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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of dissolutions of marriage (commonly known as divorce), nullities of marriage and judicial separations for the year ended December 1967 and some comparative figures for previous years. For further details in respect of past years, see previous issues in this series and the annual bulletin "Demography". Summary figures of divorce are also published quarterly, the latest being Social Statistics, No. 61 Divorce - June, September and December quarters, 1967, issued on 15 July 1967.

2. The Commonwealth Matrimonial Causes Act 1959 came into operation on 1 February 1961. This Act provided a uniform law throughout Australia with respect to divorce and other matrimonial causes, and superseded the Matrimonial Causes laws of the States and Territories except in so far as the transitional provisions of the Act kept them in force for the purpose of completing pending proceedings. Therefore statistics of decrees granted in 1961 and for some time thereafter include some decrees made on petitions under the superseded laws and are to that extent not uniformly based. By 1967 the number of such decrees had become insignificant.

3. Under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1966, a court may grant decrees of dissolution of marriage (commonly known as divorce), judicial separation, nullity of marriage, restitution of conjugal rights and jactitation of marriage (i.e., that a person should refrain from making the false claim that a marriage has taken place between him and another person). Orders may be made for the custody and welfare of children, maintenance, the settlement of property and damages for adultery.

4. The statistics in this bulletin refer only to petitions filed and final degrees granted, for dissolution, nullity and judicial separation. Statistics of petitions filed relate only to the original petition in a suit, i.e., a cross-petition contained in an answer by the respondent is not counted as a separate petition, nor are the grounds cited in a cross-petition included in Table 2.

I. PETITIONS FILED : DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION

TABLE 1. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION, 1963 TO 1967

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
1963	4,339	2,163	1,061	1,005	623	271	50	90	9,602
1964	4,484	2,357	1,121	1,034	653	322	53	124	10,148
1965	4,679	2,501	1,266	1,107	736	328	61	161	10,839
1966	4,892	2,621	1,173	1,133	787	357	46	123	11,132
1967	5,427	2,700	1,424	1,178	888	319	55	162	12,153
1967-Husband petitioner	1,964	1,167	591	429	408	151	30	58	4,798
-Wife petitioner	3,463	1,533	833	749	480	168	25	104	7,355
PETITIONS FOR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
1963	18	7	3	5	4	1	..	1	39
1964	17	15	4	5	2	..	..	1	44
1965	20	12	1	13	2	3	..	..	51
1966	27	14	4	7	3	..	..	..	55
1967	28	16	5	11	2	..	..	3	65
1967-Husband petitioner	9	3	2	4	1	..	..	2	21
-Wife petitioner	19	13	3	7	1	..	..	1	44
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
1963	5	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
1964	3	10	2	2	..	..	..	..	17
1965	3	15	5	2	..	..	..	..	25
1966	6	8	3	3	..	..	..	1	21
1967	4	13	1	2	..	..	..	..	20
1967-Husband petitioner	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
-Wife petitioner	1	7	1	2	..	..	..	..	11
PETITIONS FOR JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
1963	8	7	4	3	2	1	..	4	29
1964	13	7	6	4	1	2	..	1	34
1965	4	4	6	5	..	..	..	2	21
1966	13	1	4	2	1	..	..	4	25
1967(a)	13	2	7	15	..	1	..	1	39
TOTAL PETITIONS									
1963	4,370	(b)2,186	1,069	1,014	629	273	50	95	(b)9,686
1964	4,517	(b)2,390	1,133	1,045	656	324	53	126	(b)10,244
1965	4,706	2,532	1,278	1,127	738	331	61	163	10,936
1966	4,938	(b)2,645	1,184	(c)1,147	791	357	46	128	(d)11,236
1967	5,472	(b)2,732	1,437	(b)1,207	890	320	55	166	(c)12,279
1967-Husband petitioner	1,976	1,176	593	433	409	151	30	60	4,828
Per cent	36	43	41	36	46	47	55	36	39
-Wife petitioner	3,496	(b)1,556	844	(b) 774	481	169	25	106	(c) 7,451
Per cent	64	57	59	64	54	53	45	64	61

(a) All on petition by wife. (b) Includes one petition for dissolution or judicial separation. (c) Includes two petitions for dissolution or judicial separation. (d) Includes three petitions for dissolution or judicial separation.

TABLE 2. - GROUNDS ON WHICH PETITIONS WERE FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,  
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : 1967

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	2,017	1,011	515	359	273	125	19	37	4,356
Adultery	1,093	612	236	322	301	87	13	40	2,704
Separation	746	366	233	181	229	57	11	16	1,839
Cruelty	529	53	94	175	16	11	3	26	907
Drunkenness	64	11	14	21	7	7	1	1	126
Failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	6
Refusal to consummate	25	12	2	6	2	..	..	1	48
Insanity	5	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	12
Frequent convictions	9	7	1	2	3	..	..	..	22
Imprisonment	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sodomy	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rape	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Presumption of death	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Non compliance with restitution decree	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	6
Intoxication by drugs	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other single grounds	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	94	121	39	11	14	2	..	2	283
Desertion and separation	323	361	181	44	11	20	4	1	945
Desertion and cruelty	103	23	17	10	5	..	2	2	162
Desertion and drunkenness	21	7	6	2	..	..	..	1	37
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	7	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	13
Desertion and refusal to consummate	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	5
Desertion and frequent convictions	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Desertion and other	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	5
Adultery and separation	9	10	2	..	4	..	..	..	25
Adultery and cruelty	40	14	9	10	1	..	1	6	81
Adultery and drunkenness	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	6
Adultery and other	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Separation and cruelty	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6
Separation and insanity	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Separation and drunkenness	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Separation and failure to pay maintenance	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Separation and other	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty and drunkenness	215	30	39	19	8	5	1	24	341
Cruelty and refusal to consummate	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Cruelty and frequent convictions	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	4
Cruelty and other	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	6
Other dual grounds	3	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	7
Three grounds or more	85	41	20	7	1	2	..	4	160
Total	5,427	2,700	1,424	1,178	888	319	55	162	12,153

TABLE 2. - GROUNDS ON WHICH PETITIONS WERE FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : 1967 - continued

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<b>PETITIONS FOR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</b>									
Bigamy	15	4	3	1	1	..	..	2	26
Invalid marriage	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
Consent under duress or by fraud	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Mentally incapable of understanding contract	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Incapacity to consummate	10	10	1	8	1	..	..	1	31
Unsound mind	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pregnancy	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</b>									
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>PETITIONS FOR JUDICIAL SEPARATION</b>									
Desertion	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Adultery	7	1	2	6	..	1	..	1	18
Cruelty	3	..	4	8	..	..	..	..	15
Cruelty and drunkenness	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OR JUDICIAL SEPARATION</b>									
<b>Total</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL PETITIONS</b>									
For dissolution of marriage	5,427	2,700	1,424	1,178	888	319	55	162	12,153
For nullity of marriage	28	16	5	11	2	..	..	3	65
For dissolution or nullity of marriage	4	13	1	2	..	..	..	..	20
For judicial separation	13	2	7	15	..	1	..	1	39
For dissolution or judicial separation	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,472</b>	<b>2,732</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>12,279</b>

TABLE 3. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : BY SEX OF PETITIONER  
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (a), AUSTRALIA 1967

Petition for -	Marriages with -							Total peti- tions	Total number of chil- dren (a)
	no chil- dren	1 child	2 chil- dren	3 chil- dren	4 chil- dren	5 chil- dren	6 or more chil- dren		
Dissolution of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	1,863	1,127	1,015	494	204	62	33	4,798	5,983
Wife petitioner	2,219	1,835	1,765	928	377	157	74	7,355	10,943
<u>Total</u>	4,082	2,962	2,780	1,422	581	219	107	12,153	16,926
Nullity of marriage -									
Husband petitioner	16	2	1	1	1	..	..	21	11
Wife petitioner	35	5	2	1	..	..	1	44	19
<u>Total</u>	51	7	3	2	1	..	1	65	30
Dissolution or nullity -									
Husband petitioner	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	1
Wife petitioner	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	2
<u>Total</u>	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	20	3
Judicial separation -									
Husband petitioner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife petitioner	10	6	7	7	4	3	2	39	85
<u>Total</u>	10	6	7	7	4	3	2	39	85
Dissolution or judicial separation -									
Husband petitioner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife petitioner	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	4
<u>Total</u>	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	4
Total petitions -									
Husband petitioner	1,887	1,130	1,016	495	205	62	33	4,828	5,995
Wife petitioner	2,273	1,848	1,776	936	381	160	77	7,451	11,053
<u>TOTAL</u>	4,160	2,978	2,792	1,431	586	222	110	12,279	17,048

(a) Living children of the marriage under 21 at time of petition.

TABLE 4. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN (a), AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year	Marriages with -							Total petitions	Total number of chil- dren (a)
	no children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children	6 or more children		
1963	3,386	2,453	2,175	1,040	410	146	76	9,686	12,821
1964	3,528	2,586	2,238	1,186	457	150	99	10,244	13,851
1965	3,747	2,722	2,393	1,285	510	165	114	10,936	14,965
1966	3,775	2,836	2,503	1,225	577	194	126	11,236	15,622
1967	4,160	2,978	2,792	1,431	586	222	110	12,279	17,048

(a) Living children of the marriage under 21 at time of petition.

II. DECREES GRANTED : DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE ANDJUDICIAL SEPARATIONTABLE 5. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a), 1963 TO 1967

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE									
1963	3,293	1,616	910	765	553	260	38	41	7,476
1964	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
1965	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491
1966	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859
1967	4,555	2,039	1,074	929	726	248	20	97	9,688
1967-Husband petitioner	1,720	873	446	360	345	96	11	41	3,892
Wife petitioner	2,834	1,162	628	569	381	152	9	56	5,791
Granted on petition of both	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE									
1963	13	7	6	5	1	..	..	..	32
1964	14	19	5	3	2	1	..	..	44
1965	14	13	3	3	2	..	..	..	35
1966	19	11	7	9	3	1	..	..	50
1967	17	15	6	9	1	..	..	2	50
1967-Husband petitioner	3	6	1	5	..	..	..	1	16
Wife petitioner	14	9	5	4	1	..	..	1	34
JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS									
1963	..	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	7
1964	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
1965	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	1	8
1966	4	2	1	2	..	1	..	2	12
1967(b)	2	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	8
TOTAL DECREES									
1963	3,306	1,626	919	770	554	261	38	41	7,515
1964	3,041	2,151	986	890	545	230	31	93	7,967
1965	3,455	2,103	1,059	855	606	280	41	135	8,534
1966	4,538	2,144	1,039	1,080	640	319	58	103	9,921
1967	4,574	2,054	1,083	941	727	248	20	99	9,746
1967-Husband petitioner	1,723	879	447	365	345	96	11	42	3,908
Per cent	38	43	41	39	47	39	55	42	40
-Wife petitioner	2,850	1,171	636	576	382	152	9	57	5,833
Per cent	62	57	59	61	53	61	45	58	60
Granted on petition of both	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
<u>TOTAL</u>	4,574	2,054	1,083	941	727	248	20	99	9,746

(a) Decrees absolute. (b) All on petition by wife.

TABLE 6. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : 1967

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Single grounds -									
Desertion	2,138	995	522	341	247	112	9	34	4,398
Adultery	923	575	184	271	240	41	5	31	2,270
Separation	769	416	254	166	187	62	2	12	1,868
Cruelty	334	18	54	116	11	5	..	12	550
Drunkenness	75	13	16	12	5	5	..	2	128
Failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3
Non-compliance with restitution decree	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Refusal to consummate	15	1	6	5	3	..	..	..	30
Insanity	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
Frequent convictions	4	2	..	1	5	..	..	..	12
Imprisonment	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Rape	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Presumption of death	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
Other single grounds	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	57	3	9	2	2	2	..	1	76
Desertion and separation	32	1	10	5	10	8	2	..	68
Desertion and cruelty	39	3	2	1	..	3	1	1	50
Desertion and drunkenness	17	1	2	1	..	3	..	..	24
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4
Desertion and refusal to consummate	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Desertion and frequent convictions	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Adultery and separation	3	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	9
Adultery and cruelty	7	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	12
Adultery and drunkenness	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Separation and drunkenness	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Separation and other	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	95	5	10	5	3	4	1	3	126
Other dual grounds	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Three grounds or more	15	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	16
<u>Total</u>	4,555	2,039	1,074	929	726	248	20	97	9,688

## NULLITY OF MARRIAGE

Bigamy	4	4	2	4	..	..	..	1	15
Invalid marriage	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	5
Consent under duress or by fraud	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Incapacity to consummate	11	8	4	2	1	..	..	1	27
Pregnancy	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	17	15	6	9	1	..	..	2	50

## JUDICIAL SEPARATION

Desertion	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Adultery	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	5
Cruelty	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	2	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	8

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 7. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE  
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Ground	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE					
Single grounds -					
Desertion	3,531	3,468	3,777	4,532	4,39 <del>5</del> 8
Adultery	1,676	1,833	2,035	2,288	2,270
Separation	1,495	1,687	1,706	1,968	1,868
Cruelty	254	316	380	488	550
Drunkenness	75	81	103	142	128
Intoxication by drugs	..	4	1	3	1
Failure to pay maintenance	10	10	10	6	3
Non-compliance with restitution decree	40	17	15	7	5
Refusal to consummate	15	22	24	23	30
Insanity	23	16	13	10	7
Frequent convictions	14	12	23	15	12
Imprisonment	4	5	7	6	7
Rape	2	4	5	1	3
Sodomy	2	2	1	2	1
Presumption of death	..	2	2	2	4
Other single grounds	2	..	5	..	1
Dual grounds -					
Desertion and adultery	65	73	93	93	76
Desertion and separation	115	159	108	67	68
Desertion and cruelty	37	44	36	34	50
Desertion and drunkenness	14	13	26	20	24
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	5	5	4	5	4
Desertion and frequent convictions	1	4	1	4	3
Desertion and other	3	6	4	2	2
Adultery and separation	7	9	2	7	9
Adultery and cruelty	4	11	6	8	12
Adultery and other	..	6	2	2	<del>13</del>
Separation and failure to pay maintenance	6	..	..	2	1
Separation and other	2	8	6	3	4
Cruelty and drunkenness	59	69	76	98	126
Cruelty and other	3	6	6	3	..
Drunkenness and other	..	4	1	1	1
Other dual grounds	1	..	..	1	1
Three grounds or more	11	21	13	16	16
<u>Total</u>	7,476	7,917	8,491	9,859	9,688
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE					
Bigamy	10	16	13	21	15
Invalid marriage	1	3	2	2	5
Incapacity to consummate	21	23	20	22	27
Other grounds	..	2	..	5	3
<u>Total</u>	32	44	35	50	50
JUDICIAL SEPARATION					
Desertion	2	2	..	3	1
Adultery	2	1	5	4	5
Cruelty	2	2	1	2	2
Other grounds	1	1	2	3	..
<u>Total</u>	7	6	8	12	8

(a) Decrees absolute.

III. DISSOLUTIONS GRANTED : AGES OF PARTIESTABLE 8. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1967

Age of husband (years)	Age of wife (years)											Total husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	Num- ber	Per cent
Under 20	613	155	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	783	8
20 - 24	2,020	2,324	258	36	13	2	..	..	..	..	..	4,653	48
25 - 29	519	1,212	518	117	26	6	1	1	..	..	1	2,401	25
30 - 34	96	329	238	167	57	16	6	1	..	..	..	910	10
35 - 39	27	116	101	93	88	23	12	2	..	..	..	462	5
40 - 44	9	33	37	37	52	44	5	5	1	..	..	223	2
45 - 49	2	13	7	11	26	30	18	8	1	..	..	116	1
50 - 54	..	3	2	6	13	8	23	12	2	2	..	71	1
55 - 59	..	1	4	..	5	3	4	5	10	2	..	34	..
60 and over	..	..	1	1	..	2	5	5	7	12	..	33	..
Total stated	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..
Total (Number wives (Per cent	3,286	4,186	1,180	468	281	135	74	39	21	16	2	9,688	..
	34	43	12	5	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 9. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)AGE OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of husband (years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
1963	453	3,461	2,043	733	340	192	110	63	25	28	28	7,476
1964	497	3,776	2,024	814	380	202	102	52	28	30	12	7,917
1965	636	4,069	2,162	799	386	192	120	62	33	26	6	8,491
1966	770	4,685	2,525	937	409	248	142	66	39	30	8	9,859
1967	783	4,653	2,401	910	462	223	116	71	34	33	2	9,688

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 10. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of wife (years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
1963	2,296	3,276	1,047	408	205	110	50	35	12	8	29	7,476
1964	2,465	3,473	1,041	437	247	119	67	24	21	10	13	7,917
1965	2,796	3,667	1,072	464	243	114	69	26	16	16	8	8,491
1966	3,322	4,241	1,244	482	271	140	80	35	24	13	7	9,859
1967	3,286	4,186	1,180	468	281	135	74	39	21	16	2	9,688

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 11. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

## AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1967

Age of husband (years)	Age of wife (years)										Total husbands		
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	Num- ber	Per cent
Under 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 - 24	7	215	32	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	255	3
25 - 29	4	498	719	59	9	4	..	..	..	..	..	1,293	13
30 - 34	..	95	683	664	99	17	3	..	1	..	..	1,562	16
35 - 39	..	11	207	601	581	113	25	8	1	..	..	1,547	16
40 - 44	..	7	46	188	611	635	135	24	5	2	..	1,653	17
45 - 49	..	2	18	34	164	520	465	97	14	6	..	1,320	14
50 - 54	..	1	3	16	43	152	321	318	62	14	1	931	9
55 - 59	..	..	1	3	17	55	121	203	146	35	..	581	6
60 and over	..	..	..	2	10	21	61	101	125	224	..	544	6
Not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..
Total (Number wives (Per cent	11	829	1,709	1,567	1,534	1,517	1,132	752	354	281	2	9,688	..
	..	8	18	16	16	15	12	8	4	3	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 12. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

## AGE OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of husband (years)									Total	
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		
1963	156	845	1,369	1,426	1,205	900	697	445	405	28	7,476
1964	165	913	1,305	1,441	1,282	1,017	798	499	484	13	7,917
1965	194	1,082	1,369	1,582	1,461	1,038	824	467	468	6	8,491
1966	279	1,338	1,577	1,695	1,631	1,191	980	587	574	7	9,859
1967	255	1,293	1,562	1,547	1,653	1,320	931	581	544	2	9,688

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 13. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

## AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year of dissolution of marriage	Age of wife (years)										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	
1963	550	1,302	1,417	1,284	1,111	774	520	261	228	29	7,476
1964	584	1,292	1,365	1,364	1,207	900	568	340	283	14	7,917
1965	662	1,528	1,368	1,523	1,322	934	603	275	268	8	8,491
1966	879	1,800	1,645	1,563	1,460	1,078	706	401	321	6	9,859
1967	840	1,709	1,567	1,534	1,517	1,132	752	354	281	2	9,688

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

IV. DISSOLUTIONS GRANTED : MISCELLANEOUS TABLES

TABLE 14. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE  
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Marriages with -							Total marriages dissolved	Total number of children (b)
	no child- ren	1 child	2 child- ren	3 child- ren	4 child- ren	5 child- ren	6 or more child- ren		
Under 5	442	201	40	8	..	..	..	691	7
5 - 9	943	845	494	134	35	4	2	2,457	25
10 - 14	464	448	564	295	144	28	15	1,958	20
15 - 19	321	331	490	296	172	34	37	1,681	17
20 - 24	257	304	417	272	106	55	21	1,432	15
25 - 29	352	226	160	63	26	8	1	836	9
30 and over	470	107	39	9	3	2	3	633	7
<u>Total</u> (Number <u>marriages</u> <u>dissolved</u> (Per cent)	3,249	2,462	2,204	1,077	486	131	79	9,688	..
	34	25	23	11	5	1	1	100	..
<u>Total number of children (b)</u>	..	2,462	4,408	3,231	1,944	655	513	..	13,213

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

(b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years.

TABLE 15. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year of dissolution of marriage	Duration of marriage (years) -								Total marriages dissolved
	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over	Not stated	
1963	503	2,010	1,677	1,358	915	515	498	..	7,476
1964	501	1,980	1,741	1,474	984	633	602	2	7,917
1965	572	2,204	1,843	1,569	1,072	647	584	..	8,491
1966	780	2,550	2,004	1,743	1,287	786	709	..	9,859
1967	691	2,457	1,958	1,681	1,432	836	633	..	9,688

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 16. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year of dissolution of marriage	Marriages with -							Total marriages dissolved	Total number of children (b)
	no child- ren	1 child	2 child- ren	3 child- ren	4 child- ren	5 child- ren	6 or more child- ren		
1963	2,908	1,887	1,611	673	286	70	41	7,476	8,893
1964	2,885	2,052	1,703	810	309	104	54	7,917	9,997
1965	2,891	2,180	1,905	967	352	116	80	8,491	11,426
1966	3,500	2,507	2,158	1,039	410	152	93	9,859	12,950
1967	3,249	2,462	2,204	1,077	486	131	79	9,688	13,213

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

(b) See note (b) to table 14.

TABLE 17. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)  
AGES OF CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE (b) : AUSTRALIA 1967

Granted on petition of -	Ages of children at time of petition (years)																	Total number of child- ren	
	Und- er 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 to 20	Not sta- ted	
Husband	32	88	168	256	261	333	272	317	304	278	275	271	268	256	214	267	995	..	4,855
Wife	49	147	315	443	479	513	516	503	523	490	484	457	416	455	437	414	1,704	1	8,346
Both	..	1	..	1	2	1	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	12
Total	81	236	483	700	742	847	789	822	827	769	761	728	684	711	652	681	2,699	1	13,213

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

(b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years.

TABLE 18. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
AUSTRALIA 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Age at time of dissolution of marriage (years)										Total marriages dissolved	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		
<b>HUSBAND</b>												
Under 5	..	155	277	120	51	31	16	14	11	16	..	691
5 - 9	..	100	963	725	304	166	74	58	28	38	1	2,457
10 - 14	..	..	53	679	664	281	132	67	34	48	..	1,958
15 - 19	..	..	..	38	503	660	259	108	71	42	..	1,681
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	25	500	566	200	86	54	1	1,432
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	15	264	352	131	74	..	836
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	132	220	272	..	633
<b>Total (Number marriages dissolved cent)</b>	..	255	1,293	1,562	1,547	1,653	1,320	931	581	544	2	9,688
	..	3	13	16	16	17	14	9	6	6	..	100
<b>WIFE</b>												
Under 5	11	332	207	56	19	14	20	13	6	13	..	691
5 - 9	..	497	1,164	404	149	104	58	37	25	19	..	2,457
10 - 14	..	..	338	915	361	142	99	58	21	24	..	1,958
15 - 19	..	..	..	192	826	417	125	74	29	18	..	1,681
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	179	734	370	96	40	12	1	1,432
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	105	403	249	60	18	1	836
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	1	57	225	173	177	..	633
<b>Total (Number marriages dissolved cent)</b>	11	829	1,709	1,567	1,534	1,517	1,132	752	354	281	2	9,688
	..	8	18	16	16	16	12	8	3	3	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 19. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1967

Duration of marriage (years)	Marital status at time of marriage of -									
	Husband					Wife				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
Under 5	604	30	57	..	691	597	25	69	..	691
5 - 9	2,153	62	242	..	2,457	2,110	63	284	..	2,457
10 - 14	1,721	49	188	..	1,958	1,663	73	222	..	1,958
15 - 19	1,518	34	129	..	1,681	1,480	54	147	..	1,681
20 - 24	1,328	23	81	..	1,432	1,328	33	71	..	1,432
25 - 29	805	4	27	..	836	801	11	24	..	836
30 and over	621	3	9	..	633	625	2	6	..	633
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>9,688</b>	<b>8,604</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>9,688</b>

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 20. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA 1967

Marital status of husband at time of marriage	Marital status of wife at time of marriage -			
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Total
Single	8,119	137	494	8,750
Widowed	79	59	67	205
Divorced	406	65	262	733
Not stated	..	..	..	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,604</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>9,688</b>

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 21. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Year of dissolution of marriage	Marital status at time of marriage of -									
	Husband					Wife				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
1963	6,709	190	559	18	7,476	6,660	208	599	9	7,476
1964	7,188	175	553	1	7,917	7,049	232	636	..	7,917
1965	7,694	189	605	3	8,491	7,557	220	712	2	8,491
1966	8,943	206	709	1	9,859	8,735	290	834	..	9,859
1967	8,750	205	733	..	9,688	8,604	261	823	..	9,688

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 22. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : NUMBER  
OF TIMES THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN DIVORCED, AUSTRALIA 1967

Husband	Wife						Total
	Now divorced for the first time	Now divorced for the second time	Now divorced for the third time	Now divorced for the fourth time	Not stated		
Now divorced for the first time	8,389	537	26	..	..	..	8,952
Now divorced for the second time	458	249	6	2	..	..	715
Now divorced for the third time	10	5	2	..	..	..	17
Now divorced for the fourth time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not stated	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,861</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>..</b>	<b>9,688</b>

(a) Decrees absolute; excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 23. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGES GRANTED (a)  
MONTH IN WHICH GRANTED 1967

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
January	755	136	89	108	68	16	1	10	1,183
February	647	218	97	81	67	35	2	16	1,163
March	265	126	112	107	88	15	4	11	728
April	105	17	3	23	17	3	..	1	169
May	276	182	71	38	58	25	2	6	658
June	292	231	91	124	39	22	..	12	811
July	303	275	105	71	63	28	2	9	856
August	371	260	106	46	52	12	4	10	861
September	403	258	101	118	78	23	1	5	987
October	253	93	88	24	68	26	1	..	553
November	363	85	112	70	54	7	..	8	699
December	522	158	99	119	74	36	3	9	1,020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,555</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>9,688</b>

(a) See note (a) to table 22.

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