

CENSUS BULLETIN NO. 8.

SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DWELLINGS FOR THE TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the population and dwellings of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands as enumerated at the Census of 30th June, 1961; the first Census of Population and Housing since the islands were transferred to Australian administration on 23rd November, 1955. It is one of a series of Census Bulletins for the States and Territories and for Australia as a whole being issued as information becomes available from the first phase of machine tabulation. The information herein may be subject to minor amendment on completion of later tabulations. A list of 1961 Census publications already issued appears at the end of this Bulletin.

In this Bulletin the population is classified according to age, conjugal condition, birthplace, period of residence on Cocos (Keeling) Islands of persons born outside Cocos (Keeling) Islands, nationality, religion, race, industry and occupational status. Dwellings are classified according to class, (i.e., private house, flat, etc.) and private houses according to number of rooms, number of inmates, material of outer walls, nature of occupancy, date of building, rent and facilities.

Each major table herein shows the numbers of males, females and persons or of dwellings according to one particular characteristic (e.g., age or conjugal condition of persons or number of rooms or inmates of dwellings). At a later stage the data in this Bulletin will be published in amplified form in the Detailed Tables of the Census and detailed analyses showing particulars of both population and dwellings in a series of cross tabulations (e.g. the numbers of males and females in the various industries according to their age groups and the numbers of dwellings according to both numbers of rooms and inmates, etc.) will be available in the Census Division of the Bureau.

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PART A. - POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDSCENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

1. Age. - The following table shows the numbers of each sex in each five-year age group at the 1961 Census.

TABLE 1. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : AGE DISTRIBUTION  
OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Age last Birthday (Years)	Males	Females	Persons	
			Total	Percent. of Total
0 - 4	53	48	101	16.67
5 - 9	35	44	79	13.04
10 - 14	39	42	81	13.37
15 - 19	21	22	43	7.10
20 - 24	36	20	56	9.24
25 - 29	31	23	54	8.91
30 - 34	24	19	43	7.10
35 - 39	29	8	37	6.11
40 - 44	20	18	38	6.27
45 - 49	18	11	29	4.78
50 - 54	10	6	16	2.64
55 - 59	8	..	8	1.32
60 - 64	4	5	9	1.48
65 - 69	3	3	6	.99
70 - 74	1	2	3	.49
75 - 79	1	2	3	.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Under 21	155	161	316	52.15
21 - 64	173	105	278	45.88
65 and over	5	7	12	1.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>100.00</b>

More than one-half of the population was aged less than 20 years and in this group females were more numerous than males. From age 20 years to age 59 years there was a considerable excess of males.

2. Conjugal Condition. - The following table shows the population of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands classified according to sex and conjugal condition.

TABLE 2. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : CONJUGAL CONDITION  
OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Conjugal Condition	Males	Females	Persons
Never Married -			
Under 15 years of age	127	134	261
15 years of age and over	76	30	106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>367</b>
Married	113	96	209
Married but Permanently Separated	1	..	1
Widowed	6	11	17
Divorced	10	2	12
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>606</b>

At the 30th June, 1961, 60.6 per cent. of the population were never married; 34.5 per cent. married; 0.2 per cent. married but permanently separated; 2.8 per cent. widowed and 2.0 per cent. divorced. The ratio of males to females in the never married group "15 years of age and over" was 2.53 : 1.

3. Birthplace. - The following table shows the birthplaces of the population of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands at the 1961 Census.

TABLE 3. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Birthplaces	Males	Females	Persons
Australasia -			
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	207	219	426
Australia	76	40	116
Norfolk Island	1	..	1
Papua	1	..	1
New Guinea	1	..	1
New Zealand	1	1	2
TOTAL AUSTRALASIA	287	260	547
Europe -			
England	30	6	36
Wales	1	..	1
Scotland	2	1	3
Ireland, Republic of	1	..	1
Ireland (undefined)	2	..	2
Other Countries in Europe	6	..	6
TOTAL EUROPE	42	7	49
Asia	2	2	4
Africa	..	..	..
America	2	2	4
Pacific Islands	..	2	2
TOTAL BORN OUTSIDE COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	126	54	180
GRAND TOTAL	333	273	606

At the 30th June, 1961, 70.3 per cent. of the total population were born in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Of those born outside the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Australian-born persons were most numerous with 19.1 per cent. of the total population. Persons born in England accounted for a further 5.9 per cent.

4. Period of Residence. - The period of residence in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, at 30th June, 1961, of persons born outside the Islands is shown in the following table.

**TABLE 4. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN  
THE COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS OF PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE THE  
COCOS(KEELING) ISLANDS, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.**

Period of Residence in Cocos(Keeling) Islands (Years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	54	18	72
1 and under 2	20	17	37
2 " " 3	10	6	16
3 " " 4	1	1	2
4 " " 5	4	..	4
5 " " 6	1	1	2
6 " " 7	..	..	..
7 " " 14	7	2	9
14 " " 21	..	..	..
21 and over	5	..	5
Not Stated	24	9	33
Born outside Cocos (Keeling) Islands	126	54	180
Born in Cocos (Keeling) Islands	207	219	426
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>606</b>

Of those persons born outside the Cocos (Keeling) Islands who stated their period of residence 85.0 per cent. had, at 30th June, 1961, resided in the Islands less than 3 years.

5. Nationality (i.e. Allegiance). - The following table sets out the main nationalities in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands at the 1961 Census.

**TABLE 5. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : NATIONALITY (i.e. ALLEGIANCE)  
OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.**

Nationality	Males	Females	Persons
British -			
Born in Cocos (Keeling) Islands	207	219	426
Born outside Cocos (Keeling) Islands	122	52	174
<b>TOTAL BRITISH</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>600</b>
Foreign -			
Dutch	1	..	1
Norwegian	1	..	1
U.S. American	2	2	4
<b>TOTAL FOREIGN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>606</b>

At 30th June, 1961, 99.0 per cent. of the total population and 96.7 per cent. of the oversea-born population were British subjects.

6. Religion. - The following table shows the religions of those persons who answered this question (which is not obligatory), at the 1961 Census. There were 35 persons or 5.8 per cent. of the population who declined to answer the question.

**TABLE 6. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : RELIGIONS OF THE  
POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.**

Religion	Males	Females	Persons
Christian -			
Baptist	2	..	2
Brethren	..	..	..
Catholic, Roman (a)	18	4	22
Catholic (a)	6	5	11
Churches of Christ	1	..	1
Church of England	54	23	77
Congregational	2	1	3
Greek Orthodox	..	..	..
Lutheran	..	..	..
Methodist	8	8	16
Presbyterian	6	2	8
Protestant (undefined)	..	..	..
Salvation Army	..	..	..
Seventh Day Adventist	..	1	1
Other (including Christian undefined)	4	4	8
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>149</b>
Non-Christian -			
Hebrew	..	..	..
Other	203	215	418
<b>TOTAL NON-CHRISTIAN</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>418</b>
Indefinite	1	..	1
No Religion	2	1	3
No Reply	26	9	35
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>606</b>

(a) So described in individual Census Schedules.

Of the 571 who answered, 73.2 per cent. were Non-Christian and 26.1 per cent. Christian. Of the Christian religions Church of England had most adherents with 77 followed by the Roman Catholic Church with 33, consisting of 22 who described themselves as "Roman Catholic" and 11 as "Catholic". It is presumed that most of the latter were adherents of the Roman Catholic Church.

No details of Non-Christian religions are available.

7. Industry. - The following table shows the main groups of industry for persons in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands at 30th June, 1961.

**TABLE 7. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION,  
CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.**

Industry Group	Males	Females	Persons
Primary Production	98	69	167
Building and Construction	13	..	13
Transport and Storage and Communication	77	..	77
Commerce	6	..	6
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Defence Services	7	..	7
Community and Business Services (including Professional)	2	3	5
Amusement, Hotels and Other Accommodation, Cafes, Personal Service, etc.	1	6	7
<b>TOTAL IN WORK FORCE</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>282</b>
Persons not in Work Force	129	195	324
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>606</b>

Primary Production accounted for 59.2 per cent. of the total work force at 30th June, 1961. Transport and Storage and Communication absorbed a further 27.3 per cent. Females in the work force were principally in Primary Production (88.5 per cent.).

8. Occupational Status. - The following table gives details of the population's occupational status at 30th June, 1961.

At the 1961 Census all persons but one in the work force gave their status as employee. Of the total population 53.5 per cent. were dependent population (i.e. persons not in the work force).

TABLE 8. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Occupational Status	Males	Females	Persons
<u>In Work Force -</u>			
At Work -			
Employer	..	..	..
Self-Employed	..	1	1
Employee	204	77	281
Helper (not on wage or salary)	..	..	..
TOTAL	204	78	282
Not at Work	..	..	..
TOTAL IN WORK FORCE	204	78	282
<u>Not in Work Force -</u>			
Child not attending School	69	92	161
Full time student or child attending School	51	25	76
Independent means, including "Retired (so described)"	2	..	2
Home Duties	..	74	74
Pensioner or Annuitant	6	4	10
Inmates of Institutions	..	..	..
Others not in Work Force	1	..	1
TOTAL NOT IN WORK FORCE	129	195	324
GRAND TOTAL	333	273	606

9. Race. - At 30th June, 1961, 180 persons (125 males and 55 females) or 29.7 per cent. of the total population of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands were of European race; 422 persons (205 males and 217 females) or 69.6 per cent. were of Malay race; and 4 persons (3 males and 1 female) were of other races.

PART B. -- DWELLINGS IN THE TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS,

CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

10. Definitions and Scope. - For the purpose of the Census a dwelling is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only a part of a building.

Occupied Dwellings are classified into "private" and "other than private" dwellings.

Private Dwellings in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprise only private houses.

Dwellings Other than Private include the hospital and staff quarters.

Unoccupied Dwellings include dwellings temporarily unoccupied on the night of the Census and newly completed dwellings awaiting occupation.

The detailed information in this Part relates to private houses occupied at the date of the Census. However, the number of dwellings other than private is given in Table 10. The number of unoccupied dwellings is shown in Table 9.

11. Summary of Population and Dwellings. - The following table is a summary of the population and dwellings (as defined above) in the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands at 30th June, 1961.

TABLE 9. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DWELLINGS, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Area in square miles	Population			Number of Persons per square mile	Dwellings (a)			Number of Dwellings per square mile (b)
	Males	Females	Persons		Occupied	Unoccupied	Total	
5	333	273	606	121.2	91	3	94	18.8

(a) Private and non-private. (b) Occupied and unoccupied.

12. Occupied Dwellings according to Class of Dwelling. - The following table shows the number of occupied dwellings according to class of dwelling at the Census of 30th June, 1961.

TABLE 10. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : OCCUPIED DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO CLASS OF DWELLING (a), CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Private House	Dwellings Other than Private			Grand Total
	Hospital	Staff Quarters	Total	
87	1	3	4	91

(a) For definitions see above.

13. Occupied Private Houses according to Material of Outer Walls. - At the 1961 Census, 51.7 per cent. of the private houses had outer walls of wood, 32.2 per cent. walls of concrete and 13.8 per cent. walls of fibro-cement.

TABLE 11. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Material of Outer Walls					Total Occupied Private Houses
Brick	Concrete	Wood	Iron	Fibro-Cement	
1	28	45	1	12	87



14. Occupied Private Houses according to Number of Rooms per Private House. - At the 1961 Census 65.5 per cent. of all occupied private houses had 4 rooms and 29.9 per cent. had 5 rooms. The average number of rooms per private house was 4.53.

TABLE 12. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ROOMS PER PRIVATE HOUSE, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Number of Rooms per Private House											Total Occupied Priv. Houses	Average No. of Rooms per Private House
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 and over		
..	..	..	57	26	2	..	1	..	..	1	87	4.53

NOTE: - Kitchen and permanently enclosed sleep-out are included in number of rooms but not bathroom, pantry, laundry and storehouse.

15. Occupied Private Houses according to Number of Inmates per Private House. - At the 30th June, 1961, 47.1 per cent. of all occupied private houses had 6 or more inmates and 52.9 per cent. had less than 6.

TABLE 13. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF INMATES PER PRIVATE HOUSE, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Number of Inmates per Private House											Total Occupied Priv. Houses	Average No. of Inmates per Private House
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 and over		
3	8	12	12	11	4	6	11	3	6	11	87	6.08

16. Occupied Private Houses according to Nature of Occupancy. - Of the 87 occupied private houses on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands at 30th June, 1961, 86 were tenanted. For the remaining house no nature of occupancy was stated.

17. Occupied Private Houses according to Date of Building. - Of the 86 occupied private houses for which a date of building was supplied 48 or 55.8 per cent. were built before 1st July, 1954.

TABLE 14. - TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO DATE OF BUILDING, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Before 1st July, 1954	Date of Building									Other Not Stated	Grand Total Occupied Private Houses
	After 30th June, 1954.										
	1954 (July-Dec.)	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961 (Jan-June)	Total After 30th June, 1954		
48	..	..	8	10	7	6	4	3	38	1	87

18. Occupied Private Houses according to Facilities. - The question on facilities - gas and electricity - was answered for the 87 occupied private houses on Cocos (Keeling) Islands: Of these, 81 had electricity only, and 6 had both gas and electricity.

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No. 2. New South Wales - Population of Municipalities and of Non-Municipal Towns (1,000 persons or more)	16th Oct., 1961
No. 3. Victoria - Population of Cities, Towns and Boroughs, and of Non-Municipal Towns (1,000 persons or more)	16th Oct., 1961
No. 4. Queensland - Population of Cities and Towns, and of Non-Municipal Towns (1,000 persons or more)	16th Oct., 1961
No. 5. South Australia - Population of Municipalities and of Non-Municipal Towns (1,000 persons or more)	16th Oct., 1961
No. 6. Western Australia - Population of Municipalities and of Non-Municipal Towns (1,000 persons or more)	16th Oct., 1961
No. 7. Tasmania - Population of Cities and of Towns (750 persons or more)	16th Oct., 1961
No. 8. Population of the Australian Capital Territory	16th Oct., 1961
No. 9. New South Wales - Population of Shires	19th Oct., 1961
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No.11. Queensland - Population of Shires	19th Oct., 1961
No.12. South Australia - Population of District Councils	19th Oct., 1961
No.13. Western Australia - Population of Shires	19th Oct., 1961
No.14. Tasmania - Population of Municipalities	19th Oct., 1961
No.15. Population of Districts of the Northern Territory	19th Oct., 1961
No.16. Population of States and Territories of Australia	2nd Nov., 1961
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No. 1. Summary of Population and Dwellings for the Australian Capital Territory	17th Jan., 1962
No. 2. Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas	14th Mar., 1962
No. 3. Summary of Population for Tasmania	21st Mar., 1962
No. 4. Summary of Dwellings in Tasmania	27th Mar., 1962
No. 5. Summary of Population and Dwellings for the Northern Territory	27th Mar., 1962
No. 6. Population and Dwellings of States and Territories - Metropolitan Urban, Other Urban and Rural Divisions	10th April, 1962
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