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PREFACE

The 1966 Census publication programme is made up of six individual Volumes, each consisting of a number of separate Parts, together with a series of supplementary statements in mimeographed form. The actual titles of the 1966 Census Volumes and Parts are listed in the back of this publication; the content of each is briefly as follows.

- Volume 1. Single characteristics of the population for Australia, Parts 1-11.—Age, marital status, birth place, nationality, period of residence, education, religion, occupational status, industry, occupation and race.
- Volume 2. Related characteristics of population for Australia, Parts 1-5.—Growth and distribution of the population, demographic data, overseas-born population, the work force, and families and households.
- Volume 3. Housing.
- Volume 4. Single characteristics of the population and dwellings in Local Government Areas, Parts 1-7.—New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, and Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- Volume 5. Population and dwellings in localities, Parts 1-7.—States and Territories as for Volume 4, and Part 8.—Australia.
- Volume 6. Statistician's Report, Parts 1-6.—Introduction, preparation for the Census, the enumeration, processing the data, dissemination of results, and evaluation.

This publication is Part 2 of Volume 1 and contains details of the marital statuses of the population enumerated at 30 June 1966 together with comparative data for previous Censuses.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Marital status

At the 1966 Census, persons were asked to state marital status in accordance with the following instructions. If never married, write 'N.M.'; at present married, write 'M'; married but permanently separated (legally or otherwise), write 'P.S.'; divorced and not remarried, write 'D'; widowed and not remarried, write 'W'.

A very small proportion of persons omitted to state any marital status. In such cases, marital status was assessed as follows.

At the 1966 Census, males under 20 years of age and females under 18 years of age were classified 'never married' unless there was definite evidence of marriage given in the Schedule, in which case they were classified 'married'. All other persons were classified 'married' if there was any evidence of marriage given in the Schedule. Otherwise a marital status was allocated from a random list according to the age and sex of the person concerned. The random list for the allocation of 'not stated' marital status had been compiled previously using the latest available statistics of the distribution of the population by marital status.

At the 1961 Census, males under 20 years of age and females under 18 years were considered to be 'never married' unless there was some definite evidence of marriage in other information on the Schedule, in which case the 'married' status was given. Males aged 20 years or over and females aged 18 years or over were coded as 'married' if there was any evidence of marriage in other information on the Schedule. Otherwise the marital status was determined from a list of random marital statuses applicable to the particular age and sex group. The age groups used were 20-21 years, 22-24 years, 25-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years, 60-69 years, 70-79 years and 80 years and over. Within these groups the random statuses were proportioned to the expected distribution within the group.

It will be seen from the wording of the census question that classification refers to the status at the time of enumeration. Persons classified as married, therefore, comprise both those who have been married only once and who are currently married and also those who have remarried after being widowed or divorced.

Population distribution

The understanding and measurement of the process of urbanisation have long been recognised as fundamentally important to considerations of economic and social change. For this reason Census information has traditionally been published separately for 'metropolitan', 'other urban', and 'rural' areas. However, the criteria used in the past for making this dissection (criteria which are still used in many countries) did not provide comparable data for different areas or for different points of time.

In Australian censuses up to and including the Census of 1947 complete local government areas were classified as either urban or rural, and 'urban' areas therefore usually consisted of whole local government areas, or multiples of them. However, many local government areas, particularly at the fringe of large urban complexes, contain both urban and rural components. In some cases it was necessary to split local government areas for statistical purposes in order to eliminate large rural expanses from the metropolitan areas. Boundaries of local government areas were also subject to variation for reasons unrelated to (and often conflicting with) statistical requirements, and consequently this method became increasingly unsatisfactory.

In the Censuses of 1954 and 1961 all localities of 1,000 population and over (750 and over in Tasmania) were classified as 'urban'. Boundaries were delineated either from local advice, inspection in the field, or from aerial photographs. However, although these procedures were an improvement on the earlier ones, the boundary decisions made for different urban centres, being highly subjective, did not always provide sufficient comparability from census to census nor between one centre and another.

Delimitation of urban centres

The principles and criteria used for the delimitation of urban centres in Australia at the 1966 Census were as follows:

A boundary was defined for all settlements with a population of 1,000 or more and these were named 'urban centres' except for the State capitals and Canberra which were named 'Metropolitan areas'. This boundary is one which, from census to census, as urbanisation proceeds, will be moved outwards to encompass any peripheral urban development.

For urban centres with a population of 30,000 and over, and for a few smaller centres, the following criteria were adopted for delimiting the urban centres.

- (a) The Metropolitan Area or urban centre was delimited by including all contiguous Census collector's districts with a population density of 500 or more persons per square mile.
- (b) Certain collector's districts, although not reaching the required population density, were also included by virtue of—
 - (i) land use (e.g. factory areas),
 - (ii) being surrounded by urban collector's districts,
 - (iii) forming a 'bridge' between two urban centres less than two miles apart so that they could be regarded as one single urban centre.

For urban centres of less than 30,000 population, local government area boundaries were adopted, unless they contained a large rural component or urban development was known to extend beyond the local government boundary. In these cases they were delimited by inspection of aerial photographs, by

field inspection or by consideration of any other information available, and the boundaries were set as closely as possible to the periphery of the built-up area without regard to local government boundaries. In areas with large numbers of holiday homes, many of which are unoccupied at the mid-winter Census date, dwelling rather than population criteria were used. These criteria were 250 dwellings (in lieu of the 1,000 population mentioned above) and 125 dwellings per square mile (in lieu of the 500 persons per square mile mentioned above).

Around each metropolitan area and urban centre with a population of at least 75,000 and a regional population of at least 100,000, a further boundary was defined, designed to circumscribe an area which would contain the urban development of that centre for at least twenty years and which would generally be socially and economically oriented to the centre. These areas were designated 'Statistical Divisions' (for State capital cities) or 'Statistical Districts' (for Canberra, Newcastle, Wollongong and Geelong).

Because the new criteria for the delimitation of urban boundaries were adopted only shortly prior to the 1966 Census a few collector's districts containing urban growth were not split into their rural and (potentially) urban components, with the result that significant urban population remained included in large, predominantly rural, collector's districts, which did not meet the density criterion. Such cases occurred mainly around the Sydney Metropolitan Area and Urban Toowoomba. The effect on the Sydney Metropolitan Area is small, probably not more than 5,000 urban population having been omitted. In Toowoomba the effect is proportionately much greater, the urban population probably being understated by up to 3,000 persons.

Migratory population

The migratory population consists of persons who, at midnight between 30 June 1966 and 1 July 1966, were enumerated on board ships in Australian ports, or ships which had left an Australian port prior to Census night with a next port of call in Australia. It also includes persons, who at Census time, were enumerated on long-distance trains, motor coaches or aircraft.

General

The criteria adopted at the 1966 Census allow more reliable comparison of the population of different areas at the one point in time. However, comparison with section of State data of previous Censuses is limited because of the different bases upon which these areas were defined at the earlier Censuses. Although detailed comparison at the individual characteristic level is not possible, the population enumerated at the 1961 Census has been allocated retrospectively to each section of State on the basis of the criteria adopted for the 1966 Census, and the following table gives some indication of the differences caused by the application of the new criteria in each State. Unfortunately, it is not practicable to extend this table to show similar comparisons for Censuses prior to 1961 nor to include details of the effect of the new criteria upon population allocation to section of State according to individual characteristics.

1961 Population Allocated on 1961 and 1966 Census Criteria

State or Territory	Metropolitan			Other urban areas			Rural areas		
	1961 criteria	1966 criteria	Difference per cent	1961 criteria	1966 criteria	Difference per cent	1961 criteria	1966 criteria	Difference per cent
New South Wales	2,183,388	2,197,022	+ 0.62	1,151,899	1,118,057	- 2.94	571,135	591,343	+ 3.54
Victoria	1,911,895	1,858,534	- 2.79	573,930	580,939	+ 1.22	439,679	486,031	+ 10.54
Queensland	621,550	587,634	- 5.46	536,896	540,870	+ 0.74	358,394	388,336	+ 8.36
South Australia	587,957	580,449	- 1.28	177,380	178,227	+ 0.48	200,065	206,726	+ 3.33
Western Australia	420,133	423,930	+ 0.90	125,734	124,427	- 1.04	187,745	185,255	- 1.33
Tasmania	115,932	110,217	- 4.93	130,603	125,925	- 3.58	102,926	113,319	+ 10.10
Northern Territory				16,974	19,056	+ 12.27	9,857	7,775	- 21.12
Australian Capital Territory	56,449	55,746	- 1.25				2,379	3,082	+ 29.55
Australia	5,897,304	5,813,532	- 1.42	2,713,416	2,687,501	- 0.96	1,872,180	1,981,867	+ 5.86

Aborigines

All tables in this Part exclude persons who described themselves as being more than 50 per cent Aboriginal or who described themselves as being 'Aboriginal'.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables showing percentages are due to rounding.

**No. 1.—Population by Marital Status: Australia
Censuses, 1921 to 1966**

Marital status	1921	1933	1947	1954	1961	1966
MALES						
Never married—						
Under 15 years of age	875,098	926,924	967,759	1,309,660	1,626,195	1,737,738
15 years of age and over	801,797	1,018,587	929,212	962,491	1,098,450	1,246,214
Total	1,676,895	1,945,511	1,896,971	2,272,151	2,724,645	2,983,952
Married	999,274	1,299,693	1,692,913	2,062,122	2,364,710	2,592,236
Married but permanently separated (a)	(b)	(b)	58,722	57,371	68,172	75,149
Divorced	4,230	10,251	24,952	32,389	38,640	42,885
Widowed	73,341	97,775	111,680	113,064	116,085	122,137
Not stated	9,130	13,881	12,132	9,021	(c)	(c)
Total	2,762,870	3,367,111	3,797,370	4,546,118	5,312,252	5,816,359
FEMALES						
Never married—						
Under 15 years of age	849,906	894,643	931,294	1,253,674	1,550,803	1,654,750
15 years of age and over	649,379	825,448	748,414	684,154	770,048	899,354
Total	1,499,285	1,720,091	1,679,708	1,937,828	2,320,851	2,554,104
Married	999,388	1,293,922	1,686,885	2,043,651	2,344,754	2,578,488
Married but permanently separated (a)	(b)	(b)	67,890	66,228	78,367	87,218
Divorced	4,298	10,862	27,441	36,650	43,339	51,143
Widowed	164,480	230,180	309,383	351,102	408,623	463,150
Not stated	5,413	7,673	10,681	4,953	(c)	(c)
Total	2,672,864	3,262,728	3,781,988	4,440,412	5,195,934	5,734,103
PERSONS						
Never married—						
Under 15 years of age	1,725,004	1,821,567	1,899,053	2,563,334	3,176,998	3,392,488
15 years of age and over	1,451,176	1,844,035	1,677,626	1,646,645	1,868,498	2,145,568
Total	3,176,180	3,665,602	3,576,679	4,209,979	5,045,496	5,538,056
Married	1,998,662	2,593,615	3,379,798	4,105,773	4,709,464	5,170,724
Married but permanently separated (a)	(b)	(b)	126,612	123,599	146,539	162,367
Divorced	8,528	21,113	52,393	69,039	81,979	94,028
Widowed	237,821	327,955	421,063	464,166	524,708	585,287
Not stated	14,543	21,554	22,813	13,974	(c)	(c)
Total	5,435,734	6,629,839	7,579,358	8,986,530	10,508,186	11,550,462

(a) Legally or otherwise.

(b) Permanently separated included with 'married'.

(c) See 'Explanatory Notes'.

No. 2.—Population, by Marital Status, Urban and Rural States and Territories, Australia, Census, 30 June 1966

Marital status	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
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MALES—METROPOLITAN

Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	323,529	295,539	103,610	107,115	75,331	18,341	..	15,667	939,132
15 years of age and over	268,865	226,295	78,593	71,697	50,407	11,997	..	10,919	718,773
<i>Total</i>	<i>592,394</i>	<i>521,834</i>	<i>182,203</i>	<i>178,812</i>	<i>125,738</i>	<i>30,338</i>	..	<i>26,586</i>	<i>1,657,905</i>
Married	555,094	480,713	153,860	165,482	108,836	25,745	..	20,015	1,509,745
Married but permanently separated (a)	19,371	14,764	4,864	3,769	3,162	739	..	407	47,076
Divorced	11,792	7,446	2,674	3,043	2,205	444	..	323	27,927
Widowed	27,011	21,164	8,638	7,340	4,821	1,271	..	453	70,698
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,205,662</i>	<i>1,045,921</i>	<i>352,239</i>	<i>358,446</i>	<i>244,762</i>	<i>58,537</i>	..	<i>47,784</i>	<i>3,313,351</i>

MALES—OTHER URBAN

Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	190,724	103,964	87,049	28,777	23,857	23,255	4,947	..	462,573
15 years of age and over	115,210	63,828	58,785	16,766	14,258	13,294	4,028	..	286,169
<i>Total</i>	<i>305,934</i>	<i>167,792</i>	<i>145,834</i>	<i>45,543</i>	<i>38,115</i>	<i>36,549</i>	<i>8,975</i>	..	<i>748,742</i>
Married	274,984	140,854	122,269	39,854	31,379	31,159	5,946	..	646,445
Married but permanently separated (a)	7,183	3,167	3,657	894	987	737	304	..	16,929
Divorced	3,952	1,370	1,918	614	638	447	194	..	9,133
Widowed	13,646	7,002	6,477	1,723	1,225	1,397	181	..	31,651
<i>Total</i>	<i>605,699</i>	<i>320,185</i>	<i>280,155</i>	<i>88,628</i>	<i>72,344</i>	<i>70,289</i>	<i>15,600</i>	..	<i>1,452,900</i>

MALES—RURAL

Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	97,644	82,113	68,199	32,306	34,052	19,800	964	618	335,696
15 years of age and over	69,422	53,119	49,170	21,478	25,472	11,532	2,439	705	233,337
<i>Total</i>	<i>167,066</i>	<i>135,232</i>	<i>117,369</i>	<i>53,784</i>	<i>59,524</i>	<i>31,332</i>	<i>3,403</i>	<i>1,323</i>	<i>569,033</i>
Married	126,645	102,495	84,811	43,073	43,804	24,537	1,902	806	428,073
Married but permanently separated (a)	3,356	1,975	2,542	770	1,325	593	187	31	10,779
Divorced	1,613	914	1,186	538	851	322	110	14	5,548
Widowed	6,280	4,663	3,958	1,871	1,573	1,108	88	19	19,560
<i>Total</i>	<i>304,960</i>	<i>245,279</i>	<i>209,866</i>	<i>100,036</i>	<i>107,077</i>	<i>57,892</i>	<i>5,690</i>	<i>2,193</i>	<i>1,032,993</i>

MALES—TOTAL (b)

Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	612,004	481,719	258,872	168,211	133,337	61,396	5,914	16,285	1,737,738
15 years of age and over	457,700	344,297	187,210	110,592	91,188	37,078	6,525	11,624	1,246,214
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,069,704</i>	<i>826,016</i>	<i>446,082</i>	<i>278,803</i>	<i>224,525</i>	<i>98,474</i>	<i>12,439</i>	<i>27,909</i>	<i>2,983,952</i>
Married	960,219	725,320	361,792	249,048	185,239	81,811	7,986	20,821	2,592,236
Married but permanently separated (a)	30,071	19,938	11,102	5,478	5,534	2,090	498	438	75,149
Divorced	17,459	9,755	5,813	4,237	3,741	1,233	310	337	42,885
Widowed	47,009	32,875	19,108	10,964	7,652	3,782	275	472	122,137
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,124,462</i>	<i>1,613,904</i>	<i>843,897</i>	<i>548,530</i>	<i>426,691</i>	<i>187,390</i>	<i>21,508</i>	<i>49,977</i>	<i>5,816,359</i>

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No. 2.—Population, by Marital Status, Urban and Rural
States and Territories, Australia, Census, 30 June 1966—continued

Marital status	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
FEMALES—METROPOLITAN									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	309,306	281,461	98,315	101,627	71,255	17,811	..	15,001	894,776
15 years of age and over	214,458	184,064	67,409	60,032	41,908	10,581	..	7,188	585,640
<i>Total</i>	523,764	465,525	165,724	161,659	113,163	28,392	..	22,189	1,480,416
Married	557,522	480,119	156,958	167,650	112,574	25,961	..	19,788	1,520,572
Married but permanently separated (a)	24,797	18,674	6,409	4,805	4,220	910	..	403	60,218
Divorced	16,891	10,158	3,508	4,093	2,996	629	..	401	38,676
Widowed	117,709	89,771	33,984	31,263	22,254	5,040	..	1,743	301,764
<i>Total</i>	1,240,683	1,064,247	366,583	369,470	255,207	60,932	..	44,524	3,401,646
FEMALES—OTHER URBAN									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	182,361	99,141	83,413	27,746	22,915	22,079	4,684	..	442,339
15 years of age and over	86,109	50,826	42,058	11,143	9,004	10,995	2,105	..	212,240
<i>Total</i>	268,470	149,967	125,471	38,889	31,919	33,074	6,789	..	654,579
Married	274,657	141,373	123,360	39,178	30,365	31,467	5,571	..	645,971
Married but permanently separated (a)	8,496	3,950	4,378	848	990	902	266	..	19,830
Divorced	4,276	1,611	1,903	473	422	478	143	..	9,306
Widowed	49,874	26,512	22,848	5,780	4,227	5,302	384	..	114,927
<i>Total</i>	605,773	323,413	277,960	85,168	67,923	71,223	13,153	..	1,444,613
FEMALES—RURAL									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	92,022	77,460	63,988	30,872	32,592	18,878	955	522	317,289
15 years of age and over	29,818	25,322	19,669	10,511	9,124	5,711	439	232	100,826
<i>Total</i>	121,840	102,782	83,657	41,383	41,716	24,589	1,394	754	418,115
Married	122,010	100,544	80,690	41,823	39,873	23,890	1,194	711	410,735
Married but permanently separated (a)	2,306	1,504	1,579	548	771	388	27	6	7,129
Divorced	1,016	663	606	283	348	185	18	3	3,122
Widowed	14,814	12,000	8,291	4,517	3,614	2,835	62	38	46,171
<i>Total</i>	261,986	217,493	174,823	88,554	86,322	51,887	2,695	1,512	885,272
FEMALES—TOTAL (b)									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	583,801	458,174	245,745	160,254	126,843	58,768	5,642	15,523	1,654,750
15 years of age and over	330,621	260,301	129,239	81,731	60,192	27,287	2,563	7,420	899,354
<i>Total</i>	914,422	718,475	374,984	241,985	187,035	86,055	8,205	22,943	2,554,104
Married	954,624	722,266	361,189	248,731	183,053	81,320	6,806	20,499	2,578,488
Married but permanently separated (a)	35,619	24,134	12,376	6,201	5,986	2,200	293	409	87,218
Divorced	22,194	12,436	6,028	4,851	3,774	1,293	163	404	51,143
Widowed	182,501	128,311	65,211	41,577	30,134	13,177	458	1,781	463,150
<i>Total</i>	2,109,360	1,605,622	819,788	543,345	409,982	184,045	15,925	46,036	5,734,103

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**No. 2.—Population, by Marital Status, Urban and Rural
States and Territories, Australia, Census, 30 June 1966—continued**

Marital status	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
PERSONS—METROPOLITAN									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	632,835	577,000	201,925	208,742	146,586	36,152	..	30,668	1,833,908
15 years of age and over	483,323	410,359	146,002	131,729	92,315	22,578	..	18,107	1,304,413
Total	1,116,158	987,359	347,927	340,471	238,901	58,730	..	48,775	3,138,321
Married	1,112,616	960,832	310,818	333,132	221,410	51,706	..	39,803	3,030,317
Married but permanently separated (a)	44,168	33,438	11,273	8,574	7,382	1,649	..	810	107,294
Divorced	28,683	17,604	6,182	7,136	5,201	1,073	..	724	66,603
Widowed	144,720	110,935	42,622	38,603	27,075	6,311	..	2,196	372,462
Total	2,446,345	2,110,168	718,822	727,916	499,969	119,469	..	92,308	6,714,997
PERSONS—OTHER URBAN									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	373,085	203,105	170,462	56,523	46,772	45,334	9,631	..	904,912
15 years of age and over	201,319	114,654	100,843	27,909	23,262	24,289	6,133	..	498,409
Total	574,404	317,759	271,305	84,432	70,034	69,623	15,764	..	1,403,321
Married	549,641	282,227	245,629	79,032	61,744	62,626	11,517	..	1,292,416
Married but permanently separated (a)	15,679	7,117	8,035	1,742	1,977	1,639	570	..	36,759
Divorced	8,228	2,981	3,821	1,087	1,060	925	337	..	18,439
Widowed	63,520	33,514	29,325	7,503	5,452	6,699	565	..	146,578
Total	1,211,472	643,598	558,115	173,796	140,267	141,512	28,753	..	2,897,513
PERSONS—RURAL									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	189,666	159,573	132,187	63,178	66,644	38,678	1,919	1,140	652,985
15 years of age and over	99,240	78,441	68,839	31,989	34,596	17,243	2,878	937	334,163
Total	288,906	238,014	201,026	95,167	101,240	55,921	4,797	2,077	987,148
Married	248,655	203,039	165,501	84,896	83,677	48,427	3,096	1,517	838,808
Married but permanently separated (a)	5,662	3,479	4,121	1,318	2,096	981	214	37	17,908
Divorced	2,629	1,577	1,792	821	1,199	507	128	17	8,670
Widowed	21,094	16,663	12,249	6,388	5,187	3,943	150	57	65,731
Total	566,946	462,772	384,689	188,590	193,399	109,779	8,385	3,705	1,918,265
PERSONS—TOTAL (b)									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	1,195,805	939,893	504,617	328,465	260,180	120,164	11,556	31,808	3,392,488
15 years of age and over	788,321	604,598	316,449	192,323	151,380	64,365	9,088	19,044	2,145,568
Total	1,984,126	1,544,491	821,066	520,788	411,560	184,529	20,644	50,852	5,538,056
Married	1,914,843	1,447,586	722,981	497,779	368,292	163,131	14,792	41,320	5,170,724
Married but permanently separated (a)	65,690	44,072	23,478	11,679	11,520	4,290	791	847	162,367
Divorced	39,653	22,191	11,841	9,088	7,515	2,526	473	741	94,028
Widowed	229,510	161,186	84,319	52,541	37,786	16,959	733	2,253	585,287
Total	4,233,822	3,219,526	1,663,685	1,091,875	836,673	371,435	37,433	96,013	11,550,462

(a) Legally or otherwise. (b) Includes population classed as migratory as follows: N.S.W., 8,141 males, 918 females, 9,059 persons; Vic., 2,519 males, 469 females, 2,988 persons; Qld, 1,637 males, 422 females, 2,059 persons; S.A., 1,420 males, 153 females, 1,573 persons; W.A., 2,508 males, 530 females, 3,038 persons; Tas., 672 males, 3 females, 675 persons; N.T., 218 males, 77 females, 295 persons; Aust., 17,115 males, 2,572 females, 19,687 persons.

**No.3.—Persons, by Marital Status, Intercensal Change
States and Territories, Australia, Censuses, 1947 to 1966**

Marital status	1947	1954			1961			1966		
	Persons	Persons	Intercensal change 1947-1954		Persons	Intercensal change 1954-1961		Persons	Intercensal change 1961-1966	
			Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent

NEW SOUTH WALES

Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	741,836	954,495	212,659	28·67	1,139,614	185,119	19·39	1,195,805	56,191	4·93
15 years of age and over	657,595	623,371	—34,224	—5·21	701,099	77,728	12·47	788,321	87,222	12·44
Total	1,399,431	1,577,866	178,435	12·75	1,840,713	262,847	16·66	1,984,126	143,413	7·79
Married	1,331,935	1,574,268	242,333	18·19	1,772,016	197,748	12·56	1,914,843	142,827	8·06
Married but permanently separated (a)	54,874	51,178	—3,696	—6·74	59,174	7,996	15·62	65,690	6,516	11·01
Divorced	24,068	30,963	6,895	28·65	36,834	5,871	18·96	39,653	2,819	7·65
Widowed	165,938	184,761	18,823	11·34	208,276	23,515	12·73	229,510	21,234	10·20
Not stated	8,592	4,493	—4,099	—47·71	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Total	2,984,838	3,423,529	438,691	14·70	3,917,013	493,484	14·41	4,233,822	316,809	8·09

VICTORIA

Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	486,743	677,999	191,256	39·29	874,156	196,157	28·93	939,893	65,737	7·52
15 years of age and over	465,619	454,233	—11,386	—2·45	526,046	71,813	15·81	604,598	78,552	14·93
Total	952,362	1,132,232	179,870	18·89	1,400,202	267,970	23·67	1,544,491	144,289	10·30
Married	927,385	1,134,892	207,507	22·38	1,325,465	190,573	16·79	1,447,586	122,121	9·21
Married but permanently separated (a)	33,841	33,358	—483	—1·43	40,229	6,871	20·60	44,072	3,843	9·55
Divorced	12,463	16,312	3,849	30·88	18,780	2,468	15·13	22,191	3,411	18·16
Widowed	121,957	129,964	8,007	6·57	145,437	15,473	11·91	161,186	15,749	10·83
Not stated	6,693	5,583	—1,110	—16·58	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Total	2,054,701	2,452,341	397,640	19·35	2,930,113	477,772	19·48	3,219,526	289,413	9·88

QUEENSLAND

Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	297,800	394,021	96,221	32·31	475,858	81,837	20·77	504,617	28,759	6·04
15 years of age and over	253,095	255,767	2,672	1·06	282,206	26,439	10·34	316,449	34,243	12·13
Total	550,895	649,788	98,893	17·95	758,064	108,276	16·66	821,066	63,002	8·31
Married	473,404	577,780	104,376	22·05	656,088	78,308	13·55	722,981	66,893	10·20
Married but permanently separated (a)	17,551	17,902	351	2·00	21,406	3,504	19·57	23,478	2,072	9·68
Divorced	5,613	7,677	2,064	36·77	9,585	1,908	24·85	11,841	2,256	23·54
Widowed	55,515	63,497	7,982	14·38	73,685	10,188	16·04	84,319	10,634	14·43
Not stated	3,437	1,615	—1,822	—53·01	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Total	1,106,415	1,318,259	211,844	19·15	1,518,828	200,569	15·21	1,663,685	144,857	9·54

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No. 3.—Persons, by Marital Status, Intercensal Change
States and Territories, Australia, Censuses, 1947 to 1966—continued

Marital status	1947	1954			1961			1966		
	Persons	Persons	Intercensal change 1947-1954		Persons	Intercensal change 1954-1961		Persons	Intercensal change 1961-1966	
			Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent
SOUTH AUSTRALIA										
Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	156,980	230,572	73,592	46·88	301,432	70,860	30·73	328,465	27,033	8·97
15 years of age and over	133,186	133,638	452	0·34	159,982	26,344	19·71	192,323	32,341	20·22
Total	290,166	364,210	74,044	25·52	461,414	97,204	26·69	520,788	59,374	12·87
Married	306,053	377,658	71,605	23·40	443,900	66,242	17·54	497,779	53,879	12·14
Married but permanently separated (a)	7,843	8,092	249	3·17	10,589	2,497	30·86	11,679	1,090	10·29
Divorced	4,189	5,983	1,794	42·83	7,160	1,177	19·67	9,088	1,928	26·93
Widowed	36,453	40,423	3,970	10·89	46,277	5,854	14·48	52,541	6,264	13·54
Not stated	1,369	728	—641	—46·82	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Total	646,073	797,094	151,021	23·38	969,340	172,246	21·61	1,091,875	122,535	12·64
WESTERN AUSTRALIA										
Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	135,726	194,750	59,024	43·49	239,711	44,961	23·09	260,180	20,469	8·54
15 years of age and over	106,106	114,246	8,140	7·67	123,813	9,567	8·37	151,380	27,567	22·27
Total	241,832	308,996	67,164	27·77	363,524	54,528	17·65	411,560	48,036	13·21
Married	218,551	285,113	66,562	30·46	323,294	38,181	13·39	368,292	44,998	13·92
Married but permanently separated (a)	8,590	8,787	197	2·29	9,830	1,043	11·87	11,520	1,690	17·19
Divorced	4,454	5,620	1,166	26·18	6,524	904	16·09	7,515	991	15·19
Widowed	27,368	30,329	2,961	10·82	33,457	3,128	10·31	37,786	4,329	12·94
Not stated	1,685	926	—759	—45·04	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Total	502,480	639,771	137,291	27·32	736,629	96,858	15·14	836,673	100,044	13·58
TASMANIA										
Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	73,371	97,448	24,077	32·82	117,299	19,851	20·37	120,164	2,865	2·44
15 years of age and over	53,912	55,000	1,088	2·02	58,039	3,039	5·53	64,365	6,326	10·90
Total	127,283	152,448	25,165	19·77	175,338	22,890	15·01	184,529	9,191	5·24
Married	111,252	136,182	24,930	22·41	153,014	16,832	12·36	163,131	10,117	6·61
Married but permanently separated (a)	3,373	3,552	179	5·31	4,096	544	15·32	4,290	194	4·74
Divorced	1,319	2,002	683	51·78	2,329	327	16·33	2,526	197	8·46
Widowed	12,933	14,029	1,096	8·47	15,563	1,534	10·93	16,959	1,396	8·97
Not stated	918	539	—379	—41·29	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Total	257,078	308,752	51,674	20·10	350,340	41,588	13·47	371,435	21,095	6·02

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No. 3.—Persons, by Marital Status, Intercensal Change
States and Territories, Australia, Censuses, 1947 to 1966—continued

Marital status	1947	1954		1961			1966			
	Persons	Persons	Intercensal change 1947-1954		Persons	Intercensal change 1954-1961		Persons	Intercensal change 1961-1966	
			Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	2,330	4,519	2,189	93·95	8,277	3,758	83·16	11,556	3,279	39·62
15 years of age and over	3,821	4,777	956	25·02	7,049	2,272	47·56	9,088	2,039	28·93
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,151</i>	<i>9,296</i>	<i>3,145</i>	<i>51·13</i>	<i>15,326</i>	<i>6,030</i>	<i>64·87</i>	<i>20,644</i>	<i>5,318</i>	<i>34·70</i>
Married	3,832	6,002	2,170	56·63	10,117	4,115	68·56	14,792	4,675	46·21
Married but permanently separated (a)	321	454	133	41·43	704	250	55·07	791	87	12·36
Divorced	168	261	93	55·36	383	122	46·74	473	90	23·50
Widowed	345	369	24	6·96	565	196	53·12	733	168	29·73
Not stated	51	87	36	70·59	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,868</i>	<i>16,469</i>	<i>5,601</i>	<i>51·54</i>	<i>27,095</i>	<i>10,626</i>	<i>64·52</i>	<i>37,433</i>	<i>10,338</i>	<i>38·15</i>

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	4,267	9,530	5,263	123·34	20,651	11,121	116·69	31,808	11,157	54·03
15 years of age and over	4,292	5,613	1,321	30·78	10,264	4,651	82·86	19,044	8,780	85·54
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,559</i>	<i>15,143</i>	<i>6,584</i>	<i>76·92</i>	<i>30,915</i>	<i>15,772</i>	<i>104·15</i>	<i>50,852</i>	<i>19,937</i>	<i>64·49</i>
Married	7,386	13,878	6,492	87·90	25,570	11,692	84·25	41,320	15,750	61·60
Married but permanently separated (a)	219	276	57	26·03	511	235	85·14	847	336	65·75
Divorced	119	221	102	85·71	384	163	73·76	741	357	92·97
Widowed	554	794	240	43·32	1,448	654	82·37	2,253	805	55·59
Not stated	68	3	—65	—95·59	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
<i>Total</i>	<i>16,905</i>	<i>30,315</i>	<i>13,410</i>	<i>79·33</i>	<i>58,828</i>	<i>28,513</i>	<i>94·06</i>	<i>96,013</i>	<i>37,185</i>	<i>63·21</i>

AUSTRALIA

Never married—										
Under 15 years of age	1,899,053	2,563,334	664,281	34·98	3,176,998	613,664	23·94	3,392,488	215,490	6·78
15 years of age and over	1,677,626	1,646,645	—30,981	—1·85	1,868,498	221,853	13·47	2,145,568	277,070	14·83
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,576,679</i>	<i>4,209,979</i>	<i>633,300</i>	<i>17·71</i>	<i>5,045,496</i>	<i>835,517</i>	<i>19·85</i>	<i>5,538,056</i>	<i>492,560</i>	<i>9·76</i>
Married	3,379,798	4,105,773	725,975	21·48	4,709,464	603,691	14·70	5,170,724	461,260	9·79
Married but permanently separated (a)	126,612	123,599	—3,013	—2·38	146,539	22,940	18·56	162,367	15,828	10·80
Divorced	52,393	69,039	16,646	31·77	81,979	12,940	18·74	94,028	12,049	14·70
Widowed	421,063	464,166	43,103	10·24	524,708	60,542	13·04	585,287	60,579	11·55
Not stated	22,813	13,974	—8,839	—38·75	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,579,358</i>	<i>8,986,530</i>	<i>1,407,172</i>	<i>18·57</i>	<i>10,508,186</i>	<i>1,521,656</i>	<i>16·93</i>	<i>11,550,462</i>	<i>1,042,276</i>	<i>9·92</i>

(a) Legally or otherwise.

(b) See Explanatory Notes.

**No. 4.—Population, by Marital Status, Percentage Distribution
within each State and Territory: Australia, Census, 30 June 1966
(Per cent)**

Marital status	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
MALES									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	28·81	29·85	30·68	30·67	31·25	32·76	27·50	32·58	29·88
15 years of age and over	21·54	21·33	22·18	20·16	21·37	19·79	30·34	23·26	21·43
Total	50·35	51·18	52·86	50·83	52·62	52·55	57·84	55·84	51·30
Married	45·20	44·94	42·87	45·40	43·41	43·66	37·13	41·66	44·57
Married but permanently separated (a)	1·42	1·24	1·32	1·00	1·30	1·12	2·32	0·88	1·29
Divorced	0·82	0·60	0·69	0·77	0·88	0·66	1·44	0·67	0·74
Widowed	2·21	2·04	2·26	2·00	1·79	2·02	1·28	0·94	2·10
Total	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00
FEMALES									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	27·68	28·54	29·98	29·49	30·94	31·93	35·43	33·72	28·86
15 years of age and over	15·67	16·21	15·76	15·04	14·68	14·83	16·09	16·12	15·68
Total	43·35	44·75	45·74	44·54	45·62	46·76	51·52	49·84	44·54
Married	45·26	44·98	44·06	45·78	44·65	44·18	42·74	44·53	44·97
Married but permanently separated (a)	1·69	1·50	1·51	1·14	1·46	1·20	1·84	0·89	1·52
Divorced	1·05	0·77	0·74	0·89	0·92	0·70	1·02	0·88	0·89
Widowed	8·65	7·99	7·95	7·65	7·35	7·16	2·88	3·87	8·08
Total	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00
PERSONS									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	28·24	29·19	30·33	30·08	31·10	32·35	30·87	33·13	29·37
15 years of age and over	18·62	18·78	19·02	17·61	18·09	17·33	24·28	19·83	18·58
Total	46·86	47·97	49·35	47·70	49·19	49·68	55·15	52·96	47·95
Married	45·23	44·96	43·46	45·59	44·02	43·92	39·51	43·04	44·77
Married but permanently separated (a)	1·55	1·37	1·41	1·07	1·38	1·15	2·11	0·88	1·41
Divorced	0·94	0·69	0·71	0·83	0·90	0·68	1·26	0·77	0·81
Widowed	5·42	5·01	5·07	4·81	4·52	4·57	1·96	2·35	5·07
Total	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

(a) Legally or otherwise.

No. 5.—Population, by Marital Status, Percentage Distribution
States and Territories, Australia, Census, 30 June 1966
 (Per cent)

Marital status	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
MALES									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	35.22	27.72	14.90	9.68	7.67	3.53	0.34	0.94	100.00
15 years of age and over	36.73	27.63	15.02	8.87	7.32	2.98	0.52	0.93	100.00
<i>Total</i>	35.85	27.68	14.95	9.34	7.52	3.30	0.42	0.94	100.00
Married	37.04	27.98	13.96	9.61	7.15	3.16	0.31	0.80	100.00
Married but permanently separated (a)	40.02	26.53	14.77	7.29	7.36	2.78	0.66	0.58	100.00
Divorced	40.71	22.75	13.55	9.88	8.72	2.88	0.72	0.79	100.00
Widowed	38.49	26.92	15.64	8.98	6.27	3.10	0.23	0.39	100.00
<i>Total</i>	36.53	27.75	14.51	9.43	7.34	3.22	0.37	0.86	100.00
FEMALES									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	35.28	27.69	14.85	9.68	7.67	3.55	0.34	0.94	100.00
15 years of age and over	36.76	28.94	14.37	9.09	6.69	3.04	0.28	0.83	100.00
<i>Total</i>	35.80	28.13	14.68	9.47	7.32	3.37	0.32	0.90	100.00
Married	37.02	28.01	14.01	9.65	7.10	3.15	0.26	0.80	100.00
Married but permanently separated (a)	40.84	27.67	14.19	7.11	6.86	2.52	0.34	0.47	100.00
Divorced	43.40	24.32	11.79	9.49	7.38	2.53	0.32	0.79	100.00
Widowed	39.40	27.70	14.08	8.98	6.51	2.85	0.10	0.38	100.00
<i>Total</i>	36.79	28.00	14.30	9.48	7.15	3.21	0.28	0.80	100.00
PERSONS									
Never married—									
Under 15 years of age	35.25	27.71	14.87	9.68	7.67	3.54	0.34	0.94	100.00
15 years of age and over	36.74	28.18	14.75	8.96	7.06	3.00	0.42	0.89	100.00
<i>Total</i>	35.83	27.89	14.83	9.40	7.43	3.33	0.37	0.92	100.00
Married	37.03	28.00	13.98	9.63	7.12	3.15	0.29	0.80	100.00
Married but permanently separated (a)	40.46	27.14	14.46	7.19	7.10	2.64	0.49	0.52	100.00
Divorced	42.17	23.60	12.59	9.67	7.99	2.69	0.50	0.79	100.00
Widowed	39.21	27.54	14.41	8.98	6.46	2.90	0.13	0.38	100.00
<i>Total</i>	36.66	27.87	14.40	9.45	7.24	3.22	0.32	0.83	100.00

(a) Legally or otherwise.

No. 6.—Population, by Marital Status, Percentage Distribution,

Per cent

Marital status	1921				1933				1947			
	Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)
MALES												
Never married—												
Under 15 years of age	38.37	20.13	41.43	100.00	41.79	18.18	40.01	100.00	43.98	19.20	36.80	100.00
15 years of age and over	37.66	16.49	44.01	100.00	40.82	15.12	43.39	100.00	47.22	16.85	35.02	100.00
Total	38.03	18.39	42.67	100.00	41.28	16.58	41.78	100.00	45.57	18.05	35.93	100.00
Married	44.20	18.63	36.37	100.00	47.43	16.50	35.55	100.00	51.82	17.49	30.33	100.00
Married but permanently separated (b)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Divorced	56.48	14.78	27.33	100.00	59.21	12.78	27.14	100.00	62.90	14.30	22.04	100.00
Widowed	41.76	18.56	38.93	100.00	46.85	16.46	36.29	100.00	50.89	17.56	31.30	100.00
Not stated	23.23	15.10	45.55	100.00	25.48	12.86	58.25	100.00	41.40	14.66	34.95	100.00
Total	40.34	18.46	40.28	100.00	43.81	16.52	39.24	100.00	48.71	17.74	33.11	100.00
FEMALES												
Never married—												
Under 15 years of age	38.94	20.51	40.48	100.00	42.28	18.33	39.37	100.00	44.33	19.39	36.25	100.00
15 years of age and over	51.33	19.16	29.31	100.00	55.25	17.13	27.54	100.00	58.04	18.37	23.51	100.00
Total	44.31	19.93	35.64	100.00	48.50	17.76	33.69	100.00	50.44	18.94	30.58	100.00
Married	46.44	19.39	34.01	100.00	50.05	17.10	32.78	100.00	53.05	17.75	29.15	100.00
Married but permanently separated (b)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Divorced	73.06	13.80	12.89	100.00	76.93	11.31	11.59	100.00	74.44	12.91	12.48	100.00
Widowed	54.52	20.17	25.13	100.00	59.94	17.09	22.88	100.00	61.15	17.41	21.38	100.00
Not stated	41.44	18.12	27.23	100.00	54.11	17.72	27.79	100.00	61.34	17.83	20.19	100.00
Total	45.77	19.73	34.33	100.00	50.03	17.43	32.48	100.00	52.73	18.21	29.00	100.00
PERSONS												
Never married—												
Under 15 years of age	38.65	20.32	40.97	100.00	42.03	18.25	39.70	100.00	44.15	19.30	36.53	100.00
15 years of age and over	43.78	17.69	37.43	100.00	47.28	16.02	36.30	100.00	52.05	17.53	29.88	100.00
Total	40.99	19.12	39.35	100.00	44.67	17.13	37.99	100.00	47.86	18.47	33.41	100.00
Married	45.32	19.01	35.19	100.00	48.74	16.80	34.17	100.00	52.44	17.62	29.74	100.00
Married but permanently separated (b)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Divorced	64.83	14.28	20.05	100.00	68.33	12.02	19.14	100.00	68.95	13.57	17.03	100.00
Widowed	50.59	19.68	29.38	100.00	56.04	16.90	26.88	100.00	58.43	17.45	24.01	100.00
Not stated	30.01	16.23	38.73	100.00	35.67	14.59	47.41	100.00	50.74	16.14	28.04	100.00
Total	43.01	19.09	37.35	100.00	46.87	16.96	35.91	100.00	50.72	17.98	31.06	100.00

(a) Includes population classed as migratory.

(b) Legally or otherwise.

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Per cent

1954				1961				1966				Marital status
Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	
MALES												
49.13	26.34	24.49	100.00	51.58	27.71	20.69	100.00	54.04	26.62	19.32	100.00	Never married— Under 15 years of age 15 years of age and over
49.64	23.32	26.06	100.00	54.78	23.53	20.82	100.00	57.68	22.96	18.72	100.00	
49.35	25.06	25.15	100.00	52.87	26.02	20.74	100.00	55.56	25.09	19.07	100.00	Total
54.84	24.31	20.48	100.00	56.68	25.41	17.50	100.00	58.24	24.94	16.51	100.00	Married Married but permanently separated (b) Divorced Widowed Not stated
61.05	20.98	17.33	100.00	62.25	22.20	14.94	100.00	62.64	22.53	14.34	100.00	
63.77	19.42	15.85	100.00	64.80	20.80	13.47	100.00	65.12	21.30	12.94	100.00	
55.13	23.96	20.64	100.00	56.59	25.50	17.62	100.00	57.88	25.91	16.01	100.00	
40.45	21.13	21.61	100.00	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	
52.21	24.59	22.75	100.00	54.85	25.65	19.11	100.00	56.97	24.98	17.76	100.00	Total
FEMALES												
49.39	26.54	24.03	100.00	51.78	27.84	20.35	100.00	54.07	26.73	19.17	100.00	Never married— Under 15 years of age 15 years of age and over
60.22	25.11	14.56	100.00	62.97	24.72	12.15	100.00	65.12	23.60	11.21	100.00	
53.21	26.04	20.69	100.00	55.49	26.80	17.63	100.00	57.96	25.63	16.37	100.00	Total
55.68	24.69	19.56	100.00	57.38	25.70	16.83	100.00	58.97	25.05	15.93	100.00	Married Married but permanently separated (b) Divorced Widowed Not stated
68.82	21.40	9.69	100.00	68.72	22.67	8.50	100.00	69.04	22.74	8.17	100.00	
75.37	17.24	7.23	100.00	75.38	17.99	6.42	100.00	75.62	18.20	6.10	100.00	
64.37	23.18	12.37	100.00	64.51	24.59	10.76	100.00	65.15	24.81	9.97	100.00	
64.77	23.58	10.70	100.00	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	
55.66	25.04	19.23	100.00	57.42	25.99	16.50	100.00	59.32	25.19	15.44	100.00	Total
PERSONS												
49.26	26.44	24.27	100.00	51.68	27.77	20.53	100.00	54.06	26.67	19.25	100.00	Never married— Under 15 years of age 15 years of age and over
54.04	24.06	21.28	100.00	58.15	24.02	17.25	100.00	60.80	23.23	15.57	100.00	
51.13	25.51	23.10	100.00	54.08	26.38	19.31	100.00	56.67	25.34	17.82	100.00	Total
55.26	24.50	20.02	100.00	57.03	25.56	17.17	100.00	58.61	24.99	16.22	100.00	Married Married but permanently separated (b) Divorced Widowed Not stated
65.21	21.21	13.23	100.00	65.71	22.45	11.50	100.00	66.08	22.64	11.03	100.00	
69.92	18.27	11.27	100.00	70.39	19.31	9.74	100.00	70.83	19.61	9.22	100.00	
62.12	23.37	14.39	100.00	62.75	24.79	12.28	100.00	63.64	25.04	11.23	100.00	
49.07	22.00	17.74	100.00	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	
53.92	24.82	21.01	100.00	56.12	25.82	17.82	100.00	58.14	25.09	16.61	100.00	Total

(c) Permanently separated included with married.

(d) See 'Explanatory Notes'.

No. 7.—Population, by Marital Status, Percentage Distribution of each

Per cent

Marital status	1921				1933				1947			
	Metropolitan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metropolitan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metropolitan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)
MALES												
Never married—												
Under 15 years of age	30.12	34.53	32.58	31.67	26.26	30.30	28.07	27.53	23.01	27.58	28.32	25.48
15 years of age and over	27.09	25.92	31.71	29.02	28.19	27.68	33.45	30.25	23.72	23.23	25.88	24.47
Total	57.22	60.45	64.30	60.69	54.45	57.98	61.52	57.78	46.73	50.81	54.20	49.95
Married	39.63	36.49	32.66	36.17	41.79	38.57	34.97	38.60	49.08	45.48	42.25	46.13
Married but permanently separated (b)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Divorced	0.21	0.12	0.10	0.15	0.41	0.24	0.21	0.30	0.85	0.53	0.44	0.66
Widowed	2.75	2.67	2.57	2.65	3.11	2.89	2.69	2.90	3.07	2.91	2.78	2.94
Not stated	0.19	0.27	0.37	0.33	0.24	0.32	0.61	0.41	0.27	0.26	0.34	0.32
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

FEMALES												
Never married—												
Under 15 years of age	27.05	33.06	37.50	31.80	23.17	28.85	33.23	27.42	20.70	26.22	30.78	24.62
15 years of age and over	27.24	23.60	20.74	24.30	27.94	24.87	21.45	25.30	21.78	19.96	16.04	19.79
Total	54.30	56.66	58.24	56.09	51.11	53.72	54.69	52.72	42.48	46.18	46.82	44.41
Married	37.93	36.75	37.04	37.39	39.67	38.91	40.02	39.66	46.68	45.21	46.64	46.40
Married but permanently separated (b)	(c)											
Divorced	0.26	0.11	0.06	0.16	0.51	0.22	0.12	0.33	1.02	0.51	0.31	0.73
Widowed	7.33	6.29	4.50	6.15	8.45	6.92	4.97	7.05	9.49	7.82	6.03	8.18
Not stated	0.18	0.19	0.16	0.20	0.25	0.24	0.20	0.24	0.33	0.28	0.20	0.28
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

PERSONS												
Never married—												
Under 15 years of age	28.52	33.78	34.80	31.73	24.64	29.57	30.37	27.48	21.81	26.89	29.47	25.06
15 years of age and over	27.17	24.74	26.75	26.70	28.06	26.26	28.11	27.81	22.71	21.58	21.30	22.13
Total	55.69	58.52	61.56	58.43	52.70	55.83	58.48	55.29	44.53	48.47	50.76	47.19
Married	38.74	36.62	34.64	36.77	40.68	38.74	37.22	39.12	47.83	45.34	44.29	46.26
Married but permanently separated (b)	(c)											
Divorced	0.24	0.12	0.08	0.16	0.46	0.23	0.17	0.32	0.94	0.52	0.38	0.69
Widowed	5.15	4.51	3.44	4.38	5.91	4.93	3.70	4.95	6.40	5.39	4.29	5.56
Not stated	0.19	0.23	0.28	0.27	0.25	0.28	0.43	0.33	0.30	0.27	0.27	0.30
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

(a) Includes population classed as migratory.

(b) Legally or otherwise.

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Per cent

1954				1961				1966				Marital status
Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	Metro-politan	Other urban	Rural	Total (a)	
MALES												
27.11	30.85	31.01	28.81	28.78	33.06	33.15	30.61	28.34	31.84	32.50	29.88	Never married— Under 15 years of age 15 years of age and over <i>Total</i>
20.13	20.08	24.25	21.17	20.65	18.97	22.54	20.68	21.69	19.70	22.59	21.43	
47.24	50.93	55.26	49.98	49.43	52.03	55.69	51.29	50.04	51.54	55.09	51.30	
47.64	44.84	40.83	45.36	46.00	44.10	40.78	44.51	45.57	44.49	41.44	44.57	Married Married but permanently separated (b) Divorced Widowed Not stated <i>Total</i>
1.48	1.08	0.96	1.26	1.46	1.11	1.00	1.28	1.42	1.17	1.04	1.29	
0.87	0.56	0.50	0.71	0.86	0.59	0.51	0.73	0.84	0.63	0.54	0.74	
2.63	2.42	2.26	2.49	2.25	2.17	2.01	2.19	2.13	2.18	1.89	2.10	
0.15	0.17	0.19	0.20	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
FEMALES												
25.05	29.92	35.29	28.23	26.92	31.96	36.82	29.85	26.30	30.62	35.84	28.86	Never married— Under 15 years of age 15 years of age and over <i>Total</i>
16.67	15.45	11.67	15.41	16.25	14.09	10.91	14.82	17.22	14.69	11.39	15.68	
41.72	45.37	46.96	43.64	43.17	46.05	47.74	44.67	43.52	45.31	47.23	44.54	
46.04	45.36	46.83	46.02	45.09	44.62	46.03	45.13	44.70	44.72	46.40	44.97	Married Married but permanently separated (b) Divorced Widowed Not stated <i>Total</i>
1.84	1.27	0.75	1.49	1.81	1.32	0.78	1.51	1.77	1.37	0.81	1.52	
1.12	0.57	0.31	0.82	1.09	0.58	0.32	0.83	1.14	0.64	0.35	0.89	
9.14	7.32	5.09	7.91	8.84	7.44	5.13	7.86	8.87	7.96	5.22	8.08	
0.13	0.11	0.06	0.11	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
PERSONS												
26.06	30.39	32.95	28.52	27.84	32.51	34.83	30.23	27.31	31.23	34.04	29.37	Never married— Under 15 years of age 15 years of age and over <i>Total</i>
18.36	17.77	18.56	18.32	18.43	16.54	17.22	17.78	19.43	17.20	17.42	18.58	
44.42	48.16	51.51	46.85	46.26	49.05	52.05	48.01	46.74	48.43	51.46	47.95	
46.82	45.10	43.54	45.69	45.54	44.36	43.19	44.82	45.13	44.60	43.73	44.77	Married Married but permanently separated (b) Divorced Widowed Not stated <i>Total</i>
1.66	1.18	0.87	1.38	1.63	1.21	0.90	1.39	1.60	1.27	0.93	1.41	
1.00	0.57	0.41	0.77	0.98	0.58	0.43	0.78	0.99	0.64	0.45	0.81	
5.95	4.86	3.54	5.17	5.58	4.79	3.44	4.99	5.55	5.06	3.43	5.07	
0.14	0.14	0.13	0.16	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

(e) Permanently separated included with married.

(d) See 'Explanatory Notes'.