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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In 1993 there were 113,255 marriages registered in Australia. While this is only a 1 per cent decrease on 1983 registrations (114,860), it is, with the exception of 1984, when New South Wales experienced delays in registration, the lowest number of marriages to be registered over the last ten years.

Over this same decade the Australian crude marriage rate (the number of marriages per 1,000 population) has continued its downward trend, falling from 7.5 in 1983 to 6.4 in 1993, a decrease of 15 per cent. On a State and Territory basis, when comparing 1993 with 1983, all States and Territories experienced a decline in their crude marriage rates with Tasmania showing the largest percentage decrease (23%) and New South Wales the lowest (11%).

Internationally crude marriage rates tend to vary. The latest United Nations figures indicate, that of the countries selected for comparison in this publication (see Table 18), the USA had the highest rate (9.8 per 1,000 population) while Sweden had the lowest (4.7 per 1,000 population).

Age at marriage

Current peak marriage ages in Australia and the other countries that contribute data to the United Nations are, in the main, found in the same age groups. For men the peak marriage age occurred in the 25 to 29 years age group while for women the peak age was in the 20 to 24 years age group.

In 1993, the long-term trend for men and women to marry at an older age continued. The median age of all men marrying also remained higher than that of all women marrying by 2.4 years. The median age is the age where there are as many people marrying above the age as there are people marrying below it.

(a) Age of bridegroom

The median age of all men marrying in 1993 was 28.8 years. This represents an increase of 2.4 years on the 1983 median for men (26.4 years). For men marrying for the first time, there was an increase in the median age of 2.1 years, 24.9 years in 1983 increasing to 27.0 years in 1993.

In 1993 men aged 30 years or over reached 44 per cent of all men marrying. This compares with 32 per cent in 1983 and 18 per cent in 1973.

(b) Age of bride

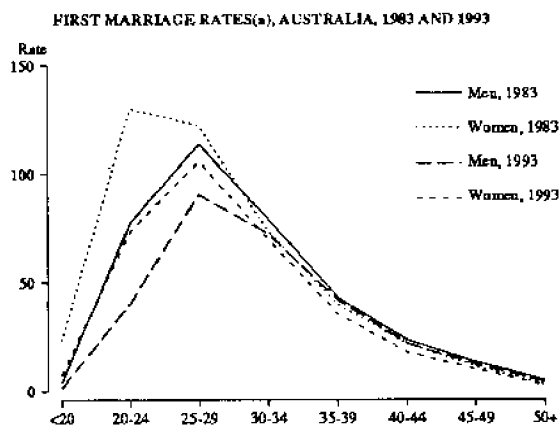
When comparing 1993 and 1983 age at marriage details for women the trend is similar to that experienced by men. The median age of all women marrying increased 2.5 years (23.9 years in 1983 increasing to 26.4 years in 1993) while the age of women marrying for the first time increased by 2.1 years (22.7 years in 1983 increasing to 24.8 years in 1993).

As for men the percentage of women marrying after their 30th birthday also continued to increase. In 1993 women aged 30 years or more at marriage reached 32 per cent of all women marrying. This compares with 22 per cent in 1983 and 12 per cent in 1973.

First marriages

In 1993, the declining trend continued for first marriages. First marriage rates, (the number of men and women marrying for the first time per 1,000 never married population), fell in all age groups for both men and women when compared with 1983. When comparing these two years the falls were most significant in the younger age groups. The peak age group in 1993, for first marriages, the 25 to 29 years age group, fell by 20 per cent for men and 13 per cent for women while the 20 to 24 years age group, fell by 48 per cent for men and 43 per cent for women. The peak age group for women changed from 20 to 24 years in 1983 to 25 to 29 years in 1993, while the peak age group for men remained the 25 to 29 years age group.

In 1993, in the age groups 20 to 24 and 25 to 29 years, the first marriage rates for men were 41 and 90 respectively compared with 78 and 114 in 1983. For women, in the same age groups, the rates were 74 and 106 in 1993 and 130 and 122 in 1983.



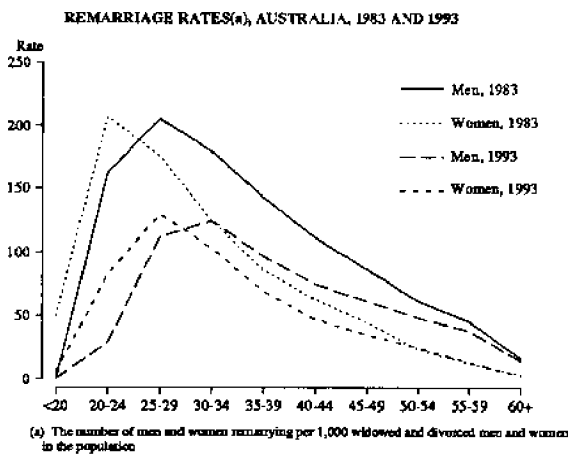
(a) The number of men and women marrying for the first time per 1,000 never married population.

While first marriage rates declined in 1993 when compared with 1983, the percentage of marriages where neither party had previously been married remained similar. The percentage of first marriages in 1993 was 67 per cent of all marriages (75,968) compared with 68 per cent in 1983 (77,762).

In 1993, there were small variations between States and Territories in the percentage of marriages involving only never married persons. Victoria had the highest percentage (70%) and the Northern Territory the lowest (62%).

Remarriages

Remarriage rates (the number of men and women remarrying per 1,000 widowed and divorced men and women in the population) also continued the long-term downward trend. When 1993 and 1983 are compared, all age groups, for both men and women, with the exception of women in the 50 to 59 years age group show that remarriage rates declined. In 1993, the peak remarriage group for men was the 30 to 34 years age group (124 per 1,000 population) while for women it was the 25 to 29 years age group (130 per 1,000 population). The peak groups for remarriage in 1983 were, however, lower than those experienced in 1993, being age groups 25 to 29 (205 per 1,000 population) for men and 20 to 24 (207 per 1,000 population) for women.



Men and women who remarried in 1993, after previously having been divorced, showed similar patterns in the time taken to remarry. Within five years of the previous marriage ending 69 per cent of men and 65 per cent of women had remarried. In 1993 the median interval to remarriage for divorced men and women was 2.8 years for men and 3.2 years for women.

In 1993, previously widowed men and women showed a different pattern in the time taken to remarry. While 61 per cent of previously widowed men remarried within five years of the death of their previous partner only 43 per cent of women had remarried by the end of the same period. The median interval to remarriage for the previously widowed in 1993 was 4.0 years for men and 5.7 years for women.

Children of previous marriage

The percentage of men and women remarrying with dependant children (children under 16 years) from previous marriages declined. In 1993, 37 per cent of men who remarried already had dependant children. For women remarrying the corresponding percentage was 39 per cent. In 1987 (the earliest period details became available) the percentage of men remarrying with dependant children was 43 per cent while the percentage of women was 44 per cent.

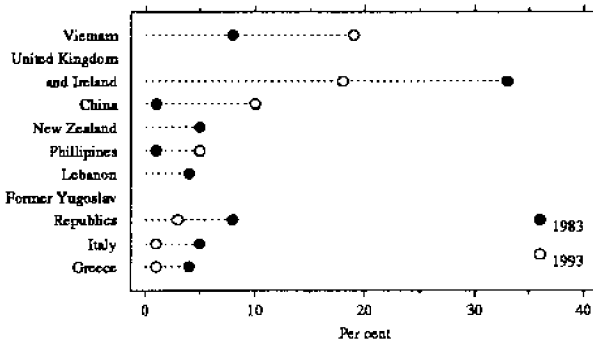
Birthplace of bridegrooms and brides

Of the marriages registered in Australia in 1993, 64 per cent were marriages where both partners were born in Australia. This was similar to 65 per cent in 1983. Marriages of Australian born men and overseas born women constituted 11 per cent of all marriages while Australian born women and overseas born men constituted 12 per cent. The equivalent figures for 1983 are 11 per cent and 14 per cent respectively.

In 1993, men and women born overseas who married parties from different overseas countries each represented 5 per cent of all marriages registered. In 1983 these categories each represented 4 per cent. Of the marriages that included overseas born people in 1993, 78 per cent were to men and women marrying people from a different country. The 1983 percentage was 82 per cent.

Marriages where both partners were born in the same overseas country represented 8 per cent of all marriages registered in 1993 and 6 per cent in 1983. Although the percentage of marriages to couples born in the same overseas country was similar, the percentage representation of the countries involved showed some variation. By 1993 couples born in the United Kingdom and Ireland (18%) had been replaced by couples born in Vietnam (19%) as the highest contributor to this category. The 1983 percentages were United Kingdom and Ireland 33 per cent and Vietnam 8 per cent. However not all country representations changed. Couples born in New Zealand and Lebanon retained the same percentage representation in both 1993 and 1983, 5 per cent and 4 per cent respectively.

MARRIAGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES BORN IN THE SAME OVERSEAS COUNTRY, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, SELECTED COUNTRIES, 1983 AND 1993

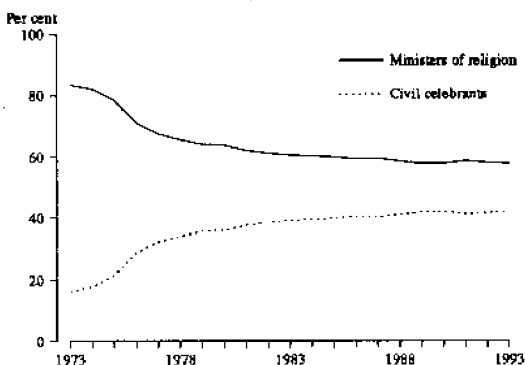


Category of celebrant

The long-term downward trend for marriages to be performed by ministers of religion has continued, although the rate of decline has slowed. In 1993 ministers of religion performed 58 per cent of all registered marriages compared with 61 per cent in 1983 and 84 per cent in 1973. When comparing Australian States and Territories over the same period Victoria recorded the highest percentage of marriages performed by ministers of religion while the Northern Territory recorded the lowest.

Of the marriages performed by civil celebrants in 1993, 8 per cent were performed by official registrars while 34 per cent were performed by other authorised civil celebrants. The percentages for 1983 were 12 per cent and 27 per cent respectively.

PERCENTAGE OF MARRIAGES CELEBRATED BY CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT AUSTRALIA, 1973 TO 1993



Couple relationships

De facto couples tend to be younger than couples in registered marriages. *The 1991 Census of Population and Housing* revealed that 63 per cent of persons living in a de facto relationship were between 15 and 34 years while only 25 per cent of persons in a registered marriage were in the same age range.

The percentage of all couples in a de facto relationship is low. *The 1992 Family Survey* found that an estimated 8 per cent of all couples were de facto couples while the remaining 92 per cent were couples in a registered marriage.

Across all couple families an estimated 40 per cent had no children present in the household. However, couples in a de facto relationship were less likely to have children present in the household than were couples in a registered marriage. Couple families with no children present in the household represented 61 per cent of de facto couples compared with only 38 per cent of registered married couples.

The 1992 Family Survey also found that over the last two decades there had been a large increase in the percentage of couples who live together before starting a registered marriage relationship. In 1975 about 16 per cent of persons cohabited before marriage compared with around 56 per cent in 1992.

Religion and marriage (See PART E)

Included in this publication is a special article on the influence of various religions on marriage in Australia. It incorporates findings from the 1991 Census of Population and Housing, the 1992 Survey of Families in Australia and details supplied to the ABS from the Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages in each State and Territory. This article was first published in *Australian Social Trends (Catalogue No. 4102.0)*

PART A: MARRIAGES, AUSTRALIA

TABLE 1. MARRIAGES: SUMMARY(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1993

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
NUMBER									
Marriages registered	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255
Crude marriage rate	6.7	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.5	4.8	6.0	6.4
<i>Previous marital status —</i>									
First marriage both partners	26,976	19,195	13,463	5,998	6,677	1,957	502	1,200	75,968
First marriage one partner	7,689	4,737	3,994	1,590	2,023	567	201	322	21,123
Remarriage both partners	5,328	3,486	3,247	1,526	1,682	531	103	261	16,164
<i>Marriages performed by —</i>									
Ministers of religion —									
Number	24,093	16,613	11,599	5,405	4,959	1,615	291	998	65,573
Per cent	60.2	60.6	56.0	59.3	47.8	52.9	36.1	56.0	57.9
Civil celebrants —									
Number	15,900	10,805	9,105	3,709	5,423	1,440	515	785	47,682
Per cent	39.8	39.4	44.0	40.7	52.2	47.1	63.9	44.0	42.1
BRIDEGROOM									
<i>Marital status of bridegroom —</i>									
Never married	30,598	21,435	15,390	6,738	7,614	2,218	602	1,347	85,942
Widowed	995	621	477	281	233	74	6	31	2,718
Divorced	8,400	5,362	4,837	2,095	2,535	763	198	405	24,595
Total	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255
<i>Median age of bridegroom (years) —</i>									
Never married	27.2	27.0	26.6	26.8	27.1	26.5	28.7	27.1	27.0
Widowed	62.3	61.4	62.1	63.4	59.8	(b)	(b)	(b)	62.0
Divorced	40.1	40.4	40.6	40.3	40.3	40.6	41.2	40.7	40.4
Total	28.9	28.6	28.7	28.8	29.3	28.6	30.7	29.0	28.8
<i>Age of bridegroom (years) —</i>									
19 and under	331	170	200	72	84	27	11	9	904
20-24	9,240	6,191	5,316	2,190	2,269	781	138	414	26,539
25-29	12,820	9,523	6,267	2,862	3,245	916	221	557	36,411
30-34	7,680	5,157	3,603	1,648	1,991	519	183	366	21,147
35-39	3,702	2,363	1,839	820	1,010	272	100	154	10,260
40-44	2,196	1,408	1,203	516	626	209	68	123	6,349
45-49	1,476	1,001	859	378	460	119	45	66	4,404
50 and over	2,548	1,605	1,417	628	697	212	40	94	7,241
Total	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255
BRIDE									
<i>Marital status of bride —</i>									
Never married	31,043	21,692	15,530	6,848	7,763	2,263	603	1,375	87,117
Widowed	1,074	684	623	298	277	97	12	34	3,099
Divorced	7,876	5,042	4,551	1,968	2,342	695	191	374	23,039
Total	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255
<i>Median age of bride (years) —</i>									
Never married	24.9	25.2	24.4	24.6	24.8	24.3	25.7	25.1	24.8
Widowed	52.5	54.2	51.3	55.9	52.0	(b)	(b)	(b)	52.8
Divorced	36.4	36.8	37.0	37.1	37.4	37.0	36.2	36.7	36.8
Total	26.4	26.4	26.2	26.3	26.5	26.0	27.7	26.6	26.4
<i>Age of bride (years) —</i>									
19 and under	1,749	861	971	353	421	135	46	55	4,591
20-24	14,412	9,819	7,822	3,375	3,667	1,171	228	631	41,125
25-29	11,091	8,373	5,351	2,423	2,853	765	222	510	31,588
30-34	5,719	3,776	2,742	1,232	1,425	381	149	262	15,686
35-39	2,760	1,801	1,374	630	746	233	70	139	7,753
40-44	1,613	1,071	944	398	503	150	51	77	4,807
45-49	1,122	727	619	279	345	85	28	47	3,252
50 and over	1,527	990	881	424	422	135	12	62	4,453
Total	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255

(a) See Explanatory Notes for definitions of the terms used. (b) Not statistically reliable due to the small numbers involved.

TABLE 2. MARRIAGES: STATES AND TERRITORIES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Census years—</i>									
1966	35,575	27,089	13,325	9,051	7,001	2,946	312	747	96,046
1971	43,038	32,386	16,538	10,833	9,382	3,578	485	1,397	117,637
1976	38,487	28,760	16,703	10,902	9,517	3,477	541	1,586	109,973
1981	40,679	28,648	18,305	10,252	10,111	3,515	719	1,676	113,905
1986	(a)41,319	29,390	18,030	9,878	10,379	3,302	759	1,856	(a)114,913
1991	39,594	28,535	19,844	9,392	10,659	3,069	890	1,886	113,869
<i>Annual totals—</i>									
1983	39,995	28,974	18,645	10,550	10,519	3,644	776	1,757	114,860
1988	40,812	30,687	18,850	10,128	10,578	3,035	782	1,944	116,816
1989	41,300	30,624	19,088	9,776	10,739	3,111	778	1,760	117,176
1990	41,450	30,120	19,671	9,609	10,613	3,026	740	1,730	116,959
1991	39,594	28,535	19,844	9,392	10,659	3,069	890	1,886	113,869
1992	40,734	28,429	20,316	9,423	10,118	3,081	860	1,791	114,752
1993	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255

(a) These figures have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. MARRIAGES: CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, STATES AND TERRITORIES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Census year rates—</i>									
1966	8.4	8.4	8.0	8.3	8.4	7.9	8.3	7.7	8.3
1971	9.2	9.2	8.8	9.7	9.1	9.2	5.3	9.6	9.1
1976	7.8	7.6	8.0	8.6	8.1	8.4	5.5	7.7	7.8
1981	7.8	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.2	5.8	7.4	7.6
1986	(a)7.5	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.4	4.9	7.2	(a)7.2
1991	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.6	5.4	6.5	6.6
<i>Annual rates—</i>									
1983	7.5	7.2	7.5	7.8	7.7	8.4	5.7	7.4	7.5
1988	7.1	7.2	6.9	7.2	6.9	6.7	4.9	7.1	7.1
1989	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8	4.8	6.4	7.0
1990	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	4.5	6.1	6.9
1991	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.6	5.4	6.5	6.6
1992	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.6	5.1	6.1	6.6
1993	6.7	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.5	4.8	6.0	6.4

(a) These rates have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. MARRIAGES: PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA

	Bridegroom				Bride			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
	NUMBER							
<i>Census years—</i>								
1966	87,239	3,209	5,598	96,046	87,110	3,309	5,627	96,046
1971	106,250	3,604	7,783	117,637	106,337	3,833	7,467	117,637
1976	86,792	3,777	19,404	109,973	87,434	4,378	18,161	109,973
1981	87,460	3,152	23,293	113,905	88,308	3,727	21,870	113,905
1986 (a)	86,676	2,952	25,285	114,913	88,070	3,564	23,279	114,913
1991	86,831	2,703	24,335	113,869	87,889	3,070	22,910	113,869
<i>Annual totals—</i>								
1983	87,568	2,959	24,333	114,860	89,029	3,457	22,374	114,860
1988	88,690	2,845	25,281	116,816	89,996	3,324	23,496	116,816
1989	89,196	2,855	25,125	117,176	90,506	3,357	23,313	117,176
1990	89,009	2,729	25,221	116,959	90,152	3,185	23,622	116,959
1991	86,831	2,703	24,335	113,869	87,889	3,070	22,910	113,869
1992	87,119	2,561	25,072	114,752	88,292	2,946	23,514	114,752
1993	85,942	2,718	24,595	113,255	87,117	3,099	23,039	113,255
	PROPORTION (per cent)							
<i>Census year percentages—</i>								
1966	90.8	3.3	5.8	100.0	90.7	3.4	5.9	100.0
1971	90.3	3.1	6.6	100.0	90.4	3.3	6.3	100.0
1976	78.9	3.4	17.6	100.0	79.5	4.0	16.5	100.0
1981	76.8	2.8	20.4	100.0	77.5	3.3	19.2	100.0
1986 (a)	75.4	2.6	22.0	100.0	76.6	3.1	20.3	100.0
1991	76.3	2.4	21.4	100.0	77.2	2.7	20.1	100.0
<i>Annual percentages—</i>								
1983	76.2	2.6	21.2	100.0	77.5	3.0	19.5	100.0
1988	75.9	2.4	21.6	100.0	77.0	2.8	20.1	100.0
1989	76.1	2.4	21.4	100.0	77.2	2.9	19.9	100.0
1990	76.1	2.3	21.6	100.0	77.1	2.7	20.2	100.0
1991	76.3	2.4	21.4	100.0	77.2	2.7	20.1	100.0
1992	75.9	2.2	21.8	100.0	76.9	2.6	20.5	100.0
1993	75.9	2.4	21.7	100.0	76.9	2.7	20.3	100.0

(a) These figures have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1993

<i>Marital status of -</i>										
<i>Bridegroom</i>	<i>Bride</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>Australia</i>
Never married	Never married	26,976	19,195	13,463	5,998	6,677	1,957	502	1,200	75,968
	Widowed	233	153	154	57	56	24	6	6	689
	Divorced	3,389	2,087	1,773	683	881	237	94	141	9,285
	<i>Total</i>	<i>30,598</i>	<i>21,435</i>	<i>15,390</i>	<i>6,738</i>	<i>7,614</i>	<i>2,218</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>1,347</i>	<i>85,942</i>
Widowed	Never married	195	99	69	35	45	12	4	4	463
	Widowed	381	253	168	126	78	33	—	10	1,049
	Divorced	419	269	240	120	110	29	2	17	1,206
	<i>Total</i>	<i>995</i>	<i>621</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>281</i>	<i>233</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>2,718</i>
Divorced	Never married	3,872	2,398	1,998	815	1,041	294	97	171	10,686
	Widowed	460	278	301	115	143	40	6	18	1,361
	Divorced	4,068	2,686	2,538	1,165	1,351	429	95	216	12,548
	<i>Total</i>	<i>8,400</i>	<i>5,362</i>	<i>4,837</i>	<i>2,095</i>	<i>2,535</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>24,595</i>
Total	Never married	31,043	21,692	15,530	6,848	7,763	2,263	603	1,375	87,117
	Widowed	1,074	684	623	298	277	97	12	34	3,099
	Divorced	7,876	5,042	4,551	1,968	2,342	695	191	374	23,039
	<i>Total</i>	<i>39,993</i>	<i>27,418</i>	<i>20,704</i>	<i>9,114</i>	<i>10,382</i>	<i>3,055</i>	<i>806</i>	<i>1,783</i>	<i>113,255</i>

TABLE 6. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA

	<i>Marital status</i>				<i>Total number</i>
	<i>Both partners never married</i>	<i>Both partners divorced</i>	<i>One partner divorced</i>	<i>Other</i>	
<i>Census year percentages —</i>					
1966	86.6	2.0	7.8	3.7	96,046
1971	86.1	2.3	8.4	3.3	117,637
1976	70.8	8.0	18.2	3.1	109,973
1981	68.2	10.2	19.2	2.4	113,905
1986 (a)	66.7	11.2	19.9	2.2	114,913
1991	67.5	10.8	19.9	1.9	113,869
<i>Annual percentages —</i>					
1983	67.7	10.5	19.6	2.2	114,860
1988	67.1	10.9	20.0	2.0	116,816
1989	67.3	10.6	20.1	2.0	117,176
1990	67.4	10.9	19.9	1.8	116,959
1991	67.5	10.8	19.9	1.9	113,869
1992	67.2	11.3	19.8	1.8	114,752
1993	67.1	11.1	19.9	1.9	113,255

(a) These figures have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. MARRIAGES: AGE AND MARITAL STATUS SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES, AUSTRALIA

	1976	1981	1983	1986 (a)	1991 (b)	1992 (b)	1993
First marriage rates (c)							
<i>Males —</i>							
19 and under (d)	9.9	5.5	4.0	2.4	1.9	1.5	1.4
20-24	122.6	88.9	77.6	63.4	46.6	43.3	40.5
25-29	135.9	119.2	113.7	105.0	94.0	93.3	90.4
30-34	81.8	78.4	79.2	77.6	73.0	74.3	72.3
35-39	45.9	45.4	43.3	42.7	42.5	41.2	42.0
40-44	25.5	24.0	23.7	22.2	21.7	22.3	21.9
45-49	15.7	13.3	13.3	13.4	12.6	12.3	12.1
50 and over	6.4	5.6	4.9	4.6	3.8	3.7	4.0
<i>Females —</i>							
19 and under (d)	49.0	30.8	23.4	15.2	9.5	8.0	7.4
20-24	187.5	141.2	129.8	112.0	82.4	77.9	73.7
25-29	138.8	120.7	122.2	120.2	109.6	109.8	105.9
30-34	86.5	71.5	73.7	74.0	69.4	70.3	69.8
35-39	49.8	41.4	39.8	39.8	36.6	36.3	35.6
40-44	26.3	21.9	21.9	22.9	16.8	18.7	17.8
45-49	15.5	14.9	11.0	12.8	11.0	10.9	9.8
50 and over	3.9	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.3
Remarriage rates (e)							
<i>Males —</i>							
19 and under (d)	—	—	—	—	—	0.5	—
20-24	245.4	181.7	162.5	100.6	29.8	32.3	29.2
25-29	341.8	225.7	205.4	180.4	130.9	123.6	112.0
30-34	294.8	194.9	179.4	162.1	131.2	127.8	124.4
35-39	239.8	160.4	143.0	127.7	106.7	104.9	96.9
40-44	184.6	123.4	111.7	102.8	80.0	78.9	75.0
45-49	138.2	95.3	87.9	85.7	65.9	66.7	61.5
50-54	98.1	68.7	61.5	60.3	51.3	50.0	48.5
55-59	68.3	51.7	45.6	45.4	40.5	39.7	38.1
60 and over	20.9	16.8	16.1	16.4	14.2	13.6	13.7
<i>Females —</i>							
19 and under (d)	113.7	76.4	49.9	25.6	6.9	5.1	5.7
20-24	295.8	222.4	207.0	172.1	96.5	92.4	82.5
25-29	278.0	189.4	175.6	170.2	142.0	137.5	129.9
30-34	201.0	135.1	124.6	119.4	107.3	106.1	103.2
35-39	136.2	96.3	86.1	83.3	72.1	72.8	69.6
40-44	94.0	70.7	62.9	59.5	49.3	49.6	47.4
45-49	62.7	45.7	45.3	43.9	37.9	38.3	35.3
50-54	31.5	25.9	23.3	24.0	23.8	23.4	24.8
55-59	16.1	13.2	12.2	13.5	12.4	12.2	12.6
60 and over	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3

(a) These rates have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Rates for 1991 and 1992 have been revised due to finalisation of population estimates based on 1991 Census results. (c) Per 1,000 population of single persons, of the appropriate ages, as at 30 June for each year shown. See paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes. (d) For the purpose of calculating rates for this row, only persons in the population aged between 15 and 19 have been included in the calculation. (e) Per 1,000 population of divorced and widowed persons, of the appropriate ages, at 30 June for each year shown. See paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. MARRIAGES: FIRST MARRIAGE RATIOS(a) FOR BRIDEGROOMS, AUSTRALIA

Census year ratios	Single years of age																		Cumulated ratios (b)			Index of total first marriages (d)
	18 and under (c)																		35 and under	35-39 and over	40 and over	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	35-39	40 and over			
1966	6.0	46.3	66.5	109.7	126.2	125.3	105.6	87.1	70.2	54.6	41.3	32.0	25.1	19.2	14.7	11.5	10.2	951.5	31.1	35.9	1,018.5	
1971	6.9	52.9	84.2	130.0	132.6	115.4	91.3	72.3	54.2	41.8	31.6	24.7	19.2	16.1	12.3	10.6	7.9	904.0	26.9	33.1	964.0	
1976	3.8	35.5	67.8	94.4	98.7	84.7	68.5	56.6	43.5	34.7	26.6	20.6	16.1	13.2	9.9	8.5	6.9	690.0	22.8	32.3	745.1	
1981	2.1	18.8	41.8	67.7	81.7	73.8	61.9	50.9	39.6	32.4	24.6	18.8	14.7	12.4	9.3	7.5	6.9	639.7	22.7	27.5	689.9	
1986 (e)	0.9	8.9	22.9	43.1	61.2	68.2	67.6	62.2	55.9	46.5	39.4	33.1	25.8	20.7	15.9	12.9	9.7	594.8	26.6	23.6	645.0	
1991	0.6	6.1	14.3	29.1	45.6	56.2	61.2	61.3	57.1	51.4	43.9	36.6	30.0	23.9	19.8	16.3	12.5	565.8	34.4	24.9	625.0	
Annual ratios —																						
1983	1.4	13.7	33.3	56.6	72.2	76.3	72.9	63.5	53.9	43.3	35.0	27.7	22.9	17.0	12.7	10.3	8.4	621.2	22.8	23.9	667.9	
1988	0.8	9.0	19.3	37.4	52.6	65.4	65.5	65.2	59.2	48.1	41.7	34.6	28.7	23.5	18.1	14.4	12.0	595.4	30.8	23.1	649.3	
1989	0.8	7.6	19.2	35.4	52.0	61.1	66.1	62.7	58.1	50.2	41.7	35.5	29.5	24.7	18.9	15.4	12.3	591.2	32.0	26.0	649.2	
1990	0.8	6.9	16.5	32.5	47.2	61.1	63.7	64.7	58.0	52.4	43.7	35.6	29.7	24.1	19.5	15.9	12.2	584.3	33.2	25.8	643.4	
1991	0.6	6.1	14.3	29.1	45.6	61.2	61.2	61.3	57.1	51.4	43.9	36.6	30.0	23.9	19.8	16.3	12.5	565.8	34.4	24.9	625.0	
1992	0.5	5.3	13.2	25.9	41.1	53.5	60.2	61.9	57.5	52.1	45.3	38.3	33.0	25.2	20.1	17.2	13.5	563.6	35.1	25.2	623.9	
1993	0.4	4.8	11.8	23.6	37.5	50.2	57.7	60.3	57.9	51.4	44.8	38.6	33.2	26.4	20.2	17.1	13.8	549.7	37.4	25.8	612.9	

(a) Per 1,000 mid-year population of males of each age. Rates prior to 1971 are based on population estimates on actual location basis. See paragraph 10 of Explanatory Notes. (b) The sum of the ratios of the relevant ages. (c) For the purpose of calculating ratios for this column only males aged 15 to 18 have been included in the calculation. (d) The sum of all the specific ratios. (e) These ratios have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 9. MARRIAGES: FIRST MARRIAGE RATIOS(a) FOR BRIDES, AUSTRALIA

Census year ratios	Single years of age																		Cumulated ratios (b)			Index of total first marriages (d)	
	16 and under (c)																		35 and under	35-39 and over	40 and over		
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	35-39	40 and over		
1966	11.6	48.8	86.5	118.6	138.7	154.3	109.6	78.7	54.1	38.3	27.4	19.5	15.3	11.2	9.2	6.9	4.7	4.0	943.4	12.7	21.1	977.2	
1971	13.2	56.3	100.9	141.3	151.7	146.7	98.8	67.0	45.6	34.3	24.8	19.0	13.2	11.1	8.7	6.5	5.4	4.7	953.1	11.5	16.9	981.5	
1976	6.3	30.4	82.3	107.8	112.9	96.8	73.5	53.5	40.1	28.6	22.4	17.2	13.0	9.9	7.8	7.6	5.8	4.6	724.1	12.5	17.3	753.9	
1981	3.0	15.2	46.8	75.3	92.4	94.4	81.0	66.1	50.7	36.9	28.3	21.3	16.8	12.8	9.3	7.5	5.6	4.8	671.7	11.2	12.7	695.6	
1986 (e)	1.2	6.9	23.3	44.9	66.4	80.6	80.4	72.6	60.7	50.1	39.8	32.2	24.4	19.3	14.5	11.2	8.8	6.6	5.4	649.4	14.0	11.2	674.6
1991	0.9	3.4	13.2	25.0	42.0	58.5	70.2	71.9	64.0	56.3	47.0	38.3	30.6	24.4	18.2	15.2	11.7	8.8	7.9	607.4	18.7	12.1	638.1
Annual ratios —																							
1983	2.1	11.5	34.0	61.0	82.6	90.6	82.6	69.6	57.2	43.8	32.8	25.4	19.4	15.2	11.4	9.0	6.5	5.4	4.1	664.1	11.5	10.8	686.5
1988	1.2	5.8	19.2	36.9	57.1	73.8	77.7	73.0	63.7	54.7	44.1	35.0	28.2	22.1	17.4	13.5	10.3	7.9	6.2	647.8	16.3	11.2	675.3
1989	1.2	5.2	16.6	33.3	52.6	69.5	76.2	71.7	65.0	54.9	45.0	36.6	28.5	24.0	18.8	14.3	11.0	8.7	7.2	640.4	18.3	12.5	671.2
1990	0.9	4.6	15.4	28.5	47.4	66.9	73.6	72.5	64.3	56.8	46.7	37.6	30.7	22.9	19.0	14.7	11.8	9.2	7.2	630.6	18.1	12.3	660.9
1991	0.9	3.4	13.2	25.0	42.0	58.5	70.2	71.9	64.0	56.3	47.0	38.3	30.6	24.4	18.2	15.2	11.7	8.8	7.9	607.4	18.7	12.1	638.1
1992	0.2	1.4	11.9	23.5	39.0	55.2	66.7	70.2	65.1	58.5	48.4	40.0	31.8	26.6	21.2	15.0	12.0	9.9	7.7	604.2	19.7	12.7	636.6
1993	0.2	1.3	13.2	19.8	36.4	51.7	62.9	67.7	64.7	58.2	49.4	39.5	32.7	26.2	21.6	16.5	12.5	10.0	7.8	592.4	20.5	12.8	625.7

(a) Per 1,000 mid-year population of females of each age. Rates prior to 1971 are based on population estimates on actual location basis. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) The sum of the ratios of the relevant ages. (c) For the purpose of calculating ratios for this column only females aged 15 and 16 have been included in the calculation. (d) The sum of all the specific ratios. (e) These ratios have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 10. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDE/GROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Age of bride/groom (years)	16 and under	Age of bride (years)																					
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	
18 and under	5	16	88	44	28	10	11	6	7	1	5	4	3	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	5	20	145	153	133	82	41	27	15	17	6	6	3	2	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
20	4	27	197	318	427	287	169	92	44	39	30	28	12	14	7	6	1	5	1	2	—	—	—
21	9	21	249	414	709	914	523	287	155	114	63	48	36	20	13	16	4	5	6	8	1	—	—
22	3	17	214	400	798	1,221	1,331	711	375	267	127	93	71	46	24	15	18	14	3	7	2	—	—
23	1	19	188	314	734	1,115	1,533	1,445	799	415	235	152	105	71	51	33	30	22	12	16	10	3	—
24	5	13	137	248	546	979	1,385	1,503	1,303	705	433	264	155	119	88	57	46	28	16	24	15	4	—
25	5	14	119	210	437	786	1,054	1,264	1,348	1,173	641	392	268	164	134	88	56	41	33	17	16	15	—
26	3	5	95	127	348	585	860	1,110	1,119	1,079	920	525	372	226	188	131	100	53	34	31	18	14	—
27	3	1	82	108	230	436	663	766	887	934	905	744	450	315	215	163	126	70	61	49	33	21	—
28	3	2	49	79	169	328	485	584	698	768	785	690	569	414	288	191	133	98	55	48	43	25	—
29	4	4	42	67	127	229	395	487	566	639	617	635	616	564	333	230	154	111	82	70	56	41	—
30	—	1	23	52	92	166	300	416	464	473	555	543	535	494	430	283	221	156	108	83	51	33	—
31	—	4	24	25	69	130	196	247	335	371	417	420	455	450	410	338	225	171	133	101	73	61	—
32	—	1	16	16	53	101	136	186	262	291	313	320	338	358	340	317	276	199	131	119	57	53	—
33	—	—	10	20	38	71	100	130	215	206	245	240	284	301	316	274	235	191	148	128	103	72	—
34	—	1	7	16	28	45	82	97	144	164	182	220	227	240	246	234	210	193	155	127	99	69	—
35	—	—	7	12	18	35	59	80	103	117	147	142	169	188	220	206	200	160	162	106	116	66	—
36	—	—	6	8	16	26	38	62	70	88	110	140	127	166	163	174	165	162	135	121	111	99	—
37	—	—	2	3	18	21	24	43	58	83	79	90	106	138	145	132	141	142	143	113	110	101	—
38	—	—	2	2	11	18	15	30	50	48	60	63	87	99	107	114	126	124	88	132	88	85	—
39	—	—	1	3	10	9	23	27	37	51	46	59	76	81	91	95	108	106	112	93	101	87	—
40	—	—	1	2	4	7	10	13	23	30	38	33	42	63	54	88	86	86	90	84	99	87	—
41	—	—	1	2	4	7	9	16	19	24	39	46	49	49	61	76	75	65	75	71	67	75	—
42	—	—	—	6	6	4	5	16	15	11	25	35	32	42	48	66	55	67	88	56	54	77	—
43	—	—	—	1	2	8	6	13	17	13	33	25	35	29	43	43	54	56	50	50	59	65	—
44	—	—	—	1	2	3	3	8	18	11	21	15	23	27	35	38	44	56	36	51	52	56	—
45	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	12	9	9	18	13	29	27	25	29	26	48	43	40	44	47	—
46	—	—	1	1	5	4	8	6	2	12	11	8	16	21	31	39	30	33	40	42	45	46	—
47	—	—	—	2	3	8	1	5	4	8	8	14	7	16	25	28	20	15	23	31	38	37	—
48	—	—	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	6	6	6	6	18	15	9	17	25	18	22	28	17	—
49	—	—	1	—	2	2	1	1	3	3	7	5	8	15	16	16	19	15	22	17	27	29	—
50	—	—	1	—	2	1	2	5	1	8	3	8	5	10	11	14	16	12	10	7	13	17	—
51	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	7	3	4	2	7	2	5	7	8	15	10	8	11	11	17	—
52	—	—	—	1	2	1	3	1	—	1	1	3	7	4	7	5	9	8	6	5	12	17	—
53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	7	—	2	1	8	5	5	4	4	11	12	9	—
54	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	1	1	4	3	8	5	6	5	4	8	8	—
55-59	—	—	1	1	—	7	4	4	6	7	9	7	15	8	11	17	16	13	21	23	23	25	—
60 and over	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	1	3	4	4	5	3	7	14	7	7	8	8	19	10	16	—
Total brides	51	167	1,711	2,662	5,075	7,651	9,487	9,724	9,188	8,207	7,153	6,060	5,367	4,801	4,260	3,600	3,077	2,580	2,169	1,939	1,705	1,511	—
Proportion %	—	0.1	1.5	2.4	4.5	6.8	8.4	8.6	8.1	7.2	6.3	5.4	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.2	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3	—

TABLE 10. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1993—continued

	Age of bride (years)													Total bride- grooms	Propor- tion%						
	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50- 54			55- 59	60- 64	65 and over			
18 and under																					
19	1		1															234	0.2		
20	1		1								1							670	0.6		
21		2																1,714	1.5		
22	2	3																3,621	3.2		
23	2	3	4								1							5,780	5.1		
24	9	4	2	4							1							7,320	6.5		
25	5	10	10	4	6													8,104	7.2		
26	11	14	8	4	4	3												8,320	7.3		
27	21	6	16	7	2	5												7,998	7.1		
28	23	16	6	4	7	8												7,321	6.5		
29	30	18	17	11	9	7	5	2										6,592	5.8		
30	40	30	22	15	16	15	6	2	5	2								6,180	5.5		
31	37	38	34	19	14	11	8	6	5	2	2							5,642	5.0		
32	49	36	20	23	18	13	8	4	10	1	4	2						4,841	4.3		
33	47	38	34	19	17	10	14	4	7	5	7	3						4,078	3.6		
34	60	46	36	27	22	18	12	7	8	3	4	2						3,547	3.1		
35	67	43	37	31	20	25	11	4	2	3	8	1						3,039	2.7		
36	82	41	36	34	20	17	21	13	10	8	8	1						2,580	2.3		
37	63	68	40	39	32	22	18	11	14	15	5	4						2,307	2.0		
38	77	55	52	34	29	25	14	18	14	7	7	7						2,034	1.8		
39	65	71	66	51	29	26	28	20	14	10	8	11						1,699	1.5		
40	65	83	73	60	42	38	32	28	10	9	10	8						1,640	1.4		
41	78	73	79	56	32	43	37	27	25	13	16	8						1,504	1.3		
42	79	70	65	77	61	48	36	28	23	21	9	7						1,347	1.2		
43	77	76	64	60	64	57	28	32	33	20	19	11						1,256	1.1		
44	59	60	69	56	46	49	43	39	38	20	19	16						1,181	1.0		
45	48	51	61	45	45	67	47	56	51	30	20	18						1,061	0.9		
46	39	42	48	57	54	58	57	65	44	47	25	22						1,030	0.9		
47	41	40	35	45	41	40	41	53	53	43	27	29						1,017	0.9		
48	35	44	34	41	36	49	44	40	43	45	35	21						846	0.7		
49	38	22	39	37	31	42	60	34	43	41	30	34						762	0.7		
50	14	24	22	28	29	48	32	25	45	33	31	36						749	0.7		
51	16	20	14	14	22	27	23	29	45	34	34	36						622	0.5		
52	19	17	20	21	20	25	31	32	20	30	21	35						562	0.5		
53	6	7	16	9	22	22	20	28	36	29	36	21						534	0.5		
54	17	14	14	8	9	19	22	18	25	17	24	17						483	0.4		
55-59	30	23	36	40	51	45	57	75	99	80	88	79						426	0.4		
60 and over	20	17	27	22	25	41	37	40	42	51	66	71						42	1,693	1.5	
870																			870	2,921	2.6
Total brides	1,373	1,225	1,158	1,025	881	929	814	759	772	636	568	517	1,866	980	667	940	113,255	100.0			
<i>Proportion %</i>	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.8	100.0	..			

TABLE 11. MARRIAGES: AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Age (years)	Bridegroom				Bride			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
16	..	..	..	..	51	—	—	51
17	..	..	..	..	167	—	—	167
18(a)	234	—	—	234	1,709	—	2	1,711
19	670	—	—	670	2,655	—	7	2,662
20	1,709	—	5	1,714	5,059	2	14	5,075
21	3,617	—	4	3,621	7,598	2	51	7,651
22	5,767	—	13	5,780	9,400	4	83	9,487
23	7,275	1	44	7,320	9,548	7	169	9,724
24	8,025	1	78	8,104	8,856	7	325	9,188
25	8,183	2	135	8,320	7,756	14	437	8,207
26	7,748	1	249	7,998	6,530	27	596	7,153
27	6,935	9	377	7,321	5,315	30	715	6,060
28	6,092	3	497	6,592	4,476	34	857	5,367
29	5,532	9	639	6,180	3,740	39	1,022	4,801
30	4,794	10	838	5,642	3,132	42	1,086	4,260
31	3,868	9	964	4,841	2,423	55	1,122	3,600
32	3,062	17	999	4,078	1,892	58	1,127	3,077
33	2,501	21	1,025	3,547	1,453	36	1,091	2,580
34	1,936	20	1,083	3,039	1,098	54	1,017	2,169
35	1,549	23	1,008	2,580	877	44	1,018	1,939
36	1,262	28	1,017	2,307	660	60	985	1,705
37	963	30	1,041	2,034	533	46	932	1,511
38	714	22	963	1,699	414	52	907	1,373
39	643	18	979	1,640	336	57	832	1,225
40	513	28	963	1,504	258	55	845	1,158
41	365	27	955	1,347	184	53	788	1,025
42	286	38	932	1,256	172	55	654	881
43	259	31	891	1,181	135	73	721	929
44	218	35	808	1,061	96	60	658	814
45	183	41	806	1,030	92	56	611	759
46	141	47	829	1,017	74	83	615	772
47	115	48	683	846	52	74	510	636
48	93	48	621	762	48	85	435	568
49	76	59	614	749	40	72	405	517
50	54	46	522	622	36	84	383	503
51	57	50	455	562	32	78	294	404
52	50	59	425	534	26	68	256	350
53	51	46	386	483	20	81	209	310
54	44	60	322	426	16	74	209	299
55	37	78	322	437	25	77	161	263
56	40	64	258	362	15	70	126	211
57	33	72	238	343	14	68	89	171
58	27	66	208	301	8	77	94	179
59	23	64	163	250	15	59	82	156
60	20	63	163	246	6	70	74	150
61	24	68	136	228	9	63	68	140
62	19	77	109	205	5	77	54	136
63	16	73	120	209	9	61	48	118
64	21	79	124	224	8	75	40	123
65	16	100	112	228	6	70	31	107
66	11	78	62	151	7	64	27	98
67	18	90	74	182	6	74	26	106
68	8	87	56	151	5	58	17	80
69	5	94	54	153	2	57	21	80
70	4	72	53	129	3	52	18	73
71	8	81	36	125	4	32	17	53
72	9	56	35	100	2	38	14	54
73	1	71	24	96	2	37	14	53
74	3	51	13	67	—	45	4	49
75 and over	15	347	65	427	7	154	26	187
Total	85,942	2,718	24,595	113,255	87,117	3,099	23,039	113,255

(a) includes Bridegrooms aged 18 years and under.

TABLE 12. MARRIAGES: PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, MEDIAN AGES, AUSTRALIA

	Bridegroom				Bride			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
<i>Census year medians —</i>								
1966	23.8	56.4	40.0	24.2	21.2	49.8	36.9	21.5
1971	23.4	56.9	38.1	23.8	21.1	50.6	34.3	21.4
1976	23.6	57.9	36.6	24.9	21.2	51.2	32.6	22.2
1981	24.4	59.1	36.0	25.9	22.1	52.1	32.9	23.3
1986 (a)	25.6	60.5	38.3	27.3	23.5	52.6	34.8	24.9
1991	26.7	61.9	39.7	28.4	24.5	53.6	36.1	26.0
<i>Annual medians —</i>								
1983	24.9	59.7	36.5	26.4	22.7	52.3	33.4	23.9
1988	26.1	60.9	38.9	27.8	24.0	52.4	35.3	25.4
1989	26.3	61.0	39.3	28.0	24.2	52.6	35.6	25.7
1990	26.5	61.4	39.6	28.2	24.3	52.3	36.0	25.9
1991	26.7	61.9	39.7	28.4	24.5	53.6	36.1	26.0
1992	26.9	61.6	40.1	28.7	24.7	53.2	36.5	26.3
1993	27.0	62.0	40.4	28.8	24.8	52.8	36.8	26.4

(a) These figures have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. MARRIAGES: INTERVAL TO REMARRIAGE BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Interval to remarriage	Bridegroom			Bride		
	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Widowed	Divorced	Total
Less than 1 year	88	4,132	4,220	57	3,364	3,421
1 year	419	5,385	5,804	265	4,662	4,927
2 years	469	3,244	3,713	377	3,016	3,393
3 years	385	2,342	2,727	347	2,201	2,548
4 years	302	1,810	2,112	302	1,688	1,990
0-4 years	1,663	16,913	18,576	1,348	14,931	16,279
5 years	213	1,393	1,606	275	1,390	1,665
6 years	171	1,057	1,228	236	1,117	1,353
7 years	123	844	967	188	828	1,016
8 years	121	755	876	156	763	919
9 years	69	618	687	106	682	788
5-9 years	697	4,667	5,364	961	4,780	5,741
10-14 years	192	1,849	2,041	416	2,072	2,488
15-19 years	86	789	875	165	872	1,037
20 years and over	64	206	270	188	238	426
Not stated	16	171	187	21	146	167
Total	2,718	24,595	27,313	3,099	23,039	26,138
Median interval to remarriage	4.0	2.8	3.0	5.7	3.2	3.5

TABLE 14. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Country of birth	<i>Bridegroom born in country shown and bride born in</i>				<i>Bride born in country shown and bridegroom born in</i>			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	72,519	—	11,912	84,431	72,519	—	14,071	86,590
Fiji	98	159	42	299	107	159	97	363
New Zealand	1,851	423	487	2,761	1,468	423	475	2,366
Papua New Guinea	195	12	51	258	231	12	54	297
Other	116	192	83	391	67	192	84	343
<i>Total</i>	<i>74,779</i>	<i>786</i>	<i>12,575</i>	<i>88,140</i>	<i>74,392</i>	<i>786</i>	<i>14,781</i>	<i>89,959</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	63	17	50	130	50	17	36	103
Czechoslovakia	39	26	36	101	23	26	23	72
Cyprus	87	29	31	147	43	29	20	92
Denmark	50	11	17	78	40	11	16	67
Former USSR & Baltic States	24	141	42	207	63	141	60	264
Former Yugoslav Republics	430	315	160	905	267	315	111	693
France	121	8	48	177	90	8	49	147
Germany	396	145	215	756	298	145	186	629
Greece	297	71	86	454	148	71	50	269
Hungary	46	37	34	117	34	37	34	105
Ireland	204	38	81	323	113	38	80	231
Italy	524	93	165	782	234	93	101	428
Malta	111	23	41	175	69	23	40	132
Netherlands	333	57	122	512	231	57	90	378
Poland	55	160	52	267	77	160	70	307
Portugal	50	25	25	100	30	25	25	80
Romania	23	55	33	111	9	55	20	84
Spain	50	7	30	87	44	7	34	85
Switzerland	61	36	31	128	45	36	25	106
United Kingdom	5,766	1,582	1,139	8,487	4,500	1,582	789	6,871
Other	100	30	49	179	122	30	53	205
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,830</i>	<i>2,906</i>	<i>2,487</i>	<i>14,223</i>	<i>6,530</i>	<i>2,906</i>	<i>1,912</i>	<i>11,348</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	85	46	70	201	32	46	36	114
Iran	34	61	38	133	13	61	19	93
Israel	44	11	34	89	13	11	18	42
Lebanon	317	347	108	772	101	347	80	528
Syria	26	17	32	75	11	17	33	61
Turkey	75	93	39	207	31	93	23	147
Other	98	42	77	217	29	42	70	141
<i>Total</i>	<i>679</i>	<i>617</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>1,694</i>	<i>230</i>	<i>617</i>	<i>279</i>	<i>1,126</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	2	126	50	178	17	126	65	208
Indonesia	71	139	70	280	106	139	106	351
Laos	5	33	31	69	10	33	28	71
Malaysia	159	126	168	453	280	126	237	643
Philippines	58	412	33	503	619	412	346	1,377
Singapore	77	24	67	168	120	24	100	244
Thailand	9	35	20	64	131	35	94	260
Viet Nam	25	1,739	199	1,963	66	1,739	229	2,034
Other	24	26	20	70	25	26	30	81
<i>Total</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>2,660</i>	<i>658</i>	<i>3,748</i>	<i>1,374</i>	<i>2,660</i>	<i>1,235</i>	<i>5,269</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	69	867	325	1,261	274	867	435	1,576
Hong Kong	54	207	161	422	62	207	142	411
Japan	37	52	20	109	160	52	100	312
Korea	4	120	19	143	22	120	31	173
Other	4	27	33	64	20	27	57	104
<i>Total</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>1,273</i>	<i>558</i>	<i>1,999</i>	<i>538</i>	<i>1,273</i>	<i>765</i>	<i>2,576</i>

TABLE 14. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1993—continued

Country of birth	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
SOUTHERN ASIA—								
India	167	153	107	427	125	153	85	363
Pakistan	56	15	91	162	13	15	7	35
Sri Lanka	86	149	45	280	45	149	41	235
Other	18	38	28	84	4	38	11	53
Total	327	355	271	953	187	355	144	686
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	36	20	33	89	44	20	43	107
Canada	217	24	55	296	198	24	69	291
Caribbean	30	2	13	45	15	2	9	26
Central America	20	51	28	99	17	51	22	90
Chile	84	79	57	220	63	79	61	203
United States of America	451	62	154	667	346	62	101	509
Uruguay	35	31	43	109	36	31	39	106
Other	48	45	44	137	62	45	64	171
Total	921	314	427	1,662	781	314	408	1,503
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	34	2	15	51	23	2	19	44
Mauritius	53	33	25	111	45	33	35	113
South Africa	207	60	82	349	212	60	94	366
Zimbabwe	49	4	23	76	50	4	26	80
Other	112	70	66	248	66	70	43	179
Total	455	169	211	835	396	169	217	782
Other and not stated	1	—	—	1	3	—	3	6
Total	86,590	9,080	17,585	113,255	84,431	9,080	19,744	113,255

TABLE 15. MARRIAGES: BRIDEGROOM OR BRIDE REMARRYING BY NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Number of previous marriages	Number of children under 16 years of age					Not stated	Total
	0	1	2	3	4 or more		
BRIDEGROOM							
1	14,739	4,316	3,415	902	180	61	23,613
2	2,096	609	423	136	31	18	3,313
3	197	64	33	10	7	5	316
4 or more	20	5	2	—	—	—	27
Not stated	2	—	—	—	—	42	44
Total	17,054	4,994	3,873	1,048	218	126	27,313
BRIDE							
1	13,610	4,286	3,374	918	214	24	22,426
2	2,036	621	423	156	36	5	3,277
3	251	62	28	7	5	—	353
4 or more	25	5	3	—	—	—	33
Not stated	2	—	—	—	—	47	49
Total	15,924	4,974	3,828	1,081	255	76	26,138

TABLE 16. MARRIAGES: MARRIAGES CELEBRATED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, STATES AND TERRITORIES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Census year percentages —</i>									
1966	87.2	92.0	92.1	89.2	85.6	87.3	84.0	77.9	89.2
1971	85.6	91.3	90.6	85.2	79.7	85.3	66.0	75.4	87.1
1976	71.4	72.8	72.0	69.7	66.4	73.2	52.3	59.5	71.1
1981	63.8	64.4	61.0	63.9	54.4	64.0	35.7	55.9	62.4
1986	(a)61.8	61.6	59.0	58.3	49.7	57.6	34.4	57.0	(a)59.5
1991	60.6	61.1	57.6	59.3	49.3	57.3	37.9	55.6	58.7
<i>Annual percentages —</i>									
1983	62.0	62.7	60.0	62.0	53.4	58.3	35.6	52.5	60.6
1988	59.9	61.2	58.2	58.7	49.1	58.9	38.4	57.0	58.7
1989	59.2	60.4	57.6	59.4	46.9	55.0	33.2	55.9	57.8
1990	59.6	60.0	56.7	59.8	47.6	57.2	37.6	56.6	57.9
1991	60.6	61.1	57.6	59.3	49.3	57.3	37.9	55.6	58.7
1992	59.7	61.1	57.1	58.7	49.1	54.9	38.0	54.6	58.2
1993	60.2	60.6	56.0	59.3	47.8	52.9	36.1	56.0	57.9

(a) These figures have been affected by late registrations in NSW. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 17. MARRIAGES: CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1993

Category of celebrant	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Ministers of religion (a) —									
Catholic Church	8,428	6,420	3,673	1,482	1,732	389	92	409	22,625
Anglican Church of Australia	6,141	3,486	2,597	815	1,239	618	37	257	15,190
Uniting Churches in Australia (b)	3,410	2,535	2,035	1,472	699	242	76	108	10,577
Presbyterian Church of Australia (b)	896	282	374	33	41	32	1	47	1,706
Orthodox Churches (b)	1,206	1,180	132	301	84	15	21	34	2,973
Baptist Union of Australia (b)	721	454	446	211	175	91	7	29	2,134
Lutheran Churches (b)	136	208	426	399	59	5	11	27	1,271
Churches of Christ in Australia (b)	236	386	229	154	182	35	1	11	1,234
Other	2,919	1,662	1,687	538	748	188	45	76	7,863
<i>Total</i>	<i>24,093</i>	<i>16,613</i>	<i>11,599</i>	<i>5,405</i>	<i>4,959</i>	<i>1,615</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>998</i>	<i>65,573</i>
Civil celebrants —									
Official registrars	3,876	1,957	1,139	957	924	158	223	329	9,563
Other civil celebrants	12,024	8,848	7,966	2,752	4,499	1,282	292	456	38,119
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,900</i>	<i>10,805</i>	<i>9,105</i>	<i>3,709</i>	<i>5,423</i>	<i>1,440</i>	<i>515</i>	<i>785</i>	<i>47,682</i>
All celebrants	39,993	27,418	20,704	9,114	10,382	3,055	806	1,783	113,255

PROPORTION (Per cent)

Ministers of religion (a) —									
Catholic Church	21.1	23.4	17.7	16.3	16.7	12.7	11.4	22.9	20.0
Anglican Church of Australia	15.4	12.7	12.5	8.9	11.9	20.2	4.6	14.4	13.4
Uniting Churches in Australia (b)	8.5	9.2	9.8	16.2	6.7	7.9	9.4	6.1	9.3
Presbyterian Church of Australia (b)	2.2	1.0	1.8	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.1	2.6	1.5
Orthodox Churches (b)	3.0	4.3	0.6	3.3	0.8	0.5	2.6	1.9	2.6
Baptist Union of Australia (b)	1.8	1.7	2.2	2.3	1.7	3.0	0.9	1.6	1.9
Lutheran Churches (b)	0.3	0.8	2.1	4.4	0.6	0.2	1.4	1.5	1.1
Churches of Christ in Australia (b)	0.6	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.1	0.1	0.6	1.1
Other	7.3	6.1	8.1	5.9	7.2	6.2	5.6	4.3	6.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>60.2</i>	<i>60.6</i>	<i>56.0</i>	<i>59.3</i>	<i>47.8</i>	<i>52.9</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>56.0</i>	<i>57.9</i>
Civil celebrants —									
Official registrars	9.7	7.1	5.5	10.5	8.9	5.2	27.7	18.5	8.4
Other civil celebrants	30.1	32.3	38.5	30.2	43.3	42.0	36.2	25.6	33.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>39.8</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>44.0</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>52.2</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>63.9</i>	<i>44.0</i>	<i>42.1</i>
All celebrants	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Under authority of the Australian Marriages Act 1961. (b) Includes churches grouped under this heading as proclaimed under the Australian Marriages Act 1961.

PART B: INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON

TABLE 18. MARRIAGES: AGE OF BRIDE/GROOM AND AGE OF BRIDE, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, TOTAL MARRIAGES AND CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES

Country and reference year	Age group (years)										Total (%)	Not stated	Total marriages	Crude marriage rate	
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over					
Australia - 1990															
Bridegroom	1.3	25.9	33.1	16.6	8.4	5.4	3.3	2.1	1.4	2.5	100.0	—	116,959	6.8	
Bride	6.2	37.8	27.1	12.4	6.3	4.0	2.6	1.5	0.7	1.4	100.0	—	116,959	6.8	
Canada - 1989															
Bridegroom	1.2	23.5	35.3	16.8	8.5	5.2	3.1	2.0	1.5	2.8	100.0	0.2	190,640	7.3	
Bride	5.4	35.0	29.8	13.0	6.6	4.0	2.3	1.3	0.9	1.6	100.0	0.1	190,640	7.3	
Chile - 1990															
Bridegroom	4.9	39.2	33.7	12.0	4.2	1.9	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.6	100.0	—	98,702	7.5	
Bride	20.3	41.2	23.5	8.1	3.0	1.4	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.6	100.0	—	98,702	7.5	
Fiji - 1987															
Bridegroom	6.6	40.1	28.6	11.7	5.3	3.1	1.8	1.0	0.7	1.1	100.0	—	6,039	8.4	
Bride	31.0	40.7	15.2	6.6	3.1	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.1	100.0	—	6,039	8.4	
Former Yugoslav Republics - 1989															
Bridegroom	2.2	37.5	35.0	13.1	4.9	2.1	1.2	1.0	0.9	2.0	100.0	0.1	158,544	6.7	
Bride	23.7	43.4	18.9	6.1	2.9	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.1	100.0	0.1	158,544	6.7	
France - 1990															
Bridegroom	0.4	22.2	39.6	17.2	8.1	5.2	2.7	1.7	1.2	1.7	100.0	—	287,099	5.1	
Bride	3.3	37.6	31.9	12.4	6.3	3.9	1.9	1.2	0.6	0.8	100.0	—	287,099	5.1	
Hong Kong - 1989															
Bridegroom	0.6	12.2	38.4	23.2	7.2	2.9	1.7	2.0	3.3	8.6	100.0	—	43,947	7.6	
Bride	3.3	28.3	37.9	11.9	3.6	1.9	1.6	2.5	3.7	5.3	100.0	—	43,947	7.6	
Italy - 1988															
Bridegroom	1.0	24.5	45.4	17.6	5.5	2.3	1.3	0.8	0.6	1.0	100.0	—	318,296	5.5	
Bride	10.0	45.7	30.0	8.1	2.8	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	100.0	—	318,296	5.5	
Japan - 1990 (a)															
Bridegroom	1.2	18.5	43.3	22.0	8.0	3.7	1.6	0.9	0.5	0.5	100.0	—	653,415	5.8	
Bride	3.4	36.2	43.4	9.6	3.4	1.9	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	100.0	—	653,415	5.8	

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 18. MARRIAGES: AGE OF BRIDE, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, TOTAL MARRIAGES AND CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES

Country and reference year	Age group (years)										60 and over	Not stated	Total (%)	Total marriages	Crude marriage rate
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over					
Korea, Republic of - 1989	Bridegroom	0.3	13.0	64.1	17.2	2.5	1.2	0.7	0.5	(b)0.6	..	..	100.0	309,872	7.3
	Bride	2.7	50.5	39.0	4.9	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	(b)0.2	..	..	100.0	309,872	7.3
Netherlands - 1980	Bridegroom	0.5	20.2	40.1	19.2	8.2	4.8	2.7	1.7	1.1	1.5	..	100.0	95,649	6.4
	Bride	3.1	37.6	32.6	13.3	5.6	3.4	2.1	1.2	0.5	0.7	..	100.0	95,649	6.4
New Zealand - 1989	Bridegroom	1.2	25.9	32.8	16.5	8.0	5.4	3.2	2.2	1.7	3.0	..	100.0	22,753	6.9
	Bride	5.5	39.1	26.9	11.7	6.0	4.2	2.5	1.4	0.9	1.7	..	100.0	22,753	6.9
Philippines - 1988	Bridegroom	8.3	38.1	31.6	11.9	4.6	2.0	1.2	(c)2.3	..	..	..	100.0	393,514	6.7
	Bride	26.0	39.4	21.6	7.3	2.8	1.2	0.7	(c)1.0	..	..	..	100.0	393,514	6.7
Singapore - 1988	Bridegroom	0.4	19.7	46.7	22.1	6.6	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.4	..	100.0	24,853	9.4
	Bride	5.1	43.3	35.8	10.6	3.3	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	..	100.0	24,853	9.4
Sweden - 1990	Bridegroom	0.5	12.4	30.6	21.5	11.0	7.4	5.1	2.6	1.4	1.6	..	100.0	43,442	4.7
	Bride	2.6	23.8	32.0	15.0	7.8	5.7	3.4	1.5	0.6	0.8	..	100.0	43,442	4.7
Turkey - 1988	Bridegroom	8.5	42.6	33.3	8.7	2.8	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	..	100.0	448,144	8.2
	Bride	36.1	42.1	14.5	3.9	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	..	100.0	448,144	8.2
United Kingdom - 1989	Bridegroom	2.1	29.0	31.5	14.4	7.5	5.6	3.4	2.3	1.5	2.6	..	100.0	392,042	6.8
	Bride	7.6	39.0	25.6	10.7	5.8	4.4	2.8	1.6	0.8	1.6	..	100.0	392,042	6.8
United States of America - 1988 (d)	Bridegroom	4.5	26.9	27.2	15.8	(e)15.1	..	(f)5.9	..	2.7	1.9	..	100.0	1,852,275	9.8
	Bride	11.8	31.5	24.1	13.2	(e)12.6	..	(f)4.2	..	1.6	1.0	..	100.0	1,852,275	9.8

(a) The number of marriages registered in Japan in 1990 was 722,138. The crude marriage rate is calculated on this figure. The age data is based on first marriages only. (b) 55 years and over. (c) 50 years and over. (d) The number of marriages registered in the USA in 1988 was 2,395,926. The crude marriage rate is calculated on this figure. The age data is based on a sample of marriage records from a number of states. (e) 35 to 44 years. (f) 45 to 54 years.

Source: United Nations Demographic Yearbook, 1991.

PART C: POPULATION

TABLE 19. ESTIMATED MEAN RESIDENT POPULATION,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER
(*000)

Selected years	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(a)	Australia(b)
1976	4,960.8	3,811.4	2,091.7	1,274.6	1,178.9	412.4	98.3	207.4	14,035.7
1981	5,237.4	3,949.3	2,344.6	1,318.4	1,301.2	427.1	123.4	227.8	14,929.1
1983	5,353.3	4,035.0	2,481.4	1,345.8	1,368.5	432.8	136.2	238.6	15,391.7
1986	5,533.2	4,161.5	2,623.5	1,382.5	1,457.9	446.5	154.4	258.9	16,018.5
1988	5,709.3	4,264.7	2,741.8	1,405.4	1,536.4	451.2	159.4	271.9	16,540.3
1989	5,777.4	4,321.5	2,826.3	1,419.2	1,578.6	455.4	161.3	276.6	16,816.4
1990	5,833.7	4,377.4	2,898.5	1,432.4	1,612.5	461.8	163.5	282.2	17,062.0
1991	5,899.2	4,420.8	2,962.4	1,446.3	1,636.6	466.7	165.8	288.8	17,286.5
1992 p	5,958.3	4,450.3	3,034.7	1,457.2	1,657.9	469.6	167.5	294.2	17,489.7
1993 p	6,001.4	4,465.2	3,117.4	1,463.2	1,677.0	471.5	169.6	298.7	17,664.5

(a) Excludes Jervis Bay Territory from 1 July, 1993. (b) Includes 'Other Territories' from 1 July, 1993 - see paragraph 8 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 20. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS, AGE GROUP AND SEX
AUSTRALIA, AT 30 JUNE 1993p
(*000)

Age group (years)	Males					Females				
	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
14 and under	1,965.9	..	..	..	1,965.9	1,865.3	..	..	..	1,865.3
15-19	655.4	8.2	.8	.7	665.1	617.9	12.1	.9	.7	631.5
20-24	651.7	79.3	2.0	3.0	736.0	549.3	156.1	2.6	5.5	713.5
25-29	381.5	284.7	2.4	14.7	683.4	262.7	387.6	3.8	25.3	679.3
30-34	223.4	466.5	2.8	37.2	729.9	143.3	531.7	5.6	49.5	730.1
35-39	122.3	506.7	3.2	49.7	681.9	79.1	535.2	7.7	63.2	685.3
40-44	74.8	516.7	4.1	58.7	654.2	47.5	516.6	11.1	72.5	647.8
45-49	50.4	483.9	5.3	56.3	596.0	31.1	459.2	16.2	67.2	573.7
50-54	34.6	373.3	6.6	42.3	456.7	20.7	343.1	23.3	46.6	433.8
55-59	28.3	314.8	9.2	31.1	383.4	16.7	286.5	38.0	34.0	375.1
60-64	27.6	288.7	14.2	24.8	355.3	16.7	251.1	62.7	26.9	357.4
65-69	24.6	264.7	21.9	19.3	330.5	17.2	221.4	95.8	21.4	355.8
70-74	17.4	194.4	27.0	11.7	250.5	16.5	155.9	117.0	14.2	303.6
75-79	11.2	118.9	27.4	5.9	163.4	15.1	88.9	119.0	8.0	230.9
80-84	6.5	61.2	22.9	2.9	93.5	11.9	42.4	99.2	4.5	157.9
85 and over	3.8	26.9	19.3	1.7	51.8	12.1	18.0	89.3	3.8	123.2
All ages	4,279.3	3,988.8	169.2	360.1	8,797.4	3,722.9	4,005.8	692.0	443.2	8,864.0

TABLE 21. ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS AND SEX
AUSTRALIA, AT 30 JUNE
(*000)

Selected years	Males					Females				
	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Currently married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
1976	3,448.8	3,344.4	134.3	104.7	7,032.0	2,941.3	3,354.9	576.1	128.8	7,001.0
1981	3,643.6	3,477.7	139.1	187.9	7,448.3	3,131.8	3,487.6	622.2	233.5	7,475.0
1983	3,752.6	3,572.4	141.0	220.3	7,686.3	3,217.1	3,582.2	636.5	271.3	7,707.1
1986	3,901.9	3,692.5	144.1	261.7	8,000.2	3,337.6	3,704.3	654.3	322.0	8,018.2
1988	4,023.4	3,787.1	152.2	286.2	8,248.9	3,461.2	3,800.5	667.8	353.7	8,283.2
1989	4,086.0	3,848.1	156.4	297.1	8,387.6	3,522.9	3,862.5	673.7	367.8	8,426.8
1990	4,143.3	3,898.6	160.0	309.4	8,511.3	3,580.1	3,912.5	677.9	383.4	8,553.9
1991	4,186.1	3,940.2	165.2	323.9	8,615.4	3,633.9	3,953.0	681.3	400.5	8,668.6
1992	4,234.3	3,967.6	167.3	341.8	8,711.0	3,680.5	3,982.8	686.8	421.5	8,771.6
1993 p	4,279.3	3,988.8	169.2	360.1	8,797.4	3,722.9	4,005.8	692.0	443.2	8,864.0

- PART D: COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS IN AUSTRALIAN POPULATION

TABLE 22. PERSONS OVER 15 YEARS OF AGE LIVING WITH A PARTNER, AGE BY LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND SEX AUSTRALIA, 1991

Age group (years)	Living with a partner (a)						Persons
	Husband/wife		De facto partner		Total living with a partner (a)		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
15-19	1,162	6,752	5,355	17,209	6,517	23,961	30,478
20-24	57,680	131,192	48,821	68,737	106,501	199,929	306,430
25-29	249,434	347,915	64,853	64,018	314,287	411,933	726,220
30-34	396,848	459,676	51,483	46,306	448,331	505,982	954,313
35-39	431,695	461,986	37,209	32,920	468,904	494,906	963,810
40-44	452,593	452,903	29,789	25,875	482,382	478,778	961,160
45-49	371,724	353,093	19,780	16,451	391,504	369,544	761,048
50-54	306,542	283,746	12,383	9,303	318,925	293,049	611,974
55-59	259,754	233,712	7,636	4,859	267,390	238,571	505,961
60-64	251,739	215,650	5,427	3,408	257,166	219,058	476,224
65 and over	513,227	381,613	7,287	5,041	520,514	386,654	907,168
Total	3,292,398	3,328,238	290,023	294,127	3,582,421	3,622,365	7,204,786

(a) Persons whose partner was temporarily absent will be included if the partner was identified on the census form as temporarily absent.

Source: 1991 Census of Population and Housing.

TABLE 23. COUPLE FAMILIES: FAMILY TYPE BY COUPLE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, 1992

Family type	Registered married		De facto married		Total	
	'000	Per cent	'000	Per cent	'000	Per cent
Couple only	1,415.9	37.7	204.6	59.4	1,620.5	39.6
Couple with dependent children	1,908.2	50.9	123.1	35.7	2,031.4	49.6
Couple with non-dependent children only	400.6	10.7	11.6	3.4	412.2	10.1
Couple and related individuals only	27.8	0.7	*5.2	*1.5	33.0	0.8
Total	3,752.5	100.0	344.6	100.0	4,097.1	100.0

Source: 1992 Family Survey

TABLE 24. MARRIAGES OF CURRENTLY MARRIED AND PREVIOUSLY MARRIED PERSONS: YEAR COMMENCED LAST MARRIAGE BY WHETHER COHABITED BEFORE MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1992 (Per cent)

Year commenced last marriage	Cohabited before marriage	Did not cohabit before marriage	Total
1975	15.6	84.4	100.0
1976	23.0	77.0	100.0
1977	25.2	74.8	100.0
1978	22.0	78.0	100.0
1979	23.0	77.0	100.0
1980	28.7	71.3	100.0
1981	31.0	69.0	100.0
1982	30.4	69.6	100.0
1983	27.1	72.9	100.0
1984	38.4	61.6	100.0
1985	39.1	60.9	100.0
1986	45.6	54.4	100.0
1987	41.8	58.2	100.0
1988	38.8	61.2	100.0
1989	43.8	56.2	100.0
1990	44.9	55.1	100.0
1991	57.5	42.5	100.0
1992	56.3	43.7	100.0
Total	34.7	65.3	100.0

Source: 1992 Family Survey

Part E: Religion and marriage

Marriage is a legal contract but in religious terms it is also, and perhaps more importantly, a sacred rite. Although the marriage rate has generally declined, and the incidence of divorce and de facto relationships (especially among younger people) have increased over the last twenty years, 92% of couples counted in the 1991 Census said they were married. Associated with changes in living arrangements has been an increase in the age at first marriage although, for some religious groups, early marriage is far more common than for others. There has also been a trend towards civil rather than religious marriage ceremonies.

Age at marriage

Since the mid-1970s there has been a trend towards later marriage for both men and women, accompanied by a decline in the incidence of early marriage. In the early 1990s, the median age at first marriage was 27 years for men and 25 years for women, about 3 years older than the median ages 20 years earlier. The difference between men and women in median age at first marriage has consistently been a little over 2 years. In 1991, 11% of young people (aged 15-24 years) were or had been married and, of these, 88% were currently married. In contrast, in 1971, 27% of young people had ever been married and 97% of them were currently married.

The incidence of early marriage is more common among some religious groups than others. However, of the larger religious groups in 1991, Islam had the highest incidence of early marriage with 33% of young people ever married. Similar, or higher, figures were observed for several of the smaller groups including Aboriginal traditional religions, the Aboriginal Evangelical Mission, Druze, and the Revival Centres group of Pentecostals. Early marriage was also common among Jehovah's Witnesses, Hindus, Brethren, Christadelphians and Sikhs (about 20%). In contrast, less than 7% of young Jews had ever married. About 10% of young Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian, Uniting Church and Buddhist adherents had ever married, a similar proportion to that of young people who stated 'no religion'.

Table 1

Ever married persons aged 15-24 years, 1991

Religion	Proportion of	
	Persons	age group
	'000	%
Christian		
Anglican	58.0	10.1
Baptist	5.7	13.4
Catholic	76.1	9.9
Churches of Christ	1.5	13.6
Jehovah's Witness	2.7	22.9
Lutheran	4.3	12.4
Orthodox	11.0	12.2
Pentecostal	4.5	18.5
Presbyterian & Reformed	8.9	10.0
Salvation Army	1.4	14.0
Seventh Day Adventist	1.2	15.6
Uniting Church	18.6	9.8
Buddhism	2.6	9.8
Hinduism	1.2	19.9
Islam	8.5	32.5
Judaism	0.5	6.1
Other	8.5	16.6
No religion	37.6	9.5
Not stated	50.4	19.1
Total	303.4	11.5

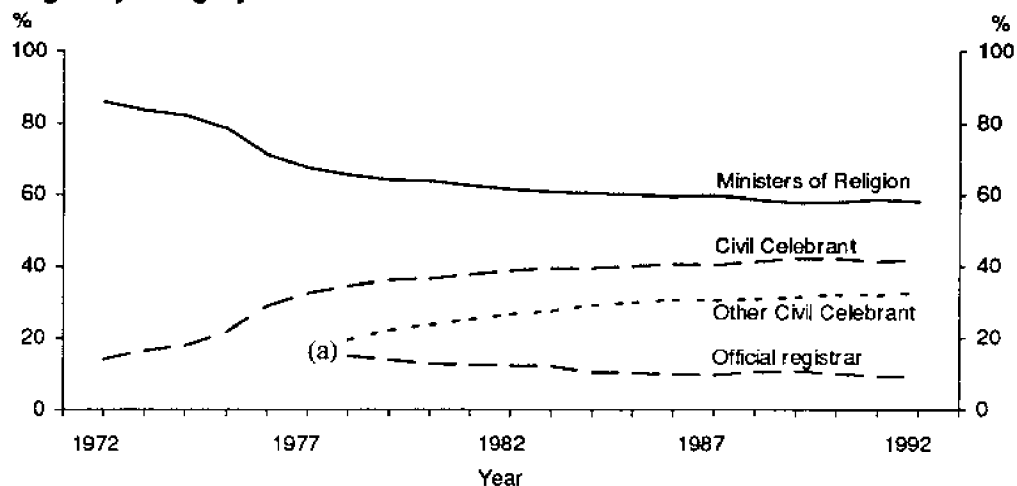
Source: Census of Population and Housing

Marriage ceremonies

Although over half of all weddings in 1992 were performed by ministers of religion, the proportion has steadily declined, from 86% in 1972 to 66% in 1978 and 58% in 1992. Most of this shift towards civil marriage occurred in the 1970s and can be attributed to the Commonwealth Government's introduction, in 1973, of authorised private civil celebrants to provide an alternative to religious ceremonies and State Registry weddings.

Figure 1

Marriages by category of celebrant



(a) Categories of civil celebrant were not separately identified prior to 1978.

Source: Marriage Registrations

Over 76% of all religious weddings in 1992 were performed by ministers of the Catholic, Anglican or Uniting Churches. This is broadly consistent with the incidence of these denominations in the population; 77% of people who stated a religion in the 1991 Census identified with one of the three major Christian denominations.

About one-third of the 115,000 weddings in 1992 involved remarriage for one or both partners and, of these, 95% involved at least one divorced person. Ceremonies where at least one partner had been divorced were more likely to be civil than religious. 69% of first marriages (for both partners) had religious ceremonies compared to 39% of marriages where one partner was divorced and 26% of marriages where both partners were divorced.

Of the 53,000 religious weddings involving a first marriage for both partners in 1992, 41% were Catholic ceremonies, 23% were Anglican and 14% were Uniting Church. A similar pattern was observed for weddings involving a couple who were either both widowed or one widowed and one never married; 32% of religious ceremonies were Catholic, 21% were Anglican and 19% were Uniting Church. Religious weddings involving divorced people were more likely to have been conducted by a Uniting Church celebrant than by any other type (around 30%). However, where only one partner had been divorced, Anglican ceremonies were twice as frequent as Catholic ceremonies and where both partners had been divorced, Anglican ceremonies were five times as frequent as Catholic.

Table 2

Marriages performed by religious celebrants, 1992

Previous marital status	Category of celebrant										Proportion of all marriages	
	Anglican	Baptist	Catholic	Churches of Christ	Lutheran	Orthodox	Presbyterian	Uniting Church	Other Christian	Non-Christian	Total marriages	%
First marriage for both partners	23.0	2.7	40.5	1.6	1.8	4.6	2.5	13.9	7.8	1.6	100.0	69.3
Both partners widowed, or one widowed and one never married	20.7	4.1	31.5	3.3	1.4	1.2	3.1	18.9	13.5	2.2	100.0	53.0
One partner divorced	23.6	4.6	12.1	2.7	2.9	3.3	4.1	29.4	14.2	3.1	100.0	39.1
Both partners divorced	19.1	6.4	3.7	4.4	2.6	2.7	4.1	31.1	22.5	3.4	100.0	26.1
Total	22.9	3.1	34.8	1.9	2.0	4.3	2.8	16.9	9.5	1.9	100.0	58.2

Source: Marriage Registrations

De facto relationships

Over the last 20 years the decline in the marriage rate and the trend towards marrying at later ages has also been associated with an increase in the incidence of de facto relationships. Younger people are more likely to live in a de facto relationship than older people and, increasingly, marriage is preceded by a period of living together. The 1992 Survey of Families in Australia found that of people who had married after 1974, 43% of those aged 15-24 years, 37% of those aged 25-34 years and 32% of those aged 35-44 years had lived together before their marriage.

At the 1991 Census, 41% of partnered people aged 15-24 years, 13% of those aged 25-34 years and 6% of those aged 35-44 years were in de facto relationships. Again there was considerable variation according to religious affiliation. People who reported 'no religion' were the most likely to be in de facto relationships. Of the major religious groups only two, Anglicans and Presbyterians, had higher than average proportions of people in de facto relationships. Smaller groups with higher than average proportions of de factos included Spiritualists, Quakers and Christian Scientists. In

Table 3

Proportion of partners in de facto relationships, 1991

Religion	Age group (years)		
	15-24	25-34	35-44
	%	%	%
Christian			
Anglican	47.8	14.7	6.8
Baptist	26.8	7.5	3.8
Catholic	37.8	11.3	5.2
Churches of Christ	21.0	6.6	3.7
Jehovah's Witness	6.6	2.2	1.0
Lutheran	36.8	11.9	5.7
Orthodox	9.0	4.0	2.1
Pentecostal	10.7	3.0	1.7
Presbyterian & Reformed	45.2	14.4	6.9
Salvation Army	38.1	11.9	6.4
Seventh Day Adventist	23.9	7.7	3.6
Uniting Church	37.6	9.3	4.3
Buddhism	22.1	7.5	4.3
Hinduism	12.3	4.7	2.5
Islam	4.9	2.9	1.8
Judaism	35.0	9.8	4.6
No religion	58.0	22.1	11.4
Total	41.4	13.3	6.4

Source: Census of Population and Housing

contrast, less than 10% of 15-24 year old partnered people who were Orthodox, Jehovah's Witnesses or Muslims were in de facto relationships. These groups are noted for their strict teachings and cultural traditions which may well account for their high rates of marriage.

Shared beliefs

Married couples may share religious beliefs as a consequence of marrying someone from the same religion. Alternatively they may have had different religious backgrounds initially and subsequently converted, either one partner to the faith of the other, or both partners to a new faith for both of them. When interpreting religious characteristics of couples it should be borne in mind that all members of the same household are included on one census form which is often completed by one person. This is likely to increase the tendency for the same religion to be reported for family members and to reduce the likelihood of one partner reporting a religion and of the other reporting 'no religion'. Thus, for example, while twice as many married people reported 'no religion' as reported Presbyterian, Anglicans were more likely to have a

Table 4

Proportion of partners with same religion, 1991

Religion	Married De facto	
	%	%
Christian		
Anglican	65.3	47.9
Baptist	66.7	19.3
Catholic	67.9	39.8
Churches of Christ	73.1	25.6
Jehovah's Witness	83.8	51.2
Lutheran	59.4	19.8
Orthodox	87.3	39.5
Pentecostal	88.5	45.0
Presbyterian & Reformed	45.9	19.5
Salvation Army	58.8	13.2
Seventh Day Adventist	80.3	32.2
Uniting Church	64.0	28.2
Buddhism	83.8	52.4
Hinduism	86.5	48.3
Islam	93.7	58.0
Judaism	86.9	47.8
No religion	67.4	64.0
Total	68.9	49.0

Source: Census of Population and Housing

spouse with Presbyterian affiliation than with 'no religion'.

In just over two-thirds of married couples and just under half of de facto couples, both partners shared the same religious beliefs. Men were generally more likely to share their wife's religion than women were to share their husband's religion. This reflects women's greater tendency to state a religious affiliation and men's greater likelihood of reporting 'no religion'.

Among the major religious groups, Islam, Pentecostal and Orthodox had the highest proportions of married couples with shared beliefs. Presbyterians were least likely to be married to someone with the same belief.

De facto couples had a similar pattern of religious affiliation to married couples but the proportions of couples with shared beliefs were much smaller, except for those who both stated 'no religion'. However, care should be exercised in interpreting proportions of de facto partners with the same religion for religious groups where the incidence of de facto marriage is low.

Of the two largest religious groups, Catholics and Anglicans, about two-thirds of married people had a spouse of the same denomination. Anglicans not married to another Anglican were more likely to be married to a Catholic than to someone from another religious group (17% of Anglicans were married to Catholics, 5% to Uniting Church adherents and 5% to Presbyterians). A complementary pattern was observed for Catholics; 16% of Catholics were married to Anglicans.

Presbyterians had the lowest proportion of married people with a spouse of the same denomination (46%). In addition, 24% of married Presbyterians were married to Anglicans, 18% to Catholics and 4% to Uniting Church adherents.

Table 5

Married people of Anglican and Catholic affiliation, 1991

Religion of spouse	Anglican Catholic	
	%	%
Anglican	65.3	16.1
Catholic	16.9	67.9
Uniting Church	5.2	3.8
Presbyterian & Reformed	4.8	3.3
Other	4.1	4.5
No religion	3.6	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Census of Population and Housing

Within the Orthodox religious grouping, married couples with different beliefs were generally more likely to contain an Anglican, a Catholic or a person who

Table 6

Married people of Greek and Macedonian Orthodox affiliation, 1991

Religion of spouse	Greek Macedonian	
	Orthodox	Orthodox
	%	%
Greek Orthodox	87.9	0.8
Macedonian Orthodox	0.1	94.9
Other Orthodox	0.2	0.5
Catholic	5.9	2.1
Anglican	2.6	0.7
Other	2.5	0.7
No religion	0.8	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Census of Population and Housing

stated 'no religion' than a person with a related affiliation. 88% of married Greek Orthodox adherents had a spouse of the same denomination. In addition, 6% of married Greek Orthodox adherents were married to Catholics and 3% to Anglicans, but only 0.3% to members of any of the other Orthodox denominations (including Macedonian, Russian and Serbian). For Macedonian Orthodox adherents, an even greater proportion of married couples shared the same beliefs (95%). Macedonian Orthodox were more likely than Greek Orthodox to be married to someone from one of the other Orthodox denominations but numbers and proportions were small. The patterns observed reflect birthplace and ethnic groupings.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

General

The *Australian Marriage Act 1961* came into full operation on 1 September 1961.

2. Under the Act, 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 but within 6 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.

3. From 20 June 1973, the minimum age at which a person may marry without parental consent was reduced from 21 to 18 years. Further amendment to the Marriage Act in 1991 designated the minimum age at which persons are legally free to marry to be 18 years. Persons between the age 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.

Statistics

4. The statistics in this publication refer to marriages registered by the Registrar in each State and Territory during the year shown. There is usually an interval of at least some days 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.

**PERCENT OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE SAME YEAR AS THEY OCCURRED**

1984	97.8	1989	96.0
1985	91.7	1990	94.7
1986	93.5	1991	93.9
1987	96.3	1992	94.7
1988	97.7	1993	96.1

5. In 1984, there were abnormal delays in the registrations of NSW marriages. These and subsequent delays in 1985 had been made up by 1986. The number of actual registrations and registrations adjusted for these delays and their effects on crude marriage rates for NSW and Australia are given in the following table.

	<i>Actual registrat- ions</i>	<i>Actual crude marriage rate</i>	<i>Adjusted number of registrat- ions</i>	<i>Adjusted crude marriage rate</i>
<i>1984—</i>				
NSW	33,938	6.3	39,768	7.4
Australia	108,655	7.0	114,485	7.4
<i>1985—</i>				
NSW	41,183	7.5	39,441	7.2
Australia	115,493	7.3	113,751	7.2
<i>1986—</i>				
NSW	41,319	7.5	37,231	6.7
Australia	114,913	7.2	110,825	6.9

6. The population details provided in Part C of this publication are the estimated resident populations for Australian States and Territories, and Australia. Following the 1992 amendment of the 'Acts Interpretation Act' to include the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands as part of geographic Australia, population estimates commencing from 1 July 1993 include estimates for these two Territories. To reflect this change, another category of the State/Territory level has been created, known as 'Other Territories'. 'Other Territories' include Jervis Bay Territory as well as Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. In this publication data for 'Other Territories' is only separately available for estimated resident population.

7. Figures for years before 1966 exclude registered marriages identified as those of full-blood Aboriginals. The rates for the years prior to 1966 are based on the population excluding full-blood Aboriginals. Tribal marriages are excluded from the statistics for all years.

Definitions

8. Marriage rates shown in this publication for the years since 1971 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in *Population Estimates: An outline of the new conceptual basis of A.B.S. population estimates* (3216.0) published in March 1982. Revised population estimates are shown in the *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) (issued quarterly).

9. *Crude marriage rate* is the number of marriages registered during the calendar year per 1,000 of the mean population for the calendar year.

10. *First marriage ratio* is the number of males or females of a certain age marrying for the first time per 1,000 mid-year population of males or females of the same age irrespective of marital status. In publications for years up to and including 1978, these were referred to as first marriage rates. The sum of these ratios is called the *index of total first marriages*.

11. *Age and marital status specific rates* distinguish first marriages and re-marriages and use as the denominator the appropriate population estimates by marital status and age, (see also paragraph 7 above). Thus, *first marriage rates* are the numbers of males and females of a certain age marrying for the first time per 1,000 (mid-year) population of never married males and females of the same age. These rates should not be confused with first marriage ratios as defined above. *Re-marriage rates* are the number of re-marrying males and females per 1,000 widowed or divorced males and females respectively of the same age.

12. The *median age* of the bridegroom or bride is that age which divides the population of bridegrooms or brides into two halves, one half being below the median age and one half above.

Marital status

13. 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 for which the partners hold a marriage certificate.

Country of birth

14. The classification of countries in this publication is based on 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).

15. Recent political developments in Europe and the Former USSR have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCSS. These changes have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revision 1.02 of the ASCSS.

State statistics

16. In this publication detailed statistics are provided for Australia but summary figures are given for States.

Additional statistics available

17. In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix A is a list of characteristics processed by the ABS for the marriages collection. 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. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. A list of tables produced annually is attached in Appendix B.

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Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) - issued quarterly

18. A compendium of all demographic data for each State and the ACT has been released in State specific publications, *Demography*. The first releases contained 1990 data. These publications are released each year for each State and the ACT. The first release for the Northern Territory is planned to contain 1993 data. Should users require detailed State data on Marriages prior to the release of this compendium please contact Information Services.

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

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APPENDIX A

MARRIAGE CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE

MARRIAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Month and year of registration of marriage —Day, month and year of celebration of marriage —State in which marriage was registered —Marriage Celebrant (rites used)
BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Previous marital status —Birthplace —Date of birth —Age at marriage —Birthplace of father —Birthplace of mother —Period of residence in Australia if born overseas —Number of previous marriages —Year of celebration of last marriage —Year of termination of last marriage —Year of first previous marriage —Number of children of previous marriage —Year of birth of youngest child —Number of children under 16

APPENDIX B

LIST OF MARRIAGE TABLES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

<i>Table Number</i>	<i>Description</i>
MARR0001	Month and year of marriage and month of registration.
MARR0002	Category of celebrant by State of registration.
MARR0003	Relative previous marital status of bridegroom and bride by State of registration.
MARR0004	Relative birthplace of bridegroom and bride.
MARR0005	Relative ages of bridegroom and bride at date of marriage.
MARR006A	Age of bridegroom at date of marriage and previous marital status.
MARR006B	Age of bride at date of marriage and previous marital status.
MARR0007	Number of previous marriages and number of children under 16.
MARR0008	Interval to remarriage by how last marriage terminated for both parties.
MARR0009	Age of bridegroom by birthplace of bridegroom.
MARR0010	Age of bride by birthplace of bride.
MARR0011	Previous marital status by category of celebrant by number of previous marriages.







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