



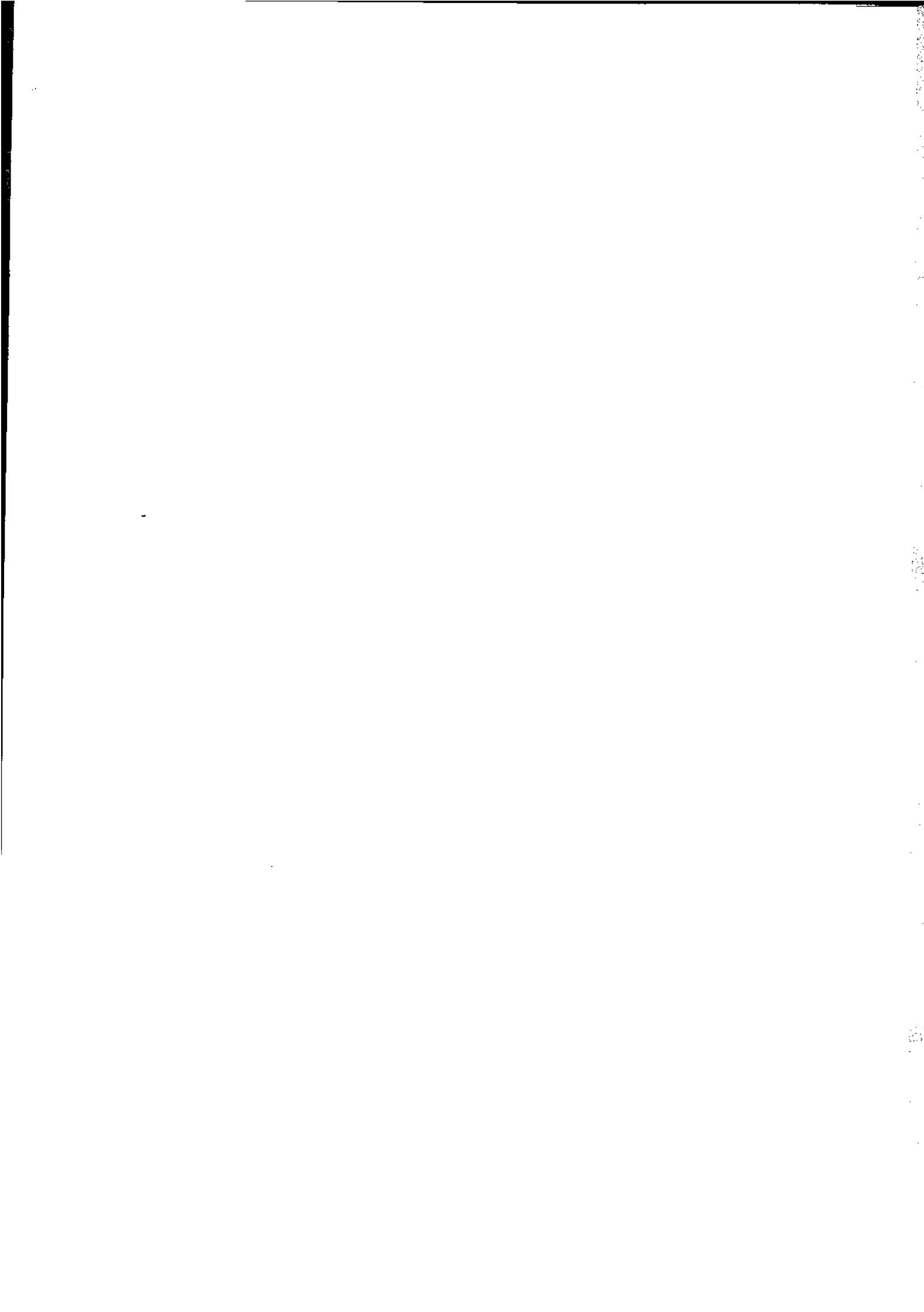
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# Demography

## New South Wales





## NOTES

### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) undertook reduced processing of marriage data in 1995. The data items processed were State or Territory of registration, date of marriage, age of parties at marriage, and previous marital status of parties. Full processing was resumed for 1996 marriage data. (See paragraph 21 of the Explanatory notes for further detail.)

In February 1995 the Family Court of Australia introduced new divorce application forms. With the introduction of these forms some data items that had previously been collected ceased to be available. In addition, the ABS undertook reduced processing of divorces granted in 1995. The data items processed were State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce; and sex of applicant. Full processing was resumed for available 1996 divorce data. (See paragraphs 28 and 29 of the Explanatory notes for further detail.)

### PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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

### INQUIRIES

For information about other ABS statistics and services, please refer to the back of this publication.

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## MAIN FEATURES.....

### KEY FIGURES

	NEW SOUTH WALES.....			AUSTRALIA.....		
	1985 000	1995 '000	Change %	1985 '000	1995 '000	Change %
Estimated resident population	5 496.5	6 152.0	11.9	15 900.6	18 168.6	14.3
Net overseas migration	37.1	48.6	31.0	89.3	108.0	20.9
Net interstate migration	-12.2	-15.7	-28.7	..	..	..
Births						
Registration basis	87.8	87.8	—	247.3	256.2	3.6
Occurrence basis	84.3	85.3	1.2	243.1	251.9	3.6
Deaths						
Registration basis	44.3	44.8	1.1	118.8	125.1	5.3
Occurrence basis	43.4	44.4	2.3	117.8	125.1	6.2
Marriages	41.2	37.8	-8.3	115.5	109.4	-5.3
Divorces	11.9	14.9	25.2	39.8	49.7	24.9

### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

- The estimated resident population of NSW at 31 December 1995 was 6,152,000. The population increased by almost 12% over the last ten years.
- The median age of people resident in NSW was 34.1. The only State with a higher median age of the resident population is South Australia (35.1).

### OVERSEAS MIGRATION

- In 1995, NSW experienced a net gain of 48,641 people from overseas migration, (permanent and long term). All States and Territories experienced a net overseas migration gain in 1995, the total gain for Australia being 108,028.

### INTERSTATE MIGRATION

- More people left NSW for other parts of Australia than settled in NSW in 1995. The net loss to NSW from interstate migration was 15,746 persons. The State recording the highest intake of persons from NSW in 1995 was Queensland (53,110 persons or 52% of all interstate departures from NSW).

**BIRTHS****Registration basis**

- In 1995, there were 87,849 births registered to mothers resident in NSW, a rate of 14.4 births per 1,000 population.
- The total fertility rate has, over the last ten years, fluctuated between 1.8 and 2.0 children per woman. In 1995, the total fertility rate in NSW was 1.9 children per woman.
- The peak age group for mothers giving birth in NSW was 25–29 years. The birth rate in this age group was 123 births per 1,000 mothers.
- Ex-nuptial births represented 25% of all NSW births in 1995 compared with 16% in 1985.

**Occurrence basis**

- In 1995, 85,262 births occurred in NSW, compared with 84,286 in 1985, an increase of 1.2%. However the number has decreased each year since 1992.
- The highest number of births in 1995 occurred in the month of March and the lowest in December.
- The birth rate for mothers aged 40–44 years has increased by 62% since 1985.

**DEATHS****Registration basis**

- The number of deaths of NSW residents in 1995 was 44,773, a rate of 7.3 deaths per 1,000 population.
- The standardised death rate in NSW in 1995 was 6.6 per 1,000 standard population, compared with a standardised rate of 8.2 per 1,000 in 1985.
- The median age at death was 73.7 years for men and 80.2 years for women. By comparison the 1985 medians were 70.8 years and 77.8 years, respectively.
- The infant mortality rate was 5.7 per 1,000 live births compared with 9.8 in 1985.

**Occurrence basis**

- In 1995, 44,432 deaths occurred in NSW. This was a 2.3% increase on the number occurring in 1985.
- The highest number of 1995 deaths occurred in the month of July and the lowest in February.
- The number of infant deaths which occurred in 1995 was 486, a decrease of 41% since 1985.

MARRIAGES

- There were 37,828 marriages registered in NSW in 1995. This was about 2.4% less than the number registered in 1985.
- In 1995 the crude marriage rate of 6.2 per 1,000 population continued the downward trend which commenced in 1972.
- The median age at first marriage was 27.5 years for men and 25.3 years for women, compared with 25.6 and 23.4 respectively in 1985.

DIVORCES

- In NSW there were 14,945 divorces granted, compared with 13,999 in 1985.
- In 1995, the median age at divorce was 39.5 years for men and 36.6 years for women. The comparative medians in 1985 were 37.3 years and 34.5 years respectively.

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## SECTION 1

### DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY .....

#### POPULATION

At 31 December 1995, the estimated resident population of NSW was 6,152,000. This represents a growth of 1.2% for the year. Northern Territory had the highest growth at 2.8% and Tasmania had the lowest at 0.1%. The population of Australia increased by 1.3% to 18,168,600.

#### COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

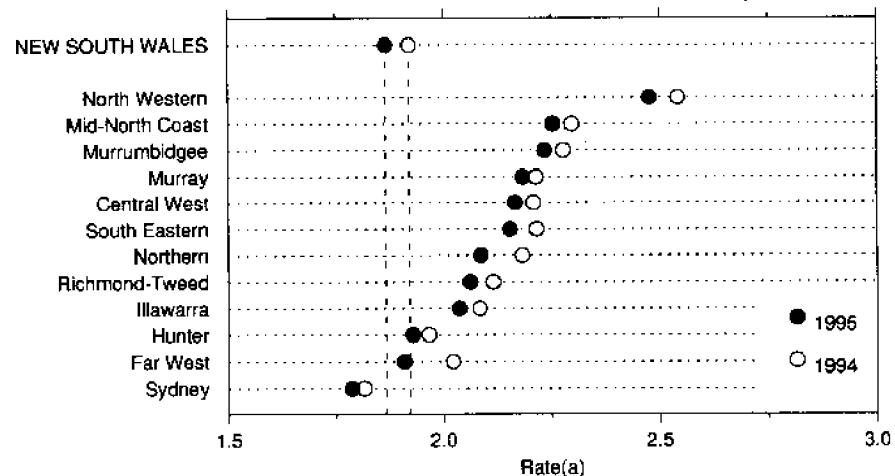
While the NSW population was 34% of the Australian population, its total growth of 74,486 in 1995 represents only 31% of the Australian growth. The smaller percentage for total growth was predominantly caused by an interstate migration loss of 15,746, mainly to Queensland (which had an interstate migration gain of 43,386). Although this latter component continues to lower the State's growth, the level of loss from interstate migration is significantly lower than that experienced in 1988 (23,285), 1989 (42,475) and in 1990 (27,923).

However, the increase of 48,641 from (net) overseas migration was a high 45% of the Australian increase from this component.

#### BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS

The NSW births registration figure of 87,849 for 1995 includes 87,823 births to NSW mothers and 26 births which occurred in NSW where the usual residence of the mother was overseas. Residents of Sydney Statistical Division accounted for 63% (55,128 births) of NSW births.

#### TOTAL FERTILITY RATES BY STATISTICAL DIVISION—1994 AND 1995



(a) Per 1,000 population.

The average total fertility rate for NSW over the years 1993 to 1995 was 1.886. This represents the average number of children each woman would bear if the current birth rates continued during their child-bearing lifetimes. The highest total fertility rate for a statistical division was 2.478 in North Western (SD), while the lowest fertility rate was 1.788 in Sydney (SD).

The statistical local area in Sydney (SD) which recorded the highest number of 1995 births was Blacktown with 4,502 births, followed by Fairfield with 3,182 and Penrith with 2,964 births. In the remainder of NSW, most births were recorded in Wollongong (2,537), Lake Macquarie (2,302) and Newcastle (1,714).

The statistical local area in Sydney (SD) with the highest total fertility rate was Camden (2.556), followed by Auburn (2.432) and Liverpool (2.357). North Sydney had the lowest fertility rate of 0.901.

#### DEATHS

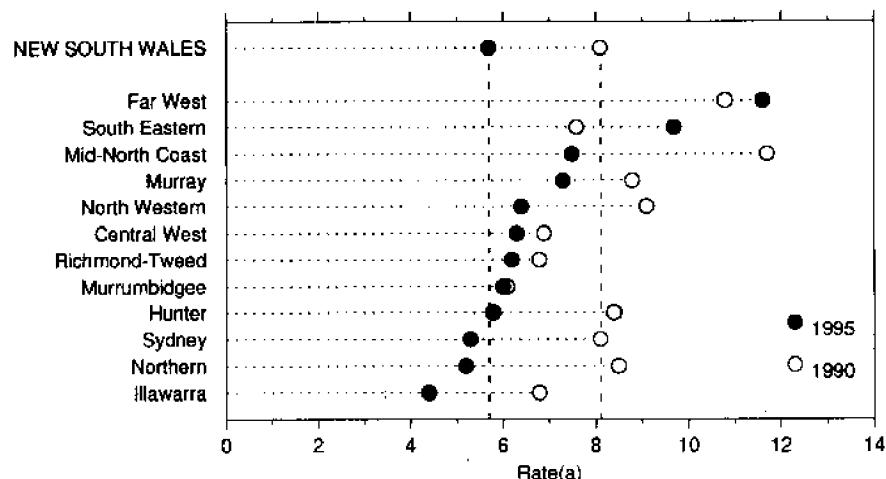
The NSW deaths figure of 44,773 for 1995 includes 44,665 deaths of NSW residents and 108 deaths which occurred in NSW where the usual residence was overseas, while 59% (26,265 deaths) were residents of the Sydney Statistical Division.

The highest standardised death rate for a statistical division was 8.1 (deaths per 1,000 population) in Far West (SD), while the lowest rate was 6.3 in Richmond-Tweed (SD).

The statistical local area in Sydney (SD) which recorded the highest number of 1995 deaths was Gosford with 1,356 deaths, followed by Bankstown with 1,246 deaths and Wyong with 1,133 deaths.

There were 498 infant deaths to NSW mothers in 1995 and 59% (292 infant deaths) were residents of the Sydney Statistical Division. Of the statistical divisions, the highest infant death rate (11.6 per 1,000 live births) was recorded in Far West (SD), and the lowest (4.4) in Illawarra(SD).

## INFANT DEATH RATES BY STATISTICAL DIVISION—1990 AND 1995



(a) Per 1,000 population.

## MARRIAGES

The crude marriage rate in NSW of 6.2 marriages per 1,000 population is the second highest in Australia, behind Queensland (6.3), and above the national figure of 6.1. The median ages at marriage for bridegrooms (29.3 years) and brides (26.7 years) are the highest ever recorded in NSW.

## DIVORCES

There were 14,945 divorces granted in NSW in 1995. The crude divorce rate of 2.4 divorces per 1,000 population is the lowest of any State or Territory in Australia.

SECTION 1 • DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

**1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a), Year Ended 31 December 1995**

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
<b>POPULATION</b>									
Estimated resident population ('000)	<b>6 152.0</b>	4 520.8	3 316.1	1 475.5	1 746.4	473.2	176.9	304.9	18 168.6
Components of population change(c)									
Natural increase(d)	<b>41 591</b>	29 611	25 610	7 912	14 569	2 767	3 074	3 320	128 492
Net overseas migration(e)	<b>48 641</b>	26 435	13 896	3 960	13 187	416	685	808	108 028
Net interstate migration	<b>-15 746</b>	-21 557	43 386	-7 569	4 291	-2 831	977	-951	..
Total increase	<b>74 486</b>	34 489	82 892	4 303	32 047	352	4 736	3 177	236 520
Growth rate (%)	<b>1.2</b>	0.8	2.6	0.3	1.9	0.1	2.8	1.1	1.3
<b>BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS</b>									
Live births									
Number	<b>87 849</b>	62 591	46 484	19 336	25 139	6 570	3 766	4 415	256 190
Total fertility rate	<b>1.867</b>	1.758	1.820	1.750	1.859	1.909	2.433	1.692	1.824
Crude birth rate	<b>14.4</b>	13.9	14.2	13.1	14.5	13.9	21.7	14.5	14.2
Female net reproduction rate	<b>0.901</b>	0.845	0.871	0.836	0.891	0.916	1.134	0.803	0.876
All confinements									
Number	<b>86 891</b>	61 685	45 898	19 053	24 791	6 480	3 711	4 359	252 708
Median age of mother (years)	<b>29.2</b>	29.7	28.4	29.4	28.8	28.5	26.8	29.4	29.1
Nuptial confinements									
Median age (years)									
Mother	<b>30.1</b>	30.3	29.7	30.4	30.0	29.7	29.6	30.2	30.1
Father	<b>32.6</b>	32.6	32.1	32.7	32.4	32.0	32.1	32.5	32.5
First Nuptial confinements									
Number	<b>26 199</b>	20 255	12 562	5 717	6 968	1 924	650	1 321	75 606
Median age of mother	<b>28.5</b>	28.9	28.1	29.1	28.5	28.3	28.5	28.6	28.6
<b>DEATHS</b>									
Number	<b>44 773</b>	32 425	20 663	11 218	10 364	3 754	813	1 114	125 133
Standardised death rate	<b>6.6</b>	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	7.1	9.9	5.4	6.5
Crude death rate	-	7.3	7.2	6.3	7.6	6.0	7.9	4.7	6.9
Median age at death (years)									
Males	<b>73.7</b>	73.9	73.0	74.3	73.3	73.8	54.0	70.5	73.5
Females	<b>80.2</b>	80.9	79.7	80.7	80.3	79.7	60.4	75.9	80.3
Infant deaths									
Number	<b>498</b>	308	293	112	129	38	50	21	1 449
Rate	<b>5.7</b>	4.9	6.3	5.8	5.1	5.8	13.3	4.8	5.7
Perinatal deaths									
Number	<b>693</b>	485	415	162	197	53	53	36	2 094
Rate	<b>7.9</b>	7.7	8.9	8.3	7.8	8.0	14.0	8.1	8.1

For footnotes see end of table.

**1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a), Year Ended 31 December 1995 *continued***

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
<b>MARRIAGES</b>									
Number registered	<b>37 828</b>	26 607	20 610	8 547	10 404	2 840	797	1 753	109 386
Crude marriage rate	<b>6.2</b>	5.9	6.3	5.8	6.0	6.0	4.6	5.8	6.1
Median age at marriage (years)									
Bridegroom	<b>29.3</b>	29.0	29.0	29.1	29.6	28.9	31.1	29.2	29.2
Bride	<b>26.7</b>	26.9	26.6	26.7	27.2	26.6	28.1	26.7	26.8
<b>DIVORCES</b>									
Number granted	<b>14 945</b>	11 838	10 192	4 199	5 040	1 279	432	1 787	49 712
Crude divorce rate	<b>2.4</b>	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.5	n.p.	2.8
Median duration of marriage (years)	<b>10.1</b>	10.9	11.4	11.5	12.3	11.2	10.7	11.5	11.0
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	<b>6.7</b>	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.8	8.3	6.9	8.1	7.6

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

(c) 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.

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

Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area	Estimated mid-year resident population(b)	Births(c)	Total fertility rate(d)	Deaths(c)	Indirect standardised death rate(e)
SYDNEY SD					
Inner Sydney SSD					
Botany (A)	34 950	499	1.823	290	7.1
Leichhardt (A)	59 650	779	1.134	504	8.3
Marrickville (A)	77 750	1 203	1.603	587	8.3
South Sydney (C)	70 100	681	0.919	752	9.8
Sydney (C)	7 250	111	1.488	75	10.3
Total	249 750	3 273	1.277	2 208	8.6
Eastern Suburbs SSD					
Randwick (C)	117 700	1 367	1.250	961	7.0
Waverley (A)	60 150	737	1.206	534	6.4
Woollahra (A)	50 350	450	0.981	401	5.4
Total	228 200	2 554	1.179	1 896	6.4
St George–Sutherland SSD					
Hurstville (C)	68 200	880	1.673	512	5.9
Kogarah (A)	48 200	632	1.649	404	5.3
Rockdale (C)	87 400	1 311	1.798	871	6.4
Sutherland Shire (A)	201 500	2 650	1.736	1 039	5.5
Total	405 250	5 473	1.725	2 826	5.8
Canterbury–Bankstown SSD					
Bankstown (C)	163 150	2 404	2.024	1 246	6.3
Canterbury (C)	134 800	2 426	2.195	877	6.1
Total	297 950	4 830	2.104	2 123	6.2
Fairfield–Liverpool SSD					
Fairfield (C)	187 050	3 182	2.108	876	6.8
Liverpool (C)	109 850	2 249	2.357	561	7.5
Total	296 900	5 431	2.204	1 437	7.0
Outer South Western Sydney SSD					
Camden (A)	28 250	610	2.556	177	7.2
Campbelltown (C)	150 100	2 698	2.182	582	7.6
Wollondilly (A)	33 700	533	2.142	147	6.6
Total	212 100	3 841	2.222	906	7.3
Inner Western Sydney SSD					
Ashfield (A)	41 300	534	1.472	445	7.8
Burwood (A)	29 150	384	1.539	296	6.8
Concord (A)	23 700	275	1.664	193	6.4
Drummoyne (A)	31 150	368	1.345	269	5.6
Strathfield (A)	26 500	309	1.502	264	7.4
Total	151 850	1 870	1.482	1 467	6.9
Central Western Sydney SSD					
Auburn (A)	49 850	1 021	2.432	396	7.0
Holroyd (C)	82 050	1 336	1.995	584	7.1
Parramatta (C)	138 250	2 261	1.958	1 128	6.9
Total	270 150	4 618	2.058	2 108	7.0
Outer Western Sydney SSD					
Blue Mountains (C)	74 850	1 072	2.003	555	7.0
Hawkesbury (C)	56 850	967	2.070	245	6.7
Penrith (C)	166 150	2 964	2.096	692	6.8
Total	297 900	5 003	2.078	1 492	6.9
Blacktown–Baulkham Hills SSD					
Baulkham Hills (A)	127 600	1 245	1.580	464	5.3
Blacktown (C)	232 800	4 502	2.279	1 080	7.6
Total	360 400	5 747	2.044	1 544	6.7

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

<i>Statistical division</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>
<b>Statistical subdivision</b>					
<i>Statistical local area</i>					
<b>SYDNEY SD continued</b>					
Lower Northern Sydney SSD					
Hunter's Hill (A)	12 800	128	1.711	179	8.0
Lane Cove (A)	30 200	374	1.439	247	5.8
Mosman (A)	26 250	294	1.203	244	5.8
North Sydney (A)	52 150	510	0.901	353	5.3
Ryde (C)	95 500	1 264	1.572	753	6.1
Willoughby (C)	54 450	697	1.471	456	5.8
<i>Total</i>	271 350	3 267	1.390	2 232	5.9
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SSD					
Hornsby (A)	141 550	1 668	1.660	961	6.0
Ku-ring-gai (A)	106 350	847	1.495	805	5.3
<i>Total</i>	247 850	2 515	1.590	1 766	5.7
Northern Beaches SSD					
Manly (A)	35 750	485	1.485	350	6.1
Pittwater (A)	52 250	709	1.877	401	5.8
*Warringah (A)	129 500	1 698	1.697	1 020	6.1
<i>Total</i>	217 500	2 892	1.692	1 771	6.0
Gosford-Wyong SSD					
Gosford (C)	146 700	2 071	2.162	1 356	6.6
Wyong (A)	116 250	1 743	2.314	1 133	7.0
<i>Total</i>	262 950	3 814	2.230	2 489	6.8
<b>Total Sydney SD</b>	<b>3 770 100</b>	<b>55 128</b>	<b>1.788</b>	<b>26 265</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>HUNTER SD</b>					
Newcastle SSD					
Cessnock (C)	46 510	648	2.081	462	8.9
Lake Macquarie (C)	177 550	2 302	1.957	1 314	6.9
Maitland (C)	51 900	773	1.944	327	7.0
Newcastle (C)	138 320	1 714	1.604	1 275	6.5
Port Stephens (A)	51 610	730	2.204	334	6.4
<i>Total</i>	465 900	6 167	1.871	3 712	6.9
Hunter SD Balance SSD					
Dungog (A)	8 210	105	1.970	54	7.1
Gloucester (A)	4 890	63	2.625	41	7.0
Great Lakes (A)	28 240	309	2.289	289	6.1
Merriwa (A)	2 490	31	2.673	20	6.4
Murrurundi (A)	2 450	32	1.872	20	7.4
Muswellbrook (A)	16 060	269	2.375	95	8.0
Scone (A)	10 260	153	2.214	93	8.0
Singleton (A)	20 370	334	2.339	109	6.6
<i>Total</i>	92 970	1 296	2.291	721	6.8
<b>Total Hunter SD</b>	<b>558 850</b>	<b>7 463</b>	<b>1.929</b>	<b>4 433</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>ILLAWARRA SD</b>					
Wollongong SSD					
Kiama (A)	18 370	220	2.077	153	6.4
Shellharbour (A)	51 690	829	2.089	283	6.8
Wollongong (C)	183 510	2 537	1.867	1 390	6.8
<i>Total</i>	253 570	3 586	1.923	1 826	6.8
Illawarra SD Balance SSD					
Shoalhaven (C)	78 540	1 082	2.448	684	6.9
Wingecarribee (A)	37 120	542	2.287	278	6.3
<i>Total</i>	115 660	1 624	2.384	962	6.7
<b>Total Illawarra SD</b>	<b>369 250</b>	<b>5 210</b>	<b>2.037</b>	<b>2 788</b>	<b>6.7</b>

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

<i>Statistical division</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>
RICHMOND-TWEED SD					
Tweed Heads SD Tweed (A)—Part A	35 850	436	2.129	411	6.6
Richmond-Tweed SD Balance SSD					
Ballina (A)	34 780	410	2.048	314	5.6
Byron (A)	26 370	325	2.056	180	6.1
Casino (A)	11 610	165	2.194	129	7.2
Kyogle (A)	10 400	143	2.320	56	5.1
Lismore (C)	45 260	630	1.939	310	6.7
Richmond River (A)	9 880	115	1.972	66	6.7
Tweed (A)—Part B	25 930	341	2.213	183	6.6
Total	164 230	2 129	2.058	1 238	6.3
<b>Total Richmond-Tweed SD</b>	<b>200 100</b>	<b>2 565</b>	<b>2.064</b>	<b>1 649</b>	<b>6.3</b>
MID-NORTH COAST SD					
Clarence SSD					
Bellingen (A)	12 670	155	2.448	86	6.2
Coffs Harbour (C)	56 260	727	2.036	348	6.0
Copmanhurst (A)	4 130	49	2.256	11	4.0
Grafton (C)	18 090	234	2.138	175	7.1
Maclean (A)	15 260	181	2.382	143	6.3
Nambucca (A)	18 020	243	2.391	183	7.1
Nymboida (A)	4 580	64	2.242	19	5.4
Ulmarra (A)	6 280	103	2.305	44	7.5
Total	135 270	1 756	2.178	1 009	6.4
Hastings SSD					
Greater Taree (C)	44 260	546	2.328	379	6.8
Hastings (A)	54 940	625	2.214	562	6.1
Kempsey (A)	26 860	386	2.659	237	7.9
Lord Howe Island	340	6	1.856	—	—
Total	126 390	1 563	2.352	1 178	6.6
<b>Total Mid-North Coast SD</b>	<b>261 650</b>	<b>3 319</b>	<b>2.255</b>	<b>2 187</b>	<b>6.5</b>
NORTHERN SD					
Northern Slopes SSD					
Barraba (A)	2 440	24	2.039	26	5.8
Bingara (A)	2 140	30	3.168	22	7.4
Gunnedah (A)	13 480	213	2.364	109	8.1
Inverell (A)—Part A	5 010	59	2.166	26	6.5
Manilla (A)	3 500	45	2.182	33	6.1
Nundle (A)	1 400	23	2.673	6	8.9
Parry (A)	12 870	160	1.946	61	5.8
Quirindi (A)	5 420	79	2.406	52	6.9
Tamworth (C)	36 680	537	2.100	280	6.8
Yallaroi (A)	3 550	35	2.087	24	7.8
Total	86 490	1 205	2.159	639	6.9

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

Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area	Estimated mid-year resident population(b)	Births(c)	Total fertility rate(d)	Deaths(c)	Indirect standardised death rate(e)
NORTHERN continued					
Northern Tablelands SSD					
Armidale (C)	23 260	304	1.653	138	6.8
Dumaresq (A)	3 860	46	1.558	20	4.0
Glen Innes (A)	6 540	89	2.375	59	7.1
Guyra (A)	4 890	76	2.189	35	7.0
Inverell (A)—Part B	11 390	180	2.234	121	7.5
Severn (A)	3 100	42	2.442	32	8.1
Tenterfield (A)	7 020	85	2.381	52	6.8
Uralla (A)	6 390	97	1.885	44	6.4
Walcha (A)	3 650	45	2.213	27	6.7
Total	70 090	964	1.898	528	6.9
North Central Plain SSD					
Moree Plains (A)	16 470	302	2.523	115	9.7
Narrabri (A)	14 540	209	2.295	108	8.0
Total	31 010	511	2.404	223	8.8
<b>Total Northern SD</b>	<b>187 600</b>	<b>2 680</b>	<b>2.087</b>	<b>1 390</b>	<b>7.1</b>
NORTH WESTERN SD					
Central Macquarie SSD					
Coolah (A)	4 040	51	2.542	30	6.5
Coonabarabran (A)	7 270	108	2.580	63	6.6
Dubbo (C)	36 420	625	2.286	251	7.9
Gilgandra (A)	5 000	93	2.700	52	7.1
Mudgee (A)	17 870	261	2.459	139	7.3
Narramine (A)	7 290	119	2.370	56	7.9
Wellington (A)	9 510	162	2.605	107	7.2
Total	87 400	1 419	2.401	698	7.4
Macquarie-Barwon SSD					
Bogan (A)	3 240	63	2.959	25	7.2
Coonamble (A)	5 210	107	2.927	30	8.3
Walgett (A)	8 160	131	2.829	50	10.4
Warren (A)	3 710	60	2.224	26	7.8
Total	20 310	361	2.756	131	8.7
Upper Darling SSD					
Bourke (A)	4 280	93	2.911	21	9.3
Brewarrina (A)	2 180	52	3.350	18	12.4
Cobar (A)	5 240	94	2.234	33	10.1
Total	11 700	239	2.656	72	10.2
<b>North Western SD</b>	<b>119 400</b>	<b>2 019</b>	<b>2.478</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>7.8</b>
CENTRAL WEST SD					
Bathurst-Orange SSD					
Bathurst (C)	30 320	401	1.791	199	7.6
Blayney (A)—Part A	4 680	86	2.421	43	9.2
Cabonne (A)—Part A	1 930	21	1.078	12	5.7
Evans (A)—Part A	990	6	0.957	3	4.8
Orange (C)	34 970	516	2.045	263	7.6
Total	72 900	1 030	1.913	520	7.6
Central Tablelands (excl.Bathurst-Orange) SSD					
Blayney (A)—Part B	1 840	20	2.141	14	6.5
Cabonne (A)—Part B	780	9	1.835	4	5.2
Evans (A)—Part B	3 960	56	2.068	17	5.8
Greater Lithgow (C)	20 520	303	2.069	173	7.9
Oberon (A)	4 440	72	2.323	20	7.4
Rylstone (A)	4 050	38	1.837	43	7.7
Total	35 590	498	2.067	271	7.4

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

<i>Statistical division</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>
CENTRAL WEST SD <i>continued</i>					
Lachlan SSD					
Bland (A)	6 680	93	2.342	59	7.7
Cabonne (A)—Part C	9 650	117	2.545	112	8.1
Cowra (A)	12 650	193	2.615	117	7.6
Forbes (A)	10 560	158	2.324	97	7.4
Lachlan (A)	7 720	153	3.137	65	8.4
Parkes (A)	14 640	251	2.781	134	6.7
Weddin (A)	4 280	45	2.375	50	6.4
<i>Total</i>	66 190	1 010	2.597	634	7.4
<b>Total Central West SD</b>	<b>174 700</b>	<b>2 538</b>	<b>2.167</b>	<b>1 425</b>	<b>7.5</b>
SOUTH EASTERN SD					
Queanbeyan SSD					
Queanbeyan (C)	28 070	485	1.991	164	8.9
Southern Tablelands (excluding Queanbeyan) SSD					
Boorowa (A)	2 630	42	2.492	28	7.5
Crookwell (A)	4 680	51	1.837	52	6.9
Goulburn (C)	22 180	311	2.067	192	8.3
Gunning (A)	2 310	36	2.167	15	5.9
Harden (A)	4 210	53	2.078	38	8.2
Mulwaree (A)	5 790	78	1.969	25	6.2
Tallaganda (A)	2 680	36	1.945	22	6.0
Yarrowlumla (A)	9 220	120	1.901	23	6.5
Yass (A)	9 740	126	2.172	74	6.7
Young (A)	11 380	216	2.750	133	8.1
<i>Total</i>	74 800	1 069	2.155	602	7.5
Lower South Coast SSD					
Bega Valley (A)	28 450	384	2.492	220	6.3
Eurobodalla (A)	30 390	362	2.338	278	6.4
<i>Total</i>	58 840	746	2.418	498	6.4
Snowy SSD					
Bombala (A)	3 060	46	2.193	34	7.9
Cooma-Monaro (A)	9 820	139	2.377	60	6.4
Snowy River (A)	5 970	85	1.508	30	6.5
<i>Total</i>	18 850	270	1.993	124	6.7
<b>Total South Eastern SD</b>	<b>180 550</b>	<b>2 570</b>	<b>2.155</b>	<b>1 388</b>	<b>7.1</b>
MURRUMBIDGEE SD					
Central Murrumbidgee SSD					
Coolamon (A)	4 060	71	2.802	28	5.8
Cootamundra (A)	8 300	138	2.028	61	7.7
Gundagai (A)	3 860	48	2.744	31	7.4
Junee (A)	6 160	72	2.107	52	7.5
Lockhart (A)	3 750	46	2.416	36	6.1
Narrandera (A)	7 260	120	2.626	73	8.1
Temora (A)	6 560	80	2.326	69	7.6
Tumut (A)	11 520	155	2.303	96	7.1
Wagga Wagga (C)	57 300	924	2.103	345	6.9
<i>Total</i>	108 770	1 654	2.195	791	7.1

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

Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area	Estimated mid-year resident population(b)	Births(c)	Total fertility rate(d)	Deaths(c)	Indirect standardised death rate(e)
MURRUMBIDGEE SD continued					
Lower Murrumbidgee SSD					
Carrathool (A)	3 120	52	2.543	8	6.2
Griffith (C)	21 860	350	2.328	156	6.6
Hay (A)	3 870	67	2.383	35	8.2
Leeton (A)	11 190	168	2.214	81	6.7
Murrumbidgee (A)	2 450	50	2.918	15	7.3
Total	42 480	687	2.348	295	6.8
<b>Total Murrumbidgee SD</b>	<b>151 250</b>	<b>2 341</b>	<b>2.238</b>	<b>1 086</b>	<b>7.0</b>
MURRAY SD					
Albury SSD					
Albury (C)	41 820	680	2.147	341	7.4
Hume (A)	7 020	75	2.006	37	7.5
Total	48 840	755	2.129	378	7.4
Upper Murray (excluding Albury) SSD					
Corowa (A)	8 530	110	2.325	76	7.1
Culcairn (A)	4 510	57	2.345	37	6.0
Holbrook (A)	2 620	39	2.682	25	7.8
Tumbarumba (A)	3 700	53	2.433	32	6.3
Urana (A)	1 550	24	3.178	10	9.6
Total	20 910	283	2.437	180	6.9
Central Murray SSD					
Berrigan (A)	8 370	106	2.078	73	6.7
Conargo (A)	1 490	22	1.585	8	4.1
Deniliquin (A)	8 550	134	2.303	85	8.3
Jerilderie (A)	1 900	24	1.724	17	7.1
Murray (A)	5 290	62	2.045	43	6.9
Wakool (A)	5 280	75	2.052	34	5.3
Windouran (A)	440	10	6.340	2	7.1
Total	31 310	433	2.101	262	6.9
Murray-Darling SSD					
Balranald (A)	2 950	56	2.250	24	7.7
Wentworth (A)	7 300	118	2.367	54	8.2
Total	10 250	174	2.327	78	8.1
<b>Total Murray</b>	<b>111 300</b>	<b>1 845</b>	<b>2.185</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>7.2</b>
FAR WEST SD					
Broken Hill (C)	23 860	285	1.818	220	7.9
Central Darling (A)	2 630	44	2.861	26	10.6
Unincorporated Far West	1 010	16	1.730	9	9.0
<b>Total Far West SD</b>	<b>27 500</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1.910</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Off-Shore Areas & Migratory					
<b>New South Wales(f)</b>	<b>6 112 200</b>	<b>87 849</b>	<b>1.886</b>	<b>44 773</b>	<b>6.7</b>

(a) The statistical area boundaries used in the compilation of these statistics are those in existence at 30 June 1995.

(b) As at 30 June 1995.

(c) Data is for calendar year 1995.

(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1993–95.

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over three years 1993–95.

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

(A) Area      (C) City

## SECTION 2

### POPULATION .....

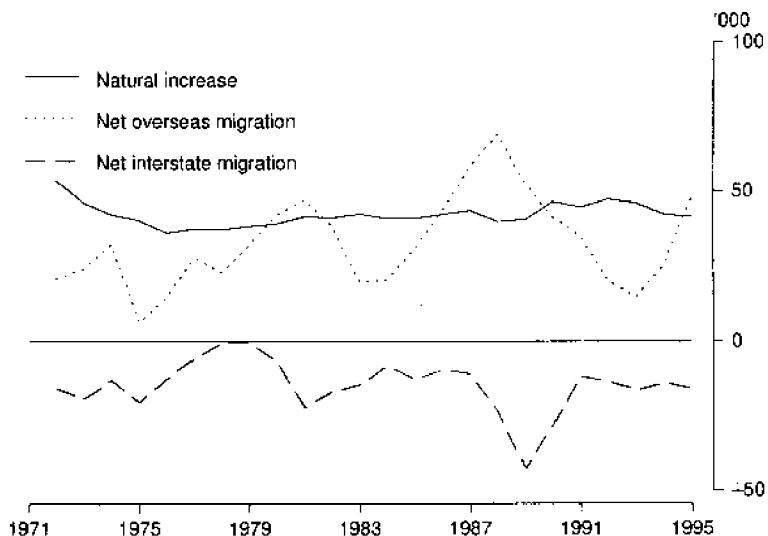
The population of NSW passed the one million mark in 1887, two million in 1919, three million in 1947, four million in 1962, five million in 1977 and six million in 1993.

At 31 December 1995, the estimated resident population of NSW was 6,152,000 comprising 3,055,700 males and 3,096,300 females.

#### Population change

During 1995, the State's population increased by 74,486 (or 1.2%). This was due to gains of 41,591 from natural increase and 48,641 from net overseas migration and a loss of 15,746 from net interstate migration. The following graph shows the contribution of the three components of change in the total population of NSW since 1972.

#### COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE



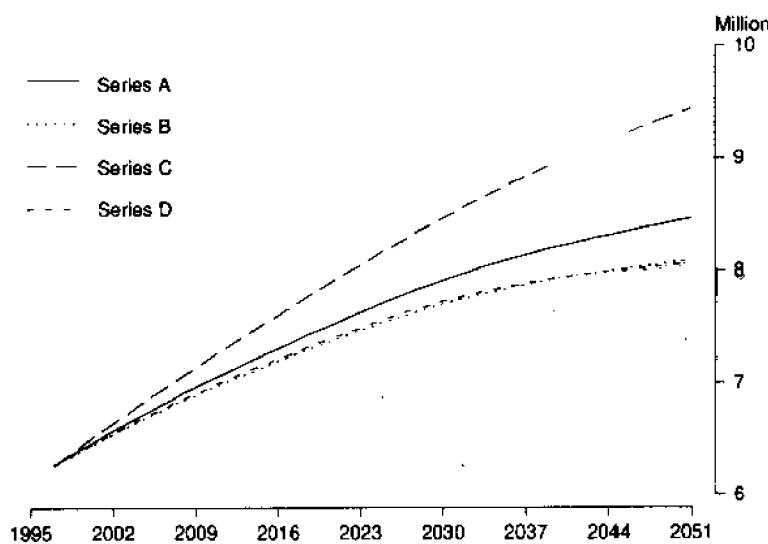
#### Age distribution

Estimated resident population by age at 30 June 1995 reinforces that the established trend of the ageing of the State's population has continued. In 1995 the proportion of aged persons (those aged 65 years and over) in NSW was 12.5% compared to 12.4% in 1994 and 8.8% in 1975. In contrast, the proportion of children (persons aged less than 15 years) in NSW is decreasing. In 1995 the proportion of children in NSW was 21.2% while the figure for 1975 was 26.5.

#### Population projections

Projections vary depending on different assumptions about fertility, mortality and migration (both overseas and interstate). According to the maximum projection (series C), the population of NSW can be expected to reach seven million around the year 2007 and eight million around 2022.

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

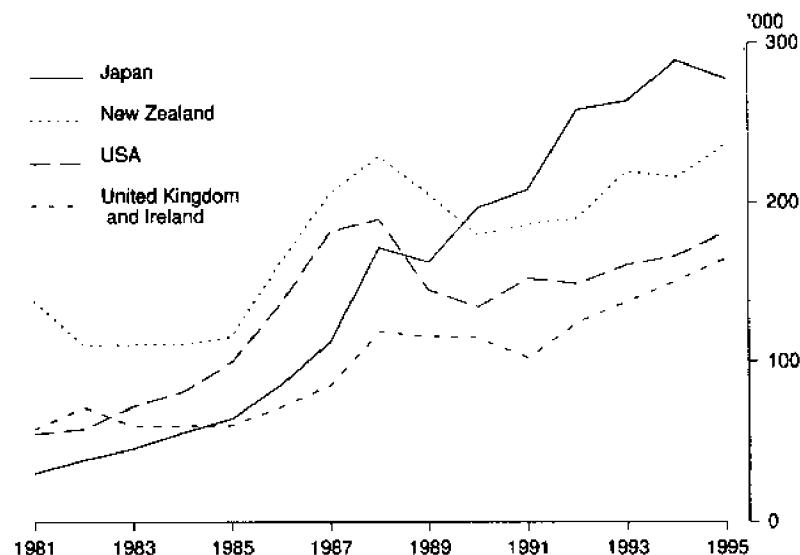


## Tourism

The impact of tourism to and from Australia is reflected in statistics of short term movement (i.e. overseas arrivals and departures for less than 12 months). In 1995, there were 1,612,407 short-term overseas visitors to NSW and 1,034,410 NSW residents departing for overseas for less than 12 months. The corresponding figures for 1985 were 536,500 and 615,000 respectively.

In 1995, the major source countries of overseas visitors to NSW were Japan (17.2%), New Zealand (14.7%), United States of America (11.3%) and United Kingdom (including Ireland) (10.2%).

## SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS, Major Source Countries



## 2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

Particulars	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
<b>Estimated resident population at 31 December ('000)</b>							
Males	2 739.3	2 918.9	2 950.1	2 974.0	2 994.1	3 020.5	3 055.7
Females	2 757.1	2 943.6	2 978.7	3 005.5	3 029.6	3 057.1	3 096.3
Persons	5 496.5	5 862.5	5 928.8	5 979.5	6 023.7	6 077.5	6 152.0
<b>Components of population change(b)</b>							
Net natural increase(c)							
Number	41 080	46 721	45 150	44 856	44 737	42 032	41 591
% of total annual growth	62.3	77.7	67.1	88.5	101.2	78.1	55.8
Net overseas migration(d)							
Number	37 133	41 350	35 141	23 144	15 635	25 579	48 641
% of total annual growth	56.3	68.7	52.2	45.7	35.4	47.5	65.3
Net interstate migration							
Number	-12 232	-27 923	-13 003	-17 308	-16 148	-13 763	-15 746
% of total annual growth	-18.5	-46.4	-19.3	-34.1	-36.5	-25.6	-21.1
Total population growth							
Number	65 981	60 148	67 288	50 692	44 224	53 848	74 486
Annual growth rate (%) (e)	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.2
<b>Overseas arrivals and departures(f)</b>							
Permanent movement							
Arrivals	32 470	47 120	46 500	39 700	28 360	34 060	42 860
Departures	6 840	10 120	10 530	10 310	10 720	10 470	10 430
Former settlers	3 430	4 470	5 330	4 930	4 840	4 920	4 780
Other Australian residents	3 410	5 660	5 200	5 380	5 680	5 560	5 650
Long-term movement							
Arrivals	35 220	45 550	49 970	51 750	53 890	59 180	63 110
Australian residents returning	20 810	21 450	23 730	25 300	28 750	30 960	30 600
Overseas visitors arriving	14 410	24 110	26 240	26 450	25 140	28 230	32 510
Departures	27 920	41 560	46 540	48 080	46 580	46 780	48 630
Australian residents departing	18 050	23 400	23 680	24 210	23 080	24 640	24 970
Overseas visitors departing	9 870	18 160	22 860	23 870	23 500	22 150	23 660
Short-term movement							
Arrivals	1 137 100	1 851 000	1 830 600	2 016 800	2 243 600	2 430 400	2 630 820
Australian residents returning	600 600	881 800	842 300	884 500	932 000	962 400	1 018 410
Overseas visitors arriving	536 500	969 200	988 300	1 132 300	1 311 600	1 468 000	1 612 410
Departures	1 185 700	1 961 400	1 949 900	2 109 600	2 272 000	2 487 400	2 681 010
Australian residents departing	615 000	909 600	881 500	925 500	925 800	975 700	1 034 410
Overseas visitors departing	570 700	1 051 800	1 068 400	1 184 200	1 346 200	1 511 700	1 646 600

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From previous year.

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

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

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

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



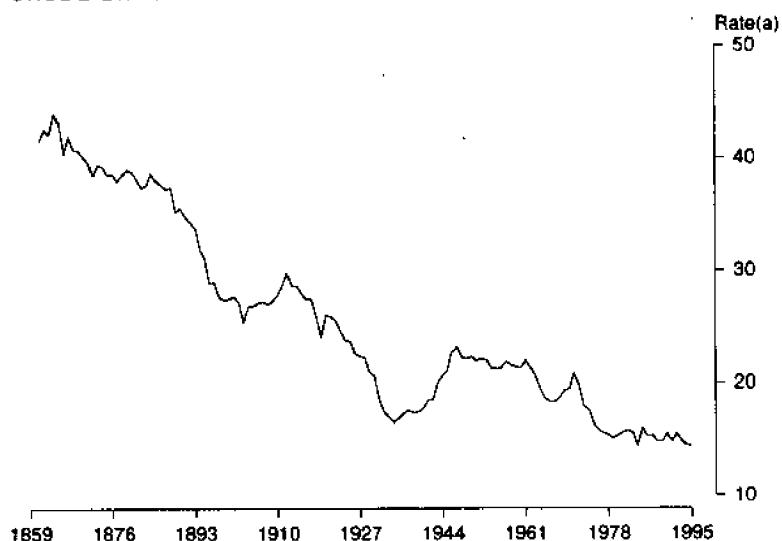


## SECTION 3

### BIRTHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION .....

In 1995, there were 87,823 live births registered (in Australia) to mothers whose usual residence was in NSW and 26 births registered in NSW where the usual residence of the mother was overseas. The crude birth rate was 14.4 births per 1,000 of total population. The sex ratio was 104 males born for every 100 females.

#### CRUDE BIRTH RATE

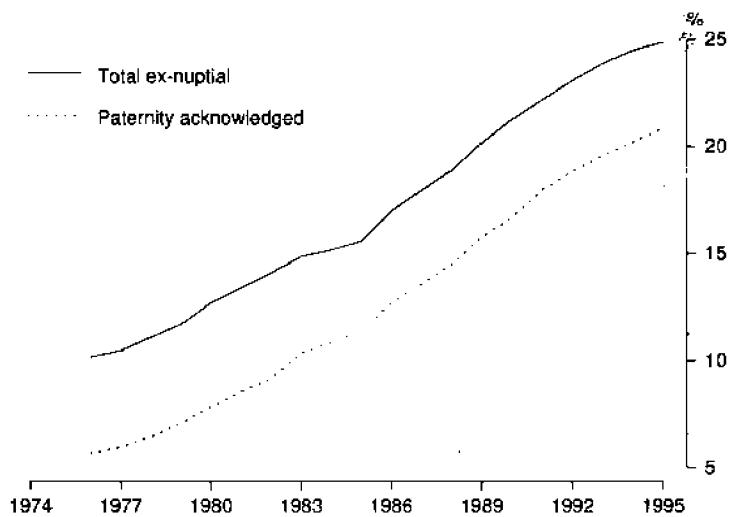


(a) Per 1,000 population.

#### Ex-nuptial births

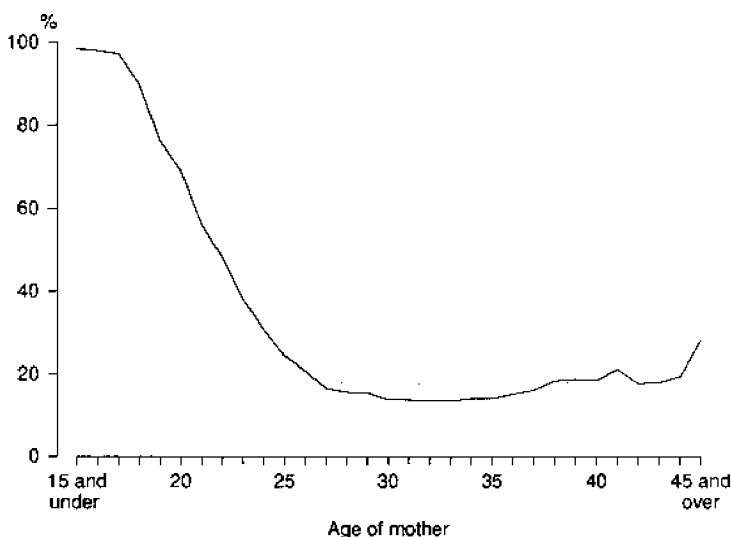
There were 21,910 births registered in 1995 to unmarried mothers. The proportion of ex-nuptial births to total births increased slightly from 24.5% in 1994 to 24.9 in 1995. This proportion varied considerably between Sydney Statistical Division (SD) (20%) and the remainder of NSW (31%). The highest ex-nuptial percentage was found in the Far West SD (45%), followed by the North Western SD (41%).

## EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, Proportion of Total Births



Over 86% of teenage mothers and 45% of mothers aged 20-24 years in 1995 were unmarried. The percentage of ex-nuptial births to total births for mothers at each age is shown by the following graph.

## EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER, Proportion of Total Births

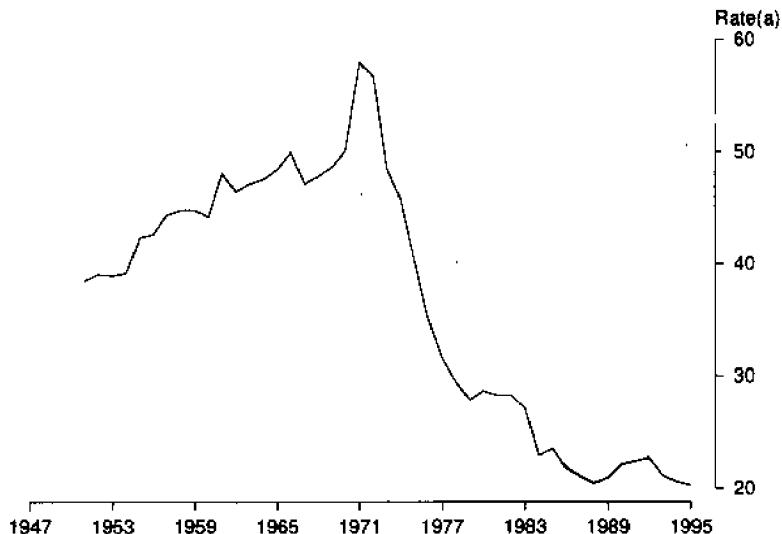


## Paternity acknowledgement

The proportion of ex-nuptial births where the father is acknowledged has continued to increase steadily from 56% in 1976, when such paternity acknowledgement was first introduced, to 84% in 1995 (21% of total births). In cases where paternity was not acknowledged, the most common age of the mother was 20 years (290 out of 3,520 confinements in 1995 or 8.2%).

**Teenage mothers**

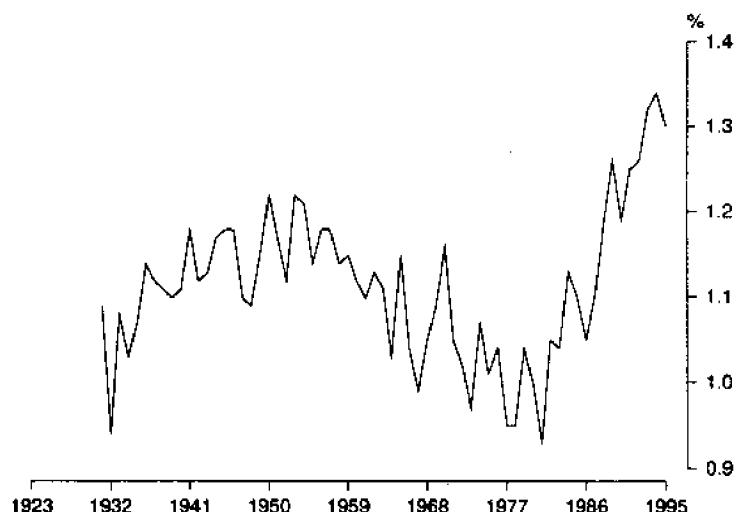
There were 4,129 births to teenage mothers, a rate of 20.3 births per 1,000 population (females aged 15-19 years). The peak birth rate of 58.0 for teenage mothers was reached in 1971 and the trend is shown in the following graph.

**BIRTH RATES TO TEENAGE MOTHERS**

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

**Multiple births**

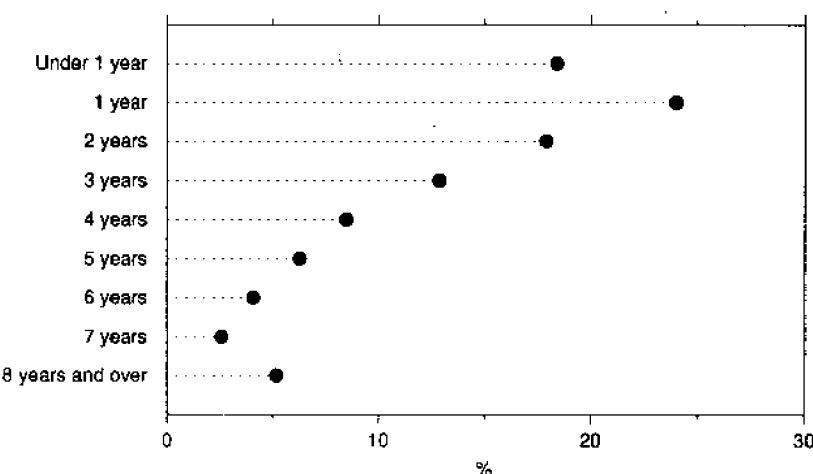
The 87,849 NSW births resulted from 86,691 confinements of which 1,151 were multiple confinements (1 in every 75 confinements). This included 1,123 sets of twins, compared with the highest ever recorded figure of 1,161 in both 1993 and 1994. The proportion of twin confinements to total confinements was 1.30%, a figure which has increased significantly from a low of 0.93% in 1981.

**TWIN CONFINEMENTS, Proportion of Total Confinements**

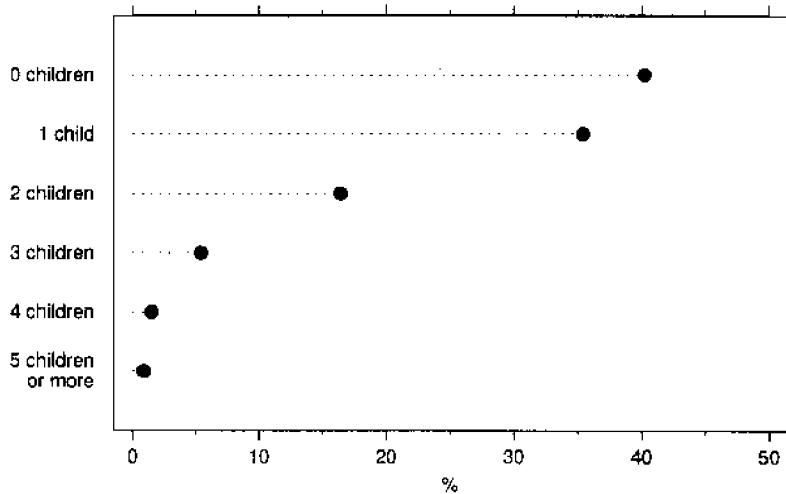
In 1995, there were 28 sets of triplets. The incidence of triplets has increased dramatically in the last eight years, the largest number of confinements resulting in triplets ever recorded in NSW being 36 registered in 1991.

**Nuptial first births (to current marriage)**

The highest proportion of nuptial first births occurred during the second year of marriage (24%), while 18% occurred within the first year and 18% within the third year. Only 5% of mothers had their first child after eight years of marriage. The median age of mothers at the birth of the first child of their current marriage continues to increase steadily, and reached 28.5 years in 1995, the highest figure ever recorded. Mothers aged 30 years and over contributed 38% of nuptial first births in 1995, compared with only 10% in 1976.

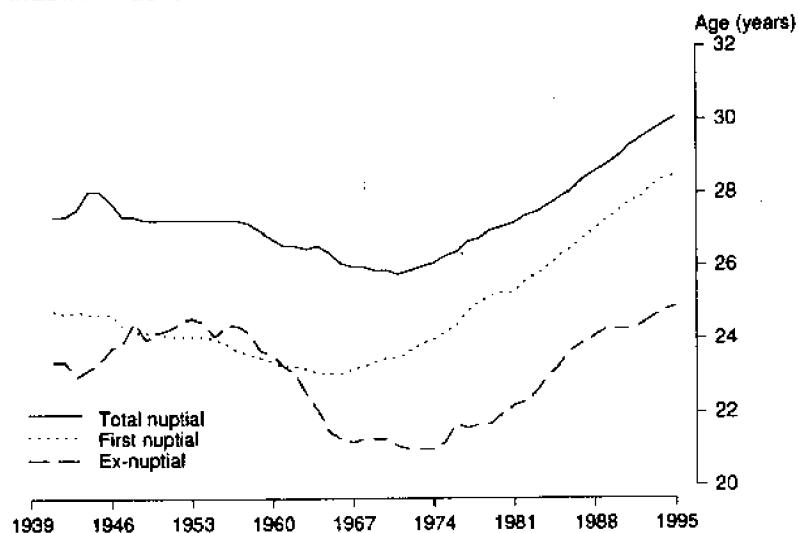
**NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS, Duration of Marriage****Previous children**

Two out of five married mothers in 1995 had no previous children, while 36% of married mothers had one previous child. The average number of children per mother (including the current birth) was 2.0, a figure which has not changed since 1975.

**NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Number of Previous Children**

**Median ages of parents (nuptial confinements)**

The median ages of both parents in nuptial confinements have continued the upward trend which has been evident throughout the past two decades. In 1995, the median age at birth of child was 30.1 years for married mothers and 32.6 for married fathers. Both figures are the highest ever recorded in NSW.

**MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER****Country of birth of parents**

Of the nuptial confinements registered in 1995, 58% were to parents who were both born in Australia, 18% to parents who were born in the same overseas country, and 19% where one parent was born in Australia and the other parent overseas. The remaining 5% related to parents who were born in different overseas countries. In 1965, 72% of nuptial confinements were to parents who were both born in Australia and 12% where one parent was born in Australia and the other overseas.

**3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)**

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
BIRTHS							
<b>Total births</b>	<b>87 786</b>	<b>90 534</b>	<b>87 367</b>	<b>92 585</b>	<b>89 354</b>	<b>87 977</b>	<b>87 849</b>
Males	45 058	46 752	44 942	47 710	45 906	45 187	44 884
Females	42 728	43 782	42 425	44 875	43 448	42 790	42 965
Sex ratio	105.5	106.8	105.9	106.3	105.7	105.6	104.5
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2 345
Males	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1 226
Females	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1 119
Sex ratio	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	109.6
Nuptial births	74 074	71 280	67 940	71 173	68 003	66 429	65 939
Ex-nuptial births							
Number	13 712	19 254	19 427	21 412	21 351	21 548	21 910
Percentage of total live births	15.6	21.3	22.2	23.1	23.9	24.5	24.9
Paternity acknowledged births							
Number	10 008	15 150	15 709	17 494	17 504	17 777	18 359
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	73.0	78.7	80.9	81.7	82.0	82.5	83.8
Crude birth rate	16.1	15.5	14.8	15.5	14.9	14.5	14.4
Age-specific birth rate							
15–19	23.6	22.2	22.5	22.8	21.2	20.6	20.3
20–24	99.2	82.9	76.5	79.6	74.9	71.8	69.7
25–29	148.9	139.6	131.0	136.3	131.1	127.0	123.1
30–34	94.7	102.9	101.0	107.8	106.7	105.7	107.5
35–39	29.5	37.3	37.6	41.5	41.3	43.3	44.7
40–44	5.0	6.0	5.9	6.7	6.9	7.3	7.9
45–49	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total fertility rate	2.006	1.956	1.874	1.975	1.912	1.879	1.867
Female net reproduction rate	0.931	0.931	0.897	0.944	0.918	0.898	0.901

For footnotes see end of table.

**3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) continued**

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
CONFINEMENTS							
<b>Total confinements</b>	<b>86 821</b>	<b>89 425</b>	<b>86 247</b>	<b>91 374</b>	<b>88 163</b>	<b>86 785</b>	<b>86 691</b>
First nuptial	28 480	28 420	27 242	28 262	26 805	26 267	26 199
All nuptial	73 239	70 372	67 001	70 199	67 049	65 483	65 016
Paternity acknowledged	9 911	14 988	15 561	17 299	17 313	17 572	18 155
All ex-nuptial	13 582	19 053	19 246	21 175	21 114	21 302	21 675
Median age of mother (years)							
First nuptial	26.3	27.5	27.8	27.9	28.2	28.4	28.5
All nuptial	27.9	29.0	29.3	29.5	29.7	29.9	30.1
Paternity acknowledged	23.7	24.7	24.7	24.6	24.9	25.0	25.2
All ex-nuptial	23.3	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.8	24.9
Total	27.4	28.4	28.6	28.7	28.9	29.0	29.2
Median age of father (years)							
Nuptial	30.6	31.5	31.7	31.9	32.2	32.4	32.6
Paternity acknowledged	26.7	27.6	27.5	27.5	27.6	27.7	27.9
All fathers where age is known	30.3	31.0	31.2	31.3	31.5	31.7	31.9
Median duration of marriage (years)							
First nuptial	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4
Nuptial	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Nuptial confinements							
Previous births							
0	28 480	28 420	27 242	28 262	26 805	26 267	26 199
1	25 994	24 123	23 383	24 618	23 665	23 032	23 089
2	12 634	11 919	11 035	11 654	11 270	11 080	10 671
3	4 222	4 060	3 682	3 903	3 618	3 484	3 495
4	1 174	1 179	1 055	1 093	1 031	967	945
5 and over	735	671	604	669	660	653	617
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

**3.2 CONFINEMENTS, Nuptiality, Plurality, Age of Mother—1995**

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

Confinements	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Total
NUMBER								
<b>Nuptial</b>								
Single	544	8 800	22 477	22 228	8 641	1 411	1	64 102
Twins	5	84	284	353	143	21	—	890
Triplets or higher order	—	3	7	8	6	—	—	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>8 887</b>	<b>22 768</b>	<b>22 589</b>	<b>8 790</b>	<b>1 432</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65 016</b>
<b>Ex-nuptial</b>								
Single	3 533	7 298	5 072	3 559	1 635	338	3	21 438
Twins	22	66	62	54	23	6	—	233
Triplets or higher order	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 555</b>	<b>7 366</b>	<b>5 134</b>	<b>3 614</b>	<b>1 659</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21 675</b>
<b>Total confinements</b>	<b>4 104</b>	<b>16 253</b>	<b>27 902</b>	<b>26 203</b>	<b>10 449</b>	<b>1 776</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>86 691</b>
PROPORTION (%)								
Nuptial	13.4	54.7	81.6	86.2	84.1	80.6	25.0	75.0
Ex-nuptial	86.6	45.3	18.4	13.8	15.9	19.4	75.0	25.0



**3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents—1995**

	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	37 579	—	5 542	43 121	37 579	—	6 773	44 352		
Fiji	77	347	47	471	71	347	83	501		
New Zealand	681	332	205	1 218	611	332	241	1 184		
Other	155	435	109	699	135	435	75	645		
<i>Total</i>	<i>38 492</i>	<i>1 114</i>	<i>5 903</i>	<i>45 509</i>	<i>38 396</i>	<i>1 114</i>	<i>7 172</i>	<i>46 682</i>		
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR										
Austria	25	2	11	38	22	2	11	35		
Former USSR & Baltic States	9	78	7	94	12	78	29	119		
Former Yugoslav Republics	342	524	79	945	156	524	45	725		
Germany	124	10	51	185	105	10	52	167		
Greece	195	69	43	307	75	69	22	166		
Hungary	9	14	10	33	9	14	3	26		
Ireland	99	90	70	259	82	90	41	213		
Italy	372	86	78	536	175	86	71	332		
Malta	106	35	20	161	41	35	21	97		
Netherlands	95	7	35	137	65	7	26	98		
Poland	17	99	19	135	26	99	18	143		
United Kingdom	2 263	686	458	3 407	1 835	686	351	2 872		
Other	329	214	200	743	239	214	154	607		
<i>Total</i>	<i>3 985</i>	<i>1 914</i>	<i>1 081</i>	<i>6 980</i>	<i>2 842</i>	<i>1 914</i>	<i>844</i>	<i>5 600</i>		
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA										
Egypt	69	186	73	328	37	186	25	248		
Lebanon	509	1 724	152	2 385	189	1 724	168	2 081		
Turkey	47	301	28	376	21	301	18	340		
Other	134	462	293	889	58	462	219	739		
<i>Total</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>2 673</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>3 978</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>2 673</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>3 408</i>		
SOUTHEAST ASIA										
Indonesia	46	190	33	269	43	190	77	310		
Malaysia	66	106	105	277	102	106	105	313		
Philippines	48	584	24	656	345	584	161	1 090		
Singapore	30	24	35	89	39	24	47	110		
Thailand	5	24	16	45	55	24	54	133		
Viet Nam	13	1 332	164	1 509	21	1 332	122	1 475		
Other	10	334	93	437	16	334	100	450		
<i>Total</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>2 594</i>	<i>470</i>	<i>3 282</i>	<i>621</i>	<i>2 594</i>	<i>666</i>	<i>3 881</i>		

**3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents—1995 *continued***

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	23	1 062	171	1 256	80	1 062	300	1 442
Hong Kong	36	528	180	744	43	528	127	698
Other	12	417	45	474	101	417	111	629
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2 007</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>2 474</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2 007</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>2 769</b>
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	73	440	72	585	47	440	61	548
Sri Lanka	34	206	23	263	27	206	16	249
Other	33	239	53	325	10	239	23	272
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1 173</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1 069</b>
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	92	7	26	125	112	7	28	147
Chile	54	114	43	211	36	114	63	213
United States of America	191	57	54	302	194	57	71	322
Other	111	147	118	376	109	147	129	385
<b>Total</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1 014</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1 067</b>
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	111	112	51	274	90	112	43	245
Other	123	97	104	324	108	97	89	294
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>539</b>
Other and not stated	5	—	3	8	—	—	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44 352</b>	<b>11 721</b>	<b>8 943</b>	<b>65 016</b>	<b>43 121</b>	<b>11 721</b>	<b>10 174</b>	<b>65 016</b>

**3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother, Previous Issue, Average Issue—1995**

## 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	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	9	10	1.1
17	18	3	1	—	—	—	—	22	27	1.2
18	94	17	2	—	—	—	—	113	134	1.2
19	313	88	3	—	1	—	—	405	508	1.3
20	481	183	18	2	—	—	—	684	914	1.3
21	696	360	74	7	—	—	—	1 137	1 674	1.5
22	955	507	119	30	2	—	—	1 613	2 467	1.5
23	1 339	784	224	43	5	1	—	2 396	3 807	1.6
24	1 671	966	331	78	10	1	—	3 057	5 002	1.6
25	1 996	1 186	400	99	11	3	—	3 695	6 084	1.6
26	2 168	1 438	511	126	26	9	—	4 278	7 315	1.7
27	2 218	1 604	617	170	30	10	—	4 649	8 228	1.8
28	2 189	1 857	727	186	47	21	—	5 027	9 253	1.8
29	2 091	1 918	801	215	65	29	—	5 119	9 768	1.9
30	1 925	1 955	914	249	62	24	—	5 129	10 123	2.0
31	1 728	1 975	951	322	66	36	—	5 078	10 452	2.1
32	1 491	1 766	991	327	93	40	—	4 708	10 096	2.1
33	1 166	1 599	953	313	96	61	—	4 188	9 408	2.2
34	959	1 302	807	292	83	43	—	3 486	7 927	2.3
35–39	2 328	3 112	1 963	882	265	240	—	8 790	21 107	2.4
40 and over	365	467	264	154	83	99	—	1 432	3 839	2.7
Not stated	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 199</b>	<b>23 089</b>	<b>10 671</b>	<b>3 495</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>65 016</b>	<b>128 145</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother, Duration of Current Marriage—1995**

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

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Total
Under 1	308	1 543	1 461	1 004	445	57	—	4 818
1	116	1 831	2 369	1 440	459	72	—	6 287
2	6	1 064	2 112	1 122	334	58	—	4 696
3	2	455	1 708	938	226	39	—	3 368
4	1	171	1 194	680	166	26	—	2 238
5	—	53	889	571	128	15	—	1 656
6	—	17	505	448	86	23	—	1 079
7	—	5	236	337	101	8	—	687
8 and over	—	3	188	729	383	67	—	1 370
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>5 142</b>	<b>10 662</b>	<b>7 269</b>	<b>2 328</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26 199</b>

## SECTION 4

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

There were 85,262 births to mothers resident in NSW which occurred in 1995 and have been registered up to the present time. This was a 1.5% decline from the number of births occurring in 1994 which also experienced a 1.0% decline from the previous year. The number of births occurring each year in NSW has been fluctuating and reached a recent peak of 89,867 in 1992, which was the third highest figure ever recorded in NSW after 1971 (98,498) and 1972 (95,425).

Birth trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of births that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or even later. Based on data from previous years, it is estimated that about 11% of births that occurred in 1995 would not have been registered in 1995. However only a small percentage would not have been registered by the time the tables in this section were produced.

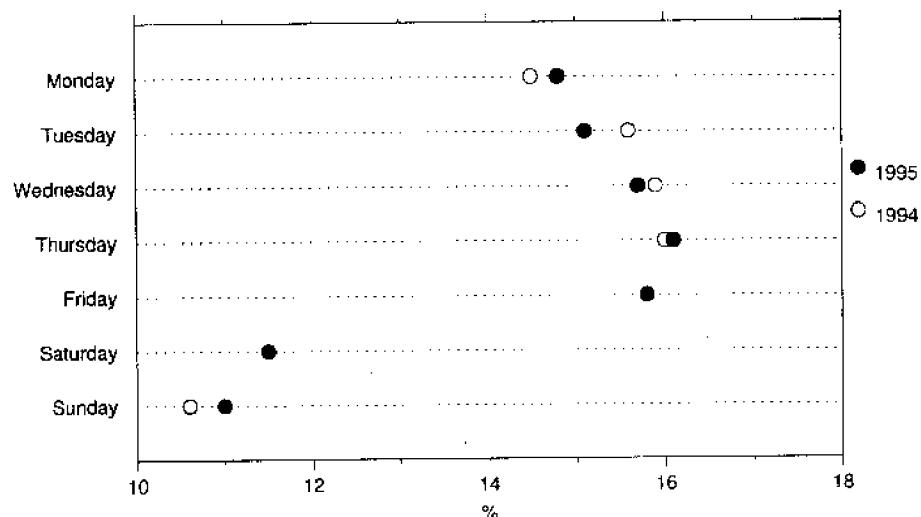
#### Month of Occurrence

The highest numbers of 1995 births occurred in the months of March (7,646) and May (7,474). The lowest totals occurred in December (6,553) and February (6,710). Throughout 1995, approximately 234 births occurred to NSW mothers on an average daily basis, or 10 every hour. Since 1962, the highest monthly figure occurred in March 1971 (8,847), while the lowest occurred in February 1966 (5,996).

#### Day of Occurrence

More births occurred on Thursdays (16%) in 1995 than other days of the week, and, as usual, less births occurred during the weekend (11% on Sunday and 11.5% on Saturday). This pattern of daily births occurs consistently from one year to the next, as shown in the following graph.

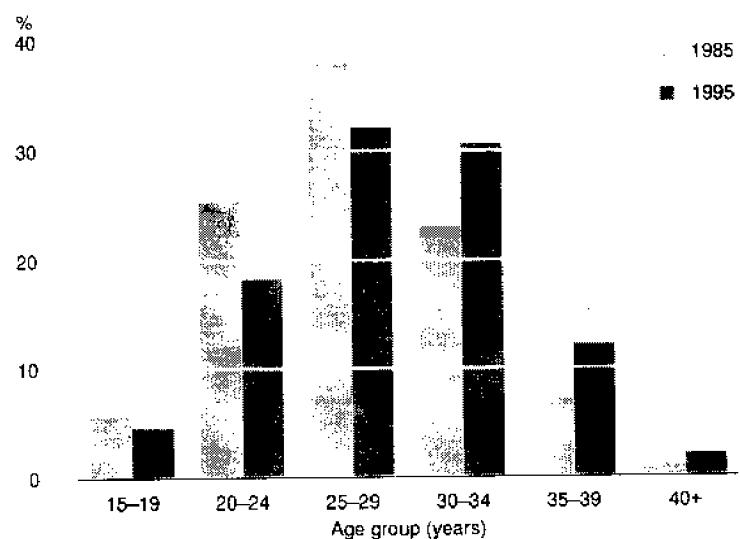
## BIRTHS BY DAY OF WEEK—1994 AND 1995



## Age of mother

Although women aged 25–29 years again made the highest contribution (32%) to NSW births in 1995, 45% of births were to mothers aged 30 and over, compared with only 31% for this age group 10 years earlier. In contrast, the proportion of births to mothers aged less than 25 has decreased from 31% to 23% during the same period.

## CONTRIBUTION OF AGE GROUPS TO BIRTHS



SECTION 4 • BIRTHS—YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

#### **4.1 BIRTHS, Month of Occurrence, Number, Proportion**

**4.2 BIRTHS, Age Group of Mother**

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

Selected years	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Total(a)
1985	4 798	21 353	31 959	19 389	5 954	787	38	84 286
1990	4 917	17 957	32 922	24 005	8 251	1 246	41	89 341
1991	4 978	17 357	30 958	24 674	8 545	1 310	43	87 868
1992	4 591	18 028	30 736	25 896	9 161	1 393	52	89 867
1993	4 282	17 065	29 141	26 034	9 425	1 487	54	87 491
1994	4 032	16 339	28 345	26 232	10 035	1 548	56	86 594
1995	3 913	15 558	27 441	26 108	10 451	1 735	52	85 262

(a) Includes not stated.

## SECTION 4 • BIRTHS—YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

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

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

Selected years	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	Total fertility rate
1985	22.9	94.9	143.0	90.6	28.7	4.8	0.3	1.926
1990	21.6	81.6	137.5	102.1	37.2	6.0	0.2	1.930
1991	22.5	76.5	131.2	102.2	38.2	6.1	0.2	1.885
1992	21.4	77.5	132.2	105.1	40.3	6.5	0.3	1.916
1993	20.5	72.5	128.1	105.2	41.0	6.9	0.3	1.872
1994	19.6	69.2	125.3	105.4	43.0	7.1	0.3	1.849
1995	19.2	66.1	119.6	105.5	43.9	7.8	0.3	1.812

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

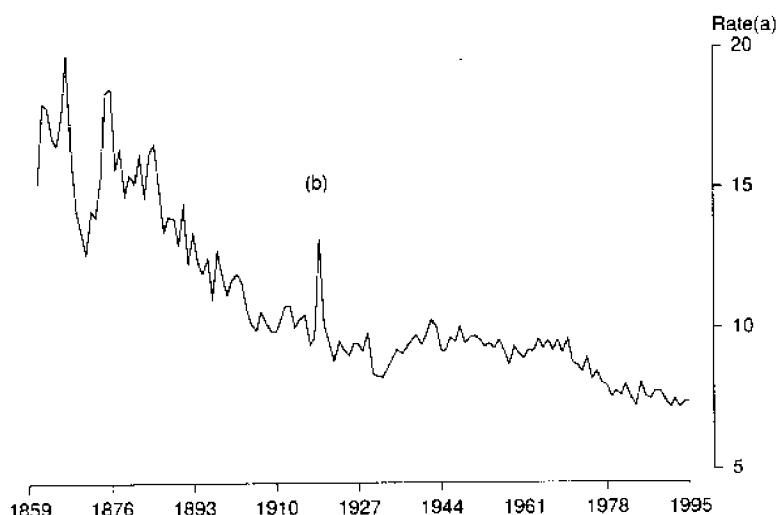
(b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

## SECTION 5

## DEATHS—YEAR OF REGISTRATION .....

There were 44,665 deaths of NSW residents registered (in Australia) in 1995 and 108 deaths registered in NSW where the usual residence of the deceased was overseas. The crude death rate was 7.3 deaths per 1,000 of total population. The 1995 total comprised 23,612 males and 21,161 females, a sex ratio of 112 males per 100 females.

### CRUDE DEATH RATE

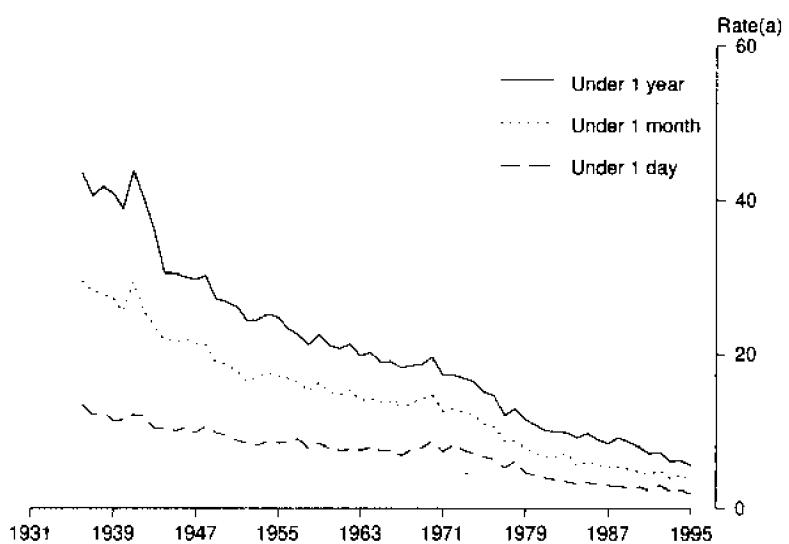


(a) Per 1,000 population. (b) Increase in death rate in 1919 was due mainly to the influenza epidemic.

### Infant deaths

There were 498 infant deaths registered in 1995, a rate of 5.7 deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant death rate dropped below 100 in 1904, below 50 in 1930, below 20 in 1965 and below 10 in 1983. Over one in three (34%) infant deaths occurred during the first day of life and 65% occurred within the first month. The sex ratio of infant deaths was 120.4 males for every 100 females compared with the sex ratio at birth of 104.5.

## INFANT DEATH RATES



(a) Per 1,000 live births.

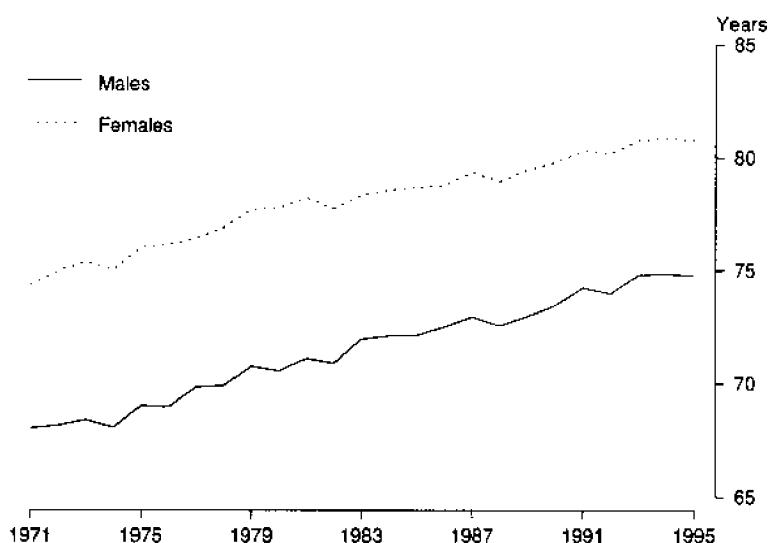
## Age at death

Male deaths generally outnumbered female deaths until age 81, as can be seen in table 5.2. The highest ratio at death in 1995 was 318 males per 100 females in the 25–29 age group. The age group 80 years and over accounted for 50% of all female deaths, but only 30% of all male deaths. There were 164 females and 30 males who died at age 100 years or older.

## Life expectancy

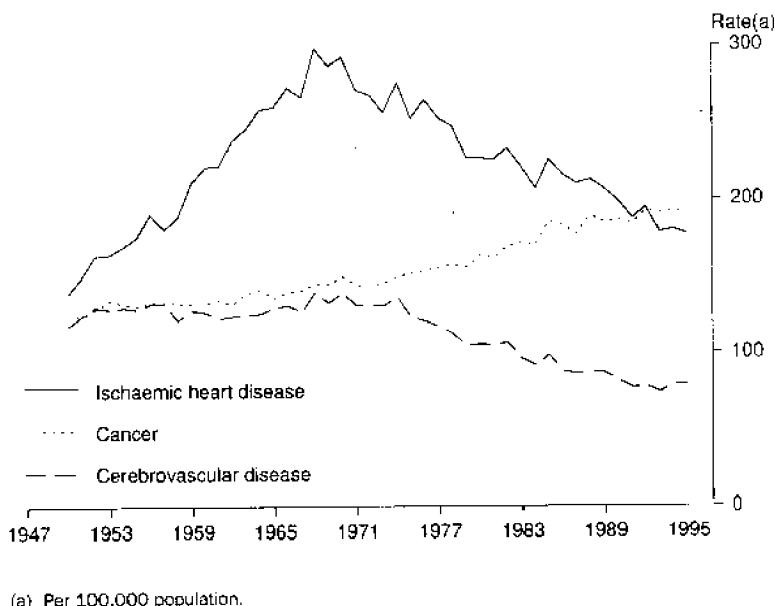
The life expectancy at birth in NSW in 1993–5 is 80.8 years for females and 74.8 years for males. The corresponding figures in 1971 were 74.4 years and 68.0 years respectively. The six year increase in life expectancy since 1971 is mainly due to decreasing mortality rates from degenerative diseases (other than cancer) and the dramatic decline in the infant death rate, particularly during the perinatal period.

## EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH



**Major causes of death**

The leading cause of death in NSW in 1995 was cancer (*Malignant neoplasms*) which accounted for 26.3% of all deaths. This represents 28.0% of male deaths and 24.3% of female deaths. Heart attack (*Ischaemic heart disease*) accounted for 24.1% of all deaths 24.6% of male deaths and 23.7% of female deaths. Deaths due to *Cerebrovascular disease* (including stroke) resulted in 8.2% of male deaths and 13.9% of female deaths.

**LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH**

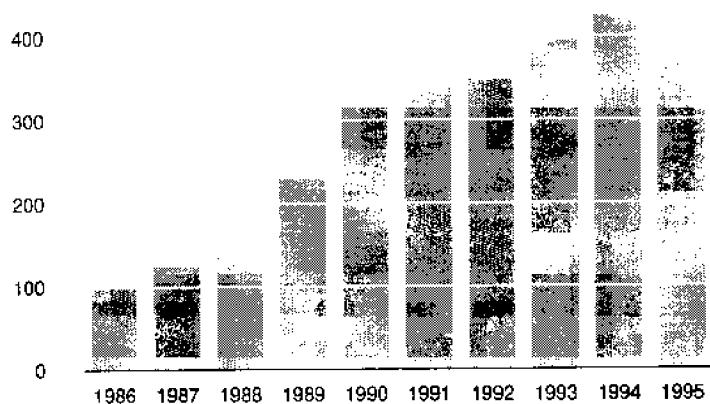
(a) Per 100,000 population.

**Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**

There were 371 AIDS deaths of NSW residents registered in 1995, comprising 262 deaths (252 males and 10 females) directly attributable to AIDS and 109 deaths (104 males and 5 females) which were AIDS-related (ie. AIDS mentioned on the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death). This represents a decrease of 12.7% from the 1994 total of 425 deaths (404 male deaths and 21 female deaths). Of the 371 male AIDS deaths in 1995, 57% (213) were in the age group 30-44 years.

**DEATHS DUE TO AIDS(a)**

Number  
500



(a) Directly attributable to AIDS or AIDS-related.

**Suicide**

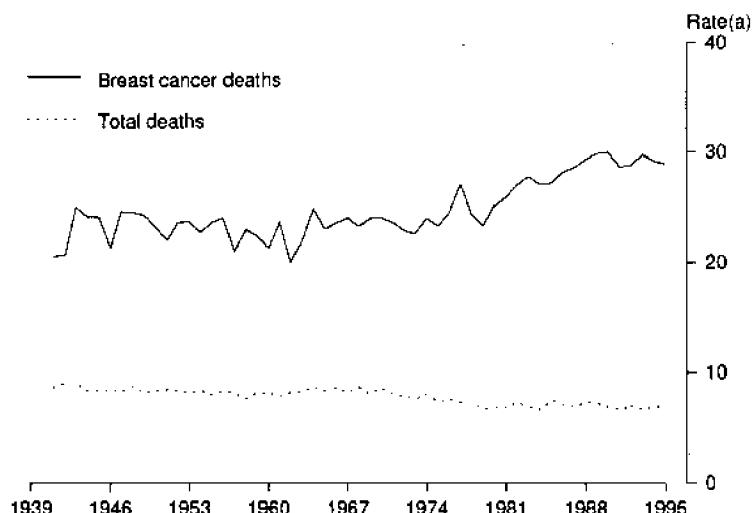
There were 765 suicide deaths of NSW residents registered in 1995, including 593 male deaths and 172 female deaths. This compares with 781 deaths (629 males and 152 female deaths) in 1994. The most frequent method of suicide for males was *Hanging, strangulation and suffocation* (169 deaths) followed by *Poisoning by other gases and vapours* (including motor vehicle exhaust gas) (124 deaths). Deaths by *Firearms and explosives* accounted for 109 deaths, a slight decrease from the 1994 number of 114 deaths. The most frequent method of suicide for females was *Poisoning by solid or liquid substances* (59 deaths) followed by *Hanging, strangulation and suffocation* (32 deaths).

**Motor vehicle traffic accidents**

Motor vehicle traffic accidents accounted for 623 deaths (421 males and 202 females) of NSW residents in 1995, compared with 619 deaths (417 males and 202 females) in 1994. The most common motor vehicle traffic accident deaths involved a *Collision with another motor vehicle* (232 deaths). There were also 135 deaths involving a *Collision with a pedestrian* and 184 deaths involving *Other collisions on the highway*. The age group 15–29 years accounted for 45% (190 deaths) of male deaths and 30% (60 deaths) of female deaths from motor vehicle traffic accidents.

**Female breast cancer**

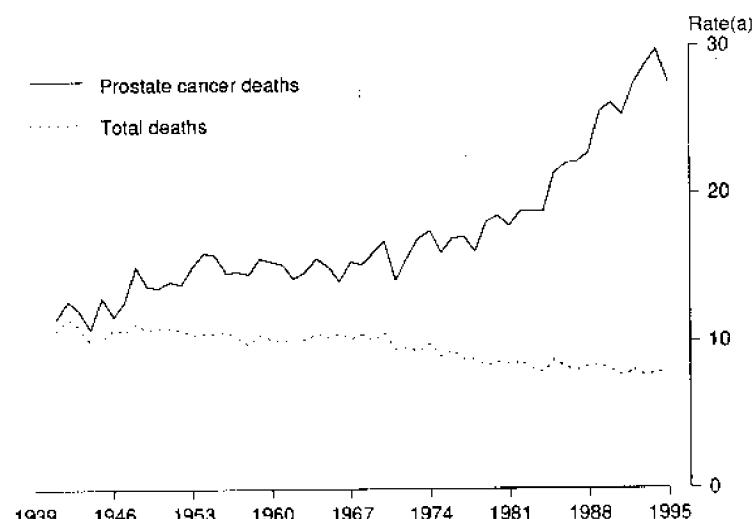
Deaths due to breast cancer in females have been steadily increasing over the last 50 years. There are three times more deaths due to female breast cancer now than 50 years ago. However the last 2 years have seen a slight decrease in the number of breast cancer deaths, with 902 in 1993, 894 in 1994 and 889 in 1995. The corresponding rates were 29.8, 29.2 and 28.9 deaths per 100,000 female population. Women were more likely to die from breast cancer in the age group 65–84 years (45%), followed by the age group 45–64 years (35%). The remaining breast cancer deaths occurred in women under 45 years of age (9%) and women over 85 years of age (11%).

**FEMALE DEATHS DUE TO BREAST CANCER**

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

**Prostate cancer**

Deaths due to prostate cancer in males have also been steadily increasing over the last 50 years, such that there are five times as many deaths from this cause than there were 50 years ago. However, the number of prostate cancer deaths decreased from 900 in 1994 to 836 in 1995, and the rate decreased from 29.8 to 27.5 deaths per 100,000 male population. In 1995, over 99% of the deaths occurred in men 55 years of age and over, and 82% of the deaths were in men 70 years of age and over.

**DEATHS DUE TO PROSTATE CANCER**

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



**5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a) *continued***

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
DEATHS							
Principal causes of death (proportion %)							
Males							
Neoplasms	24.5	26.6	27.5	27.9	28.9	28.6	28.5
Diseases of the circulatory system	46.2	42.9	42.2	41.7	41.3	41.2	40.9
Diseases of the respiratory system	8.8	8.2	8.2	8.9	7.9	8.1	8.4
Diseases of the digestive system	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9
All other diseases	9.2	11.1	11.3	11.1	11.8	12.2	12.5
External causes	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.1	6.9
Females							
Neoplasms	21.5	23.2	24.0	23.6	24.9	24.0	24.7
Diseases of the circulatory system	53.7	51.2	50.1	50.0	49.1	49.0	47.9
Diseases of the respiratory system	6.4	6.0	6.5	7.1	6.6	7.1	6.9
Diseases of the digestive system	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.4
All other diseases	11.0	12.2	12.2	12.6	12.8	13.5	13.6
External causes	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.6
INFANT DEATHS							
Total infant deaths	<b>860</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>498</b>
Males	496	425	354	408	318	312	272
Females	364	308	278	280	234	239	226
Sex ratio	136.3	138.0	127.3	145.7	135.9	130.5	120.4
Infant mortality rate	<b>9.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Males	11.0	9.1	7.9	8.6	6.9	6.9	6.1
Females	8.5	7.0	6.6	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.3
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	171	147	105	152	106	126	100
1 day to under 1 week	75	58	61	71	48	70	45
1 week to under 4 weeks	61	49	43	46	39	36	34
4 weeks to under 1 year	189	171	145	139	125	80	93
Females							
Under 1 day	125	107	98	131	90	96	71
1 day to under 1 week	69	51	58	38	37	44	45
1 week to under 4 weeks	43	24	30	26	29	26	31
4 weeks to under 1 year	127	126	92	85	78	73	79

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From 1994 onwards life expectation data will be calculated over 3 years surrounding the year in the table heading.



**5.3 DEATHS, Age at Death, Marital Status—1995**

Age at death (years)	MALES.....					FEMALES.....						
	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	
Under 1	272	—	—	—	—	272	226	—	—	—	—	226
1-4	63	—	—	—	—	63	50	—	—	—	—	50
5-9	27	—	—	—	—	27	30	—	—	—	—	30
10-14	39	—	—	—	—	39	34	—	—	—	—	34
15-19	148	—	—	—	13	161	69	—	—	—	4	73
20-24	271	14	—	3	11	299	82	11	—	1	3	97
25-29	205	40	—	8	17	270	49	28	1	2	5	85
30-34	240	100	1	21	21	383	43	67	2	11	6	129
35-39	204	142	6	38	24	414	39	83	—	23	16	161
40-44	140	218	3	53	27	441	40	152	8	31	18	249
45-49	163	355	11	83	37	649	35	217	14	49	14	329
50-54	126	428	12	115	47	728	40	340	26	77	23	506
55-59	171	659	34	146	68	1 078	46	416	72	69	15	618
60-64	212	1 136	107	228	61	1 744	59	554	206	91	16	926
65-69	304	1 749	251	261	81	2 646	89	797	536	128	26	1 576
70-74	296	2 452	524	249	93	3 614	123	978	1 062	127	27	2 317
75-79	252	2 301	816	196	52	3 617	177	905	1 776	131	30	3 019
80-84	252	2 159	1 080	127	37	3 655	300	743	2 853	97	26	4 019
85-89	162	1 157	980	72	25	2 396	294	331	2 855	85	18	3 583
90-94	59	286	548	10	5	908	196	81	1 839	32	9	2 157
95-99	5	59	106	4	2	176	75	9	718	10	1	813
100 and over	—	5	24	1	—	30	13	3	146	2	—	164
Not stated	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 611</b>	<b>13 260</b>	<b>4 503</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>23 612</b>	<b>2 109</b>	<b>5 715</b>	<b>12 114</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>21 161</b>

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**5.4 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a), New South Wales and Australia**

Age (years)	NEW SOUTH WALES.....				AUSTRALIA.....			
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	68.04	74.41	71.14	78.26	74.26	80.34	74.82	80.76
5	64.66	70.78	67.13	74.10	69.97	75.95	70.44	76.30
10	59.79	65.90	62.24	69.15	65.04	71.00	65.49	71.35
15	54.94	60.98	57.33	64.22	60.13	66.06	60.55	66.40
20	50.33	56.15	52.66	59.35	55.35	61.16	55.76	61.50
25	45.77	51.31	48.08	54.49	50.65	52.29	51.09	56.61
30	41.08	46.46	43.39	49.63	45.95	51.42	46.40	51.71
35	36.37	41.67	38.64	44.78	41.26	46.55	41.72	46.84
40	31.73	36.96	33.93	39.97	36.60	41.71	37.05	42.00
45	27.23	32.38	29.32	35.26	31.97	36.94	32.41	37.22
50	22.98	27.96	24.96	30.69	27.46	32.26	27.87	32.53
55	19.05	23.72	20.88	26.25	23.12	27.68	23.50	27.98
60	15.51	19.70	17.12	21.98	19.05	23.30	19.38	23.59
65	12.41	15.87	13.72	17.95	15.40	19.15	15.63	19.41
70	9.74	12.34	10.74	14.23	12.15	15.28	12.31	15.50
75	7.52	9.38	8.26	10.87	9.25	11.78	9.41	11.93
80	5.72	6.96	6.22	7.97	6.93	8.77	6.98	8.82
85	4.37	5.22	4.60	5.66	5.12	6.27	5.12	6.30
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.81	4.38	3.79	4.40
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	3.14	3.29	2.85	3.03

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



**5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence—1995****DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....**

	<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>	Total
<b>OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA</b>									
Australia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33 103	33 103
Fiji	6	12	6	7	1	12	21	—	65
New Zealand	35	22	47	45	27	167	115	—	458
Other	6	10	18	8	6	11	38	—	97
<i>Total</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>33 103</i>	<i>33 723</i>
<b>EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR</b>									
Austria	1	—	4	11	25	54	20	—	115
Former USSR & Baltic States	23	14	23	15	36	294	83	—	488
Former Yugoslav Republics	10	5	20	118	115	87	89	—	444
Germany	10	5	13	28	80	165	68	—	369
Greece	4	5	7	47	97	119	65	—	344
Hungary	4	1	8	11	80	90	35	—	229
Ireland	6	2	5	27	39	72	45	—	196
Italy	7	5	11	84	206	399	119	—	831
Malta	—	1	1	7	27	102	70	—	208
Netherlands	3	2	9	6	52	148	52	—	272
Poland	7	6	9	12	33	246	94	—	407
United Kingdom	73	85	198	483	603	2 149	847	—	4 438
Other	18	10	26	91	82	162	79	—	468
<i>Total</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>940</i>	<i>1 475</i>	<i>4 087</i>	<i>1 666</i>	—	<i>8 809</i>
<b>MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA</b>									
Egypt	3	5	5	28	53	55	48	—	197
Lebanon	8	13	37	46	17	26	36	—	183
Turkey	1	2	15	28	4	9	20	—	79
Other	7	13	17	23	8	6	29	—	103
<i>Total</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>133</i>	—	<i>562</i>
<b>SOUTHEAST ASIA</b>									
Indonesia	8	8	5	6	4	15	10	—	56
Malaysia	4	6	7	7	—	2	10	—	36
Philippines	8	24	20	3	—	1	29	—	85
Singapore	—	—	4	7	1	2	5	—	19
Thailand	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	5
Viet Nam	19	19	31	3	2	—	19	—	93
Other	3	7	15	4	1	8	7	—	45
<i>Total</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>80</i>	—	<i>339</i>

**5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence—1995 *continued*****DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....**

	<b>4 and under</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>10-19</b>	<b>20-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40 and over</b>	<b>Not stated</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>NORTHEAST ASIA</b>									
China	32	43	90	24	32	53	80	--	354
Hong Kong	8	8	8	2	3	2	13	--	44
Other	8	11	13	5	3	1	15	--	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>454</b>
<b>SOUTHERN ASIA</b>									
India	12	14	15	26	7	37	34	--	145
Sri Lanka	8	14	3	7	6	1	11	--	50
Other	5	--	3	1	--	1	2	--	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>THE AMERICAS</b>									
Canada	2	1	2	7	7	19	11	--	49
Chile	1	2	7	8	1	--	7	--	26
United States of America	8	6	9	19	6	19	23	--	90
Other	6	9	9	20	2	4	19	--	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)</b>									
South Africa	5	10	13	10	4	24	13	--	79
Other	4	5	5	16	3	1	13	--	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Other and not stated</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>1 301</b>	<b>1 674</b>	<b>4 567</b>	<b>2 606</b>	<b>33 103</b>	<b>44 773</b>

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**5.7 DEATHS, State or Territory of Usual Residence, State or Territory of Registration—1995**

## STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION.....

<i>State or Territory of usual residence</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.</i>
NSW	44 036	200	303	41	12	5	10	166	44 773
Vic.	184	32 064	83	47	16	14	9	8	32 425
Qld	219	60	20 351	13	7	1	9	3	20 663
SA	24	36	10	11 122	10	1	11	4	11 218
WA	11	15	12	11	10 298	1	15	1	10 364
Tas.	4	13	13	3	4	3 716	1	—	3 754
NT	2	2	16	31	6	—	756	—	813
ACT	54	8	1	1	2	1	1	1 046	1 114
Other Territories	3	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	9
Aust.	44 537	32 398	20 789	11 269	10 361	3 739	812	1 228	125 133

**5.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death, Sex—1995**

NUMBER.....

Cause of death(a)	Males	Females	Persons	Percentage of all deaths	Rate(b)
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001–139)	248	191	439	1.0	7.2
Neoplasms (140–239)	6 721	5 231	11 952	26.7	195.5
Malignant neoplasms (140–208)	6 622	5 139	11 761	26.3	192.4
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240–279)	775	535	1 310	2.9	21.4
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280–289)	55	72	127	0.3	2.1
Mental disorders (290–319)	538	569	1 107	2.5	18.1
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320–389)	539	540	1 079	2.4	17.7
Diseases of the circulatory system (390–459)	9 650	10 135	19 785	44.2	323.7
Ischaemic heart disease (410–414)	5 797	5 007	10 804	24.1	176.8
Cerebrovascular disease (430–438)	1 939	2 933	4 872	10.9	79.7
Diseases of the respiratory system (460–519)	1 984	1 463	3 447	7.7	56.4
Diseases of the digestive system (520–579)	684	710	1 394	3.1	22.8
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580–629)	321	397	718	1.6	11.7
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630–676)	—	12	12	—	0.2
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680–709)	31	59	90	0.2	1.5
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710–739)	75	187	262	0.6	4.3
Congenital anomalies (740–759)	121	120	241	0.5	3.9
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760–779)	138	102	240	0.5	3.9
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780–799)	101	85	186	0.4	3.0
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800–E999)	1 631	753	2 384	5.3	39.0
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810–E819)	421	202	623	1.4	10.2
<b>All causes of death</b>	<b>23 612</b>	<b>21 161</b>	<b>44 773</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>732.5</b>

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

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

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**5.9 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death(a), Summary—1995**

Particulars	Heart disease	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	Cerebro-vascular disease (incl. stroke)	Respiratory system diseases	Motor vehicle traffic accidents	Suicide	All causes
<b>Numbers</b>							
Males	7 009	6 622	1 939	1 984	421	593	23 612
Females	6 562	5 139	2 933	1 463	202	172	21 161
Persons	13 571	11 761	4 872	3 447	623	765	44 773
<b>Proportions by sex (%)</b>							
Males	51.6	56.3	39.8	57.6	67.6	77.5	52.7
Females	48.4	43.7	60.2	42.4	32.4	22.5	47.3
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Proportions by cause of death (%)</b>							
Males	29.7	28.0	8.2	8.4	1.8	2.5	100.0
Females	31.0	24.3	13.9	6.9	1.0	0.8	100.0
Persons	30.3	26.3	10.9	7.7	1.4	1.7	100.0
<b>Crude death rate(b)</b>							
Males	230.8	218.0	63.8	65.3	13.9	19.5	777.4
Females	213.4	167.1	95.4	47.6	6.6	5.6	688.2
Persons	222.0	192.4	79.7	56.4	10.2	12.5	732.5
<b>Standardised death rate(c)</b>							
New South Wales	196.7	176.2	69.6	50.3	10.2	12.4	660.5
Australia	188.2	177.5	63.5	48.4	11.3	13.0	645.8

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

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

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

**5.10 PERINATAL DEATHS, Numbers, Rates**

Year	FETAL DEATHS.....			NEONATAL DEATHS.....			PERINATAL DEATHS.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER									
1985	259	222	481	287	223	510	546	445	991
1990	317	267	584	227	149	376	544	416	960
1991	280	241	521	195	164	359	475	405	880
1992	312	270	582	242	167	409	554	437	991
1993	220	231	451	172	143	315	392	374	766
1994	212	158	370	218	144	362	430	302	732
1995	201	204	405	160	128	288	361	332	693
RATE									
1985	5.7	5.2	5.5	6.4	5.2	5.8	12.1	10.4	11.2
1990	6.7	6.1	6.4	4.9	3.4	4.2	11.6	9.4	10.5
1991	6.2	5.6	5.9	4.3	3.9	4.1	10.5	9.5	10.0
1992	6.5	6.0	6.2	5.1	3.7	4.4	11.5	9.7	10.6
1993	4.8	5.3	5.0	3.7	3.3	3.5	8.5	8.6	8.5
1994	4.7	3.7	4.2	4.8	3.4	4.1	9.5	7.0	8.3
1995	4.5	4.7	4.6	3.6	3.0	3.3	8.0	7.7	7.9

**5.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details**

Particulars	1995 PERINATAL DEATHS.....			1985..		
	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
<b>Age at death</b>						
Less than 1 hour	..	43	17	26	43	91
1 hour to under 1 day	..	95	66	29	95	172
1 day to under 1 week	..	88	45	43	88	144
1 week to under 4 weeks	..	62	32	30	62	103
<b>Weight at delivery (grams)</b>						
500-999	105	114	129	90	219	312
1,000-1,999	99	42	61	80	141	248
2,000-2,999	102	60	85	77	162	196
3,000 or more	96	61	79	78	157	212
<b>Period of gestation (weeks)</b>						
Less than 28	79	112	108	83	191	276
28-36	110	47	84	73	157	357
37-41	126	93	103	116	219	297
42 or more	8	7	6	9	15	21
<b>Age group of mother (years)</b>						
Less than 20	35	20	29	26	55	65
20-24	73	69	76	66	142	267
25-29	107	63	92	78	170	327
30-34	114	75	88	101	189	231
35-39	58	33	51	40	91	75
40 or more	14	10	11	13	24	7

## SECTION 6

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

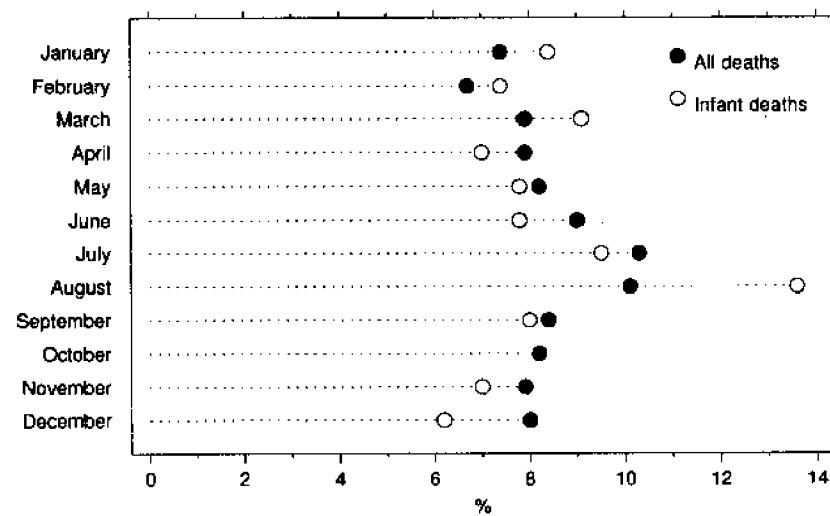
There were 44,432 deaths of NSW residents which occurred in 1995 and have been registered. This is a 1.6% decline from the number of deaths occurring in 1994 (45,134) which was the highest number of deaths ever recorded in NSW.

Death trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of deaths that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or even later. They could also be affected by any abnormal delays or fluctuations in the registration processes. Based on data for previous years, it is estimated that about 5% of deaths that occurred in 1995 would not have been registered in 1995. However only a small percentage would not have been registered by the time the tables in this section were produced.

#### Month of occurrence

The 44,432 deaths which occurred in 1995 average out over the whole year at 122 deaths per day. The highest monthly total of 4,563 deaths occurred in July which averaged 147 deaths per day, while August was the second highest with 4,477 deaths or 144 per day. The summer months of February and January had the lowest totals of 2,990 and 3,284 and daily averages of 107 and 106 deaths respectively.

#### MONTH OF OCCURRENCE FOR ALL DEATHS AND INFANT DEATHS



**6.1 DEATHS, Month of Occurrence, Number, Proportion**

Month of occurrence	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
NUMBER							
January	3 188	3 269	3 313	3 311	3 183	3 520	3 284
February	2 657	2 980	2 845	3 013	2 915	3 040	2 990
March	3 171	3 302	3 296	3 312	3 272	3 495	3 517
April	3 372	3 290	3 310	3 333	3 201	3 427	3 504
May	3 714	3 735	3 779	3 845	3 675	3 890	3 660
June	4 261	3 808	3 590	4 348	3 982	3 946	4 005
July	4 787	4 325	3 987	4 464	3 951	4 476	4 563
August	4 283	4 094	4 167	4 086	4 177	4 789	4 477
September	3 724	3 738	3 977	3 862	3 756	3 965	3 741
October	3 491	3 766	3 611	3 572	3 653	3 802	3 636
November	3 307	3 370	3 290	3 377	3 361	3 421	3 521
December	3 488	3 392	3 385	3 471	3 381	3 363	3 534
<b>Total</b>	<b>43 443</b>	<b>43 069</b>	<b>42 550</b>	<b>43 994</b>	<b>42 507</b>	<b>45 134</b>	<b>44 432</b>
RATE							
Crude death rate	7.9	7.4	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.3
PROPORTION (%)							
January	7.3	7.6	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4
February	6.1	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.7
March	7.3	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.9
April	7.8	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.9
May	8.5	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.2
June	9.8	8.8	8.4	9.9	9.4	8.7	9.0
July	11.0	10.0	9.4	10.1	9.3	9.9	10.3
August	9.9	9.5	9.8	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.1
September	8.6	8.7	9.3	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.4
October	8.0	8.7	8.5	8.1	8.6	8.4	8.2
November	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.6	7.9
December	8.0	7.9	8.0	7.9	8.0	7.5	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**6.2 DEATHS, Age at Death, Sex**

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1985	1990	1995	1985	1990	1995
Under 1	485	405	263	344	295	223
1-4	93	83	60	64	58	49
5-9	57	54	28	43	34	28
10-14	71	33	35	38	32	33
15-19	240	215	147	89	93	69
20-24	382	294	299	125	103	91
25-29	296	363	285	133	110	82
30-34	303	342	375	135	128	132
35-39	309	344	399	184	149	157
40-44	388	494	436	212	232	243
45-49	578	605	618	318	315	334
50-54	931	837	718	505	465	507
55-59	1 636	1 295	1 082	859	636	603
60-64	2 412	2 114	1 694	1 268	1 030	923
65-69	2 865	2 893	2 642	1 651	1 731	1 563
70-74	3 663	3 366	3 555	2 478	2 359	2 316
75-79	3 534	3 769	3 580	2 953	3 137	3 028
80-84	2 687	3 047	3 637	3 222	3 365	3 960
85 and over	2 411	2 585	3 517	5 460	5 654	6 718
Not stated	20	5	3	1	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 361</b>	<b>23 143</b>	<b>23 373</b>	<b>20 082</b>	<b>19 926</b>	<b>21 059</b>

**6.3 DEATHS, Age-specific Death Rates, Sex**

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1985	1990	1995	1985	1990	1995
Under 1	11.2	8.8	6.0	8.4	6.8	5.3
1-4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
5-9	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
10-14	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
15-19	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3
20-24	1.6	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.4
25-29	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.4
30-34	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
35-39	1.4	1.5	1.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
40-44	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.1	1.1
45-49	3.9	3.5	2.9	2.3	1.9	1.6
50-54	7.0	5.7	4.2	4.0	3.3	3.1
55-59	11.9	10.0	7.6	6.3	5.0	4.4
60-64	19.4	16.1	14.0	9.5	7.7	7.5
65-69	30.9	25.7	22.3	15.3	13.7	12.4
70-74	50.0	42.8	37.2	26.3	23.8	20.1
75-79	80.0	68.8	59.0	44.4	39.5	35.6
80-84	125.0	110.2	102.2	78.1	67.7	65.0
85 and over	222.4	185.6	187.7	171.4	152.4	144.4

**6.4 INFANT DEATHS, Month of Occurrence, Number, Proportion**

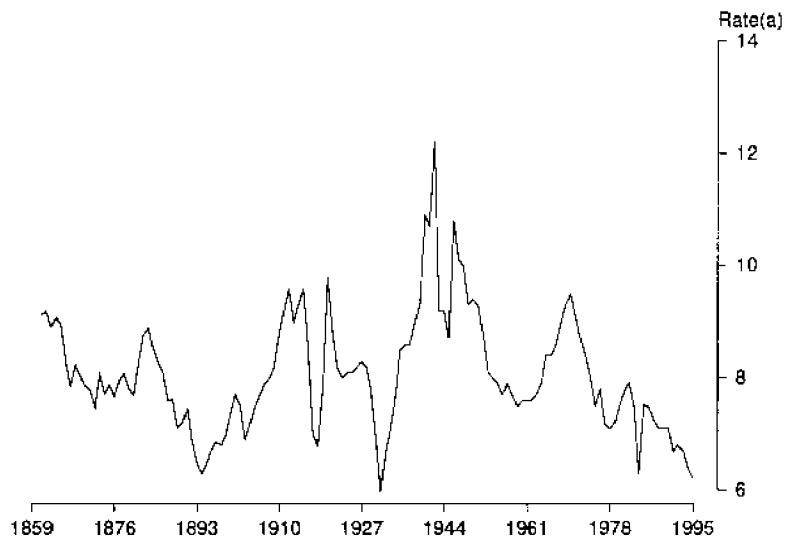
<i>Month of occurrence</i>	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
<b>NUMBER</b>							
January	64	55	61	43	41	45	41
February	46	55	56	54	44	48	36
March	74	63	55	48	45	43	44
April	60	55	50	66	47	51	34
May	72	72	74	55	59	43	38
June	70	49	53	53	64	50	38
July	69	74	56	52	44	42	46
August	87	70	61	60	43	59	66
September	83	43	45	54	42	43	39
October	78	53	44	58	38	41	40
November	59	57	52	49	32	40	34
December	67	54	45	43	48	52	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>486</b>
<b>RATE</b>							
Infant mortality rate	9.8	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.2	6.4	5.7
<b>PROPORTION (%)</b>							
January	7.7	7.9	9.4	6.8	7.5	8.1	8.4
February	5.5	7.9	8.6	8.5	8.0	8.6	7.4
March	8.9	9.0	8.4	7.6	8.2	7.7	9.1
April	7.2	7.9	7.7	10.4	8.6	9.2	7.0
May	8.7	10.3	11.3	8.7	10.8	7.7	7.8
June	8.4	7.0	8.1	8.3	11.7	9.0	7.8
July	8.3	10.6	8.6	8.2	8.0	7.5	9.5
August	10.5	10.0	9.4	9.4	7.9	10.6	13.6
September	10.0	6.1	6.9	8.5	7.7	7.7	8.0
October	9.4	7.6	6.7	9.1	6.9	7.4	8.2
November	7.1	8.1	8.0	7.7	5.9	7.2	7.0
December	8.1	7.7	6.9	6.8	8.8	9.3	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>						

## SECTION 7

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED .....

In 1995, there were 37,828 marriages registered in NSW, compared with 38,814 in 1994, a decrease of 2.5%. The number of marriages has declined each year since 1992. The 1995 figure is the lowest since 1979 (with the exception of 1984, which was affected by registration delays at the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages). The crude marriage rate in 1995 (6.2 marriages per 1,000 population) is the second lowest rate ever recorded in New South Wales. The lowest rate ever recorded was 6.0 per 1,000 in 1931 during the Great Depression, while the highest rate ever recorded was 12.2 per 1,000 in 1942 during World War II.

### CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE

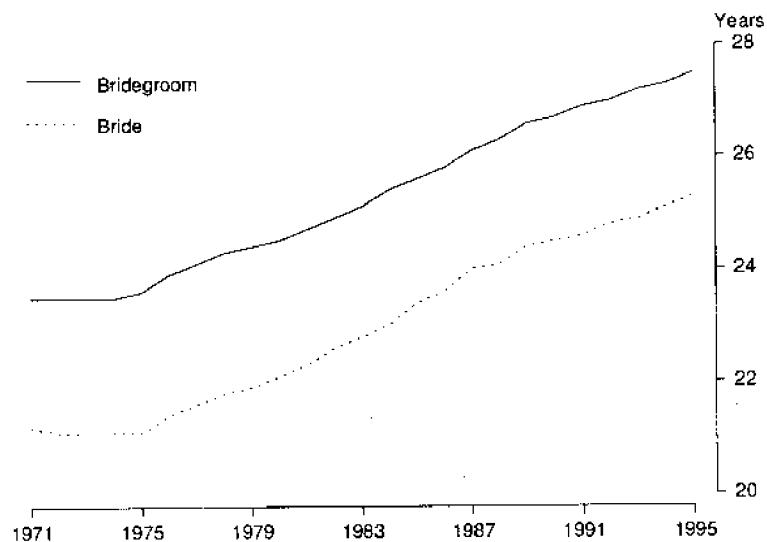


(a) Per 1,000 population.

### AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE

The age at first marriage in NSW continues to increase steadily. The median ages at first marriage for brides and bridegrooms in 1995 were 25.3 years and 27.5 years respectively, the highest ever recorded. The lowest median ages at first marriage, 21.1 years and 23.5 years respectively, were recorded in the early seventies. However the trend for brides to marry bridegrooms who are 2 years older than they are has remained constant throughout the past 2 decades. In 1995 the proportion of men who married aged 30 years or more was 32% compared with 19% in 1985. For women the comparative percentages were 19% and 10% respectively.

## MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE



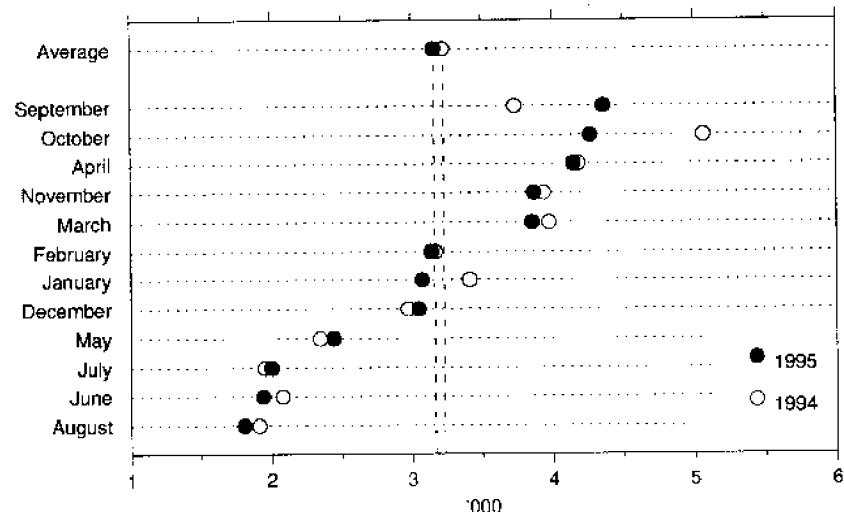
## AGE SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES

Between 1985 and 1995 age-specific marriage rates (per 1,000 population) decreased significantly for men and women under 25 years. While the peak age group for women remained 20–24 years, the rate declined by 33%. For men the peak age group moved from 20–24 years to 25–29 years. However, the marriage rate for this latter group was still marginally below the 1985 rate.

## DAY AND MONTH OF MARRIAGE

Saturday is traditionally the most popular day of the week for marriage, and 71% of 1995 marriages were celebrated on a Saturday, 13% were celebrated on a Sunday and 7% on a Friday. The most popular month for marriage in 1995 was September with 4,360 marriages celebrated. The least popular month in 1995 was August with 1,807 marriages celebrated.

## MONTH OF MARRIAGE—1994 AND 1995



PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS

Of all marriages celebrated in New South Wales in 1995, 63% were the first marriage for both partners. In 10% of all marriages, both partners were previously divorced.

1994 DATA

Due to budgetary considerations the ABS undertook reduced processing of marriage data for marriages registered in 1995. Data processed in 1994 have therefore been included in Appendix D to assist analysis. Full processing of marriage data was resumed in 1996.

Rites used in marriage ceremony

In 1994, the proportion of marriages performed by ministers of religion in New South Wales was 60%, with 9% being performed by official registrars and 31% by other civil celebrants. Of the religious ceremonies, 35% were celebrated in the Catholic Church and 26% in the Anglican Church.

Birthplace of parties

In 63% of 1994 marriages, both the bride and bridegroom were born in Australia, while 10% involved an Australian-born bridegroom and a bride born overseas, and 12% involved an Australian-born bride and a bridegroom born overseas. In 10% of marriages, both bride and bridegroom were born in the same overseas country, while the remaining 5% were born in different overseas countries.



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

<i>Age at marriage (years)</i>	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991
FIRST MARRIAGES					
<b>Age of bridegroom</b>					
15–19	17.2	9.4	5.4	2.6	2.1
20–24	170.5	125.2	89.5	67.0	49.4
25–29	176.9	143.4	127.5	114.7	100.9
30–34	100.0	86.8	85.4	86.0	78.0
35–39	50.4	50.1	47.8	48.2	45.9
40–44	30.4	27.3	26.1	24.6	23.7
45 and over	9.5	8.7	7.4	6.5	6.6
<b>Age of bride</b>					
15–19	73.9	48.3	31.2	16.4	11.0
20–24	283.7	191.6	146.0	122.4	89.4
25–29	179.9	145.4	125.7	131.0	118.5
30–34	94.9	89.3	77.3	79.5	76.5
35–39	47.9	51.8	43.9	41.7	39.6
40–44	28.7	27.0	22.1	25.0	19.1
45 and over	5.4	5.8	5.0	4.0	4.2
REMARRIAGES					
<b>Age of bridegroom</b>					
15–19	—	—	—	—	—
20–24	160.6	233.4	194.4	111.8	34.4
25–29	290.0	341.1	236.9	200.4	146.5
30–34	271.9	308.3	207.6	173.9	138.1
35–39	188.8	243.7	167.4	136.4	114.1
40–44	127.4	186.8	118.7	104.8	84.5
45–49	90.8	135.1	98.2	88.2	67.5
50–54	66.8	100.3	71.9	57.5	50.5
55–59	49.8	66.2	52.6	43.1	41.3
60 and over	16.5	21.2	16.1	16.1	13.9
<b>Age of bride</b>					
15–19	64.1	137.1	90.9	42.5	11.0
20–24	306.5	286.0	226.1	185.1	110.7
25–29	264.6	254.9	193.9	182.1	150.1
30–34	157.3	194.9	136.8	123.0	112.6
35–39	100.4	136.1	96.1	84.1	73.2
40–44	65.1	87.8	71.0	61.8	49.2
45–49	42.4	60.2	44.4	41.8	35.9
50–54	23.5	29.2	24.2	23.3	21.9
55–59	11.6	15.3	12.4	12.1	12.5
60 and over	2.4	3.2	2.6	2.3	2.2

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

### 7.3 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties—1995

*Previous marital status of bride.....*

Previous marital status of bridegroom	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
NUMBER				
Never married	25 838	200	3 164	29 202
Widowed	125	292	356	773
Divorced	3 523	410	3 920	7 853
Total	29 486	902	7 440	37 828
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	68.3	0.5	8.4	77.2
Widowed	0.3	0.8	0.9	2.0
Divorced	9.3	1.1	10.4	20.8
Total	77.9	2.4	19.7	100.0

**7.4 MARRIAGES, Age and Previous Marital Status of Parties—1995**

Age at marriage (years)	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM			Total	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			Total
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced		Never married	Widowed	Divorced	
17 and under	2	—	—	2	51	—	—	51
18	67	—	—	67	597	—	2	599
19	198	—	—	198	800	—	1	801
20	420	—	—	420	1 345	1	4	1 350
21	894	—	2	896	1 971	—	15	1 986
22	1 561	—	3	1 564	2 623	2	30	2 655
23	2 410	—	10	2 420	3 214	4	55	3 273
24	2 662	—	22	2 684	3 237	1	97	3 335
25	2 643	—	44	2 687	2 860	1	132	2 993
26	2 579	—	54	2 633	2 371	4	188	2 563
27	2 388	1	94	2 483	1 941	8	190	2 139
28	2 100	1	125	2 226	1 581	11	254	1 846
29	1 900	2	174	2 076	1 302	11	285	1 598
30-34	6 133	18	1 466	7 617	3 800	64	1 737	5 601
35-39	2 091	27	1 674	3 792	1 174	82	1 509	2 765
40-44	665	37	1 410	2 112	368	89	1 172	1 629
45-49	254	74	1 174	1 502	136	116	927	1 179
50-54	110	81	762	953	59	106	471	636
55-59	52	101	436	589	21	99	211	331
60 and over	73	431	403	907	35	303	160	498
<b>Total</b>	<b>29 202</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>7 853</b>	<b>37 828</b>	<b>29 486</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>7 440</b>	<b>37 828</b>

**7.5 MARRIAGES, Age of Parties—1995**

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

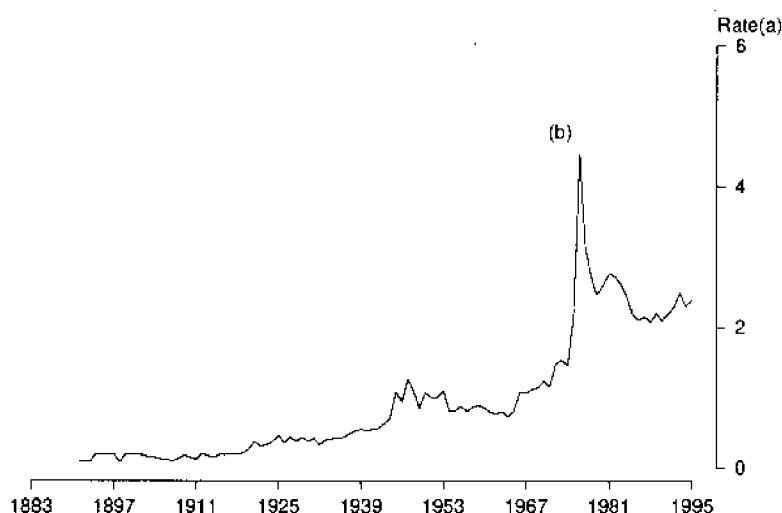
Age group of bridegroom (years)	17 and under	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Total
17 and under	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
18	4	24	13	17	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	67
19	8	44	39	91	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	198
20-24	21	334	483	5 702	1 213	173	43	11	1	2	—	1	7 984
25-29	13	142	183	5 035	5 392	1 069	198	50	20	2	1	—	12 105
30-34	2	41	62	1 282	3 140	2 267	622	154	36	7	4	—	7 617
35-39	3	12	18	316	942	1 282	855	274	68	17	5	—	3 792
40-44	—	1	2	101	277	509	544	429	183	51	11	4	2 112
45-49	—	—	—	37	90	191	318	394	339	100	28	5	1 502
50-54	—	—	1	14	43	68	128	194	274	167	50	14	953
55-59	—	—	—	1	15	22	33	85	158	152	81	42	589
60 and over	—	—	—	2	9	13	24	38	100	138	151	432	907
Total	51	599	801	12 599	11 139	5 601	2 765	1 629	1 179	636	331	498	37 828

## SECTION 8

## DIVORCES GRANTED .....

In 1995, there were 14,945 divorces registered in NSW. This figure has only been exceeded on 2 previous occasions, in 1976 (22,147) and 1977 (15,781), which was immediately after the introduction of the *Family Law Act (1975)* in January 1976. The crude divorce rate was 2.4 divorces per 1,000 of total population in 1995 compared with 4.5 in 1976 and 3.2 in 1977.

CRUDE DIVORCE RATE



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

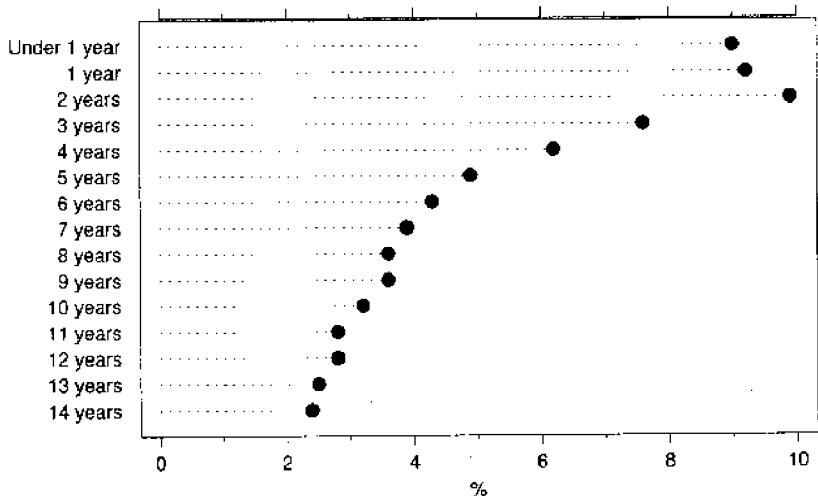
### DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Of couples who divorced in 1995, 42% had separated within five years of marriage, and 28% separated within three years. The most common interval was between two and three years. The median interval between marriage and separation was 6.7 years and the median interval between marriage and divorce was 10.1 years. Both these median intervals are the lowest of any State in Australia. The National median intervals are 7.6 years and 11.0 years respectively.

### AGE AT DIVORCE AND FINAL SEPARATION

The median ages at divorce in 1995 were 36.6 years for wives and 39.5 years for husbands, and the corresponding median ages in 1985 were 34.5 years and 37.3 years respectively. The median ages at final separation in 1995 were 33.5 years for wives and 36.4 years for husbands, compared with median ages in 1985 of 31.9 years and 34.6 years respectively. In 10.9% of 1995 divorces, both husband and wife were under 30 years at date of divorce.

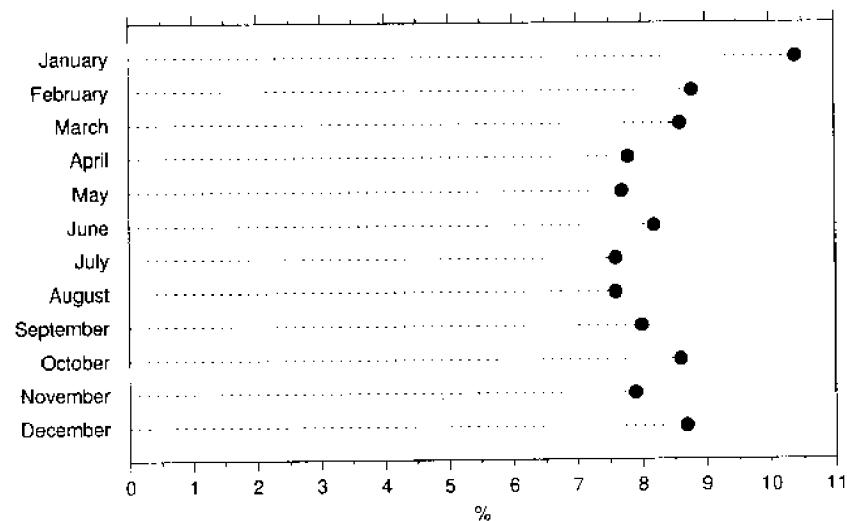
## INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FINAL SEPARATION



## MONTH OF SEPARATION

For divorces granted in 1995 the month during which most couples separated was January (10.4%). January has consistently been the most common month of separation for people who became divorced. The corresponding percentages for the three previous years were 10.8% (1992), 10.5% (1993) and 10.5% (1994).

## MONTH OF SEPARATION



## SEX OF APPLICANT

In 1995, 17% of divorces were the result of a joint application by both husband and wife, compared with less than 4% in 1985 when data on joint applications became available. Most applications (48%) are still made by the wife singly, but this proportion has decreased from 55% in 1985.

1994 DATA

In February 1995 the Family Law Court of Australia introduced a new divorce application form. On this form some data items that had previously been available ceased to be collected. Because of this decision and ABS budgetary considerations, reduced processing of 1995 divorce data was undertaken. Data processed in 1994 has therefore been included in Appendix E to assist analysis. Full processing of available data items was resumed by the ABS in 1996.

Previous marital status

The proportion of divorces where either party was previously divorced continues to increase. In 1994, 17.4% of men and 17% of women were previously divorced. This compares to 13.1% and 12.6% respectively in 1984. In 1994, 8% of divorces involved parties who had both been divorced previously.

Divorces involving children under eighteen

The proportion of divorces which involved at least one child under the age of eighteen at the time of application for divorce was 48.2%. Altogether 12,359 children were involved, and the predominant age of the youngest child was four years.

**8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)**

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
ALL DIVORCES							
<b>Divorces granted</b>	<b>11 871</b>	<b>12 414</b>	<b>13 151</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>14 753</b>	<b>13 999</b>	<b>14 945</b>
Crude divorce rate	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.4
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.3	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.1
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.7
Divorces involving children							
Number	6 909	6 240	6 428	6 586	7 180	6 752	n.a.
Percentage of total divorces	58.2	50.3	48.9	47.2	48.7	48.2	n.a.
Average number of children	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	n.a.
Applicant							
Husband	4 970	4 817	5 062	5 140	5 345	5 208	5 237
Wife	6 484	6 050	6 158	6 651	7 144	6 988	7 143
Joint	417	1 547	1 931	2 158	2 264	1 803	2 565

For footnotes see end of table.

## SECTION 8 • DIVORCES GRANTED

**8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a) *continued***

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
HUSBAND							
<b>Age-specific divorce rate</b>							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9
25-29	8.6	7.7	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.3	7.5
30-34	11.4	10.7	11.2	11.4	11.8	11.1	11.7
35-39	10.9	10.5	10.9	12.1	11.7	11.3	11.8
40-44	9.8	9.2	9.5	10.0	11.1	10.1	10.9
45-49	7.5	8.3	8.3	8.9	9.4	9.0	9.8
50-54	5.6	5.9	6.2	6.6	7.5	7.4	7.2
55 and over	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.5
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	10 010	10 303	11 056	11 457	12 153	11 408	n.a.
Widowed	174	95	86	158	146	160	n.a.
Divorced	1 687	2 016	2 009	2 334	2 454	2 431	n.a.
Total	11 871	12 414	13 151	13 949	14 753	13 999	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	24.3	25.2	25.2	25.4	25.6	25.9	26.1
At final separation	34.6	35.2	35.1	35.4	35.8	36.3	36.4
At decree made absolute	37.3	38.0	38.0	38.3	38.9	39.3	39.5
WIFE							
<b>Age-specific divorce rate</b>							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.1
25-29	11.5	11.0	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.7	10.9
30-34	11.4	11.1	11.8	12.3	12.9	12.0	12.7
35-39	10.6	9.8	10.3	10.8	11.4	10.8	11.8
40-44	8.2	8.6	9.1	9.6	10.2	9.7	10.1
45-49	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.4	8.1	8.1	8.1
50-54	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.8
55 and over	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	10 134	10 370	11 118	11 608	12 233	11 465	n.a.
Widowed	164	109	110	160	183	166	n.a.
Divorced	1 573	1 935	1 923	2 181	2 337	2 368	n.a.
Total	11 871	12 414	13 151	13 949	14 753	13 999	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	21.7	22.6	22.6	22.8	23.0	23.2	23.4
At final separation	31.9	32.2	32.4	32.6	32.9	33.5	33.5
At decree made absolute	34.5	35.1	35.2	35.4	35.9	36.5	36.6

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

**8.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage, Duration of Marriage—1995**

AGE GROUP (YEARS).....

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not stated	Total
HUSBAND										
1	5	39	38	43	20	10	10	18	4	187
2	17	228	255	176	84	56	34	73	5	928
3	24	325	316	194	94	54	37	57	11	1 112
4	26	318	400	168	102	63	35	55	5	1 172
5	25	299	351	151	89	50	29	51	9	1 054
6	24	266	298	127	83	51	34	33	2	918
7	17	244	232	129	68	30	22	20	2	764
8	9	206	190	101	60	37	22	19	3	647
9	19	187	218	97	49	21	14	18	3	626
10-14	88	976	779	380	174	86	52	61	10	2 606
15-19	107	769	515	217	82	43	35	28	5	1 801
20-24	125	751	354	90	42	19	14	10	2	1 407
25-29	93	559	228	63	14	10	5	2	5	979
30 and over	82	400	191	47	14	5	—	1	4	744
<b>Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>5 567</b>	<b>4 365</b>	<b>1 983</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14 945</b>
WIFE										
1	21	57	34	23	23	11	5	12	1	187
2	89	323	205	141	66	48	15	33	8	928
3	96	437	275	134	67	53	26	16	8	1 112
4	123	458	277	133	81	40	26	27	7	1 172
5	116	434	234	114	70	30	23	29	4	1 054
6	97	368	226	107	49	36	16	11	8	918
7	94	292	203	80	47	28	12	5	3	764
8	79	265	154	61	34	30	12	8	4	647
9	87	262	143	72	29	15	5	9	4	626
10-14	385	1 220	517	249	116	54	29	24	12	2 606
15-19	432	801	338	120	53	29	9	14	5	1 801
20-24	490	650	185	44	16	10	5	2	5	1 407
25-29	330	493	110	19	10	4	5	1	7	979
30 and over	272	379	60	16	5	2	—	1	9	744
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 711</b>	<b>6 439</b>	<b>2 961</b>	<b>1 313</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>14 945</b>

## SECTION 8 • DIVORCES GRANTED

## 8.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation, Duration of Marriage to Separation—1995

AGE GROUP  
(YEARS).....

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over	Not stated	Total
HUSBAND											
Under 1	22	310	361	263	123	77	60	44	65	19	1 344
1	7	276	456	272	151	88	46	28	44	9	1 377
2	1	193	502	361	165	98	68	33	51	8	1 480
3	—	87	418	285	161	68	41	30	39	5	1 134
4	—	36	308	287	120	83	43	18	34	1	930
5	—	11	197	237	144	69	32	23	22	2	737
6	—	1	152	225	113	65	32	29	22	3	642
7	—	1	91	233	134	69	26	12	18	3	587
8	—	—	68	204	130	62	37	17	26	1	545
9	—	—	32	216	146	79	30	15	23	1	542
10-14	—	—	19	521	756	420	152	79	105	4	2 056
15-19	—	—	—	21	470	618	246	81	58	4	1 498
20-24	—	—	—	—	25	417	492	136	79	3	1 152
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	11	236	225	90	3	565
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	72	269	3	353
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>2 604</b>	<b>3 125</b>	<b>2 638</b>	<b>2 224</b>	<b>1 550</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>14 945</b>
WIFE											
Under 1	106	442	317	195	118	70	32	27	24	13	1 344
1	48	490	382	219	96	62	37	18	16	9	1 377
2	14	456	464	251	121	75	46	24	21	8	1 480
3	7	243	425	237	91	65	28	17	14	7	1 134
4	—	149	375	199	92	47	32	15	15	6	930
5	—	59	302	213	89	35	21	10	6	2	737
6	—	32	258	187	76	36	28	9	12	4	642
7	—	11	209	198	94	27	18	14	11	5	587
8	—	6	134	230	76	47	31	11	6	4	545
9	—	—	122	256	87	37	20	12	7	1	542
10-14	—	—	100	855	638	258	105	39	53	8	2 056
15-19	—	—	1	136	761	409	124	39	22	6	1 498
20-24	—	—	—	2	146	630	290	51	29	4	1 152
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	79	337	119	28	2	565
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	146	175	5	353
Total stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1 888</b>	<b>3 089</b>	<b>3 178</b>	<b>2 485</b>	<b>1 877</b>	<b>1 176</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>14 945</b>

**8.4 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Divorce—1995**

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	189	70	17	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	282
25-29	400	974	241	60	19	7	1	2	—	8	1 712
30-34	152	1 020	1 312	272	84	26	7	2	1	14	2 890
35-39	48	273	1 030	1 167	204	44	15	5	1	13	2 801
40-44	11	68	333	879	856	182	35	4	2	8	2 398
45-49	6	33	109	259	768	756	121	17	8	7	2 084
50-54	4	14	48	79	181	451	383	45	11	9	1 225
55-59	2	5	14	27	61	130	242	163	36	5	685
60 and over	1	7	15	29	40	75	126	183	315	7	798
Not stated	6	10	8	12	11	2	4	2	1	14	70
Total	820	2 494	3 127	2 789	2 225	1 673	934	423	375	85	14 945

## EXPLANATORY NOTES .....

### INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication brings together a number of closely related series of statistics on demography including births, deaths, marriages and divorces. It also includes information on the estimated resident population and migration. For details of publication of other data related to demography, see Related Publications at the end of these notes.
- 2** As a result of an amendment in 1992 to the *Acts Interpretation Act* the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands have been included as part of geographic Australia, hence another category of the State and Territory classification has been created. This category, known as Other Territories, includes Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay Territory. Australia details for population, births and deaths include Other Territories.
- 3** Details of persons who were usually resident, or were born or died while being usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory have been, where possible, excluded from this publication from 1990 onwards. These numbers are statistically insignificant. For example the estimated resident population of Jervis Bay Territory at 30 June 1995 was 777 persons; the number of births that occurred to mothers usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was 17 in 1995 and the number of deaths of persons usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was 3. Marriages registered and divorces granted in the Australian Capital Territory do not necessarily exclude persons resident in Jervis Bay Territory.

### POPULATION

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

#### Population estimates

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

#### Population projections

- 6** Population projections are published twice in each intercensal period. The latest projections relate to the period 1995–2051.

- 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. While the selection of the assumptions is based on analysis of past demographic trends, both in Australia and overseas, and an assessment of their likely future movement, there is no certainty that any of the assumptions will be realised.

- 8** Four alternative projections have been provided in recognition of the uncertainty of future movements in demographic trends, and to give users a range of options. The mortality assumptions are the same for all series, while for fertility, a higher rate is assumed for Series A, B and C. For the migration assumptions, Series C has a high level of overseas migration, while Series B has a high level of interstate migration.

**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 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 *Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (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. Data presented in section 4 show the number of births occurring in a particular year.

**14** Data on stillbirths (fetal deaths) may be found in summary form in section 5 (Deaths) of the publication.

**15** The live birth statistics used to calculate the fetal and neonatal death rates have been adjusted (in accordance with the WHO definition of perinatal death) to exclude cases where the birthweight was known to be less than 500 grams. However, infant death rates are calculated using all live births registered because figures are not available for infants who weighed less than 500 grams at birth and who lived for 28 days, but died before they were one year old.

**DEATHS**

**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 5 of this publication refer to deaths registered during the year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a death, and as a result some deaths are not registered in the year in which they occur. However, most deaths are registered within six months of occurrence. More than 99% of deaths occurring in one year have been registered by 30 June of the following year. Data presented in section 6 show the number of deaths occurring in a particular year.

**18** Life tables are shown in tables 5.4 and 5.5 and summarise expectation of life. From 1995 these life tables will be based on deaths occurring in the reference and previous two years. They will be produced at the Australian and State and Territory level as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. These life tables will be known as the Australian Actuary/Australian Bureau of Statistics Life Tables. Before 1995 life tables shown in this publication were prepared by the ABS. The Australian Government Actuary also constructed life tables based on deaths occurring during the three years around and including the census year. The latest life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary were based on deaths during 1990–92. These were released in 1995 and copies are available from the Commonwealth Government bookshops or the Mail Order Sales Service.

#### MARRIAGES

**19** Marriage statistics refer to marriages registered by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of New South Wales 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.

**20** 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.

**21** The ABS, due to budgetary considerations, processed only limited data on marriages registered in 1995. The data items were State or Territory of registration, date of marriage, age of parties at marriage and previous marital status of parties. To assist in analysis of 1995 data, additional tables of marriage characteristics available from complete 1994 data have been included in Appendix D. ABS resumed full processing for 1996 marriage data.

#### DIVORCES

**22** All divorce data in this publication, with the exception of data in Appendix E3, are for State or Territory of registration, based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce was granted and registered.

**23** Divorce statistics shown in Appendix E3 are based on the State or Territory of usual residence at the time of separation. This takes account of some Family Courts having responsibility for hearing divorce cases relating to other States or Territories. The Australian Capital Territory Family Court hears cases from most of south-eastern New South Wales and part of Victoria. State or Territory of usual residence data are only available for 1993 and 1994 due to a decision taken by the Family Court in 1995. See paragraph 28 for more information.

**24** 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.

**25** 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.

**26** 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.

**27** 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.

**28** 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.

**29** In light of the Family Court decision and ABS budgetary considerations, only limited data on divorces registered in 1995 were processed. The data items were State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce; and sex of applicant. To assist in analysis of 1995 data, additional tables of divorce characteristics available from complete 1994 data have been included in Appendix E. With the exception of those data items which the Family Court no longer collects, ABS resumed full processing for 1996 divorce data.

#### GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

**30** The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Edition 5* (1216.0).

**31** The boundaries used for births and deaths statistics are the statistical local area boundaries at 30 June 1995.

**32** The classification of countries in this publication is the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (1269.0).

**33** 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.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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

- Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0)  
*Australian Demographic Trends, 1986* (3102.0)  
*Births, Australia, 1995* (3301.0)  
*Causes of Death, Australia, 1995* (3303.0)  
*Deaths, Australia, 1995* (3302.0)  
*Demography* (State and Territory specific publications) (3311.1-8)  
*Estimated Resident Population by Age and Sex in Statistical Local Areas, NSW* (3209.1)  
*Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia, 1995 and 1996 Preliminary* (3201.0)  
*Estimated Resident Population of Statistical Local Areas, NSW, 1995 and 1996 Preliminary* (3210.1)  
*Marriages and Divorces, Australia, 1995* (3310.0)  
*Migration, Australia, 1995-96* (3412.0)  
*Projections of the Populations of Australia, States and Territories, 1995 to 2051* (3222.0)  
*Regional Population Growth, 1994-95* (3218.0)  
*Regional Statistics, NSW, 1997* (1304.1)

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

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

## **APPENDIX A**

## **CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE .....**

Data items relating to vital statistics which are collected in New South Wales, but not published in this bulletin.

### **BIRTHS**

- Birthweight
- Date of birth
- Hospital/non-hospital birth
- Month/year of registration
- Place of marriage

### **DEATHS**

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin
- 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)
- Year of termination of last marriage (n.a. 1995)

### **DIVORCES**

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

## APPENDIX B

## HISTORICAL SUMMARY .....

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population(a)	Births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate(b)	Crude death rate(b)	Infant mortality rate(c)	Crude marriage rate(b)	Crude divorce rate(b)
1911(d)	1 663 200	47 677	17 179	3 313	15 267	222	28.7	10.3	69.5	9.2	0.1
1916	1 891 800	52 075	(e)19 854	3 533	16 320	372	27.5	10.5	67.8	8.6	0.2
1921	2 108 500	54 634	20 034	3 436	18 518	807	25.9	9.5	62.9	8.8	0.4
1926	2 346 900	53 126	22 188	3 060	19 219	846	22.6	9.5	57.4	8.2	0.4
1931	2 555 900	47 724	21 284	2 077	15 377	1 087	18.7	8.3	43.5	6.0	0.4
1936	2 668 300	46 193	24 376	2 008	22 873	1 172	17.3	9.1	43.5	8.6	0.4
1941	2 800 500	51 729	(f)27 300	2 264	29 983	1 577	18.5	9.7	43.8	10.7	0.6
1946	2 945 200	67 247	(f)28 579	2 032	31 684	(g)2 798	22.8	9.7	30.2	10.8	1.0
1951	3 279 400	72 069	31 932	1 895	30 341	3 303	22.0	9.7	26.3	9.3	1.0
1956	3 556 700	75 714	34 064	1 777	27 313	3 125	21.3	9.6	23.5	7.7	0.9
1961	3 914 000	86 392	35 048	1 800	29 773	3 156	22.1	9.0	20.8	7.6	0.8
1966(h)	4 238 800	77 776	40 564	1 492	35 575	4 515	18.3	9.6	19.2	8.4	1.1
1971(i)	4 725 400	98 736	41 826	1 728	43 038	5 467	20.9	8.9	17.5	9.1	1.2
1976	4 960 800	78 749	42 214	1 177	38 487	(j)22 147	15.9	8.5	14.9	7.8	4.5
1981	5 236 900	81 971	40 114	840	40 679	14 532	15.7	7.7	10.2	7.8	2.8
1986	5 533 100	84 531	42 167	759	41 319	11 661	15.3	7.6	9.0	7.5	2.1
1991	5 899 200	87 367	42 467	632	39 594	13 151	14.8	7.2	7.2	6.7	2.2
1992	5 968 300	92 585	44 801	688	40 734	13 949	15.5	7.5	7.4	6.8	2.3
1993	6 001 400	89 354	43 069	552	39 993	14 753	14.9	7.2	6.2	6.7	2.5
1994	6 049 200	87 977	44 763	551	38 814	13 999	14.5	7.4	6.3	6.4	2.3
1995	6 152 000	87 823	44 665	498	37 828	14 945	14.4	7.3	5.7	6.2	2.4

(a) Prior to 1994, the population is the mean population for the year ended 31 December. From 1994, the population is the estimated resident population at 30 June.

(b) Crude rate per 1,000 population.

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

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

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

(f) Excludes deaths of defence personnel.

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

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

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

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

## APPENDIX C

## CENSUS 1991

## SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1991

Characteristics of persons counted	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total persons
	no.	no.	no.	%
<b>Total persons counted(a)</b>	<b>2 844 438</b>	<b>2 887 468</b>	<b>5 731 906</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Persons counted in private dwellings	2 742 729	2 796 553	5 539 282	96.6
Persons counted in non-private dwellings	99 437	90 712	190 149	3.3
Usual residence				
Persons counted at home	2 716 833	2 768 408	5 485 241	95.7
Visitors counted from				
Same statistical local area	27 814	27 160	54 974	1.0
Elsewhere within NSW	61 817	55 949	117 766	2.1
Interstate	26 692	22 688	49 380	0.9
Overseas	11 282	13 263	24 545	0.4
Total visitors	127 605	119 060	246 665	4.3
Usual residence 5 years ago(b)				
Same address	1 406 179	1 451 724	2 857 903	56.3
Different address				
Same statistical local area	328 950	338 881	667 831	13.2
Elsewhere within NSW	454 343	469 041	923 384	18.2
Interstate	81 263	78 378	159 641	3.1
Overseas	115 183	118 606	233 789	4.6
Not stated(c)	11 634	10 315	21 949	0.4
Not stated	107 232	100 382	207 614	4.1
Age of persons counted (years)				
0–14	648 170	614 880	1 263 050	22.0
15–54	1 657 578	1 629 652	3 287 230	57.3
55–64	249 860	250 755	500 615	8.7
65 or more	289 640	391 539	681 179	11.9
Marital status of persons counted(d)				
Never married	732 858	581 661	1 314 519	29.4
Married	1 242 515	1 247 156	2 489 671	55.7
Separated but not divorced	57 507	67 324	124 831	2.8
Divorced	105 995	135 334	241 329	5.4
Widowed	57 657	240 122	297 779	6.7
Birthplace of persons counted				
Australia	2 110 962	2 175 926	4 286 888	74.8
Other Oceania and Antarctica	59 313	60 545	119 858	2.1
Europe and the former USSR	356 721	334 713	691 434	12.1
Middle East and North Africa	54 535	49 327	103 862	1.8
Southeast Asia	70 648	78 531	149 179	2.6
Northeast Asia	54 936	55 347	110 283	1.9
Southern Asia	19 634	17 801	37 435	0.7
Northern America	12 888	13 093	25 981	0.5
Southern and Central America	18 611	19 574	38 185	0.7
Africa (excl. North Africa)	15 646	15 442	31 088	0.5
Other(e)	504	419	923	—
Not stated	70 571	66 910	137 481	2.4

For footnotes see end of table.

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1991 *continued*

Characteristics of persons counted	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total persons
	no.	no.	no.	%
Australian citizens	2 476 313	2 523 326	4 999 639	87.2
Aged 18 years or more	1 771 115	1 852 440	3 623 555	63.2
Persons identifying themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	34 647	35 267	69 914	1.2
Labour force status(d)				
Employed persons	1 388 472	1 018 326	2 406 798	53.9
Full-time(f)	1 125 347	558 847	1 684 194	37.7
Part-time	191 941	408 401	600 342	13.4
Hours worked not stated	71 184	51 078	122 262	2.7
Unemployed persons	187 504	117 114	304 618	6.8
Looking for full-time work	164 187	78 210	242 397	5.4
Looking for part-time work	23 317	38 904	62 221	1.4
Total in the labour force	1 575 976	1 135 440	2 711 416	60.7
Total not in the labour force	568 154	1 069 328	1 637 482	36.6
Not stated	52 728	66 689	119 417	2.7

(a) Place of enumeration.

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

(c) Comprises persons who stated they lived at a different address 5 years ago but did not state the actual address.

(d) Persons aged 15 years or more.

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

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

## APPENDIX D

## MARRIAGE TABLES, 1994 .....

## D1 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties—1994

	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
<b>OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA</b>								
Australia	24 381	—	3 714	28 095	24 381	—	4 656	29 037
Fiji	61	128	27	216	47	128	53	228
New Zealand	524	129	156	809	407	129	181	717
Other	101	102	42	245	87	102	49	238
<i>Total</i>	<i>25 067</i>	<i>359</i>	<i>3 939</i>	<i>29 365</i>	<i>24 922</i>	<i>359</i>	<i>4 939</i>	<i>30 220</i>
<b>EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR</b>								
Austria	21	3	15	39	16	3	8	27
Former USSR & Baltic States	11	51	13	75	14	51	29	94
Former Yugoslav Republics	184	119	44	347	90	119	31	240
Germany	136	40	57	233	117	40	57	214
Greece	88	23	20	131	34	23	14	71
Hungary	18	18	12	48	8	18	8	34
Ireland	70	22	46	138	53	22	22	97
Italy	159	35	71	265	73	35	24	132
Malta	53	9	17	79	29	9	10	48
Netherlands	65	12	29	106	53	12	16	81
Poland	14	46	17	77	18	46	12	76
United Kingdom	1 644	374	335	2 353	1 191	374	222	1 787
Other	191	75	107	373	174	75	92	341
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 654</i>	<i>827</i>	<i>783</i>	<i>4 264</i>	<i>1 870</i>	<i>827</i>	<i>545</i>	<i>3 242</i>
<b>MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA</b>								
Egypt	47	29	34	110	17	29	10	56
Lebanon	238	237	61	536	71	237	51	359
Turkey	39	46	25	110	16	46	19	81
Other	98	123	105	326	38	123	87	248
<i>Total</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>435</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>1 082</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>435</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>744</i>
<b>SOUTHEAST ASIA</b>								
Indonesia	27	88	37	152	42	88	56	186
Malaysia	63	35	53	151	83	35	72	190
Philippines	30	251	25	306	210	251	131	592
Singapore	20	6	23	49	24	6	18	48
Thailand	10	19	2	31	50	19	54	123
Viet Nam	11	569	68	648	26	569	82	677
Other	9	73	48	130	10	73	42	125
<i>Total</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>1 041</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>1 467</i>	<i>445</i>	<i>1 041</i>	<i>455</i>	<i>1 941</i>

**D1 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties—1994 *continued***

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	14	698	124	836	91	698	161	950
Hong Kong	24	119	83	226	38	119	86	243
Other	19	142	39	200	88	142	103	333
<i>Total</i>	57	959	246	1 262	217	959	350	1 526
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	51	44	46	141	38	44	24	106
Sri Lanka	20	49	15	84	11	49	10	70
Other	32	43	39	114	8	43	11	62
<i>Total</i>	103	136	100	339	57	136	45	238
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	81	6	19	106	70	6	17	93
Chile	40	31	26	97	37	31	36	104
United States of America	163	29	49	241	127	29	42	198
Other	93	70	76	239	84	70	91	245
<i>Total</i>	377	136	170	683	318	136	186	640
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	97	29	38	164	70	29	35	134
Other	89	39	59	187	54	39	36	129
<i>Total</i>	186	68	97	351	124	68	71	263
Other and not stated	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	29 037	3 961	5 816	38 814	28 095	3 961	6 758	38 814

**D2 MARRIAGES, Category of Rite, Previous Marital Status of Parties—1994**

	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM			PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			All marriages	Proportion of all marriages
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced		
Category of rite	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
RELIGIOUS(a)								
Anglican	5 123	107	716	5 306	98	542	5 946	15.3
Baptist	542	15	113	551	19	100	670	1.7
Catholic	7 723	112	266	7 752	111	238	8 101	20.9
Churches of Christ	180	1	48	182	6	41	229	0.6
Lutheran	88	1	30	92	5	22	119	0.3
Orthodox	1 001	8	117	1 040	17	69	1 126	2.9
Presbyterian	672	20	174	718	25	123	866	2.2
Uniting Church	2 234	91	848	2 380	99	694	3 173	8.2
Other denominations	2 228	67	598	2 237	72	584	2 893	7.5
All religious rites	19 791	422	2 910	20 258	452	2 413	23 123	59.6
CIVIL								
Official registrars	2 393	103	1 126	2 409	138	1 075	3 622	9.3
Other civil celebrants	7 616	338	4 115	7 583	448	4 038	12 069	31.1
All civil rites	10 009	441	5 241	9 992	586	5 113	15 691	40.4
TOTAL								
Number	29 800	963	8 151	30 250	1 038	7 526	38 814	100.0
Proportion (%)	76.8	2.2	21.0	77.9	2.7	19.4	100.0	..

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

**D3 REMARRIAGES, Number of Previous Marriages, Number of Children Under 16—1994**

## 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>
<b>BRIDE&amp;GROOM</b>							
One	4 924	1 411	1 030	300	71	61	7 797
Two	666	196	130	48	15	12	1 067
Three or more	71	14	13	2	—	2	102
Not stated	39	1	—	—	—	8	48
Total	5 700	1 622	1 173	350	86	83	9 014
<b>BRIDE</b>							
One	4 568	1 389	1 038	270	82	35	7 382
Two	643	190	121	37	16	8	1 015
Three or more	77	19	8	1	2	1	108
Not stated	49	1	1	—	—	8	59
Total	5 337	1 599	1 168	308	100	52	8 564

**D4 REMARRIAGES, Interval to Remarriage, Reason for Termination of Last Marriage—1994**

Interval between termination of last marriage and remarriage (years)	BRIDEGEROOM'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY			BRIDE'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY		
	Death of spouse	Divorce	Total	Death of spouse	Divorce	Total
Under 1	21	1 202	1 223	11	989	980
1	127	1 726	1 853	82	1 516	1 598
2	147	1 099	1 246	127	1 035	1 162
3	119	771	890	123	691	814
4	92	590	682	97	571	668
0-4	506	5 388	5 894	440	4 782	5 222
5	64	461	525	79	436	515
6	63	379	442	80	355	435
7	35	289	324	51	272	323
8	31	227	258	54	252	306
9	24	201	225	36	202	238
5-9	217	1 557	1 774	300	1 517	1 817
10-14	70	665	735	141	726	867
15-19	37	291	328	83	304	387
20 and over	26	119	145	65	86	151
Not stated	7	131	138	9	111	120
<b>All remarriages</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>8 151</b>	<b>9 014</b>	<b>1 038</b>	<b>7 526</b>	<b>8 564</b>

## APPENDIX E

## DIVORCE TABLES, 1994 .....

**E1 DIVORCES, Children of the Marriage(a), Duration of Marriage—1994**NUMBER OF  
CHILDREN.....

<i>Duration of marriage (years)</i>	0	1	2	3	4 or more	All divorces	All children	Average number of children(b)
1	142	14	2	4	—	162	30	1.5
2	694	109	41	9	2	855	226	1.4
3	841	177	67	13	3	1 101	363	1.4
4	822	196	84	14	5	1 121	427	1.4
5	571	237	112	21	2	943	533	1.4
6	448	197	135	35	10	825	615	1.6
7	342	181	150	37	5	715	613	1.6
8	320	159	171	40	6	696	649	1.7
9	240	126	184	43	19	612	704	1.9
10–14	701	488	835	340	104	2 468	3 615	2.0
15–19	327	273	559	294	103	1 556	2 729	2.2
20–24	506	433	314	104	30	1 387	1 502	1.7
25–29	688	184	51	6	6	935	330	1.3
30 and over	605	14	3	1	—	623	23	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 247</b>	<b>2 788</b>	<b>2 708</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>13 999</b>	<b>12 359</b>	<b>1.8</b>

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

**E2 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties—1994**

	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	7 061	—	1 534	8 595	7 061	—	1 809	8 870
Fiji	52	82	24	158	65	82	47	194
New Zealand	124	115	87	326	152	115	91	358
Other	22	31	19	72	21	31	35	87
<i>Total</i>	7 259	228	1 664	9 151	7 299	228	1 982	9 509
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	27	1	10	38	13	1	4	18
Former USSR & Baltic States	7	34	10	51	7	34	20	61
Former Yugoslav Republics	48	107	33	188	20	107	19	146
Germany	71	28	49	148	64	28	49	141
Greece	39	54	26	119	6	54	11	71
Hungary	3	15	14	32	7	15	6	28
Ireland	34	23	18	75	22	23	26	71
Italy	81	49	52	182	27	49	21	97
Malta	29	15	15	59	17	15	16	48
Netherlands	49	13	27	89	31	13	10	54
Poland	5	51	11	67	14	51	19	84
United Kingdom	644	330	188	1 162	530	330	154	1 014
Other	74	65	73	212	46	65	64	175
<i>Total</i>	1 111	785	526	2 422	804	785	419	2 008
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	21	30	22	73	11	30	11	52
Lebanon	56	160	45	261	12	160	33	205
Turkey	9	42	14	65	3	42	4	49
Other	36	50	68	154	14	50	39	103
<i>Total</i>	122	282	149	553	40	282	87	409
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	21	25	22	68	10	25	24	59
Malaysia	15	15	22	52	24	15	31	70
Philippines	24	119	8	151	109	119	82	310
Singapore	10	5	13	28	10	5	11	26
Thailand	10	12	10	32	28	12	30	70
Viet Nam	1	242	78	321	3	242	50	295
Other	4	40	19	63	4	40	25	69
<i>Total</i>	85	458	172	715	188	458	253	899

**E2 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties—1994 *continued***

	HUSBAND BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND WIFE BORN IN.....			WIFE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND HUSBAND BORN IN.....			Total	
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	37	226	94	357	48	226	137	411
Hong Kong	11	49	45	105	11	49	41	101
Other	10	42	6	58	10	42	22	74
<i>Total</i>	58	317	145	520	69	317	200	586
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	29	28	23	80	16	28	16	60
Sri Lanka	5	14	6	25	5	14	3	22
Other	21	10	32	63	—	10	2	12
<i>Total</i>	55	52	61	168	21	52	21	94
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	14	—	5	19	14	—	10	24
Chile	10	40	11	61	8	40	17	65
United States of America	53	17	19	89	50	17	18	85
Other	25	61	37	123	17	61	58	136
<i>Total</i>	102	118	72	292	89	118	103	310
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	17	24	8	49	14	24	20	58
Other	20	19	34	73	20	19	20	59
<i>Total</i>	37	43	42	122	34	43	40	117
Other and not stated	41	1	14	56	51	1	15	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 870</b>	<b>2 284</b>	<b>2 845</b>	<b>13 999</b>	<b>8 595</b>	<b>2 284</b>	<b>3 120</b>	<b>13 999</b>

**E3 DIVORCES, Summary(a), State or Territory of Usual Residence—1994r**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
ALL DIVORCES										
<b>Divorces granted</b>	<b>15 663</b>	<b>11 229</b>	<b>8 359</b>	<b>4 081</b>	<b>4 963</b>	<b>1 519</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>48 312</b>
Crude divorce rate	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.4	3.1	..	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.4	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	9.1	10.9
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.2	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.0	8.8	7.3	7.2	4.5	7.6
Divorces involving children										
Number	7 826	(c)	4 733	1 941	2 498	931	232	524	411	(c)
Percentage of total divorces	50.0	(c)	56.6	47.6	50.3	61.3	56.2	56.3	35.6	(c)
Average issue	1.9	(c)	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	(c)
Applicant										
Husband	5 745	4 135	3 155	1 387	1 443	482	143	341	519	17 350
Wife	7 945	5 493	4 315	2 061	1 950	878	171	407	519	23 739
Joint	1 973	1 601	889	633	1 570	159	99	183	116	7 223

For footnotes see end of table.

**E3 DIVORCES, Summary(a), State or Territory of Usual Residence—1994r *continued***

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
<b>HUSBAND</b>										
Age-specific divorce rate										
Age group (years)										
24 and under	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	..	0.8
25-29	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.2	7.8	10.1	6.0	9.0	..	8.0
30-34	12.1	12.0	11.6	13.3	14.0	16.5	8.2	13.9	..	12.7
35-39	12.7	12.2	12.8	13.7	13.1	16.8	12.2	14.2	..	13.2
40-44	11.8	12.0	12.1	14.4	13.1	14.8	10.2	13.3	..	12.6
45-49	10.4	10.1	11.1	10.9	11.9	12.9	7.7	12.3	..	10.9
50-54	8.4	7.7	8.1	7.9	9.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	..	8.5
55 and over	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	4.1	4.2	..	2.7
Marital status at marriage (number)										
Never married	12 781	9 331	6 592	3 280	4 018	1 257	325	749	922	39 255
Widowed	175	105	102	42	53	12	2	8	11	510
Divorced	2 707	1 793	1 665	759	892	250	86	174	221	8 547
Total	15 663	11 229	8 359	4 081	4 963	1 519	413	931	1 154	48 312
Median age (years)										
At marriage	25.7	25.2	25.3	25.0	25.4	24.7	25.8	26.0	27.0	25.4
At final separation	36.5	36.5	36.9	36.6	36.8	36.7	36.5	36.7	34.3	36.6
At decree made absolute	39.6	39.5	40.1	39.6	40.1	39.4	39.5	39.6	38.6	39.7
<b>WIFE</b>										
Age-specific divorce rate										
Age group (years)										
24 and under	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.8	..	2.0
25-29	11.5	11.4	11.4	12.8	12.4	15.2	7.0	13.2	..	12.0
30-34	13.2	12.6	13.2	14.1	14.5	16.4	11.4	14.9	..	13.8
35-39	12.5	11.8	12.4	14.1	13.8	17.2	11.5	13.7	..	13.0
40-44	11.2	11.1	11.5	12.8	12.5	14.4	10.6	12.0	..	11.8
45-49	9.1	8.5	9.4	8.8	10.1	11.0	10.1	9.7	..	9.3
50-54	6.1	5.5	6.5	6.0	7.4	7.7	5.6	8.1	..	6.3
55 and over	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.1	..	1.3
Marital status at marriage (number)										
Never married	12 816	9 431	6 649	3 311	4 010	1 259	332	756	975	39 539
Widowed	191	158	122	45	68	21	2	4	14	625
Divorced	2 656	1 640	1 588	725	885	239	79	171	165	8 148
Total	15 663	11 229	8 359	4 081	4 963	1 519	413	931	1 154	48 312
Median age (years)										
At marriage	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.4	22.7	22.2	23.6	23.3	24.1	22.8
At final separation	33.7	33.7	34.1	33.9	33.9	34.1	33.5	33.7	31.1	33.8
At decree made absolute	36.8	36.7	37.0	36.9	37.2	36.7	37.0	36.9	35.3	36.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Includes divorces where usual residence was Christmas Island or Cocos (Keeling) Islands (3), Overseas (1,059) or not stated (91).

(c) Family Court children data for Victoria appears incomplete.

## GLOSSARY .....

<b>Age-specific birth rates</b>	Age-specific birth rates are the number of live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age at 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15–19 age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45–49 age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.
<b>Age-specific death rates</b>	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 1 year of age. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of deaths for which the age of deceased is not given.
<b>Age-specific divorce rates</b>	Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific divorce rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 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.</li><li>▪ 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.</li></ul>
<b>Age-specific marriage rates</b>	Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific marriage rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 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.</li><li>▪ 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.</li></ul>
<b>Birth</b>	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.
<b>Category of movement</b>	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"><li>▪ permanent</li><li>▪ long-term (one year or more)</li><li>▪ short-term (less than one year).</li></ul> A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) state exactly twelve months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on

	their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term. Accordingly in an attempt to maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one year exactly are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.
<b>Children (divorce collection)</b>	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.
<b>Children (marriage collection)</b>	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).
<b>Confinement</b>	A pregnancy which results in at least one live birth.
<b>Crude birth rate</b>	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.
<b>Crude death rate</b>	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.
<b>Crude divorce rate</b>	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.
<b>Crude marriage rate</b>	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.
<b>Date of final separation</b>	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.
<b>Divorce</b>	Decree absolute of dissolution of marriage.
<b>Duration of marriage</b>	Duration of marriage is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of divorce.

<b>Duration of marriage until separation</b>	Duration of marriage until separation is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of separation.
<b>Estimated resident population</b>	<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, to which are added 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>Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in <i>Australian Demographic Statistics</i> (3101.0) (issued quarterly).</p>
<b>Fetal death</b>	The delivery of a child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight is unavailable) which did not, at any time after delivery, breathe or show any other evidence of life such as heartbeat.
<b>Fetal death rate</b>	The fetal death rate is the number of fetal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable), plus fetal deaths combined.
<b>First marriage rates</b>	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.
<b>Indigenous origin</b>	<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>
<b>Infant death</b>	An infant death is the death of a live born child who died when less than one year old.
<b>Infant mortality rate</b>	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.

<b>Life expectancy</b>	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.
<b>Long-term arrivals</b>	Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors who intend to stay in Australia for twelve months or more (but not permanently) and Australian residents returning after an absence of twelve months or more overseas.
<b>Long-term departures</b>	Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for twelve months or more (but not permanently) and overseas visitors departing who stayed twelve months or more in Australia.
<b>Marriage</b>	Under the <i>Australian Marriage Act 1961</i> , 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.
<b>Marital status</b>	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.
<b>Median value</b>	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.
<b>Multiple birth</b>	A multiple birth is a confinement which results in two or more issue, at least one of which is live born.
<b>Neonatal death</b>	A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of any child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) who after delivery, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.
<b>Neonatal death rate</b>	The neonatal death rate is the number of neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable).
<b>Nuptial first confinement</b>	A nuptial first confinement is the first confinement in the current marriage and therefore does not necessarily represent the woman's first ever confinement resulting in a live birth.
<b>Nuptiality</b>	Nuptiality relates to the relative marital status of parents. Confinements and births are identified as being nuptial where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy.
<b>Paternity-acknowledged birth</b>	A paternity-acknowledged birth refers to an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.
<b>Perinatal death</b>	A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as elsewhere defined.

<b>Perinatal death rate</b>	The perinatal death rate is the number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.
<b>Permanent arrivals (settlers)</b>	Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise travellers who hold migrant visas (regardless of stated intended period of stay), New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas-born children of Australian citizens).
<b>Permanent departures</b>	Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they do not intend to return to Australia.
<b>Previous births</b>	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, legitimised and legally adopted children are included.  Previous births of the current marriage relates to nuptial births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement.  All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptiality and paternity.
<b>Previous issue</b>	See previous births.
<b>Remarriage rates</b>	Remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced men and women of the same age.
<b>Reproduction rate</b>	Two different reproduction rates are shown in this publication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gross reproduction rate — the gross reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters per woman that would be born to a group of women all of whom survive to the end of the reproductive period and who had borne daughters at each age in accordance with the rates prevailing during that year. It is an indication of the extent to which the population would reproduce itself under these conditions, except that it does not allow for females who fail to survive to the end of the child-bearing period. It is the sum of the female 5 year age-specific fertility rates (i.e. the number of female live births according to age of mother per 1,000 females of that age) multiplied by five.</li> <li>▪ Net reproduction rate — the net reproduction rate makes allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. It represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table. It indicates the extent to which the population would reproduce itself. The net reproduction rate is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table and adding the products.</li> </ul>
<b>Sex ratio</b>	The sex ratio relates to the number of male events (births and deaths) per 100 female events.
<b>Short-term arrivals</b>	Short-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors whose intended stay in Australia is less than twelve months and Australian residents returning after an absence of less than twelve months overseas.

<b>Short-term departures</b>	Short-term departures comprise Australian residents whose intended period of stay abroad is less than twelve months and overseas visitors departing who stayed less than twelve months in Australia.
<b>Standardised death rates</b>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The <i>direct method</i> — this is used when the populations under study are large and the age-specific death rates are reliable. It is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in the standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population under study. The direct method is used for comparing State and Territory and Australia rates.</li> <li>▪ The <i>indirect method</i> — this is used when the populations under study are small and the age-specific death rates are unreliable or not known. It is an adjustment to the crude death rate of the standard population to account for the variation between the actual number of deaths in the population under study and the number of deaths which would have occurred if the population under study had experienced the age-specific death rates of the standard population. The indirect method is used for comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates and Statistical Local Area rates.</li> </ul>
<b>State or Territory of registration</b>	State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the birth, death, or marriage was registered or the State or Territory in which the divorce was granted. For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 22 to 23 of the Explanatory notes.
<b>State or Territory of usual residence</b>	State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the population (estimated resident population);</li> <li>• the mother (birth collection);</li> <li>• the deceased (death collection); and</li> <li>• the parties at separation (divorce collection). For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 22 to 23 of the Explanatory Notes.</li> </ul> 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.
<b>Total fertility rate</b>	The total fertility rate represents the number of children one woman would bear if the age-specific birth rates of the year shown continued during her child-bearing lifetime. It is obtained by summing the five-year age-specific birth rates and multiplying by five.



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