3
1996	6.9	5.3	6.1	6.9	5.8	6.4	13.9	11.1	12.6
1997	8.8	9.5	9.1	6.6	6.2	6.4	15.3	15.6	15.5

(a) From 1997 the definition of perinatal deaths has been changed to include fetuses weighing at least 400g or having a corresponding gestational age of 20 weeks. Please see Explanatory Note 19 for full definition. All statistics in this table are on the basis of the new definition.

4.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details(a)

1997 PERINATAL DEATHS.....						1987
Particulars	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
AGE AT DEATH						
Less than 1 hour	—	6	—	4	6	5
1 hour to under 1 day	—	7	4	3	7	8
1 day to under 1 week	—	5	3	—	5	7
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	5	3	—	5	7
Total	—	23	12	11	23	27
WEIGHT AT DELIVERY (grams)						
500–999	17	8	11	14	25	28
1 000–1 999	—	—	—	3	4	15
2 000–2 999	4	—	3	3	6	15
3 000 or more	5	3	5	3	8	9
Not stated	5	8	8	5	13	5
Total	33	23	28	28	56	72
PERIOD OF GESTATION (weeks)						
Less than 28	18	9	12	15	27	24
28–36	6	—	4	4	8	25
37–41	8	5	8	5	13	16
42 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	7	4	4	8	7
Total	33	23	28	28	56	72
AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (years)						
Less than 20	6	6	7	5	12	21
20–24	7	7	7	7	14	13
25–29	11	—	7	6	13	16
30–34	4	3	3	4	7	11
35–39	3	—	—	—	3	3
40 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	5	3	4	7	6
Total	33	23	28	28	56	72

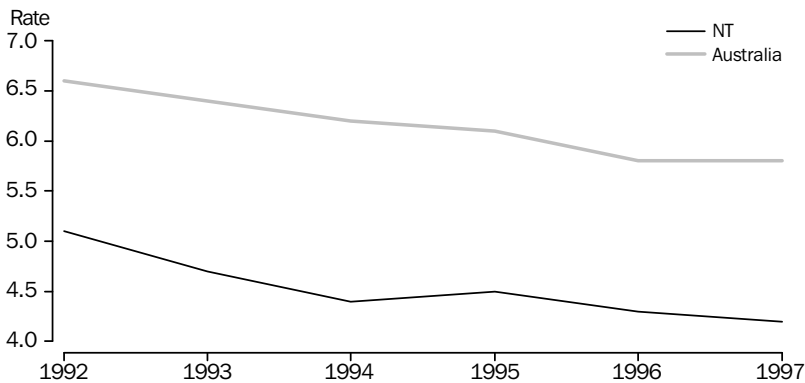
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SECTION **5**

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

There were 786 marriages registered in the Northern Territory in 1997, only one marriage less than in 1996. The crude marriage rate declined from 4.9 per 1,000 population in 1987 to 4.2 in 1997 and remained well below the national rate of 5.8 in 1997. The Northern Territory's crude marriage rate was the lowest of any State or Territory.

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE(a)

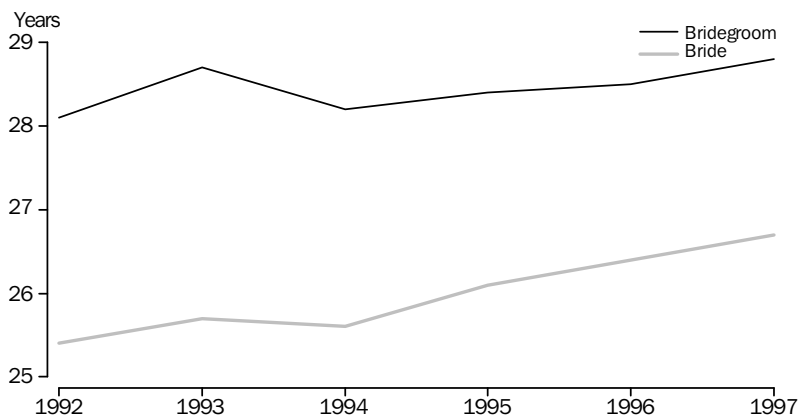


(a) Per 1,000 population.

AGE AT MARRIAGE

The median age for bridegrooms marrying for the first time increased from 27.1 years in 1987 to 28.8 years in 1997, while for brides it increased from 24.5 years to 26.7 years over the same period. These median ages at first marriage in 1997 were higher than the national ages of 27.8 years for bridegrooms and 25.9 years for brides.

MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE



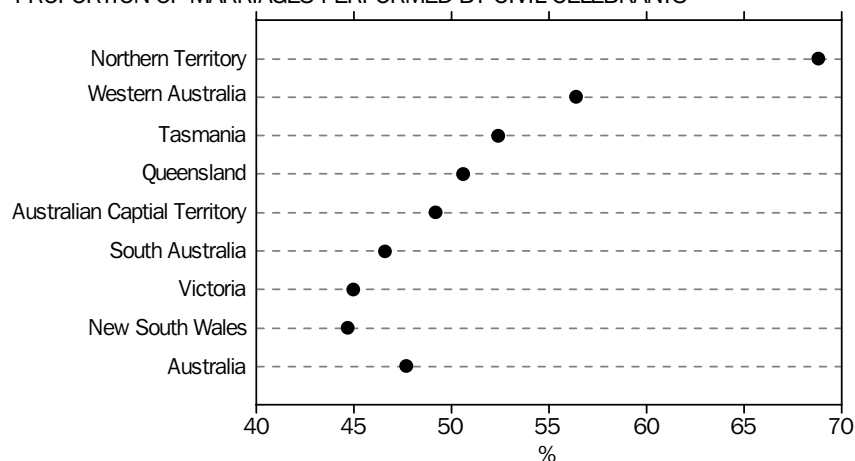
AGE-SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES

Between 1987 and 1997 age-specific marriage rates declined for some age groups but increased for others. The peak age group for males and females in 1997 was 25–29 years, the rate decreasing slightly for this age group from 23.0 per 1,000 population in 1987 to 21.8 in 1997 for males and increasing slightly from 23.6 to 24.4 for females over the same period.

RITES USED IN CEREMONY

More than two-thirds (68.8%) of marriages in the Northern Territory in 1997 were performed by official registrars or other civil celebrants while 31.2% were performed by ministers of religion. The Northern Territory had the highest proportion of civil ceremonies of any State or Territory and was 21.1 percentage points higher than the national average of 47.7%.

PROPORTION OF MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY CIVIL CELEBRANTS



Of the marriages performed by ministers of religion, 83.3% of bridegrooms and 82.9% of brides had never been in a registered marriage, compared with 66.5% and 68.2% respectively for marriages performed by official registrars or civil celebrants.

BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES

Of the marriages registered in the Northern Territory in 1997, 58.3% were between couples where both the bride and the bridegroom were born in Australia, while 18.3% involved an Australian-born bridegroom and an overseas-born bride, and 11.7% involved an Australian-born bride and an overseas-born bridegroom. In 6.2% of marriages both the bride and bridegroom were born in the same overseas country, while for the remaining 5.5% of marriages both parties were born in different overseas countries.

5.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
ALL MARRIAGES							
Marriages registered	768	860	806	765	797	787	786
Crude marriage rate	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.2
Previous marital status							
First marriage both partners	464	497	502	448	483	499	471
First marriage one partner	190	208	201	206	187	180	194
Remarriage both partners	114	155	103	111	127	108	121
Marriages performed by							
Ministers of religion							
Number	271	327	291	282	n.a.	255	245
Proportion (%)	35.3	38.0	36.1	36.9	n.a.	32.4	31.2
Civil celebrants							
Number	497	533	515	483	n.a.	532	541
Proportion (%)	64.7	62.0	63.9	63.1	n.a.	67.6	68.8
BRIDEGROOM							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.1
20–24	20.0	17.8	16.4	15.5	16.3	14.2	11.7
25–29	23.0	28.3	24.6	24.3	21.9	23.1	21.8
30–34	18.3	19.4	20.6	17.9	18.0	19.6	17.7
35–39	11.6	11.7	12.8	11.9	11.4	10.8	13.1
40–44	9.0	10.9	9.5	7.9	9.7	8.0	7.1
45–49	9.1	10.0	7.7	7.0	8.8	8.6	6.8
50 and over	4.1	5.5	3.6	4.9	5.0	3.8	5.2
Marital status of bridegroom							
Never married	545	582	602	540	569	582	564
Widowed	15	12	6	19	9	9	15
Divorced	207	266	198	206	219	196	207
Total	767	860	806	765	797	787	786
Median age of bridegroom (years)							
Never married	27.1	28.1	28.7	28.2	28.4	28.5	28.8
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	38.9	41.5	41.2	41.1	43.4	43.2	42.8
All bridegrooms	29.7	30.4	30.7	30.8	31.1	30.9	31.6
BRIDE							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	11.5	6.1	7.1	3.6	4.1	5.4	4.9
20–24	32.0	30.0	27.5	28.9	25.1	23.9	21.7
25–29	23.6	27.5	26.3	24.1	27.0	26.2	24.4
30–34	13.9	16.4	18.0	14.1	17.5	15.8	15.6
35–39	8.6	12.3	9.7	9.7	9.4	11.2	10.6
40–44	6.7	9.5	8.3	8.6	8.2	6.8	6.6
45–49	9.2	7.5	5.9	6.9	6.4	5.3	7.0
50 and over	2.0	3.0	1.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	3.9
Marital status of bride							
Never married	573	620	603	562	584	596	572
Widowed	16	18	12	11	12	16	11
Divorced	178	222	191	192	201	175	203
Total	767	860	806	765	797	787	786
Median age of bride (years)							
Never married	24.5	25.4	25.7	25.6	26.1	26.4	26.7
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	35.9	37.4	36.2	38.7	38.4	38.4	40.0
All brides	26.3	27.8	27.7	27.8	28.1	28.2	28.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

5.2 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	12.9	7.3	3.9	2.0	1.4	1.0
20–24	56.3	46.0	43.0	22.0	25.7	18.0
25–29	55.9	67.1	59.6	47.5	46.5	37.7
30–34	39.9	34.9	51.6	44.5	40.3	41.1
35–39	27.5	40.6	43.0	21.4	26.7	22.3
40–44	22.1	23.8	32.2	22.0	20.8	21.4
45 and over	7.7	8.7	7.7	18.8	7.0	6.0
Age of bride						
15–19	140.8	42.0	28.2	11.3	9.7	6.0
20–24	154.1	92.3	65.0	48.5	44.2	32.6
25–29	142.6	93.8	76.5	64.1	54.8	52.4
30–34	87.0	81.6	80.2	52.5	42.2	40.0
35–39	61.2	75.7	87.8	29.6	31.9	27.1
40–44	32.3	28.6	82.2	18.0	27.7	7.9
45 and over	24.4	6.8	12.1	4.8	7.4	8.5
REMARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15–19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20–24	117.6	37.0	279.4	44.4	42.3	—
25–29	203.1	179.5	126.0	101.8	65.2	42.3
30–34	126.2	156.9	88.2	88.4	91.2	68.7
35–39	117.6	125.0	54.8	73.0	72.0	56.8
40–44	27.8	120.3	46.3	52.4	42.1	32.7
45–49	22.2	103.4	44.0	30.6	37.0	42.7
50–54	7.4	56.9	8.6	24.3	11.8	24.1
55–59	30.3	25.1	2.9	4.1	11.9	24.9
60 and over	9.3	5.4	0.7	1.5	0.8	8.2
Age of bride						
15–19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20–24	529.4	750.0	22.7	—	—	57.1
25–29	454.6	263.6	90.2	86.6	51.1	53.6
30–34	193.0	194.8	120.2	100.0	61.6	59.3
35–39	111.1	124.3	95.0	87.9	67.2	58.8
40–44	171.4	79.1	81.2	65.9	66.7	34.9
45–49	14.1	70.6	75.8	55.0	67.2	21.3
50–54	33.3	50.6	41.8	52.2	39.3	14.3
55–59	18.2	21.6	43.7	29.3	26.6	7.8
60 and over	—	18.4	3.1	6.2	8.1	1.7

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

5.3 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	471	—	91	564
Widowed	4	3	8	15
Divorced	97	6	104	207
<i>Total</i>	572	11	203	786
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	59.9	—	11.6	71.8
Widowed	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.9
Divorced	12.3	0.8	13.2	26.3
<i>Total</i>	72.8	1.4	25.8	100.0

5.4 MARRIAGES, Age and Previous Marital Status of Parties

Age at marriage (years)	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.....				PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			
	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
17 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	4	—	—	4	9	—	—	9
19	4	—	—	4	22	—	—	22
20	6	—	—	6	26	—	—	26
21	20	—	—	20	29	—	—	29
22	20	—	—	20	39	—	—	40
23	31	—	—	31	40	—	—	41
24	32	—	—	32	43	—	3	46
25	42	—	—	44	48	—	3	51
26	42	—	—	43	40	—	3	43
27	49	—	—	51	46	—	4	50
28	41	—	4	45	41	—	6	47
29	37	—	—	39	33	—	7	40
30–34	133	—	28	162	103	—	28	131
35–39	66	—	47	113	36	—	46	82
40–44	20	—	32	53	12	—	33	45
45–49	8	—	36	45	3	3	34	40
50–54	4	—	31	37	—	3	17	21
55–59	3	5	16	24	—	—	12	12
60 and over	—	4	7	13	—	5	5	10
Total	564	15	207	786	572	11	203	786

5.5 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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
20-24	—	4	12	71	18	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	109
25-29	—	—	6	73	103	28	10	—	—	—	—	—	222
30-34	—	—	—	24	51	59	18	4	—	—	—	—	162
35-39	—	—	—	11	37	28	24	7	5	—	—	—	113
40-44	—	—	—	—	7	6	19	12	6	—	—	—	53
45-49	—	—	—	—	8	3	6	11	10	3	—	—	45
50-54	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	7	10	6	—	4	37
55-59	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	4	8	4	—	24
60 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	4	13
Total	—	9	22	182	231	131	82	45	40	21	12	10	786

5.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties

Birthplace	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	458	—	144	602	458	—	92	550
Fiji	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Zealand	17	—	12	30	13	—	—	15
Other	4	—	—	4	4	—	—	6
Total	480	—	156	637	476	—	95	572
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former Yugoslav Republics	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Germany	3	8	—	13	5	8	—	15
Greece	9	—	3	14	—	—	—	3
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Italy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	3	5	—	8	3	5	—	9
Poland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom	30	5	7	42	42	5	4	51
Other	6	—	4	11	3	—	—	5
Total	53	23	17	93	61	23	9	93
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	—	4	—	7	13	4	7	24
Malaysia	—	—	—	5	6	—	—	9
Philippines	—	10	—	11	15	10	6	31
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Thailand	—	—	—	—	7	—	6	14
Viet Nam	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Other	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
Total	5	19	6	30	46	19	22	87

5.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

Birthplace	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5
Hong Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	9
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	4	—	—	5	3	—	—	4
Sri Lanka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4	—	—	6	3	—	—	4
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	4	3	4	11	7	3	—	12
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	3	5	14	9	3	3	15
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4
OTHER AND NOT STATED								
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ALL REGIONS								
Total	550	49	187	786	602	49	135	786

5.7 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties and Category of Rite

	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM			PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....				
Category of rite	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	All marriages	Proportion of all marriages
RELIGIOUS (a)								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
Anglican	20	—	8	22	—	6	28	3.6
Baptist	—	—	3	—	—	—	4	0.5
Catholic	79	—	—	79	—	—	82	10.4
Churches of Christ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lutheran	6	—	—	5	—	3	8	1.0
Orthodox	19	—	—	17	—	—	19	2.4
Presbyterian	—	—	3	—	—	3	4	0.5
Uniting Church	38	—	8	39	—	7	47	6.0
Other denominations	40	—	11	38	—	12	51	6.5
CIVIL								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
Official registrars	117	—	47	119	—	45	165	21.0
Other civil celebrants	243	9	124	250	5	121	376	47.8
TOTAL								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
All marriages	564	15	207	572	11	203	786	100
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Proportion	71.8	1.9	26.3	72.8	1.4	25.8	100.0	..

5.8 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>
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BRIDEGROOM

One	115	31	25	8	—	—	180
Two	20	9	4	—	—	—	35
Three or more	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	142	40	29	10	—	—	222

BRIDE

One	108	33	26	10	—	—	180
Two	14	4	5	—	—	—	25
Three or more	7	—	—	—	—	—	9
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	129	39	31	12	—	—	214

5.9 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	—	31	33	—	25	25
1	—	41	43	—	47	48
2	—	31	32	—	22	22
3	3	16	19	—	12	13
4	—	8	9	—	17	17
0-4	9	127	136	—	123	125
5	3	17	20	—	12	13
6	—	11	12	—	9	9
7	—	6	7	—	7	7
8	—	7	7	—	13	13
9	—	4	4	—	6	6
5-9	5	45	50	—	47	48
10-14	—	22	23	4	21	25
15-19	—	10	10	—	10	10
20 and over	—	—	—	3	—	5
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—
All remarriages	15	207	222	11	203	214

SECTION **6**

DIVORCES GRANTED

NUMBER OF DIVORCES

In 1997 there were 416 divorces granted in the Northern Territory, a decrease of 14.4% from 1996 and an increase of 26.8% on the number of divorces granted in 1987.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES



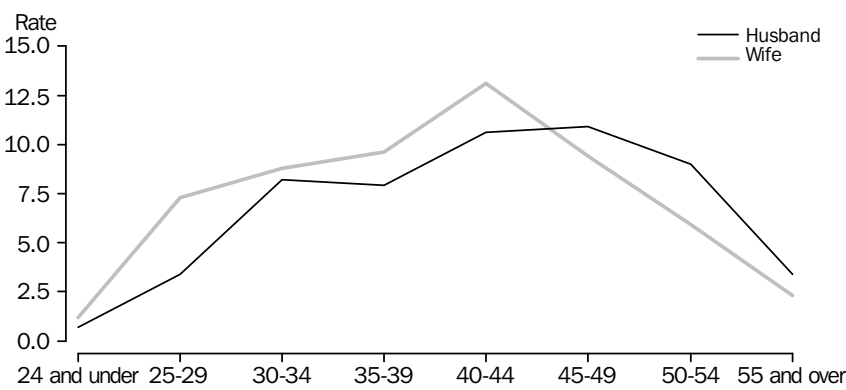
CRUDE DIVORCE RATE

The crude divorce rate for 1997 was 2.2 per 1,000 population, down from 2.7 in 1996. This was the lowest rate for any State or Territory in 1997 and 0.6 percentage points lower than the national rate. This is largely due to the Northern Territory's low crude marriage rate.

AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES

Between 1987 and 1997 the age group with the highest divorce rate for males and females both increased by 10 years. The peak age group for males changed from 35–39 years in 1987 (11.8 per 1,000 population) to 45–49 years in 1997 (10.9) while the peak age group for females changed from 30–34 years (11.5) to 40–44 years (13.1) over the same period.

AGE-SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES



(a) Per 1,000 population

AGE AT DIVORCE

The median age at divorce in 1997 was 41.4 years for males and 38.6 years for females. This was an increase of 3.5 years for males and 4.3 years for females since 1987.

DURATION OF MARRIAGE

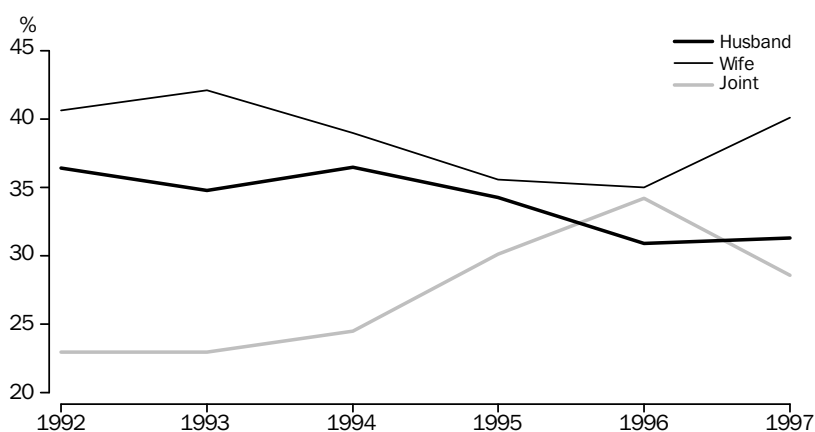
Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of the marriage and the date on which the divorce decree was made absolute. Between 1987 and 1997 the median interval between marriage and divorce increased from 9.8 years to 11.6 years while the interval between marriage and final separation increased from 6.9 years to 7.8 years.

In 1997 16.1% of divorces were granted to marriages of less than five years duration while 22.4% of divorces were granted to marriages of 20 or more years duration.

APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

In 1997 31.3% of applications for divorce were made by the husband alone compared with 39.6% in 1987, while the proportion of applications made by the wife alone increased from 36.9% to 40.1% over the same period. The proportion of joint applicants decreased by 5.6 percentage points between 1996 and 1997, a reversal of the upwards trend since 1992.

PROPORTION OF DIVORCES BY APPLICANT



6.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
ALL DIVORCES							
Divorces granted	328	409	382	400	432	486	416
Crude divorce rate	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.2
Median duration of marriage (years)	9.8	10.2	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.8	11.6
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.9	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.3	7.8
Divorces involving children							
Number	197	232	214	217	n.a.	246	233
Percentage of total divorces	60.1	56.7	56.0	54.3	n.a.	50.6	56.0
Average number of children	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	n.a.	1.9	2.0
Applicant							
Husband	130	149	133	146	148	150	130
Wife	121	166	161	156	154	170	167
Joint	77	94	88	98	130	166	119

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

6.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a) *continued*

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
HUSBAND							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.7
25–29	5.8	5.4	6.0	5.4	4.9	5.1	3.4
30–34	6.7	8.9	6.9	8.4	8.2	10.8	8.2
35–39	11.8	10.6	9.0	10.8	10.4	13.3	7.9
40–44	9.8	12.9	11.1	10.2	12.2	12.0	10.6
45–49	6.4	9.9	10.0	8.6	11.0	10.8	10.9
50–54	6.0	7.0	7.8	7.0	8.9	9.8	9.0
55 and over	2.7	3.0	3.7	4.5	4.5	3.9	3.4
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	266	325	317	323	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	n.a.	—	—	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	60	81	63	76	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	328	408	382	400	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	25.2	25.5	25.8	25.5	26.6	25.9	26.5
At final separation	35.1	35.8	37.4	36.6	37.1	36.5	37.6
At decree made absolute	37.9	39.4	40.5	39.7	41.1	39.9	41.4
WIFE							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	2.4	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.2
25–29	6.6	8.1	8.6	6.8	7.3	7.9	7.3
30–34	11.5	13.2	8.6	11.2	11.1	13.4	8.8
35–39	10.5	11.6	9.8	10.3	11.3	12.5	9.6
40–44	9.2	12.6	11.2	10.9	12.7	11.1	13.1
45–49	6.2	6.7	8.6	9.4	8.7	12.3	9.4
50–54	3.2	3.8	5.9	5.9	6.4	5.0	5.9
55 and over	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.3	2.2	2.3	2.3
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	269	331	317	326	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	n.a.	4	4	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	58	74	61	72	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	328	409	382	400	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	22.5	22.9	22.6	23.2	23.8	23.4	23.4
At final separation	32.0	31.8	32.8	33.2	33.4	33.3	34.2
At decree made absolute	34.3	35.6	36.5	37.0	37.0	37.0	38.6

6.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage and Duration of Marriage

AGE GROUP (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>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50 and over</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
.....										
HUSBAND										
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
2	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
3	—	5	5	8	—	—	—	—	—	22
4	—	5	15	5	—	—	—	—	—	30
5	—	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
6	—	—	8	7	—	4	—	—	—	23
7	—	10	4	4	3	—	—	—	—	25
8	—	8	6	—	—	4	—	—	—	23
9	—	7	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	20
10-14	7	19	24	21	15	6	—	—	—	95
15-19	3	19	17	8	3	—	—	—	—	51
20-24	4	25	11	3	3	—	—	—	—	46
25-29	5	17	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
30 and over	3	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Total	27	140	115	67	34	20	—	9	—	416

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WIFE

1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
3	—	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
4	5	11	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
5	—	10	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
6	—	7	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	23
7	5	12	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	25
8	4	9	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	23
9	4	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
10-14	12	29	28	19	4	—	—	—	—	95
15-19	13	25	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	51
20-24	14	24	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	46
25-29	13	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
30 and over	8	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Total	85	165	90	38	18	8	3	4	5	416

6.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation and 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	—	9	5	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	21
1	—	7	5	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	30
2	—	5	9	16	—	3	3	—	—	—	36
3	—	3	9	11	4	—	—	—	—	—	31
4	—	—	8	3	4	—	3	—	—	—	21
5	—	—	10	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	25
6	—	—	7	5	4	—	3	—	—	—	25
7	—	—	—	8	8	—	3	—	—	—	25
8	—	—	—	5	—	6	4	—	—	—	17
9	—	—	—	6	5	4	3	—	—	—	20
10-14	—	—	—	12	31	12	13	—	—	—	71
15-19	—	—	—	—	11	20	5	4	—	—	42
20-24	—	—	—	—	—	14	7	3	—	—	27
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	7	5	—	23
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	27	58	83	78	72	57	21	17	—	416

WIFE

Under 1	4	5	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
1	—	10	9	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	30
2	—	10	9	10	4	—	—	—	—	—	36
3	—	8	15	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	31
4	—	6	8	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
5	—	3	14	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
6	—	—	8	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	25
7	—	—	4	13	5	—	—	—	—	—	25
8	—	—	3	7	3	3	—	—	—	—	17
9	—	—	3	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	20
10-14	—	—	3	25	24	14	4	—	—	—	71
15-19	—	—	—	—	24	12	—	—	—	—	42
20-24	—	—	—	—	5	11	9	—	—	—	27
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	4	13	4	—	—	23
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5	44	81	89	79	60	33	13	7	5	416

6.4 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	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
25-29	8	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34
30-34	3	28	33	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	75
35-39	—	10	21	23	11	3	—	—	—	—	68
40-44	—	—	7	27	34	6	3	—	—	—	79
45-49	—	—	5	14	25	18	5	—	—	—	72
50-54	—	—	—	—	11	19	11	3	—	—	48
55-59	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	6	—	—	17
60 and over	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	13
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16	68	73	73	88	53	24	13	3	5	416

6.5 DIVORCES, Children of the Marriage(a) and 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	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
2	8	3	—	—	—	12	5	1.3
3	14	3	5	—	—	22	13	1.6
4	14	9	4	—	—	30	27	1.7
5	10	4	5	—	—	19	14	1.6
6	12	5	5	—	—	23	18	1.6
7	9	7	6	—	—	25	29	1.8
8	7	3	6	5	—	23	40	2.5
9	11	3	5	—	—	20	16	1.8
10–14	29	19	28	13	6	95	141	2.1
15–19	10	4	23	11	3	51	95	2.3
20–24	15	15	14	—	—	46	50	1.6
25–29	24	5	—	—	—	30	7	1.2
30 and over	17	—	—	—	—	17	—	—
Total	183	80	103	36	14	416	455	2.0

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

6.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties

Birthplace	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	241	—	60	301	241	—	40	281
Fiji	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Zealand	9	10	5	24	5	10	—	17
Other	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
Total	251	10	65	326	250	10	42	302
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Former Yugoslav Republics	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Germany	—	—	3	7	3	—	—	6
Greece	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Italy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom	16	14	7	37	27	14	3	44
Other	4	3	—	9	—	3	—	6
Total	26	25	16	67	34	25	6	65
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	3	3	—	7	3	3	—	7
Malaysia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Philippines	—	3	—	3	9	3	6	18
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Viet Nam	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	9	—	13	14	9	11	34

6.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

Birthplace	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	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Hong Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sri Lanka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
OTHER AND NOT STATED								
Total	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
ALL REGIONS								
Total	281	46	89	416	301	46	69	416

SECTION **7**

THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION

THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION

This section includes information on births and deaths in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population (Indigenous population) usually resident in the Northern Territory. Care needs to be taken when interpreting year-to-year movements in data due to the relatively small numbers and possible under-recording. No data on the Indigenous population are available for marriages and divorces.

Experimental projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population are available for each State and Territory and Australia by age and sex at 30 June for each year from 1996 to 2006. (They are referred to as experimental because of the experimental nature of the base population, the deficiencies in the quality of Indigenous births, deaths and migration data involved in deriving the population projection assumptions and the changing propensity to identify as Indigenous on a census form.) These projections reveal the size, structure and distribution of the Indigenous population if various assumptions are made about the components of population change – births, deaths, migration and change in propensity to identify as Indigenous. The low series assumes no change in the propensity to identify while the high series assumes a change in the propensity to identify based on an estimate from the 1991–96 intercensal period.

At 30 June 1997 the Indigenous population in the Northern Territory was projected to be 52,782 under the low series and 53,147 under the high series. Indigenous people comprised about 28% of the Northern Territory's population at that time. Under both the low and high projection series, the proportion of the Indigenous population in the Northern Territory aged 15 years and under at 30 June 1997 was 37.7% compared with 39.8% nationally. The proportion aged 65 years and over in the Northern Territory was the same as that nationally at 2.6%.

INDIGENOUS BIRTHS

Of the 3,588 births registered to mothers usually resident in the Northern Territory in 1997, 1,259 or 35.1% were Indigenous births. Of these, 92.9% were to Indigenous mothers and 7.1% were to non-Indigenous mothers. Between 1993 and 1997 the number of Indigenous births in the Northern Territory decreased by 7.4%.

Ex-nuptial births

In 1997 95.2% of Indigenous births were ex-nuptial compared with 57.6% for all births in the Northern Territory.

Paternity acknowledged

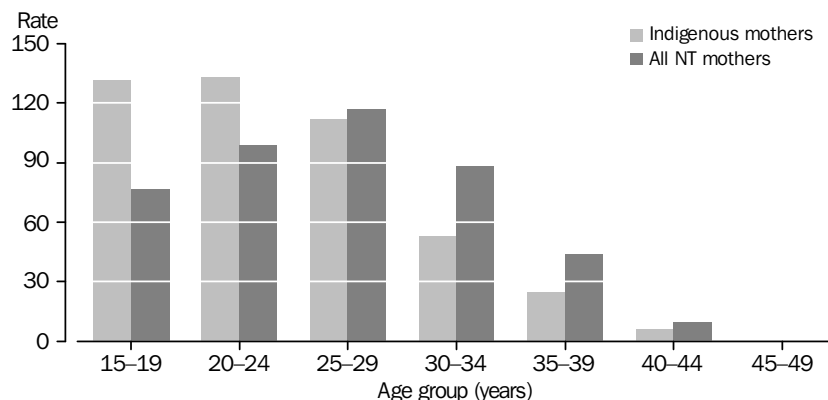
Between 1993 and 1997 acknowledgment of paternity of Indigenous births born outside of marriage rose from 55.3% to 61.4% compared with 64.2% to 68.9% for all births in the Northern Territory.

Age-specific birth rates

Age-specific birth rates for Indigenous mothers decreased between 1996 and 1997 for all age groups, with the largest decrease in the 30–34 year age group (29.3%).

While the 20–24 year age group recorded the highest age-specific birth rate for Indigenous mothers between 1993 and 1997 (compared with the 25–29 year age group for all Northern Territory mothers), the rate declined by 26.9% during that period from 127.4 to 112.3 per 1,000 population.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES(a)



(a) Per 1,000 population

Age of mother

In 1997 the median age of mothers in Indigenous confinements was 22.9 years compared to 27.0 years for all mothers in the Northern Territory.

INDIGENOUS DEATHS

Care should be taken when comparing deaths between 1993 and 1997 as not all deaths were registered in the year they occurred. An unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

Of the 891 deaths registered in the Northern Territory in 1997, 458 or 51.4% were Indigenous deaths. There were 112.0 Indigenous male deaths for every 100 Indigenous female deaths compared with 150.3 male deaths for every 100 female deaths for all deaths in the Northern Territory.

Infant and perinatal deaths

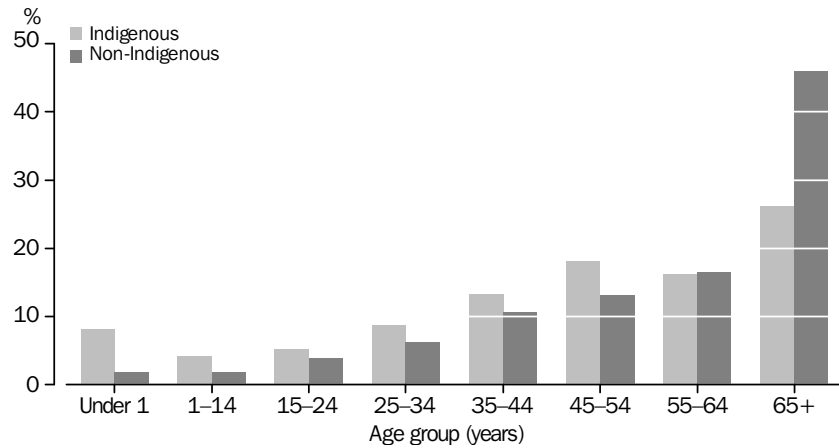
Of the 45 infant deaths recorded in the Northern Territory in 1997, 37 or 82.2% were Indigenous infant deaths.

In 1997, Indigenous neonatal deaths comprised 78.3% of all neonatal deaths in the Northern Territory while Indigenous fetal deaths (stillbirths) comprised 57.6% of all fetal deaths. Between 1993 and 1997 Indigenous neonatal deaths and fetal deaths decreased by 25.0% and 34.5% respectively, resulting in an overall decline of 30.2% in Indigenous perinatal deaths.

Age at death

In 1997 the median age at death was 48.8 years for Indigenous males and 52.4 years for Indigenous females. These ages were considerably lower than the median age at death for the non-Indigenous population of 61.8 years for males and 66.5 years for females.

INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS DEATHS BY AGE AT DEATH



Cause of death

In 1997 the leading causes of death of the Indigenous population were diseases of the circulatory system, accidents, poisonings and violence and malignant neoplasms. These accounted for 32.1%, 12.2% and 11.8% of Indigenous deaths respectively. In the total population, those causes represented 28.8%, 16.4% and 19.1% of all deaths.

In 1997 more Indigenous females died of malignant neoplasms than Indigenous males, but this trend was reversed for deaths resulting from diseases of the circulatory system and deaths resulting from accidents, poisonings and violence.

7.1 EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTIONS OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION—30 June 1997

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(a)
LOW SERIES									
0–4	16 586	3 304	15 871	3 072	7 690	2 110	6 960	450	56 059
5–9	15 317	3 051	14 768	3 064	7 933	2 020	6 861	389	53 428
10–14	13 547	2 552	12 894	2 702	7 051	2 100	6 079	401	47 342
15–19	11 018	2 128	10 859	2 193	5 674	1 802	5 441	321	39 462
20–24	9 760	2 040	10 013	2 044	5 228	1 302	5 550	337	36 289
25–29	9 529	2 047	9 345	2 051	5 170	1 216	5 004	330	34 715
30–34	8 204	1 790	7 981	1 830	4 490	1 042	4 049	247	29 644
35–39	7 161	1 563	6 698	1 490	3 797	1 129	3 210	242	25 306
40–44	5 888	1 260	5 435	1 200	2 963	868	2 723	198	20 548
45–49	4 629	1 000	4 224	848	2 100	714	1 931	106	15 561
50–54	3 413	686	2 990	625	1 540	442	1 594	69	11 368
55–59	2 540	507	2 071	466	1 158	292	1 070	32	8 145
60–64	1 793	348	1 587	331	839	224	909	14	6 047
65–69	1 255	308	1 169	250	711	150	569	13	4 427
70–74	708	184	742	131	388	76	353	6	2 590
75 and over	819	234	911	206	531	94	479	6	3 283
Total	112 167	23 002	107 558	22 503	57 263	15 581	52 782	3 161	394 214
HIGH SERIES									
0–4	17 428	3 382	16 371	3 134	7 830	2 264	7 004	479	57 908
5–9	16 101	3 122	15 242	3 126	8 080	2 169	6 908	417	55 190
10–14	14 235	2 613	13 302	2 757	7 180	2 251	6 118	430	48 902
15–19	11 583	2 177	11 204	2 237	5 780	1 935	5 479	343	40 764
20–24	10 270	2 090	10 343	2 088	5 331	1 398	5 593	359	37 487
25–29	10 023	2 097	9 649	2 096	5 272	1 306	5 042	352	35 860
30–34	8 630	1 834	8 240	1 870	4 578	1 116	4 078	264	30 621
35–39	7 525	1 598	6 910	1 520	3 868	1 211	3 232	260	26 140
40–44	6 189	1 290	5 608	1 222	3 021	931	2 740	213	21 227
45–49	4 861	1 020	4 355	866	2 139	769	1 943	114	16 076
50–54	3 586	702	3 086	639	1 567	475	1 606	72	11 742
55–59	2 668	516	2 137	476	1 180	315	1 081	32	8 414
60–64	1 884	359	1 638	339	856	240	916	14	6 248
65–69	1 320	317	1 206	254	724	163	573	13	4 572
70–74	746	188	766	132	396	82	355	7	2 674
75 and over	863	236	947	213	540	102	479	8	3 391
Total	117 912	23 541	111 004	22 969	58 342	16 727	53 147	3 377	407 216

(a) Includes Jervis Bay Territory.

7.2 INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS—Summary(a)

	INDIGENOUS BIRTHS.....					ALL NT
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1997
BIRTHS						
Total births	1 359	1 338	1 354	1 343	1 259	3 588
Males	718	686	681	718	621	1 812
Females	641	652	673	625	638	1 776
Sex ratio	112.0	105.2	101.2	114.9	97.3	102.0
Nuptial births	94	88	71	78	61	1 522
Ex-nuptial births						
Number	1 265	1 250	1 283	1 265	1 198	2 066
Percentage of live births	93.1	93.4	94.8	94.2	95.2	57.6
Paternity acknowledged births						
Number	699	675	669	661	736	1 423
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	55.3	54.0	52.1	52.3	61.4	68.9
CONFINEMENTS						
Total confinements	1 347	1 322	1 345	1 332	1 253	3 552
Median age of mother (years)	22.8	22.9	23.3	23.4	22.9	27.0
Median age of father (years)(b)	27.2	26.1	26.9	26.5	26.2	30.6
Previous births(b)						
0	336	345	351	322	364	1 296
1	195	199	182	187	162	880
2	121	108	111	117	130	438
3	72	49	44	58	69	175
4 and over	62	51	46	48	69	124
Average number of births	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0
(a) Indigenous births are births of an Indigenous child regardless of the ethnic background of the mother. (b) Includes both nuptial confinements and ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged of the current relationship.						

7.3 BIRTHS TO AND CONFINEMENTS OF INDIGENOUS MOTHERS—Summary

	INDIGENOUS MOTHERS.....					ALL NT
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1997
BIRTHS						
Total births	1 272	1 256	1 286	1 251	1 169	3 588
Males	673	641	645	675	580	1 812
Females	599	615	641	576	589	1 776
Sex ratio	112.4	104.2	100.6	117.2	98.5	102.0
Nuptial births	72	66	57	56	42	1 522
Ex-nuptial births						
Number	1 200	1 190	1 229	1 195	1 127	2 066
Percentage of live births	94.3	94.7	95.6	95.5	96.4	57.6
Paternity acknowledged births						
Number	634	624	617	591	665	1 423
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	52.8	52.4	50.2	49.5	59.0	68.9
Age-specific birth rates						
Age group (years)						
15–19(a)	169.3	168.4	141.8	139.6	131.8	76.5
20–24	182.3	176.5	168.9	151.9	133.3	99.2
25–29	127.4	126.7	129.0	126.2	112.3	116.9
30–34	66.3	59.0	75.3	75.1	53.1	88.2
35–39	33.1	37.9	29.9	31.6	25.0	43.8
40–44	6.2	5.1	1.7	6.4	5.7	9.4
45–49(b)	2.6	—	—	—	—	—
CONFINEMENTS						
Total confinements	1 260	1 240	1 277	1 240	1 163	3 552
Median age of mother (years)	22.7	22.7	23.2	23.3	22.8	27.0
Median age of father (years)(c)	27.0	26.0	26.7	26.4	26.1	30.6
Previous births(c)						
0	288	312	314	269	315	1 296
1	173	174	166	164	143	880
2	111	98	104	106	116	438
3	66	46	40	54	65	175
4 and over	61	49	44	47	65	124
Average number of births	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0

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

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

(c) Includes both nuptial confinements and ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged of the current relationship.

7.4 DEATHS, Indigenous and Total—Summary

	INDIGENOUS DEATHS.....					ALL NT
	1993	1994	1995	1996(a)	1997(a)	1997(a)
Total deaths	376	380	387	328	458	891
Males	200	216	229	196	242	535
Females	176	164	158	132	216	356
Sex ratio	113.6	131.7	144.9	148.5	112.0	150.3
Median age at death (years)	n.a.	49.7	49.7	50.0	50.1	56.8
Males	n.a.	46.7	46.7	46.5	48.8	56.3
Females	n.a.	60.3	60.3	53.5	52.4	57.6
Infant deaths	40	25	25	26	37	45
Males	22	10	13	14	18	21
Females	18	15	12	12	19	24
Neonatal deaths(b)(c)	24	18	14	13	18	23
Males	15	6	6	8	9	12
Females	9	12	8	5	9	11
Fetal deaths (stillbirths)(b)(c)	29	18	19	9	19	33
Males	14	13	10	5	11	16
Females	15	5	9	4	8	17

(a) An unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

(b) Excludes records where the mother has not been identified as being Indigenous.

(c) From 1997 the definition of perinatal deaths has been changed to include fetuses weighing at least 400g or having a corresponding gestational age of 20 weeks. Please see Explanatory Note 19 for full definition. All statistics in this table are on the basis of the new definition.

7.5 INDIGENOUS DEATHS, By Age and Sex

	1993.....			1994.....			1995.....			1996(a).....			1997(a).....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Under 1	22	18	40	10	15	25	13	12	25	14	12	26	18	19	37
1–14	7	7	14	12	3	15	7	4	11	6	5	11	7	12	19
15–24	15	12	27	14	7	21	23	—	24	11	—	13	18	6	24
25–34	27	10	37	34	11	45	28	16	44	25	10	35	24	16	40
35–44	26	27	53	34	22	56	32	22	54	32	16	48	35	26	61
45–54	28	24	52	34	17	51	37	20	57	34	24	58	45	38	83
55–64	33	33	66	34	23	57	45	31	76	34	19	53	35	39	74
65 and over	42	45	87	44	66	110	44	52	96	40	44	84	60	60	120
Total deaths	200	176	376	216	164	380	229	158	387	196	132	328	242	216	458
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Under 1	11.0	10.2	10.7	4.7	9.2	6.6	5.7	7.6	6.5	7.2	9.1	7.9	7.4	8.8	8.1
1–14	3.5	4.0	3.7	5.6	1.8	4.0	3.1	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.8	3.4	2.9	5.6	4.1
15–24	7.5	6.8	7.2	6.5	4.3	5.5	10.0	0.6	6.2	5.6	1.5	4.0	7.4	2.8	5.2
25–34	13.5	5.7	9.8	15.7	6.7	11.8	12.2	10.2	11.4	12.8	7.6	10.7	9.9	7.4	8.7
35–44	13.0	15.3	14.1	15.7	13.4	14.7	14.0	13.9	14.0	16.3	12.1	14.6	14.5	12.0	13.3
45–54	14.0	13.6	13.8	15.7	10.4	13.4	16.2	12.7	14.7	17.3	18.2	17.7	18.6	17.6	18.1
55–64	16.5	18.8	17.6	15.7	14.0	15.0	19.6	19.6	19.6	17.3	14.4	16.1	14.5	18.1	16.1
65 and over	21.0	25.6	23.1	20.4	40.2	29.0	19.2	32.9	24.8	20.4	33.3	25.6	24.8	27.8	26.2
Total deaths	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) An unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

7.6 INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL DEATHS, Causes of Death

	INDIGENOUS DEATHS.....					ALL NT
<i>Cause of death</i>	1993	1994	1995	1996(a)	1997(a)	1997(a)
Infectious and parasitic diseases	12	11	11	9	15	21
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	41	40	58	40	54	170
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	22	28	28	25	31	37
Diabetes mellitus	17	22	20	18	30	33
Mental disorders	5	9	18	5	8	19
Diseases of the circulatory system	91	112	102	77	147	257
Ischaemic heart disease	43	46	37	32	61	119
Other heart disease	25	31	39	23	44	56
Cerebrovascular disease	16	26	20	17	37	67
Other diseases of the circulatory system	7	9	6	5	5	15
Diseases of the respiratory system	60	62	60	47	50	94
Diseases of the digestive system	13	16	8	11	21	39
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	18	16	10	12	16	19
All other medical conditions	59	33	42	39	60	89
Accidents, poisonings and violence	55	53	50	63	56	146
Motor vehicle traffic accidents	21	16	22	24	22	47
All other accidents	16	15	16	18	19	48
Suicide	—	5	3	8	11	38
Other external causes	16	17	9	13	4	13
All causes	376	380	387	328	458	891

(a) An unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

7.7 INDIGENOUS DEATHS, Causes of Death by Sex

	1995.....			1996(a).....			1997(a).....		
<i>Cause of death</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
.....									
Infectious and parasitic diseases	4	7	11	4	5	9	8	7	15
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	38	20	58	26	14	40	22	32	54
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	12	16	28	13	12	25	19	12	31
Diabetes mellitus	8	12	20	10	8	18	18	12	30
Mental disorders	11	7	18	3	—	5	4	4	8
Diseases of the circulatory system	62	39	102	40	37	77	84	63	147
Ischaemic heart disease	26	11	37	19	13	32	39	22	61
Other heart disease	21	18	39	13	10	23	22	22	44
Cerebrovascular disease	14	6	20	6	11	17	21	16	37
Other diseases of the circulatory system	—	4	6	—	3	5	—	3	5
Diseases of the respiratory system	28	32	60	28	19	47	23	27	50
Diseases of the digestive system	5	3	8	7	4	11	9	12	21
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	4	6	10	10	—	12	10	6	16
All other medical conditions	22	20	42	19	20	39	32	28	60
Accidents, poisonings and violence	39	11	50	46	17	63	31	25	56
Motor vehicle traffic accidents	18	4	22	17	7	24	14	8	22
All other accidents	11	5	16	12	6	18	8	11	19
Suicide	3	—	3	7	—	8	9	—	11
Other external causes	7	—	9	10	3	13	—	4	4
All causes	229	158	387	196	132	328	242	216	458
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(a) An unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

7.8 INDIGENOUS DEATHS, Fetal, Neonatal and Perinatal(a)

	1996(b).....			1997(b).....		
	<i>Fetal deaths</i>	<i>Neonatal deaths</i>	<i>Perinatal deaths</i>	<i>Fetal deaths</i>	<i>Neonatal deaths</i>	<i>Perinatal deaths</i>
Age at death						
Less than 1 hour	..	—	—	..	5	5
1 hour to under 1 day	..	3	3	..	6	6
1 day to under 1 week	..	4	4	..	3	3
1 week to under 4 weeks	..	4	4	..	4	4
Weight at delivery (grams)						
400–999	—	3	5	11	7	18
1,000–1,999	—	3	5	—	—	3
2,000–2,999	—	—	—	—	—	—
3,000 or more	—	—	3	—	—	4
Not stated	4	5	9	3	7	10
Period of gestation (weeks)						
Less than 28	3	—	5	13	7	20
28–36	4	3	7	3	—	5
37–41	—	3	4	3	3	6
42 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	5	6	—	6	6
Age group of mother (years)						
Less than 20	—	—	—	6	6	12
20–24	4	—	6	5	6	11
25–29	—	3	5	4	—	5
30–34	—	4	6	—	—	—
35–39	—	—	—	—	—	—
40 or more	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	4	4	—	5	6

(a) From 1997 the definition of perinatal deaths has been changed to include fetuses weighing at least 400g or having a corresponding gestational age of 20 weeks. Please see Explanatory Note 19 for full definition. All statistics in this table are on the basis of the new definition.

(b) An unusually high number of deaths (predominantly Indigenous deaths) that occurred in 1996 were registered in 1997, resulting in a lower than expected number of deaths in 1996 and a higher than expected number of deaths in 1997.

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

3 Details of persons who were usually resident, or were born or died while being usually resident, in Jervis Bay Territory have been, where possible, excluded from this publication from 1990 onwards. These numbers are statistically insignificant. Marriages registered and divorces granted in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) may include some persons resident in Jervis Bay Territory.

POPULATION

4 This section consists of ERP, with information on overseas arrivals and departures and net interstate migration.

Population estimates

5 This publication has used the latest 1997-based estimates for each particular table.

Population projections

6 Population projections are published twice in each intercensal period. The latest projections are based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing and relate to the period 1997–2051.

7 The population projections are not intended as predictions or forecasts; they are illustrations of growth and change in the population which would occur if certain specified assumptions about future demographic trends were realised. The projections are based on a combination of assumptions in future levels of births, deaths and migration to arrive at the size, structure and distribution of Australia's population into the next century.

Population projections (*continued*)

8 Series I assumes an annual net overseas migration gain of 90,000 nationally, small net internal migration gains and losses for States and Territories, and that the total fertility rate falls to 1.75 births per female by 2005–06, and then remains constant. Series II assumes an annual net overseas migration gain of 70,000 nationally, medium net internal migration gains and losses for States and Territories, and that the total fertility rate falls to 1.75 births per female by 2005–06, and then remains constant. Series III assumes an annual net overseas migration gain of 70,000 nationally, large net internal migration gains and losses for States and Territories, and that the total fertility rate declines to 1.6 births per female in 2005–06, and then remains constant. All series assume that the decline in mortality experienced between 1987–91 and 1992–96 would continue to 2005–06. From 2005–06 onwards, the average rates of decline experienced in successive five-year periods from 1967–71 to 1992–96 would be experienced. By 2051, life expectancy of males is assumed to be 82.0 years and of females 86.1 years.

MIGRATION

Overseas migration

9 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

10 Data on interstate migration has been derived from aggregated statistical information on interstate changes of address advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare. The 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* (Cat. no. 3228.0).

BIRTHS

11 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.

12 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.

13 Data presented in section 3 of this publication refer to births registered during the calendar year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later. However, most births are registered soon after they occur. More than 99% of births occurring in one year are registered by 30 June of the following year.

BIRTHS (*continued*)

14 Data on stillbirths (fetal deaths) may be found in summary form in section 4 of the publication.

15 The live birth statistics used to calculate the fetal and neonatal death rates have been adjusted to exclude cases where the birthweight was known to be less than 400 grams. However, infant death rates are calculated using all live births registered because figures are not available Australia-wide for infants who weighed less than 400 grams at birth and who lived for 28 days, but died before they were one year old.

DEATHS

16 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.

17 Data presented in section 4 of this publication refer to deaths registered during the year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a death and, as a result, some deaths are not registered in the year in which they occur. However, most deaths are registered within six months of occurrence. More than 99% of deaths occurring in one year have been registered by 30 June of the following year.

18 Life tables are shown in tables 4.4 and 4.5 and summarise expectation of life. From 1995 these life tables are based on deaths occurring in the reference and previous two years. They are produced at the Australian, 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 1995 to 1997. These were released in 1998 and copies are available from the Commonwealth Government Bookshops or the Mail Order Sales Service.

19 Perinatal deaths comprise stillbirths (fetal deaths) and deaths of infants within the first 28 days of life (neonatal deaths). In previous editions of this publication data relating to perinatal deaths have been based upon the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended definition for compiling national perinatal statistics. This recommendation states that perinatal statistics should include all fetuses and infants delivered weighing at least 500g (or, when birthweight is unavailable, the corresponding gestational age (22 weeks) or body length (25 cm crown–heel)), whether alive or dead. From 1997, ABS has increased the coverage of perinatal deaths by including fetal and neonatal deaths with a birthweight of at least 400 g or having a gestational age of at least 20 weeks. This change recognises the availability of reliable 400g/20 weeks data from all State and Territory Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages and recommendations from major users that ABS adopt the legal requirement for registration of a perinatal death as the statistical standard. For further information please see *Causes of Death, Australia 1997* (Cat. no. 3303.0).

MARRIAGES

20 Marriage statistics refer to marriages registered by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the Northern Territory 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.

21 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

22 All divorce data in this publication are for State or Territory of registration, based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce was granted and registered. As there is no residential requirement under Family Law, applicants may be resident anywhere in Australia. Due to the large number of divorces granted in the ACT where usual residence was in another State, the rates for the ACT are not representative of the ACT population. The number of divorces shown for the ACT is dependent on the number of cases heard by the Family Court in the ACT.

23 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.

24 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.

25 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.

26 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*

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

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

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

28 The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), Edition 6* (Cat. no. 1216.0).

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

30 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 *Standard Australian Classification of Countries* (SACC) (Cat. no. 1269.0).

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

GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

32 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*.

SUPPRESSION OF SMALL CELLS

33 For all data in this publication, cell values less than 3 have been suppressed to assist in the preservation of confidentiality of information.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

34 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly)
Australian Demographic Trends (Cat. no. 3102.0)
Births, Australia (Cat. no. 3301.0)
Causes of Death, Australia (Cat. no. 3303.0)
Census of Population and Housing, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, Northern Territory (Cat. no. 2034.7)
Deaths, Australia (Cat. no. 3302.0)
Demography (Cat. no. 3311.1–8) (State and Territory specific publications)
Demographic Estimates—Concepts, Sources and Methods (Cat. no. 3228.0)
Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 1996 to 2006 (Cat. no. 3231.0)
Marriages and Divorces, Australia (Cat. no. 3310.0)
Migration, Australia (Cat. no. 3412.0)
Northern Territory at a Glance (Cat. no. 1304.7)
Northern Territory Indigenous Demography, 1994 (Cat. no. 3316.7)
Northern Territory in Focus (Cat. no. 1306.7)
Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories (Cat. no. 3201.0)
Population by Age and Sex, Northern Territory (Cat. no. 3235.7)
Population Projections, 1997 to 2051 (Cat. no. 3222.0)
Regional Population Growth, Australia (Cat. no. 3218.0)
Regional Statistics, Northern Territory (Cat. no. 1362.7)

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

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

36 In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix 1 lists characteristics processed by the ABS for marriages registered, divorces granted, births and deaths. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche; photocopy; data tape; floppy disk; computer printout; or clerically-extracted tabulation.

APPENDIX 1

CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE

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

BIRTHS

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

DEATHS

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

MARRIAGES

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

DIVORCES

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

APPENDIX 2 HISTORICAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population	Births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate(a)	Crude death rate(a)	Infant mortality rate(b)	Crude marriage rate(a)	Crude divorce rate(a)
1911	3.3	31	65	3	10	—	9.4	19.6	96.8	3.0	—
1916	4.6	74	122	3	19	—	15.6	25.7	40.5	4.0	—
1921	4.0	79	80	5	15	—	20.2	20.4	63.3	3.8	—
1926	3.9	73	64	5	14	—	18.5	16.2	68.5	3.6	—
1931	5.0	72	70	6	25	—	14.5	14.1	83.3	5.0	—
1936	5.2	113	60	3	41	—	21.3	11.3	26.6	7.7	n.p.
1941	9.5	216	122	18	179	8	21.0	11.9	83.3	17.4	n.p.
1946	10.5	132	55	4	63	4	12.5	5.2	30.3	6.0	n.p.
1951	14.8	407	117	18	143	13	26.8	7.7	44.2	9.4	n.p.
1956	18.4	556	107	24	160	25	29.0	5.6	43.2	8.4	n.p.
1961	25.7	878	128	21	207	23	33.4	4.9	23.9	7.9	n.p.
1966(c)	55.4	1 769	537	134	312	58	31.0	9.4	75.8	5.5	n.p.
1971(d)	83.0	2 832	637	170	485	57	32.8	7.4	60.0	5.6	n.p.
1976	98.3	2 688	571	63	541	(e)423	29.0	5.8	24.2	4.5	n.p.
1981	123.4	3 109	832	73	719	393	25.2	6.7	23.5	5.8	n.p.
1986	154.4	3 315	661	53	759	381	21.5	4.3	16.0	4.9	2.5
1991	165.8	3 599	802	51	890	419	21.7	4.8	14.2	5.4	2.5
1992	168.1	3 742	776	58	860	409	22.3	4.6	15.5	5.1	2.4
1993	170.7	3 603	765	55	806	382	21.1	4.5	15.3	4.7	2.3
1994(f)	173.4	3 626	776	41	765	400	20.9	4.5	11.3	4.4	2.3
1995	177.6	3 766	813	50	797	432	21.2	4.7	13.3	4.5	2.5
1996	181.8	3 562	758	41	787	486	19.6	4.3	11.5	4.3	2.7
1997	187.1	3 588	891	45	786	416	19.2	4.9	12.5	4.2	2.2

(a) Crude rate per 1,000 population.

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

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

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

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

(f) For years prior to 1994, details relate to estimated mean resident population for year ended 31 December. For 1994 and later years details relate to the estimated resident population at 30 June.

APPENDIX 3 CENSUS 1996

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of total persons</i>
<i>Characteristics of persons counted</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
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Total persons counted(a)(b)	101 370	93 731	195 101	..
Persons counted in private dwellings(b)	90 009	87 107	177 116	90.8
Persons counted in non-private dwellings(b)	10 970	6 503	17 473	9.0
Usual residence				
Persons counted at home	83 607	78 941	162 548	83.3
Visitors counted from				
Elsewhere in same Statistical Local Area	682	572	1 254	0.6
Elsewhere within Northern Territory	4 398	2 993	7 391	3.8
Interstate	9 831	8 340	18 171	9.3
Overseas	2 851	2 885	5 736	2.9
Total visitors	17 762	14 790	32 552	16.7
Usual residence 5 years ago(c)				
Same address	33 169	32 241	65 410	47.8
Different address				
Same Statistical Local Area	4 599	4 345	8 944	6.5
Elsewhere within Northern Territory	14 308	13 682	27 990	20.4
Interstate	15 072	13 962	29 034	21.2
Overseas	2 097	2 380	4 477	3.3
Not stated(d)	603	447	1 050	0.8
Age of persons counted (years)				
0–14	24 662	23 464	48 126	25.4
15–54	62 293	57 271	119 564	63.1
55–64	6 782	5 616	12 398	6.5
65 or more	4 782	4 495	9 277	4.9
Marital status of persons counted(e)				
Never married	28 735	21 470	50 205	35.5
Married	35 675	34 448	70 123	49.6
Separated but not divorced	3 046	2 841	5 887	4.2
Divorced	5 071	4 650	9 721	6.9
Widowed	1 328	3 973	5 301	3.8
Birthplace of persons counted				
Australia	77 009	71 942	148 951	78.7
Other Oceania and Antarctica	2 301	2 147	4 448	2.3
Europe and the former USSR	8 503	6 595	15 098	8.0
Middle East and North Africa	141	119	260	0.1
Southeast Asia	2 220	3 343	5 563	2.9
Northeast Asia	365	492	857	0.5
Southern Asia	471	477	948	0.5
Northern America	696	632	1 328	0.7
Southern and Central America and Caribbean	127	131	258	0.1
Africa (excl. North Africa)	309	293	602	0.3
Other(f)	32	41	73	—
Not stated	6 344	4 635	10 979	6

For footnotes see end of table.

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

<i>Characteristics of persons counted</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of total persons</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Australian citizens				
Aged 18 years or more	60 931	56 338	117 269	60.1
Persons identifying themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	22 793	23 484	46 277	23.7
Labour force status(e)				
Employed persons	46 991	35 985	82 976	58.7
Full-time(g)	35 947	20 885	56 832	40.2
Part-time	9 827	14 113	23 940	16.9
Hours worked not stated	1 217	987	2 204	1.6
Unemployed persons	3 950	2 677	6 627	4.7
Looking for full-time work	3 402	1 833	5 235	3.7
Looking for part-time work	548	844	1 392	1.0
Total in the labour force	50 941	38 662	89 603	63.4
Total not in the labour force(h)	22 916	28 720	51 636	36.6

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Includes overseas visitors. All other categories exclude overseas visitors.

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

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

(e) Persons aged 15 years or more.

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

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

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

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 as estimated at 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15–19 age group and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45–49 age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.
Age-specific death rates	Age-specific death rates are the number of deaths at a specified age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population of that age at 30 June. The infant mortality rate is used for the age-specific rate for children under one year of age. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of deaths for which the age of deceased is not given.
Age-specific divorce rates	Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific divorce rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Per 1,000 population at 30 June—this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population. ▪ Per 1,000 married population at 30 June—this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the married population in specific age groups. Those classified as permanently separated are included in the married population. Males and females under 15 are excluded from the population.
Age-specific marriage rates	Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific marriage rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Per 1,000 population at 30 June—this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population. ▪ Per 1,000 not currently married population at 30 June—this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the not currently married population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
Birth	The delivery of a child, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, who, after being born, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.
Category of movement	Overseas arrivals and departures are classified according to length of stay (in Australia or overseas), recorded in months and days by travellers on passenger cards. There are three main categories of movement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ permanent movements; ▪ long-term movements (one year or more); and ▪ short-term movements (less than one year). <p>A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term.</p>

Category of movement <i>continued</i>	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 <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> , these may include (in certain cases) adopted and ex-nuptial children and children from a former marriage. Children who are married or aged 18 years or more are not subject to custody and guardianship orders and are excluded.
Children (marriage collection)	Children in the marriage collection refer to persons under 16 years of age born from previous marriages. The term children should not be confused with the term previous births used in births data (see Previous births).
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Estimates of the resident population are based on adjusted (for underenumeration) census counts by place of usual residence; added to this are the number of Australian residents estimated to have been temporarily overseas at the time of the Census.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>Information Paper: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (Cat. no. 3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in <i>Australian Demographic Statistics</i> (Cat. no. 3101.0) (issued quarterly).</p>
Female reproduction rate	The female net reproduction rate makes allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. It represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table. It indicates the extent to which the population would reproduce itself. The net reproduction rate is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table and adding the products.
Fetal death	The delivery of a child weighing at least 400 grams at delivery (or of at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight is unavailable) which did not, at any time after delivery, breathe or show any other evidence of life such as heartbeat.
Fetal death rate	The fetal death rate is the number of fetal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 400 grams at birth (or of at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.
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	<p>Persons who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>An Indigenous death refers to a death where the deceased was identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.</p>

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> (Cwlth), a marriage may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month but within six calendar months before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State or Territory in which the marriage took place.
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 400 grams at delivery (or of at least 20 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 400 grams at birth (or at least 20 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 who weighed at least 400 grams at birth (or at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.
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 intend to settle permanently in another country.
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 all 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	<p>Standardised death rates enable the comparison of death rates between populations with different age structures by relating them to a standard population, in this case all persons in the 1991 Australian population. They are expressed per 1,000 persons. There are two methods of calculating standardised death rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The <i>direct method</i>—this is used when the populations under study are large and the age-specific death rates are reliable. It is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in the standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population under study. The direct method is used for comparing States and Territory and Australia rates. ▪ The <i>indirect method</i>—this is used when the populations under study are small and the age-specific death rates are unreliable or not known. It is an adjustment to the crude death rate of the standard population to account for the variation between the actual number of deaths in the population under study and the number of deaths which would have occurred if the population under study had experienced the age-specific death rates of the standard population. The indirect method is used for comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates and Statistical Local Area rates.
State or Territory of registration	<p>State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the birth, death, or marriage was registered or the State or Territory in which the divorce was granted. For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Explanatory Notes.</p>
State or Territory of usual residence	<p>State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the population (estimated resident population); ▪ the mother (birth collection); ▪ the deceased (death collection); and ▪ the parties at separation (divorce collection). For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Explanatory Notes. <p>In the case of overseas movements, State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory regarded by the traveller as the one in which he/she lives or has lived. State or Territory of intended residence is derived from the intended address given by settlers and by Australian residents returning after a journey abroad. Particularly in the case of the former, this information does not necessarily relate to the State or Territory in which the person will eventually establish a permanent residence.</p>
Total fertility rate	<p>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 age-specific birth rates (live births at each age of mother per female population of that age).</p>

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