

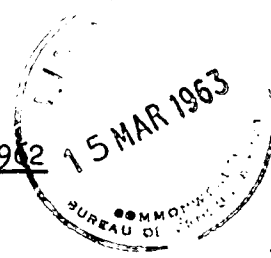
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This bulletin contains statistics of divorce for the quarter ended December, 1962, for the year 1962 and for previous periods. For further details in respect of past periods, see previous bulletins in this series and the annual issues of the bulletin "Demography".

2. In 1959, the Commonwealth Parliament passed the Matrimonial Causes Act 1959, which came into operation on 1st February, 1961. This Act provided a uniform law throughout Australia with respect to divorce and other matrimonial causes, and supersedes the matrimonial causes laws of the States and Territories except in so far as the transitional provisions of the Act keep them in force for the purpose of completing pending proceedings. Therefore statistics of petitions filed since February, 1961, are on a uniform basis for all States and Territories, but statistics of decrees of dissolution, nullity and judicial separation granted since that date include decrees made on petitions under the superseded laws, and are to that extent not uniformly based. Of the 2,127 decrees absolute for dissolution granted during the quarter ended December, 1962, 1,897 were from petitions under the new legislation. For 1962 as a whole, 80 per cent. of decrees granted for dissolution were from petitions under the new legislation.

3. The matrimonial relief available under the superseded legislation differed extensively from State to State. For instance, some important variations in the grounds for dissolution of marriage were as follows:-

- (i) Insanity was a ground for dissolution in all States except in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory;
- (ii) in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory a suit for dissolution of marriage could forthwith be instituted against a respondent who failed to comply with an order for restitution of conjugal rights;
- (iii) separation for over five years was a ground only in Western Australia;
- (iv) separation for over five years under a decree of judicial separation or an order granting relief from co-habitation was a ground only in South Australia; and
- (v) impotence was a ground for dissolution of marriage in Western Australia, but a ground for nullity of marriage in each other State and Territory.

In addition, some dissolutions granted under previous Commonwealth legislation in a particular State could be on grounds not provided for in that State's legislation.

4. Under the new legislation 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. Orders may be made for the custody of children, the provision of maintenance, damages and the settlement of marriage property.

5. The statistics in this bulletin refer only to petitions filed and final decrees 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 taken as a separate petition, nor are the grounds cited in the cross-petition included in table 3.

I. PETITIONS FILED

TABLE 1. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

Petition for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<u>Dissolution of Marriage -</u>									
Husband Petitioner	406	250	125	93	54	34	5	5	972
Wife Petitioner	573	309	144	143	64	34	1	5	1,273
<u>Total</u>	979	559	269	236	118	68	6	10	2,245
<u>Nullity of Marriage -</u>									
Husband Petitioner	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5
Wife Petitioner	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
<u>Total</u>	6	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	11
<u>Dissolution or Nullity -</u>									
Husband Petitioner	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Wife Petitioner	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
<u>Judicial Separation -</u>									
Husband Petitioner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife Petitioner	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
<u>Total</u>	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
<u>Total Petitions -</u>									
Husband Petitioner No.	409	250	126	95	55	34	5	5	979
Per cent.	41	44	47	40	46	50	83	50	43
Wife Petitioner No.	579	316	144	143	64	34	1	5	1,286
Per cent.	59	56	53	60	54	50	17	50	57
<u>Total</u>	988	566	270	238	119	68	6	10	2,265

TABLE 2. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : AUSTRALIA

Petition for -	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	Quarter ended -				
						Dec., 1961	March, 1962	June, 1962	Sept., 1962	Dec., 1962
<u>Dissolution of Marriage -</u>										
Husband Petitioner	3,833	3,843	3,709	4,394	4,072	1,033	1,003	1,068	1,029	972
Wife Petitioner	4,570	4,465	4,385	5,110	5,176	1,297	1,180	1,315	1,408	1,273
<u>Total</u>	8,403	8,308	8,094	9,504	9,248	2,330	2,183	2,383	2,437	2,245
<u>Nullity of Marriage -</u>										
Husband Petitioner	40	22	23	13	15	3	3	3	4	5
Wife Petitioner	35	43	32	44	35	6	6	10	13	6
<u>Total</u>	75	65	55	57	50	9	9	13	17	11
<u>Dissolution or Nullity -</u>										
Husband Petitioner	..	..	..	3	6	..	2	1	1	2
Wife Petitioner	..	..	..	4	5	1	1	2	..	2
<u>Total</u>	..	..	..	7	11	1	3	3	1	4
<u>Judicial Separation -</u>										
Husband Petitioner	13	7	7	2	2	..	1	1	..	..
Wife Petitioner	36	24	31	9	18	2	6	6	1	5
<u>Total</u>	49	31	38	11	20	2	7	7	1	5
<u>Total Petitions -</u>										
Husband Petitioner No.	3,886	3,872	3,739	4,412	4,095	1,036	1,009	1,073	1,034	979
Per cent.	46	46	46	46	44	44	46	45	42	43
Wife Petitioner No.	4,641	4,532	4,448	5,167	5,234	1,306	1,193	1,333	1,422	1,286
Per cent.	54	54	54	54	56	56	54	55	58	57
<u>Total</u>	8,527	8,404	8,187	9,579	9,329	2,342	2,202	2,406	2,456	2,265

TABLE 3. - GROUNDS ON WHICH PETITIONS WERE FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION :

QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

Grounds	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage									
<u>Single Grounds -</u>									
Desertion	383	198	116	60	37	21	4	3	822
Adultery	240	95	49	64	42	21	1	4	516
Separation	132	98	42	50	26	21	1	..	370
Cruelty	61	6	7	31	3	1	..	2	111
Drunkenness	15	4	1	2	2	..	..	..	24
Failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	5
Frequent convictions	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	7
Non-compliance with restitution decree	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
Insanity	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Refusal to consummate	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5
Other single grounds	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Dual Grounds -</u>									
Desertion and adultery	9	22	6	3	..	..	..	..	40
Desertion and separation	56	95	38	10	2	2	..	..	203
Desertion and cruelty	18	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	25
Desertion and drunkenness	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Adultery and separation	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Adultery and cruelty	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	5
Adultery and drunkenness	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	21	5	..	5	..	1	..	..	32
Other dual grounds	1	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	7
<u>Multiple Grounds (a)</u>									
	14	17	2	4	1	1	..	..	39
<u>Total</u>	979	559	269	236	118	68	6	10	2,245
Petitions for Nullity of Marriage									
Bigamy	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Invalid Marriage	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Incapacity to consummate	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	6	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	11
Petitions for Dissolution or Nullity of Marriage									
<u>Multiple Grounds (a)</u>									
	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
<u>Total</u>	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Petitions for Judicial Separation									
Adultery	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Cruelty	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Desertion and cruelty	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5

(a) Three grounds or more.

TABLE 4. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year - 1958	4,102	1,579	952	791	644	267	31	37	8,403
1959	3,884	1,650	976	789	671	283	12	43	8,308
1960	3,746	1,798	863	781	560	274	26	46	8,094
1961	4,215	2,289	1,084	865	620	321	40	70	9,504
1962	4,093	2,148	1,083	910	651	276	39	48	9,248
Quarter ended -									
December, 1961	1,011	563	254	241	156	71	11	23	2,330
March, 1962	1,032	455	255	197	160	63	8	13	2,183
June, 1962	1,012	586	267	233	187	71	15	12	2,383
September, 1962	1,070	548	292	244	186	74	10	13	2,437
December, 1962	979	559	269	236	118	68	6	10	2,245

NOTE: Table 4 excludes petitions filed for nullity of marriage, judicial separations and any petitions for two or more alternative types of relief.

II. DISSOLUTIONS, ETC. GRANTED : NUMBER

TABLE 5. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a),

NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED :

QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

Decree for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<u>Dissolution of Marriage -</u>									
Husband Petitioner	433	196	116	114	79	29	6	1	974
Wife Petitioner	530	224	132	152	79	27	2	6	1,152
Petition by both	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	963	420	248	267	158	56	8	7	2,127
<u>Nullity of Marriage -</u>									
Husband Petitioner	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wife Petitioner	5	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	9
<u>Total</u>	6	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	11
<u>Judicial Separation -</u>									
Husband Petitioner	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Wife Petitioner	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
<u>Total Decrees -</u>									
Husband Petitioner No.	434	196	117	114	80	29	6	1	977
Per cent.	45	46	47	43	50	52	75	14	46
Wife Petitioner No.	535	226	133	153	80	27	2	6	1,162
Per cent.	55	54	53	57	50	48	25	86	54
Petition by both No.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<u>Total</u>	969	422	250	268	160	56	8	7	2,140

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 6. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a), NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED : AUSTRALIA

Decree for	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	Quarter ended -				
						Dec., 1961	March, 1962	June, 1962	Sept., 1962	Dec., 1962
Dissolution of Marriage -										
Husband Petitioner	3,225	3,291	3,078	3,049	3,295	733	815	590	916	974
Wife Petitioner	3,695	4,024	3,555	3,623	3,923	838	951	775	1,045	1,152
Total	6,920	7,315	6,633	6,673(b)	7,220(c)	1,571	1,766	1,365	1,962(b)	2,127(b)
Nullity of Marriage -										
Husband Petitioner	25	21	26	14	12	4	2	5	3	2
Wife Petitioner	36	32	37	22	28	7	8	8	3	9
Total	61	53	63	36	40	11	10	13	6	11
Judicial Separation -										
Husband Petitioner	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	1
Wife Petitioner	11	2	11	2	3	1	1	1	..	1
Total	13	2	13	2	5	1	1	1	1	2
Total Decrees -										
Husband Petitioner No.	3,252	3,312	3,106	3,063	3,309	737	817	595	920	977
Per cent.	46	45	46	46	46	47	46	43	47	46
Wife Petitioner No.	3,742	4,058	3,603	3,647	3,954	846	960	784	1,048	1,162
Per cent.	54	55	54	54	54	53	54	57	53	54
Total	6,994	7,370	6,709	6,711(b)	7,265(c)	1,583	1,777	1,379	1,969(b)	2,140(b)

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) Includes one dissolution granted on petitions by both parties.

(c) Includes two dissolutions granted on petitions by both parties.

TABLE 7. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year - 1958	3,217	1,698	759	483	536	176	15	36	6,920
1959	3,363	1,861	739	503	584	222	14	29	7,315
1960	3,243	1,296	696	610	540	210	5	33	6,633
1961	3,156	1,248	779	679	466	286	23	36	6,673
1962	3,113	1,615	920	660	582	248	38	44	7,220
Quarter ended -									
December, 1961	659	338	213	125	133	84	7	12	1,571
March, 1962	639	442	289	146	163	65	9	13	1,766
June, 1962	664	292	151	101	84	61	7	5	1,365
September, 1962	847	461	232	146	177	66	14	19	1,962
December, 1962	963	420	248	267	158	56	8	7	2,127

(a) Decrees absolute.

NOTE: Table 7 excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

(c)

NO

(b)

NO

TABLE 8. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a), NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED : QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

Grounds	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of Marriage									
<u>Single Grounds</u>									
Desertion	504	190	147	121	46	26	4	1	1,039
Adultery	184	70	45	70	56	8	2	2	437
Separation	142	59	42	51	40	18	..	..	352
Cruelty	32	2	..	17	1	..	..	3	55
Drunkenness	16	..	1	..	1	3	1	1	23
Non-compliance with restitution decree	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Failure to pay maintenance	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	7
Frequent convictions	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Insanity	8	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	11
Refusal to consummate	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Other single grounds	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
<u>Dual Grounds</u>									
Desertion and adultery	9	21	1	..	1	..	..	..	32
Desertion and separation	22	56	7	1	2	..	..	..	88
Desertion and cruelty	5	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	12
Desertion and Drunkenness	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Desertion and frequent convictions	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Adultery and Separation	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Cruelty and Drunkenness	14	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	18
Other dual grounds	2	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	8
<u>Multiple Grounds (b)</u>									
	2	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
<u>Total</u>	963	420	248	267	158	56	8	7	2,127
Nullity of Marriage									
Bigamy	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Invalid Marriage	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Incapacity to consummate	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
<u>Total</u>	6	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	11
Judicial Separation									
Desertion	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) Three grounds or more.

III. DISSOLUTIONS GRANTED - AGES OF PARTIES

TABLE 9. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE (a),
AUSTRALIA, QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

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 and over	Not Stated	No.	Per cent.
Under 20	99	34	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136	6
20-24	407	476	58	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	950	45
25-29	101	285	129	31	5	1	1	..	..	..	553	26
30-34	27	84	62	28	18	5	..	..	..	..	224	10
35-39	6	20	34	33	19	6	2	1	..	..	121	6
40-44	..	8	9	18	12	10	6	..	..	..	63	3
45-49	1	2	4	6	8	10	6	2	..	..	39	2
50-54	..	1	..	3	5	2	3	2	..	..	16	1
55 and over	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	8	4	..	16	1
Not Stated	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	9	..
Total (No.)	641	910	299	128	69	36	19	13	4	8	2,127	..
Wives (%)	30	43	14	6	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	100

(a) Marriages for which decrees absolute for dissolution were granted.

TABLE 10. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION
OF MARRIAGE (a), AUSTRALIA, QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

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 and over	Not Stated	No.	Per cent.
Under 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20-24	6	37	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	2
25-29	1	95	139	14	3	..	..	..	..	..	252	12
30-34	..	31	149	159	23	5	..	..	..	..	367	17
35-39	..	4	45	158	148	35	6	1	..	..	397	19
40-44	..	2	12	43	136	106	22	8	2	..	331	16
45-49	..	..	5	15	41	98	81	14	3	..	257	12
50-54	..	..	2	2	16	37	79	64	13	..	213	10
55 and over	..	..	..	1	3	20	44	56	130	..	254	12
Not Stated	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	9	..
Total (No.)	7	169	356	392	370	302	232	143	148	8	2,127	..
Wives (%)	..	8	17	19	17	14	11	7	7	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 11. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE : AGE OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION
OF MARRIAGE (a), AUSTRALIA

Period	Under 25 Years	25-29 Years	30-34 Years	35-39 Years	40-44 Years	45-49 Years	50-54 Years	55 Years and over	Not Stated	Total
Year - 1958	110	940	1,528	1,372	1,026	775	545	495	129	6,920
1959	131	929	1,626	1,494	1,075	852	586	550	72	7,315
1960	143	931	1,377	1,324	989	822	473	503	71	6,633
1961	135	812	1,356	1,294	977	814	568	637	80	6,673
1962	137	813	1,271	1,383	1,134	921	678	845	38	7,220
Quarter ended -										
December, 1961	27	196	312	296	240	175	136	177	12	1,571
March, 1962	26	193	317	351	292	221	150	202	14	1,766
June, 1962	24	134	244	264	201	194	122	172	10	1,365
September, 1962	40	234	343	371	310	249	193	217	5	1,962
December, 1962	47	252	367	397	331	257	213	254	9	2,127

(a) Decree absolute.

TABLE 12. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE :
AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (a), AUSTRALIA

Period	Under 25 Years	25-29 Years	30-34 Years	35-39 Years	40-44 Years	45-49 Years	50-54 Years	55 Years and over	Not Stated	Total
Year - 1958	492	1,401	1,556	1,239	875	634	318	279	126	6,920
1959	539	1,425	1,679	1,322	986	678	369	245	72	7,315
1960	582	1,261	1,439	1,210	865	652	300	253	71	6,633
1961	524	1,228	1,337	1,156	910	684	365	386	83	6,673
1962	538	1,150	1,365	1,337	1,019	797	475	500	39	7,220
Quarter ended -										
December, 1961	126	289	301	255	224	175	79	112	10	1,571
March, 1962	122	273	332	358	246	177	115	127	16	1,766
June, 1962	86	206	250	264	196	162	83	108	10	1,365
September, 1962	155	315	391	345	275	225	134	117	5	1,962
December, 1962	176	356	392	370	302	232	143	148	8	2,127

(a) Decree absolute.

IV. DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN

TABLE 13. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA, QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Dissolutions of Marriage with -							Total Marriages Dissolved		Total Number of Children (b)
	No Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 Children & over	No.	Per cent.	
Under 5	104	37	11	..	..	1	..	153	7	64
5 - 9	241	194	98	29	9	1	1	573	27	525
10 - 14	173	146	119	55	20	7	4	524	25	689
15 - 19	67	69	96	69	24	3	4	332	16	603
20 - 24	74	52	72	25	19	6	7	255	12	422
25 - 29	70	47	10	7	1	1	1	137	6	103
30 and over	125	21	5	2	..	..	..	153	7	37
Total Marriages Dissolved (No.)	854	566	411	187	73	19	17	2,127	..	..
Total Marriages Dissolved (%)	40	27	19	9	3	1	1	..	100	..
Total Number of Children (b)	..	566	822	561	292	95	107	..	..	2,443

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) At time of petition. The term "children" used in the Commonwealth legislation refers to living "children of the marriage" under 21 years. However, as some dissolutions in this period were granted to petitions filed under old legislation, it has not been possible to make the data in the table above conform exactly to this definition. For instance, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia included children whether living or dead; only Queensland included adopted children.

TABLE 14. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of Marriages Dissolved whose Duration was -								Total Marriages Dissolved
	Under 5 Years	5-9 Years	10-14 Years	15-19 Years	20-24 Years	25-29 Years	30 Years and over	Not Stated	
Year - 1958	475	2,207	1,830	1,125	621	357	303	2	6,920
1959	489	2,275	1,978	1,236	667	384	283	3	7,315
1960	533	2,016	1,804	991	682	354	252	1	6,633
1961	481	1,928	1,693	1,032	783	371	384	1	6,673
1962	448	1,889	1,798	1,226	883	458	518	..	7,220
Quarter ended -									
December, 1961	123	459	379	216	192	84	117	1	1,571
March, 1962	89	453	451	333	207	100	133	..	1,766
June, 1962	63	353	373	229	149	91	107	..	1,365
September, 1962	143	510	450	332	272	130	125	..	1,962
December, 1962	153	573	524	332	255	137	153	..	2,127

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 15. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE (a) : NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA

Period	Dissolutions of Marriage with -								Total Marriages Dissolved	Total Number of Children
	No Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 Children and over	Not Stated		
Year - 1958	2,387	1,882	1,477	687	291	107	88	1	6,920	9,197
1959	2,510	1,927	1,627	741	330	92	88	..	7,315	9,797
1960	2,213	1,733	1,452	719	291	120	105	..	6,633	9,302
1961	2,589	1,717	1,398	641	204	79	45	..	6,673	7,945
1962	2,874	1,896	1,420	665	242	72	51	..	7,220	8,392
Quarter ended -										
December, 1961	667	375	302	150	47	22	8	..	1,571	1,775
March, 1962	700	454	358	172	50	20	12	..	1,766	2,061
June, 1962	558	338	266	129	48	15	11	..	1,365	1,599
September, 1962	762	538	385	177	71	18	11	..	1,962	2,289
December, 1962	854	566	411	187	73	19	17	..	2,127	2,443

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) At time of petition. The figures shown for periods until 1960 inclusive are based on the definition of children set down in the legislation of the various States. Since 1961 a uniform definition of children has been attempted, but see note (b) to Table 13.

TABLE 16. - CHILDREN OF DISSOLVED MARRIAGES (a) : AUSTRALIA,

QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1962

Petitioner	Ages of Children at Time of Petition -																	Total Number of Children	
	Under 12 mths.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16-20 yrs.		Not Stated
Husband	9	23	29	51	65	76	77	80	66	73	65	44	69	41	53	53	172	2	1,048
Wife	11	16	48	69	75	82	115	94	99	89	97	89	84	62	90	64	204	6	1,394
By Both	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	20	39	77	120	140	158	192	174	165	163	162	133	153	103	143	117	376	8	2,443

(a) This table refers to children under 21 years, of marriages for which decrees absolute for dissolution were granted in this period.

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